

ABT

Sunday Morning News

MAY 21, 2017

Memorial Day Service

Next Sunday

May 28 11 a.m.

- Patriotic Music
- USAF Honor Guard
- Salute to our MILITARY
- Special message from Pastor Prevo

Active and Prior Military are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

HONOR OUR HEROES

WELCOME!

I am so glad that you chose to be with us today! If you are looking for a church family, we would love to be that for you. Here at ABT we have something for everyone in your family and I hope your time at ABT is encouraging and welcoming. If this is your first time visiting, at the end of the service please stop by our VIP Room so that I can personally meet you.

- Pastor Prevo



Vacation Bible School is June 19 - 22.

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Now is the time to sign up to help as game, crafts or Bible helpers, exploration or other positions. **Sign up quickly to ensure that you can get the position you want!**

Contact Pastor Chris Carter at 333-6535, ccarter@ancbt.org or sign up in the lobby.

VBS will be here sooner than you think!



We will be setting up our first Parkapalooza of 2017 at Campbell Creek Park (one block south of Tudor off Lake Otis). We hand out free hot dogs, chips, and beverages along with free access to several inflatables. We need help with serving, monitoring, crafts, and other jobs.

Contact Pastor Chris Carter (333-6535 or ccarter@ancbt.org) to be a part of the crew! TUESDAY, MAY 30 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. weather permitting!



COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND MARKET

Support Operation Christmas Child! We can use donations and more vendors. Information is in the Church lobby.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 - 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. In the Church parking lot (Northern Lights side)

MUNICIPAL INITIATIVE PETITION 2017-2

This is a petition to get a referendum on the April 2018 ballot that will limit access to public facilities, such as locker rooms and restrooms, on the basis of sex at birth, not gender identity. This is common sense protection for ALL Alaskans! No one, including the City of Anchorage, should expect young girls to undress and be exposed to a member of the opposite sex in intimate settings like restrooms, showers

OFFERING ADMONITION

We believe in God. Through tithing and giving of offerings, we are maintaining a good work. This obedience brings profit for us, our church, and those who receive its ministry.



or locker rooms and government should not be allowed to force private businesses and religious institutions to comply to such improprieties.

We are encouraging registered voters in Anchorage to sign the petition, copies of which are available in the church lobby!

Defiling Marriage



Erika Anderson was a 37 year-old bride. She wore white and held a bouquet of flowers with the scenic Brooklyn Bridge and the New York skyline behind her. To many, this may have been the perfect setting for a wedding except for one very significant part that was missing;

someone to marry.

Actually, as far as Erika was concerned, this was not an issue. Erika is a sologamist. What's a sologamist you might ask? These are people who marry themselves.

We can giggle away at the silliness of such an action, but in reality, this is just another serious movement away from God's ordination of marriage.

Besides creating marriage for the completion of a man and a woman, the process to procreate, and the perpetuation of godly offspring, marriage is a foundational principle in God's relationship with us. The entire book of Hosea, for instance, is a passion to describe God's relationship to Israel and Israel's relationship to God. Hosea plays the role of God, the protective Husband, while his wife, Gomer, portrays Israel, the unfaithful spouse.

Jesus used the same illustration with His Church referring to it as His wife. The illustration is extended even more in Ephesians 5:25 where Paul writes, "Husbands love your wives even as Christ loved the church."

The Second Coming of Christ is continually described in light of the Jewish marriage ceremony. In John 14:2, Jesus, as a groom, goes and prepares a place for His wife. In a Jewish wedding, a price of a dowry had to be set to purchase the bride at the beginning of the betrothal, an image of Jesus becoming our propitiation. In Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus provides the parable of the ten virgins, five ready for the arrival of the groom and five who were not. When the groom comes to take his bride; she (and everyone else) is unaware of the time until he arrives to receive her, just as we await the Rapture.

The process of a marriage has changed over the years, but today the world has perverted its meaning. Day by day the defilement of marriage is not only a social phenomenon, but also a spiritual battle. God has always had a very specific purpose for marriage as He ordained it. Be it fornication, divorce, same-sex marriage, sologamy or whatever, when society redefines marriage, they are, in reality, rebelling against God.

