

Anacortes Christian Church Connections Newsletter

May 2010

“WALKING THE BROKEN ROAD”

New Series: Walking the Broken Road.

The road to wholeness is a broken road.

Matthew 7:13-14 says: “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

The word used for “narrow” in this text has to do with “suffering” and “pressure.” like a baby coming through the narrow birth canal, the pressure of our tribulations brings our hearts to birth, to life, by the power of God’s grace. Brokenness is all around us. It comes in the form of natural disaster, loss of health, or other random misfortunes. All too often, we experience brokenness because of our own bad decisions. Relationships suffer,

and we often find ourselves like Samson, blindly enslaved to the gods of our enemies – whether addictions, affairs, insecurity, or other harmful behaviors.

Many of us are experiencing brokenness at ACC, but we don’t exactly wear it like a badge for all to see. It’s far too easy to answer the question “how are you?” with a simple “I’m good,” and continue on.

Is there a correct response to our brokenness? If I am “broken,” does that mean I’ve done something to deserve it? Is God punishing me? Will my neighbors judge me? What will they think of me if they find out what’s really going on?

What may surprise us most about our brokenness is God’s response of grace to it. We wear masks, believing that “having it all together” equals God’s favor, or Christian maturity, etc.

70% of the Psalms, as well as many other scriptures, would indicate otherwise.

Psalm 51:17 – “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

In the next few weeks we’re going to explore the rugged and painful broken road. We invite you to come humbly, expecting to hear from God. If God can raise Jesus from the dead, then there is nothing too great for Him. Not even the situation you are facing today. Healing is possible.

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~ Mike

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ~ MAY 6

The theme of this year’s National Day of Prayer is “PRAYER, for Such a Time as This”.

With all that is happening today, it is incumbent upon us to hear what the Lord is telling us and to stand in the gap and pray with commitment and perseverance.

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2). The following is a list of events that are open to ALL during the day.

Dr. Gregory Frizzell Conference – 9:00am-12:00pm. Location: 901 7th St. (upstairs – where Christ the King holds service).

Call to Prayer - 12:20pm - 12:40pm @ City Hall (6th & Q)

Prayer Stations – 9:00am – 4:00pm. Anacortes Christian Church.

Concert of Prayer - 7:00 pm – 9:00pm. Anacortes Middle School



Doing The Unexpected ~ The Catalyst Team

Have you ever played on a good team? In my athletic days, I had more joy playing on teams with heart than those with super talent. If you are so good that nobody can touch you on the field, you don't get to experience the thrill of "come-from-behind" wins. I once played on a football team that was always out sized and under talented, but we won some games. How? We did things differently. We probably would have lost every game of the season if we had done things the "way they were supposed to be done." We won by doing the unexpected.

If you're a football fan, you've been caught up in the NFL draft for the past week or two. In essence, Jesus went to the "draft" to select a team of disciples responsible for carrying the gospel to the far corners of the world. He selected "nobodies" for his team. The twelve disciples were probably as shocked as anyone at who Jesus picked. Jesus understood, however, what others didn't understand. He was going to train them Himself for three years. They would eat, sleep and travel together 24/7. They would be up close when Jesus talked to Scribes and Pharisees and keepers of the law. They would be there watching him when he stepped into the wedding

party and did a miracle. They loved His stories and how relevant they were to the land and people among whom they walked. They would be there to witness his crucifixion and resurrection.

I doubt the disciples realized they were in school every day. But they were! Jesus knew they were in school, training to proclaim an amazing message the Old Testament merely hinted at. When they were finally given responsibility to complete their mission, they did things differently and the same. They redeemed what was useable from their past, and added changes that would better accommodate the New Testament message.

I am genuinely excited about the teams God is bringing together here at ACC. The potential of the Catalyst Team is amazing. Each member has faith, training, unique gifts...something to add to the challenges of the team. We're doing lots of things together, including preparing messages. I'm still a part of the team and thrilled with the opportunity of helping each respective person's messages to be aimed at accomplishing the Bible's task of meeting kingdom needs.

I'll also preach from time to time. But I am going to devote much more of my

time working on other opportunities that change lives. Here is my constant prayer before God: "God, I beg you to show me how I can use my gifts to better help people change." And I'm also saying, "Thank-you God, for letting me be the old man amidst such an amazing team of young people." I firmly believe God is going to use this unique opportunity to minister beyond our expectations. Ephesians 3:20, 21.

And me? The first two Sundays in May, I'm going to be in the "Welcome Home Center" with coffee in hand answering any questions you might have, one-on-one, or chairs pulled around a table. Then, on May 16, I'm going to be in the Fireside Room during Sunday School hour introducing my "First Thirty Minute" tool aimed at providing a simple foundation for our walk with Christ...all in thirty minutes. I am excited about what God is doing in our church body, and I hope you are too. He has an important role for each of us.



Reaching Out with Love INC

Reaching the community...just how do we know what people need? Is it a question we even want to ask, considering how much fear and anxiety the thought conjures up?

