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Worship 11:00 AM  
Evening 6:30 PM

### **Wednesday**

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# Congregational Vote

Sunday, the 29th, following Morning Worship,  
the congregation will be voting on:



Elder: Rick Musgrove  
Finance Team

Trustees and Registered Agent  
2012 General Budget  
2012 Missions Distributions



The Church Office and Staff have new email addresses:

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### “How Cold Is Cold”

Years ago, Doris Day and Bing Crosby sang a love song entitled, “Baby, It’s Cold Outside.” Under the present weather conditions, a person living in Kenai might be inclined to agree. Today, the morning sky is deep blue; the earth, an endless landscape of white; the trees, sparkling with diamond-glistening frost; the snow-covered mountains, majestic; and the air; clear and pure. Truly, it appears to be a scene from the movie, Doctor Zhivago. However, only the ravens and eagles seem to be enjoying this grand spectacle provided by our Creator. All the furry little outside critters are burrowed under the snow or are in winter dens, and we who were created in God’s image are very grateful for heated homes, businesses and automobiles. All because it is cold outside.

But “cold” is a relative term. It depends on what it is being compared with. Yes, it is cold outside in Kenai, but the folks living in Fairbanks might conclude that our “cold” would appear to be a bit of a “warm spell” for them. Their standard of “cold” undoubtedly differs from ours. Therefore, when we use the term, “cold, “to describe a given situation we must do our best to define the term in a way that is understood by all. Only God is capable of establishing a standard without having to amend its meaning.

In the New Testament, Jesus and the apostles speak of unchanging standards. For example, Jesus simply states, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. . .” (John 14:6) He established that He is the standard from which all other standards are to take their measure. He is the Rule. He is the Plumb Line. Using a different standard than His will always lead to unsatisfactory results. Some may use Islam, Hinduism, Secularism, Atheism, Pleasure, or other standard, but all of these will lead to a similar end according to Jesus.

On occasion, we are apt to use the standard of “the popular view” to determine our own standards. This is acceptable if the standards of the popular view are also the standards of Christ. There are other times when we may have established our own standards. But again, if these are not the standards Jesus established, we will surely deceive ourselves and invite grief. The apostle Paul said, “. . . those who measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves are not wise. . .” (II Cor. 10:12) He goes on to verify that the only safe standard is Christ.

We are nearly one month into the year, 2012. We have already been using some type of standard to determine what we approve or what we disapprove. The concern is not that we do this, because surely God wants us to do it; however, the concern is . . . what standard (rule) are we using? Is it in harmony with Jesus? If it is, good! If it is not, do we have the will to adopt His standards only?

As I sat in chemistry class one day, pondering the attraction that was taking place between certain chemical compounds, I was presented with a lab assignment...“create a polymer.” Like many of you, I had no clue what in the world a polymer was. All I knew was that my lab partner (who was quite an attraction herself) and I had about half an hour to create one of these chemical wonders. So, off we went with an array of beakers, chemicals and Bunsen burners in hand. With a little patience and skill on my partner’s behalf, it wasn’t long before we had created our own personal polymer.

Before class was over, we had to answer one simple question.... “Is a polymer a liquid or a solid?” The question seemed simple enough. Our creation looked like thick white paint. It could be easily poured from a beaker, so it was obviously a liquid. Yet, when we poured the polymer into our hands it was firm to the touch. We could roll it into a ball, or mold it into just about any shape we wanted. The strange thing was, once we stopped handling it, the polymer returned back to a puddle of goo.

Like the polymer, many may question what exactly we are. To those we see at Church, we are Christians. We look like Christians, act like Christians and sound like Christians. Yet, many of us appear to be something all together different outside of the Church setting. What appeared on Sunday to be a firm commitment to Jesus Christ, suddenly becomes spineless goo at work. Like the polymer, we must constantly allow ourselves to be molded by our father’s hand throughout the week, in order to maintain a firm faith.

Romans 12:1 tells us “do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” This transformation involves a molding by God from the inside out. People should naturally see a difference in each one of our lives because of our fellowship that exists between us and Christ. This next month, lets seek to rid ourselves of spineless Christianity as we strive toward a firmer faith together here at Kenai Christian Church.

Because He’s the Truth,  
Bryan

## Mission Moment

Hello and happy 2012! Last year saw some incredible things happen for missions here at KCC and out to the nations. We go to hear from missionaries and speakers from IDES, Polish Christian Mission, LATM and Living Water Christian Mission in Haiti. More information can be found about these great works of God out in the foyer or under the "missions" tab on the church's website.

This year we are praying that God does even more both here and abroad. And we need your help. We will be putting the missions we support in front of the congregation in a more consistent way this year. We would love for you to get familiar with the missions we support by going to their websites and seeing what is happening. We would love for you to start, or continue, praying for our missionaries as well. There will be more announcements coming soon on how we can all join together in prayer.

Also this year, we will be making changes to the missions team as we seek to serve the Lord, this church, and our missionaries in a more effective and substantial way. Any input or comments you have can be dropped in the offering boxes (make sure to note that it is for the missions department), or you can speak to Dane Myers.

One last note! The congregational vote will be coming up at the end of January. Please take time to look at some of the changes we are proposing for our supported missions. Some of those changes include dropping Dane and Bee Myers, and Pinehaven as supported missions and the addition of Expressions of Emmanuel.

Let's work together this year to further the kingdom of God both here and abroad.

