

August 27th, 2017 BULLETIN for the

# 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

I can do  
ALL THINGS  
through  
**CHRIST**  
Who  
STRENGTHENS  
ME Phil 4:13

### OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray For:** Logan’s grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Cassie Douthitt, Chloe Larson.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, Beverly & children, and Tiffany & children.

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

**Today’s Scripture:** “Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.” **John 18:37** (KJV)

**Today’s Proverb:** “Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:” **Pro.24:3** (KJV)

**Attendance Last Sunday: 63**

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#### MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7PM

#### COME JOIN US!

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

## A MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL AMONG US

Too much of our writing, preaching, and visiting is directed to the weak and unfaithful. We want to reverse that order here. This article is not addressed to you who have to be begged, petted, and pampered before you will attend the services of the church, and still are absent as often as you are present. This isn't for those who only give the church their excuses, and grumble, complain, that category can stop now, for this is not written for you. This is written for the faithful.

The vocabulary is not large enough to tell you wonderful people how much you are appreciated. It does not matter how many meetings the elders call in a week, you will be present. Neither the weather nor company of any kind is able to keep you from your responsibilities. Whatever attractions or distractions the world may offer; you will not forsake the Lord or His people. You make whatever sacrifices are necessary. You always support fully every program submitted by the Elders and deacons. You will accept an assignment, when you do it is a forgone conclusion that you will successfully complete it.

You don't flirt with sin and see how worldly you can become without completely apostatizing. You are appreciated even more because you demand no special attention or praise or recognition for your service, and you do not consider regular and faithful attendance of each class or worship period in services to God as a grievous burden or a great feat of valor. You are a good example to the youngest member and an inspiration to all. You make the work of an elder, preacher, deacon, or Bible class teacher much lighter. Thank you for being what the Bible describes as a simple New Testament Christian! 📖 Selected

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

We sing with our kids almost every day about the fruit of the Spirit. It's a song that is one of their favorites about the Scriptures, based on, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22). There are times after we sing the song that I ask for examples of how they've demonstrated the fruit of the Spirit that day. They have to think a little about what it means to live and make decisions that conform to what they like to sing about. There are other times we talk about situations where they, or others they've seen that day, fell short. However, the point is that it's often easy to read about praising God, loving Jesus or being a follower of Christ, but we should closely examine and understand what that means in the context of what we do each day—or refrain from doing. Praising God in song on Sunday morning may sound easy, but do we praise Him in our thanksgiving. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15)? It's easy to be thankful when things go well, but do we have the mindset of Paul when Jesus told him that His strength was made perfect in weakness? Paul concluded, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). This part is not so easy. Loving Jesus seems even easier; how could one not love Jesus? Yet, then we see the reminder, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also" (1 John 4:20-21). Of course, we know on the Day of Judgment that we'll be judged as to how we've treated Christ by whether we showed our love to the "least of these my brethren..." (Matthew 25:40). It's easy to talk about being a follower of Christ, but the full requirement reads, "...if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23b). What do we deny ourselves, or what daily cross do we bear to be a follower of Jesus? It takes thought (and forethought) to understand how to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh (Galatians 5:16, 25). Paul said, "...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). Let's pray for spiritual discernment and strength to not only acknowledge what is good, but be doers of it. 📖 Matthew Johnson