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We Are Radiant
Psalm 34:5

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Our history:

- 2012 Mike and Deb move to Juneau
- 2013 core group gathers on Sunday evenings
Joe & Karen Fanazick, Mike & Angela Hanley, Dan Marquart,
Dwight & Sana Efird, Ogilbee's, Mason's, Luke Gunkel, Paul
- 2014 Sunday worship began 2/16/2014. Summer retraction to homes
two GC's
- 2015 Yacht Club, then back to Harborview. Retracted to one GC, then
back to 2 GC's
- 2016 Mason's Valley GC divided twice, now to 5 GC's, 85% of adults in a
GC, Sunday kids from one classroom to now 4

We do not have a church vision statement or a mission statement. We have an Identity statement: **“Radiant Church is a Family of Servant Missionaries learning to Be and Make Disciples.”**

To break this down, we are missionaries who serve in order to learn to be and make disciples, as a family...

Gospel Communities are the foundational blocks of what makes up Radiant Church:

The purpose for GC's is to learn to be and make disciples, of each other and others

The means for GC's is through service, to each other and others

The identity for GC's is that of missionaries, to each other and others

And the structure for GC's is family...

David and Shelley Levin GC testimony

1. How and why do you see your GC as a family?
2. How have you seen the Gospel tangibly demonstrated through life in community?
3. What needs do you see in our city and how has God moved your community to respond?

Any family needs leadership: We have elders and deacons

Jesus is the Senior Pastor, and that means Mike Rydman is not

Elders: David Ogilbee, David Levin and others in the “pipeline”

Elders are not a board of directors

Elders are pastors (elder the noun, pastor the verb)
Deacons: Shelley Levin, Melissa Williams, Dwight Efird and others
Deacons lead as they serve, and also raise up other servers

How does Radiant Church fit into the bigger picture?

Radiant Church Fairbanks (adopted us in 2014) Caleb Richardson, Mike Donaldson, Loren Morrell, Rick Solie

Radiant Church Anchorage (adopted in 2016) James Marchetti, Mike Hanley, David Lamson, Kristjan Johnson

Plant Alaska: Radiant Juneau, Radiant Fairbanks, Radiant Anchorage, Kaleo Church Anchorage, Response Church Anchorage, Galena Bible Church, Cornerstone Church Anchorage, Catalyst Church Eagle River...and making new connections with churches in White Horse Yukon and Reykjavik Iceland.
(Plant Alaska will likely change its name in the next twelve months)

Acts 29

CB Northwest

Converge Northwest (?)

Christ Together

Our challenges and opportunities leading into 2017:

1. Income and Resources
2. Local mission - how can we express and proclaim the gospel in tangible ways?
3. Are we trusting our heavenly Father for anything beyond ourselves?
(Currently we are not!)

Our mandate for 2017: Become a **praying church**

Expect your GC leaders to devote more gathering times to prayer

Expect your leaders to call us to prayer and prayer gatherings

Expect your leaders to call us to seasons of prayer and fasting

We will pray because we've been given a new identity by Christ in the gospel. We are informed by the gospel of Jesus: **"Who God is and what God has done determines who I am and how I live."**

Or restated this way:

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

This is what makes us "Radiant"

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