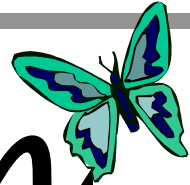


# The Connection



Anacortes Christian Church May 2008

*Pursuing Christ's likeness through love, relationship and service*

Happy Mother's Day, May 11

## A Special Angel

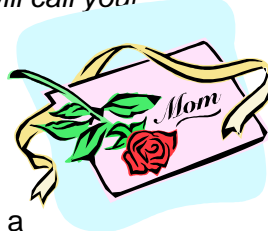


Up in heaven a child was ready to be born. The child asked God, "I know You are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how can I survive there? I am so small and helpless." God replied, "I have chosen a special angel for you there. She will love you and take care of you." "Here in heaven, Lord, I don't do anything but sing and smile. What will I do on Earth? I will not know how to sing the songs down there." "Your angel will sing for you," God replied, "and she'll teach you how to sing, too. And you'll learn to laugh as well as smile. Your angel and I will take care of that." "But how will I understand what people say to me? I don't know a single word of the language they speak!" "Your angel will say the sweetest things you will ever hear, and she will teach you, word by word, how to speak the language." ". . . and when I want to talk to you...?" "Your angel will gently place your little hands together and teach you how. That's the simplest language of all. It's called prayer." "Who will protect me there, God?" "Your angel is soft and gentle, but if something threatens you, there is no stronger force on Earth than the power she'll use to defend you." "I'll be sad not getting to see You anymore." "I will always be next to you, even though you can't see Me. And your angel will teach you the way to come back to me if you stray." Then it was time to go. Excited voices could be heard from earth, anticipating the child's arrival. In a hurry, the babe asked softly, "Oh God, if I must go now, please tell me my angel's name!" And God replied, "You will call your angel... Mommy."

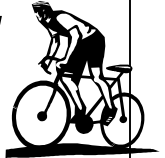
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## Senior Saints

On Monday, May 19 at noon come celebrate Mother's Day with a Memories of Mom Potluck in the WHC. Along with your potluck item, bring a memory of mom to share with the group – a story, handmade article, funny incident, favorite homemade meal, photo of your mom when she was young, you name it. Just come and give honor to mothers.



## Can you house a cyclist?



Volunteers are needed to house cyclists participating in the Youth For Christ international bike ride starting here in Anacortes on June 17 and ending in Maine.

So far we've found housing for about six people (thank you Penny and Leslie), but 14 more still need a place to stay.

Cyclists leave June 17, but would arrive a few days before that. Each person needs a bed, dinner and transportation if you live out of town.

For more information on the bike ride, visit [www.yfcbikeride.org](http://www.yfcbikeride.org). If you can help, contact the church office or Mike Rauwolf as soon as possible.



## VBS

Come join the Power Lab!  
June 23-27 – 6-8:30pm  
We're still looking for volunteers, and will be having a very important meeting on Sunday, May 4 following second service.

Get ready to experience the awesome power of God.

## Do you know the power of prayer?

Do you know how to pray or would like to learn more? Everyone is invited to the Wednesday night prayer time, 7 pm in the auditorium. Come pray and be prayed for by folks who talk with God regularly.

## Thursday night Women's Bible

**Study** will meet at Penny Rustad's in May, 6:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

## 2008 Promise Keepers Rally

November 14-15 at the Tacoma Dome, Promise Keepers will focus on *Manhood: Let the Truth be Known*. Cost is \$89.95 for Adults, \$74.95 for Youth. A 15% group discount is available for 11 or more. See Ed Gegen for details.

## JOLT NEWS



**Acquire the Fire is May 2 and 3**, if you haven't signed up and still want to go, there is space! Let Teresa know ASAP. We're going to have a blast! (Cost: \$50, but don't let money be an issue.)

**Memorial Day Weekend** the youth group will travel to help out at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp's annual work retreat. We'll leave on Friday and be back Monday. Join us for fellowship and fun as we get our hands dirty for this Faith-Promise supported mission organization. Cost: \$15 for food.

**Attention: Graduates!** June is graduation month. If you have a graduate, we would love to honor them on Grad Sunday, June 15, which is also Father's Day. If you have a grad, please get us pictures for the PowerPoint, including pictures with Dad, and let Teresa know what they will be doing next. Also mark your calendars for June 11, Baccalaureate in Brodniak Hall, and June 13, AHS Graduation.

**Creationfest**, the biggest musical event of the summer, happens July 23-27. Sign-up sheet is on the youth board downstairs. Check it out at [www.creationfest.com](http://www.creationfest.com), and make sure you go west!

**Last word** – a stateside mission trip is in the works for August. Let Teresa, Gretchen, Nate or Colleen know if you are interested. More information is coming soon.

