



# Pass It On

October, 2018

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!*  
**Psalm 146:1-10**

*The Lord opens the eyes  
of the blind. The Lord  
lifts up those who are  
bowed down; the Lord  
loves the righteous.*

I believe God's people in every time and place have read this Psalm with a bit of cognitive dissonance. We know ultimately the plans of human beings are insignificant and fleeting in comparison to God's eternal and sovereign will. Yet, we look around us and the plans of human beings seem to affect us at every turn. The Psalmist seems to describe a world, a kingdom, that we do not recognize. Where is this place where justice is done, the hungry are fed, the lowly are lifted up, the orphans and widows are cared for, and the wicked are ruined?

God's people have historically concluded that while the words of the Psalmist are true of God's character, the realization of the Psalm is still in process. The vision we see in this Psalm reveals God's character and gives us a glimpse of God's kingdom. We saw this kingdom breaking into the world in Jesus Christ. We believe the church by the power of the Holy Spirit can give the world a taste of God's kingdom that is yet to fully arrive, but God alone can bring it in its fullness.

In this tension we can be vulnerable and despair. We feel acutely helpless in righting all the wrongs in this world. We can read this Psalm and be struck by how far we are from a world where God's reign is absolute.

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## Dawson Covenant Church

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## Church Directory

It is time once again to update our church directory. Karla will be available to take photos on Sunday, October 14, 21 and 28. Photos will be taken in the Infant Quiet Room immediately following the worship service until Sunday School starts. You are also welcome to submit your own photo, and can email it to [office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org](mailto:office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org)

## Prayer Service

A community prayer service will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Dawson Covenant Church. This monthly prayer service is hosted by the Dawson Area Ministerium and the community is invited to attend.

## Midweek Fellowship Dates

There will be NO Wednesday night activities on October 17 due to MEA break. There are also NO Wednesday night activities on October 31 due to it being the 5th Wednesday of the month.

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

The next quarterly congregational business meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. following the midweek fellowship meal. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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We can be tempted whether consciously or not to think it is up to us to bring God's kingdom by our efforts. Thankfully, this Psalm reminds us not just of the mortality of the princes and leaders of this world, but of our own. We need to remember the foolishness not only of trusting in princes, but also in ourselves. As we ponder our place in God's great plan, I offer to you this reflection from Ken Untener.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Erik*

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.



An open gym time for walking is held every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. The gym is available to use any time, but every Thursday at 9:30 you can join others to get some exercise together!



The Covenant Quilters will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. You are always welcome to join and can come and go as your schedule allows. In October we will meet on the 8th and 22nd.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

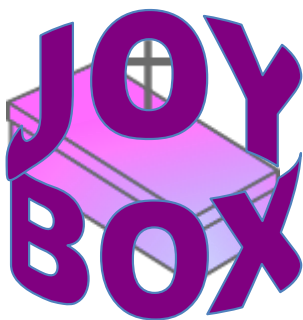
Confirmation began on Sunday, September 16. There are 17 kids in the class! The photo at left shows the class on the first day, though one student is missing from the photo. Please keep these kids in prayer as they continue through the next two years of confirmation classes with Pastor Erik.



## Mission of the Month

KICY broadcasts from Nome, Alaska and is owned by Arctic Broadcasting Association, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit, affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church. KICY serves native Alaskan villages and the Russian far east. Most of our annual operating budget comes from churches and individual donations.

Since we first signed-on in 1960, KICY has continued to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. We have increased our power to 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day which allows KICY AM 850 the opportunity to send the gospel into some places where other forms of media are not readily available.



At the quarterly business meeting in June, the church voted to pack our own Christmas shoeboxes this year to be delivered through Grace Christian Outreach Ministries in Mexico instead of participating in Operation Christmas Child as we have done in years past. The "Joy Boxes" will be the mission of the month in November. There are some fun activities planned around this mission, so mark your calendars now for the following activities...

On **Sunday, October 7**, all the preschool through teens Sunday School classes will have time to write letters to children who will be receiving the gift boxes this year. Following Sunday School we will meet in the fellowship hall to fill baggies with items for Joy Boxes. This will save time for our packing party on November 4. A light lunch of hotdogs will be served at noon. All ages are invited to stay and help.

On **Sunday, November 4**, please join us for Joy Boxes packing party! We will meet during the Sunday School hour with a goal of packing 129 boxes. A potluck meal will follow. Free will offering donations will help cover the cost of the Joy Boxes and shipping.

On **Sunday, November 11**, there will be a special time of dedication during the worship serve for the Joy Boxes and the children receiving them.



