

# CLEAR WATER CURRENTS

August 2019 Newsletter



## SERVING THE KINGDOM

*'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.' ... 'When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me.'* - Matthew 25:35 & 39-40

You can watch the national news or drive by any major intersection in Anchorage and the homeless problem is evident. Have we satisfied the King if we hand a dollar out the window, or encourage the assembly to throw money at the problem?

Governments, by their nature, are soulless. They are capable of providing: housing, food, treatment, etc., but this is only a hand-out. They can not heal the soul. The King has called us to a hand-up.

The Downtown Hope Center, formally the Downtown Soup Kitchen, is the King's calling to the homeless issue in Anchorage. To maintain the DHC's spiritual focus it accepts no public funding. They provide a multiple prong approach: afternoon soup, shower house, and a women's shelter. For those wishing a hand-up, they offer a culinary arts and bakery training program. To complete either program a student attends a faith-based life skills class. The expanding vision for the DHC includes: transitional housing for students as they move from the streets to a job and a storefront bakery to market their goods.

Will you answer the King's call to provide hope when all appears lost? Volunteers are the hands and feet of the operation. To make and serve lunch is to stand alongside the culinary arts student in their final phase before entering the workforce. Working in the shower house is an opportunity to interact and pray as a client's clothes are being washed and dried. Serving dinner to the sheltered women at night is an opening to share His gift of hope. There are volunteer possibilities to meet any schedule. Children are always welcome with their parents. In fact, a child's smile can often lead to a fruitful conversation. This is a perfect way to bring the family together in service to the King.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

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[www.DowntownHopeCenter.org/sign-up](http://www.DowntownHopeCenter.org/sign-up)

## Around the Bend



**Thursday Night Service returns to Wendler, July 25 at 7pm**

### **High School Summer Fun - Wednesday, August 7, 7-9pm** Merriners' home, 2027 Duke Drive

Students who will be in High School this fall are invited. Play lawn games and ride in a canoe. Dessert will be provided. Come and have fun and build relationships. We'll also enjoy a brief devotional and prayer time.



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

Join others in prayer before Sunday's worship service. Group led by Phil Dean 240-8262.

### **Global Leadership Summit - Thursday-Friday, August 8-9, 8:30am - 4pm** **Community Covenant Church, Eagle River**

The Global Leadership Summit is a Thursday-Friday event featuring fresh, actionable and inspiring leadership content from a world-class faculty. Everyone has influence. No matter where your influence is - in your family, school, work or church - you are invited to join 405,000 of your peers to learn how to maximize it. You can get more information about the Summit at <https://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/>.



The cost for Clear Water Church attendees is \$139. Clear Water Church is a partner church and receives a discount. When you register use the code 19PRTORG and state that your church is Clear Water Church, PO Box 91100, Anchorage, AK 99509.



### **Back2School Party - August 15, 5-8pm** **at Wendler Middle School**

Summer is quickly coming to an end and school starts on August 20th. Wow! This year we will be hosting the Back2School Party for Wendler Middle School students, parents and teachers. We will need help in serving food and with activities. Kyle Wilson is leading this event. Let him know what you can do. His phone number is 317-1160 or email him at [kylewilsonak@gmail.com](mailto:kylewilsonak@gmail.com).

## High School Students & Parents Canoe Trip - August 16-18 on the Little Susitna River

End your summer vacation on a high note! Float down the Little Susitna River and fish for silver salmon. Pastor Mike will lead devotions around the campfire. This adventure is for students who will in high school this fall and their parents, although parents are not required to attend. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes transportation and food. Don't have gear? That's okay. We'll pool our resources! [Click here](#) to register online.



## Parents Park Day - August 29, 10:30-noon David Green Memorial Park, 3681 MacInnes Street

Bring your kids and come connect with other Clear Water parents at the park this summer! This will be a casual time of play for the kids and connection for the parents. This will be our last park day this summer.

**Clear Water Church is finalizing their 2019-2020 Calendar.** Our church events are led by our members. If you have an idea and want to lead the event, contact Mike at 727-1382 or James at 315-3803. We have a very active congregation. There is something for everyone.



Clear Water's 6th Anniversary Party - Sept 5 & 8

Welcome Lunch - Sept 22

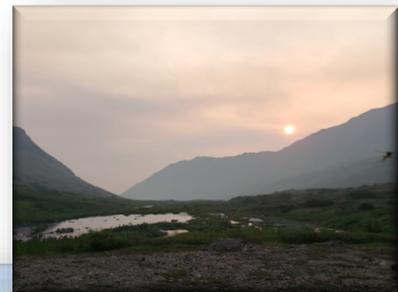
Prayer Meeting - Sept 29

Visit [www.clearwater.church](http://www.clearwater.church) for more details

## Recent Ministry Report

### Women's Backpacking Trip - June 28-30

A little smoke from the Swan Lake fire did not stop six women, one youth and a baby to take a backpack trip into the Williwaw Lakes. "Yes, it was smoky but what a hoot". Fantastic trip with an incredible view of God's creation and wonderful companionship. Thank you, Tracie Berkland, for leading this trip.



