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Our Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Promotion Sunday

August 28

for all ages

A continental breakfast will be served in the
Junior Worship room

9:15 -9:45 am

Promotion Service

begins in the chapel at 9:45

Please join us to celebrate another year of
learning about and getting to know Jesus.

It is a day for all ages to reflect on their
growth in Christ this past year and to plan
to make a commitment for the next year.



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

sunny and 60° (08-21-11) 8:00 p.m.

September: Missions Emphasis Month

Each year the elders desire that the congregation be encouraged to again have a mission-minded heart. They believe it translates into mission-minded service. When possible, the mission team seeks out missionaries we support with hopes that one of more representatives will be able to share with us the work they do.

This year, Rick Jett, IDES will be speaking September 4, 2011, and Wayne Murphy, Polish Christian Missions will be speaking September 25, 2011. Additionally, our own Dane Myers who has served in the Orient will also be speaking on September 18, 2011. There is an outside possibility that Doug and Carol Reed will also be with, if not in September, then perhaps in October.

Earlier this year we sent thirteen of our brothers and sisters to Haiti to assist Brother Salonique Adophe, Living Water Ministries, in the fine work he is doing in that needful nation. We were also blessed to be represented all summer long in Ninos de Mexico by Shaina Aho, a devout young woman who is a 2011 graduate from KCHS, and who served the Lord on our behalf among the children in Mexico City. Shaina is now enrolled in Boise Bible College as she further prepares her life for the Lord's service. Last year, 2010, ten of our youth and their chaperones, did exemplary work on a short-term trip to Ninos de Mexico. The folks there have been pleased with those from Kenai who have gone to assist in Mexico.

For the past two years the congregation has contributed in excess of \$100,000.00 annually in supporting missions and missionaries. We may not attain a similar amount this year, but we surely ought to keep it in mind as a goal. As a congregation, we, like other congregations, are faced with continuing fiscal challenges due to the uncertainty of the financial status of our nation. Still, if we all are conscientious, prayerful, and have a mind to work, we can accomplish this goal.

On the home front, we are challenged weekly to see ourselves as missionaries to our families, our fellow employees, our neighbors and those in a variety of distressful situations. Though sending money to our missionaries is necessary, it is fraught with danger if after having given these funds, we conclude that our mission responsibilities have been fulfilled. Send the funds we must, but being sure that we are missionaries on the home front is a must also. It keeps us in the world of reality. We know that every missionary endeavor will not necessarily be successful because not all of our endeavors will be successful. When our missionaries are successful, we can rejoice with them because we are also laboring and have periods of success. For these victories we can rejoice in the presence of God together.

We must never let our Christianity be defined solely by gathering together on Sunday morning, then going on our way having forgotten the purpose for our gathering, namely, the be so grateful to God for His mercy, and to Christ for His shed blood. These two items should inspire us to remember that we have family, neighbors, friends, and enemies who do not yet know or understand the gift God has given us. There is much work yet to do!

William Carey, missionary to India around 200 years ago said, "Expect great things from God? Attempt great things for God!" Amen! --Robert

Encouragement Corner

"Family Matters"

As I write this newsletter, I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of my wife and children. Veronica and the kids left Alaska on July 18th, to visit our family in Michigan, and they will be returning to Alaska on August 18th. This is the fourth year in a row that she has returned to Michigan for an extended period of time during the summer months, and I anticipate that she will continue to do so in the future.

Not only do these visits provide our children with an opportunity to reconnect with their grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles and cousins, but it also serves to recharge their spirits with plenty of warm, sunny days. The problem though, is that all of this fun and sun come at a price (and I'm not talking about the monetary demands of such a trip). You see, in order for Veronica and the kids to spend so much time with our family in Michigan, it requires that they leave behind their family here in Alaska (namely me).

Now, don't feel too bad for me though, because I've learned that there are certain advantages to bachelorhood during the height of the king and red run. In all honesty, I was so busy for the first two weeks of their vacation, that I didn't have time to miss them. The evidence of their absence though, over time, became undeniable. The cupboards and fridge slowly emptied, the grass in our yard reached record heights, the newspapers in our driveway and the dishes in the sink piled up, the garage became an impenetrable maze of fishing tackle, and my clothes remained scattered throughout the house wherever I left them. By the time that the first of August rolled around, there was no denying the fact that even though I was busy, I was indeed suffering the consequences of being separated from my family.

