



Anacortes Christian Church Connections Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2010

ACC FALL KICK-OFF WEEKEND!

Friday, Sept. 17 - Sunday, Sept. 19

Schedule: Friday, 8/17 - Evening time, Praise & Prayer & Potluck

Saturday, 8/18 - Morning workshops

Afternoon Games @ Bowman's

Evening Banquet

Sunday, 8/19 - One Service @ 9:00am, followed by

Ministry & Small Groups Fair and BBQ!

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Sunday School Classes Start Sept. 26

Don't forget, Sunday School classes will resume Sunday, September 26! There's a place for **EVERYONE** to plug in and learn. Let's all get back into the precious routine of the every week Sunday School hour.

God bless all those who have chosen to teach this coming year. We appreciate you greatly! Go and impart His Word.

Sunday School Teachers:

Gail Douglas (*Ministry Leader*)

Shari Weaver (*Opening Song Leader*)

God's Tods (18 mo-3 yr) – Cindi Vance, Tarah Borlin, Cheryl Boorman

PreK (3-4 yrs) – Jeff & Claire Ingstad

K – 2nd – Donna Ruddell, Carrie Ruddell

3rd – 4th – Gail Douglas

5th – 6th – Sunni Ausland

Jr. High (7-8th) –

Sr. High (9-12th) – Ed Borlin

Adult classes - Ron Pinson, Dale Clark, and more TBA

Special Points

- **Film Premiere of "Wrong Way to Hope" Sept. 22**
- **Conversational Dinners are Back! Are you hungry for fellowship & food?**
- **Rileys will be giving a presentation on Sept. 12 - time TBA**
- **Baby Shower for Amy (Clark) Hetrick on Sept. 24 @ 6:30pm**

2 Tim 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of truth. (ESV)

Year to Make DiscipleRs

My head is spinning while my body is relaxing to the tune of summer. I am delighting in the prospects of two weeks on Lake Powell in Utah with old friends who have a time-share in a houseboat. Dick and Karen have asked Gail and I to join them on this trip several years in a row, and we've always said, "No." Months ago, we said "Yes."

You can't imagine how ready Gail and I will be to return to "Kickoff" here at Anacortes.

God has been stirring things up within our church body. We are gaining momentum. We agree on our mission: "Make discipleRs!" With that as our solid goal, action starts falling into place. It is as though ACC is waking from a slumber anticipating the fruit that comes from Following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and serving the mission of Jesus.

Healthy relationships foster unity and an environment for growth. Small Groups are the best place to create relationships, but certainly not the only venue for growth. In addition to promoting Small Groups, we will use everything at our disposal to facilitate "Making discipleRs."

During Kickoff weekend, we will take advantage of everyone being together after summer vacations to share a strategy we believe will bear much fruit in the coming year.

I want to say something about "Storying." We've used the term, but I sense some think it means dumbing down the Bible by telling "Children's Bible Stories." On the contrary! We are looking at a strategic process that takes adults deep into the Bible's message in a way that helps them remember and apply what they learn together. The method is doable by far more people

than our traditional classroom method of instruction. As we help people develop confidence about using the method, we will see folks making discipleRs faster! I love that goal! We have so many exciting things to learn, and we can all play a part.

Kickoff activities on September 17-19 are going to be fun and informative. You will hear us talking about starting "discipleR Small Groups." We will not dictate changes to any existing Small Group. However, we will hold all groups accountable to making discipleRs! Christians MUST grow. Christ's mission is no respecter of seniority. I have been a Christian for 45 years. It makes no difference what I have done in the past. Our mandate from God is that we grow until we die. There is no time to waste. Young and old are called to work together to make discipleRs.

Game nights are going to start soon. Stay tuned. Also, look for instructions about doing "Conversational Dinners", a way to get to know people in our church family over a meal. Note the info about "Wrong Way to Hope," a movie premiering at Lincoln Theatre in Mount Vernon on September 22. This movie was Directed by our own Aaron Bryant and Produced by Mike Lang and our own Fred Sprinkle. In addition to the story line, I believe this movie will give us a vision of what it means to give our best in service to God. I would love to see every ACC member attend this movie together with family and friends!

