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November 2019 eNewsletter

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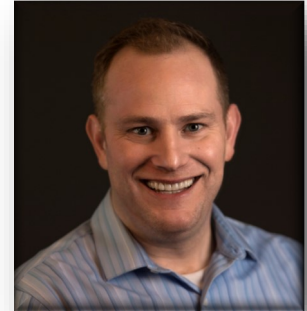
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Club68 Giving Campaign Update

We are 3/4 of the way done with our 2-month long giving campaign to raise money for Club 68. Led by pastor Brian Whitson, Club68 is our new middle school ministry serving students in 6th through 8th grade. Club68 meets Tuesday nights from 6-8pm at Lake Otis Elementary, and is already averaging 15 students, some of whom are not affiliated with any church.



Club68 is projected to cost about \$18,000 this year, which the elders are willing to fund, in part, with savings, since it is such an important ministry. But the elders would rather not use savings to pay for ongoing ministries, which is why, in mid-September, we announced a short-term giving campaign to raise funds for Club68.

With 2 weeks left in this giving campaign, I want to give you an update on how it is going. \$2,600 has been given so far to Club68, which is far short of our \$25,000 goal. But I am not at all discouraged, and here is why. Giving in September and October is up \$28,996 over the previous year. I suspect many of you have answered the call to give more without noting Club68 specifically on your gifts. This is even the case with one of our elders, who said to me recently, "I keep forgetting to note it's for Club68."

Thank you, everyone, for answering the call to give more so that we do not have to dip into savings to fund our ongoing ministries! We are only two months into this fiscal year and total giving is \$31,596 higher than last year. Thank you for entrusting some of your resources to us. We work hard to get a good return on your kingdom investment.

There are still 2 more weeks left to give to Club68.

With sincere love in my heart for you all,

Mike Merriner

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NO THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE - November 28

Enjoy your time celebrating with family and friends the many blessing that you have received this year. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

AROUND THE BEND

PRAY & WORSHIP NIGHT - November 3, 7-8pm



two locations

Moody's (Midtown, 615-439-5050)

or

Burgess's (South Anchorage, 907-575-5566)

We are gathering in recognition of International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Come for fellowship, singing, and prayer. Praying out loud not required.



MEN'S 24-HOUR GETAWAY - November 15-16, Friday-Saturday at Gordon's cabin on Kenai Lake

Unplug from the rat race and head down to Kenai Lake Friday evening. Dinner will be ready for you when you arrive. There will be Bible teaching, a beach walk, sharing, and praying. Cost \$20. Contact: Steve Gordon 441-4572.



2018 Fall Men's Retreat

THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR WENDLER FAMILIES - due November 21st and 23rd at Church Service

YOUTH PRAISE BAND

The purpose of this band is to perform during the Christmas Eve service. The band is open to all youth. Practices will begin immediately after Sunday worship and end at 2pm. David Burgess is the director of the Youth Praise Band.

Rehearsal will be on the following days: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/24 (Christmas Eve).

Contact Brian Whitson at 268.8659 or brian31605@gmail.com for more information.



CLUB68 - Every Tuesday, 6-8pm at Lake Otis Elementary Gym
(enter from the north entrance)

It's a night of games, friends, and Bible study for students in 6th through 8th grades. Invite your friends. Other adults are needed to help with Club68. Brian Whitson is leading this group. Contact him by phone or text 907.268.8659 or brian31605@gmail.com.

Club68 is studying the book of James and how it applies to a middle school student's life. At the end of the 10 weeks, if the student has accumulated enough points, they will be invited to join us at Get Air for a "fun night."

Points are earned the following ways:

- Being present at CLUB68 - 1 point
- Bringing a Bible - 1 point
- Reading assigned passage - 1 point for each day it is read (maximum of 5 points)
- Learning Memory verse - 3 point
- Bringing a friend - 5 point

No Club68 on November 26 - Thanksgiving Week



HIGH SCHOOL GROUP - Every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

The High School Ministry is open to any high schooler. We are looking for some men to be leaders. Contact Becky Butler at 907.244.2984 or akd_o_glover@yahoo.com.

Visit www.clearwater.church/events for a schedule and meeting locations.

No HS School Group on November 27 - Thanksgiving Week

YOUNG ADULT (as defined by you) - Every Thursday
8:30-10:30pm at the Merriner's

Come and join this awesome group. Fellowship, devotionals, food and fun. Call Mike Merriner at 727.1382 for directions.

No Young Adults on November 28 - Thanksgiving





PRAYER GROUP - Every Sunday, 9am at Wendler Middle School in room 132

Join others in prayer before Sunday's worship service. The group is led by Phil Dean, 240.8262.

CHURCH DIRECTORY



We are excited to be in the final stages of our Church Directory. The directory will be available to our own Clear Water Church community before the end of November.

A draft of the directory will be available to review at worship services until November 17th.

- Make sure all the information is correct. Make any corrections on the paper directory.
- Any information you do not want to be available to our church community, place a line through it.
- If you do not want any of your (or family) information available, place a "X" through your imagine.

Someone will be available at our worship services to take (or retake) photos for the directory.