What I experienced in my life this past month mirrors perfectly what I have preaching about all summer long. In the book of Ephesians not only does Paul make it clear that God has adopted us into his family, but he also emphasizes the importance of remaining connected to our family by stressing the need for unity among the body of Christ. Without such unity... without such connectedness to the body of Christ, Paul says our lives can quickly become cluttered with false doctrine which results in futile thinking and behavior. The simple fact is, our family / the Church, is better off when we remain together.

Paul said it like this in Ephesians 4:11-13. ¹¹ "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Just like I'm looking forward to the return of my family, I hope you're looking forward to gathering together with your brothers and sisters in Christ each week here at Kenai Christian Church. After a long summer filled with the distractions of family, fishing and fun, it'll certainly be nice to see our Church family come together again as we head into the fall months.

Because He's the Truth,
Bryan

Mission Moment

Well, September is already here, and although this brings up not-so-pleasant things like the end of summer and the beginning of school, it also marks the coming of Missions Month here at KCC! Every year we set aside this month to put a special focus on the missions that we support here at KCC, as well as our role in missions both locally and overseas.

This year we have some amazing guests joining us. On Sunday, September 4th, Rick Jett from I.D.E.S. will be joining us. I.D.E.S. is a great mission that sends disaster relief, food, and medical supplies and brings the gospel to areas all around the world hit by natural disasters. This summer, the children at our VBS raised over \$250 dollars specifically for I.D.E.S.

On Sunday the 25th, we will have the honor of hosting Wayne Murphy from Polish Christian Mission. This church planting organization has been a long time supported mission of KCC. It will be exciting to hear from Wayne and about the work going on in Europe, one of the most difficult and secular mission fields.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

I am glad you asked! Throughout the month of September, you will see different booths set up in the foyer. These booths will be representing our different missions and have the supplies that you need to:

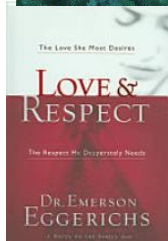
- find out information about that mission
- learn how you can personally support a child or sponsor a specific project.
- write a personal letter to the missionary, encouraging and praying for them. (Paper, envelopes and address labels will be provided!)

So please, take some time this month and send a letter to our missionaries telling them how much you appreciate what they are doing for the sake of the gospel of Jesus.

If you are interested in finding out more about a specific mission, or how to get involved in the missions team here at KCC, seek out Dane and Bee Myers, or Amy Gozelski. Or come and join our missions team meeting, Sunday, September 11th, right after morning services downstairs in the middle school room, past the office.

We are looking forward to a great month hearing about what Jesus is doing around the world. Thank you for being a part of it.

The Missions Team.



MISPLACED

We are missing a copy of, *Love and Respect*, DVD set. If you have it, would you please just let the office know?

Thank You

~ PRAISES ~

Double the joy, it's a girl AND a boy!
Born to Rob & Elizabeth Ross,

Megan Elizabeth

and

Ryan Avery

July 21st

They join sisters, Taylor, Rachel and Madelyn,
proud grandparents Richard & Gayle Ross,
Robert & Sheila DeVold

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Eric and Meri Braun proudly announce the birth of  
their son,

**Tru Elliot**

born July 26th at 5:32pm,

6 pounds 11 ounces, 20 inches length.

He joins sisters Gracee, Chloe, Sabina and Isabel.

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Kelsey & Phil Daniel
welcome their daughter,

Maeci Kay

Born August 16th at 6:17 am

10 lbs, 22 1/4 inches

Proud grandparents, Kristie
Wortham,

Dave & Leslie Daniel

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**Rachel Ross** was baptized at camp on July 30th,  
Welcome to the KCC family!

## Our Condolences to these Families

Bev Waldrop's father

**Orville Loescher**

passed away July 30, 2011

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to Diane Aldridge and
her family

Dale Aldridge

passed away on August 1, 2011

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David Knudsen's father

**Richard Knudsen**

passed away on

August 9, 2011





**“God Seeker”**

**Amos 5:4**

# KCC Women

*Ministering to the Women of Kenai Christian Church since June 1999*

## 2011 Womens Retreat

**Sept 29-Oct 1**  
Solid Rock Bible Camp

**“God Seeker” Amos 5:4**

*Guest Speaker: Kristen Sauder - Further Still Ministries*  
Register online at [www.kenachristianchurch.org](http://www.kenachristianchurch.org) or by brochure



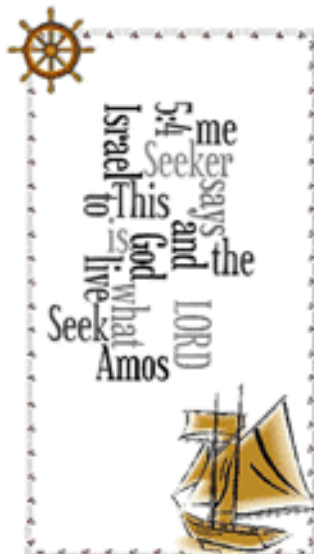
### Photos of the Month



Haiti 2011  
By Susan Lee



Submit your photographs for future issues at [19sue61lee@gmail.com](mailto:19sue61lee@gmail.com)  
Submit - scenery, wildlife, family & friends!



