

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Team Work

OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Judy Michael, Joe Clapp's daughter, is having back surgery Wednesday. Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe needs our prayers. Robert Webster, Peggy's nephew. Han's nephew, he is missing.

**Family Gatherings:** We will have breakfast together at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday January 18; This will be followed by a young men's training at the building. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Ben, Carla, Weston, Bella and Berty are in Tennessee. Steve and Abby are in Juneau.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

**Women's Study:** The next women's study will be Saturday January 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Building. All the women are encouraged to attend.

**Evangelism:** There are several bible studies ongoing. Check the website and attend if you can.

**Today's Scripture:** "And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." **Acts 18:26 (KJV)**

**Wisdom for Today:** "We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company. **Psalm 55:14 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 78/40: Our Record: 107  
*For more detail, please go to the web site.*

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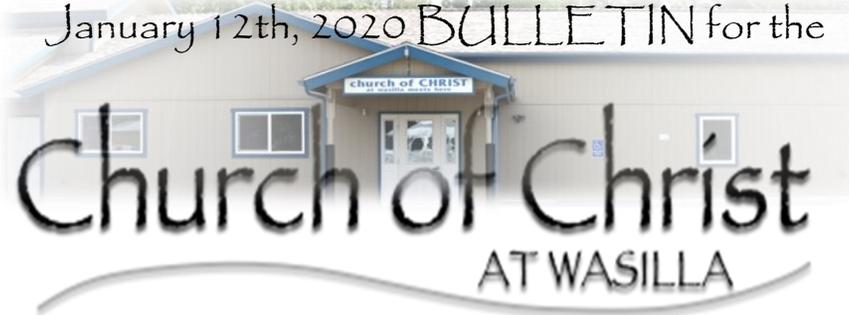
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God's Plan of Salvation

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..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES	
<u>Sunday:</u>	
Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
Bible Study:	7PM
OFFICE HOURS	
Tue./Thur.	Call or Ck Web

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## Team Work

The Bible is full of stories of teamwork. Situations where two or more people worked together, often in difficult situations, to achieve a common goal. We can remember the story of Abraham and Lot prior to their herds growing too large for them to remain together. They traveled together and enjoyed the company and support of one another. Moses writes their stories, inspired by the Holy Spirit, in Genesis 11-13. We can remember David and Jonathan and their friendship and teamwork in the face of King Saul's attempts on David's life (1 Samuel 19). Then who can forget Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the furnace (Daniel 3)? But we can also remember teams that didn't work out so well. We can recall Nadab and Abihu, two sons of Aaron who used strange fire in their incense censers and died for that transgression (Leviticus 10:1-2). Moving into the New Testament we can remember the teamwork of Paul and Barnabas, Paul and Apollos, Paul and Silas, and Peter and John. In fact the book of Acts gives us a lot of stories of teamwork in the early church. But there are two stories that are really interesting to us today. These are the stories of the teamwork of two married couples.

The first is a story of two Christians who worked together to teach another person the gospel more perfectly. Let's read this in **Acts 18:24-28 (KJV)** where Luke writes: <sup>24</sup> And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. <sup>25</sup> This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. <sup>27</sup> And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: <sup>28</sup> For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ." The story of Aquila and Priscilla working with Apollos to teach him the rest of the Gospel beyond what he knew from John's work is one of the best success stories in the book of Acts. And, along with the story of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus is one of the most inspiring. A couple taking a person who was teaching strongly, but knowing only a part of the Gospel and teaching him "more perfectly" is an inspiration to all Christian couples. Paul mentions them in three of his letters; in Romans 16:3, I Corinthians 16:19 and I Timothy 4:19. Beyond this we do not know much about them. But we know that Apollos went on to become a successful minister of Christ. Read I Corinthians and note the references to Apollos.

The second couple is noteworthy for their sin. Ananias and Sapphira tried to lie to the Holy Ghost about their offering. At this time in the early church, Chris-

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tians were selling all that they had and bringing it to the Apostles for the support of the Church. We read the story of this couple in **Acts 5:1-10 (KJV)** "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,<sup>2</sup> And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?<sup>4</sup> Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.<sup>5</sup> And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.<sup>6</sup> And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.<sup>7</sup> And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.<sup>8</sup> And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.<sup>9</sup> Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.<sup>10</sup> Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband." They wanted the respect that those who sold all that they had and gave all of it to the Church received, but they were not willing to turn loose the full amount. They kept some for themselves, but lied when asked about it. This cost both of them their lives.

Teamwork is great and it is very important to the church today just as it was in the first century. But teams can feed off one another for good or bad. So let's work together today to improve the church at Wasilla. Let's work together to convert more people to Christ. But let us never work together to cause divisions, to undercut the Elders, or to teach false doctrine.