- If you are a couple or a family, have your picture taken as an individual **and** as a couple/family. *Note: If there is no couple/family photo available, only the head of household photo will be show. If there is no photo of the head of household, no photo will be shown.*

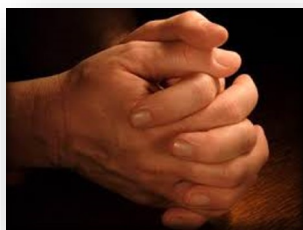
NOTE: The printed directory will only list names, phone numbers and email addresses.



Men's Bonfire Breakfast - Dec 1
Wendler Christmas Gifts - due Dec 12 & 15
Solstice Tree Tour - Dec 15
Christmas Eve Service - Dec 24
Pancake Breakfast/Worship/Praying for New Year - Dec 29

Visit www.clearwater.church for more details.

CARE CONCERNS



Prayers and Speedy Recovery

- DeeDee Aanonson
- Josh Baker
- Maria Bell
- Jacquie Boone
- Scott Koerber
- Cody McAlpine

Condolences

Ken and Andrea McCormick in the loss of his father.



RECENT MINISTRY REPORT

MEMBERSHIP CLASS - October 20

There were many who came out to the membership class led by Mike Merriner, Pastor. Praise God for these new members!

Hayden Maxwell, Jeff Phillipps, Sherry and Steve Teeter, and Vanessa Wise (Jeff Phillipps' wife).



WENDLER TEACHERS' APPRECIATION DINNER - October 24

Each semester during student-parent-teacher conferences, we The teachers loved our food as they took a break on their long day of student conferences. Also, as families came in for the student conferences, nineteen books were picked up at our table that highlighted our middle school ministry, Club68.

Thanks to everyone who helped provide food and serve at the dinner and conference table: Marvin Aanonson, Sandi and Jeff Bentz, Ella Embree, Katie Gibson, Kevan Goulet, Carla Merriner, Maria Regalado de Lofquist, Ardy Robertson, Rexann Bassler, Ali Tolman, Debbie and Dani Tompkins, Paul Swetzof, Mark Johnson, Teresa Walkush, Koni Arnold, Greg Balcao, Mark and Jamie Johnson, Katie and Kyle Wilson.



REFORMATION SUNDAY - October 27

Thank you Adam and Farrah Weinert for the Reformation highlight. Reformation Sunday commemorates when Martin Luther, a German monk and theologian, nailed his proposals on the doors of a church in 1517. Luther's proposals were aimed initially at reforming the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church.





FREE BURMA RANGERS presented BY THE EUBANK FAMILY - October 24

There was a wonderful turn out at Faith Christian Community to hear Karen tell of their calling to serve countries such as Burma, Syria, Iraq and others where normal life is survival. David Eubank was not able to attend. He was asked to help in northern Syria where Turkey has recently attacked. Eubank children, Suu and Peter, dressed in Syrian native clothing shared some of their experiences. It was evident that the Lord is working in the war-torn countries where the Eubanks serve. Pray for continued protection for the Eubanks as they carry out the Lord's commission on earth.

The Eubanks were interviewed by Oliver North in a 2018 documentary (<https://vimeo.com/346639646>), and a movie (<https://deidox.org/fbr/>) of their story is coming out February 24 and 25, 2020.

Clear Water Church financially supports Free Burma Rangers.



"Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me, Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will made stronger, in the presence of my Savior"

Some rest and relaxation with the Arnold Family.

"REASONS FOR THE FAITH" APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

- October 29 & 30 at Alaska Bible College, Palmer
- October 30th at ChangePoint, Anchorage

Mike Merriner presented at the conference on Thinking Biblically about Recreational Marijuana.



THE BIGGER MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE



We are in the third month of the BIGGER Memory Verse Challenge. The BIGGER Memory Verse Challenge goes through April 2020. There is still plenty of time to get involved. Rules for the BIGGER challenge:

- Enter the monthly challenge at least five different months from September through April 2020.
- You must truly know at least five 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 in early May.
- The monthly drawing has two age categories: 13 and up and 12 and under.
- The BIGGER drawing in May will combine these two age categories into one for the grand prize drawing of either a \$500 airline voucher, iPad, or \$500 Amazon gift card. The grand prize drawing will take place via Facebook live in early May.

Research shows that Bible engagement is the most effective way to grow spiritually. Let's have some fun increasing the competition for the memory verse challenge each month.

Congratulations to October's Memory Verse Challenge Winners

Evelyn Whitson, BethAnne Wilder, ????????????


November's Memory Verse is John 3:17-18

The next Memory Verse Challenge will be held
Thursday, November 21 and Sunday, November 24

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Get the Clear Water Church App for Apple and Android devices. Search for "clear water church ak" in the Apple and Google store. It's free. Have easy access to sermons, the memory verse, online giving, church events, the Bible, a daily Bible reading plan and more.

Give Us Your Feedback - What do you think about Currents, Clear Water Church's newsletter? What would you like added? Click [here](#) and let us know. We welcome your input.

The due date for submissions to the next edition of Currents is November 21th.

Send articles and photos to cwcoffice13@gmail.com