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Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Evening 6:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Congregational Picnic

Sunday, August 21st

FELLOWSHIP & ORGANIZED
ACTIVITIES: 3PM
VESPERS: 5PM
EAT: 5:30PM

Let's gather for some organized
activities, fellowship,
food and fun!

FOOD: burgers, hot dogs, buns, drinks and
table service are provided.

Families with last name A-F
please bring a dessert
Families with last name G-Z
please bring a side dish

Chevron Picnic Site
Mile 1.5 lamplight Hold Rd off of South Miller
Loop, Nikiski.

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

rain and 60° (07-17-11) 3:00 p.m.

Being Aware of Extremes

In the political arena, Americans tend to choose extreme positions on nearly all matters of significance. Political pundits keep emphasizing these fissures because it sells advertisements and keep people listening to, viewing, or reading the position they identify with most. Therefore, it becomes difficult for productive decisions to take place. Everything becomes a game of "one-up-manship" and the distortions continue.

A similar view is witnessed in religious areas. I recently read the results of an in-depth study called American Grace by Robert Putnam and David Campbell. Included in the study are the primary reasons why folks worship on a regular basis. These conclusions may be of interest to you. The book reviewer states that people who worship are nicer . . .

. . . not so much because they regularly hear sermons urging them to be nicer, but because they chat with friends after services, or because they belong to a Bible study group. [7-17-11: Christian Standard: p.6]

The conclusion from this study may imply that "good fellowship" is more effective than "teaching"; therefore, a greater emphasis should be placed upon hospitality because it is what attracts and keeps folks worshipping together. Now it is surely true that good opportunities for "togetherness" are essential to the growth of the body of Christ, but without good teaching it is all in vain. Let me use an illustration of two universities with which I am somewhat familiar.

Ohio State University is a great school. It also has a great football tradition. On the day of a football game it is truly a marvel to observe the seemingly unending tailgate parties that take place throughout the area. The friendship, companionship, camaraderie, and fellowship are electrifying! But what keeps these ventures on track are not the gatherings themselves, rather it is what is happening inside the stadium--a successful football team is playing, or about to play.

Austin Peay University is also a great school. They also have a parking lot but most often it is nearly empty on football game days. There are few if any tailgate parties. Inside the stadium one will frequently see that the visiting school has more fans than Austin Peay. Why? Because the skill of the football team has a bearing on what is (or is not) taking place in the parking lot.

In Christianity, the fellowship that families have with each other can never be minimized; however, if this "comradeship" is the only essence of keeping the body of Christ together, it will not be long before this house build upon the sand will collapse. The same thing also can be said about good Bible teaching.

What is needed are BOTH. From the Scripture's perspective, to frame one of these two aspects of Christianity as more important than the other is wholly misguided. We MUST be sure that our first priority is to teach, preach, study, and obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; however, to do this and yet minimize the need for intimate fellowship with one another is to marginalize the Gospel's directives.

Instead of "one or the other," the Scripture requires BOTH. Let us be sure we uphold the veracity of the Scripture while at the same time be in sweet fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

--Robert

Encouragement Corner

Day Planners

I'll admit it...I hate day planners. For years now I've harbored ill feelings toward the individual who invented them and the companies who produce them each year. Somehow or another, at the first of the year, a handful of them tend to find their way into my office. I've tried to put them to good use a couple of times, but what I've discovered is that they do nothing but frustrate me as I watch my days, weeks and months fill up with appointments and activities. So, I gave up on them a couple of years ago. I quit cold turkey...and so far I haven't experienced any serious side effects (other than missing or double booking an appointment or two).

That's one of the things that I loved about the missions trip to Haiti this past May. Haitians don't believe in day planners because life there moves at a different pace. Although Salonique and his family all had tasks that they needed to accomplish each day, they went about them in such a way that seemed so much less stressful than the average American family. They truly seem to know what it means to take life one day at a time.

As I currently find myself trying to balance the demands of work, faith, family, and fishing, I'm reminded of the words of Jesus found in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6:25-34. There he said...

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life^[a]?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

If there was ever a time of year when we need to apply these words of Jesus it is now! If you're stressed out and struggling to find the time to keep God a priority in your life, I have two suggestions.... #1 *Throw away your day planner.* If that seems unreasonable to you, then you can always try my second suggestion which is... #2 *Plan a trip to Haiti for next July.*

Because He's the Way,
Bryan

Mission Moment

Living in a society where we can get instant news and headlines are coming at us from every angle, sometimes all we see is the bad. Sometimes we lose focus that there are good things happening for the Kingdom of God all around us. Here is an update from some of our supported missionaries in China:

Hi Folks,

As you may know, our summer Chinese teams are going in and out of the Northwest Muslim Region for the next 52 days. Already we are hearing good reports (will share many later). However, we are also hearing of opposition--a leader entering a very strategic small town fell sick with fever and vomited from the moment they arrived until now (a day later)--I talked with her this morning, and she said as a result of the sickness there was much more love shown to her by her local Muslims hosts and their family members. She was very touched. However, the hostess is very much ashamed that she became sick while in their home. In addition to being Muslims, they are very superstitious people, and watch for omens; this sickness could mean something to them. Please ask for Jesus to send an amazing omen of peace and blessing to this home as a result of HIS children being there. ASK that SALVATION will come to this house as a result of her sickness and recovery.

