

Worship at Birchwood

We invite you to join with us this morning in a time set aside to focus our attention on the God who has created us and restores us as a people of faith, hope and love. It is our prayer that we might all know God's joy in our lives and begin this new week refreshed and rejuvenated in our walks of faith.

February 14, 2010

Welcome and Announcements

Worship in Song:

"Your Grace Is Enough"
"Be Thou My Vision" #382
"I Will Rise"
"Draw Me Close"

Dedication of:

Tevin Joel Erickson and Ella Marie Ruble

Prayers of the People

Offertory:

"Living Water, Guiding Spirit"

Scripture Reading:

1 John 3:2-15 Pew Bible Page 1208

Message:

"Co-Cain"

Songs of Response:

"Oceans Will Part"
"I Surrender All" #366

Child Dedication Family Questions:

Do you claim the Name of Jesus as the only Name by which you and your family must be saved? And will you name the Name of Jesus to your child, teach your child about Jesus and pray with and for your child?

Please Note:

*Children, through 5th grade, are dismissed after the Children's Moment for Activity Hour. *You are invited to stand during the opening songs, but please feel free to sit down at anytime if needed. *Printed texts of the songs to be sung are listed in the large print bulletins which are available from the ushers upon request. *If you would like to pray with someone after the service, a prayer team will be available up front.

Please Join Us for the 2010 BPC Women's Retreat

*"Worship
the King"
No Experience
Needed!*



Held March 5 and 6, 2010
At Cedar Springs Christian
Retreat Center in Sumas

Our speakers this year will include Mary Becker, Jen Reidel, and many others all from our own congregation. Topics will include:

**What is Worship?
Worship Where You Live
Worship in Your Pain**

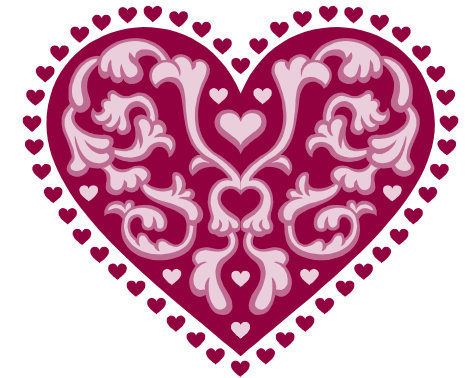
Watch God work as we worship in
Music, Love and Laughter
with Mary Walsh and her team.

Get to know new friends and catch up with old
friends. Eat good meals you don't have to cook!
And make a mystery craft!

**Sign Up Today!
Invite a Friend!**



**Celebration of Worship
February 14, 2010
10:15 am**



*"Why do I go to church? Because I can't help myself.
Because the Spirit of Jesus who loves his people
and died for his people lives in me and loves
through me. I have to do it, even when Mary
and I visit churches and don't know anyone,
we are sometimes the last to leave."*

**We offer Hope, Community,
Acceptance and Purpose
in a broken world.**

Welcome!

What's Happening at Birchwood:

Dedication of Children: Tyler and Matahna Erickson are bringing their son, Tevin Joel, and David and Kaela Ruble are bringing their daughter, Ella Marie, for a service of dedication to the love of God and of themselves to the maintenance of a Christian home where Jesus Christ will be honored and the Word of God will be held in reverence.

Opportunity to Serve Forms: It is not too late to fill out and turn in your Opportunity to Serve form. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can fill it out on-line at www.bpchurch.org

Seasonaires in February! Come to Seasonaires, a fellowship group for those 55 and over, on Tuesday, **February 16**, at 5:30 pm for a dinner and a program featuring a travelogue of the Holy Land by Byron and Becky Elmendorf. Music will be provided by the First Presbyterian Quartette. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Bud Lee for more information.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers): MOPS is a dynamic program designed to nurture mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. MOPS is dedicated to the message that "mothering matters." Mothers meet in the Palm Room for a time to fellowship, learn and craft while their children are well cared for in the nursery. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. The next meeting is **February 23**.

Cancer Support Group: Birchwood's cancer support group will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am in the Cedar Room. This group is open to all cancer patients in treatment or remission and for support people. The next meeting will be **February 24**.

Men's Breakfast: Join with men of the church for fellowship and breakfast! Men's Breakfasts are held the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 6:30 am in the Palm Room. The next breakfast is Friday, **February 26**.

