



YOUTH NEWS

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Junior Youth: Attention all those students in Grade 8-10. We are going to begin the year with a small overnight retreat to Zajac Ranch in Mission. We will be leaving on Saturday, September 19th and returning on Sunday, September 20th in the afternoon. Cost will be \$70 for the two days. We will be participating in various activities including a high ropes course. For more information and registration, talk to Anthony.

Senior Youth: Next Saturday afternoon, you are all invited to Dave and Margaret Vanderwal's house for a potluck BBQ beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bring along your suit and towel and come out for some volleyball, bocce, and so much more!

Youth Leaders: You are reminded to complete a criminal record check for the upcoming ministry season as soon as possible.



BEING CHURCH: The Bible tells many stories of God speaking directly to people in the Old Testament. And in the New Testament, Jesus Christ walks on earth with people. We can see the Spirit at work in Jesus' disciples even after he returns to his Father's side. But where is he today? How can we see him working? Find out on the Sept. 13 Back to God Hour. Visit BacktoGodradio.net to find a station in your area or listen to a sermon. You can also download our podcast. No station in your area? Can't listen on line? Call or email to request a CD to be sent to you.

PRAYER REQUEST: Back to God Ministries International—More than 300 million children live in China—most of whom have never heard of Jesus. Praise God that our Chinese website is reaching some of these children. A listener from Anhui province wrote: "My child and I listen to Kids World. Before [I found your program] I did not know there are children's Gospel programs. Thank you so much, for the children need the Gospel and the truth too."

CRWRC: Thousands of people affected by last year's Hurricane Ike are still in need of help. CRWRC Disaster Response Services is at work in Louisiana, Texas, and other areas affected by disaster and needs \$350,000 to complete several projects. Please mark your gifts "Disaster Response Services" and mail to CRWRC, 3475 Mainway, P.O. Box 5070, STN LCD 1, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Y8. Or donate by calling 1-800-730-3490, or give online at www.crwrc.org.

WELCOME TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 6, 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 **Pastor Slofstra**. We will be privileged to hear the public profession of faith of **Rylan Brink** and **Ana Fictorie**; we will also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Next Sunday our service will be led by **Pastor Slofstra**. The sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Hudson Kornelius** and **Jordan Sprietsma**.

Church Family:

Anno Oosterhof remains at Mission Hospital and his condition continues to improve. **Nellie Matthews** was admitted to ARH last Sunday but was able to return home again this past Wednesday. **Grace Dykstra** was also admitted to ARH last Sunday with e-coli infection but hopes to be home again by today.

Congratulations to **Brad and Amanda Luymes (Keis)** who were united in Christian marriage this past Friday. May God bless your love for each other and help you build a Christian home!

Congratulations to **Clarence and Jenny Tuin** who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Friday, September 11. May God's grace be the source of your joy as you look both at the past and at the years to come.



Wedding Bells: Raymond Hoogland and Heather DeJong will be united in Christian marriage this week Saturday, September 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity CRC in Abbotsford with Pastor Slofstra officiating. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the ceremony.

Happy Birthday to John Kampman who celebrates his 81st birthday on Thursday, September 10. May the Lord bless you with a great day!

Church Potluck Picnic: Please set aside next Sunday, September 13 for our church picnic which will be held right after the morning service. The picnic will be held at our church outside if weather permits—otherwise, it will be held inside. This is the close of the summer and the beginning of our fall season when all our Care Groups, Bible Studies, Youth groups, etc. will start again. We hope that many of you will stay. We do need help with some of the food. There are two signup sheets in the hall, so please sign up for some food if you plan to stay for the picnic. If you are bringing perishable food in coolers, you can put your coolers in the coffee room. Please mark your coolers and dishes. Don't take utensils from home, we have lots at church and ones brought from home often get lost. Any questions, ask Betty Lou (604-859-9041).

Weekly Calendar:

Today, September 6

9:45 am Prayer in Room 107
10:00 am Morning service

Wednesday, September 9

7:30 pm Praise Team practice

Saturday, September 12

7:00 am Church Building Work Day

Praying Church Team: Please see your mailbox for information regarding the prayer initiative **Talk To Me**. Dates to note: **September 15**—training session for care group and ministry leaders (7:30p.m.-9:30 p.m.) and **October 11**—beginning of a new 6-week series, **Talk To Me**, as well as a new group study **Love To Pray**.

Attention Seniors and Friends: Our 26th annual Fraser Valley/Vancouver Island Seniors Reunion will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at Fleetwood CRC located at 9165 160th Street, Surrey, B. C. (604-584-6244). Albert Westerhuis, our guest speaker, will take us through "Art and Music through the Ages" and will be joined by John Calvin in the afternoon. Please come and join us for fellowship and fun with new and returning seniors. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10:15 a.m. A nutritious and delicious lunch will be served at noon and will be followed by a short afternoon program that should be completed by 3:00 p.m. The cost to share all of this with us is \$15.00. Please inform Fred Gietema, your contact person, or Nella Yzerman (pete-nell@shaw.ca or 604-589-4540) if you plan to attend by **Wednesday, September 24, 2009**.