Taking care of our own needs already dominates our mind, our time, and our energy; and if we aren't even doing a decent job of that then how can we care for others in a meaningful and effective way?

Last week a man stood up at the end of 2nd service and announced that he hadn't been in a church in over 50 years. The previous week he'd needed to move, and he said folks will tell you that you find out who your friends are when you go to move. His new "friends" were people he'd never met; a team of Anacortes people from the Body of Christ whom he had made contact with through Love INC. They came with

trucks, time, and energy prepared to help in any way they could. He came to Sunday worship at ACC to give testimony to the power of love that became real to him in ways that deeply mattered in his life. Christ became real that day; He had hands and feet and a loving, warm smile. He, through them, did what none else would, what he couldn't on his own, and for no other reason than God is good.

Love In The Name of Christ has been a part of this church's outreach for 4 years now. The national organization exists for one reason- to empower the Church to do what the Church is to do. Pastor John mentioned his recent personal dedication to loving one person at a time to Christ. That's what we saw happen. He found us through Love INC, and folks from our team met his need wearing the face of Christ. People have real, immediate, felt needs that can be

met by us...a bed to sleep on, a washer and dryer for a family's unending pile of laundry, a chest-of-drawers to get those clothes off the floor. When Believers believe, and walk into a need they can meet, the Spirit of the Lord says "Hi, I have never forgotten you". That introduction often leads to deeper places.

Call Jay Lewis, Art Kendall, or the church office if you want get involved. We have team that can use your help. Jesus will change your life as He simultaneously changes those we meet. It's good stuff all the way around.

~ In Him, Craig Clark



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Global Day of Prayer ~ May 23

Sunday evening, May 23rd, ACC will host a community gathering to observe the Global Day of Prayer.

On this Pentecost Sunday, peoples across the face of the earth are gathering in repentance and seeking God's face in united prayer. This will be preceded by ten days of united prayer day and night, praying all sections of the

Lord's Prayer each day. The church will be set up to host those who choose to gather to pray each evening corporately.

The Sunday evening event will start at 6:30pm. We plan to have childcare. It will probably last an hour. Brochures will be in the lobby with explanations and prayer guides.

Contact Chris Magness with questions or if you desire to be involved in planning or helping.

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New ACC Website Coming Soon!

ACC will be launching a new web site hopefully later this month. This may surprise you, as our current layout is only one year old. The main difference and reason for the new site is that it is being created completely "in-house" and will be updated and maintained "in-house" as well. This is far more efficient than trying to communicate changes to a third-party web developer every time we want an update. The site will also be far more in-depth.

Some new features will include:

- * A completely new look and design
- * Audio Sermons back online
- * Information on Small Groups and how to get plugged in.
- * The ability to apply for any volunteer position directly from the site itself.
- * More information on who we are, what we believe, etc.
- * Greater ability to connect, interact, and communicate.
- * And much more.

What We need from you: This is important: If you participate in any ministry at all, and would like to have some input on how that ministry is presented to the world via the web, please get that information to Mike as soon as possible. Thanks

~ Mike

JOLT Youth News

Due to events beyond our control, Teresa being gone and functions happening at the church, we have had to postpone our 30 Hour Famine to May 7 – 8. Please sponsor a teen to starve for 30 hours to make the world aware of the plight of hungry children. We will also be hosting a car wash on the Saturday, May 8, to raise additional funds for the Famine and last year's Salmon River Trip at Piston Service from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

May 28 – 31 – Annual PVCC Retreat – This is our third year going to Pleasant Valley to work and have a retreat. Last year we took 14 kids and had a great time. This year is shaping up to be even better! For the low cost of \$20.00, you can't beat it! And we're more than happy to take adults along, too.

If you would like any information on any of the events listed, please contact Teresa either at the church or through

e-mail at youth@accweb.net

June is graduation month, if you have, or know of anyone who has a graduating senior (high school, college or military) this year, please contact Teresa or Nancy at the church. We need to get pictures, too!



Ladies Nite Out!

SAVE THE DATE on Friday June 11 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ladies Nite Out. The theme for the evening will be "Getting to Know You". More details to follow. We'll enjoy Souper Supper, bread and dessert for \$3.00 per person. Watch for sign up sheets later this month.

For the Adults

Fun and fellowship are at your fingertips! So grab your favorite games and a snack and hurry over to the Welcome Home Center, May 21 at 7 p.m. This might be your last chance until the fall – so be there!

Quilters

The ACC quilting group will meet Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. Any questions, please email Anne Kendall @ artanne@wavecable.com

Missions & Faith Promise News

Our new Faith Promise year is just starting into it's 3rd month. Our monthly needs are \$4100.00, to meet our commitments to our missionaries and other mission areas we support.

Thank you to the congregation for your continual support. Because of you, God's word is reaching the lost in Chile, Peru, Ecuador, North Africa, the Middle East, Guinea, parts of Canada (where the Rileys are learning French), North western Washington, Skagit Valley, Portland Oregon and beyond. What a privilege it is to be apart of these life changing ministries. God is using us in mighty ways.

