

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Plain Gospel

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Chris Aumick, Kenny Dearing . Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe.

**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.

**Family Activities:** Breakfast at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant beginning at 8:00 AM March 21, 2020, Young Men's training immediately after at the building.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Tom and Debra traveling 3/10-14. Steve and Abby are in Juneau.

**Men's Business Meeting:** There will be a men's business meeting following AM worship Sunday March 22, 2020. Agenda items are due into Ed by March 15, 2020.

**Evangelism Meeting:** There will be an Evangelism Meeting at 10:00 AM Saturday March 28, 2020. Anyone interested in evangelism is encouraged to attend.

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

**Women's Study:** The women's study date will be announced. All the women are encouraged to attend. The topic will be "Muscle and a Shovel".

**Today's Scripture:** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." **Romans 1:16 (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 80/48: Our Record: 107  
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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

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

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

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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## Plain Gospel

The gospel of Jesus is a story of good news. It describes God's final interaction with humankind and the conclusion of His plan to bring salvation to humanity. It tells us about God the Word becoming flesh and living about 33 years as a human, suffering all the temptations, hardships, joys, and sorrows that every human deals with throughout their lives.

It tells us about God's love for humans. In **John 3:16 (KJV)** Jesus tells us "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It tells us about the love of Jesus for us. **Matthew 23:37 (KJV)** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

It tells us about His interactions with the religious rulers of the Israelites and their growing hatred of Him. His teachings were so different from those of the scribes that the people could recognize it; **Matthew 7:28-29 (KJV)** "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." He taught plainly and He taught with parables. But most of the time, His teachings were clearly understood by the people and especially the religious rulers of the time. For example Jesus clearly said what He thought of them in **Matthew 23:13-15 (KJV)** "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

It tells us about His arrest, trial, torture and murder and His resurrection and ascension into Heaven. Because of His clear and plain teachings the scribes, Sadducees, and Pharisees soon became to resent Him. **Matthew 21:15-16 (KJV)** "And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?" It didn't take long for the religious leaders to decide that He had to die. His teaching mission lasted only about three years before He was murdered. The religious leaders began to plot to have him killed and to have it done by the Romans within a short time. **Matthew 26:1-4 (KJV)** "And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these

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sayings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him." Once they started to discuss His death, it didn't take them long to bring their plans to fruition. **Matthew 27:27-31 (KJV)** "Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him."

The Gospel tells us that Jesus was crucified, but that He was raised on the third day. **Matthew 28:1-6 (KJV)** "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." His death, burial and resurrection secured salvation to all who believe and obey.

The simple, plain Gospel message is that Jesus lived, died, was resurrected and finally ascended into Heaven to be an advocate for humans. And in doing so, He presented us a path to salvation. **1 John 2:1-2 (KJV)** "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." And the simple, plain Gospel tells us that all we have to do is hear the story of Jesus, His life, death, resurrection and ascension (Acts 15:7), believe what you have heard (Mark 16:16), repent of your past sins and begin living a life that reflects Jesus (Acts 3:19), confess your belief before others (Romans 10:9), be baptized to wash away your sins thereby calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16) and continue to grow and develop as a follower of Jesus (2 Peter 1:5-11). The path to salvation can not be any more clear than that. It is the plain gospel of Christ.