

## Schedule of Events

**Vacation Bible School** August 1–5, 2022. Contact Joe for information and spread the news.

The potluck and singing schedule for this evening at Phillip and Jennifer Kelly's has been cancelled due to sickness in the congregation. It will be rescheduled later.

## Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.  
Saint Augustine of Hippo (354–430)  
Draper's Book of Quotations for the Christian World.

## Our Family News

**Pray for** / George, Michelle, Steve St. Clair, Josiah, Helen Spicer, and Peggy. Pray for each other daily.

**Traveling/Working** / Michael and Teresa, Hans Nicholson

**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** / For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.  
Romans 8:18 (KJV)

**Wisdom for Today** / O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. **Proverbs 8:1 (KJV)**

**AM Sermon** / Tom Betti

**PM Sermon** / Joe Murdock

**Attendance last Sunday: 54** | 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, 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**

## Office Hours

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## Come join us!

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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**

## **Through Suffering to Glory**

**By Bill Beebe**

Fox's Book of Martyrs contains the stories of numerous Christians who suffered for their faith. Some were tortured and some were killed. Several were tortured then killed. While all the Christians in the first century suffered, some would suffer more than others. We know that Paul suffered. He describes the sources of his suffering in [2 Corinthians 11:22-28 \(KJV\)](#) "Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." From this we can know that the Apostle Paul understood what it meant to suffer and specifically what it was like to suffer for his beliefs. Before Saul was converted, James and Stephen paid the ultimate price for their Lord. Then Peter and John felt the cold touch of those who were the enemies of Jesus and the church. It was during this time that persecution became so prevalent that the church dispersed into Samaria, Damascus and beyond.

In some areas around the world, those that profess to believe in Jesus still face severe persecution and even death. But persecution today is much less physical and more emotional or psychological. While these may include the loss of a friend, or the loss of a job. And snide remarks at work to complete isolation from the social circle you had previously enjoyed. They are not as drastic as those Paul described in his writings. Or that Luke mentioned in his "Acts of the Apostles." And certainly not as severe as some suffered in Fox's Book of Martyrs.

In [Romans 8:18 \(KJV\)](#) Paul writes to our brothers and sisters in ancient Rome in 57 AD, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Paul certainly knew what suffering really meant. It was in that same year that he wrote about the suffering

he faced for his work for the Lord. Jesus told us similar things but phrased it in language that the Jews of the time could understand easier. In [Mark 10:28-30 \(KJV\)](#) we read about a conversation between Peter and Jesus. "Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Here Jesus promises that we will be taken care of in both this life and the one to follow... but that this will come with persecutions. And even Paul gave us a hint of the glory that was to come when he wrote "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." [2 Corinthians 12:2-4 \(KJV\)](#). Then in closing out the writings that would become the New Testament, John gives us an expanded view of the glory that awaits us in Revelation 21, and his writing is awe inspiring to say the least. Heaven will be glorious beyond our wildest imaginations.

It is through suffering that we will see the glory of God. And Paul tells us that the suffering we experience in this life will pale when compared to the glory that we will see in the next life. What a shame it will be for those who reject Jesus, or who leave after accepting Him, when they get the briefest glance of glory at judgment knowing that their eternal fate will be far, far from that.

## **Last Wednesday Devotional**

**The last Wednesday night devotional for July will be moved to August 3, 2022. The last Wednesday night devotional for August will be held on August 31, 2022.**