



Kenai Christian Church *news*

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Back to Routine

The Caution of Routine

Somehow our Summer is winding down and the shelves at the local stores are quickly being stocked with Back-to-School supplies and sales. This means that our normal routine for 9 months out of the year is going to kick in again very soon. The routine is not all bad as it helps us with consistency and scheduling, but there's definitely a caution to our routine to which we must be alerted: just going through the motions. Going through the motions in life is dangerous as it can lead to complacency.

The Complacent Believer

Think about any relationship in your life: husband/wife; parent/child; coworkers; friends; and now imagine approaching any of those relationships with complacency. I don't know about you, but I can tell when someone in a relationship with me is just going through the motions. If that kind of relationship continued for an extended period of time it would not be long before you questioned if it was even a relationship at all. Now consider how you can relate to that example and apply it to your involvement at church and your walk with God.

Finding Excitement in Routine

To break the cycle of complacency in our involvement at church or in our walk with God we must find excitement in the routine. To do this, first, change your mission mindset. Instead of saying, "I HAVE to go to church today," try saying, "I GET to go to church today." There are people all over the globe who would love to meet together openly and freely with brothers and sisters in Christ to have fellowship and study, but that is not an option for them. Second, realize that you going to church is not just about you. There are a ton of opportunities to serve by teaching or helping children, youth, and adults. Also, when you show up, you just might run into someone who needed you there that day. Finally, realize that your life is broken and needs healing. When I'm honest with myself I realize that my sin, worry, and frustrations need to be addressed regularly. That's why spending time in prayer, Bible study, and in fellowship with other believers is so important. It helps heal our bodies and souls, through God's Word and His Holy Spirit.

Look at the attitude and results of the routine found in the early church: "Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47) May our routine be joyful, humble, and result in the Lord saving many more!

In Christ,
Adam

Celebrations:

⇒ We had 98 total campers at our 2026 Church Camp! We also had 3 baptisms at the end of the week. We're still giving God all the praise for an amazing week of camp. It's always a good time taking students out there for a week. And this time was definitely a great year. From our speaker Dan bringing some great messages every night, to Scott talking to the students about going to a bible college, it was an amazing time. Even with some of the strange things that happened throughout the week, nothing stopped us from hearing the word, giving God our praise, and fellowshiping together.

Upcoming Stuff:

- ⇒ Our Fall Launch is August 19th at 6:30PM here at the building! As the school year begins, we get back into our regular routine of meeting for youth group on Wednesday nights at the building. Not only is this our first night being back in the building, but it's the first night the new 6th graders will be joining us for youth group. Our Fall Launch is a fun night where we celebrate the good things God did over the summer and enjoy being back here at the building. So be sure to bring your 6th-12th grader to our Fall Launch!
- ⇒ Our annual church picnic is August the 23rd at 3pm. Directions and info are on the Announcement page.

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DERIK & ZOË
F L E N S B U R G

joining God in reaching the nations through aviation



THE LORD IS OUR SHELTER

Back in January of 2025, when we moved into the house we are now renting, our friends and MAF missionary landlords anticipated ~2 years that they would be in South Africa. In March of this year, they returned to the states and are now seeking the Lord for their next steps in life and in ministry. Please join us in praying for them as they seek God's will and also for us in flexibility and wisdom in finding new housing if the Lord leads them to return to their home. It has been a joy and honor to steward their home while they served overseas, and we know the Lord has perfect plans for us even in the possible housing change which came about sooner than expected.

One of the greatest blessings we have enjoyed is the ability to spend time with Moody Aviation staff and students inside our home and out. In the winter, there were cold plunges in the Spokane River before sharing soup and bread back at our place. More recently, it was a hike in the forest hills of North Idaho to search for morel mushrooms, and gathering at our place to play games and tell stories together. The fundamental basis of relationship is shared experience; we are thankful that God has provided this with our friends at Moody.

pray

- Growth in the knowledge of God's love
- More energy, recovery from sickness
- Wisdom and encouragement in our roles at Moody
- Clearer vision for housing and ministry in the future

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Floods at the church in Haleiwa.



Games with Moody Staff and students at the house, telling a story together. Of course, it was about airships!



Zoë instructs MAF Teen Aviation campers on how to drill aluminum and prep for aircraft riveting.

Oahu

Last fall we were invited by good friends to help facilitate a week-long, Alaska-themed, youth day camp at a church in Haleiwa on the North Shore of Oahu in March. It was not hard to say yes, especially since our 10-year anniversary was coming up! We went to Oahu and met the team on the North Shore, where we helped set up for the day camp themed "Seen and Known". The campers were divided into age groups named after Alaskan animals; by accident, our group had both whales and caribou assigned to it, so Zoë and I helped oversee "Team Whalibou."

