

The Connection

Anacortes Christian Church July/August 2008

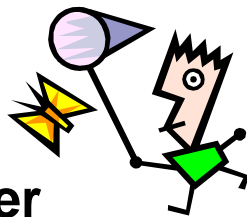
Pursuing Jesus through love, relationship and service

Special Events

Annual All Church Family Picnic

Come enjoy great fellowship, food and fun on Sunday, July 13 at Washington Park starting at 2 pm. Last names A to O should bring dessert, P to Z should bring salad or side dish.

The main food, drink and utensils will be provided. Contact Sunni at 293-8306 or Colleen at 293-7688 with questions or if you'd like to help.



Garden Tour Fundraiser

On Saturday, July 12 from 10 am to Noon, take a self-guided tour through some of our local beauty, seeing collections of lilies, 1/2-acre of mixed perennials, annuals, a farm filled with vegetables, fruit trees and cows, and much more. Tickets for the Garden Tour Fundraiser are \$5 each and will be available two Sundays prior between services and following 2nd service. All proceeds will go toward supporting the New Orleans Mission Trip, August 2 to 8. (Accompanied children welcome)

VBS Thank You ~ We'd like to say a heartfelt

Thank you to EVERYONE that helped make our "Power Lab" VBS such a wonderful success! You are amazing! You all Worked together so beautifully and with such great Cooperation. You showed the love of our Lord each night so clearly and served our communities' children graciously. May God bless you all many times over in return. Again, our thanks!

ACC is now eco-friendly

ACC has just received its certification as a "Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary" through the Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. This means we have implemented certain standards such as having food and water sources that will encourage birds, small wildlife and beneficial insects to thrive in Anacortes.

There is a city-wide effort to have 500 households and businesses become certified by August. If you are interested go to www.wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/backyard and download a form so your yard can be certified. God calls us all to be good stewards of this beautiful earth He has created. Any questions? Contact Don Magness at 293-5282.



Senior Saints

Annual "BerryFest" at Buzz and MaryJane Tomasko's house (1607 B Ave.) will be on Monday, July 14 at noon. Please bring a favorite dish that incorporates berries to share with everyone.

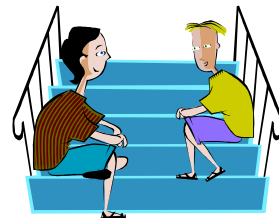
Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

will meet in Room 205 for first three weeks in July.

Quilting Anyone?

If there is any interest, an ACC Quilting Group will begin meeting in September, probably on the 2nd Monday of each month. Organizers Anne Kendall and Penny Rustad are willing to teach you how to cut, piece, quilt, etc. Or, come with your own skills and create quilts either for yourself or to donate to suggested places. RSVP to Anne Kendall at 466-0470, artanne@wavecable.com or Penny Rustad at 293-3329, brucerustad@verizon.net

JOLT NEWS



Summer is ramping up for JOLT. This past month we said goodbye to graduates, went to an end of the year party at Washington Park and helped at VBS Power Lab.

At the end of July we are combining with other Anacortes youth groups to go on our annual Creationfest trip. For those of you who don't know about it, this is a four-day Christian music festival which takes place at The Gorge, featuring some of today's most popular Christian artists.

July 2 JOLT at 7 pm

July 9 JOLT at 7 pm

July 16 JOLT at 7 pm

July 23-27 Creationfest at the Gorge

(Sign-up on the youth board downstairs. See a list of scheduled bands at www.creationfest.com; go to the "west" site.)

July 23 JOLT for those who are staying here

August JOLT as usual on Wednesday nights

August 2-8 New Orleans Mission Trip

(We will be traveling to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding efforts with Adventures In Missions.)

August 9-16 Guys Only Owyhee River Trip

Also stay tuned for summer fun nights, scheduled for July 20 and August 24. More details to come.

Have a great summer! Any questions, feel free to contact Teresa at 293-3729 or youth@accweb.

Note from Facilities Committee

For the protection of our building assets, if you must bring a beverage into the sanctuary PLEASE keep it in a covered container. NO open cups are allowed in the sanctuary because of the risk of spillage. Please respect our church and the effort it takes to keep it clean.



