

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



Spring is a time of new beginnings, new growth, and new chances. Here at KICY

we are preparing for all sorts of new things. While there may not seem to be much going on at the surface, there is an abundance of work



Patty Burchell

going on behind the scenes as we prepare for a full summer. The team of people needed for installing our new AM transmitter is being assembled. In addition, we look forward to being able to complete the Elim Translator project. This was put on hold due to travel restrictions last summer, but the pieces are falling into place for this year. When Nate was in Elim for the Get Together he was able to finalize the location for the equipment and antenna, and determine who our internet provider should be.

We serve a God who is in the business of making all things new. As we look forward to the new things at KICY, I praise God for His attention to detail!

Elim Get Together

It was pure joy to gather in Elim, Alaska, with God's people from around the Seward Peninsula and celebrate the goodness of the Lord together for the first time since Covid hit a year ago. Precautions were taken by those who gathered, but nothing hindered the celebration of being together once we arrived.



Cody Foret and I (Nathaniel Hobbs) had the privilege of attending as KICY representatives. The best part was being able to bring the whole Norton Sound region together as we remotely broadcast the evening services over the air, live. We were so blessed to support God's work.

The messages and songs centered around the Theme Verse: Revelation 2:10b, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the Crown of Life" and Theme Song: Soon and Very Soon. This theme motivated all of us to search our hearts and prepare our souls for eternity. The very timely messages delivered by Chip Swanson (interim pastor in Elim) and Vincent Eben (pastor of Golovin) were Holy Spirit anointed and full of invitation to repent, make things right with God now, waste no more time in sin, and live for Jesus and not for the temporary pleasures of the flesh.

We rejoiced to see answers to prayer each night as individuals obeyed the promptings of the Spirit's conviction and came forward to pray or be prayed over. Praise God! The fellowship, prayer, generosity, amazing food and wonderful music were also a great delight.

Please pray for all the folks in these villages and the new babes in Christ. Pray for strength to resist the devil and to submit to God. Pray for pastors presently serving and pulpits that need filling. ~Nate Hobbs

Basketball Coverage



Stephan Anderson helping out with the play-by-play

Since its beginning, KICY has broadcast high school basketball. Even though schools started with in-person learning this fall, the sports seasons were in question. By January it was determined that there would be a shortened basketball season. Instead of a 12-week season, it would be six weeks long, and the teams would start by playing an alumni team as it was uncertain if travel would be allowed. The season began the last week of January, and by the time it concluded the second week of March two teams from other communities had been able to travel to Nome for games, and Nome was able to travel to those places. We also learned there would be a State Tournament the end of March.

While the season was a go, attendance at games was severely limited, making radio broadcasts of the games even more important. In addition, thanks to the IT know-how of Nate Hobbs we were able to connect our audio with the school's previously silent video feed to provide play-by-play for those who had sufficient internet to stream the games. Josie Stiles once again was our lead announcer, and also set the schedule for others to participate. Jerry West and Cynthia Gray each called a few games, and one week when none of our regular announcers were available, Stephan Anderson, a high school senior and member of the Nanook Boys basketball team, stepped up and gave it a shot. He was a busy young man that evening. In addition to calling the girls' game, Stephan sang the National Anthem with the choir, and during half time assisted the cheer leaders and played in the pep band.

When we found out our long time State Tournament broadcaster would not be there this year, again, many people stepped up to provide coverage for the games. Pastor Rick Millikin took the lead in organizing an amazing play-by-play team that included Josie Stiles, as well as former KICY volunteer Douggie Swanson and Alaska Conference of the Covenant Church Superintendent Curtis Ivanoff. Many thanks to all who made KICY's coverage possible. It brought a degree of normalcy to a very unusual school year.

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 amazing way God continues to provide for this station and the many people who invest time and money in this ministry.

Pray...

... that all the details come together, the parts arrive in a timely manner, and the right personnel be in place to efficiently complete our many summer projects.

KICY Salmon Dinner Tour

The Salmon Dinner Tour is back! The Fall 2020 Tour was postponed, as were most things last year. This month will see an abbreviated tour with meals in Kalamazoo, MI, and San Diego, CA, before ramping up for a full Fall 2021 schedule. The churches who postponed have priority, but there are a few dates yet available. If your church would like to host a Salmon Dinner in early October, 2021, please contact Patty Burchell at generalmanager@kicy.org.



Hosting a dinner is easy, and a lot of fun. We provide the wild caught Alaskan salmon and an up-to-date presentation on what God is doing at KICY. You provide the venue and side dishes. It is as simple as that. More information can be found on our website, kicy.org.

Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Carol Nelson

M. David Smith

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

\$28,890.48

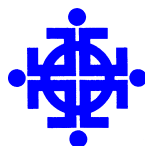
-March Budget-

\$45,461.80

-March Expenses-

\$46,658.03

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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60th Anniversary Challenge

As our 60th year comes to a close, allow me to say thank you! Your generosity and over-the-top giving is allowing KICY to install a brand new 50kW transmitter this summer.

There are very few times when this space is not occupied by a thermometer and a challenge. It is not that needs do not exist right now, rather that we'd just like to pause and be thankful for the workings of God at KICY through you, our supporters. There will be other needs presented in future Call Letters, and we have no doubt those needs will also be met.

Throughout this entire campaign regular giving has remained strong, and for that we thank you. Regular, generous giving keeps the power bill paid so our signal remains strong. We are so blessed by your interest in, prayers for, and support of KICY.

*Thank
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Iditarod 49

Although the Iditarod did not finish in Nome this year, it once again lived up to its reputation as The Last Great Race. Forty-eight teams ran a trail shortened by 150 miles from Deshka Landing near Willow, out to the ghost town of Iditarod, and back. The out and back trail this year was designed to avoid all smaller villages and minimize contact with others not part of the race.

While the teams did not have to navigate the Yukon River or the



Aaron Burmeister at the start

Photo courtesy The Nome Nugget

wind and weather on the coast, they did have to go up and over the Alaska Range, twice, and brave temperatures of -50° F in Iditarod.

Dallas Seavey claimed a record tying fifth championship, only the second musher to do so. Nome's own Aaron Burmeister placed second, a personal best. And had the trail been the traditional length, who knows but Aaron may have caught Dallas before the finish.

We are all looking forward to next year, the 50th running of the race, and its return to Nome.