The fourth Sunday of October is the 19th Annual KICY 100% Sunday. This is the one day of the year when KICY seeks denomination-wide donations of only \$1.00, but from 100% of those in a Covenant Church on that Sunday morning. This allows everyone throughout the Covenant family to invest in the work of KICY prayerfully and financially. We will be collecting donations for KICY throughout the entire month, and will be participating in 100% Sunday on October 28. Please keep this mission in special prayer throughout the month.

## Pastor Appreciation

John Norland led the congregation in a special time of prayer for Pastor Erik, Phil and their families on September 9. The second Sunday in October is recognized as Pastor Appreciation Day, so we especially remember our pastors on this day too. Thank you to Pastor Erik and Phil for teaching us about the love of Jesus Christ and for all the grace and love you show us through your prayers, encouragements, visits and all the things you do for each of us!



## MINISTRY FAIR & RALLY SUNDAY

The annual Ministry Fair was held on Sunday, September 9, which was also Rally Sunday. Everyone in attendance had a chance to sign up to serve the church in various areas for the coming year. The bottom photo shows Phil with some of the youth enjoying the firepit in the backyard that day.

If you haven't had a chance to sign up to serve in the coming year, the sign-up sheets are located in the fellowship hall near the mailboxes. You can also see Karla Perkins if you have questions. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!



October 12-13: Trailblazer Fall Retreat

October 13: LBBC 56th Annual Meeting

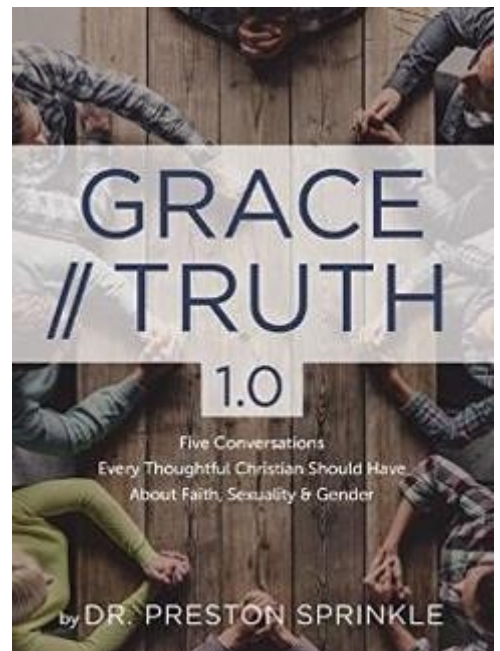
October 27: Solid Rock Preview Day

Please pray for every camper that attended camp this past summer! Pray they continue to seek God, as the Holy Spirit reminds them to **DISCOVER THE TRUTH** all year long.

Also, a new year of Solid Rock Discipleship program has begun. Please keep students and staff in prayer for a fruitful year.

Information on these events and many more can be found on LBBC's website at [lbbs.com](http://lbbs.com).

## Wednesday Night Study



The Wednesday night study titled Grace/Truth 1.0, which is led by Pastor Erik will finish up on October 10.

Watch for information to come soon on the next study being planned!

## Dawson Covenant Youth Corner

I have always had a particular affinity for the autumnal season. I love the cool air, leaves changing, and with it embarks new seasons: school, football, and youth group. Mind you, I never grew up attending a youth group that met weekly; we did not have that sort of thing where I was growing up and I realize the missed opportunities I could have had. Our youth group began meeting regularly at the beginning of September and we have had quite a lot of momentum since then. I was at an all youth pastor meeting in the Twin Cities last week and when asked what's something they could be praying for specifically I mentioned more seating!

We have averaged between 30-40 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders each week in combining once again with Calvary Baptist of Madison. The first week we went over, "How to begin the school year effectively" and talked about how Jesus combatted Satan's temptations in the wilderness. Since then, we have been in a series I created that dives into popular Christian songs and breaks them down, both theologically and applicably for the kids; the idea for this came to me while at CHIC this summer and seeing thousands of kids worshipping God and it made me think, "do they know the importance of what they are singing?" This past week, as I hope to do with every fourth Wednesday we meet, we had a special guest speaker come in and share their testimony for the kids. This gets our youth to interact with other adults besides me and allows those of the church to do the same with the youth.

