



E-Newsletter for AK/BC Pastors and Supporters

Fall 2023

It's Fall Y'all!

The mosquitoes have gone and the colors of fall have arrived! Autumn in Alaska is actually quite amazing. We've seen the most brilliant golds and reds as we've traveled across the state.

Visiting churches and spending time with pastoral couples the last few months has been a pleasure for us. Despite the ever changing seasons one thing remains the same: God is blessing and encouraging His people and providing for their needs.

Whether it's a bathroom renovation in Fairbanks or a Women's Conference in Eagle River-- great things are taking place all for the glory of God. We hope this is evident as you scroll through the pictures and read the stories.

As you go through this newsletter, please know that ministry happens here because of you. We are all so thankful for your support!

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This picture taken in Fairbanks Alaska

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VISITS IN THE STATE

Pathway to Heaven

It's always good to visit with Pastor Dr. Priscilla Fulford and Dale Clark at the Pathway to Heaven Mission in Wasilla. Pastor Priscilla and Dale are doing a great job providing encouragement and spiritual instruction to their flock. Keep them and their ministry in your prayers!



Kotzebue

Pastors Wayne and Jane Cowart retired from full-time ministry on August 20th.

They have been faithfully serving the Kotzebue church and community for the past three years.

They plan to relocate to Florida where they will see what God has in store for them!

Keep the Kotzebue Church of God in prayer as we continue to look for a pastoral couple to fill this much needed

area of ministry.



Retired pastors Alan and Miriam Humphries were on hand to support the Cowarts on this special day!



The Humphries will be serving as interim pastors while the search for a full-time pastoral couple continues. We so appreciate their willingness to serve in this capacity.



The Cowarts received a plaque and a beautiful Alaskan print as a going away present. We hope it will always remind them of their time in Alaska!



The church and community elders sang a blessing over the couple at the end of service. Wayne and Jane will surely be missed in Kotzebue!

House of Judah Christian Worship Center

On August 27th, House of Judah Christian Worship Center in Anchorage was officially amalgamated into the Church of God.

Bishop Michael and Cheryl Sweets have been ministering in Anchorage for the past eight years independent of a denomination.

It was such a pleasure to welcome them into our church family!





It was such a blessing to have so many of our pastors come out in support of The Sweets and House of Judah Christian Worship Center.

Thank you to Rev. Fred and Dr. Tamika Ledbetter from Mat-Su Christian Center in Wasilla, retired pastors Tommie and Fredda Shook, and Rev. Bobby Jones of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Eagle River for their support.

Bishop McGirt presented both Rev. Michael Sweet and Rev. Cheryl Sweet with their Church of God credentials.

North Anchorage

On September 3rd, we visited with Pastor James and Brittany Kinkead and the congregation of the North Anchorage Church of God.

It's been one year since the Kinkeads were appointed as pastors. The church is doing well and we had a wonderful day worshipping with them!



Bethel Hispanic

We visited with Bethel Hispanic Church of God in Anchorage on September 17th. Everytime we visit here, we always feel so much love and joy! We were blessed that Rev. Roma Hester and Rev. Yolanda Ferguson were able to join us for the service.

Thank you to Pastor Moyce and Sis. Sara Polanco and their congregation for such a warm welcome.



Beacon of Light

While Pastor Ralph Juan was in the Philippines, we filled in at Beacon of Light Church of God in Anchorage on September 24th. Sis. Esther Juan did a great job taking care of the service.

The music is always lively at Beacon of Light and we also were blessed by an interpretive dance. The day was capped off with a delicious meal.

Thanks so much to Sis. Esther and the congregation for making our visit a true blessing!





PROJECTS IN THE STATE

Craig Church of God, Craig AK

Back in July, the Men and Women of Action visited the Craig Church of God in Craig, Alaska. The team was lead by Jeremy Greer. Folks from all over the southeast US came to paint the exterior of the church, add rafters to the gym, and a railing to the front steps.





The front ramp now has a new railing. The freshly painted exterior is beautiful! The Craig Church of God is now an even more welcoming place for the Craig Community.



Pastors Jeremy and Kerin Crews are so thankful for the help they received from the Men and Women of Action on these renovations!