TONIGHT-Group K Potluck featuring Tharol's Special Soup!

The Group K, Division 1, in Preacher's Class is invited to a special potluck. Please contact Tharol McClaskey and bring a side, a salad, a dessert or any combination (each dish needs to only serve 10). They will be meeting in the ABT cafeteria TONIGHT after the 6 p.m. service.



Anchorage Christian Schools

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- Accredited
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www.acsedu.org

TAKE YOUR VISITOR TO DINNER

This month we have partnered with two local restaurants - Pizza Studio and Red Robin - because we want to treat you and your visitors to a free lunch or dinner. Free lunch/dinner coupons will be available in the lobby for everyone who brings a visitor to any of our church services. If you bring one adult visitor, you will receive one free lunch for you and one for your guest. If you bring two or more adult visitors, you will receive one lunch coupon for yourself, one for your spouse, and one for each of your visitors. *Beverages and gratuity are not included.*

IMPORTANT: Visitors must be 18 years of age or older who have not attended ABT in the last two months; are prospects for our church; not regularly attending another church of like faith; from the Anchorage – Eagle River area; and are not out-of-town visitors.

You and your visitor(s) **must** register your attendance, in person, at our visitor check-in center to receive your FREE meal coupons. You must register before leaving the service you are attending. During Sunday morning services our visitors check-in center will be in the VIP room and it will be at the **Connection Center** in the church lobby for all evening services.

Contact any Pastor if you have questions about our "Take Your Visitor to Dinner" program.

We hope you will use this tool to help yourself carry out our Lord's request.



42 People are signed up!

Informational brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

Email holyland@ancbt.org or go to www.ancbt.org for a link to the Israel Trip website.



If you receive a **FREE Trash Dump Certificate** from the Municipality and are *not* going to use it, please consider donating it to the church... **WE CAN USE IT!** Please contact Pastor Glenn.

PROMOTION SUNDAY!

On June 4, your child will be promoted up to their next grade level in Sunday School. More information will be in next week's (May 28) KIDS Church flyer.

Registration for fall is now open. It begins in August. Early registration deadline is July 1. **Brochures are available at the Connection Center** in the church lobby or go online to faithbibleinstitute.com for more information. We will be meeting this fall on Thursdays 6:00-9:00 p.m. in room 121. Registration is easy on line. These college level courses are at reasonable prices.

GOLF CART DRIVER NEEDED FOR AFTER 11 A.M. SERVICES! Must be at least 21 years of age. **Contact Pastor Don Barnhart** at 333-6535 or email dbarnhart@ancbt.org.



IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO USE YOUR TALENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR CHURCH, stop by the Connection Center for more information. There are more in the B/W section.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those adults who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week!

ANNIVERSARIES

05/21 Bill & Becky Leight 05/24 Joshua & Danialah Satchwill
05/23 Ron & Lynda Ferguson

BIRTHDAYS

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| 05/21 Heidi Martin | Olivia Jaconette |
| Lou Stoorza | Miranda Lewis |
| Anthony Green | 05/24 Carol Baughman |
| Dina Frage | 05/24 Ryan Senko |
| Wesley Arnes | 05/25 Chris Morrow |
| 05/22 Vickie Cable | Sarah Hedman |
| Heather James | Peter Jackson |
| Yvette Conides | Elizabeth Redwine |
| Michael Pankion | 05/26 Brenda Feaster |
| Ryan Henson | Bryan Dunfee |
| 05/23 Barbara Gray | 05/27 Donna Edmonds |

GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

Saved This Year 176
Total Baptized 2017 50
Total Joined 2017 58

FUSION ALASKA

Registration now open at
fusionalaska.com

Special ABT Rate of only
\$80 a person

Featuring: Colton Dixon, We Are
Messengers, KB, Gawwi, Jared Hall,
and Eric Samuel Timm

RECOVERY ALASKA

FOR MEN:

- Drug and Alcoholism
- Sexual Addiction
- Anger Resolution

FOR WOMEN:

- Drug and Alcoholism
- Partners in Process

FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

- DivorceCare
- GriefShare
- Depression

FOR YOUTH:

