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Mexico Team 2009: Next Sunday afternoon we will be holding a barbeque at Vaandrager's on Farmer road beginning at 5:00 PM. Bring along swimsuit.

Profession of Faith: We will be holding out last formal profession of faith class for those presently participating. Wednesday night at 7:30 pm at the Church.

Race 6: Race 6: Please let Anthony know by Monday night if you are entering a team in this year's race. They will be finalizing plans Tuesday morning. Please remember Race 6 involves a Friday night component. Bus will be leaving the Church at 6:45 PM sharp, returning sometime later. Bring along helmets as we will be hitting the go carts at vicious speeds.

—————→ **Check the Website for updates to Supply list.** ←————



All For One: Have you ever had to be the new kid at school? Have you ever wanted to welcome the new kid but didn't know how? Help Liz figure it out on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kids-corner.org for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

Cascade Family Bible Conference Register by June 17, to get the best rates at the Conference, held July 9-13 at Warm Beach Camp. This year's speaker is author Gary Thomas, a frequent contributor to Focus on the Family. Gary will be talking about holiness. His theme is "Holy Available: What if Holiness is About More than What We Don't Do?" Registration forms are available now at church or at www.cascadefamily.org.

Abbotsford Christian School's 3rd annual fundraising drive is now in progress. This is our yearly freewill offering, and all the money raised goes to capital improvement projects and other non-budget items like tuition assistance and global Christian education initiatives. Response forms have been mailed to all ACS members, please send them in as soon as possible. Additional forms and information are available at www.abbotsfordchristian.com or by calling the Development office at (604) 850-5730.

WELCOME TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 14, 2009

Helping people to love and serve Jesus

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. Whether you are a member or a guest, whether you come as a family or by yourself, please know that we are a church family that celebrates God's grace in Christ Jesus and desires to embrace all who come, just as you are, and whoever you are.

We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. If you have trouble reading the words on the screen, the ushers will gladly provide you with song sheets and Bibles at your request. If you have any questions about our church or anything you would like us to pray for, please feel free to talk to one of our pastors or greeters. If you'd like a copy of today's worship service, please contact the church office.

Bringing a gift to God is a regular part of our worship. If you are a guest here, we want you to know that although you are welcome to contribute to the morning's offering, as our guest you are not expected to do so. We're just glad you came, and hope you'll be blessed by your presence here.

Worship Services

Today's Service will be led by **Gerry Ebbers** from Living Hope CRC; we welcome him again to our fellowship!

Next Sunday our service will again be led by **Mr. Gerry Ebbers**.

Church Family:

Both **Fred Faber** and **John Bergsma** remain at ARH. **Hennie Fictorie** was admitted to ARH this past Sunday with a collapsed lung.

Congratulations to **Paul & Stephanie Vaandrager**, who were united in marriage on May 29; may God bless them every day with his love.

Congratulations to our university/college grads of 2009! They are **Jennalene Brink, Reuben Houweling, Shelly Kiestra, Marie Vanderwal and Crystal Wikkerink.**

Pastor Slofstra will be away this week in Chicago attending Synod as one of classis BC Southeast's 4 delegates. In case of any pastoral emergency, please contact your district elder or the chairperson of our pastoral elders, **Calvin Breukelman**. Pastor Slofstra will be back home late on June 20.

Attention Seniors: As the season for outings is here we have in mind to be one of the first ones to cross over the new "Golden Ears" bridge, maybe even twice since it is for free and we can also take the Albion ferry for the last time and have lunch somewhere in Fort Langley. We'd like to go by "van" but in order to justify the expense please let me know in time if you want to be part of this journey at 604-852-3339. Coffee is ready at 10 on Thursday, June 18.

Family Connections Lunch today! If you're a guest or new member and would like to 'connect' with some existing members of the family please join us for lunch today after the service. All of our Gateway family is invited to stop in from time to time and have lunch with the family. There is obviously limited room so not 'everyone' can attend at the same time. We encourage you to try! Lunch starts 30 minutes after the morning worship service upstairs in room 205.

Criminal Record Checks ... It is **very important** that each person 19 years of age or over who is or will be involved in any ministry or capacity in our church with youths 18 years of age or under get their criminal record checks done as soon as possible.

