



# Anacortes Christian Church Connections Newsletter

October 2011

## DR. TOM HOYLE SPECIAL - OCT 9 @ 6PM

### “The Truth about America’s Spiritual Heritage”

Don’t miss this live, colorful and family-friendly digital program explores the truth about the people, places, and papers of America’s spiritual heritage – with special emphasis upon the importance of Creation by God.

Our speaker, Dr. Tom Hoyle, will also hold a Q&A time as well as resources for sale.



Dr. Hoyle has been speaking full time about God’s Word and God’s World since 1985, and has spoken over 3400 times in 500 churches and schools in 52 states and

countries. He has often broadcasted about the vital truth of God’s Word via Christian radio and television. As a full colonel in the USAF Reserve, he has also spoken frequently to our military members and their families.

Tom has been a regular here at ACC over the years. We hope you’ll come and enjoy his new message for this year.

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## Choir meeting - Sunday, Oct 2

We are happy to announce to you that this coming Sunday (10/2) there will be a meeting for ALL adults who are interested in being a part of this year’s choir project. Michelle Slater is directing this Christmas emphasis, and is ready to get everyone singing and practicing NOW!

The meeting will inform you about rehearsal times, issue of choir books and practice CDs. So if you want to join in, be sure to come to the meeting following second service in the Fireside room.

Also, there will be a Children’s Christmas musical offering this year. Kids are

beginning to practice during the Sunday School hour.



### Special Points

- *Ministry Council meets on Tuesday, Oct 11 @ 7pm*
- *Men’s Breakfast happens on Saturday, Oct 22 @ 8:30am*
- *Preschool has openings in some of their classes*
- *Deacons are looking for a “Few Good Men” to develop an active and viable Men’s ministry. Pg. 4*
- *Game Night is ON for Friday, Oct 21 @ 7pm, Fireside Room*

## Standing for Human Life

For one more Sunday, ACC will make available an opportunity to stand for human life - October 2.

For a donation of \$5, your name will be printed in a January issue of the Skagit Valley Herald. Extra donations help

support Special Olympics; National Pro Life Alliance; American Unite for Life, American Life League, to name a few.

Look for Sandy Moffitt or Penny Rustad after both services on Oct. 2.



**Human Life -  
Anacortes  
Chapter**



## Missions and “Unreached” People Groups

The missions committee will be taking on a new assignment starting in a few months. The Joshua and Caleb projects have a list of unreached people groups that still need God’s Word in their own heart language. We as a committee have decided to take on an unreached people group, to start praying for and learning more about. Eventually, it is our hope that we might send someone from ACC to help with this translation project. You can find more information by going to [Peoplegroups.org](http://Peoplegroups.org).

What is an unreached people group? An unreached people group is one in which less than 2% of the population are Evangelical Christians. We will pray and research a people group that we can begin to work with. It may be a group we take on ourselves or we may join up with another church to reach a particular group of people. If you would like to be a part of this, we would wel-

come you to our missions meetings. **The next meeting will take place in November.** Watch for date and time. Please let Sandy Sjogren know if you would be interested in joining the missions group.

At our meetings we will not only be discussing plans for upcoming events, but, we will also be learning more about what God is doing around the world.

Two other opportunities are available to reach out to those in our community and around the world. Carol Mann coordinates a “Dinner @ the Brick” one Sunday night, every other month. She would love to have some help with serving and cooking the food. Please contact her if you would like to help her.

Dave and Sandy Sjogren work with the International Students from Skagit Valley College on Friday evenings. It will be our turn to cook the meal on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We could use some help in the

kitchen. We practice English with the students. This past Friday, we had over 50 students. So, we really need some more helpers. This Talk Time takes place every Friday evening from 6:00-9:30 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Please contact the Sjogrens if you would like to help with this need.

Please remember to keep our missionaries in your prayers. They are on the battle line and they need us to stand behind them.

Also remember your Faith Promise commitment of giving for the support our missionaries. In the back of the church directory, you can find the names, addresses, and email addresses of our missionaries. Please drop them a note and let them know we are thinking of them.

~ Sandy



“The grass withers, the flower fade, but the Word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

## Benevolence - A Letter from the Anacortes Family Center

ACC currently commits to supporting the Anacortes Family Center with \$100 each month. The following is a letter from Zay McShane (Director) regarding our financial gifts as well as updates about the Center.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your support of the Anacortes Family Center through your generous gift of \$100.00 each month. The Anacortes Family Center supports Skagit County homeless families and single women with shelter, skills and support as they transition from crisis conditions to a new future. Your thoughtful donation represents a direct investment in changing lives by offering the needed tools to end their homelessness.

