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## Cabin Night, January 9



**C**abin Night is our Children's Program Activity for January.

Friday, January 9th, the 1st – 6th graders are invited to CABIN NIGHT. Registration begins at 5:30 in the UBC entry area.

From 6pm to 10 pm we will be singing, roasting marshmallows around the fire, making new friends, earning team points, playing group games and being mentored by teenagers.

We hope to have a camp cook to disperse the grub, and crafts to keep the night remembered for a long time to come. . .So, CAMPERS, bring your sleeping bag to sit on, your canteen to sip out of, a dollar or two for snack shop and an appetite for camping fun.

Side Note: The event runs from 6pm to 10pm, with registration beginning at 5:30pm. However, our little ones may need to depart sooner. Pick up is whatever time is best for your child, and everyone should be picked up by 10pm.

\*The goal is to make this an annual January event.

Call or email Marnie Port: 457-4853 or yowzah@acsalaska.net

What: Cabin Night

Where: University Baptist Church

Time: Registration begins at 5:30pm

Bring:

- sleeping bag
- water jug- labeled
- \$2.00
- trash bag to hold all of the camping gear above.

**The Children are urged to invite their friends too!** ☒

## MOPS Coming!

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers and is an international organization. UBC preschool ministry is in the process of forming such a group. The organization is for all mothers of preschoolers and we plan to reach out to women who do not attend UBC.

The purpose of the organization is to provide

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**Worship with Us!**

### Sunday (Nursery provided all services)

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Service
  - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages).
  - 11:00 a.m. Morning Svc.
  - 2 & 6 p.m. Chinese Small Groups
  - 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
  - 6:00 p.m. Evening Svc.
  - 6:00 p.m. Children's' Choir
- Nursery provided all services.*

### Wednesday

- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal.
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir, *Nursery provided*
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Missions, Bible Study/Prayer, Youth Wednesday.

### Friday

- 7 p.m. Chinese Worship/ Potluck

### Saturday

- 7 pm, Filipino Fellowship

*(Lord's Supper on fifth Sunday of month, baptism as needed. Monthly business meeting, at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday after the first Sunday each month.)*

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### ~Attention Parents!~

#### The Kum Ba Yah Club

(Our Children's Church) meets 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays during the 11 a.m. church service. Open to all children K-5th grade.

See the story on page one about our Children's November event, Children's Holiday Gift-Making!



For more information about Children's Church, contact Debbie Palmer @ 457-6716. "

*Train up a child in the way he should go..." Proverbs 22:6*

#### Kum Ba Yah Mission Statement:

- 1) To Teach Biblical Truths and Life Applications of those Truths
- 2) To Create an Age Appropriate Atmosphere for Worship
- 3) To Evangelize! **Parents:** We have an open door policy. Please feel free to visit & worship with us!

*the **Deadline** is... January 25 for the February Newsletter, January 27 for electronic submissions.*

### Weekly UBCNews

Keep up-to-date on what is happening between bulletins and Informer issues (you do not need to be a member). To subscribe, click the StartingPoint button on <http://UniversityBaptistChurch.net>

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### Staff Extension/Voice-Mail Numbers

**Pastor Gary Cox—102**

**Secretary Ann Roberts—101**

When the "Auto-Attendant" is activated, (answering machine) you can dial an extension/voice mail number immediately. If no one answers, it will automatically go to voice mail and you can leave a message.

**Or simply dial 2 to leave a message in the general church box.** The secretary will pick up the message and take care of it as soon as possible.

### EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to join our email prayer chain, please e-mail your request to Myra Neff at the following address:

[rmneff@ptialaska.net](mailto:rmneff@ptialaska.net)

This is also the email to use for sending in prayer requests.

***"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."*** Colossians 4:2

## Beginning the New Year

### From the Pastor

2009 will be a year to remember some things that economics and politics can't touch. That includes eternal truth, church life, and the kingdom within.

Who we are, where we came from and where we are going are eternal truths. We are made in God's image. Our purpose to honor Him and enjoy Him never changes.

Each step we take by faith does that and is not determined by outward circumstances. Both our origin and destination are in Him. We came from Him and are going to Him. This short intermediate time is an opportunity to trust and obey. So if circumstances become difficult, the opportunity is increased.

In the church family we meet, listen to His Word and encourage one another on in discipleship with an attitude of hope and anticipation.

