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Worship 11:00 AM
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Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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FamilyLife presents:
a six-session video event



Kenai Christian Church
104 McKinley St, Kenai
February 11 & 12
Friday 7 pm-9:30 pm,
Saturday 9 am-4pm
\$50 per couple

****Space is limited****

Child care available for eleven year olds and younger,
please register by February. 4th.

Invest in your marriage along with hundreds of
other couples across the world during
this marriage building weekend.

The Art of Marriage is occurring at over 500 locations
world wide the weekend of February 11-12 .

See more at www.artofmarriage.com

If you have questions or would like to help,
please contact the church office 283.4559

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 clear and -18 ° (01-16-11) 7:00 a.m.

Presidents, Romance and God

Two great American presidents were born in February: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. When I was an elementary school youth both of these birthdays were separately remembered. Our small town school celebrated these days as among the most important holidays in the entire year. School was always dismissed and the elementary teachers took special care to impress on us just how great these men were. Stories were read, pictures were colored, and the red, white, and blue was in prominent display. Indeed, it was a great month!

Valentine's Day was also a day of importance for me. I spent a lot of time trying to pick the best valentine for a youthful girlfriend from among the limited choices Mother bought at the store. My valentines were never frilly valentines and were most basic in nature, as well as in cost. However, the same was true for most of the valentines I received in my little homemade valentine's box. I always longed to receive a special valentine that had a penny sucker attached, but I never got one. Those were precious days in my childhood. I now realize I was especially blessed to live in such a fine community, and though funds were very limited, Dad and Mom always managed to make us feel most loved and most secure. I thank God for that.

On February 9, 1957, I also had my first date with the girl God would eventually present to me as my bride and wife. Of course, Sheila had to consent to all these things and I am so thankful she did.

God has permitted the month of February to be a month of fond memories and continuing challenges for me. Yet, when I ponder it, the same could be said about every month of every year since I first came to realize that God loves to work in our lives if we permit it. From my earliest memories I have been surrounded by folks who loved the Lord and loved to serve Him.

Finally, in the midst of the present February cold snap and the uncertainty of what lies ahead in the days to come, there stands the Lord gently calling:

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." --Matt. 11:28-30

—Robert

Encouragement Corner

Your child reaches for a candy bar at the checkout counter and you tell him, "No." He proceeds to throw a tantrum. Do you – plead with him to stop, step over him and walk away or buy him the candy bar so he will stop embarrassing you in public?

Your child looks at you with disgust, rolls her eyes and says, "You can't tell me what to do" and turns on the television to tune you out. Do you – send her to her room, leave the room for a minute to get yourself together in preparation for dealing with the situation, or ignore the behavior?

It is 7:00 a.m. You go in to wake your son for the third time. He growls at you and refuses to get up. Do you – go in and physically get him out of the bed, turn up the radio so loud he can't possibly sleep through it, or remove yourself from the situation and let him sleep?

If you are a parent, you have probably encountered at least one of these situations and have been confused about the best way to discipline your child.

According to Dr. Kevin Leman, author and parenting expert, we have arrived at a place in history where American families have become child-centered. American parents have become permissive and democratic and American children have become spoiled, sassy and out of control. In response to each of the above mentioned situations, Dr. Leman would say that all of these children need a healthy dose of "reality discipline."

Many of today's popular sitcoms and commercials portray children in adult roles with little respect for their parents. The parents on the other hand are shown as ignorant, out of touch with the culture, dumb and not smart enough to raise a child. Innocent and comical as it may appear, this role reversal seems to encourage children to be disrespectful to their parents and other adults, discounting their authority and understanding about life issues.

If a child wants to do something and their parents say no, they just sneak around their backs and do it anyway. Instead of earning money to buy new shoes, many teens believe their parents should foot the bill. The idea of doing chores around the house without being paid is often referred to by many young people as unfair and beyond the call of duty.

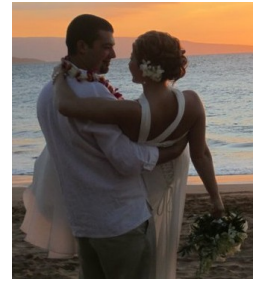
Dr. Leman believes that allowing young people to operate in this manner is not preparing them for the real world. In his book / video series *Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours*, Dr. Leman gives parents specific ways to use their authority correctly as they bring up obedient children with loving discipline. It is called reality discipline. Dr. Leman describes the process of "reality discipline" as follows:

"In order for reality discipline to work the first thing that must happen is the child must feel loved. Reality discipline uses guidance and action-oriented techniques. Action-oriented discipline is based on the reality that there are times when you have to pull the rug out and let the little buzzards tumble. I mean disciplining your children in such a way that he/she accepts responsibility and learns accountability for his actions. Children expect adults to discipline them. If the discipline is loving, it will be geared toward instruction, teaching and guiding."

(<http://www.more4kids.info/402/parenting-and-discipline>)

If you are interested in learning more about how to implement “reality discipline” in your home, I would encourage you to join us in the chapel on Wednesday evenings from February 2nd to March 9th. The first half of each class will be spent watching a video lecture by Dr. Lehman while the last half of will be reserved for an open time of discussion. Because He’s A Truth Worth Pursuing,
Bryan

~ Congratulations ~
Will Tieaskie
and
Sharon Lindow
were married,
December 30, 2010



Mission Moment

2011 is here and in full swing. The Missions Team is excited to be a part of what God is doing here in the community, as well as overseas this year. In 2010 Kenai Christian Church gave over \$100,000 to our supported missions and missionaries. On behalf of those who are working for the Lord, whether it be in the states or overseas, thank you. Thank you for the prayer, support and friendships that allow our missionaries to be effective for the work of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

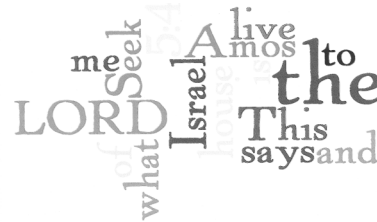
But there is more that we can do.

