

Kenai Christian Church *news*

AUGUST

BEST YEAR EVER!

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2019



August 25th, 2019

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Has Your Faith Made You Well?

Catch a Glimpse

When is the last time you caught a glimpse of Jesus? If you are like me, you might have missed a chance lately. Why? Because we are constantly busy with life. We are often distracted by electronics. We are looking around for everything but Him. Possibly because we find ourselves in a turbulent time of hurt and sorrow. Fortunately for us, Jesus is in every detail of our lives...we just need to catch a glimpse of Him.

Cry for Help

Luke tells us in Chapter 17 of his letter there were 10 men who were covered in leprosy. They caught a glimpse of Jesus and cried out for help. Jesus noted their cry and offered them a solution to their problem. The catch was that He didn't heal them immediately, but gave them instructions on how to be healed. Oddly enough, Jesus sent the men away to show themselves to the priests while they were still covered in leprosy. This had to have seemed strange to these men because to go to the priests with this serious disease would have made the priests unclean. And in turn, making the priests unclean would have cost the leprous men severely. Still, they obeyed.

Grateful for Healing

As the men walked to go see the priests, they were miraculously healed of their incurable skin disease! The first step they took was a huge leap of faith as at that point they were still covered in leprosy. I picture that each step they took that they could see their skin being healed. In fact, I like to think it became more of a race when they realized what was happening. Each step, more healing and more, until they were running with joy. After receiving their healing, one of them, the least likely one, returned to Jesus to thank Him for the miracle and compassion. Jesus told this Samaritan, "Your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:19)

Take the First Step

So here I stand, looking for a glimpse of Jesus, and crying out for help. You are standing here with me as well. We know that Jesus hears our cries and sees our tears. He is telling us that there is healing available, but we cannot stand still if we want to receive it. We are covered in our hurt and it looks like it will never wash off. But in faith we will place one foot in front of the other. Slowly at first, we begin to see the healing take place which gives us more faith to keep walking. At some point, we are sprinting ahead with hope and joy until He has cleansed us thoroughly. As our faith brings hope, joy, and healing, let us never forget to be continually thankful that Jesus won't leave us to suffer in our hurt alone. He will be the source of our healing, and He will be object of our thankfulness as we walk together in faith.

Taking the first step,

Adam

Let's Celebrate!

- ⇒ Camp was AMAZING! We had 40+ middle school and high schoolers at this week of camp. We not only had great weather and no major injuries, but God did some amazing things throughout the week as well.
- ⇒ We had 3 students, two from Kenai, make the decision to be baptized throughout the week of camp!
- ⇒ David Martin was baptized Thursday night while at camp. And Aicha Kisenia was baptized here at Kenai Christian Church the Sunday after camp! Praise God!
- ⇒ One of the other highlights of camp was seeing some of our students who recently graduated, helping out at camp. It's exciting seeing our students stay involved and practicing leadership by being willing to jump in and serve in areas that are needed.

Youth



- ⇒ Promotion Sunday is coming fast! With the new school year coming up, it's time for those students going into 6th grade, to come join us at "The Pursuit" youth group! Promotion Sunday is happening August 26th, but the first Wednesday we'll have the new peeps join us for group is August 21st.
- ⇒ We also have our annual promotion pool party August 16th from 5-6PM
- ⇒ There will also be a "Welcome to The Pursuit" meeting for parents who are having kids going into the 6th grade. More information on this will be given later. But this is a great chance to get parents introduced to the youth group and to ask questions about what we do for youth group and why we do it.

News



Not Every Book Project is
NORMAL

Bob Russell contacted LATM to help put these books to work in French-speaking cultures around the world, beginning in Louisville, Kentucky. This letter explains part of the middle of the story, but you'll see that it began long before the church was involved, and certainly without human planning. It is an amazing and unusual string of events, involving an international set of players, and perhaps waiting for your participation, too. It must be work of the Lord!

Dear friends in Christ,

South Louisville Christian Church recently discovered a challenge/opportunity unlike anything we have witnessed in our 115-year history. In recent years, our community has become a relocation area for hundreds of African refugees. As a church, we have worked hard to forge a relationship with our new neighbors, and many of them now worship alongside us despite a difficult language barrier.

One of the Congolese men who worships with us, Muhoza Rushingana, was pastor of a church in the Congo. In getting to know him, it became increasingly clear that many of his Christian beliefs were shaped by cultural and tribal influences, rather than Holy Scripture. I began a long process of teaching him the doctrines of the Restoration Christian Church. This man now leads his own congregation, but rather than a watered-down doctrine, he boldly teaches pure biblical doctrine. The elders of our church were so impressed with his learning and teaching, that we ordained him as a minister in the Christian Church last year.

It turns out he is a well-known minister in the Congo and surrounding nations. He has influence that reaches hundreds of pastors in that part of the world. He is anxious to share his new doctrinal foundation with all of them, and begin to eradicate the false doctrine that is taught in many of their churches.

The best book I know on Christian doctrine is Dr. Cottrell's The Faith Once For All. Regrettably, this book is not available in French, which is the common language of the people we are trying to reach. Equally regrettable is that neither this church nor Muhoza's church have the resources to cover the translation or printing cost of the book. But this opportunity is way too big to ignore due to a lack of resources. Thus my appeal to you.

I am convinced that God has placed before us an opportunity to change the course of nations and tribes and peoples that we would otherwise not reach. Their hearts and minds are open to learning this doctrine – we just have to get it to them.

God's very best to you,

Theo Dues, Sr. Minister

South Louisville Christian Church



LATM helped publish *The Faith Once for All* in Russian for Teaching Ministries International in Ukraine (2007); in Arabic for Christian Arabic Services in Egypt (2011); and in Spanish (2014), which is available in Joplin.

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Promotional Pool Party

8.20

School Starts

8.25

Promotion Sunday

8.25

Church Picnic

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Regular Services

Wednesday

5:45pm

Soul Café

6:30pm

Bible Study

Sunday


9:45am

Bible Study

11:00am

Worship Service

(Evening Services dismissed for summer.)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thanking God for the growth of His Kingdom!

David Martin was baptized at
Youth Camp on July 11th, 2019

Aicha Kisena was baptized
on July 14th, 2019



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Directions to Hilcorp Picnic Site: Mile 1.5 Holt
Lamplight Rd, off South Miller Rd, Nikiski

Don't Forget...

KCC provides burgers, hotdogs, bun, drinks and table service only.

Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, appropriate clothing etc. for your family.

* Families with last name A-F please bring a dessert

* Families last name G-Z please bring a side dish.