It really doesn't matter the state of the economy or politics. We still "live and move and have our being

in Him." That's why Christians get through these things in better shape than anyone else!

Individually there is His kingdom within our hearts. This way of seeing who we are and what we're to do in times like these is unshaken by fear. We abide in Him and Him in us. Our hope of victory is spiritually generated.

These things are what make Christians overcomers!

*Pastor Gary*

### Church News

Something to Think About



#### .. from the December Business Meeting

The church approved a long list of action plans for 2009, bringing us down to 3 Committees that

still need to turn in their action plans: Renovations, Deacons, and Kitchen Coordinator.

A few budget items were dealt with, but there were no other motions from the floor.

Ben presented the 2009 budget, which will be up for a vote in the January meeting. The Chinese budget was approved as presented.

There is a file of all agenda and minutes in the library for study. Look in the November and December 2008 agendas for the action plans that have been approved. ☒

### Best of the Best Brunch

The January messages (Discovery Class) are from "The Best of David Wilkerson." Class & brunch each Sunday, 9:45 p.m.

#### January:

1/4 "Have You Felt Like Giving Up Lately?" Brunch: coffee cake, egg casserole, fruit

1/11 "You Can't Depend on Others for Happiness" Brunch: sausage, biscuits/gravy, fruit

1/18 "Victory Over Your Besetting Sin" Brunch: cranberry bread, cheese grits, fruit

1/25 "Lay Down Your Guilt & Stop Condemning Yourself" Brunch: pastries, egg casserole, fruit

The Editor retains the right to edit submissions for grammar, spelling, space & content. It is also our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we occasionally include a few in our publication to meet this need.

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a caring environment through which mothers can come together and establish a relationship with other mothers to share their struggles and joys of parenting.

The organization includes these ministry values:

Dignity: The dignity of each human life

Women: The equipping of women to become all that God has designed them to be.

Mothering: The value of mothering for its contribution to individuals, children, society at large, future generations and eternity.

Relationships: This includes the marital relationship, the parent/child relationship, and the ultimate fulfillment of all needs through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lifestyle Evangelism: Sharing Christ through actions and words.

Leadership Development: Women will be equipped to gain confidence in their leadership skills and guide others through lifestyle evangelism.

Our MOPS group will be organized and will conduct meetings that will meet these ministry values.

Judy Zach  
Preschool Director

***March Marriage Conference:***

On the weekend of March 20th a Marriage Conference will be held titled "A Weekend to Remember.

A "Weekend to Remember" is a weekend marriage conference that teaches God's design for marriage and family. The environment is fun, non-threatening, and sometimes hilarious. And it's a wonderful time for couples to refresh good marriages or heal troubled ones.

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***Late Christmas Greetings from Kiana***

**Merry Christmas 2008**

Greetings from John, Kim and Alexis in Kiana, Alaska!

This is our 10<sup>th</sup> winter here!

Here are the highlights for 2008:

There have been 22 salvations and 3 baptisms this year; and a total of 138 salvations since we came in 1999.

A 12 year old native girl from Barrow, named Alexis, has been living with us since last May. She is a delight to us and we enjoy her. We don't know for how long, but we will teach her as long as the Lord allows her to be in our lives.

A young couple from Texas, Zack and Jennifer Greer, came to live in Kiana and help us with the ministry. They have been here since June and plan to stay until school is out in May. Their plans are to go and be missionaries in Africa. Please keep them in your prayers and to pray for a couple to come and take their place. Their web site is: <http://www.greersonmission.blogspot.com>

We had a team come from "The Crossing" at Birchwood, Alaska to do our VBS. They did an excellent job and we hope to see them up here again. We also had a

work team from Texas. This team dug up the dirt to get to the septic tank to see if there was a problem and there was. The pipe wasn't even connected to the tank. They fixed it and we are praying that we don't have any more troubles. They did many other jobs while here.

Janelle, Matilda, Eva and I were able to attend the first "Collide", which was held in Honolulu. We enjoyed working with John and Charlene Vaughn at the Kalihi Baptist Church. We painted lines in parking lots, picked up trash, played with the children, and passed out VBS flyers. We did find time to go to the beach, too! There were several from the church who are interested in coming to Kiana next summer.

