



E-Newsletter for AK/BC Pastors and Supporters

Winter 2022

Winter is in Full Glory!

Winter has officially arrived here in the Great State! A surplus of snow fell in early December creating traffic issues, school closures, and monumental mounds of fluffy precipitation. It's definitely a winter wonderland!

Even in the midst of the weather issues and the cold temps, ministry goes on here in Alaska/BC. We've travelled from the top of the world in Barrow, to the southern most regions of Craig and Ketchikan to visit with our pastoral couples and churches. We have found the ministers of Alaska hard at work in their churches and communities, laboring in the fields to reach the lost and fulfill the great commission.

Thankfully, many of our pastors/ministers were able to attend our annual Minister's Christmas Banquet. This is always a special time of fellowship and fun. Thanks to our faithful sponsors, this event remained free for our ministers again this year.

As you go through this newsletter, please know that ministry happens here because of you! We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

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New Beginnings Church of God

Our trip to Barrow was incredible! Going to the 'top of the world' was such an amazing experience. The snow was already settled in there, but there were no signs of polar bears! We did enjoy a few of the local sights, including the whale bones!



While in Barrow, we took part in *New Beginnings* Church services and met so many wonderful church members. These included Dorothy Matthews, mother of pastor David Matthews! We also met Don Jones who presented Bishop McGirt with a home-made ballen boat!

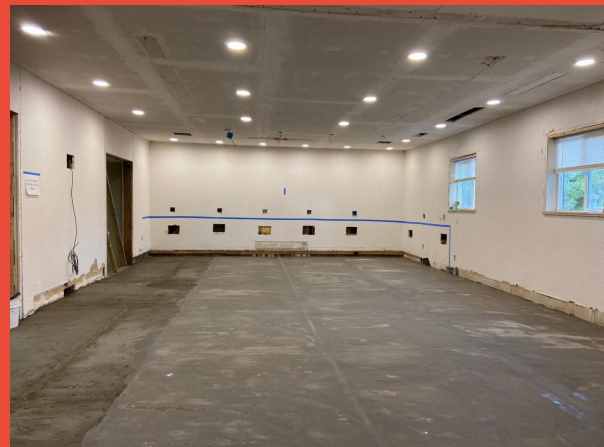




Lighthouse Church of God

The Lighthouse Church of God held it's annual Operation Christmas Child event. They typically collect 600-1000 shoe boxes!

Pastor Jeff and Sis. Marie White are also spear heading a major church renovation. The plan is to expand the foyer, add new bathrooms, and a kitchen.





Join us in prayer for the Lighthouse Church of God, Pastor Jeff and Sis. Marie White, and the Ketchikan community!

Craig Church of God



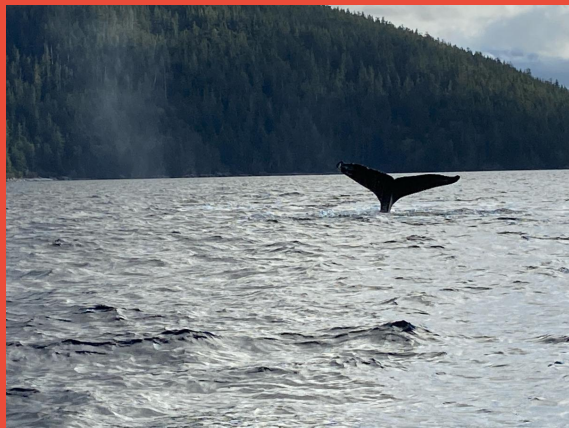
We arrived in Craig where there was no snow, but plenty of rain and hail! The weather from one end of Alaska to the other is truly unpredictable!

While in Craig, we enjoyed a boat ride through Bucareli Bay. This is a beautiful area where you're sure to see some amazing wildlife!

While in Craig, Bishop McGirt was able to present a check to Pastor Crews to pay for a heater in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Pastor Michael Stephens and the Franklin Church of God in Franklin N.C. for this gift!



Join us in prayer for Pastors Jeremy and Kerin Crews and the Craig Church of God!



Harvest Christian Fellowship



We visited with the Harvest Christian Fellowship congregation while Pastor Jones and Sis. Linda were on vacation. It was Communion Sunday and we were blessed to be a part of this special day!



We also enjoyed a pot luck after the service! There was so much food!
Thank you Pastor Jones for the invitation and thank you Harvest Christian Fellowship for always making us feel so welcome!



Pastors/Ministers Christmas Banquet

Our annual Minister's Christmas Banquet was held on Dec. 1st and we had a great turn out! The food was great and the fellowship was just what we all needed.



Pastor Ralph Juan of the Beacon of Light Church of God, led us in a beautiful round of Christmas carols!





Our new Women's Ministry Board members were announced (left to right): Linda Jones, Harvest Christian Fellowship; Sara Polanco, Bethel Hispanic; Jenny Greene, Juneau; Beth Terry, Soldotna; Brittany Kinkead, North Anchorage; Barbara McGirt, State Women's Ministry President. (Dawn Panthin, Kodiak, was unable to attend).



Our new State Council members were also introduced: (left to right)- Moyce Polanco, Bethel Hispanic; Shannon Panthin, Kodiak; Bobby Jones, Harvest Christian Fellowship; Bishop McGirt; Keith Greene, Juneau; Andy Terry, Soldotna; James Kinkead, North Anchorage.





Sis. Fredda Shook, retired pastor's wife/minister, led us in a few Christmas games. She made sure that we all knew we only had three minutes for each game!

Beth Terry, pastor's wife from Soldotna and Jenny Greene, pastor's wife from Juneau, were the big winners!



Pastor David Queja of Zion Worship Center read from the Christmas Story and Rev. Sara Polanco of Bethel Hispanic prayed the benediction.

Thank you to all of our sponsors who made this wonderful time of fun and fellowship possible:

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Pastor Bill White is Honored

The Lighthouse Church of God in Ketchikan honored Pastors Bill and Margaret White on December 18th for 62 years of ministry in Alaska, 65 years of marriage and Pastor White's 90th birthday.

Bill and Margaret pastored the Lighthouse Church of God for 56 years, planted many churches in Southeast Alaska, and developed Coal Bay Camp and Retreat Center, a youth and family camp located on Price of Wales Island. This wonderful couple also started Ketchikan Church of God Christian Schools in 1976. This ministry continued for over 30 years providing students with a Christian education. These are just a

few of the contributions that this blessed couple has made to Alaska, to the Ketchikan community, and to the Kingdom of God.

Pastor White is now serving as Spirit Care Coordinator for Alaska. His ministry of reaching out and encouraging the ministers of the Great State has been invaluable! We love and appreciate Pastor Bill and Sis. Margaret White!



CDM Conference- South Georgia

We attended a CDM Conference at the South Georgia Church of God camp ground. We learned so much about the program and its capabilities. We hope to transfer our knowledge to our work in AKBC!



Lorna Gosnell and the entire South Georgia team created such a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all who attended the CDM conference. We really appreciated the training and the wonderful time of fellowship!

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