*If you would like to learn more about how your gift will be spent or other ways you can participate, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 293-2993, ext. 114 or [zay@anacortesfamily.org](mailto:zay@anacortesfamily.org).*

*Also, we'd love to share Family Center news, updates, photos and resident stories with you when we send out our quarterly electronic newsletter. You can be added to our newsletter mailing list by:*

**1) going to our website, [www.anacortesfamily.org](http://www.anacortesfamily.org), and clicking on the “Join our Mailing List” button**

**2) emailing us at [info@anacortesfamily.org](mailto:info@anacortesfamily.org) – just put “newsletter” in the subject line and please include your name.**

**3) calling us with your email address – 360-293-2993 ext. 110. (Email is an**

*inexpensive way for us to contact you. If you share your email address with us, we promise we won't abuse it.*

*On behalf of the directors, staff and volunteers of the Anacortes Family Center, thank you very much for your kind support. Your contribution will benefit our entire community by joining with us in achieving our mission of assisting individuals in their transition to self-sufficiency.*

*With gratitude,*

Zay McShane, Executive Director.



## Marriage - Focus of Lewis Group

Ever thought of attending a small group that is focused on building a stronger marriage? That's what is going to happen at the Lewis Small Group beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be studying Gary Thomas's book *Sacred Marriage* that asks the question, "What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?" There is still plenty of room for more folks if you'd like to attend (with or without your spouse). Children are welcome too.

We currently are meeting the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 PM -8:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you. Please call if you are interested in attending... or if you just have questions. Also let us know if you'll be bringing children so we can be prepared for them.  
Jay & Linda Lewis - 15178 Gibraltar Rd  
Anacortes, WA 98221  
Jay's Cell: (360) 941-5533  
Linda's Cell: (360) 333-1301

## Men of Faith Group - It's Time

Yes that's correct "Men only need apply".  
What: Men's Bible study  
Where: ACC Prayer room  
When: Monday 7pm to 8:30pm  
Why: To grow closer to God thru study of His Word. To develop in us a thirst for His Word. To develop a deeper fellowship with our brothers.

Sept 27th, we begin the study of "Ecclesiastes". Our group is small, informal with a diverse background and wide range of bible exposure. ~ Steve



## JOLT Youth News

We're planning a trip to the Stocker Farm Corn Maze, Saturday, October 15. Plan on leaving mid afternoon and returning after 9:00PM. More details to follow. (New permission forms needed, can be filled out for the year.)



Home Football this month: Come root for our AHS Seahawks on the following days: Friday, October 7, and Friday October 21, (Homecoming Game).



JOLT on Wednesday, October 26 will be an adventure! Meet at the church at 6:00PM and be ready for fun! If any adults would be interested in helping out at JOLT, or on one of our adventures, please talk to Teresa Goldstein.



~ Teresa

## Small Groups - Up and Running

Small & D Groups are going strong. If you are not connected with one at this time...why not give one a try?

Here is a list of current groups at ACC:

**Hosts: Jay and Linda Lewis**

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7pm.  
Where: Home of Jay & Linda Lewis  
Who: Anyone / Couples

**Hosts: Rauwolf & M. Bryant**

When: Mondays, 7pm  
Where: ACC Fireside room  
Who: Anyone/Couples (children welcome)

**Hosts: Art and Anne Kendall**

When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7pm  
Where: Home of Art & Anne Kendall  
Who: Anyone / Couples

**Hosts: Aaron and Ami Bryant**

When: Mondays, 7pm  
Where: Varies, contact for details.  
Who: Anyone/Couples (children welcome)

**Hosts: Kirk and Donna Ruddell**

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:45pm  
Where: Home of Kirk & Donna Ruddell  
Who: Anyone / Couples

**Hosts: Jeannie McCoy**

When: Thursdays, 2pm  
Where: Home of John & Gail Douglas  
Who: Women

**Host: Gretchen Hanson**

When: Mondays, 6pm  
Where: Home of Nate & Gretchen Hanson  
Who: 10th - 12th grade girls

**Host: Teresa Goldstein**

When: Wednesdays, 6pm  
Where: ACC  
Who: 6th - 9th grade girls

**Host: Dolly Mooney**

When: Every other Tuesday, 6:30pm  
Where: Home of Dolly & Patrick Mooney  
Who: Ladies

**Hosts: Patrick & Dolly Mooney**

When: Every other Tuesday, 6:30pm  
Where: Home of Dolly & Patrick Mooney  
Who: Couples

**Host: Steve McLean / Dale Clark**

When: Mondays, 7pm  
Where: ACC  
Who: Men

**Host: Penny Rustad**

When: Thursday, 6:30pm  
Where: Home of Bruce & Penny Rustad  
Who: Ladies

**Host: Carol Mann**

When: Wednesdays, 10:00am  
Where: ACC  
Who: Women's Bible Study

**Hosts: Jeff and Kathy Lofgren**

When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7pm  
Where: Home of Jeff & Kathy Lofgren  
Who: Couples

~ Mike



## Preschool News

We are off to a wonderful start to school with some new and returning faces this year! We have been working on pre-writing, listening and following directions, the color red and the circle, in addition to apples.

Our Bible focus has been on Creation all of the wonderful things God made, including us.

In October, we will begin letter writing with the letters A, B, and C, talk about the color orange, and the triangle.

Our Bible stories next month move us to Moses and Joseph and obeying God.

We will discuss the fall weather, changing colors of leaves and pumpkins.

