

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



Patty Burchell

We start this year hopeful. Hopeful as it looks like a few things, at least, are seeming more “normal.” High school basketball, a long standing Western Alaska tradition, is underway, although with an abbreviated schedule. Though the Iditarod is not coming all the way to Nome this year, we will be covering the race as fully as we can. And we eagerly anticipate Village Get Togethers this spring, with enough staff on hand to send for broadcast and recording. The first is already scheduled for early March.

In the midst of a new normal, God is faithful. Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever and where our hope lies. His faithfulness in working through people like you to meet our needs is a resounding confirmation that the ministry of KICY will remain strong and viable into the future.

AM Transmitter A Reality

Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done!

Sixty years of miracles at KICY continue into our 61st year. Opening the mail in December was pure joy. In fact, many times I could not wipe the silly grin off my face as I watched God take donations large and small and perform yet another miracle for KICY.

The political season produced an overabundance of revenue for KICY. At the time, I told several people that even though we were all getting tired of the quantity of ads, God would use those funds to His glory. And He has. Because of political advertising in 2020, we had enough in our general fund to cover the downpayment on

the transmitter, a \$35,000 bonus! God can indeed use the political process for His glory!

A new Nautel DX50, 50,000

watt AM Transmitter has been ordered and is being manufactured to our needed specifications. We have been given a ship date of the middle of April, putting us on track for an early summer install.

While the transmitter itself is fully funded, there are other things

that will need to be purchased to facilitate the install. As donations continue to come in, they will be used for the additional equipment that will be needed, things like cables, and a remote monitoring system, as well as any skilled labor we need to hire. Also, a backup 10kW transmitter that is looking more and more like a reality sooner rather than later.

Again, thank you for your part in God's miracle. Praise God from Whom ALL blessings flow!



Volunteer Staff Update



Lon Swanson and summer intern Jonathan Outwater in the studio in 2018

Lon Swanson has been a presence at KICY for more than a dozen years. Currently, he is the host of The Breakfast Club, the morning show on KICY AM-850, and maintains all AM music libraries. Another of his responsibilities is organizing the pastors who participate in CareForce, making sure each weekday is covered, and filling in when other pastors are not available.

His years at the station have also provided many opportunities for “other duties as assigned,” from light maintenance to covering basketball, and from emptying the trash to recording regional village Get Togethers. Lon has also been a consistent presence at the high school as a substitute teacher and as a youth worker at Nome Covenant Church’s youth center, Checkpoint. And now, his time at KICY is coming to a close. Lon has decided it is time to move on and will be “retiring” from KICY late this summer.

In addition to the large shoes Lon will leave behind that need filling, it has become even more apparent over the past year that we need an engineer at the radio station here in Nome. While I am blessed by the folks I can call on any time to help with engineering questions, and am grateful for the technology that allows remote technicians to access our equipment, an on-site engineer would allow for routine maintenance, as well as more immediate repairs when needed.

If you have ever considered radio ministry, now is the time to answer the call. No prior experience is necessary (except in the case of an engineer). If you can give us a year, we can teach you radio. More information about volunteer service at KICY can be found on our website, kicy.org. Click the “Work at KICY” option on the menu bar. Or call 1-800-478-5429. I’d love to talk with you about the possibilities.

A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody Foret

Joy Foret

Nate Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Lon Swanson

Praise God...

...for the faithfulness of our supporters and the financial stability of the station.

...for a staff so willing to serve wherever the need lies.

Pray for...

...the logistics as we begin to plan for a summer full of projects.

...the people God would call to serve at KICY to respond to that call.

Business Reply Envelopes

For many years, KICY provided postage paid business reply envelopes as a courtesy to our donors. Over the past year, we have slowly been discontinuing that service. The permit from the post office was costing in excess of \$2,000 per year, in addition to postage for each envelope returned. In an effort to wisely use the funds that are so generously given, we decided not to renew our permit. Beginning in April, we started using courtesy envelopes that do not include postage. When the permit came due in August, we did not renew.

Since we had a postage balance on hand at the post office, they have been gracious to continue processing the business reply envelopes even though we no longer contract with them for that

service. Our request is now this: please discontinue using the postage paid business reply envelopes if you still have any.

Thank you to those who, over the years, have put your own stamp on those envelopes. That allowed us to recoup some of our costs. KICY depends on the generosity of our donors, and we want to be good stewards of what we are given. This was deemed to be one expense that was no longer needed.



Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Ralph & Gert Fondell
Keta Bruseth
Jim Ramsey
Mary A. Miller
Gordon Ziegler
James F. Wehde
Dr. Edgar O. Campbell
Gerald (Jerry) Jacobsen
Alexander Wever

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-

\$44,570.27

-January Budget-

\$32,219.29

-January Expenses-

\$35,433.82

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds

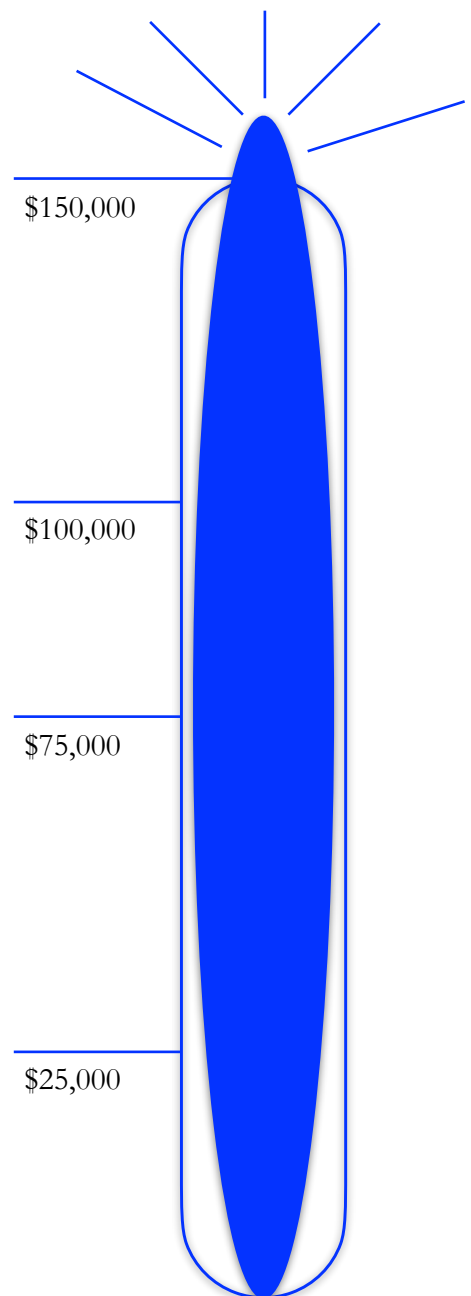


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60th Anniversary Challenge

The response to our appeal in December was amazing!

Thanks to generous donors, both large and small, we have exceeded the cost of a new AM transmitter and will wisely use the additional funds (see story p.1). Thank you for being part of yet another KICY miracle!





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Listener Letters and Calls

Thank you for doing such a good job. When the radio is on, the devil has to flee! Thank you. This radio station blesses all of us. ~ *A listener in Shaktoolik*

Thank you KICY for all the support you have given each of us during the pandemic when we have no church or pastor in our community. You encourage us in our faith and hope, thru prayer, scripture and songs that lift us up. Thank you and God Bless everyone at KICY and their families.

~ *An anonymous card of thanks sent to the station*

What would we do if we didn't have KICY? ~ *A caller requesting prayer*