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Read God's Word

Reflecting on Summer Camp

I love summer camp with the high school and middle school students! I'm blessed to still be able to go and participate as a sponsor, cabin dad, and teacher. I always get something great out of being at summer camp, and this year was no different. One of the things I took home from camp was the importance of reading God's Word on a regular basis. What sparked this thought was twofold. First, our mission speaker spoke about smuggling Bibles into closed countries. He described in great detail how excited the underground church leaders and members were when they finally could place their hands on a physical copy of God's Word. Some of the church leaders, when given a study Bible, would hug it to their chest and cry at length tears of overwhelming joy. Second, in the class I taught the high school group for two days, we read through the entire book of Mark together. I was skeptical at first to what their response would be to so much extensive reading, but I was almost brought to tears when they all were so engaged and craving more. Some students were even overheard talking about how much they want to begin reading the Bible more on their own.

Alive and Active

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Maybe this is why we are so drawn to God's Word when we spend time in it. When we open the cover of this Book, we are not reading a novel or sci-fi series. We are engaging in conversation with God that will allow our thoughts and actions to be set bare before Him. Being aware of what is going on in our lives and knowing that the power of the Holy Spirit is at work in us as we read God's Word is incredible! His Word does so much more than finding out information about God, it allows us to intimately know God Himself. And as we read it, He has the power to transform our lives through our thoughts, emotions, and actions. There is no other book like this that exists in our world today. No wonder those who receive their first copy from a Bible smuggler are overwhelmed with excitement!

Time to Ignite

Though we live in a country where we can freely and openly read God's Word, and though we have more copies and translations of His Word available to us than at any point in history, statistically we are the most Biblically illiterate generation of Christians. I believe that it is time for us to Ignite our time spent reading God's Word in an effort to know Him better and see our lives transformed. I know that the more we engage God in His Word, the more we will crave that time with God. It will have the power to transform our lives as well as the lives of those around us. What we need to do is to carve out time, intentionally, to make way for more quality time spent with the Lord. Are you willing to begin reaping the benefits of reading God's Word? I know I am! Let's do it not only for ourselves, let's do it for our brothers and sisters globally who are still awaiting to have their own copy of God's precious Word.

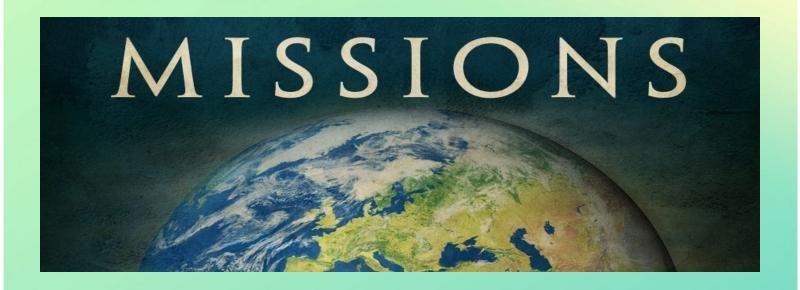
Celebrations

- ⇒ Camp was a major success! It was a great time getting the kiddos together to experience another week of church camp. Even with the amount of rain we got throughout the week, the students had a great time connecting with God and one another. From having deep bible studies, and amazing speakers, to playing games, and worshiping God through song. We had such a good group of kiddos this year that not only were excited to be there, but took some major steps for Jesus. We also had two baptisms at the end of the week! And one student is wanting to be baptized, but came home to have more discussions with his family about it. Overall, it was a great week. And people are excited to go back next year!
- ⇒ Our Summer Youth Group times continue
 to be a nice change of pace. With summer
 being the busiest time of the year for us,
 it's nice to relax for a moment and sit
 around the fire with the kiddos on
 Wednesday nights. From sharing fun
 stories, to playing ridiculous games, it's
 been fun to just have a time where the
 students can connect with one another
 while we discuss our Vision, Mission,
 Values, and their importance to the Church.

#JesusStrongYouth NEWS

Upcoming Stuff

⇒ Where did the summer go?! In the blink of an eye, August is already here! Meaning, kiddos are heading back to that one place that starts with an S and rhymes with "pool." But this means that our Fall Kickoff is almost here! On August 17th, we're BACK at the church building as we begin our new year in our Youth Ministry Program. This is the time where the new 6th graders officially become a part of #JesusStrongYouth, and we'll be able to get back to our "normal" routine of being at the building on Wednesdays.



Our supported mission, "ABC Life Choices", is having their annual Celebrate Life! 5K Run and Walk.

Scan the QR code below to register.



August

- 8.14 KCC Softball Game (All ages-4pm Kenai Softball Fields)
- 8.17 First Day of School
- 8.21 Promotion Sunday
- 8.21 Church Picnic (See Announcements pg. for more info)

Services

Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 10:00am
Worship: 11:00am
Classes available for ages infant to 5th grade.

Wednesday

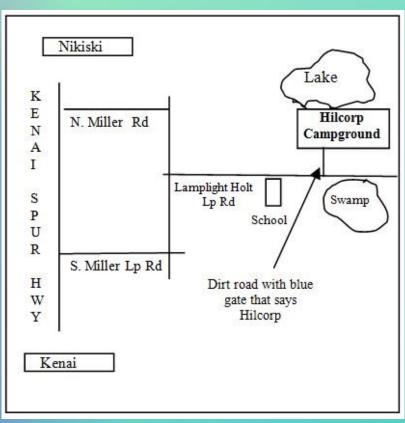
#JesusStrongKids <u>Grades 1st-5th</u>:
6:30pm-7:30pm

#JesusStrongYouth <u>Grades 6th-12th</u>:
6:30pm-8pm

Online

Sunday Live and Online Services: 11:00am Thursday Live Mid Day Prayer: (Noon)





Directions to Hilcorp Picnic Site: Mile 1.5 Holt Lamplight Rd, off South Miller Rd, Nikiski

Come for food, fellowship, and fun!

Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, appropriate clothing and life jackets for swimming etc. for your family. Please no dogs.

Families with last names A-L please bring a side.

Families with last names M-Z please bring dessert.



Congratulations to the Caldwell family!
Anne Ilene Caldwell was born on 7-8-22

Congratulations to the Wardlow family!
Nicole Marie Juliette Wardlow was born on 7-28-22

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