



E-Newsletter for AK/BC Pastors and Supporters

SPRING 2022

Things are Warming Up!

What a record breaking winter we've had here in Alaska/BC! With over 5 feet of snow at the end of the year, we've also scored the record for the wettest December. Thankfully, the sun is showing itself and helping us all thaw up and dry out.

Things are also warming up in terms of ministry. We have many exciting events planned including Summer Conference and Youth Camp. Our General Assembly will also be taking place in just a few short months. We hope you will take advantage of these times of refreshing fellowship and encouragement from God's word.

We hope you enjoy looking over all of the latest news and happenings in our Great State! You will read of some of the immense challenges our pastors face. However, we must never forget that we serve a Great God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or even imagine! (Ephesians 3:20).

Your prayers are needed as our pastors continue to minister in these very difficult times. We're so proud to be able to partner with you and the pastors of AK/BC to reach the lost for Christ.

As always, please let us know if there is anything we can do for you! We are here for you!

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New Church Plant- Beacon of Light Church of God

The Beacon of Light Church of God was officially planted on Sunday, February 27th! This fulfills a dream that Ralph and Esther have had for over twelve years! This congregation is presently renting a room at Crown Plaza where they hold their services. Join them in prayer as they look for a building that they can call home!



Pastors Ralph and Esther Juan were set forth by the District Pastor, Bro. Tommie Shook. The Juan's, along with 13 others, were long time members of the North Anchorage Church of God. In total, 37 people joined in this new work. Twenty-four of these members were new to the Church of God!



Join us in prayer for this new work! May God bless the work of their hands and provide a bountiful harvest for His glory and honor!

Sincere Thank You

On February 3rd, Barb's mom, Shirley Williams, went to be with the Lord. She had been feeble and sick for some time. We find comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering, but is in the loving arms of God. Thank you for the kind words, cards, texts, emails, and flowers. Most of all, thank you for the prayers for Mom and our family.

Arctic Fest



Arctic Fest was held on February 4th – 6th at Little Beaver/Big Lake. Pastor Russell Hall, Admin. Pastor, at Mt. Olive Ministries, Cleveland TN was our guest speaker.

The musical guests were Mackenzie Hall, Addie Pierce from Cleveland TN and Pastor Brandon Scott from the Kenai Church of God.



Arctic Fest was a great time of fun and fellowship! A total of 61 youth from all over the state joined us at Little Beaver for spiritual encouragement and worship.

An additional 31 students were involved in a similar event at Glacier Valley Church of God in Juneau AK. Due to finances, the youth there were unable to attend Arctic Fest. Pastor Keith Greene reported 5 saved/rededicated and 1 student was called to ministry!

We thank God for His anointing on our youth! Pray that the work begun at these



events will continue and that our youth will keep pursuing God.



We so appreciate the ministry of the Hall's, Mackenzie Hall, Addy Pierce, and Pastor Brandon Scott. Thank you for leading us in the Word and in worship.

As always, we appreciate all of the camp workers, Sarah Perez, and Dawn Panthin for making Arctic Fest possible!

Southeast Winter Conference



Pastors Jeff and Marie White and the congregation of the Lighthouse Church of God in Ketchikan hosted the annual Southeast Winter Conference this past February.



Pastor Ben Warrick of GO Church in Atlanta, GA did an outstanding job of encouraging everyone in attendance each night. Bishop McGirt also provided leadership renewal and development training in the morning sessions and at the pastor's luncheon.



All Southeast pastors were in attendance, with the exception of the Millers, who are still experiencing travel restrictions associated with COVID 19 in Terrace/B.C.

We so appreciate the efforts of Pastor White, his lovely wife Marie, and the Lighthouse Church of God for providing such a wonderful conference for our Southeastern pastors.

Zion Worship Center



We visited Zion Worship Center on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Pastors David and Rena Queja were such gracious hosts! Their church is full of worshippers who love God and are seeking to reach their community through that love.



Pastor David preached from Judges 5:1-5 on how we must move with God. A wonderful message for sure! Thank you Pastors David and Rena and the congregation of Zion Worship for all you're doing for God and His kingdom!

Glacier Valley Church of God

We visited with the Glacier Valley Church of God in Juneau on March 18-

20th. What a great week-end of leadership development we had! Twenty seven members were in attendance- which is 1/3 of the church!