**\*\*Be sure to check out the KCC website for info, [kenachristianchurch.net](http://kenachristianchurch.net)\*\***



## WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Fall Bible studies begin September 8th

### Thursday Morning Classes:

9am-11:30 am

*Radical & 2nd Timothy*

Written by David Platt  
Facilitated by Julie Carroll

*The Missional Mom*

Written by Helen Lee  
Facilitated by Lori Spinka

### Thursday Evening Class:

6:00pm-8pm

*When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*

Written by Beth Moore  
Facilitated by Thelma Musgrove

*Lose It for Life*

Written by Artermurn & Mintle  
Facilitated by Sheree Efta

### Saturday Morning Class:

Beginning September 10

9:30 am-11:00 am

*Can We Talk?*

Written by Priscilla Shirer  
Facilitated by Diane DuPerron

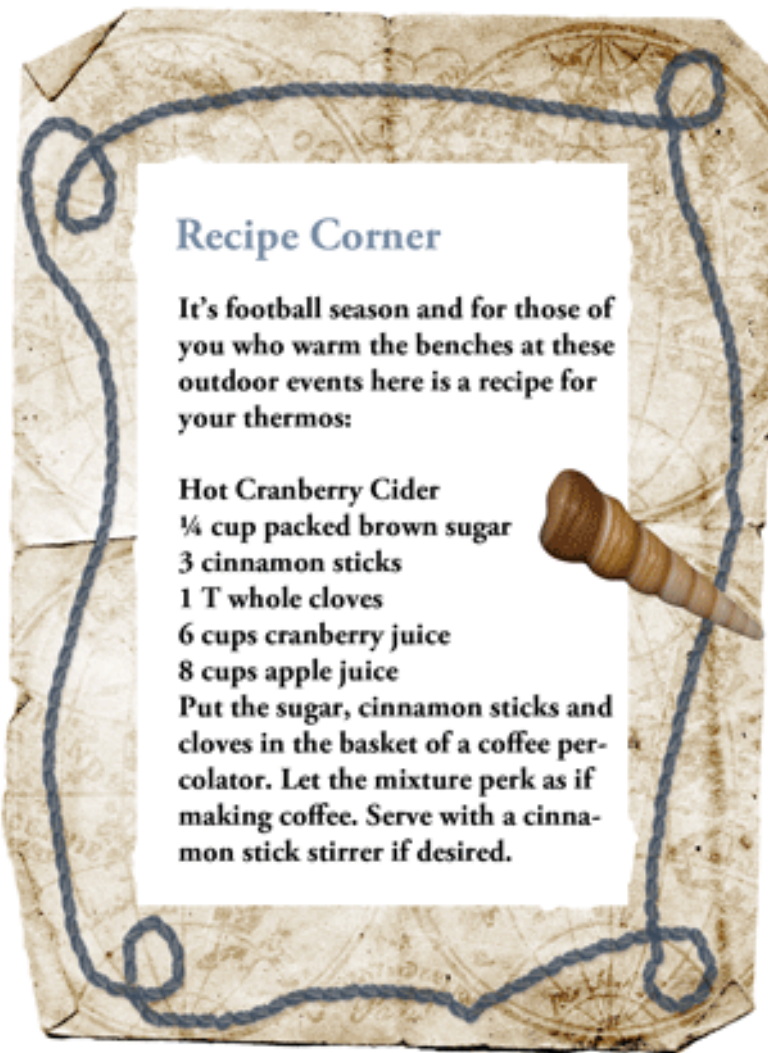
### Wednesday Evening Class:

September

7pm-8pm

*Loved By God*

Written by Liz Curtis Higgs  
Facilitated by Leslie Daniel



### Recipe Corner

It's football season and for those of you who warm the benches at these outdoor events here is a recipe for your thermos:

**Hot Cranberry Cider**

¼ cup packed brown sugar  
3 cinnamon sticks  
1 T whole cloves

6 cups cranberry juice  
8 cups apple juice

Put the sugar, cinnamon sticks and cloves in the basket of a coffee percolator. Let the mixture perk as if making coffee. Serve with a cinnamon stick stirrer if desired.