Thinking globally and acting locally,  
The Missions Team

## The Bible vs. The iPhone

By Jim Daly, Focus on the Family

Submitted by Tana Butler

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! Here is an email that's been making the rounds. How does it strike you?

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities'?

And no dropped calls!



## 2ND FRIDAYS

### @ THE FRIENDSHIP MISSION

Let's put our **love** and effort together to help **serve** Skipper & Mary Anne at the Friendship Mission the 2nd Fridays of every month!

Sign up to help put together a delicious dinner, then **GO** and fellowship with our brothers!

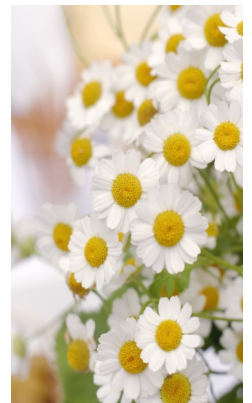
**Friday, February 10th @ 4:30pm**

**Our Sincere Condolences**  
to the Coval, & Olsen Family

**Stacie Coval**

Passed from this earth on  
January 4, 2012

*Our thoughts and prayers  
are with you*





# Alien Youth Alert!

## February 2012

### Verse of the month:

Romans 10:14– How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Sound familiar? It is our theme verse of the year!

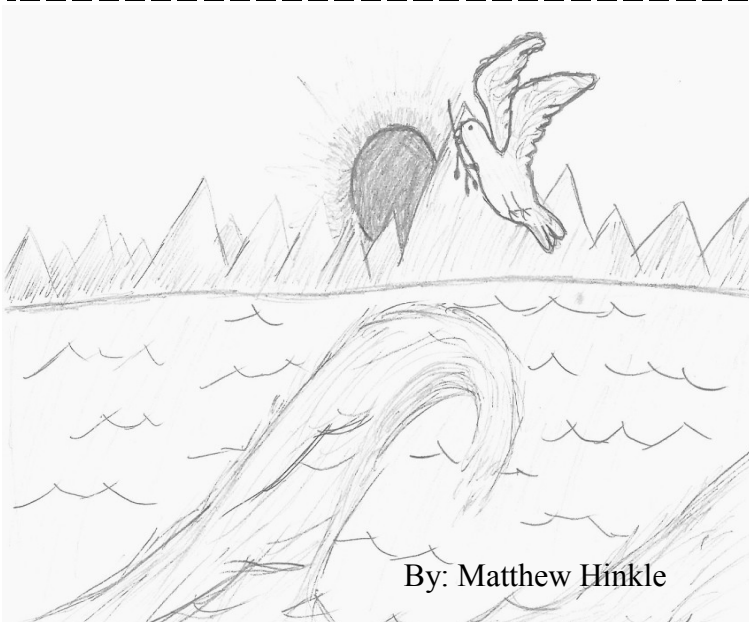
### Important Dates!

Feb 2– Middle School Lock-In  
9pm-7am (no sleeping)

Register @ [kenaichristianchurch.org](http://kenaichristianchurch.org)

Feb 12– Early Bird Registration for Winter Retreat is due!

March 9-11– Winter Retreat  
\$80 Early Bird, \$85 Regular, \$13 T-shirt  
(t-shirt orders due on/before Feb 12)



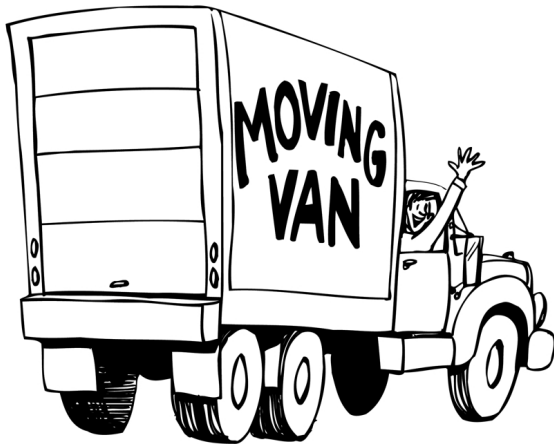
By: Matthew Hinkle

### What are we doing?!

It's February and I have already broken nearly every New Years resolution that I have made. I haven't run or lifted weights yet, I have already postponed my Bible memorization, and I still drink pop like it is healthy for me. One thing though that I am striving for and will not let go of is to remember what my purpose is here on earth as a Christian. Simply put: to tell others about Jesus Christ and the Good News.

As we have reached the halfway point of the school year I have been convicted wondering if I am aware of the theme for the year and the Bible verse that goes with it. The theme is IMPACT and the Bible verse is Romans 10:14. I wonder how many of you in Alien Youth remember that, or even better if any of you have that verse memorized. During my pondering I began to think to myself, "Do any of the Alien Youth know or have memorized the verse for Alien Youth in general." If either of those questions are no, then the fault doesn't rely entirely with you. Instead the fault lies with me as you leader. This is where I want to see change.

Imagine if we as the Alien Youth upped our expectations for one another when it comes to our identity and our theme. Imagine if Bible memorization became a priority instead of an after thought. I can imagine that my life and your life would be changed significantly if we "wrote" scripture on our hearts and minds. As we do this, then fulfilling the previously mentioned resolution about seeking the lost for Christ will become more natural and we will likely see more results in our actions. If you haven't already, memorize 1 Peter 2:11 and Romans 10:14. Because He lives,  
-Adam



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THANK YOU!

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