

## Schedule of Events

**Park Meeting May 30 - June 3, 2022 from 6:30PM to 7:30 PM at Wonderland Park in Wasilla. We will be in the green pavilion. Let Joe know how you can help.**

**Men's Meeting Sunday, June 5, 2022, immediately following the morning worship services.**

**VBS will be coming up soon. Stay tuned and ask Joe how you can help.**

## Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

No one can serve two masters.

## Our Family News

**Pray for /** Cody Riley, Mike Couch's sister, Ed Maxwell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy

**Traveling/Working /** Terri Douthitt, Wyatt Couch, Bill Gillespie

**Radio Programs /** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Today's Scripture /** Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; **Ephesians 6:5 (KJV)**

**Wisdom for Today /** It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. **Psalm 119:71 (KJV)**

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**PM Sermon /** George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 63

For more information check our website at [www.churchofchristwasilla.com](http://www.churchofchristwasilla.com)

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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, Matt 10:32-33

**Be Baptized** Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

**Remain Faithful** Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"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**

### Office Hours

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

**“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1**

## Serving Two Masters

As a young boy, I learned a lot of lessons the hard way. Several of those lessons were taught by my dad and his leather belt, but some were learned completely by myself. One in particular that I learned was that I can't serve two masters at once. When I was away at college one year, I had gotten a job driving tractors for a local farmer. As I began to work, I could tell that there was contradiction in the way I was expected to work at home and for that farmer. I had been taught that the tractor never stopped. To turn it around at the end of the rows, I was expected to raise my equipment while running, turn the tractor and hit the wheel break. This would cause the tractor to spin around on one back wheel and, if done correctly, line you up for the trip back with minimum time lost. I was doing that when the farmer came up and he told me that I was abusing his equipment. At the end of the rows, he expected me to stop the tractor, and while stopped, raise the equipment, then slowly turn the tractor around. And if needed, back up to align the tractor and equipment for the trip back. He threatened to fire me if I didn't do it right. Of course, the other farmers wouldn't tolerate that much wasted time turning around. So, I had a difficult time learning how it was supposed to be done from each farmer.

I found that I couldn't do what one farmer wanted when working for other farmers. Jesus taught us about trying to serve two masters. **Matthew 6:24 (KJV)** says **“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”**

## Straddling A Fence

Have you ever found yourself straddling a fence? Did you not know for sure which way to go to get off? It is not a very comfortable situation; I can attest to that. One Saturday afternoon, I decided to take my bow and see if I could kill a deer. Peggy and I didn't have much money, so all the extra meat I could get was important to us. It was a warm day and the sun was out bright and hot. I was following a deer trail and came to a barbed wire fence. The deer crossed it easily enough, but it was difficult for me. I put my bow on the top strand and pushed it down far enough to let me put my right leg over it and onto the ground on the other side. As soon as my foot hit the ground, I heard the sound that everyone in the south and southwest knows almost from birth, the rattle of a timber rattle snake. With my feet on opposite sides of the fence and spaced wide apart, I felt stuck. I could neither jump, nor could I get my leg back on the other side. As I stood there, sweat began to drop into my eyes and my grip on the bow began to slip. Each time I tried to move my feet, the snake would rattle again. I am not sure how long it took, but I finally saw the snake slither away. I then jumped across the fence and started home; all thoughts of hunting had left my mind.

Straddling a fence is no place to be. We can see the consequences of straddling fences in the early Jewish Christians. They wanted to be Christians and Jews at the same time and that is why they insisted on circumcision of the Gentile Christian males. **“And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.” Acts 15:1 (KJV 1900).** But that wasn't God's direction. The direction of God was given by James after the apostles and elders of the Jerusalem church met with Paul and Barnabas.<sup>1</sup>

## The Day Jesus Cried

One day when Jesus was teaching, a messenger came from Bethany to deliver a message to him. The message was from Mary and Martha, two women who we are told along with their brother Lazarus that Jesus loved. The message contained bad news; Lazarus was sick, and Mary and Martha wanted Jesus to come. Jesus delayed going for two days and when He finally went, Lazarus had died and had been buried for four days. At the grave, Martha, who was crying, met Jesus and told Him that had He been there, her brother wouldn't have died.<sup>2</sup> When Jesus saw her and all of the Jews there crying, the Bible tells us that He groaned in the spirit. Mary was called for and she met Jesus at the grave. He asked where Lazarus was laying then was taken there. While He was being taken there, we are told simply **“Jesus wept” (John 11:35)**. When in front of the tomb, Jesus commanded it to be opened, even while being told that the body had been buried four days and was stinking. Jesus prayed, then shouted, **“Lazarus come out.”** Lazarus came out. What a marvelous sight that must have been. Lazarus, still wrapped in his burial clothes, was standing there in front of the tomb that he had been buried in. Jesus told those there to unwrap him and let him go. What a remarkable Savior we have. He has the power to raise people from the grave, and yet he could feel the utter sadness when someone loses a friend. Praise God that He sent Jesus and not just a being that could not understand how it feels to lose a close one to death.

<sup>1</sup>Acts 15:23-24

<sup>2</sup>John 11:32

**A new format:** As you can see we are trying a new format for the bulletin article. I have discussed it with a few people and have decided to have multiple articles in each Bulletin rather than one long one. Let me know which you prefer by email at [bill@churchofchristwasilla.com](mailto:bill@churchofchristwasilla.com).