30 Hour Famine: All middle school and high school students are invited to participate in the 30 Hour Famine **February 26 and 27**. We will be teaming up with Cornwall Church to experience hunger and serve those who feel it often. Everyone is invited to sponsor participating students with financial donations. All proceeds will go towards World Vision's hunger relief programs serving children and hurting families in Haiti. For more info talk to Pete or Sarah or visit www.30hourfamine.org.

February Family Fun Night! All ages are welcome to join in the games, fun and fellowship at Family Fun Night on Friday, **February 26** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Contact Jen for more information.

Love INC Event: Ladies mark your calendars for Saturday, **March 27!** Love INC will be offering a Spring Luncheon featuring Rosie Harris – local artist and storyteller. This event will be a great opportunity for fellowship and the sharing of Biblical truths, brought to life in a creative format. Bring a friend and enjoy a time of blessing that supports our local Love INC. Immanuel Bible Church (2000 W. North St) will host this event from noon to 3 pm. Tickets are available for \$12 by calling Peggy Koskela at 734-9509.

Trumpet Players Needed! Please contact Mary Walsh 733-8860 ext. 209 or mary@bpchurch.org if you are interested in playing trumpet in the worship band on Easter Sunday, **April 4**.

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for BPC's Vacation Bible School to be held **July 12-16**. This is a summer event your child will want to attend!

Are You New to Birchwood?

If you are new or visiting Birchwood today then come and visit our Birchwood Ambassadors at the Welcome Center, the one with the bright flag! We would love to welcome you here, give you one of our water bottles and introduce you to what is happening here at Birchwood. We're excited that you're here! Please stop by!

This Week at Birchwood:

Today	
9:00 am	Birchwood 101, Cedar Room
9:00 am	Education for All Ages
10:15 am	Worship Service, Worship Center
11:45 am	AE Committee, Palm Room
Monday	
6:55 pm	Bible Study Fellowship
Tuesday	
6:30 am	Early Bird Women's Bible Study, Almond Room
10:00 am	Bible Study, Cedar Room
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting, Cedar Room
5:30 pm	Seasonaires, Family Life Center
Wednesday	
6:30 pm	MS & HS Youth Group, Youth Rooms
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
7:00 pm	The Alpha Course, Linvogs' Home
Thursday	
9:30 am	Congregational Prayer, Library
10:00 am	Meadowbrook Piecemakers, Cedar Room
6:30 pm	Women's Reading Group, Library
6:30 pm	Compass/CHAT
7:00 pm	Nominating Committee, Cedar Room

Mission Prayer Focus:

The Inn University Ministry, directed by Jim Schmotzer, with staff and student leaders, focus on how to actively help young adults connect with Jesus and the community of faithful followers. They want to give students a place where they might consider following Jesus to be the best decision they could ever make.

"Prayer and Care" Board this Week:

*Marlene Zei Charlotte Murray Dorothy Benner
Nathan Knudson

**Marlene continues her struggle with the side-effects of chemo therapy treatments. While she still has one more treatment to endure, the doctor has been very pleased with the success of the previous series. She recently stated how much she misses joining everyone during Sunday morning worship, but still has felt close to the BPC family through your prayers, cards and wonderful expressions of concern you have sent her way. She thanks all of you for supporting her so faithfully and is looking forward to being in your midst again in the future. Jack and Marlene Zei*

Adult Education Classes!

How would you like to take part in a group and stay in it as long as you want? Get to know the others, make friends, learn and profit from a variety of different subjects and teachers? This is the new look for Adult Ed, and we welcome you to join us!



Group A: "The Parables of Jesus"

Bruce Becker, Chapel

Pastor Bruce Becker is presenting his material on the parables.

Group B: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality"

Dave Ruble, Palm Room

Using a workbook based on Pete Scazzaro's book, "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality", Dave Ruble is teaching on the vital role our feelings have within our spiritual lives. As Christians we often neglect our more "difficult" feelings such as fear, sadness, shame, anger, hurt, and pain, which often lead to devastating results.

Group C: "Romans 12"

Mary Becker, Alder Room

Mary Becker is presenting a study on Romans 12. When Mary's mother became a Christian at around the age 40, the Lord directed her to Romans 12, and her study notes on this important chapter are the basis for Mary's presentation.

Group D: "History of the Early Church"

Mike Pooleon, Almond Room

Among the topics covered will be the spread of the faith, the identification of the books of the New Testament and why we can rely on the fact that they were apostolic in origin, the major persecutions, major heresies of the early centuries, conversion of the Roman Empire, and more.

February Memory Verse:

When they (the disciples) had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." John 6:19-20