***"Our personal support will be cut by \$400 a month starting in January. This will continue with a \$100 dollar a month cut for 6 more years and then there will be zero support."***

We were able to attend the Evangelism Conference, WOM Celebration, and the State Convention this year. John will continue serving on

the State Executive Board during 2009.

In December, we performed a musical with the children entitled, "Operation Baby King" We are so thankful to those who provided and shipped their items early for

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# January 2009

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b><br/>           9:00am Early Worship<br/>           10:00am Sunday School<br/>           11:00am Morning Worship<br/>           2:00 p.m. Chinese Small Groups (various homes).<br/>           4:30 p.m. Bell Choir<br/>           6:00 p.m. Children's Choir<br/>           6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p> |  | <p><b>Regular Wednesday Events</b><br/>           5:45pm Fellowship Meal<br/>           6:30pm Children in Action (1-6)<br/>           6:30pm Mission Friends (2-K)<br/>           6:30pm Youth Wednesday<br/>           6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study &amp; Prayer<br/>           6:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p> |  | <p><b>1</b><br/> <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b><br/>           (office closed)</p>  | <p><b>2</b><br/>           7-10 Chinese Worship, MH (tentative)</p>   | <p><b>3</b><br/>           7 p.m. Filipino Bible Study, 452-4956</p>   |
| <p><b>4</b><br/>           Normal Sunday events (see box).<br/><br/>           Kevin preaching in 6 p.m. service, Feasts of Israel, continued.<br/><br/>           No Children's Church or Children's Choir today.</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/>           7-9 pm, Boy Scouts</p>   | <p><b>7</b><br/>           5 p.m. staff mtg Youth meet to go to "Thirst"<br/>           Reg. Wed. events<br/>           7:30 p.m. <b>January Business Meeting 2009</b><br/>           Budget up for a vote</p> | <p><b>8</b><br/>           BSF 9-11:15<br/><br/>           5pm Graceful Sounds will not meet until further notice</p>                                       | <p><b>9</b><br/>           9 a.m. Mom's in Touch, cry room<br/><br/>           7-10 Chinese Worship, MH<br/><br/>           7pm College/Career Fellowship at Pastor's</p>                   | <p><b>10</b><br/>           7 p.m. Filipino Bible Study, 452-4956</p>  |
| <p><b>11</b><br/>           Normal Sunday events<br/>           12:30 <b>Youth Lunch, Place TBA</b><br/><br/> <b>6 p.m. Youth Led Service.</b><br/><br/>           No Children's Choir</p>  | <p><b>12</b></p>   | <p><b>13</b><br/>           7-9pm, Boy Scouts<br/><br/>           7-9pm English Ministries (English as a Second Language)</p>   | <p><b>14</b><br/>           5pm staff mtg<br/><br/>           Reg. Wed. events</p>   | <p><b>15</b><br/>           BSF 9-11:15<br/><br/> <b>1:30-4 p.m. Homeschool Co-op.</b></p>  | <p><b>16</b><br/>           9 a.m. Mom's in Touch, cry room<br/><br/>           7-10pm Chinese Worship, MH<br/><br/>           7 pm College/Career Fellowship at Pastor Gary's home.</p>    | <p><b>17</b><br/>           7 p.m. Filipino Bible Study, 452-4956</p>  |
| <p><b>18</b><br/>           Normal Sunday events (see box above)</p>  | <p><b>19</b><br/>           7pm, BCM "Connections" at Lola Tilly Upper Room.</p> | <p><b>20</b><br/>           BSF Seminar, 12:30-2:30 p.m.<br/><br/>           BCM Prayer Sves to 1 p.m. in Lola Tilly Upper Room<br/><br/>           7-9pm, Boy Scouts &amp; English Ministries (English as a Second Language)</p>   | <p><b>21</b><br/>           5 p.m. <b>Full Staff Meeting</b><br/><br/>           Reg. Wed. events</p>  | <p><b>22</b><br/>           BSF 9-11:15</p>   | <p><b>23</b><br/>           9 a.m. Mom's in Touch, cry room<br/><br/>           7-10pm Chinese Worship, MH<br/><br/>           7 pm College/Career Fellowship at Kevin Lankford's home.</p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>           10am-noon, Chinese Classes Filipino International Bible Study meeting in private home, 452-4956.</p> |
| <p><b>25</b><br/>           Normal Sunday events (see box)</p>  | <p><b>26</b><br/>           7pm, BCM "Connections" at Lola Tilly Upper Room.</p> | <p><b>27</b><br/>           BCM Prayer Sves to 1 p.m. in Lola Tilly Upper Room<br/><br/>           7-9pm, Boy Scouts &amp; English Ministries (English as a Second Language)</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/>           5 p.m. Staff Meeting<br/><br/>           Reg. Wed. events<br/><br/>           Motions for Feb. Business Mtg due</p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/>           BSF 9-11:15<br/><br/>           1:30-4 p.m. Homeschool Co-op.</p>   | <p><b>30</b><br/>           10am. Newsletter Folding Party<br/><br/>           9 a.m. Mom's in Touch, cry room<br/><br/>           7-10pm Chinese Worship, MH<br/>           7 pm Col-</p>  | <p><b>31</b><br/>           10am-noon, Chinese Classes Filipino International Bible Study meeting in private home, 452-4956.</p> |

