

GOOD NEWS

# Walking Together

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**Today’s Scripture:** “Can two walk together without agreeing to meet” **Amos 3:3 (HCSB)**

**Today’s Proverb:** “Proclaim Yahweh’s greatness with me; let us exalt His name together” **Psalms 34:3 (HCSB)** .

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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  
 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

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## Walking Together

We humans are social beings. God created us that way from the beginning. In Genesis we are told “The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found as his complement. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. Then the LORD God made the rib He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. **Genesis 2:20-22 (HCSB)**. God created us male and female to work together from the very beginning. But it is not only a man and a woman together that causes us to do our best work. It is cooperation among many of us, all working toward a single goal, where humans can really do great, or terrible, things.

God knew this as well. After man was created, when we all had a single language, God recognized this. “And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do” **Genesis 11:5-6 (KJV)**. What the story about Babel tells us is that when we work together, with a common goal and a unified purpose, we can accomplish great things!

Paul and Peter understood the value of working together as well. Seldom do we see either of them working alone in the New Testament. The Apostles are together at Pentecost, while Luke records Peter's speech we are told that all were there and speaking (Acts 2:4). Peter and John were together at the temple when Peter healed the lame person (Acts 3:1). Peter took several Christians with him when he went to speak to Cornelius (Acts 10:44-47). Paul worked with Barnabas, John Mark, Silas, Luke, Timothy and a great many others. Barnabas worked with Paul, John Mark, Simeon, Lucius and others before working with Paul (Acts 13-15). Aquila and Priscilla worked together to teach Apollos (Acts 18:24-26). Working together, the early Christians were able to evangelize the entire known world even when being persecuted horribly (Acts 17:6, Acts 24:5).

The elders have not set their sights on evangelizing the known world (yet), but they have decided that we need to evangelize the Mat-Su Valley. We can only do this if we use the pattern given to us in the Bible, **working together**. It didn't matter how gifted Paul and Peter were, they didn't try to do the work alone, they always had others with them. Paul and Peter may have done most of, or perhaps all of, the speaking and teaching. But they had others with them, working together with them. And that gave them the strength, courage, and support that they needed to do the accomplish the great things that they did. So, here in Wasilla, the elders working alone, the evangelist working alone, the deacons working alone, the preachers working alone or individuals working alone will not be able to accomplish as much as we will if we work together.

## By: Bill Beebe

Sometimes within the next month, or so, we are going to ask each of you to complete a questionnaire. This questionnaire will help the elders determine the direction that the church will take over the next year. The purpose is to identify the things that the church has done well, the things that we haven't done so well and ideas about improving our ministry here in the valley. This questionnaire will be designed to be completed anomalously. Along with it, though, will be a form asking you what you are willing to do to further the ministry of the church here.

Are you willing to work as a husband and wife team, like Aquila and Priscilla, to teach personal bible studies? Are you willing to work with the elders and evangelists, like Timothy, Luke, Silas, and others to visit, to study, and to teach? Are you willing to work with another man to spread the gospel like Barnabas and John Mark? Are you willing to work with other women to do good works and acts of charity like Dorcas (Acts 9:36-39)? Are you willing to work with other women to support the operations of the church like Lydia and the Philippian women (Acts 16:12-15)?

Working together toward a common goal, we can and will accomplish great things here in Wasilla and throughout the Mat-Su Valley and then throughout the state of Alaska! Fragmented, working alone and especially taking the attitude that someone else will do it will result in little or no progress toward our goals. In fact it may result in a dying and decaying congregation as we expect someone else to do the things that need when nobody actually does them. Let us get together, let us work toward the common goal of saving as many souls here in the Mat-Su Valley as we possibly can. When we truly work together toward a shared vision, like the men and women at Babel before God divided their languages, we will be able to do great and magnificent things! And God will be able to say about us “nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do”!

Do you want to see souls won in the Mat-Su Valley for God? Do you want to see the church of Christ at Wasilla grow spiritually and in numbers? Do you want to turn the world upside down? Or are you willing to accept the status quo, hope someone will do it and coast through life thinking that I have done all I need to do?

Let us answer the question Amos posed. Let us agree to meet and walk together toward a shared vision of a Mat-Su Valley won for Christ and the church of Christ at Wasilla becoming the largest and most active congregation of the Lords church in Alaska.