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...God has a vision for the Alaska Conference.

What do you think is God's vision for your church?

Lord, Give Me A Vision

Ken Crawford, President

This church started with people who had a vision. Picture in your mind the pre-advent believers as they entered a new town or village; their first inquiry was to find the most honest man in town. Then they would challenge him to be honest in his study of the Scripture and hear them out. As a result, often the whole town would turn out, for the byword on each lip, the greeting to every Christian was: Maranatha!!! The Lord is Coming!

During a camp meeting in the summer of 1843, a speaker stood up and began preaching on a subject unrelated to anyone. Before long, people stood up and called out, "We have no time for this! Is there anyone here that has a message from the Lord for us!?" Several people stood and proclaimed what the Lord had been showing them in His Word in preparation for the final hours; as a result, a fresh revival broke out right there. In the fall of 1844, estimates say that almost 300,000 people expected to meet their Divine Maker, then, after great disappointment, the adherents quickly slipped to 30,000 then to 3,000, and finally less than 30 people. By 1846, when the church was officially formed, there were 24 charter members with an average age of 23 years and that included the elderly Joseph Bates. From this humble beginning, these servants of the Most High moved the world, for they

had a vision. They bought land, started a health education institution, publishing houses and an education system. No sacrifice was too great for the cause was greater than themselves. It was God's work— a finished work. James and Ellen White sold every earthly possession including furniture and silverware, not once but twice, to further the work. All that we have today, including one of the finest health and education systems in the world, was a result of their vision.

Somehow, like the ten virgins when the bridegroom delayed his coming, it seems that the collective church has fallen into a Laodicean sleep. We have lost the sense of urgency of the finished work and we have lost our vision, our passion and the hope of a soon coming Christ.

We have become institutionalized, organized and our personal relationship with God has become formalized. As a result, we have become spiritually anemic and weak.

God has a vision for the future and what He wants to do with His church and God has a vision for the Alaska Conference. What do you think is God's vision for your church? Like Israel of old, He has placed you in a strategic location in one of the fastest growing states in the union.

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Greetings!

We would like to welcome you to the upcoming 2016 Southcentral camp meeting in Palmer, Alaska. The theme this year is *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* with main speaker General Conference President Elder Ted Wilson. He has seen firsthand how Jesus can cause revivals throughout the world. His first stop will be at the Men's Retreat where he will get to experience the "Wild Wild West" of outdoor Alaska. We will then be blessed at camp meeting with his evening presentations. Richie and Timi Brower are a dynamic couple who will be speaking in the afternoon on marriage and Tim Roosenberg will follow with his presentations on reaching Muslims. Nancy Wilson will have an inspiring segment on Women's Ministries.

Each year camp meeting keeps improving and it is our goal that members of the Alaska Conference welcome this opportunity of fellowship and spiritual revival. As the hymn states, "I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in, and then a little light from heaven filled my soul, it bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above, and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole."

adults (18+)

camp meeting schedule

TIME	Tue, July 19	Wed, July 20	Thu, July 21	Fri, July 22	Sabbath, July 23	
7:00-7:45 a	CAMP PITCH	Breakfast			7:00 7:45 a	Devotional
8:00-8:45 a		Devotional	Devotional	Devotional	8:00-8:45 a	Breakfast*
9:00-10:15 a		CALL ON ME AND I WILL LISTEN: Ken Crawford			9:15-10:40 a	Sabbath School
10:30-11:45 a		I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS: Ed Wright			11:00-12:30 p	DIVINE WORSHIP Ted Wilson
12:00-1:00 p		Lunch				
1:15-2:15 p	GUEST CHECK-IN	MARRIAGE CONVERSION: Richie & Timi Brower			1:00-2:30 p	Fellowship Meal*
2:30-3:30 p		ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY IN PROPHECY: Tim Roosenberg			2:30-3:30 p	Ordination
3:45-5:00 p		WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Nancy Wilson			3:30-5:00 p	Concert
5:30-6:30 p	Dinner				5:30-6:30 p	Dinner*
7:00-9:00 p	EVENING MESSAGE: Ted Wilson				7:00-9:00 p	Ken Crawford

