



# Anacortes Christian Church Connections Newsletter

JULY/AUG 2011



## July & August ONE Worship Service @ 9:30am

During Worship service, we will continue  
Nursery (birth-18 mo) and  
God's Tods (18 mo - 3 yrs) ~ Wee Worship (3-5 yrs)  
NO Sunday School classes during July and August.

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## GET READY, GET SET...

I am looking forward to "Kickoff Sunday" in September! I see people coming from purposeful rest and passionate pursuit of Jesus over summer months. I see people re-energized by affirmation of God's call on their lives. A Call to Follow Jesus, be Changed by Jesus, and a commitment to Serve Jesus. I see people *rushing* to service opportunities because through the summer, God led them to a task uniquely prepared for them, and which is a vital part of the larger purpose for His church and community.

I see beauty and purpose permeating our hearts, our families, our church and our community because through the summer, we were hearing and heeding God's unique call to each of us. We will give up the chaos of our personally driven agendas and instead hear God calling.

I see power as unified believers step forward and bow asking "What can I do?"

Then I see order as Jesus calls each one to a unique task that contributes to the greater purpose of "Making *discipleRs*".

I see marriages healed. I see Dads and Moms working together modeling and mentoring Jesus to children and youth, their own and others. I see the retired standing up and engaging in battle against the destructive forces that have broken through the protective boundaries of love and decency.

I see unity fueled by recognition of a common enemy taking down our children and grandchildren. I see God building a "TEAM" that really plays together as a team, yielding petty differences over non-eternal inconveniences. I see Christian brothers and sisters returning from the summer knowing each other better than ever before because of summer picnics, barbecues, fishing and hiking trips, all kinds of informal

spontaneous gatherings shared.

God is calling a lot of people this summer . . . He is calling YOU! You won't hear him unless you are prepared properly. For these dreams to come true, I see two challenges: 1. Spend much time with God; 2. Spend much time with each other.

I'm on my third time through a book that can help with the first challenge. Some years ago, Gordon MacDonald wrote a book titled -Ordering Your Private World. It's an easy read, practical, and will "tune up" you walk with God. It's \$11 at Amazon.com. You can read and meditate on the beach sitting on a mountain or on the beach. Let it speak to you. It's a great tool for the #1 challenge. If you know of other helpful tools, please let me know. As for challenge #2, get on the phone and plan outings together!

This is going to be a wonderful summer . . . I can't wait til Fall!  
~ John

### Special Points

- **Ministry Council meets again on Tuesday, Aug. 9 @ 7PM in the Fireside Room. Come and be a part of this informative time. All adults are welcome.**
- **Be sure to read Mike's article on pg. 2 that explains ACC's Fall focus.**



## Setting Our Focus for Fall

Last Fall ACC clearly defined our mission to make *discipleRs*. We made it clear that the goal in everything we do would be to raise up disciples who will raise up more disciples. The *win* is not simply to get someone in the door or get them saved. No, the goal includes that, but is not complete until we see those people making disciples themselves, pursuing the mission of Jesus. To that end we identified D-Groups as the relational environments in which these things would take place.

### Follow Jesus

### Changed by Jesus

### Serving the Mission of Jesus

So, how did we do? We saw some victories. We saw groups rally together around the mission and grow. People stepped out of their boxes and took steps towards leadership. We saw two groups experience the joy of participating in the baptism of members.

We can measure success, but we realize we still have a long way to go. This is not an initiative that will quickly be replaced when the next big thing comes around. Instead, we hope to see the goal of following, being changed by, and serving Jesus permeate every facet of every ministry at ACC, so that Christ's mission truly motivates, inspires, and fuels the fire behind each ministry, family, and individual.

After much thought and prayer, we are incredibly excited to share with you our primary focus for this fall:

### Our children.

Every day I hear of another family in crisis. At Youth Network meetings, I hear reports of what kids are going through in Anacortes. Make no mistake, by the time a child enters middle school, there is a good chance that they have been exposed to alcohol, drugs, many are sexually active, or quickly heading in that direction.