- Compulsory Behavior

Thursdays, Rm. 207 (7 - 9 p.m.) Contact Pastor Don Barnhart
at 333-6535 or dbarnhart@ancbt.org or
go online to www.recoveryabt.org.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

- 10 A.M. Adult Fellowship Classes
11 A.M. Main Worship Service
6 P.M. Evening Service

WEDNESDAYS

- 7:30 P.M. Mid-Week Service

STAY CONNECTED



Facebook.com/ancbt
Facebook.com/PastorPrevo



A video of each message is available on our website (www.abtlive.org) and via iTunes.

THERE ARE FIVE WAYS TO GIVE AT ABT:

1. In Person through a tithe envelope
2. Online at www.abtgiving.com
3. At a Kiosk in the back of the lobby
4. Through the SecureGive Mobile app
5. By texting 1-855-628-GIVE (4483)

For more information, pick up a brochure at the Connection Center or go online to www.ancbt.org.

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HOW TO BUILD A GODLY LIFE SERIES!

May 21, 2017

ADD THE CHARACTER TRAIT OF PATIENCE TO YOUR LIFE

We have been in this series for a long time. Why? It takes time to grow things and it takes time to grow a spiritual life. Today we want to grow PATIENCE into our lives.

2 Peter 1:5-6, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance PATIENCE; and to patience godliness;" (KJV)

I. WHY IS PATIENCE NECESSARY IN OUR LIVES?

A. God is working on a _____ plan.

Psa. 27:14, "Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!" (NKJV)

B. We are _____ over and over in the Bible to "WAIT ON THE LORD" which means to be patient.

1. Patient in our _____ (Don't spend more money than you are taking in.)

2. Patient in our _____ (Don't run away from our problems before God has a chance to work them out.)

3. Patient with our _____ (Don't get discouraged with them, rather see that God is working through them.)

C. Patience is accepting a _____ situation from God without giving Him a deadline to _____ it.

II. THE RESULTS OF BEING PATIENT

By being patient we will:

A. See _____ in our lives.

James 5:7-8 "Now as for you, dear brothers who are waiting for the Lord's return, be patient, like a farmer who waits until the autumn for his precious harvest to ripen. Yes, be patient. And take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near." (TLB)

B. See that the prosperity of the ungodly is only _____.

Jer. 12:1-3, "O Lord, you always give me justice when I bring a case before you to decide. Now let me bring you this complaint: Why are the wicked so prosperous? Why are evil men so happy? You plant them. They take root and their business grows. Their profits multiply, and they are rich. They say, "Thank God!" But in their hearts they give no credit to you. But as for me Lord, you know my heart, you know how much it longs for you. (And I am poor, O Lord!) Lord, drag them off like helpless sheep to the slaughter. Judge them, O God!" (TLB)

C. See God answer our _____.

Psa. 40:1 "I waited patiently for the LORD: and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry."

D. See all the _____ of God come to pass.

Heb. 6:13-15, "For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, 'Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.' And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." (NKJV)

III. HOW IS PATIENCE DEVELOPED IN OUR LIVES?

A. Patience is developed in our lives by _____ problems and tribulations.

Rom. 5:3-5, "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. Then, when that happens, we are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for we know how dearly God loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. (TLB)

IV. THE _____ OF BEING PATIENT DURING TRIBULATIONS

A. We will be _____ more and more. A Biblical example is _____.

James 5:10-11, "For examples of patience in suffering, look at the Lord's prophets. We know how happy they are now because they stayed true to him then, even though they suffered greatly for it. Job is an example of a man who continued to trust the Lord in sorrow; from his experiences we can see how the Lord's plan finally ended in good, for he is full of tenderness and mercy." (TLB)

BY BEING PATIENT, JOB ENDED UP WITH A _____ LIFE AND _____ WILL TOO.

PRISON MINISTRY

Department of Corrections (DOC) has added a new Faith module at several prisons and the Anchorage jail. There are several opportunities to serve in the Prison Ministry. (Bible studies, Visitation, etc...)