children & teens

*No cafeteria service on Sabbath

Teens (13-17)		Juniors (10-12)		Primary (7-9)		Kindergarten (4-6)		Beginners (0-3)	
Tue	7 p - 9 p	Tue	7 p - 9 p	Tue	7 p - 9 p	Tue	No Session	Tue	No Session
Wed-Fri	10 a - 12 p 2:30 p - 5 p 7 p - 9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a - 12 p 2:30 p - 5 p 7 p - 9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a - 12 p 2:30 p - 5 p 7 p - 9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a - 12 p 2:30 p - 5 p 7 p - 9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a - 12 p 3:45 - 5 p
Sabbath	9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p - 9 p	Sabbath	9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p - 9 p	Sabbath	9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p - 9 p	Sabbath	9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p - 9 p	Sabbath	9:15 a-10:45 a

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabins, RV and tent sites, as well as a fully appointed bathhouse and community kitchen, are available to help meet your needs. Cabins are \$175 for the week; RV and tent sites are \$60. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by phone at 907-346-1004 or email: alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org. (There is a waitlist for cabins at this time.)

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER (ABC)

The Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) ABC will be on-site with books and food offerings. If you would like to pre-order food, please see the list provided and contact the UCC ABC prior to June 6th. ***There will not be a book exchange; please do not bring donations to camp meeting.***

HOURS

(Closed during evening meetings)	
Tue	2-10 pm
Wed-Fri	10 am-10 pm
Sabbath	Closed
Sunday	8-10 am

BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank of Alaska is back on campus this year. We are happy to support the Blood Bank of Alaska by providing the opportunity for campers to give blood. The BloodMobile will be on campus **Thursday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Give the gift of life and sign up to be a donor. Make your appointment at the Information Booth. Remember to eat breakfast, bring picture identification and donate! Questions? Contact coordinator Barney Baty @ bbaty@mindspring.com.



CAMPUS KITCHEN

Available for public use, the campus kitchen is located directly south of the auditorium. Furnished with microwaves, stoves, refrigerators and a washer and dryer, you are invited to use the kitchen as needed. Please help collectively to share space and keep the area clean.

CONCERT

Join us **Sabbath afternoon 3:30-5:00 p.m.** for music performed by friends and local artists. The afternoon promises to be a special time of fellowship and inspiration!

MEALS

Cafeteria service will be offered during camp meeting starting with the Tuesday evening meal. Tickets are available for purchase at the Information Booth. **Prices and meal times have changed.** All meals are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 4-12 (kids 0-3 eat for free). Breakfast is 7-7:45 a.m., Lunch 12-1 p.m. & Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. ***There will be no meal service or access to the cafeteria kitchen on Sabbath.***

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A complimentary pancake breakfast will be served **Sunday, July 24th, 8-9 a.m.** at the school. Remember to bring your favorite toppings!

RESERVATIONS FOR 2017 CAMP MEETING

Reservations for the 2017 camp meeting will be accepted at the start of camp meeting July 19, 2016. Requests for cabins, RV and tent sites can be made on-site at the Information Booth or by contacting the conference at 907-346-1004 ext. 1000. While we do our best to honor requests, reservations are accepted on a first come-first served basis therefore site assignments may change based on availability.

SABBATH LUNCH

Sabbath there will be a campus-wide potluck. Please plan accordingly and bring your dish prepared and ready to serve; remember to bring extra for your neighbors! For your convenience, the campus kitchen, located directly south of the auditorium, will be available for use as there are no meals served nor access to the cafeteria kitchen during Sabbath hours.

the speakers

RICHIE & TIMI BROWER

LIGHT BEARERS | ARISE

Richie and Timi met at summer camp—both loved God and were on track towards careers in ministry. After they were married, he was a pastor; she was a Christian therapist yet they spent the first nine years of marriage guarding their professional "got it together" facade. As Richie and Timi share stories of how God is restoring their family, audiences can relate to their narrative of struggles with anger, intimacy, priorities and trust. You will find hope as they share the practical steps to connecting with God and others that can transform your life.



