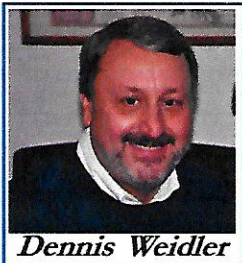


# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

I want to simply say thank you. Thank you to our prayer partners. Thank you to our financial supporters. Thank you to the staff who work, often at very odd hours, to provide excellent service to our listeners. Thank you to the Arctic Broadcasting Association board



**Dennis Weidler**

members who have allowed me, in partnership with Candace, to serve at KICY AM & FM for nearly 18 years.

Thank you to our listeners who call in every day and encourage us in our work here.

Now, I say farewell. This will be my last Call Letter as our time at KICY, and in Nome, is over.

It has been a wonderful and blessed journey. We are leaving with a great deal more than we brought.

Candace and I will be traveling down to Homer, Alaska on May 10th and looking forward to a new life of service to our most gracious God. This is our time to reinvent ourselves to see how God may best use us in a new community. We are excited at the prospect.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10 (niv).

Amen. 

## Iditarod 2017

### The Oldest and The Youngest.



**Mitch Seavey, Iditarod Champion**


The 45th running of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race is in the books. For the third time the re-start of the race was moved to Fairbanks because of trail conditions over the Alaska Range, so most of the race was run on the Yukon River. The winner was Mitch Seavey, now a three time champion, who at 57 broke his own record set four years ago for being the oldest person to win. For the third straight year the Seaveys placed first and second. This year, though, the younger Seavey was second to his father. Coming in a close third was Nicolas Petit, an up-and-coming young musher from Girdwood, Alaska, who really gave Dallas a run for his money, literally. They finished just four and a half minutes apart. And what fun it was to have Mark Hill in town and on the scaffold to help call in the first three, adding his knowledge of and enthusiasm for the race to our coverage. A former KICY volun-



**Laura Neese and her leaders**

teer, Mark is now an Air Force Chaplain stationed in Anchorage.

As an added bonus, rookie Laura Neese, who at 20 was the youngest competitor in this year's race, roused herself out of bed Friday morning in time to be interviewed on both stations. Laura has a perpetual smile on her face, and could be heard singing as she drove her team on the ice outside Nome. The young lady from Michigan, has quite a promising career ahead of her.

Iditarod week would not be complete without Idita-Sunday at the Covenant Church. Several mushers and their families attended the worship service, and three shared their journeys, including DeeDee Jonrowe. DeeDee is a fan favorite, and always has a powerful message to share of God's strength and provision getting her down the trail. 



## Making Music.



*Murphy Hoelscher, Kenny Takak & Eugene Landlord*

Several pastors and church leaders were in Nome the last week in March for a Western Alaska Ministry Training class. The topic this time was general theology and participants came in from villages all around the region for this week-long class. A few people from Nome also took advantage of sitting in on one or more of the sessions. With accredited theological training out of reach both because of cost and literally because of the distance to a Bible college or university, the Covenant Church of Alaska offers these courses a couple times a year to provide continuing education for serving pastors, but also with the view of raising up others to serve as spiritual leaders and pastors in their villages.

A few of the participants dropped by KICY for a tour of the station. Others used the opportunity to record some music. KICY has a long tradition of recording and playing music by native Alaskans in English as well as the three main native

languages in our listening area. In fact, we have what is most likely the most extensive collection of native music in Alaska, with recordings made more than 40 years ago right up to the 2017 Native New Life Musicale. That gathering was recorded in Anchorage just this past month and aired over the course of a week during SingSpiration Time, our native music hours on KICY.

Kenny Takak from Elim brought his guitar and electronic drum, found two others from other villages at the training, and came in to record some classic hymns one evening. Pastor Wassilie and Jean Mute came in on another afternoon to record some of their favorites with wonderful harmonies.

