



*My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ~ Galatians 2:20 (NLT)*

## *Christ is Life*

In the middle of the freezer door of my refrigerator you will find a bumper sticker. The old refrigerator died 10 years ago but the bumper sticker was transferred to its replacement. We have no plans to ever remove it. It sits in a place of honor, held in place by a bird nest magnet and surrounded by school pictures, kid art and a tile that boasts, "I told my husband if he ever leaves me, I am going with him!"

Not long after putting our only child on a plane to basic training and ultimately to Iraq, Kathy spotted it at a Christian bookstore. **Christ is Life. The rest are details.** It spoke to her heaped-up heart and sorted things out. Unarguably, it became the guiding wisdom of our lives, then and now.

War a detail? You might shake your head at that one but the bumper sticker lists no exceptions. Christ is Life. Next to that all things pale.

Sometimes in spite of our best efforts there seems to be so much static on our lines. Circumstances of life push us, crowd us, make us anxious. We feel our quality of life goes south. Those feelings are real and they pressure us.

Just as real and blessedly absolute is the fact that while our lives at times may feel awful, *Christ* is our life, our real, genuine life- not life on life support but pulsing, thriving, glorious life. Life that touches the Divine and the miraculous.

The details of our circumstances will never trump that truth for us. Christ is sitting at the power hand of the Father and our life has been placed into His life. Nothing is lacking.

From time to time while our son was deployed, we would lay a hand on the sticker and proclaim our belief in it. When he came home it just seemed too important a statement to remove it. After all, in this life the believers in Christ are always deployed.

As you are reading this do you need Christ's life to overcome your details? Stick this up on your refrigerator and let it capture your thoughts each day. It will you know. Let the wonderful life we have in Jesus fill your home and feed your hope. He is LIFE full of power. *Your* life.

May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit refresh and empower you every minute until Christ's return.

Be joyful. Be determined.

Blessings,

**Pastor John LaMantia**

## Planting Day

City greenhouse day to pick up plants to fill out the garden space at Folker Park. The Mission has planted Folker Park, located in our Community Council area, for over a decade. It is a busy day cleaning the beds, getting the flowers and planting them but it adds so much to the neighborhood.

Our LifeSkills program has a community service component and this is one opportunity to serve that always makes us happy. Thank you, Shane Day, for making it happen.



## A Nation's Strength

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

What makes a nation's pillars high  
And its foundations strong?  
What makes it mighty to defy  
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand  
Go down in battle shock;  
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,  
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust  
Of empires passed away;  
The blood has turned their stones to rust,  
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown  
Has seemed to nations sweet;  
But God has struck its luster down  
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make  
A people great and strong;  
Men who for truth and honor's sake  
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others  
sleep,  
Who dare while others fly...  
They build a nation's pillars deep  
And lift them to the sky.

## Welcome, Shiloh Community Housing Furniture Bank!



At one time Kathy and I volunteered with a non-profit that would deliver emergency groceries to people who had secured housing. Sadly, we often saw those same people weeks later back in the shelter because they found themselves unable to stay in their new living quarters that lacked basic necessities. Our own Blessing Boxes were born to help meet that need. Keeping your housing is as important as getting it in the first place.

Shiloh Community Housing has opened a new furniture bank and it is certainly the right idea at the right time. People will be able to make their new housing livable thanks to the generosity of their neighbors. Funded by donations and support from organizations like The Rasmuson Foundation, the new furniture bank is a blessing and an essential piece in helping to solve the homeless puzzle.

Please go to [shilohhousing.org](http://shilohhousing.org) to find out how to request help or to donate items.

(Bob Doehl, VP Rasmuson, pictured here with Shenee Williams, Shiloh Community Housing president and CEO.)

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## July Memorials

Memorial for: Gene Moe	by: Milton & Nancy Hummer
Memorial for: Ceylon Mitchell	by: Christy Humphries
Memorial for: Russ Wilmot	by: Renate Wilmot
Memorial for: Ceylon Mitchell	by: Alan & Nancy Muise
Memorial for: Bobby Price	by: Nadine M. Price
Memorial for: Gene Moe	by: Jim & Kim Minnery
Memorial for: Gene Moe	by: James & Judith Muller
Memorial for: John Aho	by: JoAnne M. Baker
Memorial for: Charles Cospers	by: Susan I. Cospers
Memorial for: Bemma Lou Floyd	by: Carolyn R. Crouch



*"Good-bye" is not a word that Heaven knows  
Let us just say, "Until" here below*



*...what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.  
-Hebrews 11:3*

Whatever you need today, God is your resource. Whatever strength you lack, He has in a super-abundance.

*His radiance is like sunlight; beams of light shine from his hand, where his strength lays hidden... Habakkuk 3:4*

Happy Graduation from the LifeSkills Program, Kenny Dahl! We are so proud of you! Kenny completed his GED while at the Mission some time ago and has been working in Whittier unloading barges during his work phase. He will continue doing that and will be staying with us on his days off as he saves his money to get his own place.

Best wishes to you Kenny. May the Lord's full intention for your life unfold in the years to come.

Pastor John, Staff, Board and Partners of the Mission.



The Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission makes every effort to honor the wishes of our donors who have directed contributions to a specific area. We do, however, reserve the right to redirect the monies received over and above a specific need, into whatever areas they may best be useful.

## Thank You!



Thank you to the businesses who donated a bazillion eggs for breakfast.



Thank you to Dominion Ministries and to the Hillside 7th Day Adventists.

Both churches made meal carry bags for us to share with our hungry neighbors. What a lovely and generous service to those less fortunate.

Thank you to several anonymous donors who gifted our people with rain ponchos which sure come in handy when you have to wait in the rain for a bus to work.

We are grateful to Nina who gave us several boxes of art supplies all well-organized. Thank you, Nina, for the boxes and also for that lovely letter of encouragement.



*"With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own." ~ John F. Kennedy*

## Graduation Day



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**Nightly Services 7:30PM - 8:30 PM**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Adopt the pace of Nature. Her secret is patience. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Every summer we pray the weather holds and Program Manager, Larry Aldrich, takes our men camping. It is a great time of food, fellowship and of enjoying our summer sunshine.

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