KEN CRAWFORD

ALASKA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

As the conference president, Ken is passionate about bringing the Adventist message to the people of Alaska. To this end, he launched the Arctic Mission Adventure ministry which places Bible workers in rural villages throughout the Arctic and establishes radio stations across the state that provide 24-hour coverage of Adventist programming. Ken and his wife, Colleen, started their ministry here in Alaska in 1979 serving as missionaries in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island and Kodiak.



WILLIE IWANKIW (Youth)

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Willie Iwankiw serves as an Associate Pastor at Auburn City Church; his call to ministry came when he was a senior at Broadview Academy in Illinois. From there he studied Religion at Andrews University, and met his wife Jodi (Poole). He has a passion for sharing Jesus with young people in a simple and inspiring way. Willie and Jodi will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary this month and have three children, Jadon-7, Noah-5, and Layla-3. They enjoy playing games, animals and exploring the great outdoors of the PNW.



TIM ROOSENBURG

LEXINGTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Tim Roosenberg has studied prophecy for nearly 30 years and has discovered that following the interpretation techniques of the early church and the reformers results in the most reliable understanding of Bible prophecy. He is currently an evangelist for the state of Idaho and the speaker/director of the "Islam and Christianity" series. The series explores and unlocks the book of Daniel, unveiling a picture of prophecy in the final conflict. Tim provides the answers that will give you complete confidence in God's Word and faith in the promises of Jesus Christ.



TED & NANCY WILSON

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Ted N. C. Wilson was elected president of the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) world church in July 2010. Throughout his ministry, he has worked as a pastor, assistant director and director of Metropolitan Ministries and as a departmental director and executive secretary of the African-Indian Ocean Division. He also served as an associate secretary for the world church, president of the EuroAsia-Division and president of the Review and Herald.

A physical therapist by trade, Nancy Wilson has supported her husband Ted as they served in ministry in various positions throughout the SDA Church. Nancy does not underestimate the influence of a wife upon a husband. "I don't think anyone has more influence on our spouses than we do. Whether your husband is a pastor or an administrator—he faces a lot of pressure. And the easiest way to pull our husbands down is for the devil to use us."



ED WRIGHT

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Prior to becoming president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in 2005, Ed Wright served as pastor of the Collegedale SDA Church in Collegedale, TN. He began there as the young adult and family life pastor in January 1985 and became senior pastor in July 1994. An adjunct professor in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University, Wright has also presented leadership and pastoral training seminars in Kazakhstan, Russia, China, Japan, Korea, and West Africa. Wright began his ministry in 1973 at the Turlock and Livingston churches in California then attended theological seminary at Andrews University.



Just a Little Talk With Jesus

Cleavant Derricks
The Derricks Legacy

verse 1

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in
And then a little light from Heaven filled my soul
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole

chorus

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus
Let us tell Him all about our troubles
He will hear our faintest cry and He will answer by and by
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning
You'll know a little fire is burning
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right
(It makes it right)

verse 2

Sometimes my path seems drear without a ray of cheer
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way

verse 3

I may have doubts and fears; my eyes be filled with tears
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night
I go to Him in pray'r; He knows my ev'ry care
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right

