

## Schedule of Events

The next quarterly men's meeting will be held on September 11, 2022. This is the second Sunday rather than the first because of Labor Day. I will call for agenda items later this month.

## Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **Romans 6:17 (KJV)**

Have you obeyed from the heart, or was yours a superficial conversion?

## Our Family News

**Pray for** / Cody and Emily Hatley, Rice', Nadine Walters, Mellissa (Michael Couch's sister), Steve St. Clair, Josiah, Helen Spicer, and Peggy. **Pray for each other daily.**

**Traveling/Working** / Charles Nordstrom

**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** / But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. **Revelation 2:6 (KJV)**

**Wisdom for Today** / These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. **Proverbs 6:16-19 (KJV)**

**AM Sermon** / George Jensen

**PM Sermon** / George Jensen

**Attendance last Sunday: 52** | 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**

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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**

## What The Lord Hates

By Bill Beebe

We often talk about, discuss, and teach the love that God has for His creation. We are even told that God is love [1 John 4:8 \(KJV\)](#) **"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."** There are 116 occurrences of the words God and Love together in verses in the New Testament. Christians are commanded to love God. Jesus listed that as the greatest commandment when asked; [Matthew 22:36-40 \(KJV 1900\)](#) **"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."** Because we are taught so much about love including our love for God and our neighbors and His love for us that we cannot reconcile in our minds God who is loving and who also hates. But we are told that God does hate. In fact, we are told that if we do not hate we are not worthy of being a disciple of Jesus. But how can this be?

The English word "hate" is often used in the way we understand it, but it is also used in an entirely unusual way. In [Romans 9:10-13 \(KJV\)](#) the Apostle Paul wrote; **"And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."** And Jesus told us as recorded in [Luke 14:26 \(KJV\)](#) **"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."** In both cases, the hate that is mentioned carries a meaning of "love less." Barnes comments on [Romans 9:13](#) is:

Have I hated. This does not mean any positive hatred; but that he had preferred Jacob and had withheld from Esau those privileges and blessings which he had conferred on the posterity of Jacob. This is explained in [Malachi 1:3](#), "And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness," Comp. [Jeremiah 49:17,18](#), [Ezekiel 35:3](#). It was common among the Hebrews to use the terms love and hatred in this comparative sense, where the former implied strong positive attachment, and the latter, not positive hatred, but merely as a less love, or the withholding of the expressions of affection.

And Barnes states the following on the passage in [Luke 14:26](#).

Verse 26. "And hate not. The word hate, here, means simply to love less. See the meaning of the verse in [Matthew 10:37](#). It may be thus expressed: "He that comes after me and does not love his father less than he loves me, (cannot be) my disciple." We are not at liberty to hate our parents. This would be expressly contrary to the fifth commandment. See also [Ephesians 6:1-3](#); [Colossians 3:20](#). But we are to love them less than we love Christ; we are to obey Christ rather than them; we are to be willing to forsake them if he calls us to go and preach his gospel; and we are to submit, without a murmur, to him when he takes them away from us. This is not an uncommon meaning of the word hate in the Scriptures. Comp. [Malachi 1:2,3](#); [Genesis 29:30,31](#); [Deuteronomy 21:15-17](#).

- Barnes' Notes on the New Testament.

But there are things that God truly hates in the sense of the word as we know it today. We are told by Solomon that **"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."** [Proverbs 6:16-19 \(KJV\)](#). Yet too often we are willing to tolerate people that do these things without even trying to correct them. We justify our lack of action by saying something like "Well that is just what he does...," or "Everyone knows that you can't take his word for anything." Or the most overused excuse is "Boys will be boys." Then when discord is sown among the brothers and sisters in the church, we sit around and wonder how this could have happened,

God hates these seven things. They are, in fact, an abomination to him. We need to take action to cut those out of the congregation rather than sit back and hope they go away. God truly hates these things and so should we. But...we pride ourselves in being "inclusive" or "tolerant" and "demonstrating love" so we allow people with these attributes to remain among the flock.

Considering the seriousness which God placed on these things we should not be willing to tolerate them in our family of believers. So, what are you willing to do? Are you like the three monkeys; "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil." While trying to remain ignorant of the poison that is being released in the family. Or will you stand up and say God hates these things and so do !! The first option, ignoring the problem, will result in a weakened family and increase the potential for division and the death of a healthy congregation. The second may cause you personal pain but will result in a stronger family of Christians.

The choice belongs to each one of us, let us make it wisely.