

Schedule of Events

Tent Meeting coming up soon (May 30–June 3, 2022). Let Joe know how you can help.

VBS will be coming up soon. Stay tuned, and ask Joe how you can help.

Youth Forum and Family Camp registrations are available online at www.anccoc.org.

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. Psalm 126:2 (KJV)

Our Family News

Pray for / Mike Couch's sister, Ed Maxwell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy

Traveling/Working / Terri Douthitt, Wyatt Couch, and Steve

Radio Programs / Listen to "Searching the scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture / But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:25 (NKJV)

Wisdom for Today / Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

PM Sermon / George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 65

For more information check our website at www.churchofchristwasilla.com

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

Contact Information

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

Call or Ck Web

Come join us!

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www.churchofchristwasilla.com

Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

Singing Lies and Teaching Hypocrisy

By Bill Beebe

Singing is one of the most enjoyable things about attending the gathering of the Saints on Sunday mornings. There is something about acapella singing that just stirs the heart. Who among us can remember a large gathering of Saints singing in four part harmony the great songs of Christianity such as “A Beautiful Life”, “A Hard Fighting Soldier”, “Fairest Lord Jesus”, or “I’ll Be A Friend To Jesus”? It is impossible not to be touched by the beauty and the perfect precision of human voices lifted in praise to our God. A few years ago, I was talking with a friend at work about coming to a meeting of the church with me. He had a bachelor’s degree in music and his own rock and roll band. I told him what he would see if he visited with us and I especially mentioned that we sang without musical instruments. Unfortunately, I was never able to get him to attend with me. He told me that acapella singing was the most difficult kind of music to make since you had no instrument to use as a crutch. That made me think that if I wanted to give to God the best that I had, I would always sing acapella.

In **Colossians 3:16 (ASV)** Paul writes “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God.” He also writes in **Ephesians 5:19-21 (NASB)** “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.” These two verses give instruction from the Apostle on singing. It is important to look closely at what we are being told so that we understand how we should sing in the church today. It is clear that singing with the church is more than recreational singing. While the songs are beautiful they are to serve

a purpose beyond that. In both passages Paul tells us that we have obligations to each other.

Many Christians think that the Elders, Deacons, Evangelists and Teachers are the ones who are to do all the teaching for the congregation. Or if they see a personal duty to teach, they see it only in organized Bible study situations. But Paul, in these passages clearly tells us that speaking, teaching and admonishing each other is a personal responsibility, and something we do when we sing.

However, we should think about what we are teaching when we sing songs like “I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord” and yet never show up for door knocking, never host a bible study in our home, or never show up for work on the building. We should think about the message we are giving when we sing “Angry Words” and yet our conversation is filled with venom and hatred for others in the church. Instead of admonishing our brothers and sisters, our singing becomes a lesson in lying and hypocrisy. It is just as easy, and maybe more so, to tell a lie and to teach hypocrisy with song as it is in a normal conversation. We sing “When we all get to Heaven” knowing that we are not all going there Is that not singing a lie? What is being taught when the man with the great baritone voice sings “Did You Think To Pray” but he refuses to pray when the church is together and when you visit his home he doesn’t pray at all? Or what lesson is being taught when the woman with the wonderful alto voice sings “God Is Love” on Sunday but uses that same voice to sing vulgar and highly suggestive songs on Saturday night?

Don’t be fooled, singing a lie is still a lie and hypocrisy is just as apparent in your singing as it is in your life. So instead of singing a lie and teaching hypocrisy, change your life so that you sing the truth and teach the wonderful word of God with both your voice and actions.