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Worship 11:00 AM
Evening 6:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Congratulations to all of our 2011 Graduates!

Graduation Dates:

Cook Inlet Academe

May 13

KCHS and Skyview High

May 23

SoHi and Nikiski High

May 24

Connections

May 25



KCC Vacation Bible School

July 11-15

6-8:30 pm

1yr olds thru 6th grade



I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Minister's Outlook

cloudy and 45° (05-15-11) 7:00 a.m.

Business vs "Busyness"

Active lives require constant monitoring. One area in particular that needs scrutiny is trying to evaluate the difference between business and "busyness".

Business carries the thought of accomplishing a worthy task because it is needful for ourselves and for others to bring about good outcomes that will have lasting positive results. Our business efforts may not always achieve their goal, but attempting to accomplish these goals are both worthy and godly. God desires that we would be about the business of living for Jesus and teaching others to do the same. No goal is more worthy and no goal is of more benefit to ourselves and to the world.

On the other hand, "busyness" is defined by endless activity which occupies much time but does not have a lasting and worthy purpose. It is defined by occupying the hours of our day without giving thought to valuable purposes to be achieved or possible lasting good qualities that will continue thereafter.

The Lord's church must be vigilant in evaluating the activities of the congregation to determine whether the business of our Lord is being carried out versus whether we are busy just for "busyness" sake. Each year, the month of May gives up opportunity to evaluate our "business factor" versus our "busyness factor."

As we look forward to the month of June, let's take a moment to review and evaluate the month of May. May provided four Sundays for extra consideration; Mother's Day, Biker Day, Graduation Day, and Memorial Day. Additionally, we have 13 brothers and sisters traveling to Haiti to assist Salonique Adolphe. And also, one of our high school graduates is leaving for Ninos de Mexico to serve God there.

All of these events have provided an occasion for us to evaluate our purposes. As a congregation, are we busy for "busyness" sake, or are we attempting to fulfill the task of growing the congregation into a body of believers who are serious about proclaiming the good news of Jesus in every way we can?

We can make these times, times of business, not "busyness," if we take note of our personal attitude and actions about these events.

- Mother's Day--Did we actively love our Mother in a special way, or if she has gone on to be with the Lord, did we give God thanks for her love for us?
- Biker Sunday--Approximately 75 guests were with us in worship. Did we enlist our efforts to make them at ease: did we extend hospitality: have we continued to pray for them?
- Graduation Sunday--What a lovely and good group of young men and women graduated from high school this year. Many will love the Lord all their lives. Have we encouraged them: inquired of their hopes: prayed for them?
- Memorial Day--No people have lived in a more blessed place that we have. It has been made possible largely due to our forefathers who kept their focus on being men and women of business, not men and women of "busyness."

June is now before us. Small groups are now beginning. Let's continue in the business of the Lord.

--Robert

Encouragement Corner

My sister used to collect fossils when she was younger. She had a teacher in grade school who was a "fossil freak" and he'd take his class on field trips to the local sand dunes to look for "rocks". My sister loved the thrill of finding the hidden treasures that many of these rocks contained. With this as a backdrop, she wrote the following devotional for the congregation that she attends in Springfield, Illinois.

A normal person's first thought is it's just a rock and what's so special about a "rock". Well guess what happens when you put a rock into water and clean it? You begin to see different qualities and features that were once covered. Sometimes if you're lucky you find a hidden surprise- a fossil, a piece of buried history or you begin to notice various features that turn that once lifeless, ugly, worthless thing into something that now holds a new meaning. What once was just a rock and nothing special has turned into something that has potential to be unique and beautiful, but in order to see those features you have to strip away or clean the filth or dirt off to reach the qualities that lie beneath. But it's up to the finder to do one of two things- pitch it and look for something better and more to your liking or you can take it as it is and realize there's something more to be discovered. At this point, it takes some work, patience and trust that the tumbler will bring out the qualities of that particular "rock". What was once nothing is now something that's considered to be a precious find and now displays the beauty it beholds thanks to the tumbler that not only washed away the grime, but that also used various abrasives to get the desired affect or appearance.