Also as we prayed for this leader this morning, we felt the Lord say, "My power is made perfect in weakness" and we were impressed with the fact that this suffering was a beautiful sacrifice to her King as she is willing to give not only her heart, mind and soul to his service, but also her body. His victory is sure. Nothing, especially sickness can stop the plans of the Lord.

***There are still 4 teams to head out and we are asking for no health problems! Please agree with us. Please remember to ask for divine appointments for each team = women and men of peace with whom to share this glorious good news.

Psalm 70:4, 2 Thess 3:1

Thanks and may you all be blessed-
Ira and Nova

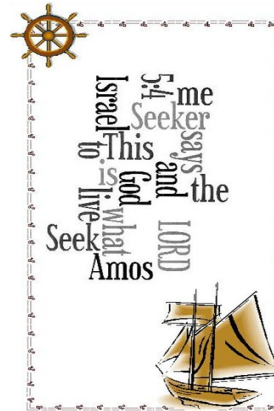
If we knew all the people who are sharing the gospel right now around the world, I think we would be encouraged and challenged to be a part of that right here in Alaska.

Praise

David Batemen was baptized

June 22, 2011

Welcome to the KCC family!



Ladies,
save the date

2011 Womens Retreat
Sept 29-Oct 1
Solid Rock Bible Camp

"God Seeker"
Amos 5:4

Guest Speaker: Kristen Sauder
Further Still Ministries

Womens Fall Bible Studies begin in September
Watch for registration coming soon!

75 years and Growing

Travel safely if you're headed to the
Alaska State Fair,
August 25-Sept 5



August 23, school starts on the
Kenai Peninsula



Our Condolences

to the family of
Richard Hallmark
who passed away
June 17, 2011

to the Thompson &
Jones family,
Kreta's mother
Winifred Thompson
passed away June 23, 2011

Ashleigh Adams & family,
her grandmother passed away
July 16, 2011





Alien Youth Alert! August 2011

Verse of the month:

1 John 2:1-2- My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world

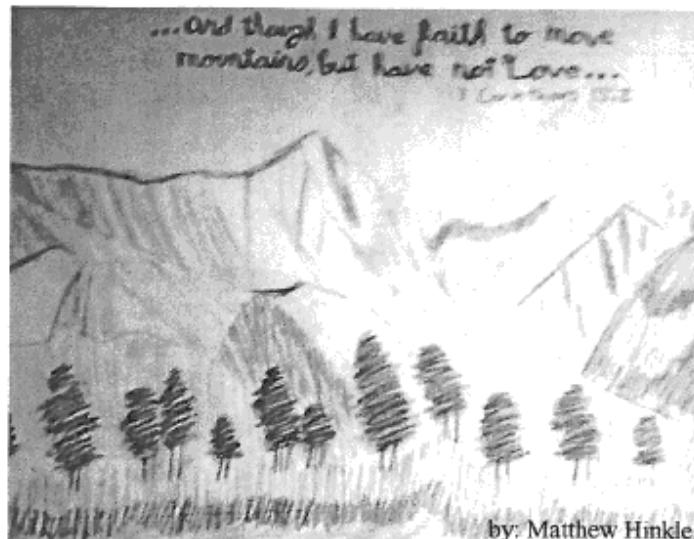
Upcoming Events!

July 31st-Aug 6th— Middle School Camp

August 21st— Congregational Picnic

August 28th— Promotion Sunday

August 31st— New Theme Kickoff!!



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Rubber Meets the Road

As I entered Wal-Mart today I noticed something that made me stop dead in my tracks. Images of youth running and screaming in terror popped into my head by the shock of what I was witnessing. There...in the center aisle...and on the seasonal end caps were engraved the horrific letters "B-A-C-K T-O S-C-H-O-O-L!" Instantly I had to ask myself, "Am I dreaming?!" We just started summer and here we go with the school-bus-yellow advertisements and school check lists?! Oddly enough I want to share with you the first thought that entered my mind when I saw the back to school section.

I instantly pondered the thought of how are you guys going to make it this year in school? It's not grades that I am concerned about, nor what sport you will play. I'm concerned about your spiritual maturity in Jesus Christ. I lay awake sometimes at night wondering how difficult it must be in this day for you to stay grounded in your faith when faced with so many "acceptable" temptations. My focus goes to this question: Have I done enough (obvious answer: no) to help you remain faithful to Jesus in a place where He is constantly belittled and laughed at? Honestly, this is a question that keeps me going, because I will never feel like I have done enough to prepare you to face the trials in your life. I will strive for that mark, but I know I will fall miserable short. Yet, I continue on, because I love each and every one of you. Consider how this verse in Matthew 10:16 relates to my thoughts mentioned above, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

Jesus is the answer,
-Adam

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VBS was a hit!

Thank you to the MANY helpers and behind-the-scene workers who spent hours working to get everything prepared for this great event!

On average, 75 children participated daily in this years program

A special Thank You, to our co-Directors, Merci Jusmable & Zee Berg!