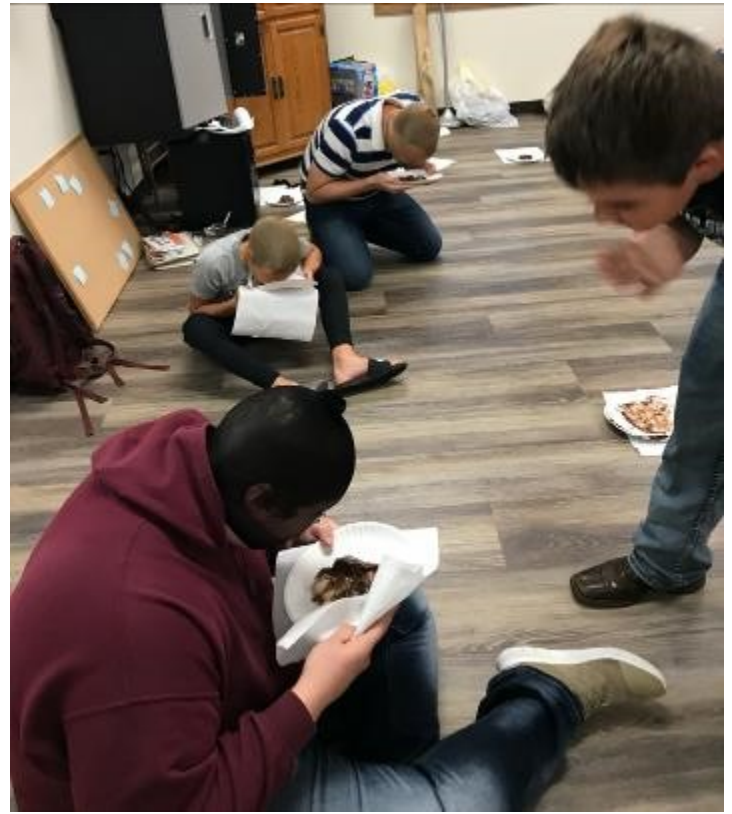
Pioneer Kids has been operating seamlessly as well. As you know, this group is specifically volunteer lead and they do a great job of helping shape the kids into a Biblical foundation. I get the opportunity to lead music and sing with them, but then I take my leave and turn it over to the teachers. We have had consistently 20 or so kids and each week I see one of our kids bringing a friend or two with them, which is encouraging. Our leadership team decided that I be in front of this age group a little more this year, so on those fourth Wednesdays I get to teach the Pioneer Kid's lesson.

Staying with PK's, our third year working with 'Think Orange' curriculum has begun once again. We have discovered that this format works well where the K-6<sup>th</sup> graders are all together for their lesson and then break out for age-specific group time. This allows us to concentrate the application of the Bible story to a specific age group as well.

Our older youth kids finally get to utilize the youth room Sunday mornings! I get the opportunity to dive deeper into scripture with these kids now that they have been confirmed and have a starting knowledge of the Bible. We began last week the Immerse Bible: Messiah which takes out all the chapter and verses of the NT and writes it in a 'book club' vibe. Each week we have a reading assignment and the kids are supposed to write down what interested them about the reading or any questions they may have. I am really excited to have this book club with these guys where we can talk more in depth on the Bible.

Thus far, our kids have continued to be invested in committing to giving up a day of the week to come together. We are growing in size, and kids are bringing friends that we may not see otherwise. I have the opportunity to get out into the community a little more as well to socialize and continue building relationships with our youth. Though I get these chances I know there is more I could be doing and just want to open invite anybody to come sit in or assist our youth in any way. Raising these kids to be godly adults is not a 'one-person-job' and it requires us all as a church to come together and pour into them. Thank you for those who have volunteered time, energy, prayers, and love to our youth group. Autumn is now here, and with it comes fresh, crisp air and new beginnings.

Phil



*Game time at Hi-League can get crazy! This game involved wearing pantyhose over your head and attempting to eat chocolate pudding!*



