

# The Connection



Anacortes Christian Church April 2008

*Pursuing Christlikeness through love, relationship and service*

**Faith Promise Weekend, April 11-13**

## Answering the Call to Follow

*Then Jesus said to Simon, "don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men". So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him. (Luke 5: 10-11 NIV)*

**"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him. (Matt. 4: 19-20 NIV)**

Faith Promise, the annual weekend focused on missions and missionaries ACC helps support, is happening April 11-13. Sandy Sjogren, new Missions Committee chairperson, says "you just won't want to miss any of these special events."

### Friday

7 pm in the Fireside Room, prayer time for missionaries and missions around the world.

### Saturday

Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am in the Welcome Home Center. Aaron Bryant, the featured Faith Promise Speaker, will share how God called him into ministry with Youth Dynamics.

Women's Luncheon, noon at Flounder Bay Restaurant. Sandy Sjogren, a veteran of many Haiti trips will share how missions changed her life. Cost is \$10, sign up by Thursday, 3/10.

Movie night, 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Watch *End of the Spear*, a powerful story of love and forgiveness featuring Jim Elliott and others who gave their lives to reach the tribes in Ecuador. Come early at 5:30 pm, for a dinner concession stand being made available by our JOLT Youth. (Hot dogs, chips, pop and more)

### Sunday

Breakfast Buffet, 8:30-9:30 am in the Welcome Home Center  
One Worship Service, 10 am with Aaron Bryant showcasing our missionaries and speaking on the theme, "Follow Me."



## Go Chinese Bibles!

For a couple of summers, Leslie Paszkowski and Michelle Slater have worked with Chinese cultural exchange students using the church as classroom and home base. Last year, the Missions Committee funded 40 copies of a Chinese/ English parallel New Testament, with 28 taken by students and chaperones. Extra copies were brought to a group in Burlington. Flo Webster went along and was able to share Christ and the Word in their native language. Two people made a profession of faith!

"Never would I have imagined that God would establish a way for his Word to be known in China through our efforts here in Anacortes! And we have the privilege of seeing fruit born out as we do it! We are planning on more bibles for those coming this year and will covet your prayers for all involved. Thank you for your generosity!" says Michelle.



## New Kingdom Club session begins Apr 15

### **Schedule Changes**

Next Kingdom Club session will not meet on Wednesdays; Fridays will have special activities and field trips. (Note: no meeting on Friday, May 2 or May 23.)

Activities will include homework help, art, cooking, and a new addition – Pinewood Derby cars and races.

### **Needs**

Have board games, books, and outside game equipment sitting around collecting dust? Let us know, we might be able to use it.

### **Thank you to Volunteers**

Thank you to everyone who made the last session such a success, and all who helped the program go off without a hitch. You are all awesome!

For more information about Kingdom Club, contact the church office at 293-3729, or see Julie Boyce or Teresa Goldstein.



## JOLT NEWS

Thank you to those who donated to this year's 30-Hour Famine. JOLT youth, along with youth from Westminster Presbyterian, raised more than \$2500, enough to feed more than six Indonesian children for a year!

At Faith Promise movie night featuring *End of the Spear*, the youth will run the concessions for this event.

Acquire the Fire, May 2-4, is an event that focuses on getting teens excited about their faith and gaining the confidence to share it with their peers. We will once again be staying with our favorite hosts, the Cherricks.

In the works is a service retreat at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp during their Memorial Day Work Camp helping prepare the camp for summer. Cost per teen is \$15 which pays for food from Saturday through noon Monday. We will spend our evenings meeting together as a group in the upper camp. We hope all the teens will be able to join us.

For more information, please contact Teresa at 293-3729 or [youth@accweb.net](mailto:youth@accweb.net)

## “Mother Teresa” is ACC’s Youth Minister

Teresa Goldstein’s title has changed from Youth Coordinator to Youth Minister. Nothing else has changed in her job description as she continues to work hard for our youth and more. May we support her with our love, prayers and helping hands. Thank you Teresa for all you do, seen and unseen.



*Message from John*

## **Freshness is Springing**

We have been pursuing Christ-likeness through love, relationships and service for many years. More recently, we clarified this as the specific task God has given to us. Now we're measuring our activity against this clear purpose and finding new energy and direction as we redefine ourselves with purpose.

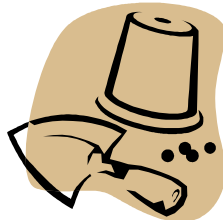
I learned many years ago, some say the hard way, the difference between swinging a hammer and hitting the nail on the head! We don't want to be just hammer swingers. Our purpose statement, "Pursuing Christ-Likeness through Love, Relationships, and Service" helps us hit the nail on the head.

Our clear purpose is producing blossoms from the Spirit's fruit that give off a sweet fragrance in our fellowship. As people pursue Jesus, they fall in love with Him and look for ways to respond graciously and sacrificially. I'm feeling it myself. I'm working with a new focus, a new freedom in my walk. Christ-inspired freedom generates creativity, then passion, and finally unstoppable adventure as we walk strategically in step with God's Word and Spirit.

Every day, every week we'll encounter roadblocks because Satan is good at what he does. But God will energize and empower our leaders (official and unofficial) to guide us over, around and through Satan's barriers. God is a winner, and we'll win too if we walk with – not ahead – of Him.

Our journey is taking us through Faith Promise Weekend, and beyond! "Follow Me" is an appropriate theme (Matthew 4:19-20). Follow Me, Pursue Christ-Likeness. I see similarities. We're on the same track. It's flowing. As we continue to pursue Him, we will convince the world that Jesus is alive, indeed!

*John*



## **New Member Reception, Apr 6**

Enjoy good food and fellowship after second service on April 6 as we celebrate our new members.



**VBS  
Coordinator  
FOUND!**

Thank you to Kathy Wenke who is our 2008 VBS Coordinator. Be prepared to say "yes" when she is looking for volunteers!

## **Preschool Spots Filling Fast**

Fall Preschool registrations are now open to the public and filling up fast. If you're interested, don't delay. Information packets are available in the office.

## **Senior Saints**

Watch for details on the annual trip to the Tulip fields and lunch at the Royal Fork. We are keeping a close eye on the blooming flowers, and will time our trip accordingly for optimal flower viewing. We will give as much notice as possible.



## Thank you

Thank you to the church family for your prayers and for the food you brought us during the birth time of our son Colin. We really felt your support, an exciting aspect for us in returning to this community.

After three weeks of "light therapy," Colin is now off everything and adjusting to this family of five. Thanks for being a part of this new stage of life for us.

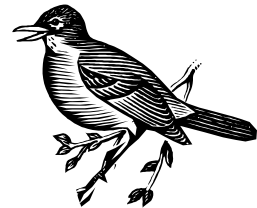
*Aaron & Ami, Aldyn, Caleb & Colin Bryant*

## Sound Booth improvements are underway

Watch for new and improved technical support to enhance the worship experience. Thanks to Will Moffitt for building storage cabinets and doing the carpentry on the sound booth, to Mike Rauwolf for tweaking the electronics, to Patrick Mooney for finding a licensed electrician and to Facilities Committee members for helping out. Thanks also to worship team members and the sound booth technicians for their input.

## Directory addition

Mike & Dawn Rauwolf  
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SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:15 am / 10:45 am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 am  
JOLT Wed. Night Youth Group: 7 pm

### STAFF

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Teresa Goldstein	Youth Minister
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