### Upcoming Dates:

Labor Day - September 5th

*And some fun days...*

Cheese Pizza Day - September 5th

No News is Good News Day - Sept. 11

Elephant Appreciation Day - Sept. 22



### September is...

Classical Music Month

National Blueberry Popsicle Month

National Courtesy Month

National Piano Month

Chicken Month

Baby Safety Month

Little League Month

Self Improvement Month

Better Breakfast Month

Gospel Garden is only available by pre-registering

Online [www.kenaichristianchurch.org](http://www.kenaichristianchurch.org)

(> ministries > women's ministry > childcare)

by phone: Karlene Myers @953.0101 or email:

[karleneday@hotmail.com](mailto:karleneday@hotmail.com)

at KCC: Sign ups are in the foyer

If your child is registered and you will not be able to attend a class, please email or call Karlene to let her know that your child will not be in class that day.



# Alien Youth Alert!

## September 2011

### Verse of the month:

Matthew 6:33— But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### Upcoming Events!

August 31st— New Theme for Alien Youth

Donut 4 A Smile!- TBA

September 25th— See You at the Pole pre-rally @ Peninsula Grace

September 28th— See You at the Pole!  
Meet at your school's flag pole to pray before your day begins.

### Reflections of Summer

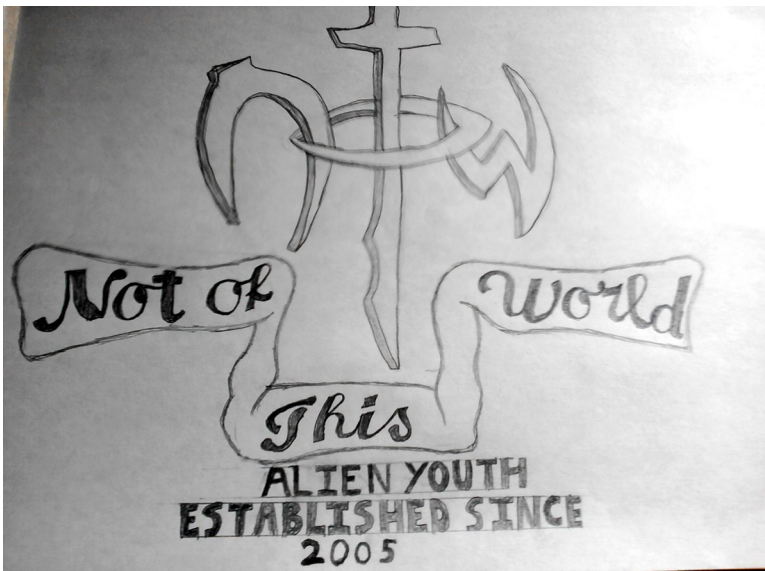
As summer is officially wrapping up (and I am getting my fantasy football team primed and ready for the season) I would like to make a couple of observations about things that marveled me this summer. First of all, I had a BLAST in my summer small group! It was wonderful to see parents and their children learning together and having fun as a family. As youth ministry begins to turn a corner towards such an emphasis on this type of interaction I am sure that we will all notice subtle changes in youth group in the not too distant future. Don't be alarmed though, it won't be an instant or complete overhaul. More like a renovation of a great foundational layer.

Secondly, camp was AMAZING this year! The teaching and fellowship that happened this year was one of the best ever. I attribute that in part to the "dual Branham power" that was present at camp. Still, talk to any youth that went and see how they have been affected by camp. I praise God to see how He uses two weeks out of the year to really connect with our youth and touch their lives unlike any other week in the year. I was overjoyed to see Rachael Ross commit her life to Jesus and be baptized! It doesn't get any better than that.

Finally, it thrilled my heart to see four of our Alien Youth head off to Bible college at the end of August. Duane, Mary Pat, Shaina, and Keegan each took a step towards getting to know God's Word better than ever and I know they will each be glad that they did. I am very proud of all our Alien Youth, but these four get "mad-props!!"

Let's keep on keepin on,

-Adam



Many thanks to the  
CareShare groups who worked  
around the events of summer  
to keep the building clean.  
Debbie Adamson, James &  
Tana Butler, Wayne  
Buchanan and all who  
planted and watered  
flowers and kept the  
lawn cut,  
**THANK YOU!**