## Mission Christmas

Ed. Note: *The Silvas serve as missionaries in Europe, in a Last Frontier country, and regularly correspond with some of our members.*

Dear prayer warriors:

What a great job you did this last week! God was truly present on Friday night, and once again worked His weather miracle! It was drizzly all morning and afternoon, but the evening was clear! Some people complained of being cold, but I was so busy running around, I didn't notice.

We had 55 people in attendance, 28 adults and 27 children. Aliro gave an opening welcome, thanking God for His gift of Jesus that makes celebrating Christmas possible. Then we had music sung and played by some of the children. It was beautiful...we had flutes, keyboard, guitar, trumpet and accordion. Then the children did their nativity presentation, and no one forgot their lines.

After some hot punch and cookies, we broke the piñatas, all 7 of them. This is always a favorite of the kids, and this year some adults even had a chance.

God's protection was also evident: Aliro had told one boy several times to stop swinging the stick, but he either didn't hear or didn't want to give up his turn, and he hit Aliro on the side of the eye. Thank God it wasn't serious, just swollen and red for a few days.

Several people helped set up and clean up and directed the music and the children, which made it much less stressful for us this year. We pray that next year (since we have to be gone) it will continue as a street tradition. There is talk of having a street grill party in the summer, so pray that will come about as our

neighbors continue to feel a need for fellowship, even tho they don't realize what they are lacking is Christian brothers and sisters.

Thanks again for lifting up this event. We don't know of any specific outcome to our evangelistic message, but there were several new people there, and now they know who we are and what we believe (and where we live!!), so maybe they will seek us out if they have a spiritual need.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and pray that God will bless your time with family and friends during this season. May His peace dwell in you in the coming year as well.

Love in Christ,  
the Silva family ☒

## United States Map

(passed on by Pat Morgan)

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his Little girl, Shelby. She wanted to know what the United States looked like, so he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelby, and said, 'Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today.

After a few minutes, Shelby returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together!" ☒

## The Contest

from "Mikey's Funnies"

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost."

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest."

To which the scientist replied, "Okay, great!"

But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!" ☒

## The Risk of Innocence

By Dave Veerman

Tiny, helpless  
swaddled in hay  
washed, clothed, fed  
carried each day

Poverty, heat  
occupied land  
Romans, cruel Herod  
Palestine sand

Emptying self  
and breaking through  
with limits of flesh  
temptations too

Humbling state  
becoming man  
descending, submitting  
in divine plan

Now here I stay  
hindered by fears  
election, economy  
noise in my ears

Afraid of the future,  
old age, disease  
of person or thing  
threatening ease

No matter that  
my neighbors slide  
day after day  
hurting inside

Or that poor and oppressed  
desperately need  
compassionate friend  
and long to be freed

But I hold Good News,  
in my comfort place,  
of God's visitation  
mercy and grace

Lord give me strength  
through trembling and tears  
with numbered days  
diminishing years

To move out in faith  
reaching with love  
sharing your truth  
pointing above

Jesus you loved me  
before I knew  
giving your all  
let me risk all for you! ✠

## The Fisherman

submitted by Virginia Damron

There was a Priest who loved to fish but it rained most days through the week one summer. Every Sunday the weather would dawn clear and the sun would shine but then on Monday the gray clouds would appear again. The Priest was growing desperate. This went on through late July and August and into early September.