So what can we take away from this? This is life! We are like the rocks that I used to find in the sand dunes along the coast of Lake Michigan. On the outside we look plain, covered in dirt and grime. God is the finder and the tumbler. When He finds us we don't always look good, feel good or smell good. But He doesn't throw us away because He knows the beauty that is within us. So He uses life mixed with His love to put us through the tumbler.

As a rock you can continue to do it your way and live the life of a plain old rock with layers upon layers of filth and grime hiding what's really there or you can rely on the "tumbler" do the job which will result in the discovery of the known potential, beauty, uniqueness, hidden qualities, surprises (fossils) that lie beneath the rough surface. The choice is yours. Our circumstances and situations are the water and sand that is used by the tumbler to strip away, clean and polish the surface to allow the hidden features to be displayed for all to see when it's ready. It doesn't feel good, but the results can be breathtaking.

Kelli (Copenhaver) Clapper

Because He's A Truth Worth Pursuing,
Bryan

Mission Moment

Praise Jesus for his unending love and provision.

We see the ads on TV, the emails in our inboxes and the pictures in magazines. NEED. There is need everywhere we look. "Need" for a new car or new clothes. "Need" for a break with a certain beverage or food being advertised. But what is true need? How often do we say, "I need this new _____." That blank is usually filled with not so much NEEDS as much as WANTS. And even in those wants, what are our motives behind them? Does it make life easier? More fun? Does it mask the pain better? Does it separate us a little bit more from the real needs in the world?

As we move into the summer, we are going to start enjoying this great place of Alaska more and more. If you already haven't been out camping, hiking, biking, fishing, clamming, boating, or just taking a stroll in your neighborhood at 10:30 pm, you will soon. As we enjoy the things that God has given us, let us respond in a way that glorifies our God and Father: gratefulness.

Remember to thank God for the good things we enjoy. As we are more and more thankful, the "needs" that we desire will become less and less. As those things fall to the wayside, the path will open up to see those who really are in need. And let us remember the fact that we can give good gifts, as our Father in heaven gives good gifts.

Here is an excerpt from an email from Ira McBee, one of our supported missionaries, as he tells about God giving a good gift to him. Listen to the end of his email about the good news of his cholesterol levels going down.

It took me five months to make that appointment. The doctor was shocked to see the medication I was on saying that it was one of the strongest medicines for those with a serious threat of heart attack or stroke. We decided to do some blood work first. In 2008 I had a LDL level of 183 and a HDL level of 51. As of a week ago my LDL level is 137 and my HDL level is 65. Not only am I ecstatic to announce that I am no longer on medication but even more so that what is impossible with man is possible with God. What a doctor said was impossible over three years ago without medication God has proven possible by the power of His hand!

The doctor here in Chengdu was really pleased with my HDL (good cholesterol) levels. He said that most Americans would kill to have a HDL level as high as mine. Praise God for his miraculous healing! Praise Jesus for covering the price of every pain, sin and infirmity.

Praising J from the inside out,
Ira & Nova

PLEASE PRAY: We fly to Xinjiang tomorrow morning (Wednesday) to apply for schools and visas. Pray for God's favor, direction and provision as well as for any people contacts He is wanting us to run into.

Thank you for your prayers and your giving. Let's be a blessing as we go into the summer. And may Jesus be lifted high both here in Alaska, and throughout the world.

Congratulations it's a girl!

Sydney Rose Hershberger

Born April 19th

6 lbs 15 oz 19.5 inches tall

to Casey & Kristine

and big sisters Sierra & Savannah



On Sunday, May 1, 2011

Marsha Farnes

placed membership

And on Sunday, May 15, 2011

James Duffield II

placed his membership

Welcome to the KCC family!

