

GOOD NEWS



Men's Business Meeting

That is, to be mutually encouraged by each others faith both yours and mine.

Romans 1:12 HCSB

Today, Immediately Following AM Worship

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, Tim Reed, Charles and Neil

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

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Ladies Bible Class: There will be a ladies bible class starting Monday December 4. See Beverly Murdock for more information.

Today's Scripture: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." **John 4:35 (KJV)**

Today's Proverb: "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame." **Proverbs 10:5 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 75

Record: 96

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Church of Christ 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

Evangelism

A couple of weeks ago I received a news bulletin on my phone from one of the sites that I follow. This is a history site and covers items related to historical facts, persons, and situations. The item that I received was news concerning a man who had gone to a flea market in one of the eastern coastal states and purchased an old photograph for \$10.00. When he got home he took a careful look at it. The article didn't say, but I suspect that he became quite excited over the photograph, because on close examination it seemed to show two famous characters from the late 1800's American West. The photograph was of four men, the one on the left was Billy the Kid, the one on the right was Pat Garrett. It is only the third confirmed photograph of Billy the Kid in existence and the only known photo of both Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett together. At the time the news article was transmitted, the value of the photo had not been firmed up but it was estimated to be worth several millions and perhaps several tens of millions. It was a good investment.

I showed the article and photograph to Peggy and told her "I don't know why something like that can't happen to me!" Her reply was simple and caused me to think about a lot of things beside getting rich off an old photograph. She said, "Because you never go to flea markets."

There is a lot of wisdom in that simple response of hers!

Friends of mine have wondered why God doesn't seem to answer their prayers. Maybe it has something to do with the fact that they say "I will pray" for this or that but in reality they never do. Maybe your prayers are not answered because you never really pray. Paul tells us to pray without ceasing and James tells us that it is the effectual, fervent prayers of righteous people that work (1 Thessalonians 5:17 and James 5:16) Simply telling someone that you will pray for them without actually meeting God in personal prayer will never work. You have to actually pray and not just say that you will.

I have known others wonder why the young people today don't now the Bible like the last generation, or the one before that did. Maybe it has something to do with the fact that parents are not teaching it at home. Or perhaps it has to do with the fact that few children growing up today actually see their parents sit down and study THEIR bible. Luke gave us an account of those in Berea who eagerly examined the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Note that he said that those in Berea *welcomed the message* and *examined the Scriptures daily*. They didn't just read a verse or two, they searched, they examined and they welcomed it into their daily lives.

By: Bill Beebe
Church of Christ at Wasilla

The elders here at the church of Christ at Wasilla have asked me to work with them to get an evangelism program going. Working with Ed and Hans, we are developing a program called "Targeted Evangelism" that we hope will be successful in our mission of getting the gospel of Jesus spread throughout the valley and beyond. This program will involve the following things:

- Visitor follow up. We will actually make contact with those who chose to visit us. This will be done by:
 - Mailing a card along with a few tracts thanking them for visiting
 - Making at least three phone calls telling them how much we appreciated their visit and asking that they consider visiting again
 - Making personal visits if possible
 - And finally offering to set up a personal bible study with them
- Member invitees. We will encourage each of you to invite a friend to visit with us. But don't stop with just asking them to visit with us, target them by:
 - Praying daily that they will visit with you
 - Asking the church to pray for them to visit with us
 - Asking others to call and invite them to visit with us
- Community outreach. We want to become proactive in community outreach. We want to go out and invite people to visit us, we want to go out and ask to set up bible studies.
 - This is not just something that the elders and evangelists is responsible for, it should be the goal of each and every Christian.
 - We need to remember what Jesus said, and understand that it is just as truthful today as it was then
 - **John 4:35 (HCSB)**
³⁵ "Don't you say, 'There are still four more months, then comes the harvest'? Listen to what I'm telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ready for harvest."

So, what does some rare photo of a famous outlaw and a future lawman have to do with evangelism in Wasilla, Alaska? It all boils down to this, you won't find that rare photo unless you go to the flea markets, AND our evangelism program will not be successful unless each of you actually participate. In order to convert someone, we actually have to ask them to attend, teach them the gospel and be an example so that they see true Christianity and not some watered down pretend version that is so prevalent in the world today.