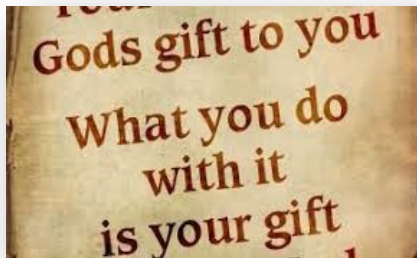


CLEAR WATER

February 2019 Newsletter



What Are Your Gifts?



It is my pleasure to be writing to you as the new CARE Pastor for Clearwater Church. It is my prayer and hope that I can serve our community with zeal and compassion as we enter into this next chapter. We (Kristin and I) feel God has been preparing me for this position since we started attending Clearwater nearly 4 years ago. God has gifted me with the gifts of compassion, administration, and discernment and I pray I can encourage each of you to identify your gifts and use

them for building up the Church (body of believers). In Romans 12:4-6 (NIV), it tells us: 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Each and everyone of us has a gift or a skill given to us according to His Word. I would like encourage each of us to take a moment and find a spiritual gift test and see what it has to tell you. Keep in mind that no survey will be completely definitive in identifying your gifts, only the Holy Spirit can. With that in mind, be sure to pray and ask God where He would have you serve. I promise you, He will show you. James 1:5 (NIV) tells us: 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Please feel free to call, text, or email me should you have any questions or need anything.

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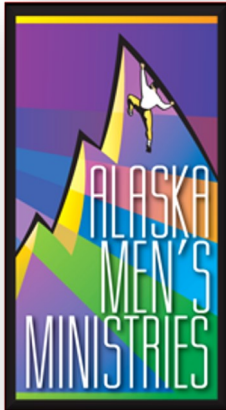


AROUND THE BEND



Fellowship Meal - Feb 10 (11:30-1:00pm)

Join in a time to connect with others in the church. This is a potluck. If your last name starts with A-M bring a side dish. If your last name starts with N-Z bring a dessert. The church will provide the main course.



Men's Retreat - Feb 15 (7pm) thru Feb 17 (12:30pm) @ Victory Bible Camp

Great opportunity to hang out with other guys from Clear Water and get some perspective and encouragement in your walk with Jesus. Jason Swain will be speaking on the theme, "Strengthened by Grace." Cost \$175. Scholarships are available. Contact Steve Gordon @ 907-441-4572 for details. Or register online at www.akmensministries.org.

Membership Class - Feb 24 (11:40-1:00pm) @ Wendler Middle School, room 103

Want to join Clear Water Church? You are invited to attend the membership class. Learn what it means to be a member, what are the church's believes, ask questions. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to James Embree at 907-315-3803 or jamesembree@gmail.com.



Welcome Lunch - Mar 10, 12- 1:30pm, 2069 Duke Drive

Hosted by Greg & Jill Moody. You are invited to come and meet the pastors in a small, informal setting. Learn what Clear Water Church is about and ask questions.

Upcoming Events:

March 3 - Prayer & Worship Night @ First Congregational Church

May 24-27 - Church Camp Out @ Eklutna Lake State Park

CARES CONCERNS

Condolences to Stephen Stralka on the loss of his sister and to Paul Swetzof on the loss of his mom.



YOUTH GROUP

CLEAR WATER CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP SPRING 2019 SCHEDULE

JAN	2	9	16	23	30	No group	Fun Night
FEB	6	13	20	27			
MARCH	6	13	20	27			
APRIL	3	10	17	24			
MAY	1	8	15 Family Picnic				

TIME: 6:30-8:30

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RECENT MINISTRY REPORT

YOUNG adults

Young Adults meet every Thursday night following Thursday Night worship at the Merriner's home, 2027 Duke Dr. This is a social time with food, fellowship, and FUN.



JOURNEY GROUPS



Journey Groups are the best way to connect with others and grow together spiritually. Most meet weekly in homes and are focused on a Bible study or a discussion of the current sermon series.

Many groups will be starting up this month. Click [here](#) for a list of Journey Groups and leaders.

Prayer group meeting Wednesday mornings, 8am, 2027 Duke Drive. Contact Katie Nash for details at 310-4117.

Two new Healing Journey groups will kick off in March. Stay tuned for details.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our **January Memory Verse Challenge winners!**

Kim Burgess, Colton Merriner, Joy Merriner, Everett Whitson

January's Memory Verse is [John 10:9-10 \(NIV\)](#)



The BIGGER Memory Verse Challenge

The rules are: Enter the monthly Memory Verse Challenge at least 6 different months September through April 2019. You must truly know at least 6 of the monthly verses and enter your name each of those months. Whether or not your name gets drawn for the monthly prize, you will be entered in the grand prize drawing.

What are the grand prizes? For those 13 and over, a \$500 Alaska airlines voucher. For those 12 and under, an iPad and Amazon gift card. The grand prize drawing will be showcased via Facebook video in early May.

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Due date for next edition of Currents is February 27.

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