To a Good Home

We no longer use the cassette duplicator for sermon tapes, if you can use it, please see Leslie or Fran at the Info Desk

Help Wanted

We are looking for someone interested in taking pictures to keep the directory and photo board updated. If you are interested, please see Annie Peek.

If you have a change of address or a new phone number, please let the church office know.
283.4559 or kcc@gei.net



Our Condolences

to the Lee Family,
Ken's mother has recently passed away

And to the Wooley family,
Tina's dad passed away on
May 9, 2011



Alien Youth Alert! June 2011

Verse of the month:

Luke 9:25– What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

Upcoming Events!

June 5th– Small Groups begin!

Join a small group, and may I recommend:
“Parenteen 101: Connecting Through Fun”

June 19th- Father’s Day

No evening services. Enjoy time with your Daddy.

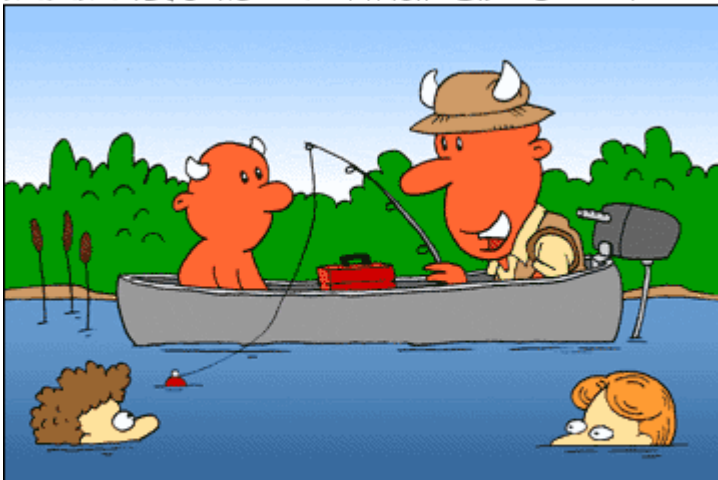
June 20-21st– High School Canoe Outing!!

You must register before June 12th (8th graders going into 9th grade ARE invited!)

June 29th– “Pursue As One” hosted by

Kenai Peninsula Youth Workers Network

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Thanks to Shane Blanchard (See 1Corinthians 10:13)

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IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE CATCH THEM AS
LONG AS THEY TAKE THE BAIT

Summer Time!

Summer is in the air, and this summer is going to be filled with a plethora (and yes I did just say plethora) of things to do in Alien Youth. Just this month alone, small groups begin, the high school canoe outing, Pursue As One, and the Beautification day will take place. Whew! I’m already tired just thinking about it, and this doesn’t include the resurrection of PAHO to start up again this summer. I would like to focus for a minute on the canoe outing.

On June 20-21 the high school youth (including those of you who just finished 8th grade) will be driving down the Swanson River Road to camp and canoe. This is an overnight event which will require some extra planning, so in order to attend this event you must sign up before June 12th. Also, this event is strictly for active Alien Youth participants. There are so many opportunities for outreach that we sometimes overlook the opportunities for in-growth. This will be a fellowship time for those of you who attend Alien Youth on a regular basis. Regardless, this is going to be thebomb.com!

Let me remind myself and you as well that as summer gears up and we consume ourselves with activities and busyness that we not lose sight of the One who calls us on a daily basis to serve Him. Engage Jesus on a daily basis through prayer, Bible study, and pure thoughts. Remember those who are not able to worship freely like we are. Remember those who are forced everyday into slavery to serve the selfish needs of others. When we can do that, we not lose sight of the Creator who blesses us daily.

Undeservingly blessed,

-Adam

Did you know...

...Past sermons and newsletters are available online at, www.kenaichristianchurch.net

...KCC has a food pantry to help friends and family. Ask any staffer for details

...Our Elders meet twice a month, if you have a need or a concern, see one of the Elders or leave a note in their mailbox located near the office