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KCC Vacation Bible School

July 11-15

6-8:30 pm

1yr olds thru 6th grade



Watch for early registration in the Foyer!

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 55° (06-20-11) 7:00 a.m.

Fishing For Men

The 2011 fishing season is now underway on the Kenai Peninsula. The Russian River Reds are moving toward the Russia River Falls. Both the sporting and commercial people are preparing equipment and boats for what is hoped will be a successful season. For the sports fisherman, the halibut and sockeye salmon are important food stocks for the family next fall and winter. For the commercial fishermen, garnering a good catch and receiving a good price for a quality product is of utmost importance. In the past few years, the Lord and nature have provided good "fishing crops." It is not yet known what this year will bring.

Years ago, Bill Gaither wrote a song entitled, "God Loves To Talk To Little Boys While They're Fishing." Our son, John, sang it one Sunday morning when he was about five or six years old. The theme of the song suggests that God notices little boys while they are fishing, and it is while they are fishing that they are best able to listen to God. It is those quiet times; the natural setting; being with Dad; or watching the fast-flowing river water or the serene lake water that produces an environment for God to make a permanent and positive impression on the mind of a small child. Notice some of the words:

God Loves To Talk To Little Boys

*God loves to talk to little boys while they're fishin'
It seems to be the time boys listen best.
It's the only quiet time there is for wishin'
It's the only time when God and boys can rest.*

*There's something about a boy whose good at fishin'
God knows he'll make a very special friend.
A boy who learns to listen while he's fishin'
Can hear God when it's time to fish for men.*

There are many more ways to communicate the Gospel than we often consider. Fishing provides a variety of opportunities for us to demonstrate hospitality, sharing, comradeship, and the message of Jesus. May we pack these things in our tackle boxes and load them in our boats. The folks who fish with you may be eternally grateful that you did.

--Robert

Encouragement Corner

Marmalade

The following entry was recorded in my personal journal on 5-27-2011 during the recent mission trip to Haiti:

Left at 8:30am for Marmalade. 2.5 hour bumpy / curvy ride through the mountains. We got into a traffic jam in the middle of a street market on the way there. Tons of people and vehicles all competing for the same space. Salonique guided us through safely with a whole lot of yelling and directing of traffic. He convinced the people that he was a police officer and even told a man that he deserved a ticket in order to get the traffic moving. We set up soccer goals and volleyball nets in a downpour complete with thunder and lightning at Marmalade. Because of the limited access to supplies, we ended up using bamboo poles, which were cut with a machete by Pastor Ezekiel from the surrounding forest. Dane, John, Shawn, Willie and I got thoroughly soaked. We were concerned that the small streams that we crossed on the way in might flood and trap us there for the night. Marmalade is a beautiful mountainous region with large mountains similar in size to those on the Kenai Peninsula...if not larger. The vegetation is amazing! Tons of bananas, mangos, avocados, bamboo, cactus and other vegetation that is completely foreign to me.

While there, I shared the pictures of my family and Alaska with the children in the one room school house. Derik also showed the video that he had prepared about Alaska on the new projector that the congregation purchased for Living Water. Salonique pulled me aside during the video and explained that this was huge for these children". Then he pointed to the kids and said... "Look at them Bryan...they're glued to the wall!" For many of them, this was only the 3rd time that they had ever seen a video presentation...and the first two times came during earlier visits from Salonique. Not only did they get to see a video, but the sound was piped through the new sound system that our group had brought with us from Alaska for the congregation there in Marmalade.

The ladies made us sandwiches which we had to eat in front of the children (because it was raining). Salonique insisted that we eat them...but Willie refused. It was one of the most difficult things that I've experience on this trip so far...so I downed it as quickly as possible and returned to work. After the nets were up, the team showed the local youth how to play volleyball...and they caught on real fast.

On the way out...the small streams that we crossed on the way in had indeed flooded...but we drove right through them as Salonique calmed our fears by singing "Faith is the Victory." As we were leaving Salonique explained that there were approximately 5000 people scattered throughout the mountains surrounding Marmalade. The road leading out was about 3-5 miles long. Ezekiel travels it almost every day in order to oversee the school and the Church. The previous week his motor bike, that he used to travel back and forth, had been stolen. The team hopes to have enough funds remaining by the end of the week to replace it.

I told Salonique on the way home that some members of KCC questioned the importance of traveling all the way to Haiti to set up soccer goals and volleyball courts. He said..."You go back to Alaska and tell the congregation there that your team came to Haiti and baited the hook of the Gospel here in Marmalade and Gonaives." Based on the number of local kids who were drooling over the soccer goals and volleyball court as we left Marmalade, I have no doubt that Salonique is right. He explained to us that

news of those resources would travel throughout the surrounding countryside...and that the only way that Pastor Ezekiel would allow the children to use the equipment that we brought with us, was if they either attended Church services, or were students at the school.

