

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
But to Your name give glory
Because of Your lovingkindness,
because of Your truth and faithfulness.

Psalms 115:1
(Amplified Bible)



Patty Burchell

We are praising God
this year once again
for His amazing
provision and care for
this station. So many
times it seemed that
we would come up
short - in personnel,
in time, in finances -

but God... don't you love that phrase, but God? KICY is on the air and stronger than ever because of God and His faithfulness.

Last year in this space I specifically asked for prayer regarding our need for full time staff. God answered that prayer in the person of Stuart Joseph who joined our staff in May to stay a year. Stuart hosts the Breakfast Club each morning and is always willing to pick up anything else that needs doing. In addition, we were blessed to have Gordon Govier join us for the month of March. He was an invaluable help during our busiest month of the year, when state and regional basketball tournaments and the Iditarod happen simultaneously. Thank you for continuing to pray for our staffing needs.

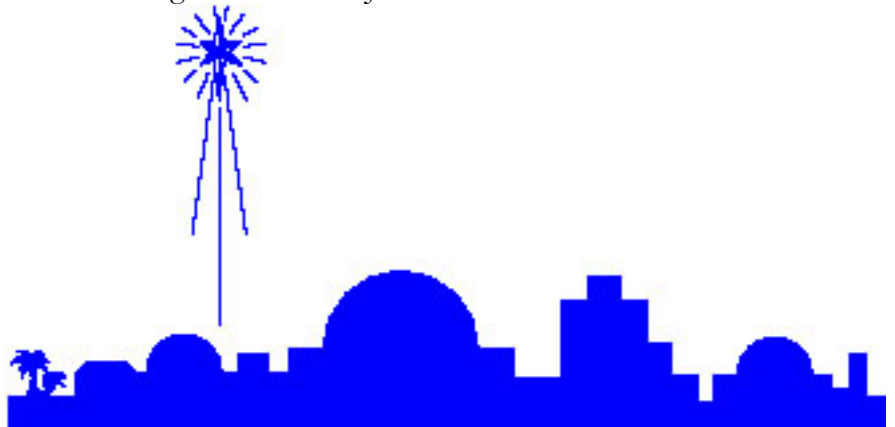
It shouldn't, but it often surprises me how much God cares about our equipment needs. We were able to upgrade the audio boards in both our studios to a digital system in

February. Digital is the present reality of radio and it was time to take that step. Thanks to a generous donation from the Massie Foundation and the over-the-top donation of time from engineers Steve Smit and Terry Reynolds, the studios have updated equipment, including a phone system that has eliminated static in the lines. Our programs and live feeds are now clearer than ever.

The West Tower base replacement is just one more example of God's abundant provision. Check out the October 2023 Call Letter on our website if you have not yet heard that story. Suffice it to say that God took care of the timing, the equipment, the skilled personnel, and the finances in ways nothing short of miraculous reminding me once again that God definitely wants this radio station to continue broadcasting His Good News for a long time to come. The bases of the other two towers were replaced in 2007, so now all three towers are stable and secure for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. Thank you for sacrificially giving when the Holy Spirit prompts, whether that is a one time gift or a monthly contribution. While expenses were up this year due to increased fuel costs, giving matched that and we have ended the year in a good place financially. Praise God! Thank you for praying for the station and the staff whenever KICY comes to mind. We know that prayer is critical and we feel those prayers on a daily basis. Many times they are what keep us going.

From all of us at KICY, we wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the blessings that come from drawing ever closer to Jesus.



Our Christmas Wish List

It's that time of year again... a time of joy and celebration as we all look forward to the joyous Christmas season. Again, by popular request, we have assembled a list of some items our staff would enjoy receiving this holiday time.



Long-time volunteer **George Bard** starts us off with a request for *trail mix*. It is great to munch on while announcing.

Cody and Joy Foret enjoy hosting gatherings at their home. Something that would make those times extra cozy is *scented candles*.



Stuart Joseph hosts the Breakfast Club each morning. He would enjoy *chocolate* of any variety.

Nate Hobbs is our tech specialist. This year he is asking for *coffee*. Whole bean medium or light roast is a favorite. It's what keeps our IT guy going!



