



The village of Birch Creek is approximately 90 nautical miles north of Fairbanks and about 20 miles south of the Yukon River. It is a small village of just less than thirty inhabitants. For over 100 years it has been considered an Episcopal strong-hold. Until about ten years ago when, due to budget short-falls and limited staffing, the Episcopal Church withdrew. The fairly new log chapel then sat silent.

The pastor's log cabin also was quiet and empty. No visiting priest, no itinerating clergy came here to lead singing, prayers, and no preacher stood behind the rustic pulpit.

It was about 6 years ago a Seventh-day Adventist layperson from Fairbanks became aware of the situation and befriended several village residents.

When asked about the possibility of holding services in the vacant chapel, the village chief made it known that only those who teach the holiness of the seventh-day, Saturday, would be welcome.

The chief had come to this conclusion based on his own Bible study!

The village has welcomed us and has given us unrestricted use of the chapel and the pastor's cabin.



The accompanying photo shows Pastor Celesta Babb speaking on a Sabbath in late August, preCOVID-19. In the congregation are village residents, visitors from Fairbanks and North Pole Adventist Churches, and the pilots who flew them there and back safely.

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

—2 Timothy 2:15

*God bless you all,  
Jim and Linda Kincaid*



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**\*EDITOR’S NOTE:**

Praise God for the work of His Holy Spirit to reveal Himself and His Sabbath to the chief. Please pray for the continued blessing of those who seek to serve in this remote wilderness. Lift the people of these villages to our Lord for health and safety. If you are able to send a donation or set up a recurring contribution, it would truly be a blessing.

Thank you for your prayers and support!