Last week, Brad Walters came into my office and said, "I want to take communion. I think this is something God is asking me to do." So, the two of us went

into the kitchen and had communion together after reading John's account of Jesus' crucifixion, and after sharing God's work in our lives. It was wonderful.

What if this became a part of who we are? Whenever there was an important decision to be made, corporately or in twos, we observed communion together, putting first things first? What if each elder was given a portable communion set at installation and he chose an apprentice to go with him whenever he had opportunity to pray with an individual or family? What if apprentices became prayer shepherds who found their own apprentice to accompany them into hospitals, or to members' homes who had not been around to worship or attend small group for a couple of weeks? What if you had a friend or relative you wanted to share Christ with, but before going to talk, you prayed and had communion with your apprentice?

We have an exciting year ahead of us. "Make discipleRs!" Be a part of the healing God will bring to relationships. Watch carefully for further info coming soon about Kickoff Weekend!

~ John



All Churches Picnic - Sept. 5



This year's All Churches Picnic will be happening Sunday, September 5th at 1:00 PM. Location: Storvik Park. Come join in the fellowship as we all gather together. If you are able to, please bring a dessert to share. Also, volunteers are needed to help with set-up and tear down. If you can help with set-up, be at First Assembly (29th and J Avenues) at 8:00AM to take tables and chairs to the park. To help with tear down, just stick around until the end!

Wrong Way to Hope - Film Premiere



Film Information: Premiere of Wrong Way to Hope, a documentary by Anacortes based production group Hands On Films.

Directed by: Aaron Bryant

Produced by: Mike Lang & Fred Sprinkle

Film Synopsis: Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Owyhee River gorge deep in the SE Oregon desert, a group of young adults embark on an expedition of a lifetime that is made more significant as the core expedition members are all survivors of cancer.

Led by 25 year old survivor, Mike Lang, this inspirational group of survivors share their personal stories and delve into the unique issues that face young adults with cancer as together they battle a completely new set of trials on the river.

The result is an extraordinary journey of intense emotional and physical challenges combined with a rare insight into the lives of one of Canada's most under-served and unrecognized populations.

Dates: Wed September 22nd, 7:00pm @ the Lincoln Theater Mt. Vernon and Thursday October 7th, 7:00pm @ the Mt. Baker Theater in Bellingham. To purchase tickets,

Go to: www.handsonfilms.com



Are You a Missionary????

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)

If you think missionaries are a rare interesting, select group of people who go out to do crazy things like go to a foreign field....then you are wrong.

One of the mission speakers at Wi-Ne-Ma Week of Missions told us it was difficult for him to consider the mission field because maybe it wasn't the cool thing to do. But the Lord changed his mind and now he is serving in Mexico.

The truth is: **WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE MISSIONARIES!!!**

God has entrusted us with His mission and we all have a part. Some of us plant seeds...some water and tend the garden...and some bring in the harvest. God is the chief gardener who oversees the crops.

In order to be a good missionary, you must be able to relate to those people you are serving. Missionaries that go to other people groups take training to learn the language and culture of the people. It is not smart to just go to the field without any training and no understanding of the people you are going to serve.

The Riley's are working hard to be prepared to serve the people in Guinea. Go Rileys!!!



For those of us who serve Christ on our home soil, He still calls us to have a heart for the people around us. What language do the young people speak? What language would a non-christian speak?

If we study the Bible and pray, we will find that we also must relate to those around us. We should seek non-believers out to be friends with. We are not called to only mingle with Christians. We should be asking God, whose lives do you want to touch through us? It is important for us to learn the language and the culture of those around of those around us.

If we have been a Christian for a few years, we are no longer a baby. The church should not be catering to us! It should be contemporary for those people in our community who still need to hear the message of Jesus' love.

A pastor friend of ours from Wisconsin said, " I always knew there would come a day when I really didn't enjoy the music so much...I expected that to happen because it's not about me and times do change."

