

## 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, but also ask Joe how you can help **Youth Forum and Family Camp** registrations are available online at [www.ancoc.org](http://www.ancoc.org).

## Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

We can live our entire lives without hearing anything so important as what can hear by spending 10 minutes reading the Bible.

## Our Family News

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

**Traveling/Working** / Wyatt Couch, 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** / "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear."  
Mark 4:23 (KJV 1900)

**Wisdom for Today** / "Hear now my reasoning, And hearken to the pleadings of my lips." Job 13:6 (KJV 1900)

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**PM Sermon** / George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 60

For more information check our website at [www.churchofchristwasilla.com](http://www.churchofchristwasilla.com)

### Evangelist

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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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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

## Profound Statements

### By Bill Beebe

“Father, forgive them...”

There are profound statements that are spread throughout the literature of the world. These statements, and sometimes entire speeches, stir up in the listeners a sense of urgency, sometimes patriotism and a willingness to join the cause the speaker is promoting.

At the dedication ceremony for the national commentary at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. The primary speaker was Mr. Edward Everett, President of Harvard and former Governor of Massachusetts and a well-known orator at that time. In selecting Mr. Everett, the event organizers thought that they had things in hand and would prevent President Lincoln from speaking which was one of their goals. In the invitation process, President Lincoln was sent the same invitation that was sent out to the rest of the invitees. He wasn't provided with the common treatment that the President should have. All of this hurt Mr. Lincoln. But he decided to attend and speak anyway. When he arrived, he was told that they wanted a short speech with “a few appropriate words” that would dedicate the commentary. He was further told that he would follow Mr. Everett.

Think about Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address for a few minutes. He was being encouraged not to attend the dedication in every way except with the direct words “We don't want you here.” He wrote most of the speech at the Oval Office before boarding the train to Gettysburg. The speech includes only 268-272 words and took about 2 minutes, while Mr. Everett spoke for 2 hours. No one remembers the 2-hour speech made there that day, but many people know the speech Mr. Lincoln spoke. I even heard the President of China recite most of it last Monday on YouTube. The most remembered statement is the very first one: “Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal,” This speech was ridiculed at the time, but is now considered the greatest Presidential speech ever given.<sup>1</sup>

Now consider Jesus, he wasn't considered an educated man at the time. Neither was he invited to say a “few appropriate words” at the event He attended although He was the central player there. His few, appropriate words are recorded for us in the New Testament, and I consider them to be one of the most powerful and profound statements ever made by anyone. They are [Luke 23:34 \(KJV 1900\)](#)<sup>34</sup>Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. In the process of being tortured, spat on, slapped and ridiculed He still found the time, energy and the love to ask God to forgive the very people He is suffering from. But before His crucifixion where He uttered the statement above, He made some extraordinarily unique statements that have impacted man far beyond those that President Lincoln made on that day in November of 1863. Consider his statement recorded in [John 8:58 \(KJV 1900\)](#)<sup>58</sup>Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. No one but God can say this sentence “Before Abraham was I AM” In this simple statement Jesus claimed to be God in a clear and unmistakable way. He claimed equality with God by the utterance of that single two word phrase “I am”. It is the same descriptor that God used in the desert while talking with Moses from the burning bush<sup>2</sup>.

What amazing thoughts! What a loving savior we have! God the word living among men so that He could provide salvation to us all.

Do not pass the opportunity to get to know Him and the salvation he brings

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<sup>1</sup>Information on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address taken from the National Geographical website, [www.nationalgeographical.com/encyclopedia/gettysburg-address/](http://www.nationalgeographical.com/encyclopedia/gettysburg-address/)

<sup>2</sup>Exodus 3:14