

TRUST
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Love
 with
ALL
 your
Heart
 Proverbs 3:5

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: "And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." **Col. 3:17 (1901 ASV)**

Today's Proverb: "Hear instruction, and be wise, And refuse it not." **8:33 (1901 ASV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 63

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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 Classes 7PM

COME JOIN US!

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

A CULTURAL SHIFT

It cannot be denied that we have seen a dramatic shift in cultural values in our country in the past 40 years, and especially the past decade. Time was when we, as a nation, believed in God, taught Biblical principles to our children, and discussed God's word with others on a daily basis.

But things have changed - for the worse. Instead of bringing up our children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4), our government leaders, along with a compliant media, are stressing that we need to remove "God" from our schools, society, and life because those who don't believe in God might be offended! So now we no longer read Bible stories in school, no longer do we hear prayers uttered to God, and since we have effectively removed God from public life, and children never learn of God from their parents at home, they begin to act as if there is no God! Then when they commit some horrible atrocity, taking the lives of innocent people, we ask ourselves: "What is happening to our nation?" Suggestion—is it possible that we are simply receiving what we ask for—a Godless society?

God has been replaced by a secular world which denies His existence, and when we "sow the wind, we reap the whirlwind" (Hosea 8:7). Centuries ago, a king arose in Egypt which knew not the story of Joseph, and how God had blessed him and his people (Ex. 1:8). Time passed and another ruler obstinately asked: "Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice...?" (Ex. 5:2). And the beat goes on, and on! Will we ever learn?

 Wayne Price

THE JOY AND JOLT OF THE CROSS

There is a false faith among us... deeply and convincingly so...that the church is fun, is alive, is productive, and is meaningful. Well... it surely better be. Yet, this is only one side of the picture and to assume this is the entirety, will end in sheer breakdown of God's intent for us. Absolutely the church is strongly alive and incredibly meaningful. Personally, I'm nuts about it. To give people hope when their hearts are shattered is some sort of awesome calling. To help some understand that the things going wrong in their lives are actually secret benefits and blessings? Well, what a story everyone has. However, if one is to experience the true life of Christ, we must absorb the truth that we have been designated a cross; not to sing a song about, but to carry. This cross has weight; it is a drag. It's unhandy like all get out. And... quite honestly it hurts. Jesus said. Pick it up! If one is in the church without the personal cross, feelings get hurt easily and then 'Feelings' begin to rule. The cross doesn't feel good... period. But we are in this for the eventual life that such a tool gives others and promises us. From the cross we can envision what can be — for ourselves...and especially for others. The cross is neither handy nor is it convenient. If you have one, carry one, you will surely get your feelings hurt and you will find that you didn't get your way. People will be rude. Insult will be in your face. Ideas will be misrepresented and efforts will be derailed. Welcome, therefore, to the side of church that isn't fun... but this deep and offensive struggle is crucially significant for every person who claims to be a part of it. Rejection is a part of the plan of salvation. There are no exceptions. Either we will endure. Or, we will quit. The cross is the defining and dividing factor as to how our personal walks go. Hebrews 12:2fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

 David Dirrim