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WORKING TOGETHER

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Today begins another chapter in the history of South Anchorage. Pat Cowden, a very capable evangelist, recently left and the elders have asked me to fill in until a new full-time preacher can be located to work here.

I will be teaching the four-year class on Wednesday night and preaching on Sundays morning and evening with the exception of when others are scheduled to fill the pulpit. My goal is to encourage, admonish and help us focus on what must be done to keep this congregation active and pleasing to God.

The lessons presented will all be Bible-based and preached in love. Some might be a challenge to each of us as we will look at ourselves to see if what we are doing, or not doing, is acceptable to our Lord and Master. Today we will consider the church and what it should be and tonight we will consider our personal responsibilities.

Marie and I have just finished a long, hard drive and may need a little while to recover, but we have come to work and serve. So much of our lives has been invested here that we feel as if we have never left. We are so happy to be here and know and love Robert Murphy, our summer youth intern. Robert worked last summer with us in Springfield, IL and we had the pleasure of getting to know him then. He will do great things while here.

Remember to allow the elders to lead and guide us and help us reach greater heights as a local congregation than in times past. We have a rich history of service to Alaska and the entire world in our outreach, but must not rest on past laurels.

Some plans that I want to share with the elders will soon be presented to you, if they are agreeable with them, and hopefully will help us maintain a summer "hump" and not face a summer "slump."

If you have sermon suggestions, I will be glad to consider them. Please jot them on a piece of paper or send them to me at billclary@yahoo.com so they can be researched. None of us has all the answers, but all of us together can do great things. Each of you is needed to be active to make South Anchorage grow, glow and go! You are loved!