Finally, the Priest could not stand it any more; one of the last Sundays in September dawned bright and beautiful. It was warm and the air smelled fresh and wonderful. The Priest scribbled a quick note for his Housekeeper to give to an Associate that he "was sick" and would be sleeping in that day and asking "Not to be Disturbed". Then he loaded all of his fishing equipment into his old station wagon and began driving south. For an hour he drove. Then another hour he kept going. He had a "favorite" spot in mind where he knew he would not run into anyone from his Parish and he also knew the fish would be biting.

Finally, almost 4 hours later, he got there, unloaded his fishing equipment and began fishing. Sure enough it was only a few minutes before a good sized fish was on the line and he fought it for several minutes before reeling it in. Almost immediately he had another on the line,



this time it had to be a monster.

All the time - from the writing of the note to the drive south to the struggle with the first fish, the Angel

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(Marriage, continued from page 4)

There are over 150 conferences in cities all across the U. S. each year. Whether you're engaged, newlywed or remarried, enrich your marriage and begin a Godly legacy for your family by attending a conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

We are hoping to register as a group for discounted prices. This event will be held at the Anchorage Sheraton. Please contact Marnie Port if you are interested in attending and for details. If you would like to research a "Weekend to Remember" online visit [familylife.com](http://familylife.com). Start saving now for this marriage enriching occasion. ✠

## College/Career January Highlights

The College/Career group plans to welcome in the New Year at Jerry & Jeannie Phillip's home, with its great view of the fireworks. All food is provided, so they only need to bring a friend to this New Year's Eve Party, December 31, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

There will be no Friday Fellowship in January until the 16th, when it will be at Pastor Gary's home. On the 23rd, it will move to Kevin Lankford's, and on to the Grant's home January 30.

There is no January lunch planned. BCM's "Connections" will begin again January 19, and the Tuesday prayer meeting on the 20th, both in the Lola Tilly Upper Room, UAF campus. See page 6 for the full College/Career Jan. calendar.





## College/Career January Schedule

- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party, at Phillips' residence. 7 to midnight. Refreshments are provided, so just bring yourself and a friend!
- Jan. 4 Come for breakfast and Bible Study, room 313 at 9:45 a.m., preceded or followed by worship at 9 or 11. EVERY Sunday. This Sunday evening (6 p.m.) Kevin Lankford will be continuing his series on the Feasts of Israel.
- 7 Church Fellowship Meal, 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Repeats each Wednesday.
- 11 Come for breakfast & Bible Study, room 313 at 9:45 a.m., preceded or followed by worship at 9 or 11.
- 16 Friday Fellowship, 7 p.m.. Pastor Gary & Jennifer Cox's home.
- 19 *Connections* at 7 p.m., in Lola Tilly Upper Room, UAF Wood Center (This repeats each Monday).
- 20 Prayer service on campus—Lola Tilly Upper Room, 1 p.m., (This repeats each Tuesday.)
- 23 Friday Fellowship at Alison & Kevin Lankford's, 7 p.m.
- 30 Friday Fellowship at LuAnn & Doug Grant's home.

(Fisherwoman, continued from page 5)

Gabriel was watching over the rail and becoming more and more agitated. "Lord, do you see this?" "Lord, are you going to let him get away with this?" "Lord, how can you..."

About this time God answers him, "Oh, it's all right - don't worry about it"

The Angel Gabriel was astonished. In righteous indignation he sputters, "You're not going to do anything?"

To which, God answers, "Who's he going to tell?" ☒

### Bible Stories

forwarded by Virginia Damron

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

'The Flight to Egypt,' was his reply.

Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, 'That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?'

'Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!' ☒

### DICTIONARY FOR THE CHURCH

AMEN:

The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN:

- 1) Air conditioning.
- 2) Your receipt for attending services.

CHOIR:

A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

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### Church Meeting

January  
Business Meeting,  
Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m.

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

#### Happy Birthday Jesus Party

On December 13<sup>th</sup> preschoolers and parents gathered at the home of Judy Zach to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Parents enjoyed fellowship together as the children participated in crafts.

Lunch was followed by activities for the children, then ended with the story of the birth of Jesus and prayer. The children wore crowns that said: "Wisemen seek Jesus" (boys) and "Shout to the Lord" (girls).

The children received party bags before they left. Additional party bags were given to children on Sunday who were not able to participate in the party.