Please consider yourself a missionary. People around us who don't know Christ are hurting. There is no hope in this world without Jesus. God has placed in our hearts a vacuum which can only be filled by His Spirit living in us. It's an awesome calling we have to be a light to the world.

~ Serving with you, Sandy



~ Also, a special presentation by the Rileys will be Sunday, Sept. 12. Time is yet to be determined...so keep watching your Sunday bulletin for that info. =)

JOLT Youth

This summer our teens were extremely active, from trips to the zoo and Fort Casey, to "Minute to Win It" games in the Fellowship Hall, and Bonfires at Washington Park and on Guemes Island. What a great way to spend the lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer.

Through it all we focused on learning some of the stories of Jesus by listening to the parables. This has been a fantastic way to introduce our teens to the story-telling experience, a few of them have even told the parables to the group.

For the fall we are hoping to go through the Bible in a way that is easy for the teens to grasp, and help them gain a foothold on God's truths, and why we need a Savior.

We are looking for adults who would be willing to spend time building relationships with our JOLT teens, either through our Wednesday night small group times, or even hanging out with them during the games, and even for longer events and/or lock-ins. This is a terrific group of young men and women who are trying to grow, both spiritually, and in maturity.

We could also use people who would be willing to make dinner for our Bible studies, which happen on Wednesdays, before youth group, for both boys and girls.

Finally, if you would like to be around a younger group, sitters are needed to help out our leaders with young ones, so that they can give their attention to the teens.

Upcoming Events for JOLT:

First Home football game – Friday, September 4

Kick-Off Sunday – September 17 – 19

See You At the Pole – Wednesday September 22, before school, a student led event to pray for the Middle and High schools. Teens, this year there will be donuts for all who attend!

Coming in October, our trip to the Corn Maze.

Be sure to pick up a new year-long permission form from any of the youth leaders. This form covers everything we do, except for YD or Young Life trips.

~ Teresa

Benevolence Explained

Be-nev-o-lent (adjective) 1. Kind: showing kindness or goodwill
2. Charitable: performing good or charitable acts and not seeking to make a profit.

Here at ACC we have a very **ACTIVE** benevolence ministry. It's not something that all of you may be aware of, since there is a private element to this ministry, and the majority of requests are directed to the church office. Most people who have needs do not broadcast. They are humbled by their situation and we highly respect their privacy. But what we can share with you, the Body of Christ, is how your monies have been helping not only those inside, but mainly, **outside our walls** here in Anacortes.

The following is just a snapshot of assistance we have been able to provide this year. (Amounts vary from as little as \$17.00 to a maximum of \$175.00)

Utilities: PSE - 14 families/individuals

PUD - 6 families

Cascade Gas - 4 families

Motel lodging - 8 individuals

Rent assistance - 12 families/individuals

We also helped people with gasoline cards, prescriptions, medical and dental bills.

To date, we have been able to help others with almost \$6,000.00 worth of assistance, 73 families/individuals in all! So you see, many, many people have been helped, in the name of Christ with the benevolence fund.

Of recent, the funding for the benevolence account was changed. Instead of an automatic deposit of money into the account, it is now funded by designated offerings, just as the building fund is funded. We share this with you so that if you feel so inclined to designate any monies (*over and above your general &*

missions giving) it would be greatly appreciated. Again, these funds go **DIRECTLY** to helping those who come to ACC's doors with specific financial needs.

We also want you to know that we have guidelines in place that help us discern whether the church can help or not. We hold to a philosophy of "lending a hand up, not a hand-out".

If you would ever be interested in helping the benevolent work/committee here at ACC, please contact the office and/or John Lowrie.

Thank you again for your amazing love and generous hearts in caring for those in need in our community. Our hope and prayer would be that those helped would see Jesus in our aid, and eventually come to a saving knowledge Christ.

~ *They will know we are Christians by our love, Nancy*



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

THANK YOU! Love Inc. would like to thank you for the donations we received for furniture and appliances last month. We are almost full and your support is really helping!

Conversational Dinners are Back!

