

GOOD NEWS

I want to be a Worker for the Lord!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan's grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Chloe Larson, Nell Kelly, Wayne Ezell, Charlie Elliot is having open heart surgery. Carrol Reed's family for the loss of her sister.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Charles and Neil, Thad Douthitt (deployed)

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Sign Up Sheets: Check the sign up sheets and reserve your dates for snow shoveling, summer yard work and building clean up!

Volunteers Needed!!! We need volunteers for our evangelism program, see Bill.

Today's Scripture: " Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15 (HCSB)**

Today's Proverb: " A worker's appetite works for him because his hunger urges him on." **Proverbs 16:26 (HCSB)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 65

Record: 96

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AT WASILLA

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17
Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

COME JOIN US!

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord

By: Bill Beebe
Church of Christ at Wasilla

We all remember things from our past, especially from our youth when we grow older. I remember growing up in the Mississippi River Delta of east Arkansas. We were very poor, but daddy made sure that we had the necessities of life somehow. We grew up in an extended family, on a subsistence farm. Of course then we didn't know that word "subsistence", we just did what had to be done to get by. Daddy and my uncles cut oak and cypress trees that were three to five feet in diameter with a two person chain saw, then took the logs to another uncle's sawmill, cut lumber then built homes, barns, fences and shops. We had a milk cow and she provided all the milk we could use. We made our own butter, churned it by hand listening to the "Grand Ole Opry" on the radio on Saturday nights because we had no TV. We didn't have any neighbors either, so my brother and I spent almost all our time in the woods. We trapped fish, hunted rabbits and squirrel, and produced all the vegetables we ate. On rare occasions, we would drive into town on Saturday nights, maybe once a month or less, but we didn't have enough money to go to the movies (it cost \$0.25 per person which was just too much for us then). Daddy would stand on the street and talk with other farmers while mother sat in the truck talking with another farm wife in the truck next to us. Danny and I would sit with her just listening and watching people. And, when we got a little older wishing we could go to the movies like everyone else.

But Sundays was another matter. We got to go to church! I remember listening to the preachers preach back then. And like the Johnny Cash song, "The Reverend Mr. Black", they could preach hot hell or freezing show. But it was the singing that I remember most. We had a musical family. My mother sang on live radio when she was young, her cousins Slim, Speck and Dusty Rhodes had a country music TV show in Memphis. Mother met Elvis Presley before he became famous because he sang on her cousins TV show a few times and she baby sat for them while they were on the air. After Slim died, Speck played on the Porter Wagoner show along with Dolly Pardon. Porter, Dolly and Speck would, on occasion, drop by mother and daddy's house for a home cooked meal when playing shows nearby. I remember well the old standards we sang often. Songs like "Walking In Sunlight", "Give Me The Bible", "More About Jesus" and others were sung so often we rarely needed a song book. But one of those old standards keeps me motivated today. And it is what I want us to consider as we develop and institute our evangelism program here. That song is "I Want To Be A Worker". It is song 297 in our song books. The first verse says "I want to be a worker for the Lord. I want to love and trust His holy word; I want to sing and pray and be busy everyday, in the vineyard of the Lord."

Our elders have decided to commit to an active and serious evangelism program here. The goal is to take the gospel of Jesus to the Mat-Su Valley and throughout southcentral Alaska. But they cannot do this by themselves, nor can we do it with only me helping. We need the congregation to get involved! Hans and Ed understand, as does God, that people have to make a living for themselves and their families. In fact, Paul tells us that a person who fails to take care of his family is worse than an infidel (1Timothy 5:8). But God also expects Christians to spread the gospel. That is what the early church did. Paul continued to make tents as he evangelized Corinth. Luke was a doctor, Peter a fisherman, Aquila and Priscila were tentmakers but their occupations didn't prevent them from evangelizing.

Jesus gave us all the great commission, He didn't limit it only to those preachers and evangelists of the early church. Nor is it limited to the Elders, Preachers and Evangelists today. The only way we are going to be successful in this program is for the entire congregation to get involved. Not all of us have the same abilities, some can preach, some can lead singing, some can teach. Paul recognizes this and speaks about it to the Corinthian church (1Corinthians 12). But we all can do something! And working together we can be known as those who turned the Mat-Su Valley upside down and in the process win many souls for Jesus.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for volunteers to start working in some of the programs we intend to begin. Things like writing articles for the Bulletin, calling visitors, making personal visits to our visitors, teaching a home Bible study, greeting visitors at the church services, visiting the sick, teaching new converts, and helping in the office with our mail campaigns are some of the things we will need help with. So.....pray for our evangelism program. And while you are at it, pray that God guide you into the area of work that will best fit your talents, your schedule and the congregations' efforts. Then, after spending time in prayer contact Ed, Hans or me and let us know how you are willing to be "A Worker For The Lord"!

