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# The Bentheim Bell Tower

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTHEIM  
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## From Desk of the Seminarian

BY MAX TYLER

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

On March 21st, spring officially began, though it certainly does not feel like it here in Alaska. In Homer, we host the world's largest King Salmon tournament and have done so for the past 32 years. However, this year it has been postponed by two weeks because our harbor is frozen over, so much so that most boats cannot even get out. It has been an especially cold winter here in Homer and across the state, with temperatures consistently around -15°F in the mornings here and dipping to -60°F in Northway. I step outside for a minute and come back in with icicles hanging from my beard.

I have been incredibly blessed by my time here at Alaska Bible Institute. I have grown not only in knowledge through my outstanding professors, but more importantly, I have grown in Christlikeness. The Lord has been sanctifying me daily, far more deeply and quickly than I ever expected. He has faithfully convicted me of sin, reshaped my heart, and renewed my mind by His Spirit.

Now for the question everyone has been asking, what am I doing this summer? As of now, my plan is to stay in Homer, live on campus, work two jobs, and assist the staff with classes I will be helping teach. After the summer, I plan to continue as a third-year intern, pursue my second associate degree, and take on a greater role in teaching. Of course, all of this is subject to the Lord's will. I will be working full-time with Lakeshore Glass, installing windows on boats, cars, and homes, and part-time with Homer Foamer, doing spray foam insulation.

I can hardly believe it is already April. High school felt like it crept by, but college is like a freight train with no brakes. I am looking forward to a break from the heavy workload, since we have been especially busy lately, and I am excited to experience Homer during its most beautiful season. At the same time, I am not looking forward to saying goodbye to many of my friends. This year is especially difficult, as most of them will not be returning and are heading back home. It is very possible that the next time I see some of them will be in Glory. While that is a sobering thought, I know it is a natural part of life and one I must entrust to the Lord. *(continued...)*



(...continued) Recently, in my studies, I came across Joel 2:13, “Rend your hearts and not your garments...” In this passage, the Lord calls His people to genuine repentance, not merely outward expressions, but true inward transformation. Rather than tearing their garments as a sign of mourning, He calls them to tear their hearts. The sackcloth and ashes are meant to be internal, not just external. True repentance is not primarily about what you turn away from, but about Who you turn to. When you turn to God, turning away from sin follows. If you focus only on avoiding sin, you will find yourself stuck, but in turning to God, you find true freedom.

Thank you all so much for your birthday wishes and your continued prayers. Please keep praying for me as I press on in my studies, it will only grow more demanding in the months ahead. Pray that the Lord would grant me peace and contentment as I walk faithfully in His calling.

Whether on earth or in Glory, until we meet again.

Max Tyler

**Thank you to all who donated to our Women’s Ministries service project at Hope Pkgs! We were able to pack a number of bags to give to children entering the foster care system!**



# February 2025 Financial Report

## General Fund

Receipts needed per month per budget	\$44,238.23
Receipts: from offerings	\$51,941.80
Disbursements: for the month	\$48,317.36

## Building Fund

Receipts	\$925.00
Disbursements	\$11,707.88

## Mission Fund

Receipts needed per month per budget	\$6,916.67
Receipts	\$6,385.00
Disbursements	\$13,974.19

# Book-of-the-Month



## ***The Man on the Middle Cross: Are You Going to Heaven?*** **Alistair Begg**

This is the second month in a row I (Pastor Kris) have recommended a book by Alistair Begg, and I am certain you will not be disappointed with this short but intriguing text.

If you ever wondered whether you are going to heaven, this 36-page book can help answer that question. It provides a clear exposition of the simple Gospel, and presents hope for anyone who ever wondered, "how can I be sure?"

*The Man on the Middle Cross: Are you going to heaven?* presents the experience and the life-changing moments of 3 people when they meet Jesus. Your time will be well spent as you consider the stories of the woman at the well, the paralytic man, and the thief on the cross.

## **Spring Fever Family Night**

**Wednesday, May 1 | 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Locations:** FLC, Youth Group Large Group Room, and The Treehouse

Get ready for an evening of fun and fellowship at our Spring Fever Family Night! Join us for a pickleball tournament, card games, and plenty of games and activities for the kids.

We will have snacks, drinks, and lots of fun for everyone. Come enjoy a great time with your family and friends!

# Upcoming Events



## May 1: Spring Fever Family Night

6-8 p.m.

There will be a pickle ball tournament and card games along with games and activities for the kids. Dinner is not provided but there will be snacks, drinks and lots of fun!



## April 21: Women's Ministries

7 p.m.



## May 16: 50s Drive-In Dinner

5-8 p.m

Youth Ministries Fundraiser.

