



## 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..."

### Come join us!

The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:

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[www.churchofchristwasilla.com](http://www.churchofchristwasilla.com)

Radio Programs on KMBQ 99.7

"Searching the Scriptures"

Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

### Meeting Times

#### Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

#### Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

#### Office Hours

Call or check website

## Schedule of Events

**Meeting with Jason Jackson**  
**November 12-15, 2023**

**Directory:** Don't forget to review your data in the directory and give Bill any corrections. Also, if you have just become a member here, let Bill know so that he can get a photo and your contact information for entry into the directory and provide you with access to the member section on our website.

## Think on These Things

**Philippians 4:8**

But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

Galatians 2:11 (KJV)

## Our Family News

**Pray for /** Danesa Nicholson, Kelli Riley, Emily Hatley, Peggy Beebe. Those going through difficulties. Let us all pray for one another, for the small gifts that God provides, and let us thank Him for the precious gift of time He has given us.

**Traveling /** The Murdocks, The Kelly's (Nov11-25), Eddie and Susan (Mid Nov)

## Today's Scripture

But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

Galatians 2:14 (KJV)

## Wisdom for Today

<sup>13</sup>Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Esther 4:13-14 (KJV)

**AM Sermon /** George Jensen

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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

## Cliques

By Bill Beebe

When several people come together to accomplish a common set of goals, they organize in one of two ways. They can either be a group or a team. An article on the internet states: “A group is a collection of individuals who coordinate their efforts, while a team is a group of people who share a common purpose.”<sup>i</sup> When thinking about it, it seems that Jesus caused the disciples to organize as a team rather than a group. He gave a common purpose. [Matthew 5:43-45 \(KJV\)](#) “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” And toward the end of His work on earth, He restated this; [Matthew 22:37-40 \(KJV\)](#) “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 just before He ascended into Heaven, He gave an additional common purpose that compliments the love we are to have for all people. [Matthew 28:18-20 \(KJV\)](#) “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” These common purposes guided the early church and us today. While we often view these teachings of Jesus independently, they are connected. If we love our neighbor, teaching them about the gospel and salvation is something that we cannot avoid doing. These two common purposes make the church a team rather than just a group of people.

Functioning as an efficient team, one that strongly believes in our common purposes and has a strong desire to coordinate efforts to meet them, we will see amazing results. Sometimes, members of the team begin to work in smaller groups whose common purposes do not match those of the team. These are cliques. Cliques form when some people in the team share characteristics that others in

the team may not. It could be that they are similar in age, family situations, race, color, gender or maybe even in abilities. The Cambridge Dictionary defines a clique as “a small group of people who spend their time together and do not welcome other people into that group.”

The impact of cliques on teams is never good. Two examples will provide enough information for us. These can be found in an article on the website LinkedIn<sup>ii</sup> and another on the site “verywellmind”<sup>iii</sup>. Read them at your convenience and see how they impact the team they are a part of.

The early church had to deal with this too. You will recall the attitude of the Pharisees within the church toward the Gentile Christians as recorded in [Acts 1:1-5](#). The Pharisees, in this case, were the classic example of a clique in the church and it was a problem for several years. Even Peter fell to pressure from the Jewish clique in the church<sup>iv</sup>. The eventual results of cliques in the church is almost always division.

We currently have a good cohesive team that shares the common goals that Jesus gave His disciples. We also have strong, healthy groups of friends, but cliques can and do form in the best of teams, especially as they grow. We need to start now to be sure that cliques do not form within our congregation and ruin the work we are doing.

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i <https://asana.com/resources/group-vs-team>

ii <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/cliques-bad-teams-daniel-groenewald-facel>

iii <https://www.verywellmind.com/reasons-why-cliques-at-work-are-bad-460839>

iv Galatians 2:11-14

