

## Schedule of Events

Remember that George is teaching a series on evangelism on Sunday evenings.

## Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

**2 Kings 6:14-17 (KJV)** “Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

We are never alone as long as we are on the side of God.

## Our Family News

**Traveling/Working** / Hans and Danesa, Joe, Beverly and their family will be travelling October 8-18.

**Pray For/** Alora Turner, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy. Pray for each other daily.

**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 / Acts 7:54-56 (KJV)** “When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

**Wisdom for Today** / Psalm 102:8 (KJV) “Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.”

**AM Sermon** / George Jensen **PM Sermon** / George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 57.

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

**Arise and Walk in Newness of Life** Romans 6:4

**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**

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### Come join us!

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Visitors Welcome, Members Expected

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

### Alone:

Bill Beebe

Have you ever felt truly alone? While I was stationed at McGrath there were places that I had to go to set up timber sales that were so remote that we couldn't even get AM radio reception. I always took a firefighter with me due to the remoteness and the fact that there was no way of contacting anyone for help should something go wrong. There were no cell phones, our two way radios couldn't hit a repeater so they were useless. Air traffic over those areas was non-existence. The nearest villages were over 100 river miles away, so the two of us were the only people in an area well over the size of West Virginia. For those days we were setting up the timber sales, we were truly alone and on our own. This, and other experiences I had there, allowed me to understand what it is to be alone.

Being alone physically is one type of experience that is often not an issue for a few days, but being spiritually alone is an entirely different matter altogether. Elijah felt this as recorded in 1 Kings 19:9-10 (KJV). **“And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”** As far as Elijah was concerned, he was the last of the followers of the God of the Israelites. He felt truly alone and feared for his life because of the false teachers and the depths of depravity that the Israelites had fallen to in their worship of the false gods of their neighboring nations. Earlier in the record of 1 Kings, Elijah made this statement, **“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.”** 1 Kings 18:21-22 (KJV) In this instance, Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to a test to ascertain which was the one true God. Baal or the Lord God of the Israelites. Most of us know this story, Elijah and the prophets of Baal each built an altar and laid a bull on them. Elijah stated that no fire was to be set, but that the true God would send fire Himself to burn the offering. The prophets of Baal were allowed to ask their god to light the fire first. All 450 prayed, pled, and did everything that they knew to convince Baal to light the fire under the offering on their altar. Of course he didn't respond. While pleading for their god to light the fire, Elijah was mocking them. The story is interesting to read but the point I want to make is that Baal was proved false and the Lord God of Israel lit the fire which consumed not only the wood but the water that was poured onto it, the rocks and the bull. With this

incontrovertible proof the Elijah was a prophet of the one true God, how could he then be hiding in a cave? It seems that Elijah would be bold, after seeing such concrete proof that the Lord God of Hosts was the one true God and that He answered Elijah's prayers. But feeling alone spiritually can wear on a person, even under the circumstances that Elijah had just witnessed.

Jezebel sent word to Elijah that she would kill him within a days time, because Elijah had had the 450 prophets of Baal killed after their failed attempt to lite the fire under their alter. So Elijah ran, convinced that he was all alone and the only worshiper of God alive. After more that 40 days, Elijah was in the cave on Mount Horeb when God spoke to him again, asking what he was doing in the cave. That is when Elijah said that he was the only worshiper of the true God left (1 Kings 19:10). But God told him **“Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.”** 1 Kings 19:18 (KJV). Elijah thought that he was all alone, but God had 7,000 others who were still faithful worshippers of Him.

Sometimes when we are at work we find ourselves surrounded by people who have little regard for God. They may claim to be Christians, but their actions prove their real character. And we feel all alone, like Elijah did. Or maybe they are good, caring people but their understanding of Biblical truths is lacking and their teaching robs God and Jesus of the worship that they desire. When you try to talk with them, you are often ridiculed because of your adherence to the Bible and its teachings. And once again you feel alone in a world awash in religious error. But remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV) **“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”**

True worshippers of God will always be in the minority. Most of mankind will be lost eternally, so when you feel alone remember it is best to be one of a few who find the straight and narrow way rather than a member of the many who choose the wide gate and broad road leading to eternal destruction in Hell. When peer pressure encourages you to drink or do drugs, to fornicate or commit adultery, to steal to commit other sins; remember Elijah and the 7,000. You are not alone in resisting that pressure, you just have to pray that God opens your eyes and lets you see the path that will take you to an eternal home with Him and the others throughout history that have not bowed the knee to false gods, or empty hope.