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menu

MEAL	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH	SUNDAY
Breakfast 7:00-7:45 a.m.	French Toast Applesauce Stripples Fresh Fruit Platter Hot & Cold Cereal Toast/English Muffins Assorted Hot Drinks Condiments	Hash Browns Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Fresh Fruit Platter Hot & Cold Cereal Greek Yogurt Bar Toast/English Muffins Assorted Hot Drinks Condiments	Breakfast Sandwiches Sausage Patties Fresh Fruit Platter Hot & Cold Cereal Toast/English Muffins Assorted Hot Drinks Condiments	No Meal Service	FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST Pancakes provided; bring your favorite toppings
Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.	Special K Roast Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Seasonal Vegetables Garden Salad Bar Dinner Rolls Dessert Condiments	Sweet & Sour Meatballs BBQ Meatballs Mac & Cheese Seasonal Vegetables Garden Salad Bread Dessert Condiments	Cheese Lasagna Vegetable Lasagna Seasonal Vegetables Garden Salad Garlic Bread Dessert Condiments	POTLUCK No kitchen service available. Please use the campus kitchen	CONSTITUENCY MEETING Special Meal Tickets Required. Delegates will receive a complimentary ticket. Tickets will be available for purchase for family members.
Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm	PASTA BAR Assorted Pasta Shapes Alfredo Sauce Marinara Sauce Pesto Assorted Toppings Signature Salad Garlic Bread Condiments	BAKED POTATO BAR Baked Potatoes Chili Cornbread Assorted Toppings Assorted Salad Soup Bread Condiments	TEX-MEX BAR Corn & Flour Tortillas Corn Chips Taco Meat Grilled Veggies Beans Cheese Selected Toppings Condiments	No Meal Service	

Disclaimer: All menu items are subject to change at the discretion of the cook.
Detailed daily menus will be posted in the cafeteria for your convenience.

Dietary Considerations: All meals are Lacto-Ovo Vegetarian (may contain dairy and eggs). We apologize for any inconvenience, however vegan, gluten-free, paleo and other diets cannot be accommodated.

Allergies: If you have a life threatening allergy to any foods including, but not limited to, peanuts, soy, gluten, tree nuts, eggs, dairy, etc., please note that foods are prepared together and may contain small amounts of these allergens.

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A Day For Healing	10.99	13.99
My Favorite Miracle Stories	13.99	15.99
New Life Challenge Cookbook	9.99	24.99
Prayer That Moves Mountains	12.99	16.99
The Reformation an the Remnant	11.99	15.99



The Next Chapter...

Kevin Miller, Vice President-Ministerial

The force of nature that we all love and know as Elder Ken Crawford first entered my world about ten years ago. I was in a pastors' meeting in Lansing, MI when I got a phone call from an area code I did not recognize. When I answered, the other side said, "Hi, I'm Ken Crawford, the president of the Alaska Conference—would you be interested in an Alaskan adventure?" And with that my Alaskan adventure began. It would take another year before we actually came face to face, but a friendship was born that afternoon.

Elder Crawford is a friend, a mentor, a sounding board, a colleague in ministry, and most importantly a brother in Christ. When he asked me to become a member of the conference administration team, I was surprised and overwhelmed. But he provided the support and encouragement that allowed me to grow in the role. We've engaged in this teamwork for the last six years. It's definitely been an exciting time.

During this period, the recession happened which impacted his vision for the Arctic Mission Adventure. Due to wise financial decisions that he made when he first became president, the conference weathered the economic roller coaster. Through fiscal discipline, sound decisions, and bearing down on expenses, the conference stands in an enviable financial position in comparison to other conferences around the North American Division. This is due to the Lord's blessing through Elder Crawford's leadership.

Elder Crawford was and is not content just to have the finances solid, because there is still a mission to do. He looked over the vast expanses of Alaska and saw all those people stretched across it in villages that have not yet heard the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14. The constant question he challenges us with is, "how do we reach all those villages?" To that end, he revived the work where it once thrived but had languished. He recruited missionaries, raised funds, and restored infrastructure to the places that we once had a presence in. Today,

Savoonga, Gambell, Bethel, Togiak, Selawik, Shungnak, and Kodiak all have active ministry and mission happening. The conference is also beginning to raise funds, awareness, and plans to enter Dutch Harbor so that the Aleutian Chain can hear the good news entrusted to this church. Again, the Lord has used Elder Crawford to propel the mission forward in Alaska.

Perhaps the most important contribution that Elder Crawford has made is his passion for each member of the conference to have a real, personal, and continuing spiritual experience with Jesus. He has gone beyond words and preaching in this call to deepening our spiritual experience. He has mentored, encouraged, and shared his own continual, growing spiritual experience. He instituted the elders training weekend and challenges the pastors to use the morning hours until at least 10:00 am for



Ken and Colleen Crawford

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WORKERS NEEDED

The Gambell Church is in need of a group of volunteers to travel to Gambell this summer to paint the building and perform other miscellaneous repairs.

