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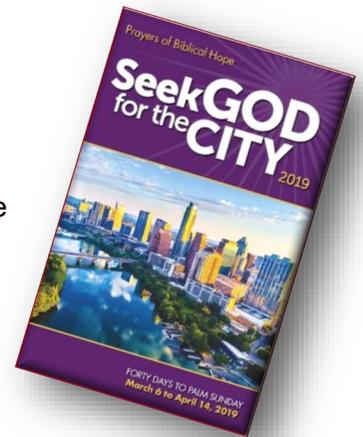
Prayer & Worship - Friday, March 3rd, 7:00-8:00 pm First Congregational Church, 2610 E Northern Lights Blvd

Our Lord Jesus told his disciples to “Watch and pray.” As we begin this season of Lent (March 6-April 20) commemorating the 40 days and nights Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness, let’s pray and worship together on Sunday night, March 3rd, and prepare ourselves for a season of personal dedication.

Praying With Purpose During Lent - March 6-April 13

During this Lenten season we are unifying our daily prayers with the 2019 *Seek God for the City* booklet. If you did not get a copy at church, you can download the App for 99 cents on your Apple, Android or Kindle devices. Visit <https://waymakers.org/pray/seek-god/app/>.

Children’s Companion Guide is also available via the link above..



Training for Teens Working with Kids - Thursday, March 7th 7:00-8:15 pm at Wendler

If you are age 12-18 and work in the Children’s Ministries (or want to), please attend this event! Enjoy pizza, games (with prizes) and some training. For more information, please contact Amy Martin at martinbymail@yahoo.com or 907.830.5711.

Emergency Action Plan - Sunday, March 10th, 11:30-12:30 pm

If you have ideas or expertise in building security, cyber security, or medical emergencies, please join us for a one-hour workshop to help jump start the crafting of an Emergency Action Plan for our church. Pizza will be provided. If interested, contact Bill Burgess at 907.575.5566 or geo4hire77@gmail.com.



The Merriners are off to India

Mike and Sabrina Merriner will travel to India on March 12 with Reaching Indians Ministries International. They will visit Nagpur, Bihar, and Jharkhand, encouraging church planters and witnessing first hand the impact this indigenous ministry is having across the country. Mike is scheduled to speak at three pastor conferences, two Bible college graduations, and two local churches. Visit <https://rimi.org> for more information about Reaching Indians Ministries International.

Women's Easter Cookie Decorating Class
Saturday, April 20, 6:30-8pm
12100 Coffee & Communitas, Ptarmigan Room,
12100 Old Seward Hwy

Ardy Robertson is hosting this event for women in our church. Ladies will decorate 10 Easter cookies. Class will include all supplies -- cookies, frosting, sprinkles, instructions and some snacks. The cost is \$20 per person. Limited to 16 people ages 12 and up. Please register with Ardy by calling or texting 907.360.2944.



April 19 - Good Friday Service @ ChangePoint.
Multiple churches will be participating.
More details to come.

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

TESTIMONIES FROM SIRI AND ISACC OWEN



Siri Owen ~ *I was in the Healing Journey last year which involved 29 weeks of biblical teaching in which God reveals past wounds that haven't been healed... Through this healing journey, God truly transformed my heart and mind to fully trust in His goodness. He gives us the tools to forgive those who have sinned against us and to live victoriously, not as a victim but as a precious child of God.*

Isacc Owen ~ *Last year I was invited to a journey group called the Healing Journey and one of the first things that we said during my time there was that it wasn't the curriculum that we were going through that was going to bring about healing. It's got to be a work of God. It happens through Him and through His word.*

February 2019

NEW MEMBER REPORT

Praise God for these new members! We are excited to welcome eight new members to Clear Water Church since May 2018:

Jacque Boone
Aubrey Burgess
Wesley Burgess
Eric Bronczyk
Kevin Glynn
Brad Puff
Karen Puff
Abby Schneck



RECENT MINISTRY REPORT

IF:Table Conference - Feb 8th & 9th



(l-r) Kristin Whitson, Ella Embree, Carly Wade, Victoria Ross, Katie Wilson, Jenn Sheffrey, and DeeDee Aaronson

If:gathering was a new event for Anchorage this year. We were excited to be at ChangePoint who gladly host the event. The speakers were excellent and spoke with passion and transparency. The worship was inviting and the breakaway times of reflections were good to keep it fresh and not just head knowledge but heart engagement. I can't wait till next year. ~ Ella Embree

Men's Retreat - Feb 15th thru Feb 17th

This year Alaska Men's Ministries held its 23rd annual Men's Retreat at Victory Bible Camp. The guest speaker was Jason Swain from Two Rivers Church in Fort Collins CO. The retreat theme was "Strengthened by God."

The weekend consisted of three sessions focusing on the grace God has extended to all believers and the freedom that Christ paid for each of us.

The 37 men attending broke into six teams, competing in bobsled building/racing and flaming arrow competitions... (Unfortunately, not at the same time – that would have been awesome!) There was also a ropes course, skeet range, pistol range and snow machining. The wonderful staff of Victory Bible Camp provided food. ~ Jeff Wood



The Great Cardboard Bobsled Competition



MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

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

Leah Meyring and Evelyn Whitson

March's Memory Verse is [Amos 5:14-15](#)

One of the March's Memory Verse prizes will be a genuine Roman coin!



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.



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

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

Prayer group

Meets Wednesday mornings, 8:00 am, 2027 Duke Drive. Contact Katie Nash for details at 310-4117.

Two new [Healing Journey groups](#). For information contact:

Men's Group: Tuesday, March 5th, 6-8 pm. Leader: Ken McCormick, 907.345.2790 .

Women's Group: Thursday, March 7th, 6-8pm. Leader: Andrea McCormick, 907.441.7369

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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 March 27th.

Send articles and photos to cwcoffice13@gmail.com