...”and they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.” Acts 2:46

What a great way to enjoy fellowship with fellow ACC family members and friends! Groups of 8 adults meet once a month to have dinner together at a host house. The host provides the main dish and the guests each bring the

rest of the meal. Your meal can be very simple as the emphasis is on getting to know one another better. A schedule will be given to each participant and hosts assigned each month. The host is to contact their group that month and arrange a dinner date, with guests bringing dessert, vegetable/salad, bread. The groups will change each month. Please consider participating in Conversational Dinners.

Just sign up in the foyer to be included. Contact Anne Kendall with any questions, 466-0470.



Preschool News

ACC Preschool is gearing up for another school year beginning on September 8th. Teachers Lori and Michelle are very excited this year as they have added a second 3 year old class and they are busting at their seams with 32 children enrolled for the upcoming year.

The continued success of the preschool is a blessing considering the decline in families moving into our area. For the school year they have added some new items to enhance their program, such as a new Bible Curriculum, games for the younger children, and a new reading center, just to name a few of them.

There are still openings available for the afternoon 12:30-3pm 3 year old class, should you or someone you know might be interested. Children must be 3 years old by August 31st and potty trained. Any questions please give the Preschool a call @ 293-3729.

Ladies...

1) Welcome Ladies! You are invited to a planning meeting for upcoming events for the fall and holiday season. We would love to have you join us on Wed. Sept. 15, 2:15pm in Room 205.

2) Women's bible study resumes at Rustad's home on Sept. 9th. 6:30p.m. Books need to be ordered.

3) Deaconess meeting is on Sept. 26th after the 2nd service.

Children's Ministry meeting & need

Children's Ministry Workers (Sunday School, Wee Worship, Children's Church): Please join us as we plan schedules and activities for the coming year. Mark the date: Thursday, Sept. 16, 7pm in Room 205.

Thank you for all that you do for our kids.

Children's Ministry: Is there anyone who would be willing to take our church van and pick up children for Sunday School?

Contact the office or Sunni Ausland

Last, but by no means least...Men & Deacons

1) There will be a Deacons' Meeting on Sunday September 26, after second service in Room #205. Anyone having items needing the Deacons' action is encouraged to forward those items to Dale Clark - Chairman of Deacons.

2) Men please contact Dale with ideas for a Men's Fellowship meeting in October.

3) Anyone interested in starting a Senior Saints Small Group please contact Dale





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TODAY!

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

SEPT. '10

GENERAL INFO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 2p - Women's study 7p - Lewis/Kendall group	3	4
5 8/10:30am-Services 9:30am - SSchool 1p - All Churches picnic @ Storvik 6:30p- HSGals group	6 <i>Labor Day (Office Closed)</i>	7	8 - Public School Begins 10a - Ladies study 6p - AMSGals 7p - Prayer meeting 7p - JOLT Youth	9 2p - Women's study 7p - Aktion Club	10	11
12 8/10:30am - Services 9:30am - SSchool 6:30p- HSGals group Riley Presentation - time TBA	13 7p - Bryant group 7p - Truth Project	14	15 10a - Ladies study 2:15p - Women's Min. 6p - AMSGals 7p - Prayer meeting 7p - JOLT Youth	16 2p - Women's study 7p - Lewis/Kendall group 7p - Children's Min. mtg.	17 KICK-OFF Potluck (soup or dessert) Praise & Prayer	18 KICK-OFF Workshops Games@Bowman's Banquet
19 KICK-OFF One Service@ 9:00a Ministry & Small Group Fair BBQ lunch	20 7p - Bryant group 7p - Truth Project	21	22 7:30a - SYATP 10a - Ladies study 6p - AMSGals 7p - Prayer meeting 7p - JOLT Youth Film Premiere-Mt.V	23 2p - Women's study 7p - Aktion Club	24 6:30p - Baby Shower for Amy (Clark) Hetrick	25
26 8/10:30am - Services 9:30am - SSchool 12p-Deacon/ Deaconess meetings 6:30p- HSGals group Riley presentation	27 7p - Bryant group 7p - Truth Project	28	29 10a - Ladies study 6p - AMSGals 7p - Prayer meeting 7p - JOLT Youth	30 2p - Women's study		

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