On the way back, we pulled over on the side of the road to take a break and discovered that the ground had several quarter sized holes in it. When I asked Salonique what lived in the holes, he encouraged me to pour water down one of them to find out. After about half a jug of water, we learned that they housed tarantulas. With the help of our bus driver we captured one in a Ziploc bag and planned to take it back to the house so we could watch it battle with the large cockroaches that we had caught earlier in the week...but the ladies weren't about to travel on the bus...let alone have a tarantula in the same house as them...so we were forced to hand it over to Salonique...and he squished it. Based on the fact that we had to hit one of the cockroaches 3 times with a shoe to kill it...I really question which one would've emerged the victor in our Ziploc fight to the death.

Because He's the Way, the Truth and the Life,
Bryan

Mission Moment

Here is an email sent out by Salonique Adolphe of Living Water in Haiti. I hope it is an encouragement to you.

Dear brothers and sisters,
Greetings to you in His name!

There are multiples ways we can encourage one another. Sending an e-mail to a brother or a sister can turn out to be a great source of encouragement. Giving a phone call to a brother or a sister can be very encouraging. Meeting a need can be an encouragement to families in the faith, as well as to families according to the flesh. Letting a brother or a sister know that you are praying for him/her is an encouragement. Giving a visit to a brother or a sister can be a refreshment and a well of encouragement. So we all need to look for ways to encourage another.

This year, we have already received visits from various people different States. I have to tell you that if all of them serve in different areas like preaching, teaching, building, providing health care, making shelves for a library or setting up a volley ball court, among many other things they have done. They all have one thing in common, their visits encourage us. It is humbling to see sisters and brothers travel thousands of miles to come to see us. It is much more humbling to see them coming in the spirit of service, with a servant heart, in the likeness of Jesus. It is very encouraging to hear their words of encouragement, to feel their patting in the back fueling us to continue on doing the work of the Lord here. People like that always see possibilities instead of problems. And they communicate with you what possibilities they see. This is strengthening the body as oppose to tearing the body of Christ. I praise God for all these groups we have had and who have made an impact both of the physically (on our campus) and spiritually (on our people).

Our latest group who has done that for us has been Kenai Christian Church (Alaska). Listening to their stories, putting

up this trip was not a pleasing sight for Satan. This trip costs a brother his job. This story has shaken several of our men and have been encouraged by it. It costs several of them their prized vacations. One brother came in spite of the fact he has left home challenges in the likeness of Mount Everest.

They have encouraged both Living Water people in Gonaives and those of Marmelade. We thank God and praise God for their encouragements.

When Brother Bryan Copenhaver was bringing his vibrant and encouraging message to an end, he had us read a text that I will leave you with. It is Hebrews 10:24, 25. Verse 25 says: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habits of doing, but **let us encourage one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." How can someone encourage you today? Yes, I mean it. How can someone encourage you today? How can you encourage someone today? Whatever way you decide, go ahead and encourage at least one person. Do so as you are preparing yourself to meet with the rest of the body of Christ tomorrow in worship.

In Christ,

Salonique Adolphe and team--

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty." ... "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple, his hands will also complete it." (Zech 4:6, 9)

Mark your calendar for our annual Congregational

Sunday, August 21st
Watch for further details

Our Condolences



to the friends and families of
Ashley Udelhoven and
Katarina Anderson

to the Rankin Family,
Cassy's grandpa went Home
June 3, 2011

to the O'Hara family
Sharon's father,
Dale Hart
passed away
June 12, 2011



Alien Youth Alert! July 2011

Verse of the month:

1 John 5:3-5- This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Upcoming Events!

July 3rd– Early Registration deadline for summer camps! Save \$25 and get your forms & deposit to Adam by today

July 11-15– VBS: Contact Mercy Jusmable to volunteer!

July 24-30– High School camp (those entering 9th grade-12th grade)

July 31-Aug 6– Middle School Camp (those entering 6th grade-8th grade)

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IT WAS OBVIOUS HE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO STEP IT UP

Summer Time!

You will probably hear me ask you this about a million times this month, so I will start this article asking, “Are you going to camp this summer?” Now, by camp, of course I mean Greatland Christian Camp. I am extremely excited about spending two weeks of my summer there! Call me crazy, but you are probably wondering why I am so excited. My memories of church camp are some of the best ones of my life. Making new friends, singing new songs, playing crazy games, campfire devotionals, and pillow fights are just a few reasons that I hold such fond memories of camp. Through all the fun and fellowship, I did a great deal of spiritual growth at church camp. Some of my favorite teachers and Bible studies came from my time at camp. Also, back in the summer of 1987 at Camp Allendale in Indiana, I was baptized into Christ and my life has never been the same. Hallelujah!

I am also excited to spend time with Josh & Andrew Branham, Quinby, and Evan as they assist with the leadership of camp. This year, our missionary will be talking to us about the much needed mission to those who are deaf or hearing disabled. Their name is Expressions of Emmanuel and have an amazing ability to communicate the gospel to those who are not able to hear audible sounds. They do this through sign and utilizing skits that are both serious and hilarious.

Here’s my final word: Don’t miss camp this year. If you have never been before, or if you are a seasoned veteran, you do not want to miss this incredible opportunity. Make it a priority.

Because Jesus thrives at camp,
-Adam

Did you know...

The Mission Team meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, after morning services. If you are interested in what Missions is all about, please see Adam Meyers or Dane Myers, or feel free attend a meeting.

The next meeting is July 10th, in the Middle School room, downstairs near the offices.

² Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2 NLT