

Kenai Christian Church

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#JesusStrong

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Faith in Crisis

What to do in a Crisis?

We cannot downplay the reality of what is going on in our world, our nation, our state, or community and even our own lives. Let's say it out loud together: we are in a crisis. So many factors are out of our control and the decisions that are made for the masses are affecting our personal lives and life rhythms. I listen to the hurts and frustrations of parents who can't figure out how to stay home while their children are remote learning. I listen to students who miss seeing their friends and teachers. I listen to people who have lost their jobs and can't find work. Many of the things that we do here at the church building have been altered, delayed, postponed, or simply set aside. If you are like me, each day feels heavy as you try to make the best decisions for yourself, your family, your friends, and your work. So, what do we do in a crisis?

Stay Faithful to God

Let's get even more raw with this conversation. Have you found yourself asking, "What is going on God? Where are You?" Times of crisis, especially global crisis, can lead us to question the closeness of God or even the protection or provision of God. But let me reassure you of this: God is with us in this moment. Notice, I used the word "moment" very intentionally because on a scale of eternity, this moment is very, very temporary. Even if our current situation were to last our lifetime and the lifetime of our children, it would still be just a blip on the radar of eternity. During this "blip" may God find us faithful to Him. Our momentary blip was given to us to prepare us and others for the eternal presence of God where there is no more sickness, death, pain, or crying. How we make it through this moment will be mostly determined on how we remain faithful to God.

Faithful in Obedience

1 Kings 17:7-24 is an excellent place to find an example of staying faithful to God during a time of crisis. Here we find a widow who is preparing what she believes will be the last meal that she shares with her son before they both die of starvation. They were living in a time of crisis, a time where a severe drought made food scarce especially for a widow. As she is gathering materials to cook the meal, the prophet Elijah speaks to her and asks her for bread. It is clear by her response that she doesn't have enough food to eat let alone feed a hungry prophet of God. Elijah uses these words that echo throughout eternity, "Do not be afraid." He assures her that by being faithful to God, her materials (flour and oil) will not run out until the crisis is over. In that moment, she had a choice to make: cook her last meal for her and her son then die, or be obedient to God by using what she had left to make bread for God's prophet. Thankfully, she chose faithful obedience. I can imagine that doubt must have been searing her mind when she was baking the bread for Elijah while she looked at her son who was starving. She cooked the bread in the presence of her son and took the meal to Elijah...in faith. The promise of the abundant supplies wasn't fulfilled until she gave to God first. Let's not downplay that we are in a crisis but let us not downplay the obedient faithfulness of a widow who gave her last meal to God. What are we giving to God in obedient faithfulness today? Do not be afraid. Trust Him.

Stay #JesusStrong, Adam

YOUTH

CELEBRATIONS:

- ◆ Vance Cecil was baptized on July 26th! Praise God!
- ◆ Our summer Youth Group Hangouts were awesome! It was great to be able to get the students together and spend time **CONNECTING** with God and one another. We averaged about 10-20 students every week, and had lots of help from families opening up their places for us to play games and spend time with each other. **BIG** thank you to the families willing to help and host!
- ◆ We're excited to be getting more time and space dedicated to the youth on Wednesday nights with our new format for youth group! With needing more help on a Wednesday night for youth group, many people have been stepping up have decided to serve our youth on Wednesday evenings. It's been such a blessing to see people take steps to serve and invest in young people here.

NEWS

COMING UP:

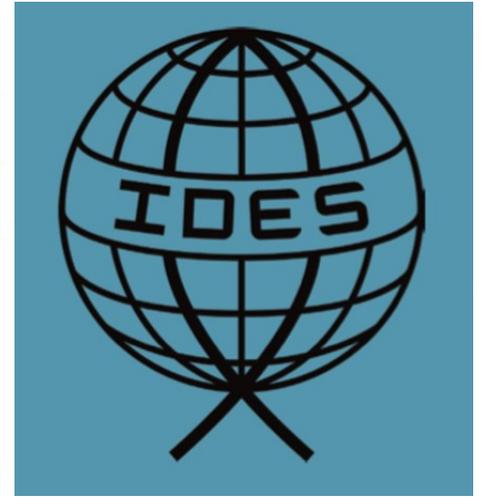
- ◆ Speaking of our new format for youth group, come September 2nd, we will be having youth group at the building again! While it's exciting to have youth group back at the building, it's also exciting that we're dedicating the whole evening to our Youth and Children's ministries. Starting Sept. 2nd, the Youth will meet on the FLC side from 6:30PM-8PM every Wednesday. Not only will the youth have more time to build relationships and learn about Jesus, we'll also have more space for students to grow. If you plan to bring your kiddo to youth group, please take a chance to pre-register them on our website. This will make our check-in process that much easier for us and the parents/kiddos. If you have any questions about this major change to our Wednesday nights, please contact Caleb through phone call or email him at caleb@kenaichristianchurch.org.

MISSIONS

OUR MISSION

"IDES exists to meet physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ."

IDES serves in five main Focus Areas around the world: evangelism, disaster response, hunger relief, community development, and medical care.



*Please Pray for these Missions that IDES is serving:

*Harvest for Christ, Philippines, providing emergency assistance for victims of Typhoon AMBO & Covid-19.

*A mission in Myanmar purchasing supplies to build bamboo shelters for refugees escaping from a battle zone.

*Tavriski Christian Institute, Ukraine, purchasing 1000 boxes of basic food products to help families, victims of a massive flood.

*Pont Salomon COC, Haiti, purchasing food for orphans, families affected by Covid19 & underprivileged children. Also, buying supplies to build coops for chickens (meat & eggs) & buying Bibles to be distributed in 3 churches.



Hippo Valley Christian Mission held their Annual Zimbabwe Preaching Summit in February. Your gifts to IDES enabled us to send funds to purchase food, reducing the cost for each preacher & providing a goat for each attendee (a gift of livestock is an honor in Zimbabwe). By providing the food & offering this gift, the mission was able to encourage each pastor.

Providing food in El Salvador

In El Salvador, IDES provided over 5,000 bags of food and hygienic supplies to 15 communities in 3 districts that are heavily plagued with gangs. Our mission partners were able to access new communities because of the food provided through IDES. While handing out water and food, our mission partners asked about continuing the ministry once the pandemic ended, the community immediately called a town hall meeting. This meeting allowed our mission partners to present to over 20 community leaders who they are, and why they wanted to walk with them through this crisis. Their response was extremely positive, and since that meeting, our mission partners have been working with a group of 20-30 young men hoping to start a tilapia farm for their families. Due to the generosity of IDES' donors, our mission partners are able to work with these young men to provide them a life outside of the gangs so prevalent in their community.



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BEGINNING WEDNESDAYS YOUTH & KIDS NIGHT

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

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LABOR DAY

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FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

Sunday Services

Worship: 11 :00am

Classes available for ages infant to 5th grade.

Online Services

Sunday Live and Online Services: 11:00am

Thursday Live Mid Day Prayer: (Noon)

Wednesdays

#JesusStrong Kids Grades 1st-5th: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Youth Group Grades 6th-12th: 6:30pm-8pm

Announcements

Praising God for the growth of His Kingdom!

Bowe Meyers was baptized on July 12th, 2020

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Vance Cecil was baptized on July 26th, 2020

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