Church Building Project Work Day: Come out on Saturday, September 12 for another church work day. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. and we will be working until noon on our church building. You will need to bring steel-toed work boots and a hard hat if you have one. Please contact Pat Blink (604-852-8900) or pmblick@telus.net by Wednesday if you are able to help so that breakfast and projects can be arranged.

servicing each other

Greeters

This week morning:

Rich & Marian Vanderwal

Next week morning:

Wayne & Marlene DeJong



Ushers

This week:

Lloyd, Gord, Dave, Wayne, Ron, Len

Next week:

Jake, Frank, Brian, Harold, Gord

Nursery

Parents of Month: Nathan & Heather

This morning:

Bryan & Karla, Calvin & Karen, Juwa I, Heidi O

Next week morning:

Ken & Allison, Allan & Diane, Sandra A, Taylor R, Mikeala K

Collecting Deacons

Today: Ron T & Ken

Next week: Milt & Darren

Offering Schedule

September 6—Budget

September 13—Food Bank

September 20—Benevolent Fund

Coffee

This Sunday—Brigitte & Sandra team

Next Sunday - Neil & Candy G

Library

This Sunday - Punk, Johanna

Next Sunday - Julia, Tracey

**Bulletin deadline is
Thursday at 11 am**

**Gateway Community
Christian Reformed Church
September 6, 2009**

Bethesda's Board of Directors invites you and your family to our **Annual General Meeting** on Friday, September 11, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel Reformed Church, 3260 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford. We look forward to sharing with you the highlights of our work this year in supporting individuals with disabilities and their families. Light refreshments will be served.

Calling All Cyclists! Bethesda Christian Association is hosting its sixth annual Cycling for Kids. The purpose for this event is to raise funds in support of children with disabilities and their families. This one day event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009. Participants can choose to cycle the full fifty kilometers or a lesser distance. If you love cycling and would like to join the Bethesda team, contact our head office at Bethesda for more information and registration (phone number 604-850-6604).

Join us as we celebrate **The King's University College's 30th anniversary** (1979-2009) where we will reflect on three decades of Christian education at King's as presented by students, faculty, alumni, and members of the King's community. Special events have been planned for September 26 and 27. For more information of all anniversary events, please check out our website at www.kingsu.ca/anniversary.

Do you know the Prodigal God? Is the local church disappearing? Find the answers (plus reflections on child porn, a Hells Angel, the Dalai Lama, Woodstock, and the Stanley Cup) all in the September issue of **BC Christian News**, available in the church lobby.

Kidz Church parents: Please note that there will be Kids Church for 3 and 4 year olds only throughout the summer.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and announcements

Opening song **Here I Am To Worship**

Opening sentences

God's greeting

Songs of praise:

Blessed Be Your Name

Mighty To Save

How Great Is Your Love

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

Profession of faith **Rylan Brink, Ana Fictorie**

Introduction

The vows

The words of reception

Personal testimonies

The welcome

We profess our faith **Apostles' Creed**

All sing **'Til I See You**

Presentation of gifts

Children's message

3 and 4 year olds may leave for Kidz Church

Congregational prayer

Offering **Budget** (Music: **The River**)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Psalm 139 (p. 974)

Message: **Fully Known, Yet Fully Loved**

All sing hymn #309 **Lift Up Your Hearts Unto The Lord**

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WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The institution

Prayer of consecration

Preparation of the elements

The invitation

The communion

All sing **Lord I Lift Your Name On High**

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

All Heaven Declares

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

God's parting blessing

All sing **Praise The Lord**

KIDNAPPED 1: Liz and his friends have arrived in Ireland just in time for Liz to get stuffed into a suitcase by kidnappers. Join the search to save Liz on this week's Kids Corner. Then write to Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 for your very own Bible study.

Are you a girl in grades 3-7 who loves to sing, do crafts, meet friends, and learn more about your relationship with Jesus? Then **GEMS Club** is the place to be! You are invited on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm each week. We'd love to have you come and bring a friend if you can! Mark your calendars because we begin on September 15. Details to follow.

Cadets: We will be starting our season Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. Any boys aged 9-12 (grades 4-7) are invited to join. We are also planning our overnight fall campout on Friday, September 18. More information and registrations are in your mailbox, or contact Mark Vaandrager (604-855-3430).

Kidz Church News

As we see the end of another summer and anticipate the start of school, we are also beginning another year of Kidz Church. Classes will start September 13. This year we have 53 kids from age 3-8 registered with another 7 entering on their 3rd birthdays for a total of 60 kids! God has truly blessed our church with amazing growth!

We have had a few teachers sign up but would like to extend the call to others in the church. We understand that everyone is busy and has other commitments but we ask that you all consider it. We know that people have many reasons for not teaching; what we need to find is more reasons to teach!

It is a privilege to have so many kids in our program, they are the future of Gateway. At every baptism we promise to help raise these children in the faith and life of the church. It doesn't take much time, only about 45 minutes on Sunday mornings and maybe 30 minutes of prep each week, so please prayerfully consider leading a class to bring these children closer to Jesus.

This year, we are setting up a new team approach for leaders with teams of 3-6 teachers signing up at the beginning of the year. The curriculum is set up in 9 four-week units allowing each teacher to teach for 4 weeks every 3 months or a couple of months at a time. We hope this team atmosphere will help create a stronger sense of community and provide help when teachers have questions or are unable to teach on their Sunday.

As our class sizes are increasing in the younger ages (3-kindergarten), helpers are also needed for the teachers. A helper is asked to commit for 3 months (back-to-back or staggered with another helper). Please consider signing up this year.

Signup sheets are on the tables as you leave church today. Please keep our program in your prayers as we look forward to the start of a new year. If you have any questions, please call Karri Folkerts (604-859-1268) or Michelle Mosey (604-556-0157). Thank you!!!

PS—Do you have any unused CD players at home collecting dust? Please consider donating them to our Kidz Church program. Thanks!