For more information, contact **Bryan Dunfee** at 333-6535 or bdunfee@ancbt.org.

PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

Downtown Anchorage Correctional Center
 ABT members are needed to conduct Bible Studies at the new ACC Faith module. Early afternoon and evening time slots are available. For more information, please speak with or call: **Pastor Barnhart** or **Pastor Dunfee** at 333-6535; **Mike Paulsen** at 229-2833 or **Rudy Bosley** at 884-6044.



Hiking, Biking, Outdoor and Indoor Activities, plus an Arts and Crafts Program. We will also have Reading, Math, and Ice Skating for Students along with Bible lessons.

Starts May 29!

For more information, contact **Mr. Rich Ames** at 269-3855, Option 3. **Open to children entering 1st grade - 6th grade.**

Kids are out of school, Pray for their safety!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

These classes meet on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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| Pastor's Auditorium Class | Auditorium | L.I.F.E. Class | VIP Room |
| Ambassadors | Rm. 111 | Marriage Matters | Cafeteria |
| Faithbuilders | Rm. 212 | Pathfinders | Rm. 208 |
| FIRST Class | Rm. 119 | Real Life | Rm. 210 |
| Frontline | Rm. 207 | Senior Saints | Rm. 117 |
| Kingdom Seekers | Rm. 110 | Spanish Class | Rm. 209 |
| Korean Class | Rm. 113 | NextGen (Jr. High) | Mini Gym |
| Ladies For Christ | Rm. 118 | HSM@ABT (Sr. High) | Youth Chapel |

For Notes

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Additional note paper is at the right end of the pew.

If you've been blessed by today's sermon, visit our Tape Table in the lobby at the end of the service and order a copy for yourself or a friend. Past services are also available on DVD (\$10) or CD (\$4).



The Connection Center in the auditorium lobby is a place for new and regular attendees to get better connected at ABT. We want to get to know you and help you plug in to Adult Fellowship Classes and places to

serve that match your abilities and interests.

At the Connection Center, people seeking a church home can find out about small groups, ministries geared toward women, men, singles, and young adults or volunteering. We are available to answer your questions, help you register for ministries and events and give you more information on how to connect, grow, and serve at ABT.

Come see us for a free gift, meal vouchers for your visitors, and opportunities to get connected.



THIS WEEK

MAY 21 - MAY 27

MONDAY

MEN'S BASKETBALL FELLOWSHIP

7:00 p.m. | ACS Big Gym

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

7:30 p.m. | Auditorium

THURSDAY

RECOVERY

7:00 p.m. | Room 207

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

7:00 p.m. | Room 110

NEW TO ABT?

With a church of this size, we don't want you to go unnoticed. Attending an Adult Fellowship Class is a great way to get connected. Stop by the VIP Room after the 11 o' clock service to meet the pastors and their wives and find out which class is right for you!

WAYS TO CONNECT BEYOND SUNDAY!

There is always something going on at ABT! Below is just a few of the many ministries that we offer.

MEN

Basketball Night- is for all adult men every Monday night in the Big Gym from 7-9 p.m.

WOMEN

BIBLE STUDIES - We offer multiple Women's Bible Studies in various locations throughout the week. WIDOWS' CONNECTION meets every second Saturday at noon in Room 110. MOMS IN PRAYER meets Thursdays 8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. in Room 160 in the CMC building.

KIDS

ABT offers interactive, age-appropriate programs for your kids to enjoy while you are attending services in the main auditorium. From infant through high school, we have a program that builds your child's relationship with Jesus Christ! Ask an usher or greeter to help you locate those programs.

RECOVERY ALASKA

Our recovery program offers classes for men, women, and youth on Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. in room 207. Classes: Drug & Alcoholism (B), Sexual Addiction (M), Anger Resolution (M), DivorceCare (B), Depression (B), GriefShare (B), Partners in Process (W), Compulsory Behavior (Y). For more information, contact Pastor Don Barnhart, 333-6535 or dbarnhart@ancbt.org.

M-men, W-women, B-both, Y-youth

TO LEARN MORE about the ministries listed above and other ministries we have at ABT, visit www.ancbt.org or talk to an assistant pastor.

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29