Tying it all together for the month of October we will take our annual trip to Gordon's Pumpkin Patch on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Our annual Christmas wreath fundraiser will begin at the end of October with orders due by November 11<sup>th</sup>. Delivery of the wreaths will be the first week of December. Look in the church bulletin for dates we will be selling before and after Sunday services.



We currently have openings in our Pre-K program. Please pass this information along to anyone who may have a 4-5 year old and is looking for a fun Christian highly academic environment!

~ Lori & Michelle

## Women's Ministry



Hey Ladies, are any of you interested in being a part of ministry to the women of ACC? We are "re-grouping" and coming together to meet and discuss the purpose and needs for Women's ministry here. This is NOT a closed group. Any women who would like to be a part are welcome. Our dialog needs YOU. Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 18 @ 7pm in the WHC. Got questions? Contact Lynn Karns.

~ Lynn

## Game Night

Come one, come all! Bring your games and spend an evening of fun and fellowship, Friday, Oct. 21, 7pm (Fireside Room)

Coffee will be provided. Please bring your favorite game and snack and have a little fun! All adults and game-playing children are welcome!

If you have any questions, please call Anne Kendall @ 466-0470.

~ Anne

## Directory Updates

Jane Nelson: 1602 12<sup>th</sup> St., Anacortes

Russ & Dawn Pittman: 360-588-6848

Monika Duggan: 1110 27<sup>th</sup> Ct. Apt. 1-A, 293-7565 - dugganmonika@yahoo.com

Lana Laumbatus: 1801 Wildflower Way, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Don & Chris Magness:

[d.magness@frontier.com](mailto:d.magness@frontier.com)

Rob & Sherry Scott: 1689 Old Hwy 99 N. Rd. Bellingham, WA 98229

Flo Webster: 1106 27<sup>th</sup> St. Rm #202, Anacortes, WA 98221 (Rosario Assisted Living Center)

## For the Men, Deacons and More

1) **Men's Breakfast** on October 22 @ 8:30am. Bring a friend or two for fellowship and great food.



2) This month's **Deacons' Meeting** will be Oct. 30, after second service in Room # 205.

3) **Ministry Council Meeting** October 11 @ 7:00pm in the Fireside Room. Main Agenda will be discussions about the 2012 budget and its process for development and approval. All inputs to the budget should be brought to the meeting.

4) The Deacons have decided to rotate the Chairman's job on a monthly basis. Dale Clark will be Chairman for October and a full schedule will be developed and promulgated as soon as possible.

5) Men, the Deacons are praying that a "Few Good Men" would be willing to work to develop an active, viable **Men's Ministry** for the purpose of developing Godly relationships and becoming more Christlike in our role as men. If you have a desire to help in doing this please contact Dale or any of the other Deacons.

~ Dale



# GRATITUDE

*By David Rhoades*

When the sun arrives in the morning  
And the day is warm and bright

**Who do you thank?**

When you overcome despondency  
From an unconventional plight

**Who do you thank?**

When life becomes dreary  
And the weather grows the same  
Who do you talk to about it  
To bring about calm and reclaim  
No one hangs a masterpiece  
Without a suitable frame.

After the rain has ceased to drench  
And the sun's rays pierce the clouds

**Who do you thank?**

The beads of water turn to sparkling gems  
And the mist clings to the earth like a shroud

**Who do you thank?**

The flora and fauna compete for warmth  
As the sun in the heaven looks down  
The clouds having done their part  
Leave the area green instead of brown  
One tends to appreciate the refreshing aroma  
That transfers the gloom into passionate renown.

A slight swirling movement of sweet captivation air  
That pleasantly experiences the ecstasy of God's artistic elegance.

**Who do you thank?**

Have you ever looked o'er the land  
To take in the incredible sights  
The colors abound from every location  
And the fragrance raises one to new heights  
The sensation of floating in a rapturous spell

Searching the earth for this landscape supreme  
In hopes I may visit and disclose my thoughts.

I need someone to tell me this is not a dream  
And give directions to the Creator I sought

The natural beauty could not be conceived by man  
Nor could it be developed to a pristine splendor  
To behold the magnificent glory of His plan  
One is humiliated to consider such an endeavor  
With a smile, a shake of the head and a quiver that began  
Weak and humble I absorbed the efforts of my purveyor.

There is no mystery in providing a response  
Though I became frail and humble, I diligently applaud  
The earth knows and reacts to the dynamic nuance  
Of joyful appreciation.....**we thank God!**

## *How Majestic is Your Name*

*"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens..."*

*When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in You;  
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."*

**Psalm 8:1, 3-9...9:1-2 (ESV)**



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**TO!**

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:00 AM & 10:45 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



OCT. '10

**GENERAL INFO**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Reverse Offering 8/10:45am-Services 9:30am - Classes 12p-Choir meeting <i>(Human Life Ad signups)</i>	3 6p - HS gals group 7p - A.Bryant group 7p - Rauwolf group 7p - Men of Faith	4 6:30p-Mooney Ladies group	5 10a - Ladies study 6p - AMS gals group 6:45p - Ruddell group 7p - JOLT Youth	6 7p- Lofgren group 7p - Kendall group	7	8
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