We enjoyed the time spent with Pastor Keith and his family. Keith, Jenny, and Julianna are wonderful hosts and it was an honor getting to know them better. The Glacier Valley church family made us feel welcome and loved. Thank you all for being such a blessing to us!



Certification Received



Hazel O'Neill Roman recently received her National Board Certification as a School Nurse. She has served as Camp Nurse for AK/BC since 2021.

Hazel is a kind and compassionate nurse who is very detailed oriented and organized. We appreciate all that she does to ensure that we have a safe and efficient camp.

She currently works for the Swanson Elementary School in Palmer Alaska. Hazel and her family attend Mat-Su Christian Center in Wasilla.

Spring/Summer Church Projects

There are several opportunities for you to connect physically and financially with several church projects across AK/BC. If you would like to partner with us, you can connect through Church of God World Missions, project number 102-7088 or give directly via akbccog.com through PayPal. All donations are tax deductible. Here is the list of our current projects.

Craig Church of God, Craig AK- Beginning Saturday, April 22, 2022, missionary evangelist, Harold Hanks will be bringing a team from Georgia and Florida to work on the sanctuary at the Craig Church of God. They will be hanging sheetrock, painting, and putting down new carpet.

Glacier Valley Church of God, Juneau AK- After several sump pump failures and backup pump failures, the Glacier Valley Church of God are having to replace their carpet, a well as, remodel their downstairs bathrooms due to water damage. We would love for you to help us help them with these necessary upgrades!

Kenai Church of God, Kenai AK- Jim Jolin and the Men of Action team from Alaska will be painting the Kenai Church of God later this summer. Pastor Brandon and Tonya Scott are doing a tremendous job there and we want to help them with their continued progress. Your purchase of a gallon of paint will go a long way!

Kotzebue Church of God, Kotzebue AK- Over the past few years, the Kotzebue parsonage has experienced a good amount of wood rot. Once again, Jim Jolin and the Men of Action from Alaska and beyond will be making the trip to Kotzebue for repairs to the seal beams near the foundation, window replacements, repairs to the boiler floor, parsonage kitchen floor, and more. The initial cost of the material is a little over \$7000 which includes shipping to Kotzebue. Any help with this project would be a blessing to the Pastors, Wayne and Jane Cowart, and to the congregation.

Calendar of Events

May 3rd – 11:00 AM – State Council Meeting – North Anchorage COG

May 3rd – 6th – Summer Conference, North Anchorage COG, Anchorage AK.

- Morning Speaker: Pastor Michael Nations, Senior Pastor of Clyde Church of God, Clyde NC and Director of The Vital Initiative

- Evening Speakers:

Tuesday and Thursday Evening: Pastor David Smith, Oak Park Church of God, Mobile AL

Wednesday Evening: Dr. Terrell Brinson, World Missions Service

Friday Evening: Dr. J. David Stephens, Assistant General Overseer

June 13th – 17th – Youth Camp, Little Beaver

- Speaker: Erich and Emily Lacks and The Well Ministry Team from The Well Church in Pulaski, TN.

July 25th – 29th – COG General Assembly – San Antonio Texas

September 29 – 30th – AKBC Ministry Workshop for Credentialed Ministers/Spouses and Lay Leaders. North Anchorage COG, Anchorage AK

- Presenters: Art Rhodes (COG Benefits Board), Dennis Watkins (COG Legal Counsel), Dr. Tim Maness (COG Center for Ministerial Care), Rev. Mitchell Tolle Sr. (Thursday evening speaker), and Donna Carter (CDM Accounting, Online Reporting).

December 1st – Credentialed Minister/Spouse and Retired Minister/Spouse Christmas Banquet, the Hotel Captain Cook

AK/BC Missions

Thank You!

To all of our supporters, churches, and friends: thank you! We could not do what we do without your continued support. We are thankful for all you do for AK/BC! Together, we can do more!



Support AKBC by giving to our World Missions Project Number: 102-7088

Remember:
We are Vital
We are Visionary
We are Valued

March Missions Month

We hope you've recognized March as Missions Month in your local church. Pledges for the **New Zealand Project** (102-9532) continue to come in. If your church made a pledge to this project, please make every effort to finish your commitment. As soon as all of the funds are in, the Church of God World Missions department will send AK/BC half of the funds back. Let's finish what we started and wrap up this missions project.

AK/BC is again partnering with World Missions to help raise \$25,000 toward the Safe Havens Widows Center in Sri Lanka. This project number is 775-0040.

Click this link to watch a video presentation regarding this project:

