

Anacortes Christian Church Connections Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2010



ONE Worship Service @ 9:00am

This will be a special time as we join millions of Christians in churches across America in praying for us as a nation in what is dubbed "Call2Fall". The service will consist of worship, communion, prayer of repentance for the church and the nation and prayers for seeking God's heart for the church and nation as well.

Nursery, Wee Worship and Children's Church will be held.

No adult or Children/Youth Sunday school classes will be meeting this week.



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MAKE DISCIPLES IN RELATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

I can't get that simple thought out of my head. It's the mission statement of Real Life Ministries (RLM) church in Post Falls, Idaho. The statement is simple, yet profound. RLM is implementing a discipleship process used by Jesus with amazing results. How are we doing at making disciples? Is there a simple way to answer? I am totally impressed with American culture's ability to make things complicated, even when we set out to simplify matters. You've got to get complicated if you want to go to the moon. But that was not Jesus' goal. He wanted us to follow Him, be changed by Him and serve needs of others with Him. How did He prepare His disciples? He chose twelve and lived with them! The Gospel from heaven was a three-year story of stories that Jesus lived out with His disciples.

In the course of a day, a situation would arise. Jesus would respond appropriately with the disciples watching. They not only heard his words, but observed his tone of voice and body language. I don't think it presumptuous to believe that after each life-situation, there was "Q&A" time as Jesus and His disciples walked to the next village, or as they had their evening meal. During these dialogues, Jesus would listen for misconceptions and correct them. He would bring application to the common experience. At death, resurrection and ascension time, Jesus left the fate of the Gospel in the hands of these twelve "untrained" disciples. Each were filled with a bank of stories Jesus lived out in front of them, stories the Spirit could draw from as the twelve made other disciples, who would make other disci-

ples throughout the world. In the early days of the church, there was no written record of the stories. The stories lived in the twelve disciples. At ACC, we are well on our way toward exploring and being filled with the stories of Jesus. We will intentionally create environments where stories can be dialogued, modeled and applied to individual and community life. A lot of disciples have gone out from ACC making a significant impact on God's world. Our heritage compels us to take the stories of Jesus seriously, literally. The stories take root and grow best in an environment of love for God and one another. Do you see that reflected in RLM's mission statement? I challenge you. Love God. Love one another. Tell the Stories. Our greatest service to God lies ahead.

~ John



Special Points

- **ALL CHURCH PICNIC is Sunday, July 18th, 2-5pm**
- **Come Hear the Heartbeat of God event for teens and more. See page 3**
- **Don't miss the list of small groups meeting this summer on the back page. Join in.**

Where the Lord Directs

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." -Eph.1:17

A few months ago pastor John spoke to the elders of a new direction. He laid out a plan to step back from the preaching, turning that role for the most part over to the Catalyst Team that he'd been working with for the last year or so. He felt the Lord calling him to develop ways to connect with and equip believers to become disciplers for the building of His Kingdom. After thoughtful prayer the elders agreed to try this team approach to preaching. We liked the idea of messages being given by individuals of different ages and backgrounds. We thought that it might reach a wider spectrum of believers as well as drawing new people into our church. We also liked the idea of giving John the freedom to follow the Lord's guidance and work on his passion: discipling.

The Catalyst Team has been preaching now for over two months with messages that have been relevant, timely, and have provided us all with further tools for a deeper transformation of our lives in Christ. We hope you will take the time to thank the team members for the time they have spent in bringing these excellent messages to us every week. While the vast majority of responses we have received to the

preaching have been positive, there have been some who have expressed concerns about our direction. Because of these concerns we feel the need to address them in this column. The questions below are the ones we have heard most frequently:

Q: What is John's position now?

A: John is still the Senior Pastor here at ACC. Nothing else has changed except the Sunday preaching, which is now shared by the Catalyst Team, John included.

Q: How long can we expect the preaching to be done by the Catalyst Team?

A: At the beginning of this change to the team approach, the elders agreed that we would be overseeing this process and deciding at intervals of every few months whether it was working for our church. So far we have been encouraged that the people are being blessed by the messages being given.

People from all age groups have expressed their thanks for these messages. Right now the elders believe that, although we are exploring new ground with this approach to preaching, the Lord is blessing it. So the answer to "how long" is: as long as the Lord is blessing it.

Q: Will we eventually return to one preacher on Sunday?

A: That may happen at some point. Perhaps the Lord will raise up one person out of the team to become our sin-

gle preaching minister. Perhaps someone from outside will be called for this purpose. If, currently, we did opt to seek a new minister it would necessitate either letting one of our present ministers go, or cutting all the minister's salaries severely in order to bring on someone new. We believe that each one of our present ministerial staff is important to the growth and sustainability of our church body in critical areas such as discipling, worship, connecting with small groups and families, and raising our youth to be mature believers.

Q: What is our financial position now?

A: Although we were financially in the red prior to the team approach, we are now in the black and are gradually building up our storehouse so that we may have the resources for all the ministries to operate fully.

We thank those of you who have remained faithful to our body, and have given us feedback over the past weeks and months. We are listening to you and to the Lord and truly love seeing our church so actively involved and concerned for the future of our church.

It is our hope that we will continue to work together in the spirit of unity for which God has called us as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

~ The Elders

Summer Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:

Both the 8:00am and 10:30am services continue on through August.

For our Little ones:

During 2nd service, Nursery, God's Tods and Wee Worship/Children's Church WILL continue throughout the summer.

Sunday School Hour:

There will be no Sunday School classes

for God's Tods through 12th grade for this summer. Classes will start up again on Kick-Off Sunday: Sept. 19.

There will be two Adult class offerings.

- 1) Christian Standard Curriculum study w/ Ron Pinson, from the Look Out "This Week in the Word". (Room 205)
- 2) "Meet the Man" study with John Douglas (Fireside room)

All Church Picnic!!

Sunday, July 18

2-5pm @ WA Park!

Sandy Moffitt will be the coordinator this year. Be watching for more details, sign-ups and places where you can help.



JOLT News

This summer JOLT will be taking a few "field trips" to have our teens experience life outside the church walls. More info will be coming, but a Guemes bonfire, a trip to the zoo, and fun at Fort Casey are some of the events in the works.

We are also looking for additional small group leaders for the fall, or folks that would like to hang out with teens when we have retreats and overnights. If you would like to "put a toe" in the youth ministry pool, this is a perfect way to get your feet wet. Talk to one of our current volunteers or Teresa if interested.

Summer Sunday School for the 7 – 12 graders will be on hiatus for the summer, but will resume in the fall.

Have a great summer!

Any questions, feel free to contact Teresa at the church, or at youth@accweb.

Teens: Come Hear the Heartbeat of God



This is a teen event at Causland Park, July 10th from 12pm to 5pm.

The day will consist of a circle of drummers, worship, testimony, face-painting, food, fun and prayer. Free t-shirts are offered to the first 100 attending. We are asking people to pray for this event. Starting June 30 and continuing each evening through July 9th from 7-8pm. We will gather at Causland Park if the weather is good or at ACC's Prayer room if it is not. We will pray for the teens of Anacortes and for God's per-

fect plan to unfold exactly as He intends. We ask for intercessors to be present the day of the event to pray around the perimeter of the park. Please contact Rhonda Felts @ 840-7326 or Don & Chris Magness @ 293-5282 if you can help or have questions.

Missions Message from Sandy in Texas

Hello to all of you at Anacortes Christian Church,

Dave and I are down here in hot Texas working with Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT). I just want to share some exciting news that we are hearing and seeing.

The board for PBT set some goals they hoped to achieve by 2012 in recruiting new people and opening up new fields of work. Well, at this time they are where they thought they would be in 2012. Two of our ACC mission families are with PBT, the Riley's and the Hoover's.

God is at work all around this world. The director of PBT was just in a country where they just finished translating the Old Testament for the people. They had a big ceremony where they presented the Bible to the people. There was such joy as the people received God's Word in their very own language. The people said that now they see how God wants a marriage to work. That women are important in God's eyes. This is in a country where the men by tradition have not valued their wives.

Praise God that his Word touches the very heart of people.

We are here with two couples that work for PBT as missionary care givers. When a missionary has struggles, they go to the field to help and encourage them. We can forget how isolated missionaries really are.

We are on the Wycliffe Bible Campus that has many acres. There are several translation mission agencies on this property. They even have a mission museum. They have a dorm and cafeteria where missionaries are coming and going every day.

PBT is building a new facility on the edge of the campus. They are about half way done with the building. Right now PBT is located in an older structure and very cramped for space.

At this time a pastor/ farmer from Wisconsin is teaching missionary recruits how to do electrical, plumbing, using solar energy, anything they need to know on the mission field. Next week, three of us nurses and a guest nurse midwife will be teaching a primary health course. This will teach the mis-

sionaries how to deal with emergencies and general medical care for their families and others who might need the care. They will learn how to deliver a baby, give injections, cast a broken limb and many other things. They will do case studies that will help them understand some of the major diseases they will see such as HIV, AIDS, worms, dysentery, etc. This will be a two week extensive course.

We will have students from several different mission agencies and going to places all around the world. Please pray that they will receive the information they need to go to the field God has called them to.

Will look forward to seeing all of you when we get back.

~ Sandy Sjogren



A Variety of Opportunities...