It was around the end of camp that Zoë caught a virus, coming down with a fever and lacking energy. Then, Friday night came. As we slept, more than 16 inches of rain from the Kona Low weather system poured down on Oahu, flooding the North Shore. Some places in Haleiwa were more than waist deep. It was uncertain if the earthen dam upriver would hold, so we evacuated inland and were given a place to stay at a church in Wahiawa. We were so welcomed and blessed by Wahiawa First Baptist!

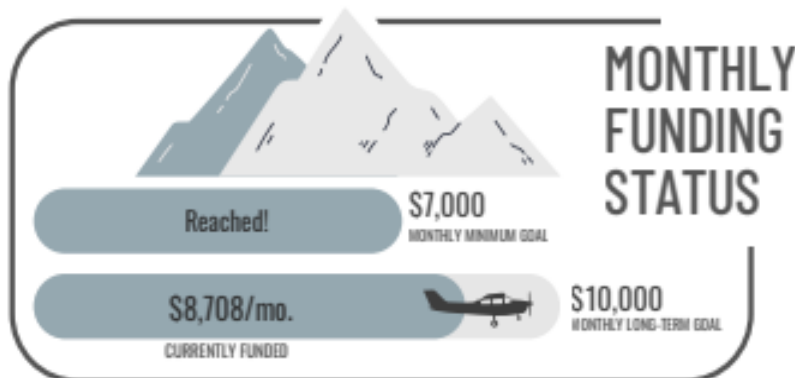
We were able to spend a few days on Oahu recovering from the previous week and watching the brown water dissipate on the beaches before we headed back to Spokane. It took some months for Zoë to recover from the viral illness, but God has mostly restored her energy capacity. Thank you to everyone who prayed for Zoë's recovery and for our safety amidst the uncertainty and chaos!

Updates from Moody Aviation

Here are the recent highlights from our ministry at Moody Aviation.

In Maintenance Training, Zoë did wheel and brake servicing with students on our Cessna 185's composite amphibious floats with special sealed wheel bearings. This aircraft allows our students to pursue seaplane endorsements. In aviation safety, Derik's supervisor, Garry Barkman, is stepping away from his role and is helping steward the transition of Ian Hawk into the position. These changes require great care, but they can bring fresh ideas.

This summer, we are just getting back from MAF's Teen Aviation Camp to share the vision for missionary aviation, and we are preparing to leave for EAA Airventure at Oshkosh to represent Moody Aviation. Then, our new class of first-year students arrive in Spokane. There's a lot going on, including the uncertainty about housing plans and clear ideas for next steps in ministry. However, God gives good rest, and we are pleased to be in the place He has led us. Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man plans his way in his heart, but the Lord determines his steps."



We look forward to the steps God has for us next, wherever He leads. What is the next step the Lord has for you?

Derik & Zoë

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Janelle Haddock
Satori'Grey was born on June 27th, 2026

***Condolences to the Gillis Family.
Ashley Gillis' mom passed away
on June 31st, 2026***

***Condolences to the Gottsche
Family.
David Gottsche passed away on
July 12th, 2026***

***Condolences to the Olson Family.
Tammy Olson's mother Janie Browning passed
away on July 22nd, 2026***

Welcome to the KCC family Matthew Nash!
He placed membership with us on July 26th, 2026

praising GOD FOR THE GROWTH OF HIS KINGDOM,
MCKADE MOORE
&
PAUL O'MALLEY
were BOTH BAPTIZED at SUMMER CAMP ON
JULY 10TH 2026!

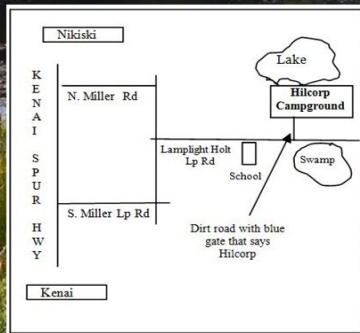
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Kenai Christian Church PICNIC

August 23rd, 2026

3 PM ~ FELLOWSHIP & ACTIVITIES

**5 PM ~ WORSHIP, DEVOTION & COMMUNION.
FOLLOWED BY DINNER.**



**Directions to
Hilcorp Picnic Site:**
60°39'40.4"N
151°16'22.3"W

Don't Forget...

KCC will be providing the main dish. Meat, buns, toppings, condiments, chips, and drinks.

Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, appropriate clothing and life jackets for swimming etc. for your family.

*No dogs please.

*** EXTRAS NEEDED!! Please, choose one of the following cards from the board, located in the foyer.**



On August 9th the congregation will vote on adding Matthew Nash to our current supported missions. Matthew would receive the 6% that was previously allotted to Niños de Mexico. Matthew works as a reporter with Free Burma Rangers, a frontline ministry that brings help, hope, and the love of Christ to civilians caught in the crossfire. He works in Thailand and Burma, helping with development projects, gospel presentations, and humanitarian journalism, getting the news out about the oppressed people of Burma. Absentee ballots will be available July 26th & August 2nd for those members who cannot vote in-person on August 9th.