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Christian  
Church

# NEWS

John 11:25

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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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### *~ Upcoming Events ~*

Spring Break for local schools,  
March 14-18



Men's Retreat  
April 8 & 9

Solid Rock Bible Camp  
Guest Speaker, Terry Stine,  
President of Boise Bible College

*Real Men of the Church Make a Real Difference*  
Register online or get a form at the Info Desk  
([kenaichristianchurch.net](http://kenaichristianchurch.net))

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Teacher Appreciation Sunday  
April 10th

Palm Sunday  
April 17th

Easter Sunday  
April 24th

Sunrise Service 8 am  
Daniel Residence

\*Evening Service, dismissed

## Signs of Spring

Years ago, Dan Clausen, during the Stewardship Meditation, indicated that the first sign of Spring is not the appearance of the snow geese on the Mud Flats, but rather is the appearance of a seed catalogue in the mailbox of every Alaska home gardener. Indeed Dan was correct! Every Alaska gardener knows he/she needs to be planting a large variety of seeds soon, so that the seedlings will be strong enough to be transplanted into the soil later on. Truly, the signs of Spring are beginning to appear all around us--even though there will be more snow to come.

Dan also told us of how he once made a pledge to read EVERY word of the Scripture—even the genealogies! He told us of his struggles as he lay in his bunk on the ship reading every word—and especially of how he found himself reading the genealogies as “Skip-It begat Skip-It,” etc. He would then remember his pledge to read every word, so he would go back and read every one of those names.

The reading of every name caused him to focus on all the names, and he noted that some names had an additional phrase or sentence regarding that particular person following their names; however, most names had nothing written after them. Dan began to wonder, “Should my name have appeared in the genealogies of the Scripture, would God have considered adding a postscript to it?” Dan mentioned several postscripts which would be welcomed by himself, but he wondered aloud that if all our names were mentioned in the Scripture, would the postscript read, “. . . Well done thou good and faithful servant. . . enter into the joy of the Lord”?

Thus, in pondering what Dan said, I have thought about the postscripts God might be placing after our names today even though they are not recorded in the Scripture. “Well done thou good and faithful servant” would be wonderful, but for it to become a reality our minds will have needed to be shaped by Jesus himself. In the Scripture we are taught to develop the MIND OF CHRIST. Perhaps one way to do this would be to ask the following question: If Christ were in my shoes, would He be making the same decisions I make? Would he be drawing the same conclusions I draw? Jesus said of himself (paraphrased by myself), “I did not come to do my will. I came to do my Father’s will.” May this become our will also.

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant. . . .” is a great word of encouragement and an eternal pledge that God offers to those who have the courage to lay aside their own thoughts, and take up the mind of Jesus--thinking as Jesus thinks, and doing as Jesus does.

--Robert

## Encouragement Corner

### American Idle

When I was a senior in high school, one of my buddies was dating a girl in our youth group. Like most of my friends, his means of transportation was the family car. His particular ride was an old Ford Taurus that happened to have a radiator that was prone to overheating. One night he borrowed the family car to take his girlfriend out on a date. Later that evening, his family just happened to be driving by the girlfriend’s house when they spotted the family car parked out front. Billows of steam were pouring out from under the hood, yet the two love struck teenagers claimed that they were so engaged in “conversation” that they failed to notice what was so obvious to others. Luckily for my friend no permanent damage was done to the vehicle or to him by his father. Although, he did receive a rather stern lecture on the destructive potential of letting a car with such problems idle for such a long period of time.

Have you ever owned something that had an idling problem? My chainsaw for a while ran great if I just started it up and let it run. The problem was, the second I would press the throttle to start cutting wood, the engine would die. I finally became so frustrated with it, that I took it in to a mechanic. With a little work, it was running great in no time at all.

In his second letter to the church at Thessalonica, Paul addressed the problem of idleness among some of the believers. In 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13 Paul says, “For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ‘If a man will not work, he shall not eat.’ We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.”