Message from John

Rest well to yokewell

Have you ever tried to live flat-out full bore for Jesus? What did that look like? Many think that means you go from the baptistery all the way to heaven without backing off on the throttle. If you took that attitude in working a mule or other work animal, you'd quickly injure or even kill it. Working animals need regular rest, and so do we.

The Old Testament Sabbath, as well as different feasts, built rest into people's lives. Jesus often took his disciples aside to rest. Now He extends this offer to us:

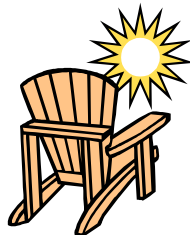
*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls. For ^vmy yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30

The Greek word Jesus used here means: "To give rest, quiet, recreate, refresh." We need rest not only because our bodies get tired, but so do our minds and emotions. Rest quiets the "noises" in our lives, noises that keep us awake at night and steal time from priority issues during the day. Rest restores creativity and refreshes attitudes about what can become laborious burdens.

I am looking forward to what vacations will do for us over the next few weeks . . . rested bodies, quieted minds, recreated ideas, refreshed attitudes. By resting well as individuals, I believe we'll discover rest to be an important part of church life.

I believe Jesus would have us learn to rest well so we can yoke well!



John

New format announced for Ministry Council meetings

At the last elders meeting we discussed how we can improve communications within the congregation. We decided to try a new approach to our Ministry Council meetings.

We want the meetings to be more open with give-and-take between the elders and the ministry leaders. We want to be able to ask each other what is happening in our areas of ministry: what's good, what needs help, etc. We want to be able to pray with the ministry leaders about special concerns or praise associated with their ministries.

The first of these meetings will be held Tuesday, July 15 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. This will be shortly after the new elders, deacons and deaconesses are installed. At this meeting, in particular, we want to hear about finances, activities of the building and grounds, worship and teaching ministries. This meeting is open to everyone of the congregation and we hope you can all attend.

*Yours in Christ,
The Elders*



Bridal Shower

Come celebrate the upcoming wedding of Kaitlyn Boyce to Joseph Sikora at a bridal shower in their honor on July 12 at 3 pm in the Fireside Room.



*Happy Independence Day!
Office will be closed July 4th.*

Directory additions/corrections:

New directories are due to print end of June. Please let the office know if any of your personal information has changed.

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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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Missions Challenge

Become a World Aware Christian this summer

“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere”. Mark 16:15

Those were Jesus’ last words before He left earth to go back to heaven. We call it The Great Commission. Do you consider yourself a real disciple of Jesus? Then your job is –in every way you can – to get the gospel to the whole world!

This summer from July through September, each of us can take steps to become a world aware christian and prepare to let God use us!

Step #1: Check out a Missionary Book

from the Prayer Room and learn what’s going on in another part of the world. Examples include: *Secret Believers* tells what happens when Muslims believe in Christ; *Singing through the Night* are stories of women who follow Christ at any cost; *I Dared to Call Him Father* about a Muslim woman who saw dreams and met God; *The Torn Veil* about a Muslim girl in Pakistan who is healed and set free by God; *God’s Smuggler* tells of miracles when Bibles are taken into forbidden lands; and lots more. You’ll love these true stories of real people!

Step #2: Spend ½-hour in the Prayer Room

and see what God is doing among Muslims today. When they learn who Jesus really is, they are turning to Him in many places. Their stories are amazing! Of course we can’t pray for them all effectively, but we can focus on a few missionaries we know and pray for certain things. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Prayer Room. Why not invite someone to join you in prayer. Come and get started and make your summer count for eternity!

Book Review

Secret Believers

Book by Brother Andrew and Al Janssen; review by June Pierce

The Muslim names and towns have been changed for safety reasons. The chapters are all about real people and their quest for Christ.

Muslims believe the Quran can only be truly understood in Arabic, the original language, but the Bible has been translated into many languages so people can read in their languages what God has to say to them.

Some facts:

- Muslims don’t believe that Jesus died on the cross but was simply taken away by God.
- Muslims can marry up to four women.
- The Quran said anyone who left Islam was an infidel and infidels must be killed.
- A Muslim husband can say three times to his wife ‘I divorce you’ and the contract is broken.
- There is no church in Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia.

Secret Believers calls us to join a new kind of Jihad (fight) and that is to forgive, extend Christian love and pray.

