

# Kenai Christian Church *news*

## December 2025

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**#JesusStrong**

**Caring-Connecting-Communicating**

# Sweet Memories

## Slow Down

If I had to give myself some advice it would be this: slow down. Seriously, life is going to pass us by if we don't take a moment to slow down the crazy train of busy-ness. December is the time of year where we can make and store away so many precious memories with friends, family, and service opportunities. But if we find ourselves in the rat race of our modern culture, we will soon discover that we will miss opportunities to enjoy these moments. To be honest, I fill my schedule up so frequently with plans, ministry, and things that are good, but often find myself exhausted by the end of the day. I look over at my two boys and wonder where time went as they are now both practically eye-level with me. I find myself at the end of another year thinking, "Wow! This year went by so fast!!"

## Take in the Moments

I have to do some self-reflection and assessment of the year and consider why it seemed to fly by. Due to my constant movement, I found myself "doom-scrolling" social media in the evenings longer than anticipated. What seemed like only a few minutes sometimes was a wasted hour or two. So on this end of the year I wonder, what moments did I miss along the way in 2025? I know there were times where I was with my family, friends, or church family where I made the intentional decision to put my phone away and not take a picture or video just so that I could cherish the moment in real time. Honestly, though I don't have a video or picture of those moments, I can truly say that I cherished them. Perhaps there needs to be more of that in 2026...real, authentic, unobstructed moments where I am completely present. Maybe then the year won't seem like such a blur.

## Sweet Memories

As I try to place myself in the shoes of the disciples, I wonder if that was one of the reasons they wrote the gospels and letters to the churches. I believe their time spent with Jesus was cherished moments that they just wanted to record for a reflection of their time with Him. Of course, their primary reason was to spread the Good News, but I picture them enjoying with a smile on their face recording what they were able to experience. Maybe we could all benefit from their example of sticking with Jesus and enjoying each moment. Maybe if we slowed down our busy schedules and made a habit of just relaxing in the presence of God, we would notice a difference in our lives in 2026. Luke 5:16 says, "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed" and Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." I think if we make a regular practice of these two realities we will not only enjoy making sweet memories with God but will make sweet memories with those around us in our everyday lives.

Here's to sweet memories in 2026,

Adam

# Celebrations:

- We had two students be baptized this past month! Elizabeth and Reagan committed their lives to the Lord through baptism on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, PRAISE GOD!
- On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, a handful of our students got together and packaged up our college boxes. For the past couple of years, we've encouraged the students to be the main contributors to the boxes by donating stuff. It's been really cool to see them step up and be generous in giving supplies so we can bless our young adults who are far away at school.
- Throughout November, we did a series on Wednesday nights called "Your Way is Better." The series was all about obedience and how when we keep the Lord's commands, our lives are better. To close out the series, we talked about repentance, and how changing your mind is key to start living in obedience to Jesus. As we were closing out the night, we had kind of an altar call for them, giving them a moment to come talk to a leader and repent. We had a great response from students this night. Some of them came and confessed things they were struggling with. Others came saying they wanted to be baptized. It was a powerful night. And we're excited to see how the Lord continues to shape these students into lifelong disciples.

# Upcoming Stuff:

- Christmas time is here! That means that our Christmas party for the youth is coming up fast. On **December, 14<sup>th</sup>** we'll be having our annual Christmas Party at the Sturman's. The party for the middle schoolers will be from 5PM-7PM, and the party for high schoolers will be from 7PM-9PM. There will be a white elephant gift exchange where students can bring a fun gift, or buy one with a \$10 budget. We'll have food, games, and all around a good time.
- Winter Retreat is coming up! Mark your calendars for **January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>** as we'll be going back to Solid Rock Bible camp for our 2026 Winter Retreat. Registrations will begin shortly. But Winter Retreat is a great opportunity for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to take a break and rest in the Lord. So be sure to sign them up once registrations go live.
- Don't forget there will be NO youth group on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Go spend the holidays together as a family. And we'll have everyone back on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>!

#JesusStrongYouth  
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Dear friends and supporters,

Over the years, Niños de México has been HONORED to have played a role in serving vulnerable children in México. We focused on providing family-style homes, education, and care for those who have experienced abuse, abandonment, and hardship. Our mission has always been to protect and uplift the children that we served with the goal of introducing them to Jesus and transforming their lives. The reason we started this work and organization was to make an impact and to that end, we are proud to say that countless lives have been blessed by this organization through the last 58 years. Your support of this ministry has made a difference, reflecting meaningful results for the Kingdom!

As you may know, we have been waiting on the final results of an independent investigation from GRACE. The investigation of our past practices and current systems was set in motion with the purpose of investigating to find truth and clarity surrounding allegations of abuse and other misconduct.

That investigation has concluded. After reviewing the findings of this report, it is with heavy hearts that the board of Niños de México has decided to end our ongoing ministry effective immediately.

So many of you have generously supported Niños de México. Your sacrifices and generosity is what has made this ministry possible. Through you, many wonderful things have been accomplished and it is with deep appreciation and sincere gratitude that we say THANK YOU! Going forward, we encourage you to reallocate the gifts you gave to Niños de México to other worthwhile charitable causes that are meaningful for you. There is still so much need and good to do in this world. We trust that God will lead you to other wonderful organizations that will bring Glory to Jesus Christ and further the Kingdom of God. We consider you friends, partners, and allies through God and appreciate your partnership over these many years.

*May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Be with You,*

Board of Directors  
Niños de México

# Missions



**For upcoming events and services, please  
see the calendar on the app or website!**



# Announcements

*Congratulations to the Daniel Family!*  
*Elowyn Joy Daniel was born on*  
*October 30th, 2025*



*Congratulations to the Jones Family!*  
*Cleo Roma Jones was born on*  
*November 7th, 2025*



# Announcements

**Praising God for the growth of His Kingdom.**

Vincent Lee was baptized on November 2nd, 2025

Danielle Zundel was baptized on November 16th, 2025

Elizabeth Backstrom was baptized on November 23rd, 2025

Raegan Lingenfelter was baptized on November 23rd, 2025

**Praying for the Williamson Family.**

Chris Williamson's grandmother, Lois Demulling,  
passed away on November 4th, 2025

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