Unfortunately I believe that many of our teens have become fans of the “American Idle.” What is the “American Idle?” It is a “someone else will do it for me” mentality, which has been allowed to flourish in homes across our nation. I’m not exactly sure what has caused it, but its affects are undeniable. Talk to someone in the work force today who is trying to hire young people. Employers are having a terrible time finding youth who are willing to work hard for a paycheck. In fact, some of them even lack the most basic of skills to perform simple duties. For example, I once talked to an adult who said that they had to show a teenager how to use a shovel. Now that’s pathetic!

What can we do as parents to combat this? I believe Paul would say to us make them “earn the bread they eat”. In other words, young people need to earn their keep and pull their own weight around the house. What does this mean in your family? That’s between you, your family and God to figure out. I would encourage you though to take this problem seriously, so your child does not become the next great “American Idle.”

Bryan

## Mission Moment

Attention: Up and Coming Missionaries in Our Midst  
If you were at morning services on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, you learned about a young woman from our congregation who is heading south this summer; south of the border. Shaina Aho, a senior at Kenai Central High School, has recently been accepted as an intern for Ninos de Mexico, one of the missions we support here at Kenai Christian Church. (You can check them out at [www.ninosdemexico.org](http://www.ninosdemexico.org))

We look at Shaina as a great example, someone giving their time, money and talents to further the kingdom of God. In James 1:27 it says:

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

Throughout the Old and the New Testaments, we see God mentioning the care of orphans on numerous occasions; it was something that was to set apart those in the kingdom of God. Thousands of years later, the need is still there, and God's people are still being called to make a difference in the lives of the world's neediest people.

We want to recognize, thank and show our support to Shaina as she takes this step of faith to move to a foreign country for a season to share the gospel and show the love of Jesus in a practical and much needed way. If you see Shaina around, tell her you are proud of her and can't wait to hear about what God is doing in Mexico.

If you are interested in missions, but don't know where to start, please stop by the Missions bulletin boards in the foyer. The Missions Team meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, downstairs in the Middle School room. We welcome you to come and check it out. Our goal is to help connect the people and resources here to the vast number of needs and people around the world. Your prayers, letters of encouragement, time and money are a bigger blessing than maybe you will ever know.

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ*

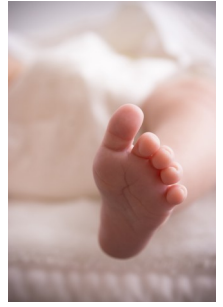
1Corinthians 12:12

We all have a role to play, let us seek the Lord as to what we can do to further His work here on Earth. Then, in the joy and strength of the Lord, let us go and do it.

It's a BOY!

**Luke Alexander**

was born February 6, 2011  
to Nicole & Jeremy Norton and  
big brother, Jude  
Proud grandparents are  
Dale & Diane Aldridge  
~ Congratulations ~



~ Congratulations ~  
Steven Musgrove  
wed  
Tatjana Toney  
February 5, 2011



Alien Youth Winter Retreat  
March 11-13  
Solid Rock Bible Camp  
Register today!

March 20th  
Spring begins!



*Our Sympathies*

To Alan & Robin Thye,  
Alan's father has recently passed away

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24



# KCC Women

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

**Women's Ministry  
2011 theme**

GOD SEEKER  
AMOS 5:4  
"SEEK GOD AND LIVE"

**Mark your calendar for  
upcoming dates:**

March 13th - Daylight Saving Time  
*Turn your clocks ahead one hour*

March 13th-18th - Spring Break



*John 15:13*  
**Greater love has no one than this,  
that he lay down his life for his friends.**

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**Operation Christmas Child**  
Donations can be left in the tote  
under the mailboxes in the foyer.

