### **Schedule of Events**

VBS will be August 1–5, from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM. Ask Joe how you can help. The topic will be the Beatitudes. Classes for all ages, including an adult class. A door knocking will be conducted prior to the VBS.

Gospel Meeting at Rose Street: Terry Starling will be speaking on Godly Families and Raising Godly Children. This will be held over two weekends June 18–19 and June 25–26. Check with Joe or Bill for times.

### Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Rumors are like soft butter, easy to spread but impossible to un-spread.

# **Our Family News**

**Pray for** / Cody Riley, Mike Couch's sister, Josiah, Helen Spicer, and Peggy. **Pray for each other daily.** 

**Traveling/Working /** Ben, Carla and Bella Gillespie, Tom Betti, Wyatt Couch, Hans, Danesa, and Jennifer K.

**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** / And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. 2 Peter 2:3 (KJV)

**Wisdom for Today** / The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **Psalm 12:6 (KJV)** 

PM Sermon / George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 49

For more information check our website at 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

SundayBible Classes10AMAM Worship11AMPM Worship5PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7PM

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## **Sticks and Stones**

### By Bill Beebe

How many of us have heard, or even repeated, the children's lyric "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me"? Then as we get older, we often come to realize that words can hurt. In some cases, they can and do hurt more than sticks and stones ever could. But they hurt the speaker far more than the person to whom they are directed. In Matthew 12:34-35 (KJV) Jesus states "34O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. <sup>35</sup>A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Then He follows that with Matthew 12:36-37 (KJV) "<sup>36</sup>But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Words spoken in an attempt to demean or hurt someone else will wind up hurting the speaker much more. They will have to give an account for them in judgment. We should all remember this and measure our speech well.

# **A Permanent Solution to Violence**

### By Bill Beebe

Violence is running rampant in our country today. All we have to do to understand this is listen to the evening news. They don't report all the cases of abused wives and husbands because there are so many of them. The abused children get on the news when the abuse is egregious. We know that Jesus was willing to go through terrible humiliation and torture then finally a cruel and painful death for us. But he taught that we should love our neighbors. When he was asked who is our neighbor by a Jewish lawyer who was trying to trick him, Jesus responded with the parable that we call "The Good Samaritan". This conversation has been recorded for us in Luke 10:23-37. The initial exchange begins with the lawyer asking Jesus what he had to do to inherit eternal life. Listen to the response that Jesus gave him; Luke 10:25–28 (KJV) "<sup>25</sup>And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? <sup>26</sup>He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? <sup>27</sup>And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. <sup>28</sup>And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." We all know the rest of the parable. When asked "Who is my neighbor" his answer was especially eye opening to the Jews, because the neighbor in this parable was a Samaritan, a people especially disliked by the Jews.

The animosity that people hold toward one another is sometimes incomprehensible. It often spills over into shouting matches filled with vulgarity and physical violence. In those times of anger, words hurt, and the result can be and often is catastrophic. All we have to do is take a look at the number of divorces and abused women, children and even men in our communities. Now we can also look at the number of mass shootings by children. Why do we have this level of anger and hatred for each other? The answer is simple, we as a nation have forgotten God and goodness and are following Satan and evil.

The permanent solution to violence in our country is also simple, but often politically incorrect, get back to the Bible. It teaches that we should love God and each other. Matthew 22:35-40 (KJV) "Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." And in those two commandments lies the answer to stemming violence in our communities.