(1) **Calling all Men!** If you have some extra time and would enjoy helping complete some repair/maintenance items around the church properties, please contact Dale Clark

(2) **Any men** who would be willing to work on starting a viable Men's Ministry please contact Dale

(3) Ron Pinson and Dale Clark are looking for three members of the congregation to help review the Church **Bylaws and Constitution and the Policies/Procedures Manual.** Please contact them if you would like to help us in this process.

(4) **Dear Senior Saints,** if you would enjoy fellowship, building new relationships, and being involved in growing our body in Christlikeness, please contact Dale. He wants to work with those interested in strengthening our group of senior members and is willing to help in a viable organization of options for our involvement in this body and in Anacortes.

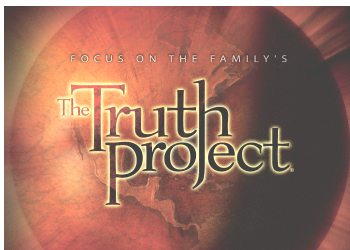
(5) **KIDS ~ Kindergarten through 6th grade:** Watch the Sunday bulletins for dates of a special fun day in July and one in August.

(6) Summer Series w/ John.

Starts July 8th and goes through, August 12th on Thursdays, from 11:00am – 12:30pm every week. Bring a sack lunch and you'll share in a Bible study with Pastor John. You will also be focusing on camping skills: setting up a tent, camp cooking, fishing, etc. The series will end with a two (2) day camping expedition. Now THAT sounds FUN! See John or Gail for questions.

(7) Newer Ladies Study - A new Women's Bible Study is up and running. Thursdays at 2:00pm, at the home of June Pierce (2311 25th St. – pn#299-8243). Jeannie McCoy is the facilitator. They are currently studying the book of John. All ladies welcome.

The Truth Project



Starting Monday, July 12 @ 7pm

The Men of Faith small group will be starting a new study that is open to EVERYONE!

Welcome to Focus on the Family, DVD series entitled "The Truth Project" taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This could well be the most important tour of your life. We are engaged in a cosmic battle - a battle that is raging for the hearts and minds of people the world over, pitting the truth claims of God against the lies of the world, the flesh and the devil. It is a battle over what you truly believe. This project is designed to build a systematic and comprehensive biblical framework by studying God's blueprint for all of life. But even more, we pray that this will be an encounter with God as we endeavor to gaze upon His face and seek to know Him more deeply. It is there that we find true transformation. (Rom. 12:2)
For more info contact Steve McLean or Dale Clark.

Deacons

The Deacons' Meeting for July will be Saturday, July 31 @ 8:30am. We'll combine a breakfast with our meeting in the WHC. See you there!

Games & Quilts

Our Friday night game night is on hold for the remainder of the summer.

And our Quilting group will resume in the fall.

Have a WONDERFUL Summer!!

From the Office



Directory additions/ corrections:

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Remember to let the office know if you prefer the newsletter mailed to your home. We're happy to do that for you. Just let the office know. ~ Thanks

Miscellaneous

Out of consideration for those in our church family who have allergies to perfumes and colognes, we are asking you to refrain from using these items when we are together for our Sunday services. It would be such a help, and only a slight inconvenience or change. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this special circumstance.



We are Missing Something

For some reason, one of the green plastic dish washer racks is missing. The Deaconesses NEED it returned ASAP. ~ Thank you

JULY '10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 2p- Ladies study 7p - Lewis/Kendall group	2	3
4 Independence Day! One Worship service @ 9:00am Reverse offering	5 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men of Faith	6	7 10a - Ladies Study 6p - AMS Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	8 2p- Ladies study 7p - Aktion club	9	10
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AUGUST '10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Reverse offering Services: 8 & 10:30a 4:30p - ACC hosts Dinner @ the Brick 6:30p - HS girls @ Hanson's	2 7p - Bryant group 7p - Truth Project	3	4 10a - Ladies Study 6p - AMS Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	5 2p- Ladies study 7p - Lewis/Kendall group	6	7
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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	Senior Minister
Mike Rauwolf	Associate Minister
Teresa Goldstein	Youth Minister
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



Home Groups continuing to meet during the summer months:

- Ladies Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 10:00am (Fireside Room)
- Ladies Bible Study - Thursdays @ 2pm (Douglas')
- Bryant Group (Couples) – Mondays @ 7:30pm (ACC)
- Lewis/Kendall Group – 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00pm (rotating homes)
- Lofgren Group (Couples) – every other Wednesday @ 6:30pm (Lofgren's)
- Truth Project – Mondays @ 7pm (Fireside Room)
- High School Girls group – Sundays @ 6:30pm (Hanson's)
- Middle School Girls group – Wednesday @ 6:00pm (Youth wing)

Heb 10:19 - 25 (ESV)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.