Many hymns have been translated into the native languages, and there are some original songs of praise that have become well known across Western Alaska. We are blessed to have a state of the art recording studio, Genesis Recording, in our basement, and even more blessed to be able to record these native artists for future play on the radio. ■

## *A Prayer Request.* *For each of our staff members.*

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Ian Cogan

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler



*Happy  
Birthday  
KICY!*

April 17, 2017, marks 57 years of ministry by KICY to Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. Whether you have been a supporter for more than 50 years or fewer than 50 days, thank you for your prayers and financial support. Life is harsh in the Arctic. Power costs are high, and it seems there is always something that needs repair or replacement. Would you please consider sending a special financial birthday gift our way? ■



# Wild Alaskan Salmon Dinner.

As you can see from the list on the right, the fall Salmon Dinner tour is nearly full. If your church is in close proximity to any of the towns listed and would like to host a meal, please give us a call or send an e-mail to [office@kicy.org](mailto:office@kicy.org) as soon as possible.

We love to ship in wild caught Alaska salmon from Nome, cook it up, serve it and share the vision of KICY in a brief PowerPoint presentation.



We try to take the pressure off your church team and do all the salmon preparation. Ask anyone who has had a KICY dinner. I think they'll all agree that they are lots of fun. ■

## Fall 2017

Sunday, September 24, 2017  
Community Covenant  
Church  
Rocklin, California

Thursday, September 28, 2017  
Karmel Covenant Church  
Princeton, Minnesota

Friday, September 29, 2017  
Evangelical Covenant  
Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Saturday, September 30, 2017  
Kalamazoo Covenant  
Church  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
Mt. Miguel Covenant  
Village  
San Diego, California

## Praise God!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are praising God for his provision and thanking you for your donations both large and small that have helped us reach our capital funding goal. The parts for our critical tower re-build have been manufactured, and will be shipped in time for the tower crew to begin work in mid-May. Pray with us for good weather, that all goes smoothly, that everyone stays safe and well..

\$202,000

\$101,000



## Memorials

In February and March we received memorials in the name of:

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**

**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**

**Lois Christiansen**

**Richard Lundberg**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

**\$33,036.74**

-March Budget-

**\$29,692.07**

-March Expenses-

**\$33,579.38**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*



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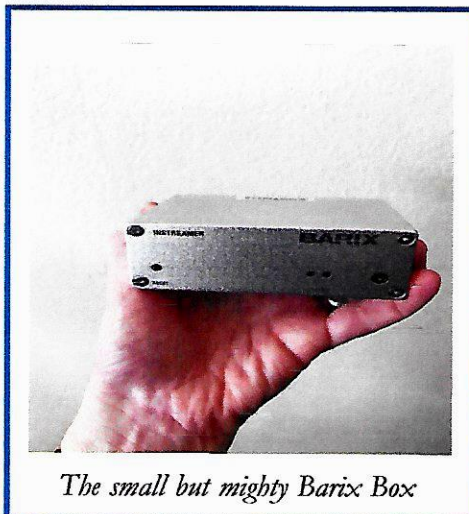
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## Digital Advances Enhance Audio.

In this rapidly changing digital age many venues are dropping their landline telephones. In fact, earlier this year a basketball game from Anchorage had to be called over a cell phone because there was no longer a phone line in the gym. It worked, but the quality suffered. Without a landline phone connection, live broadcasts are nearly impossible...until now.

Enter the Barix Box. So small and yet so mighty, this little box, that can be easily held in the palm of your hand or slipped into a pocket is a digital streaming device. With it we are able to stream audio



*The small but mighty Barix Box*

from a basketball game or worship service using a digital IP connection. As long as the

internet is available at a location, we can stream the audio to KICY. As a bonus, the quality of sound is much better than through the phone lines.

We will give this new technology a test during the upcoming Alaska Conference Annual Conference in Eagle River as the Covenant Church there has internet but no phone line. KICY will be on site for live broadcasts of the evening worship services.

There are other uses for this new technology, and over time we will certainly discover more ways to implement them. ■