It is great to think of the statistics and dollar amounts, but let’s not just leave it at that. Let’s think of the family, impacted by a natural disaster, who get aide and assistance from I.D.E.S. (www.ides.org) Think about the young single Haitian mother who is finding food for her kids and a community to help her at Living Water Christian Mission (www.livingwaterchristianmission.org). Or think about the young newly-wed Christian couple in Poland who can have Christian resources in their language thanks to Doug and Carol Reed with LATM (www.latm.info/) and join a church planted by Polish Christian Ministries (www.pcmusa.org)

This year let us be a part in not only sending money, but let’s see the faces of those changed by Christ. Let’s know the names of those whose names are now written in the book of life because of the work of God’s people.

This summer our church is planning a short term missions trip to visit Living Water Mission in Haiti, to see the faces, hear the stories and share the news of Christ. We are going to be God’s hands and feet to the most poverty stricken nation in the Western Hemisphere. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, please see Dane or Bee Myers, Gary Hinkle, Amy Gozelski, or anyone on the missions’ team. Let’s share Jesus in 2011.

Did you know there is a donated church library located in the downstairs classroom? The back wall is full of a variety of books to borrow, please help yourself.



Women’s Ministry
2011 theme
God Seeker
Amos 5:4

What are your spiritual growth goals for this year as you seek God?



Operation Christmas Child 2011

We are collecting items for OCC again this year. Donations can be dropped into the tote under the mailboxes.

Suggested for January – March

Winter clothing, mittens, scarves, small toys, tooth paste/brushes, wash cloths, bars of soap.

After season sales are a great time to pick up little items that will make a big difference in the life of a child.

Our Sympathies

Kathy Rodgers, Fiocla Wilson & Phyllis Bookey, lost their loved one,
Larry Rodgers
December 21, 2010

Toni Steward’s father,
Albert Gastaldi
passed away January 9, 2011

You light a lamp for me. The LORD, my God, lights up my darkness
Psalm 18:28



Alien Youth Alert!

February 2011

Verse of the month:

1 Peter 2:11- Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Upcoming Events!

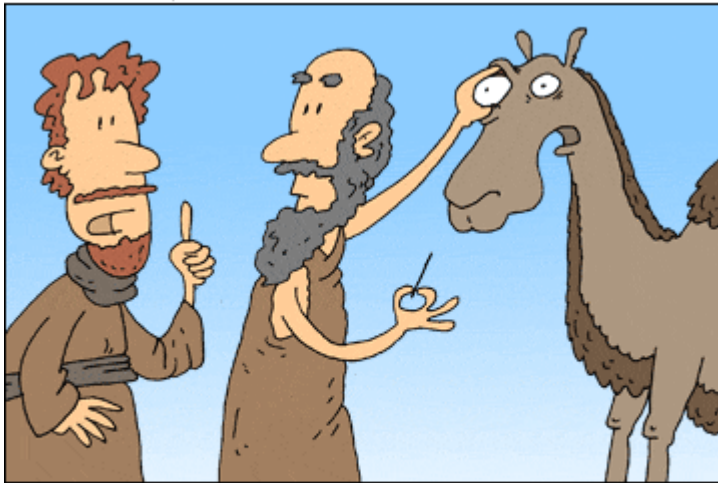
Winter Retreat Registration! See Adam for registration forms for the March 11th-13th Winter Retreat

H.S. Girls Bible Study-Meets Mondays from 4pm-5:30pm in the youth room

Small Groups- To be determined by your small group leader.

Sunday Sundaes- Following Feb 6th evening service. Yummmm...icecream!!

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(See Mark 10:25)

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BEFORE YOU TRY, I SHOULD LET YOU KNOW
THAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A CAMEL THROUGH
THE EYE OF A NEEDLE

Dive into the Word!

Can we possibly be talking about February already?! YIKES, I missed January. Regardless, there are some new and exciting Bible studies happening this month that you definitely want to be a part of!

High School Sunday morning class has just started a study entitled "Reverb" where the focus is taking what the Bible has to say and putting it into action in practical ways. This class meets Sundays from 9:45am-10:45am.

Middle School Wednesday evening class, led by Jason Carroll will be studying the topic "Science and the Bible." Take a look at how the two compliment each other. This class meets on Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm.

All Alien Youth (grades 6-12) are invited on Sunday evenings in the Youth House to take a close look at apologetics through a study called "The Questions Christian Hope No One Will Ask Them." Put your thinking caps on and tackle the tough questions together. This takes place from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Sunday nights.

A new high school girls Bible study, led by Leslie Daniel, will take place on Mondays from 4pm-5:30pm. It is called "When God Writes Your Love Story."

Besides these great new studies, be sure not to miss out on the excellent teaching that goes on Sunday mornings for the middle school with Thelma Musgrove, and on Wednesday evenings for the high school with Adam Meyers. Math is important, Grammar is necessary, but studying God's Word has an eternal impact. Don't miss out on your chance to grow in the Lord!

Serving Him,
Adam



Cookie Theater was a hit again this year.

A great big

THANK YOU

to all of the performers,
what a *wonderful* evening!

Thank you parents, teachers, and
especially Miss Susie, Miss Debbie & Sandy,
Miss Trudy, Elizabeth & Leslie,
The Myers, Miller, Jusmable families,
many helpers and cookie makers!

It takes a lot of time and energy to prepare for an event such as this,
we sincerely appreciate *everyone's* efforts.