Interested parties, please contact Ken Crawford at 907-346-1004 x 1011 ken.crawford@ac.npuc.org



Gambell Church



God Is Behind Bars Too

Melony Coleman, Palmer SDA Church

She came in with anger spuing from her eyes. Her body language of crossed arms and slouched in her chair told a silent story of pain and grief. I thought to myself, why in the world did she come? This IS voluntary after all. The other four ladies who were in attendance came in with a smile and gentleness about them, and then there was her... the contrast was amazing.

Knowing what we were walking into and having been victims of our own battles, we knew the importance of prayer and started our Bible study time together asking the Holy Spirit to come into that place. The battle is real and we all know Ephesians 6:12 well. Immediately, the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt. Satan and his evil imps have no power over Jesus nor over anyone who calls on His name. Hallelujah!

We sang a couple of hymns and were ready to launch into our Bible study when our still angry visitor blurted out, "I have a question for you. I just want to know what "God" can do for a person who is self- focused, messed up and \$%^&* angry.... (silence) I'm \$%^&* mad!!!" I immediately shot up a prayer asking God to give us wisdom, (thinking of James 1:5 that says, if we lack wisdom, you should ask God, who gives it generously to all.) A gentle inquiry was made if she knew anything about Jesus. She said she believed that there may be a God somewhere. She did believe in a devil, but had never ever read the Bible before. As we continued to talk and ask questions about basic Bible things, suddenly the realization of why we were there that day came clearly into my mind. See, all of us had been praying all week that God would bring whoever needed to be there to our weekly Bible study in the chapel of Highland Mountain Correctional Center in Eagle River. God works in such amazing ways and it was all coming together for me. I understood why, in the middle of church, the testimony I

planned on sharing didn't seem to be the right one and God impressed upon my heart to share something much different, something vulnerable and deep that I didn't readily want to share. I had been reluctant, but now I understood why the game changed.

Instead of the planned Bible study, we spent the next hour and half sharing personal testimonies on why we believe in God, testifying of how God has worked in our lives and changed us, and a mini Bible study on how evil got started in this world. It was so powerful. Every single lady there was touched, even our angry friend. Somewhere in the middle, the tears started flowing and the tough exterior started softening. The once rigid body language smoothed out and even her countenance was changing. It truly

was the most amazing thing I have ever seen. I liken it to watching a caterpillar come out of its cocoon.

As we finished up our time together in a prayer of forgiveness and surrender to God, I wish each of you

could have been there. The peace felt in that room that day was like none other. Our angry friend looked peaceful and she felt peaceful too...something she hadn't experienced in a long time. Afterward, we visited and gave words of encouragement to these beautiful women seeking a God that many are just learning about. My thoughts wandered off to our God who must have been celebrating and the angel choir who were singing the victory song because a soul was won that day at the Highland Mountain Correctional Center. It gave me goose bumps to realize 1½ hours earlier the Holy Spirit encouraged a lonely, hurt, angry woman who didn't really believe in a God and who had never read the Bible in her life to come to Bible study; and who left with a different spirit about her and a countenance to show it. It reminds me of the quote, "God can do more in one moment to convict people

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness of this world...

Ephesians 6:12

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interior Camp Meeting
June 17-19

Alaska Camps
Tuk Jrs: Jun 19-26
Tuk Teens: Jun 26-Jul 3
Polaris: Jul 10-17
Lorraine: Jul 29-Aug 7

Alaska Men's Retreat
July 15-17

Southcentral Camp Meeting (Palmer, AK)
July 19-23

17th Quadrennial Constituency (Palmer, AK)
July 24

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ALASKA CONFERENCE 17TH REGULAR CONSTITUENCY SESSION

The 17th Regular Constituency Meeting of the Alaska Conference will be held in the main auditorium of the Pioneer Peak camp grounds in Palmer, Alaska on July 24, 2016. The meeting is held every four years as mandated by the Constitution & Bylaws of the Alaska Conference.