## 4th of July BBQ - July 4

Our church family came together to celebrate Independence Day. We had a great turn out with over 90 people. Kevin Reeves was the BBQ Grill Master. There were hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the toppings. Everyone brought salads, desserts and chips and FUN! Thank you to everyone who helped out and made this a special time.



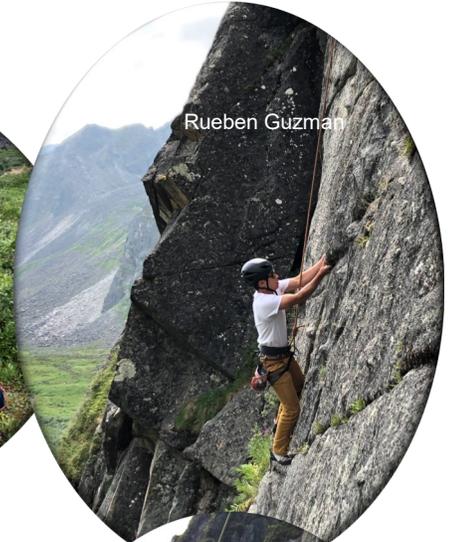


**Memories of the 4th  
of July Picnic**



## Young Adult Camping and Climbing - July 12-14

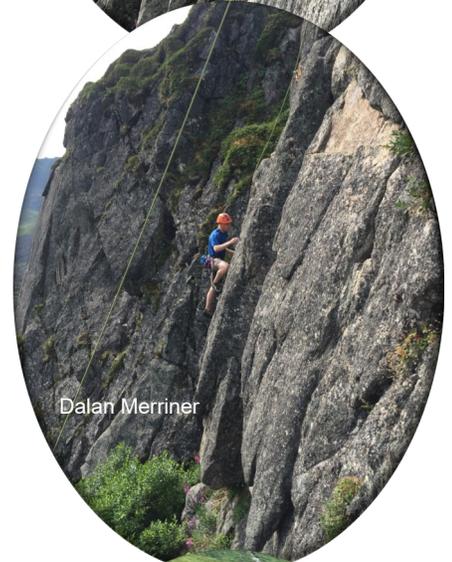
Eight of our young adults took to Hatcher Pass for a weekend of camping and climbing. For some of us, the climbing would be a challenge, but for these young people, it was just another adventure.



Rueben Guzman



Wes Burgess



Dalan Merriner



Liz Paulston



Dalan Merriner & Sarah Newton



## Softball - July 22 - "The Final Game"

Clear Water 1 and Clear Water 2 ended this season with a win, win, win for all. Great fun! The final game was against each other. Thank you to all who came out, played and who supported by cheering for our teams.



**Team 1** - Joshua Adams, Tracie Berkland, Zoey Bresina, Becky Butler, Mark Johnson, Jeffrey Kee, Hayden Maxwell, Ken McCormick, Aubrey Merriner, Carlee Merriner, Mike Merriner, Morgan Merriner, Siri Owen, Robert Regalado, Sara Smith, Daehan Vasquez, Brian Whitson (coach).



"Oh, so good. Ice Cream!"

**Team 2** - Gregory Balcao (coach), Brandon Brenchley, Aubrey Burgess, Wesley Burgess, Kevin Glynn, Alison Gutacker, Matt Gutacker, Keari Harris, Kayleigh Hill, Douglas Ketterer, LeAnn Ketterer, Kathleen Nash, Matt Nash, Hannah Paulston, Liz Paulston, Chip Robertson.



## Parents Park Day - July 24

The rain stayed away for July's Parent Park Day and we had a great time! We hope you'll see us for our last Park Day August 29!



Axel and Oliver Ketterer



Oliver Ketterer, Levi Turney, and LeAnn Ketterer

## Community Service Day - July 27 at Beacon Hill

Clear Water's first community service day was a tremendous success. There were 16 people who came together to clean, to organize toys, to sort & label clothes for the bouquet shop, organize the food storage rooms, to hauled stuff to the dumps, fixed the toilet, cleaned the fish tank, and so much more. The day ended with pizza. Thank you to everyone who made this service day a BIG SUCCESS!



## Memory Verse Challenge

We believe that part of being a Christian is to study the Bible. To meditate on its words and to let the words be written on your heart. We encourage everyone to take time to memorize our monthly Memory Verse. Each month a name is drawn for a youth (under age 13) and for an adult. Each says the verse in front of the congregation. A super cool prize is given to each.



### *Congratulations to July's Memory Verse Challenge*

Ava Wood, Brynn Wood, Dalan Martin, Ella Embree,

August's Memory Verse is **2 Peter 1:10b-11**

The next Memory Verse Challenge will be held  
Sunday, August 25th and Thursday, August 29  
*Will you be one of the contestants?*

## On Mission Report

Clear Water Church is fortunate to be able to give 10% of all contributions to other faith-based organizations.

This year we have given to the following:

[Acts247](#) \$2000

[Covenant Youth of Alaska](#) \$2000

Max Schaafsmas \$2500

Michael and Nina Schaafsmas \$2500

[PlantAK](#) \$1500

[Sehelekhov Church](#) \$2,000. This support was given to rebuild their burned down church in

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**The due date for submissions to the next edition of Currents is July 19.**

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