Bertha Koweluk shares hosting Singspiration Time each weekday evening. She wishes joy and peace for you and your family. Bertha would also enjoy some *nuts or candy*.



Lena Mathlaw is the other host of Singspiration Time from 7 to 10 p.m. She would love some *walnuts or Starbucks French Roast whole bean coffee*.

Our Russian Programmer, **Luda Kinok**, would like *small bags of trail mix*. She thinks that would be the perfect snack to take to work.



Chocolate is a classic, and that's what **Mary Hesse** our classical choral music program host would like best.

Tamara Van Diest processes our donations. She would appreciate *chocolate of any variety, or any type of jerky*.



A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard
Patty Burchell
Cody Foret
Mary Hesse
Nate Hobbs
Stuart Joseph
Luda Kinok
Bertha Koweluk
Lena Mathlaw
Tamara Van Diest



Patty Burchell is asking for *mixed nuts* this year. They are a great pick-me-up during the day.

Our greatest wish, though, is that God would place in each heart the desire to serve Him for His glory. Have a joy-filled Christmas season as, across the miles.

KICY Needs You

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in radio ministry? We are in need of people with adventurous spirits and a desire to serve God for at least a year in our remote corner of the world. A background in broadcasting is not necessary. As was once said to me, if you can give us a year, we can teach you radio. We can give you suggestions for raising your own support, and guarantee an experience like no other. If you feel the call of God to serve His people in Western Alaska, please contact Patty Burchell at generalmanager@kicy.org, or 1-800-478-5429. You can also find more information about volunteering on our website, kicy.org. We have a place for YOU!

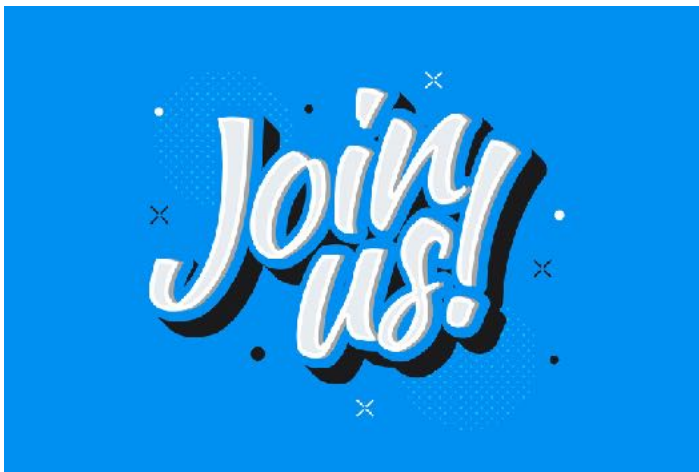


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Memorials

In October and November, memorials were received in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Dave DeVries
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-October Income-

\$58,300.90

-October Budget-

\$44,763.02

-October Expenses-

\$46,215.25

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

An Opportunity for Giving

If you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA you have the option to distribute those funds directly to one or more charities as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). These distributions come directly from your financial institution and the QCD is not counted as income. Choosing a non-profit organization as the recipient also means the funds are not taxed. It is a win-win for both the IRA account owner and charitable organizations.

Arrangements can be made through your financial institution to send all or part of that distribution directly to KICY.

Thank you for considering KICY as a Qualified Charitable Distribution recipient.

Thank You!



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KICY Virtual Mailbag

I have the radio on all the time.
Praise God for the care the station
gives to its listeners through good
programs. They are food for the soul.

~a listener in Tooksook Bay

I'm real thankful for
KICY! I sure missed it
that day you were off (for
maintenance). So glad the
station is back on. Thank
you, God, for KICY!

~a listener in Shaktoolik



Hello! I write to you from Italy to
inform that I like listening to
your radio program in Russian
language.

~on line listener

As I was looking at the
KICY website and
watching the videos, I thought
back to the summer I spent
there in 1967. It was a highlight
of my life and ministry. I have
been a pastor, church planter
and a missionary in Philippines
since I left Bible College. I
thank KICY for having a part in
my spiritual formation and
ongoing ministry for the past 56
years.

~Bob Sharpe