Valley of Blessing, Fairbanks AK

For the past 15 years, Pastor Joe and Sis. Carol Perez have been working on restroom renovations in their church. They have painted and repainted, but the restrooms remained out dated. Sis. Carol had such a burden to reflect a more positive image of the church. Her dream recently came true September 25-27th!



Pastor Matt and Kim Lewis from Lake



Pastor Joe Perez and Bishop McGirt

Harvest Church of God in Mooresville, North Carolina made it possible for the Valley of Blessing Church of God to have new toilet partitions. Pastor Matt flew to Alaska to assist with the installation.



We are so thankful to Pastor Matt and Kim Lewis for making this renovation possible. To God be the glory!

were also on hand to assist. All totaled, four restrooms were up fitted with new partitions. Along with the new flooring that had been recently installed, the restrooms looked gorgeous!



This is a photo of the upstairs men's restroom. The color of the partitions perfectly matched the flooring! Sis. Carol did a great job in coordinating this project.

FALL STATE CONFERENCES

Beautifully Broken Women's Conference

Our "Beautifully Broken" Women's Conference was held at the Harvest Christian Fellowship Church of God in Eagle River on September 15th - 16th. What a time we had!

Rev. Roma Hester from Monroe Deliverance Center in Monroe, North Carolina was our guest speaker and she did an amazing job!

Nine of our churches with a total of 120 registrants attended the conference. All who attended were encouraged and blessed.



Registration went smoothly as ladies signed up for break out sessions and received a t-shirt.



Sis. Linda Jones was our conference hostess. She and her ladies did an outstanding job!



Sis. Jenn Oden from New Life Church of God in North Pole, AK was our conference worship leader. The worship was truly anointed and each song ministered in a powerful way.



Sis. Tina George from the North Anchorage Church of God ministered in song on Friday evening. "Alabaster Box" was the perfect choice for the conference.



Ladies from Craig to North Pole joined together in worship during the conference.



It was a beautiful sight to see the women wearing their conference shirts!

The Silent Auction was a big success. All the proceeds from the auction and the offering will go toward the WWAM Mission Project, Ukraine: The Journey Home. A big thanks to all who took part.



Silent Auction items included hand made objects, books, craft kits, jewelry, hand bags, Alaskan prints, teas and coffees, candles, and home décor. Over 80 items were brought from all over the state to help raise money for the mission project.



The photo booth was a big hit. Even Pastor Bobby Jones of Harvest Christian Fellowship took part!



Everyone enjoyed a great meal and even better fellowship! Thanks to our Women's Ministry Board members, speakers, and Harvest Christian Fellowship for organizing such a wonderful event for the beautiful women of Alaska!



ARISE Men's Conference



Pastor Matt Lewis from the Lake Harvest Church of God in Mooresville, NC was the speaker for the ARISE Men's Conference Sept. 29th - 30th. We are so appreciative for Pastor Matt's ministry to the men of Alaska!



Pastor Andy Terry from the Soldotna Church of God was the conference host. The men truly enjoyed being at the Alaska Christian Retreat in Sterling AK.



The men enjoyed fellowship and great food while being at the retreat center. We had over 50 men- with eleven churches represented from across the state- to attend!





A big thanks to Pastor Andy Terry and the men of the Soldotna Church of God and all the participants who joined us in making this a memorable and encouraging time for our men!

VISITS OUTSIDE OF THE STATE

Mt. Olive Church of God

We visited Mt. Olive Church of God in Cleveland, TN on July 23rd. Mt. Olive is a faithful supporter of Alaska and we so appreciate their invitation to minister.

Many thanks to Pastor Sears and the Mt. Olive congregation.





Triad Fellowship

On August 6th, we visited Triad Fellowship in Gibsonville, North Carolina. Pastor Zach and Elaine Barnes were amazing hosts and their support of Alaska is invaluable.

We're so thankful to Triad Fellowship for their prayers and the kindness shown to us during our visit!



Lake Harvest Church of God



We visited with the Lake Harvest Church of God on August 13th. Lake Harvest Church is a faithful supporter of Alaska and we're so thankful for their generosity to this great state!



Lake Harvest Church of God also celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day and Old Fashioned Day on August 13th. The church honored Pastor Matt and Kim Lewis and Bishop McGirt preached an encouraging message!

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