On Sunday, at the end of second service, I mentioned that I felt like our families at ACC were under attack. I started stuttering halfway through because from my vantage point, I suddenly saw eyes widen and fill with tears all over the sanctuary. Conversations that followed clearly confirmed this. This area is definitely close to the hearts of ACC's members.

*"We gave our three year old granddaughter a pencil and paper and asked her to draw a family... Her picture did not include the mother."* This is one quote I heard recently, and I feel that it reflects a growing percentage of our population.

We have a growing number of little ones filling our church body with new life. We have the opportunity to invest in those lives. What about un-churched kids in Anacortes? How about our ACC Preschoolers and their families?

By making children's ministry a primary focus for the Fall, we are not deviating from our previously defined mission to make *discipleRs*, but further embracing it. This is a means by which our church family can rally together around a mission that can have dramatic effects on the greater Anacortes community. What if our goal was nothing less than to raise up kids who are fully equipped and capable of making *discipleRs* themselves? Is that asking too much? Shoot-

ing too high? Be careful to remember the words of Jesus "Let the children come to me..." and "Whoever would cause one of these little ones to stumble... (Matthew 18-19)."

This summer, staff and ministry volunteers will be meeting together to discuss vision, planning and strategy for the Fall. Understand that the opportunities to serve in this area will likely grow – even if you don't see yourself as "comfortable with children," there will likely be needs and opportunities for you to serve in ways that do reflect your unique gifts and personality. The goal to focus on children's ministry is not a compartmentalized facet of ACC, but will also effect our ability to grow, to minister to families, to increase D-Group involvement, and to give more opportunities for groups and individuals to serve together in a way that is meaningful and rewarding. The ability to invest in lives is much greater when that investment starts at a young age. We hope you will join us and feel the excitement and potential that this opportunity creates.

Be looking for visible changes like more interaction with kids in services, volunteer activity, and hopefully a lot of excitement.

Finally, please pray diligently for this ministry. Our prayer is that this will be a means of combating the giants in Anacortes. The goal is much bigger than offering a renewed, slick program. The goal is to do battle for the lives of the up and coming generations in Anacortes. Be looking for more updates as the time draws near.

~ Mike

## Notes from Ron Pinson ~ Chairman of the Elders

Dear fellow members of ACC,

I wish you all an excellent Summer.

I appreciate the input of all the ministry council members on the scheduling of the one service for the summer.

The elders and ministers and Ministry Council leadership will be meeting over the Summer to plan for the Fall Kickoff.

Please feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts on directions in worship.

I encourage all of us to enjoy each other's company and fellowship in fun ways during the Summer.

*In His Love, Ron*



## All Church Picnic! - July 17

Coming to a Park Near YOU!

All Church Picnic ~ Washington Park

Sunday, July 17 ~ 2-5pm

Please come join in the fun!

What to bring?

A-M - salads/side dishes (w/ serving utensils)

N-Z - desserts (w/ serving utensils)

Also bring a comfortable chair and/or blanket.

Provided for you will be: Hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks and eating utensils. Got questions?

Contact Sandy Moffitt @ 941-0190



## ACC turns 100 yrs!

Next year, 2012 marks 100 years that Anacortes Christian Church has been ministering in Anacortes. Help make this a memorable occasion by



participating in the planning, or sharing some fond memories with Teresa Goldstein. There will be a pre-planning meeting in September. Let Teresa know if you would like to help out - ACC Centennial Celebration

## Coats of Warmth Project

Starting Oct. 10, 2011 we will be opening the doors at Safeharbor Foursquare church to give out coats and winter wear for those in need in our community. In addition we will be serving a light soup and bread lunch open to the whole community.

