

Schedule of Events

Nothing scheduled.



Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

¹⁴Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. ¹⁵For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. ¹⁶But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. ¹⁷Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

James 4:14-17 (KJV)

Our Family News

Pray for / Charles Nordstrom, Emily/Cody, Kelli Riley, Danesa Nicholson, Bill and Peggy, Couch family, Jacob and Alora, Aubrey, Brock, and baby Timothy (Paul and Alice Stone's daughter and grandson's)

Today's Scripture

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9 (KJV)

Wisdom for Today

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Psalms 24:3-5 (KJV)

AM Sermon / George Jensen

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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..."

Come join us!

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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

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

Last Thing

By Bill Beebe

This is the last day of 2023, I decided to write a few articles about last things.

Aging

As I get older, I am amazed that I made it this far. My younger self was not too concerned about what I would need or do when I began to lose the abilities that most of us, including me, take for granted. I never thought that I would wind up in a wheelchair and unable to walk or even stand. However, what has caused me the most distress is not being able to forget the sins I committed in my youth. And, it seems, that I am not the only one concerned with this. David wrote in [Psalm 25:7 \(KJV\)](#) "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD."

The Gift of Time

Moses told us that time here would be limited to 70 or maybe 80 years [Psalm 90:10 \(KJV\)](#) "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." I have come to understand that time is the greatest gift that God gives us aside from the sacrifice of Jesus and the salvation that that provides. So, every morning I thank God for the gift of another day that He has given me and Peggy. Then I ask that He guides me through the day so that I live my life well and honorably, not wasting the time that He has so graciously given me in the pursuit of the pleasures of the world. Finally at the end of the day, when the light of that day fades into darkness, my prayer is one of utter thankfulness for the precious gift of another day that He granted us, a plea for forgiveness for the sins I have committed, and a request for another day that I might be able to use to praise Him with awe and reverence.

Comfort Each Other

We do not know when death will come, so the most important thing we should do, as the day turns into night, is to take an inventory of what we did with the time God granted us. Did we honor God, or did we bow to the world and its pleasures? Did we comfort each other, or did we ignore our brothers and sisters when they needed us most? When Paul

taught the Christians in Thessalonica about the return of Jesus and the end of time itself he ended by saying "Comfort one another." "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 \(KJV\)](#).

The Conclusion

Solomon writing Ecclesiastes, using the penname "The Preacher," concluded this book of wisdom by saying in [Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 \(KJV\)](#) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The highest duty we have as humans is to fear God, which will lead us to loving Him with all that we have, and keep His commandments. Nothing that we do, or could ever do, is greater than these. But what does the Preacher mean to "Fear God"? Fear can be expressed in the secular world as a feeling of alarm as one begins to expect danger or pain. But "fear," as used here by Solomon, also carries the meaning of a feeling of reference and awe toward God. Jesus clarified this when He answered a question about the greatest command. "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." [Matthew 22:35-40 \(KJV\)](#) Certainly, those who are lost and who have not lived their lives according to the commands of God should have a sense of dread. God will cause all the secret things that they did, regardless of their nature (that is if they are good or bad) to be brought to light and into His righteous judgement. They will face God with a fear that will be expressed as the most extreme dread and feeling of doom they could ever know. But there will also be there those whose feeling of love, reference, and awe soars as they see, in person, the greatness of their God in action.