

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Your Soul

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Nate Nichols, Darlene Smith, Wayne Ezell, and Peggy Beebe

**New Arrival:** Brezlynn Desiree Grace Morigeau arrived April 3, 2019 at 4:28 PM. She weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and is 21 inches tall. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Tom and Debra are traveling. Eddie and Susan are traveling.

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

**Today's Scripture:** "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" **Matthew 16:26 (ESV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "Behold, God does all these things, twice, three times, with a man, to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be lighted with the light of life" **.Job 33:29-30 (ESV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 85/69 Record: 107**

*For more detail, please go to the web site.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### ELDERS:

|                |                |  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Ed Maxwell     | (907) 373-5583 | <a href="mailto:ed@churchofchristwasilla.com">ed@churchofchristwasilla.com</a> |
| Hans Nicholson | (907) 230-2969 | <a href="mailto:hnichs@gmail.com">hnichs@gmail.com</a>                         |
| Paul Stone     | (907) 491-1170 | <a href="mailto:good_nooz@yahoo.com">good_nooz@yahoo.com</a>                   |

### DEACONS:

|               |                |  |
|---------------|----------------|--|
| Joe Murdock   | (907) 715-0089 | <a href="mailto:montana2189@hotmail.com">montana2189@hotmail.com</a>                       |
| Phillip Kelly | (907) 632-1118 | <a href="mailto:affordablehydroseeding@hotmail.com">affordablehydroseeding@hotmail.com</a> |
| Logan Decker  | (907) 244-1777 | <a href="mailto:logan.decker@gmail.com">logan.decker@gmail.com</a>                         |

### EVANGELIST

|            |                |  |
|------------|----------------|--|
| Bill Beebe | (907) 841-9261 | <a href="mailto:bill@churchofchristwasilla.com">bill@churchofchristwasilla.com</a> |
|------------|----------------|--|

April 14th, 2019 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

### 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!

The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:

2061 N. Merciful Circle  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
(907) 373-5773

Visit our website at:

[www.churchofchristwasilla.com](http://www.churchofchristwasilla.com)

*Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected*

## Your Soul

When I was in college, most of the guys in the dorms had posters in their rooms. Some were posters of forest, and others were of on different topics. However, I remember one poster that a student had in his room that impressed me then and even now. It showed a beautiful woman, well dressed, and then showed what she would look like below the skin as a result of smoking. That side of the poster had her all drawn up, black and grey, and most of her lungs, heart and other organs dead or dying. It was a strong message against smoking.

I often think about that poster, and wonder what my soul would look like if I could see it. We are very concerned about taking care of our bodies. A lot of us work out, walk or run, and we make regular visits to the doctor especially if we think something is going wrong. We regularly feed our bodies (some of us do that too well) and we want it to be in the best condition it can be. None of us want to purposely stunt our growth, nor to cause our bodies to waste away due to lack of food, exercise, and proper care. And that is not necessarily a bad thing. Paul tells us that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 6:19 (ESV)** *"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,"* In the very next verse Paul goes on to tell us that we have been bought with a price and because of that we should glorify God in our body, **1 Corinthians 6:20 (ESV)** *"for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."* Because of this we should be concerned that it is healthy and that we can use it for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

But what about our souls, how do we care for them, or do we even think about caring for them at all? In his letter to the Roman Christians, Paul tells us *"but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness --indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;"* **Romans 2:8-9 (NKJV)** When we do not obey the truth, when we do evil, our souls will go through tribulation and anguish. Too often we do not take care of our souls as we should, and some do not take care of them at all. We take care of our souls by studying God's word. Paul tells us to *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)** When we study and rightly divide the word, we present ourselves as workmen, not ashamed, but ready to defend the truth. Our souls are strengthened by the word of God. Luke tells us in **Acts 14:21-22 (KJV)** *"And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."* After preaching the gospel in Antioch and being stoned and left for dead, Paul and Barnabas

By: Bill Beebe

went back through the churches that they had recently established confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to continue in the faith. Our souls are strengthened when we meet with the church. It is there that we get the encouragement that we need to press on. It is when we meet with the church that we gain strength in our souls, a strength that builds on each other, a strength that allows us to meet the world head on for the next few days.

When we cease to meet with the saints, when we quit reading God's word, when we quit studying our souls begin to shrink and shrivel up. And they begin to weaken to the point that we can not withstand the temptations of Satan and we fall away. It is then that our souls would appear like the poster in my friend's dorm room. Instead of being a thing of beauty, blessed by God and confirmed through the common strength of our brothers and sisters, it becomes something weak, and ugly. This is why the writer of the book of Hebrews warned us to *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 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 10:23-25 (KJV)** It is our duty to encourage each other, to challenge one another to study and to stand strong when temptations are presented to us. But when we stop attending, when we quit making the effort to get up, get ready and meet with our Christian family our souls begin to wilt and fade away. And eventually they will not be strong enough to resist Satan. The Hebrews writer continues by saying *"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"* **Hebrews 10:26-29 (KJV)** We often try to separate these two passages, and by doing that we minimize the impact of irregular or non-attendance. But the Holy Spirit is clear, when we forsake the gathering of the saints, we sin wilfully. And because of this our souls wither and weaken to the point that they can not resist Satan. It is then that we have nothing to look forward to except judgment and separation from God for eternity.

To keep your soul healthy, study the word and meet regularly with the saints. Then exercise it by helping others along the way to develop their own healthy soul.