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



**Are YOU living in CHAOS?**  
(Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome)

Do you feel overwhelmed, overextended,  
and overdrawn?  
Hopeless and you don't know where to start?  
Don't worry friend, we've been there, too.  
Check out [www.flylady.net](http://www.flylady.net)



Amy Gozelski will be teaching  
a 3 week, Wednesday  
night class on prayer.  
This class will combine with  
Veronica's prayer group  
Class meets in Leslie's  
room #3 downstairs  
March 6, 16 & 23

*"Be joyful always; pray continually;  
give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for  
you in Christ Jesus"*  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

**Mommy Gym Time**  
Bring a paper bag lunch  
for your family and come  
visit with other moms  
while your children play

**KCC Family Life Center**  
Time: 11:30-1:30  
Friday March 25th  
Friday April 15th

**Miracles Still Happen...**

From Revive Our Hearts and  
Nancy Leigh DeMoss  
Take the 30-Day Husband  
Encouragement Challenge  
and see what God does!

Every day, for 30 days, you cannot say  
anything negative or critical about your  
husband to your husband or to anyone  
else, about your husband.

You must say something positive or  
admirable about your husband  
to your husband and to some-  
one else about your husband.  
[www.reviveourhearts.com](http://www.reviveourhearts.com)





# Alien Youth Alert! March 2011

## Verse of the month

**Ecclesiastes 12:13**— Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man..

### Upcoming Events!

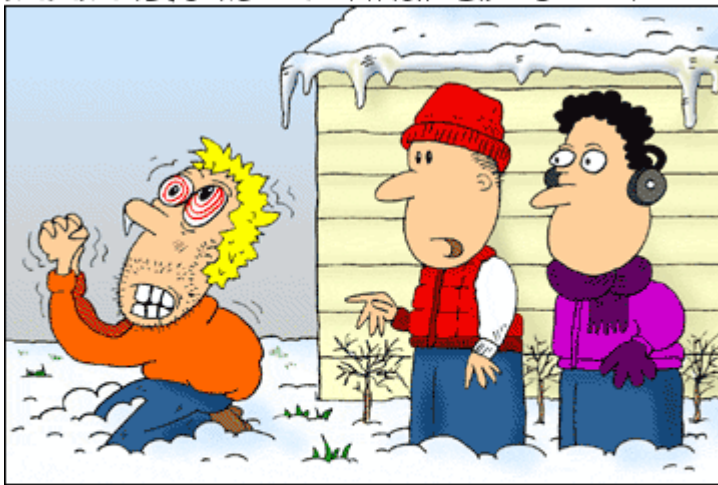
**Winter Retreat** March 11th-13th  
It is not too late to register.

**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.

**Guys Nite Out**— An all night hang out @  
your local youth minister's house for GUYS  
ONLY! March 15th Look for more details to  
come!

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HE STARTS PRAYING FOR SPRING IN JANUARY  
... BY FEBRUARY HE IS UP TO SIX PRAYERS  
PER DAY ... BY MARCH IT IS JUST PLAIN  
SCARY

## Winter Retreat!!

There are two things that I have said that all Alien Youth should experience before they graduate high school. The first one is a week at summer camp. And the second one is **WINTER RETREAT!** I cannot express how important to you as youth (and you as parents if you are reading this) Winter Retreat actually is. This will be my sixth Winter Retreat, and I can tell you from the past five years that it has a way of changing the lives of all who attend.

For those who have never been before, here's what you can expect:

- Excellent worship music
- Meeting new friends across Alaska
- Terrific guest speakers
- Games, fun, and recreation
- Cabin memories to last a lifetime
- Digging deeper into God's Word

Here's the way it works. Have your parents drop you off at Solid Rock Bible Camp (in Soldotna) on Friday, March 5th @ 7pm. Bring your sleeping bag, Bible, towel, toiletries, a couple of changes of clothes, snow gear for the sledding hill. Leave your iPods, cell phones, and MP3 players at home. Your parents can pick you up from Solid Rock Bible Camp after morning services end on Sunday morning.

Though "early bird" registration has passed, you can register for Winter Retreat from now until the doors open. The cost of Winter Retreat is \$85, and you can make checks payable to Wasilla Christian Church. Registration forms are located in the high school & middle school rooms, and in the main foyer.

A huge Winter Retreat fan,  
-Adam



Daylight Saving Time begins  
March 13th at 2 am  
Turn your clocks  
forward one hour,  
this is also a good time to change the  
batteries in your  
smoke detectors.