## Don't Miss Fun Night at the Bryants

On Saturday, May 10 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, ACC youth are invited to enjoy games, food, prizes and fun at Mark and Laurel Bryant's house, 1602 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 360/333-5365. Make your own Calzone for dinner.

ACC Office is  
closed on  
Memorial Day



## Message from John

### Children are on my mind

I find myself constantly thinking about ways to enjoy the coming months with children (this has nothing to do with my recent status as a grandfather – yeah, right!).

Days are longer. Children will soon be out of school. Amazing opportunities can make a difference in the lives of children – VBS, baseball games (Little League & Aquasox), fishing, nature walks, cookies and hot chocolate. I've included some quotations below to hopefully inspire creative experiences with children, both our own and those we meet along the way. As a body, may we pray for and have fun with as many children as come our way this summer.

*What feeling is so nice as a child's hand in yours? So small, so soft and warm, like a kitten huddling in the shelter of your clasp.*

*Author Unknown*

*Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.*

*Tatanka Iyotanka*

*It seems to me that since I've had children, I've grown richer and deeper. They may have slowed down my writing for a while, but when I did write, I had more of a self to speak from.*

*Anne Tyler*

*Listening is a high art of loving. Ask yourself, "When was the last time I really listened to my child? My parent? My brother or sister?" When someone is ready to share, three magic words amplify your connection, and they are: "Tell me more."*

*Mary Manin Morrissey*

*Life to me is no brief candle; it is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.*

*George Bernard Shaw*



*John*

## Faith Promise followup

Pledges as of April 20 total 33 cards and \$49,700. Thank you so much for your love and faith in helping our missionaries.

Thank you to all who contributed to making Faith Promise Weekend a success including Raschel Richards, Carol Mann, Aaron Bryant, Jeff Lofgren and the deacons, Sandy Moffitt and the deaconesses, Colleen Painter, Martha Doane, Gretchen Hanson and the youth, Gail Douglas, Jeanne Gegan, John Douglas, Mike Rauwolf, Linda Madden, Dale Clark, Don Magness, Ron Pinson, Julie Findlen and Nancy Yount.

If you haven't turned in a pledge card yet please consider doing so. Cards are located near the offering boxes. Most important, please pray that God will use each of our missionaries to spread His good news to the world.

For His glory,  
Dave and Sandy Sjogren



## ACC co-ed softball in full swing



The season has begun and the ACC team has 1 win and 1 loss so far. Losing their first game 10-7, but winning in week two 15-3, with Tarah Borlin showing amazing skills! Games are played Friday nights at SVCC fields. Come on out and cheer us on. See Don Wenke for game times.

## Knutsen-Holloway to be wed

Their lives have been blessed by their love for each other and by their faith in the Lord, and now they are uniting in marriage! Shirley Knutsen and Bill Holloway invite you to celebrate their marriage at a reception at ACC on Saturday, June 7 at 3 pm. Questions? Call Michelle Slater at 421-5436. We hope to see you there!

Note: the wedding will be held Saturday, May 24 in Monmouth, OR.



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

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John Douglas	Preaching Minister
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Teresa Goldstein	Youth Minister
Bill French	Volunteer Administrator
Nancy Yount	Office Manager
Julie Findlen	Office Assistant
Denise Whitney	Bookkeeper
Bud Adams	Maintenance Manager
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Michelle Costanza	Preschool Teacher

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## Kingdom Club spells fun for second to sixth graders

*Tuesdays May 6, 13, 20, 27 3:30-5:30*  
Cooking Club, Games, Building Pinewood Derby Cars

*Friday May 9 3:30-6:30*  
Beach Day, Building Pinewood Derby Cars

*Friday May 16 3:30-6:30*  
Prince Caspian Matinee, Building Pinewood Derby Cars

*Friday May 30 3:30-8:00*  
Beach Day, Dinner, Pinewood Derby Races!!!

Schedule Changes are possible due to weather, etc.  
Sign ups for the Pinewood Derby Races are going on  
now. If you would like to build a car please let us know  
by May 1. For questions or to sign-up, contact Julie  
Boyce or Teresa Goldstein, or email [youth@accweb.net](mailto:youth@accweb.net)

**Thank You** to the ACC congregation for your  
vote of affirmation of me as Youth Minister. I appreciate  
your support greatly. ~ *Teresa Goldstein*

## Directory updates

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## Church Communication Network programs available for check out!

An amazing array of quality  
programs are available for  
your use. Thinking of doing  
something different with  
your bible study group this  
summer? Need more  
information about a subject  
or different perspective on  
a problem? CCN programs  
are easy to use and feature  
well-known speakers. Give  
it a try!

Look for the CCN library in  
one of the copy room  
cabinets, or ask the office  
for help.

## Last chance for Fall Preschool

Spots for Fall preschool  
classes are filling up fast.  
If you're interested, don't  
delay. Information packets  
are available in the church  
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