



## YOUTH NEWS

**WWF**—For all youth, WWF will be held here at Gateway on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

## YOUNG ADULTS

No regular meeting this week.



**Flowers for Nicaragua:** A team of 9 students and 3 teachers from Abbotsford Christian Secondary spent the second week of Spring break in Nicaragua on a service project. The entire team was moved by the experience and felt compelled to collect enough money to build a classroom for Esperanza Christian School – a school of 427 students living in extreme poverty. Through the support of several local nurseries, we will be selling flowers (annuals, perennials, and baskets) at the ACS secondary campus parking lot on May 9 from 9am-3pm with all proceeds going to the Nicaragua project (check out the video on [www.abbotsfordchristian.com](http://www.abbotsfordchristian.com)) . **Just in time for Mother's day!**

**BC Christian News** The Vancouver Canucks are on a roll, and no one's enjoying it more than assistant coach Ryan Walter. Read all about it in an exclusive interview with this committed Christian, in the latest issue of BC Christian News. We also have a look at the moral issues facing the BC Electorate. There's a hard hitting report on what some activists are doing about human trafficking. And we have the dramatic testimony of Korn's bass player, Fieldy, who is now a believer in Christ. All this and our Faith & Family section, in the May issue of BC Christian News. And you can get your weekly news update at [CanadianChristianity.com](http://CanadianChristianity.com)



**MODERN ST. PATRICK:** Liz wants to return to his kidnappers and tell them about God. Will they listen to Liz? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at [www.kids-corner.org](http://www.kids-corner.org) for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

## WELCOME TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 3, 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 our youth pastor **Anthony Jansen** as we celebrate together our youth's recent Mexico mission trip and hear what God is doing through us in that part of the world.

Next Sunday our service will be led by **Pastor Slofstra**.

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## Church Family:

**John Kampman** remains at Worthington Pavilion and his condition continues to slowly improve. **Fred Faber** remains at ARH, while **Jenny Faber** (Fred's wife) is scheduled to undergo surgery at ARH this coming Tuesday, with a week's hospital stay expected. **Cathleen Peetoom** has been transferred from room 115 to room 71 at Tabor Home. **Chad Gelderman** was in a motorcycle accident this past week, and suffered a broken leg requiring surgery. Please keep each of these members in prayer.

**Alison Kampman** was able to return home from the hospital this week and would like to thank the congregation for their prayers.

As of this past Wednesday, **Hannah Gietema** is now living at Menno Hospital, room 254 (West, 2nd floor). Please pray that she will be content there, and for peace for Fred and family in making this difficult decision.

Congratulations to **Clarence & Marie Van Dorp** on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week Tuesday, May 5! May God give you and your family a wonderful day of remembering his faithfulness to you and celebrating your love for each other.

**Metje Buikema**, one of our members who resided at Menno Hospital, passed away last week Sunday at the age of 94. We extend our Christian sympathy to her family, and rejoice with them in her being at home with the Lord! A memorial service for Metje was held at Menno Chapel this past Friday, with Pastor Slofstra officiating.

**Nominations for Elder & Deacon:** The following persons have been nominated for the office of deacon (2 needed): **Roy Groothof, Bryan Kornelius, Ron Makkinga, Ken VandeBurgt**; and the following persons have been nominated for the office of elder (3 needed): **Pat Blink, Harvey Gietema, Allen Kampman, Bill Olthuis, Len Peetoom, Bob Spyksma**. Next Sunday you will be asked to approve these nominations, and the selection of new elders and deacons by lot will take place on Sunday, May 24. If there any lawful objections to any nominations, please notify the clerk, Andy Vanderheide, before the Admin meeting this coming Wednesday.

## Weekly Calendar:

**Today** 9:40 am Prayer in Room 107  
10:00 am Morning service  
11:30 am Family Connections lunch

### Wednesday, May 6

10:00 am Coffee Break Picnic  
7:00 pm Friendship  
7:00 pm Praise Team practice  
7:30 pm Admin Board meeting

### Thursday, May 7

7:00 pm WWF

**Coffee Break Picnic:** We will be meeting at Mill Lake off Bevan Avenue at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6. Please bring a lawn chair, a snack to share, and a hot drink. Plates, cutlery, and juice boxes will be provided. Postponed if it's raining (or snowing). Call Punk (604-864-8005) or Cheryl (604-850-0485) for more info.



**Profession of Faith:** Those interested in professing their faith in Gateway Community Church should contact Anthony Jansen as we will be re-visiting our class we began in January.

### **Criminal Record Checks**

We have received no reply from the mayor's office with respect to the possibility of waiving fees, so we need to proceed on the assumption that this will not happen. It is thus 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. Please refer to the letter you previously received in your mailboxes for instructions. We ask that you do this in the next couple of weeks, as our insurance carrier is insisting that we take care of this matter in a timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Slofstra (best by e-mail: [db slof@telus.net](mailto:db slof@telus.net)). Thank you!

## servicing each other

### **Greeters**

*This week morning:*  
Mexico Mission team

*Next week morning:*  
Mark & Susan Vaandrager

### **Ushers**

*This week:*  
Lloyd, Gord V, Dave, Wayne,  
Ron, Len

*Next week:*  
Jake, Frank, Brian, Harold, Gord H

### **Nursery**

*Parents of Month:* Mike & Rebecca  
*This morning:* Ken & Allison V. Roy  
& Cheryl G, Jenna V, Punk K,  
Tamara A

*This evening:* Jenny V, Lauren V  
*Next week morning:* Theo & Linda V,  
Dave & Marg V, Susan V,  
Taylor R, Courtney D

### **Collecting Deacons**

*Today:* Syd & Aubrey  
*Next week:* Ron & Milt

### **Offering Schedule**

May 3—CRWRC Operation Manna  
May 10—Benevolent fund  
May 17—FV Christian Center

### **Coffee**

*This Sunday* - Neil & Candy  
*Next Sunday* - Betty, Lorraine, Yo

### **Library**

*This Sunday* - Punk, Ana  
*Next Sunday* - Julia, Lorreen, Vivienne



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Opening song **Meet With Me**

Welcome

Songs of praise:

**He Reigns  
Mighty to Save  
Heart of Worship**

Drime: *In the Light*

*(No children's message this week—children leave for Kidz Church)*

Congregational prayer

Offering for Operation Manna

Song during offering: **Sweetly Broken**

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