Kenai Christian Church

November 2026

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Abounding Thankfulness

Thankfulness

It is nearly impossible to be in November and not think about thankfulness. As the store shelves begin to be filled with harvest themes and Christmas goodies, you can almost feel the thankfulness in the air. People's faces appear more to reflect an attitude of gratitude as they smile while passing in the aisles. Overall, as the seasons continue to change, we begin to reflect on the year while being more generous to others. I believe because of our concentration on thankfulness, we naturally begin to want to share that joy with others. This is why we see an outpouring of sharing and donations this time of year. Even if we find ourselves in need, the atmosphere of thankfulness causes our hearts and minds to help others in need.

Misplaced Thankfulness

It is always a great reminder in scripture to consider how we express our thankfulness. In Luke 18, Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector where we originally witness misplaced thankfulness. In verses 11 and 12 we read, "The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'"Clearly the Pharisee was expressing his thankfulness to God, but unfortunately it was a thankfulness that was wrapped up in merit, comparison, and self-righteousness. Instead of being thankful for how God had blessed him, the pharisee was more thankful for his superiority complex. Right now, we can look around and see people living lifestyles like the ones described by the pharisee in his prayer. But we must be careful not to fall into the trap where we misplace our thankfulness by creating an "us versus them" attitude where we are better than those who are struggling.

Focused Thankfulness

The rest of the parable continues on with a prayer by the tax collector, "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'" His attitude of humility is praised by Jesus as the tax collector wasn't concerned about where he stood in comparison to other people, but where he stood in the presence of God. I believe the tax collector had a focused thankfulness in the fact that he could even talk to God even though he was aware of all of his faults. There's a great lesson to be learned from the tax collector: have a focused thankfulness that avoids judging others. As we continue through the end of 2026, let's focus on thankfulness. Be thankful for what God has done for us: given us His Son and Holy Spirit so that we can live in His presence. I'd love for each of us to begin every day with a contagious attitude of thankfulness no matter what trial we may be facing or how distant we feel from God. Our thankfulness will be a constant reminder that though the world seems crazy, God is still pouring out His blessings on us all.

Thankful for you,
Adam



Celebrations

We still have plenty of students showing up on Wednesdays and Sundays. It's amazing to see so many young people attending services, engaging with the teaching, and participating in the church community. Many students also serve regularly on Sundays and Wednesdays—from running slides and helping behind the scenes to leading worship. It's wonderful not only to see students showing up consistently, but also to see them getting involved.

On October 28th, we held our second Training Ground with the youth. It was a great opportunity to dive deeply into discipleship. We discussed what discipleship is, the cost of discipleship, and the mission of making disciples. These nights have been a blessing to our youth ministry as we train students to be equipped for every good work. This next generation is hungry for truth and training. It's been encouraging to see them engaged during these times and excited for the next ones throughout the school year.

Upcoming Stuff

There will be NO Youth Group on November 25th. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families!

Our next Training Ground will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd. This time, we'll dive into apologetics, showing students how to defend their faith and giving them evidence so they can be confident in what they believe.

College Boxes are coming up fast! We'll need supplies to send to our college students who are far from home and won't make it back for the holiday. More information will be shared soon about how many boys' and girls' boxes we'll be sending. As in past years, we'll need plenty of snacks, toiletries, school supplies, and other fun gifts to send to our college students!



Announcements

We will be collecting toys and supplies for ABC Life Choices. From November 15-December 13th. Be on the lookout for the list.

We will also be collecting supplies for College Boxes. Be on the lookout for that list as well.

Congratulations to the Haakensons! Kendrick Noble Haakenson was born on October 21st, 2026





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This year we will be doing a "Food Drive for Love INC"
If you would like to donate, here is the list of the following items needed:

Ham
Pumkin Pie
Package Rolls
Whipped Cream
Butter
Boxes Stuffing
32 oz. Chicken stock
Canned Fruit
Large Jello Package
Instant Potatoes
Turkey Gravy Packages
Pork Gravy Packages
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Mini Marshmallows
Cranberry Sauce
Salt & Pepper Pkg
Roasting Pan for Turkey/Ham
Roasting Pan for Stuffing
Aluminum Foil
Roasting Pan for Green Bean Casserole
Canned Cut Green Beans
Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup
Evaporated Milk
Fried Onions
Box Macaroni and Cheese



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Congregational Packet Meeting

KENAI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Let's Discuss Our Future



November 15th & 22nd

10:30am-11am

Come meet with the elders to discuss 2026 and the coming year. Bring your questions, concerns or encouragement.
The meeting will be held in the adult classroom in the FLC across from the kitchen.