The purpose of the constituency session is to report on conference activities over the last four years and to elect officers, directors and committee members as well as conduct planning for the next four years. This meeting is not open to all of the constituency, rather each church which hold membership in the local conference elects members to represent them at the session. From the delegate lists presented from membership churches, delegates are asked to serve on the organizing committee. The organizing committee in turn selects representatives to the nominating and constitution & bylaws committees. The nominating committee submits to the seated delegates in session a list of individuals to serve as conference officers, department directors and executive committee members.

Questions about the constituency session can be directed to Quentin Purvis, Vice President-Secretariat of the Alaska Conference at 907-346-1004 x 1012 or by email at quentin.purvis@ac.npuc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southeast Camp
Meeting
(Vank Island)
July 29-31

Chistochina
Women's Retreat
August 5-7

Teachers Meetings
(Conference Office)
August 11-13

Alaska Conference
Executive
Committee Retreat
(Palmer
Campground)
Sep 30-Oct 2

Alaska Youth
Prayer Conference
Oct 21-23

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deep Bible study and prayer. I can say that my own walk with Christ has grown due to Elder Crawford's example.

Elder Crawford is also an excellent recruiter. His best recruiting effort was to get Mrs. Crawford to come to Alaska not once, but twice. She definitely has blessed this conference with her grace, charm, and compassion. She's blessed many pastors' wives and families with her hospitality, friendship, and care. She has an eye for beauty that has enhanced camp meeting and various other events.

We are so thankful she loves Alaska and chose to minister in her own right in the Last Frontier.

As Elder and Mrs. Crawford close this chapter of their life's story and begin writing the next one, we will anxiously await what their next exciting adventure will be. They are far from ending their story because Jesus hasn't ended His. May He richly bless them as they continue their story in Him.



SUMMER 2016

A Life-Changing Experience

Camp Tuk Juniors: June 19-26
Camp Tuk Teens: June 26-July 3
Camp Polaris: July 10-17
Camp Lorraine: July 31 - August 7

visit alaskacamps.org for more info and camp applications!

Shark Attack!

Laurie Hosey, Youth Director Alaska Conference

Have you ever felt like you lived in a shark tank and being attacked from all sides? That is the very issue the Youth and Young Adults department has been talking about in different regions of the Alaska Conference!

The three-part seminar starts by helping identify the sharks in our lives and focuses on the fact that we are all living in a shark tank with no way out except death or the return of Jesus.

The second part of the seminar deals with the truth that we need to "Gear Up" in order to withstand the attacks of the sharks in our lives. Scuba gear was used to illustrate the "Armor of God" (otherwise known as Bible verses, prayer and singing), the very tools we need to use against the attacks of the Great Whites, Bull and Tiger sharks, which illustrate some of the many types of attacks we may experience as we go through life.

The third and final seminar teaches the art of "Lifeguarding" illustrating the importance of helping those around us survive spiritually while they are in the shark tank. This session is based on the book by Steve Case entitled, "Mission Lifeguard". Those who completed the seminar and chose to become a member of the Lifeguard TEAM as a spotter, lifeguard or reporter, received a hoodie with the lifeguard emblem. They are going to be actively involved in helping locate and recover missing members in our churches. The target group is Young Adults, however most churches have decided that every age group in their church is important and have been entered into the spotter's list.

The plan is to hold a Shark Attack Seminar this fall in the Anchorage-Palmer area. Stay posted at www.alaskaconference.org for sightings near you.



Teachers Darné King, Anchorage Junior Academy, and Nic Owens, Amazing Grace Academy, gearing up to dissect sharks and the Word of God



Micah Smith, Anchorage Junior Academy Teacher, in his protective scuba gear



Rosie McDaniel, Golden Heart Christian School Teacher, protecting others with her lifeguarding skills



Pastor Steve Evenson from Fairbanks in his "Shark Tank"



Heroes for Jesus in the North Seas



Gearing up in Juneau with Diver Don Schneider

Lord, Give Me A Vision

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Let me tell you, the finest hour of earth's history is just before us. The curtain is about to go up for the final act in the greatest drama God's creation has ever witnessed. We are about to see the hand of God move upon the earth in ways that the world has never seen. Numberless unfallen worlds and created beings watch this final act with bated breath and they are watching your church and the part it will play.

