

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic KICY

God is good, all the time.  
While the phrase can sound cliché, it is truth.

2020 got off to a rocky start at KICY. New Year's Day temperatures were low and the North wind was howling, driving cold into every crack and crevice in the studio.



*Patty Burchell*

the boiler sprang a leak, pipes froze, heavy sweaters were needed in the studio, and there was even ice in the boiler room.

Praise God for people willing to repair boilers on a holiday. However, when the pipes thawed upstairs, a broken connection released a cascade of water into the ceiling below. We lost a few ceiling tiles, but otherwise, no damage. God is good, all the time.

That first week we also had two pieces of equipment fail in the FM studio. Fortunately, we were able to find a work around as we are still waiting on replacement parts. As of this writing, things are back to normal.

God IS good, ALL the time. Time and again in the last 60 years God has proven Himself faithful, keeping KICY on the air, sometimes in spite of seemingly impossible odds. Armed with that knowledge, and your prayers, we are certain He will continue to sustain KICY well into the future. ■

## It's Hoops Time!



*Josie Stiles and Cynthia Gray bring experience and excitement to the game*

There are not many things that bring communities in western Alaska together like high school basketball. Games are well attended, crowds are involved and often loud, and competition is intense.

KICY has been known as Western Alaska's Sports Leader for many years. Broadcasting high school basketball games dates back to the very beginnings of the station. Since villages in western Alaska are only accessible by air, families are more often than not unable to attend away games, so depend on radio coverage.

Josie Stiles is once again providing the excellent play-by-play for all Nome home games, and this year she has tapped her long-time friend and fellow basketball enthusiast, Cynthia Gray, to assist. In addition to being former players themselves, they have

both lived in Nome long enough that they know all the players and can add a sense of history to the current season. During games, they work well together, and are just plain fun to listen to.

KICY partners with other radio stations in the localities where the teams are playing to receive coverage for the away games. Gratefully, Josie is also willing and available to travel to those communities that don't have local radio stations so families back home can still hear the games.

Both the Nome boys' and girls' teams have had a strong start this season. They will play every weekend in January and February, and the way things are going, have a good possibility of playing in the state tournament in March. ■

# A Look Back

*Throughout our 60th Anniversary year we will be taking a look back at historical publications, bringing you excerpts from the early days of KICY. In this edition, we reprint excerpts from an article penned by Ralph Fondell in 1962 as part of a Covenant Church publication. It could have been written today, as both the question, and the answer are still valid.*

It was Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960, when radio station KICY first broadcast the message of



Ralph Fondell, ~1960

salvation to western Alaska. Looking in retrospect over the past two years, the question comes to mind-- "Is KICY serv-

ing the purpose for which it was established?" The chief purposes are to reach souls for the Lord Jesus Christ and to edify Christians. KICY is a missionary radio station working together with the missionaries, native pastors and laymen on the field.

In a village on the lower Yukon a young man recently came to the Lord. He had been brought up in a Christian home but he, himself, had been extremely critical of Christianity. However, by listening to the various gospel broadcasts over KICY, primarily the "Eskimo Hour," the barriers were broken down and he came to the missionary seeking spiritual help. In other villages there are those who have started coming to the regular church services where missionaries and pastors are able to reach some who heretofore have been opposed or ignorant of the message of Christ.

...It was at the 75th Anniversary Conference of Alaska Covenant Churches in Unalakleet recently that Reuben Paniptchuk, pastor at Shaktoolik, remarked in conversation that he thought that KICY is one of the greatest things that has happened to western Alaska.

It was there at Unalakleet that an Eskimo woman mentioned to us how much she is blessed by the gospel broadcasts. "Even before I was a Christian," she said, "every Sunday evening I would make certain the children were in bed and the house quiet and then I would crawl into bed, turn on the radio and listen to 'Lutheran Vespers' and the message spoke right to me."

Steffan Katchetag, a man of God who has been an invalid for a number of years, described the Christian programs as "bread of heaven to feed him spiritually each day."

...Is KICY serving the purposes for which it was intended? In some instances it has been KICY's privilege to plant the seed; in others it has been to water that which has been planted by faithful pastors and missionaries. But, in every instance, we know that it is God alone who giveth the increase!