We all had a good time and look forward to more preschool parties in the future!

Judy Zach  
Preschool Director

**50 Years at UBC**  
*(part 2)*

**The Baptist Student Union**

James Whisenant began a Baptist Student Union program while he was a student at the University of Alaska, and he was eager to see a Baptist church established that would minister to University of Alaska students.

Pastor John Dickerson and wife Alvilda supported the BSU endeavor through the outreach of the church. Alvilda Dickerson was the first BSU Director and she served in 1959 and 1960. There were 40 in attendance at one BSU meeting.

Dr. Skarland, professor of Anthropology, is reported to have said, "The way you people at the Baptist Mission are all working on campus is the way missions ought to happen."

*(Kiana, continued from page 4)*

Christmas, as it takes an average of 3 weeks to get boxes here. The Christmas party for our kids and youth was held on December 14th. Pictures will be posted on our website:

[www.kianabaptistmission.com](http://www.kianabaptistmission.com).

In our native village of 400, Satan has many strongholds, but through prayer, we know it can be broken. We have seen change in some of our people through the prayers of so many and know God is still working in the hearts of many more. Satan's strongholds can be broken, as some have come to repentance and professed Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

When Dr. James T. Burdine was called as pastor, he continued to support the BSU program at the church facility. The Home Mission board contributed funds to the church for the support of student ministries.

After the original site was sold, the new church's basement was designated for student center activities. Later, Pastor Vern Baker directed student fellowships and Bible study on designated nights. Sometimes the attendance would reach one hundred. This interest in student work was continued by Pastor Danny Riggs.

While Gene Medaris was pastor, Joe and Sally Glaze, US-2 appointees of the Home Mission Board, were assigned to the church to work with students. ☒

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Please pray for these brothers and sisters who want to change, but Satan's strongholds are so powerful. Please pray they can be broken once and for all.

We have made many new friends, met brothers and sisters in Christ, and prayer partners through emails, letters, cards, phone calls, and visits.

Romans 8:28 - *All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.*

**Our support and funds from the North American Mission Board and from Alaska Baptist Convention are continually be-**

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- 1 Haley Kennedy
- 2 Joseph Nichols
- 4 Eliza Byrnes
- 4 William Foote
- 5 Clay Baird
- 6 Teresa Mikulski
- 6 Alice Reeves
- 6 Sharina Straughn
- 7 Richard Palmer
- 7 William Sterling
- 7 Holly Wichmann
- 7 Gordon Zhang
- 8 Nicole Pagel
- 9 Julie Davis
- 9 Charlotte Fitzhugh
- 10 Vira Finley
- 10 Elizabeth Smith
- 11 Alton Denton
- 11 Angela Whitaker
- 12 Noah Palmer
- 13 Victor Kennedy
- 13 Katherine Tipton
- 15 Pamela McHugh
- 15 John Minto
- 16 Jesse McKenzie
- 16 Jonnie Reeves
- 18 Christopher Chicoine
- 18 Ronald Steyer
- 19 Donald Rotter
- 20 John Netzel
- 20 Alexandra Reeves
- 21 Rebecca Cain
- 21 Lilly Castello
- 22 Zhe An
- 23 Dave McCarter
- 24 Abbigail Reed
- 24 Scott Tompkins
- 24 Elizabeth Whisenant
- 25 Billy Tilbury
- 26 Jan Johnson
- 26 Sandra Richey
- 27 Ryan Pagel
- 29 Margaret Stephenson
- 30 Terri Beach
- 30 Aaron Ginnaty
- 31 Delight Kennedy
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**ing cut.** Our personal support will be cut by \$400 a month starting in January. This will continue with a \$100 dollar a month cut for 6 more years and then there will be zero support. It takes all of us to do the work in Kiana.

All things are possible with God and we need your continued prayers for us and the ministry God has called us to as we too have struggles we deal with. We are so thankful to all who have sent items during the year for "our kids" and us. It's such a blessing to know how many of you are praying for us.

Please continue to pray for us to have wisdom, strength, and good health as we serve in Kiana, Alaska.

We pray that your holidays will be blessed and that you will have a wonderful New Year in 2009.

Love in Christ,

**John and Kim**

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**HYMN:**

A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than the congregation's range.

**HYMN, RECESSIONAL:**

The last song, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

**MAGI:**

The most famous trio to attend a baby shower. ❖