We are inviting you to share in this ministry by volunteering or by donating new or gently used, coats, winter-wear, socks, blankets, and sleeping bags. (Clothing - all sizes for men, women, and children). A blue donation barrel is located in your ACC foyer for your convenience.

Please join us in warming bodies, tummies, but most of all touching another with the love of Christ. If you like to cook, sort, or just want to help others, there is a place for everyone! contact Paul or Kristi Tankersley at 360-755-3669 or the Safeharbor church office at 360-293-8044

## JOLT Youth News

This summer JOLT availability will be off and on due to leaders being out of town, or committed elsewhere. Keep an eye on the JOLT Facebook page, and your e-mail for possible cancellations.

One day Creation trip planed for Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will leave the church at 7:00AM and be back around 1:00AM Saturday. While there we will get to experience Shawn MacDonanld, Thousand Foot Krutch, and Switchfoot, and some amazing speakers. Cost for the trip is \$75.00, which includes transportation, admittance and lunch.

We are always looking for additional small group leaders for the fall, or folks that would like to hang out with teens when we have retreats and over-

nights. 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 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.net](mailto:youth@accweb.net)

## Thank You

*Dear church family,*

*Thank you so much for all the amazing meals you provided for our family after Micah's birth! It was such a huge help and blessing to have one thing I didn't have to worry about as we adjusted to having our 4th child! It made the transition much easier, and the meals tasted fabulous! Thank you also for the baby shower you gave to me/us. We received so many wonderful gifts! Once again, Mark and I remain awed at how God's love pours out through each of you. We thank God for you all and are glad to walk alongside you in life. We love you all!*

*In Christ,*

*Mark, Laurel, Gabriel, Wesley, Manna & Micah Bryant*

## Baby Shower for Dawn and Levi Rauwolf

Ladies, save the date now for:

**Wednesday, July 20 @**

**6:30pm** (Fireside room).

Come and shower Dawn and Levi with our love and support this night.

Gift ideas: Clothes, not needed. -  
Money gifts will be gladly accepted to put towards the purchase of a stroller rain shield/cover.

Questions?

Contact Ami Bryant @ 630-6079



## Summer Fun in the Community

### “An Evening of Improv”

Friday, July 8th @ 8pm - Still only \$5 at the door Starring Nate Murray, Craig Clark, Brian Geer, Martin Iverson and guests! This will be a fundraiser for Girl Scouts' trip to England and the AHS Band. Fun time for the whole family!

## Calendar Update

No Wednesday Ladies Bible Study this week (July 6). Will resume again on July 13, in Room 205.

## Small Groups Continuing through the Summer

### Mondays

HS Girls group @ 6pm (Hanson's)

Aaron Bryant Group @ 7pm  
(rotating homes)

Rauwolf & M. Bryant Group @ 7pm  
(rotating homes)

Men of Faith @ 7pm (ACC Room 205)

### Wednesdays

Ladies Bible Study - @ 10am  
(Room 205/Fireside)



### Thursdays

Kendall Group – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @  
7pm (rotating homes)

Col. 3:12-17 (ESV) ~ Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# JULY '11

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship Service@ 9:30am Reverse offering	4 <b>Independence Day!</b> Office closed	5	6 7p - JOLT Youth	7 7p - Kendall group	8 8p - Improv @ Brodniak	9
10 Worship Service@ 9:30am	11 7p - A. Bryant group 7p - Rauwolf/ M.Bryant group 7p - Men of Faith	12	13 10a - Ladies Study 7p - JOLT Youth	14 6:30p - Aktion club	15	16
17 Worship Service@ 9:30am 2p - ALL Church Picnic @ WA Park	18 7p - A. Bryant group 7p - Rauwolf/ M.Bryant group 7p - Men of Faith	19	20 10a - Ladies Study 6:30p- Rauwolf Baby shower 7p - JOLT Youth	21 7p - Kendall group	22	23
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# AUGUST '11

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**TO:**

SUNDAY SERVICE: 9:30 AM  
JOLT WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP:

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



**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.