Weekly Calendar:

Today 9:45 am Prayer in Room 107
10:00 am Morning service
11:30 am Family Connections Lunch

Tuesday, June 9
8:00 pm Board of Stewards meeting

Wednesday, June 10
7:00 pm Friendship
7:00 pm Praise Team practice
7:30 pm Pastoral elders
7:30 pm Profession of faith class

Please note:

Church office summer hours start next week. The office will be open from 9 am till noon from Tuesday through Friday

Back to God Hour Min. International...copies of the latest letter from Rev. Untung are available on the table in the lobby.

serving each other

Greeters

This week morning:
Chris & Juanita Draaistra
Next week morning:
Aubrey & Heather Postma

Ushers

This week:
Jake, Frank, Brian, Harold, Gord
Next week:
Tracey, Kevan, Pat, Willy Roy, Darren

Nursery

Parents of Month: Pete & Donna
This morning:
Pete & Donna, Brigitte, Marlene, Vivienne, Mark V, Krista V
Next week morning:
Ed & Belle, Neil & Candy, Kelly S, Alana M, Kaylene

Collecting Deacons

Today: Aubrey & Ron T
Next week: Ken & Milt

Offering Schedule

June 14—World Missions
June 21—Tuition Relief
June 28—Benevolent fund

Coffee

This Sunday - Brigitte & Sandra
Next Sunday - Ron & Helena

Library

This Sunday - Henny, Lorreen, Viv
Next Sunday - Ana, Julia



Vacation Bible School!!

We are very excited to organize this year's VBS program. Preparations are underway to turn Gateway into SonRock Kids Camp where kids come to learn about their rock Jesus Christ. But we can't do it alone.



We are in desperate need of 7-8 teachers to volunteer or we will be forced to cancel this year's program. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this ministry. We'd really love to have you join us and camp out for the week. Please talk to Jodi Kobes at 604-859-4217 or Karri Folkerts at 604-859-1268 **before** Thursday, June 18. There will be a VBS meeting for all volunteers on June 21 after the service in the Sunday School room.

Praying Church Team: As noted last week, the **Strategic Planning Team** has taken a hiatus from planning in order to focus on becoming a prayer-devoted church. The new team includes original members Esther De Wolde, Chris Draaistra, Heather Postma, Casey Pruijm, and Ken VandeBurgt; as well as new members Rose Bosgra, Henrietta Cavanagh, Anthonie Jansen, Cheryl Mulder, and Pastor Bert Slofstra. If you have any questions about the initiative please check with these team members. **Please pray with us:** *That God may give the Spirit of wisdom and revelation* to those who are called to plan and lead this initiative (Eph. 1:17).



Admin Board Notes – June 3, 2009

1. Following opening devotions, minutes of last meeting were approved.
2. Board of Stewards chairperson Wayne De Jong presented their report/minutes for review and discussion.
3. Reports from all our ministries/committees were received and reviewed.
4. Pastor's reports for the month of May were received and reviewed.
5. The recommendation of the pastoral elders team re declaring all confessing members to be eligible for office will be followed up on at our fall council retreat.
6. Membership of John & Henrietta Hoekstra and 4 children was received from Fleetwood CRC, Surrey.
7. Chris Draaistra presented a progress report on behalf of the Praying Church Team.
8. We adjourned at 9:30 – next meeting will be June 30.

Council Notes – June 10, 2009

1. Following opening devotions by Pastor Slofstra, newly appointed elders and deacons were welcomed, signed the Form of Subscription indicating their agreement with the Reformed confessions, and were reminded of some important council protocols, in particular the importance of keeping confidentiality.
2. Retiring elders and deacons made farewell remarks, and Chris Draaistra led in closing prayer, after which the deacons and pastoral elders held separate meetings.

Pastoral Elders Notes – June 10, 2009

1. Elders of service were assigned for July 5 (Calvin Breukelman), July 12 (Chris Draaistra), and July 19 (Matt Wikkerink), as Pastor Slofstra will be on vacation.
 2. Elections for officers of Pastoral Elders Team: chairperson – Calvin Breukelman; vicechair – Bert Slofstra; clerk – Matt Wikkerink.
 3. District assignments: #3 (formerly VanGarderen) – Len Peetoom; #4 (Pruim) – Bill Olthuis; #5 (Gelderman) – Harvey Gietema.
 4. Chairperson Calvin Breukelman reviewed responsibilities/expectations of pastoral elders.
 5. Membership in: Matt & Jennifer Tinsley and daughter Emily from Walnut Grove Lutheran Church in Walnut Grove, B.C.; membership of Miranda Bootsma (nee Sprietsma) was lapsed.
 6. The pastors presented their monthly reports for review.
 7. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 and we closed in a time of communal prayer.
 8. Next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2009.
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome
VBS video
Opening song **Meet With Me**
Opening sentences
God's greeting

Songs of praise:

**Trading My Sorrows
Beautiful One
My Savior, My God**

Prayer of confession
Assurance of pardon
All sing: **Grace Like Rain**
Kids Church leaders/kids may leave for Kids Church

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture: II Timothy 1: 8—14 (p. 1853)
Message: **I Know**

All sing hymn 495 **I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace**
Congregational prayer
Offering for World Missions

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

God's parting blessing
Closing song: **Salvation Belongs to Our God**
