

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

## Christian In Name Only

AM Sermon - Bill Beebe

### OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Emily Hatley, Mike and Wyatt Couch, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill & Peggy, Ralph & Terry, Justin

**Our new sister in Christ!** Shawn Marie was baptized July 14th. Keep her in your prayers.

**Traveling/Working:** Ben, Tom and Deb, Nicole Nordstrom, Paul, Eddie and Susan, Phillip and Jenifer, Hans and Danesa

**Radio Programs:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Today's Scripture:** "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." 1 John 5:3 (KJV (WS))

#### Wisdom for Today:

Attendance Last Sunday:63 Our Record: 107  
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## 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  
Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### MEETING TIMES

##### Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM  
AM Worship: 11AM  
PM Worship: 5PM

##### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

#### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

#### COME JOIN US!

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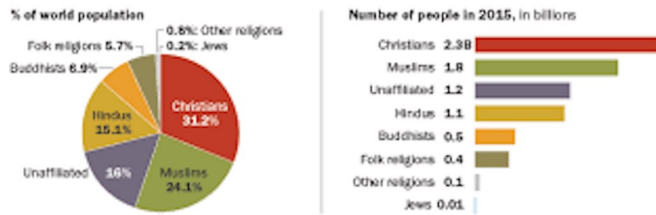
Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

## “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us

### Christian In Name Only

Out of the 7.8 billion people in the world today, about 2.5 billion claim to be Christians. These 2.5 billion people are members of one of the more than 45,000 denominations in the world today. Christianity is the largest religious group in the world. The following chart displays data from 2015 which is the latest I could find, but it should be reasonably accurate. As you can see most of the

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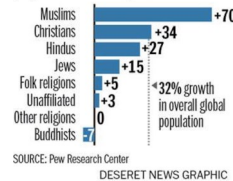


Source: Pew Research Center demographic projections. See Methodology for details. "The Changing Global Religious Landscape" PEW RESEARCH CENTER

world claims to being Christians. However looking at the next chart we will find that the fastest growing religion in the world today is Islam. It is

### Fastest growing religious group

Estimated percent change in population size, 2015-2060



expected that there will be more Muslims in the world than those claiming to be Christians within the next few years. One of the reasons for this is that although 2.5 billion people claim to be Christians only a small percentage of those actually practice their religion. In the United States the latest surveys indicate that only about 24% of all Americans claim to attend services at least once a week as of 2020 ([Statista Research Department](#), Jan 15, 2021) This is down from 38% who claimed to attend services at least once a week in 2002. A 2018 survey found that 41% of Americans who claim to be Christians attend church serviced at least once weekly

The point is that there is a large percent of people who are Christians In Name Only. They claim to be followers of Jesus and yet ignore some of the most important practices of a true Christian. The writer of the book of Hebrews told us “<sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25 (KJV (WS)). In addition to this we are told to participate in the Lords Supper and to lay in store on the first day of the week. Jesus himself told us the importance of the Lords Supper. In John 6:53–58 (KJV (WS)) we are told “<sup>53</sup> Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.” <sup>54</sup> Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh

## go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup> He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. <sup>58</sup> This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.” After Jesus told us the importance of this practice, Luke told us that the early church did this on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7 (KJV (WS)) “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.” Paul also told us that it is on the first day of the week that we are to give as we prosper 1 Corinthians 16:2 (KJV (WS)) “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

Because of these commandments the 59% of Americans who call themselves Christians are actually Christians In Name Only. Not only do these passages by John, the writer of Hebrews, and Luke tell us that CINO’s are most prevalent in the Church, Jesus gives us a command to evangelize the world Mark 16:15–16 (KJV (WS)) “<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” <sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” We know that the gate is straight and the way is narrow that leads to salvation and there are few that will travel it (Matthew 7:14 (KJV (WS))), so we need to take an inventory of our lives and determine if we are Christians or CINO’s Jesus told us that the greatest commandment is to love God, then John told us we know that we love God if we keep his commandments (1 John 5:3). Do you love God? Are you keeping His commandments or are you a CINO?

### Schedule of Events

September 18  
September 29

Public Bible Study  
Wednesday Night Singin

Wasilla Library  
Building