We covet your prayers for Tristan Boyce, on staff of the Campus Crusade for Christ, serving in Portland, OR. Tristan will be helping to lead a team of college students to Middle East to reach

Muslim college students with the message of Christ and the life saving hope that the message brings. . Pray for team safety, open doors and Tristan's financial needs.

The Rileys are finishing up their French language school in Canada and hope to be back in our area in mid July. They are planning to arrive in Guinea in mid-December. As finances became tight for them, they had real concerns on how they would finish school. Their faith was unwavering. God supplied several thousand dollars at just the right time, why are we so surprised?

Thank you for your constant prayers for the Rileys, Hoovers, Kallestads, Bryants, Tristan Boyce, Pleasant Valley Christian Camp and CEA.

Remember, we can't out give God.

Final Faith Promise Commitments total is \$53,010.00 with 36 pledge cards turned in.

Way to go Anacortes Christian Church body!

With our thanks,

The Missions Committee

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2010 Leadership Nominations

Our work is continuing on. We are now at the next level in the process of appointing our next servant leaders.

It is time now for those in the congregation to review the list of candidates which have been approved by the elders. The following candidates have indicated a willingness to serve in the capacities for which they were nominated.

This list is being publically posted (*newsletter, bulletin & foyer Info counter*) two weeks prior to the affirmation vote, as set forth in our By-laws, section 9.02 d. Input and/or concerns regarding any of the candidates can be addressed in writing to the chairman of the Elders, Don Magness, during this two week time period. All letters will be addressed.

Next we will have the congregation

affirmation vote on **Sunday, May 16.**

The following is the list of names for your consideration in affirming for this year. Those listed with (2010) next to their names, are currently serving and have agreed to serve another term.

• Denote those who are new candidates for this year.

Again, we thank you for your thoughtful consideration at this time.

Elder

Ron Pinson (2010)

Patrick Mooney (2010)

Deacon

Sam Humble (2010)

Dale Clark (2010)

David Juhl (2010)

- *Lyle Mooney*

Deaconess

Barbara Asseln (2010)

- *Penny Rustad*
- *Claire Ingstad*
- *Anne Kendall*
- *Lana Laumbattus*

Trustee

Bud Adams (2010)

1 Thess. 5:12-20 ~ "We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (ESV)

Building Loan

We're making great progress on the building loan. Recently we were able to pay \$4000 towards the principle. Keep watching for our final balance due. Remember, this project started out as a \$50,000, 10 yr. loan...but we have paid more than 2/3 of it in one and a half years!



Thank you, thank you. Every penny is helping! Keep it coming.

My Thanks

Thank you for all your prayers regarding my mom and her surgery and healing. I was blessed to be able to spend 4 weeks with her as she recovered from her neck surgery. She still has some healing to do, but your thoughts and prayers are appreciated. ~ Teresa

New Office Hours & Directory Updates

Beginning this month, we will be changing the office hours. The new schedule beginning May 3, will be:

Mon.-Thurs, 8:30am-4:30pm, and
Fri. - 8:30am-1pm.

Continuing to serve along with you.

~ Nancy & Sandy

Also of note...we will be returning back to not mailing out the newsletter to your home address. Please pick yours up at



the Info counter and or visit the ACC website to get your next issue.

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Deacons Corner



1) Men's Breakfast on Saturday May 22 at 8:30am. Will follow with a Work Party from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

2) Deacons' Meeting for May will be announced in the bulletin and by email. It may be postponed until Affirmation of new Deacons.

3) The Deacons are always looking for men who would like to help out around the church or meeting the needs of the body. Please let Dale Clark know if you would be willing to help.

4) The current Home Communion Schedule of Servers is good through the last Sunday of July. If you wish to continue as a server or want to join us as servers, please contact Dale Clark by the last Sunday of May.



Before the Child is Born

*A mother's love begins ~ Before the child is born
And lasts through time ~ And difficulties ~
And differences ~ And many wounds
And days of joy ~ And days of sorrow ~
Winding, Wearing, Weeping, Sharing, Changing
Until, at the end what remains
Is that solid core
That began as love
Before the child was born.*

~ by Ruth Greer





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TO:

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
JOLT WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: 7:00PM



Staff & Employees






- John Douglas Preaching Minister
- Mike Rauwolf Associate Minister
- Teresa Goldstein Youth Minister
- Bill French Volunteer Administrator

- Nancy Yount Office Manager/secretary
- Denise Cote Bookkeeper
- Sandy Moffitt Front Desk p/t
- Bud Adams Maintenance Manager

- Lori Keller Preschool Teacher
- Michelle Costanza Preschool Teacher

MAY '10

GENERAL INFO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men of Faith	4 4p - Girl's choir 7p - Mooney ladies' group	5 10a - Ladies study 6p - HSGuys/MSGals 6:45p - Ruddell group 7p - Prayer meeting	6 National Day of Prayer 7p - Lewis/Kendall group	7	8 
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