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KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING

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Years ago, yes, I am ancient, while attending college I sat in the Bible class of a well known and loved professor. A student proudly stood and quoted the first 17 verses of Matthew Chapter one and was waiting for the teacher's approval.

The teacher stated, "You have done a fine job of memorizing and pronouncing the passage, now how will you use this to improve your preaching and message to the audience?" The student looked perplexed and stated that he had not given a lot of thought to this, but wanted to show his desire to preach and learn.

As we seek a new minister here, let's not be so concerned about age, family size, education or looks. All of these have importance, but are not main things. The main thing is dedication and knowledge to be shared. If one is committed, he will do a fine work. Pray for the incoming preacher candidate, the elders and all of us as a congregation that God's will be done and that the selection meets with His approval and for a long-term, effective work.

I commend Don and Andy for the many hours of research and listening they have given to this candidate. He appears to be a great candidate and is not coming here just for a "joy trip" this summer.

Remember there is no such thing as a perfect preacher and there is no such thing as a perfect congregation. The real need is to find a good match so that much good can be done for the kingdom in Anchorage and in all of our other works.

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