## April Meetings:

March 30: Executive Committee Meeting

March 31: Committee Meetings

April 13: Elders & Consistory Meetings

## *SUMMER BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP*

*AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE CHURCH LAWN:*

*SUNDAY, JUNE 7*

*SUNDAY, JULY 19*

*SUNDAY, AUGUST 16*

*EVERYONE IS WELCOME! WE WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT AND DRINKS.  
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS AND YOUR OWN CHAIR.*

*THERE WILL BE FOOD, GAMES, DEVOTIONAL, MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP,  
CAMPFIRE, AND MORE.*



# Missionary of the Month: Give Hope RV

**Moment for Ministry:  
Sunday, April 19  
during the morning service**

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe the Holy Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, to be verbally inspired of God in the original documents, infallible and God-breathed, a perfect rule of faith and practice and does not only contain and convey the word of God but IS the very WORD of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Proverbs 30:5)

## **CORE VALUES**

We Are: Biblically Grounded  
We Are: Good Stewards  
We Are: God honoring excellent  
We Are: Family Focused  
We Are: Unified in purpose  
We Are: Christ centered servants

Give Hope RV's  
current Amazon  
wish list QR code:



Give Hope RV had 600 families register to stay with Give Hope in some capacity this year. They can host 232 families this year and can send 148 families camping with a free camping certificate.

Give Praise is Give Hope's newest location for 2026 joining Give Refuge, Give Joy, Give Life, Give Grace, Give Thanks, and Give Thanks affiliate camping.

Prayer Requests :

1. That we are able to welcome and serve families that need rest and connection
2. That we are able to find a camper for our new location that is solid
3. For a successful auction on April 25

**Financial Donations:** Whether you are an individual, family or business Give Hope is so thankful for those that are willing to donate to Give Hope Ministries. The estimated expenses is approximately \$5000 per location. This covers lot rental, electricity, supplies, propane, repairs, and office expense.

**Donate your RV:** Would you like donate your RV as a tax-deductible donation allowing for more families to experience time away to rest and connect? Give Hope RV would love to connect. They are always looking for more RVs to allow more foster and adoptive families time away.

**contact: [givehoperv@gmail.com](mailto:givehoperv@gmail.com) / 269-207-6242**

# Nursery, Welcome, Hospitality Volunteer Schedules

Date	Nursery	Welcome	Hospitality
April 5	Kylee Geurink Cherish Nyboer Kelsey Geurink Hannah VanDyk	Mike & Lisa Lugten	Sheri Popovitch
April 12	Carie Hoeve Leah Walters Taylor Patmos Oliver McCleery	Bruce & Jill LaMar	Darla Groenheide
April 19	Kiel Patmos Laura Lengkeek Rylan Schutter Evie Boeve	Rick & Lisa Dirkse	Erma Eding Nancy Sal
April 26	Gail Schutter Amanda Schurman Bethany Kalmink Claire Debo	Dan & Dawn Hoffman	Brielle Groenheide
May 3	Ronda Lameris Paula Scholten Clara Busscher Mallorie Koetsier	Keith & Ann Walters	Meghan Walters
May 10	Tammy Bosch Jen Vander Kolk Marisa Patmos Mia Brink	Carol Brower Jodi Mesbergen	Shawn Hulst
May 17	Renee Breuker Brinsey Hoeve Evelyn Busscher Sadie Schutter	Cris Walters Hannah Walters	Hannah Walters
May 24	Brielle Groenheide Carolyn Dekker Sutton Geurink Ellery Lampen	Dan & Jodi Geurink	Tom Overhiser
May 31	Alyssa Schipper Brea Zoerhof Joelle Debo Chloe VanDyk	Dan & Dawn Hoffman	Sandy Hoeve Paula Scholten

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 - 8:30 am: Quilting Ministry - 5 pm: Supper - 5:00 pm: Discipling Class - 6:15 pm: Middle School Ministry - 6:15 pm: GEMS - 6:30 pm: Church Made Simple	2 - 9 am: Coffee Break	3 - 7 pm: Good Friday Service	4 - 8 am-12 pm: Firewood Ministry
5	6	7	8 - 5:30 pm: Discipling Class	9	10	11 - 5 pm: Dinner - 6:15 pm: Youth Group Auction
12	13 - Walk Out Worship & God's Gang - Faith Builders & Seekers - 6 pm: High School Ministry	14 - 7 pm: Bible Study Fellowship	15 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 8:30 am: Quilting Ministry - 5 pm: Discipling class - 5 pm: Supper - 6:15 pm: Middle School Ministry - 6:15 pm: Cadets - 6:30 pm: All Church Bible Study - 6:30 pm: Church Made Simple	16 - 9 am: Coffee Break	17	18
19	20 - Walk Out Worship & God's Gang - Faith Builders & Seekers - 6 pm: High School Ministry - 6:30 pm: Young Adults Group	21 - 7 pm: Bible Study Fellowship - 7 pm: Women's Ministry	22 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 5 pm: Discipling Class - 6:15 pm: Middle School Ministry - 6:15 pm: GEMS & Cadets - 6:30 pm: All Church Bible Study - 6:30 pm: Church Made Simple	23 - 6:30 pm: Systematic Theology Class	24	25
26	27	28 - 7 pm: Bible Study Fellowship	29 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 5 pm: Discipling Class - 6:15 pm: Middle School Ministry - 6:30 pm: All Church Bible Study - 6:30 pm: Church Made Simple	30		