

Reason for Hope

*"If only for this life we have hope in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied."*
1 Corinthians 15:19

Chela and our son and daughter-in-law, Zach, and Kenzie, moved to Fairbanks, Alaska this past January. They are experiencing a lot of new things like beautiful landscapes, sub forty (-40) temperatures, and "real" fresh caught Salmon from the Chela River. We try to Facetime each week to catch up on the highs and lows of a new life in Alaska. Needless to say, they're having a blast!

After each call, my wife and I both echo to each other, "I miss our kids!" Absence makes the heart grow fonder, someone once said, (my mom, Yoda, commercial?) and it is true. The longer we are apart from our children, the greater the longing in our hearts to be with them. Our hope is that we will be able to travel this year to see them. Oh, what a day that will be!

Oh, how God longs for His children! He has promised that we will all see Him one day, face to face. Now, there's a day to hope for! Our hope to see our son and daughter-in-law again is based on many factors such as time off work, cost, flights, and everything that comes with making a cross-country trip. So, in a way, our hope is not sure.

Our Heavenly Father has made a promise that He has the power to accomplish without condition. We WILL see Him one day, face to face. This hope is secure. This sure hope that we have from God is the driving hope of all we are and do. This hope isn't just for tomorrow, it is an infinite wellspring that is freely available every single day.

This is why Paul said to the Colossians, "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27.

Christ in us is our hope of glory. Not just when we are ultimately glorified in Heaven, but of bringing glory to God in our lives NOW!

May these next few weeks, we carry with us, this truth that our hope of glory lives in us. Christ is with us, for us, and in us. He will do all He has promised.

Gary

The month of

MARCH

Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 4 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 10 - Daylight Saving begins
- 10 - No AWANA Club
- 11-15 - Spring Break
- 13 - No Youth Activities
- 16 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 16 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 17 & 24 - Membership Class, 9:15am
- 22 - Ladies' Movie Night, 6:30p
- 31 - Easter Sunday

- Pray for our Easter services and for the guests that will worship with us. Pray that they would be spiritually encouraged as they hear the grace of the gospel.
- Praise God for a successful teaching opportunity and safe travels for Charlie Bing at the Word of Life in the Philippines.

FAMILY UPDATE

March 17 & 24

9:15am (upstairs class)

membership CLASS

YOU'RE INVITED



March 4

7pm

Evening of PRAYER

EASTER SUNDAY

He is Alive!

9:00AM Churchwide Breakfast
10:30AM Worship Service








Join us in the showing of
"Rescued By Ruby"

Ladies
Movie
Night

Join Us For a Night of Fun!

March 22, at 6:30pm

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club	4 	5 7:00AM Grounds of Grace	6 6:30PM Youth Ministry	7 9:45AM Ladies Bible Study	8 1	9 *Katie Matlack 2 7:00AM Men's Alliance
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31  9:00AM Church Breakfast 10:30AM Worship						*Birthdays