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11. ■

## A Prayer Request For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Nate Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Lon Swanson

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## Postage-Paid Envelopes

Thank you to all of you who currently put your own stamp on our Business Reply Envelopes. These envelopes are a convenience, but end up costing us nearly \$2000 per year in postage and fees alone. In an effort to be good stewards of what we are given, KICY will be discontinuing the use of those this year. Please feel free to use them, as long as you receive them from us. We will be phasing them out as our supply at the station runs out. We will continue to provide return envelopes for your convenience, but you'll need to use your own stamp. Thanks for helping us use wisely the resources God so generously provides. ■

# Wild Alaska Salmon

If your church has ever considered hosting a KICY Salmon Dinner, now is your opportunity. Plans are being made for the Fall 2020 tour and we'd love to include you.

Hosting a Salmon Dinner is easy. We provide and cook the wild Alaska Salmon (caught in the Norton Sound Region) and you provide the sides and an opportunity for KICY General Manager Patty Burchell to share the ministry of KICY. We also have plenty of suggestions to help make your dinner a success.



A KICY Salmon Dinner is a great opportunity to introduce members of your congregation and community at large to the

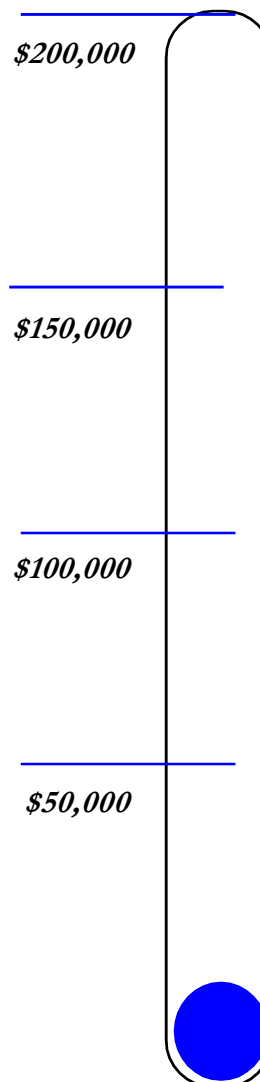


wide reach and impact of KICY in Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. It is also a fantastic opportunity for those who currently support KICY to hear a ministry update, first hand.

Dates in late September or early October are currently available. If you are interested in hosting a KICY Salmon Dinner at your church, please contact Patty Burchell at [generalmanager@kicy.org](mailto:generalmanager@kicy.org) to reserve your place on the 2020 Fall Salmon Dinner Tour. ■

## 60th Anniversary Challenge

Our 50,000 watt AM Transmitter is nearing the end of its expected lifespan. We need to start planning now for its replacement. During our 60th Anniversary year, would you consider giving an extra \$60 (or multiple of 60) toward this fund? It is a huge undertaking, but if everyone on our mailing list was able to donate \$60 toward this project, it would more than cover all associated costs. Thanks for your help in keeping our signal strong for the next 60 years!



## Memorials

In December and January, we received memorials in the name of:

Joy Tuggy  
 Mae & Bruce Keith  
 Tom & Annie Dotomain  
 Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
 John Hjelm  
 Bud Logan  
 Joe Logan  
 Dianna Vincent  
 Dean R. Bowman  
 Josiah Abeler  
 Lorraine Nelson  
 Dr. Edgar & Frances Campbell  
 Reynold & Florence Peterson  
 Walt & Lucille Hosek

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-

**\$41,772.00**

-January Budget-

**\$35,692.56**

-January Expenses-

**\$37,186.52**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
 not designated funds.*



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## We'd Love to Hear From YOU!

KICY is in its 60th year of ministry. Since signing on the air on Easter Sunday, 1960, we have continuously broadcast the Good News of Jesus Christ to Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. To this day we are committed to bringing solid biblical teaching, uplifting and encouraging music, and local sports and events to the people in our region. In this remote part of the world, radio is still community.

In thinking of the best way to commemorate 60 years of broadcast ministry, community again came to mind. The KICY community of listeners, volunteers, supporters, and staff is vast.

What better way to celebrate than to collect memories, recollections, and thoughts of just



how KICY has contributed to community in this region?

And so, we are collecting those memories, thoughts, and recol-

lections from you, our listeners, supporters, volunteers, and staff, to put into a memory book that will be available for sale later this spring. We are looking for brief comments of how KICY has impacted your life, the life of your church community, or the community where you live. Due to size limitations, we reserve the right to edit the submissions, and can't guarantee all submissions will be published.

Send your thoughts to KICY Memories, P.O. Box 820, Nome, AK 99762, or via email to [generalmanager@kicy.org](mailto:generalmanager@kicy.org). We look forward to hearing from YOU! 