

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Effective Evangelism

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Chris Aumick, Kenny Dearing broke his femur. Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe, Han's nephew, he is missing.

Ladies' Retreat: The Anchorage church of Christ will host a Ladies' Retreat March 20-21. The theme this year is 20/20 Vision Looking Upward. Speaker will be Maria Cox from Nikiski. Ladies' plan to attend.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. JoAnn Maxwell and E4 are visiting family in Bethel, Steve and Abby are in Juneau.

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

Women's Study: The women's study this month will be Saturday February 29, 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 when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;" **Acts 17:6 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country". **Proverbs 25:25 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 70/48: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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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

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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In a world that is filled with horrible news daily it seems almost impossible to think of anything good. Everyday there is a new disease, some politician is involved in a scandal or the next years economy outlook is grim. With all this bad worldly news it is such a blessing to know that we have an escape. That escape is the gospel of Christ. This message or news is the most amazing and wonderful blessing that anyone can ever truly come to understand! The question may be what can we do to spread that wonderful news? I hope to answer this question in this article. It is my prayer that by the end of this you can see it is not only a great privilege to be an evangelist but to strive to be an effective evangelist.

So what is an evangelist? Strongs Concordance defines an evangelist as a preacher of the gospel which literally means to announce good news (especially the gospel) and the Greek word has also been used to mean to bring good tidings. Evangelist is used 3 times and exclusively in the New Testament II Timothy 4:5 NKJV "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;" Acts 21:8 NKJV "On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him." What do we see from the Scriptures? I think it is clear that anyone who claims to be a Christian will be evangelistic. When Paul tells Timothy to be watchful of all this was that only for him? No all of us need to be watchful of what we say, how we act and who we surround ourselves with. We also see that if we are going to be evangelistic it is going to be seen. To say that we are being evangelistic without any effort is to go against the Scriptures. The word of God teaches us by example that Philip was not idle in his efforts to spread the word Acts 8:5-6 NKJV "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did." Could you image Philip claiming to be preaching the good news of the gospel of Christ and then going to a place of sin? Or what about Timothy

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twisting the Scripture so that he would not have to answer difficult question? The answer is no! I am not saying that these men were perfect but the problem we see today is those who claim to be evangelist only to live sinfully or promote a false doctrine. Let us not think that that is acceptable to God.

We now see what an evangelist is, so how do we become an effective evangelist. To me the answer can be as simple or as difficult as we want it to be. For my simple mind I will lean on the holy Scripture to define what it takes to be an effective evangelist. First be faithful, obviously right? Yes, read Hebrews 11:6 NKJV. To think you can even be an evangelist without faith is silly and makes not sense but we know that our faith is not just a belief but made evident by how we live and who we are. Secondly being an effective evangelist requires a faithful lifestyle. James 2:26 NKJV "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." It is not just some checklist that we can skim through and find what suits our needs and cross off that which seems to hard. Being an evangelist is a great blessing that comes with responsibility which must be taken seriously and sincerely! And that is the third and final part of being an effective evangelist in this list. BE SINCERE! Too many people are trying to fit their narrative (which is just a fancy word to say their selfish ambition). And people are tired of this fake Christianity. So when it comes to us who are faithful workers for the Lord let us spread the gospel in sincerity. II Corinthians 6:3-10 NKJV "We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by SINCERE love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." What a gift from God it is that we can faithfully serve Him and know how to be an effective evangelist!