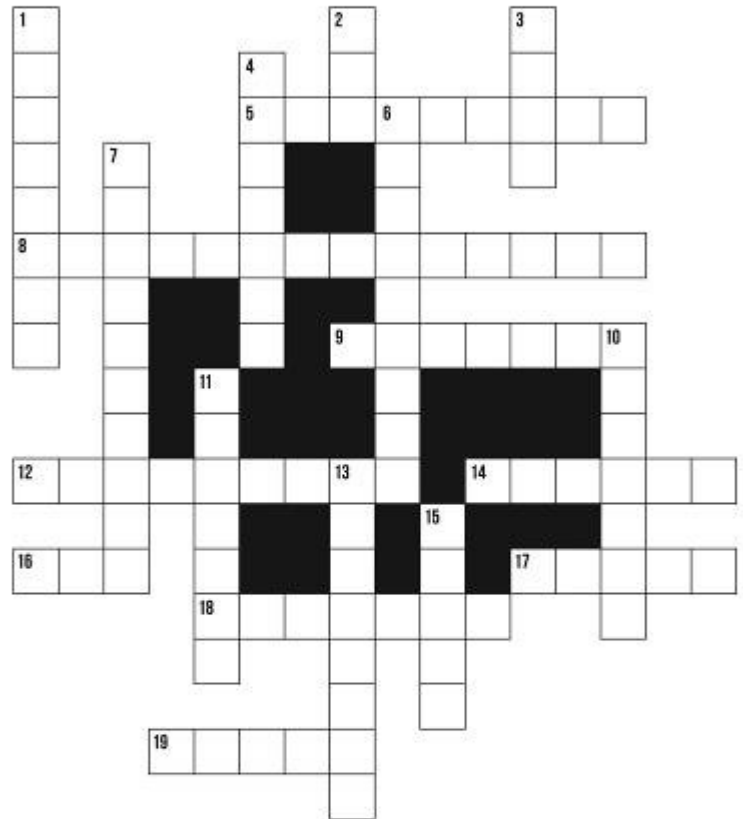
## Adult Choir

Anyone age 7th grade and older is invited to join the adult choir! Practices will begin again after the harvest season and are held at 8:15 on Sunday mornings. Please see Jill Christie or Brandon Ulstad if you have questions.



# Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. windy snowstorm                             | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist                       | 13. the degree of moisture in the air                    |
| 3. frozen rain pellets                         | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam          |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions         | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere              |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky   | 16. frozen water                                         |
| 6. violent tropical storm                      | 17. deluge                                               |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust                | 18. when day and night are of equal length               |
| 8. northern lights                             | 19. frozen dew or vapor                                  |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon |                                                          |
| 10. wearing away of the soil                   |                                                          |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice                 |                                                          |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

## ?? Bible Quiz ? ?

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- Mary and Martha
- The daughters of Zelophehad
- Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- Joanna, Susanna and Salome



Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)



3	Peter Haugen
5	Carson Besonen
7	Todd Horst
9	Ralph Fondell
9	Dawn Hanson
9	Joshua Rosendahl
11	Johnathan Kimmel
12	Cheryl Bevis
18	Kyle Ashling
22	Gert Fondell
23	Lily Ashling
24	Benjamin Gustafson
25	Randy Bevis
28	Shelia Greiner

## Electronic & On-Line Giving

Dawson Covenant offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering donations. To set up an electronic giving schedule, please complete the Automatic Payment Authorization Form, which can be found on the table in the entry, and place it in the Treasurer's mailbox or the collection plate.

On-line giving is also available through our website at [www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org](http://www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org). You can use your checking account, debit card or credit card. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Loral Steinke.

## DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH IS ON-LINE AND ON T.V.

Did you know you can view our past worship services online anytime?



Visit our website at [dawsoncovenantchurch.org](http://dawsoncovenantchurch.org) and click on the Worship tab. Worship services are also shown on local cable t.v. in Dawson at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, in Madison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and in Canby at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Like us on facebook to receive updates and reminders on your facebook newsfeed!

## Free Wi-Fi

The password to sign-in to the wi-fi at the Youth center is "guest2255".

## PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the November *Pass It On* is Wednesday, October 24.

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## Church Council Meeting Notes

The church website has a password protected page where you will find things like Church Council Meeting notes and other kinds of information that we want to share with our church family but not necessarily post publicly on the web. Please contact Karla Perkins to get the password. The church website is:

[www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org](http://www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org), then click on the "Members" tab. Church council meeting notes are also posted on the bulletin board, and past meeting notes are available to view anytime in the church office.

## Attention!

If you are not getting church e-mails (prayer requests, occasional announcements, etc.) and you would like to be added to the list please let Karla Perkins or Pastor Erik know, or send an email to [office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org](mailto:office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org)

## Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik & Phil's scheduled office hours are as follows:

<b>Monday</b> .....	Off
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	8:30-2:30
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	8:30-2:30
<b>Thursday</b> .....	8:30-2:30
<b>Friday</b> .....	8:30-2:30

Other times they are available by appointment, and may be reached at church at 320-769-2255 or Pastor Erik's cell: 320-305-9304 Phil's cell: 269-547-7537



## ON-LINE GIVING

Online giving is available through our website and is a powerful way to faithfully give in a consistent manner. Visit the church website at [www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org](http://www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org) to learn more or to sign-up.

## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl  
Joel & Kim Delp  
Covenant World Mission  
Covenant Youth of Alaska  
Randy & Cheryl Bevis  
Doug & Jill Nelson  
Emma Weber

Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins  
Prairie Waters Growing Project  
KICY  
Joy Boxes  
Food for Kidz

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>7</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School / Confirmation 11:30 Baggie Bash with light lunch served	<b>8</b> 10:00 Quilting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi-League, Adult Study	<b>11</b> 9:30 Open Gym Walking	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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