It's not by accident that your church is where it is. God has set up a lighthouse in the stormy sea of life to be a beacon in your community. The course of history is set in advance and your church and/or school will play a vital part in the last act of the play.

If God were to ask you to be a part of this last act of God's triumphant finish to this earth's history, what would He ask you to do???

God Is Behind Bars Too!

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than we can do in a lifetime. Therefore hold fast to the arm of Omnipotence." (9SOT Nov 7, 1900, Par 11)

I am humbled and amazed that God sees something in me worthy to be used to help save souls for His Kingdom. Praise the Lord that I listened to that voice prompting me to work for Him. The need is huge, but the laborers are few. It took over a year to convince and get me there, but that wasn't God's fault. Oh, how I wish I would have followed the promptings right away. I can't help but think of how many blessings I missed out on during that year of me arguing with God.

I don't know what God is laying on your heart friend, but I would encourage every single one of you to ask God what you can do for Him, and then have the courage to move forward through the doors He opens. It may be that He is calling you to do something big, or it can be that He is just calling you to get more involved in your church. Whatever it is,

Over in Maine there was an aging little church that had been dead for years. The younger generation was long gone and nothing was left but a few old, white haired people. Things looked pretty bad.

They said, "We are only uneducated laymen, but something must be done. We can at least pray!"

So they formed a little prayer group, chose the worst drunk in town and then began to pray earnestly for him. A strange thing began to happen as they began to experience a personal revival in their own lives. They prayed for three years and at the end of that time, the town drunk was one of their elders. They chose the next hardened man and within another two years, he was converted. Then a revival happened in that town and suddenly the whole state of Maine was experiencing the results of that effort that began with a few praying members.

God! Do it again!

just trust Him. In closing, remember what it says in the Ministry of Healing – "To everyone who offers himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results." Go forward with God, friend. We want to finish the work here in Alaska and around the world. Be prepared for an unbelievable journey. I promise you it will be the most rewarding thing you have ever done in your life.

We Are The People Of God Now

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the physical needs, God opened the door for us to impact the spiritual needs. But, many continue to face the challenges, and it is discouraging to see our dear friends losing daily battles. Please pray for the people of Bethel and that services, like this camp-meeting, will be a driving force to keep the goal of eternal life in the minds of these dear ones.



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We Are The People of God Now

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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD NOW was the theme of the Bethel 2016 Camp Meeting. Friday evening began with supper followed by the first service led by Pastor Kevin Miller. He echoed the call to fear God and give glory to Him. All who attended left the room inspired and re-charged. The theme of the weekend message was anchored in Revelation 14.

Early Sabbath morning, Bethel members enjoyed a delicious breakfast followed by Sabbath School directed by Dr. Colette Reahl. The message of redemption was taught and many hearts were blessed. In preparation to continue the journey in Revelation 14 at the divine hour, many voices were heard giving praises to God with a lively song service; a group presented special music that set the tone for the message, "The Loud Angel." Pastor Kevin explained the meaning and significance of the inexorable message of the angel and in closing admonished everyone to be faithful. Sabbath service ended with a high spirit, which inspired one and all to be aware of the time in which we live. In the afternoon, we welcomed numerous community members who joined in for the afternoon session; for many this was their first time attending an Adventist event. The group was diverse, bringing a feeling of satisfaction and fulfillment.

Looking back at camp meeting, it would be fair to say that God's presence was felt throughout the meetings. There was great participation in each of the services; vibrant singing could be heard at every sitting. Great fellowship was experienced and it seemed some individuals told their friends to attend the evening programs. We ran out of food because so many more came than expected; nonetheless, God provided and all were filled. Some of our visitors voiced wanting to give their lives to Jesus and others planned to attend Bible studies.

The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta has many distractions in addition to the normal challenges of life. Being able to fellowship with these individuals and to think God saw it fit to give us this privilege is humbling. While meeting some of



Pastor Kevin Miller

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