

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 21, 2010

Welcome and Announcements

Worship in Song:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" #262
"Lead Me to the Cross"
"Reign In Us"

Children's Moment

Recognition of New Members

Prayers of the People

Offertory:

"Spirit Sing"

Scripture Reading:

1 John 3:16-24 Pew Bible Page 1209

Message:

"The Big Carrot, the Big God and the Very Big Promise"

Special Freedom Sunday Offering

Song of Response:

"Hosanna"

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**

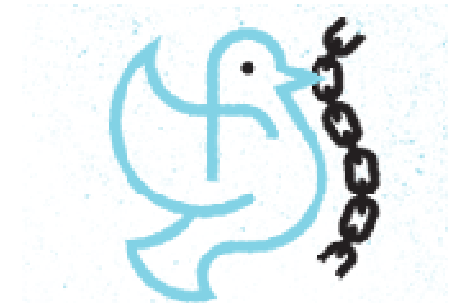
Watch God work as we worship in
Music, Love and Laughter
with Mary Walsh and her team.

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 21, 2010
10:15 am
Freedom Sunday**



*The measure of the generosity of God is the
sacrifice of his Son. Having sent his one and
only Son to die for us, do you think God is
going to start getting stingy on us now?*

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

Welcome!

What's Happening at Birchwood:

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**.

Guatemala Mission Team Meeting: Members of both Guatemala Teams will be meeting on Tuesday, **February 23** at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

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**.

Discover Foster Care with Bethany Christian Services: Have you thought about becoming a foster parent? What is required? Is it for me? BCS is hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, **February 25** at 6:30 pm in their Bellingham office (1031 N. State Street). RSVP to 733-6042.

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.

Bible Study Fellowship is an interdenominational Bible study with day classes for women and children (up to 5 years old) and evening classes for women and students (grades 1-12). This year we are studying the Gospel of John. Introductory classes will be held the week of March 1. There is no cost. Contact Janet Robinson at 398-9899 (day class) or LeAnn Young at 733-6712 (evening class).

Play Ball! Attention Men and Women! Are you interested in joining a competitive or recreational church softball team? Well, BPC is forming two teams this year! First is a **Men's Competitive League Team** that will meet on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:45 pm in Ferndale. Contact Chance McClellan at 312-0795 for this team. The second is a **Co-ed Recreational League Team** that will play on Thursday nights. Call Gail Northey at 647-5225 or 224-5225 to join that team. Both teams play April - August.

Employment Opportunity: BPC has a vacation relief position open to cover the duties of the Office Administrator. Dates needed at this time are: May 13-24 and August 16-20. Quickbooks, Word, Publisher and general computer/office experience preferred. Please contact Allyson at 733-8860 ext. 114 or admin@bpchurch.org for more information.

Opportunity to Serve Form:

Forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can fill it out on-line at www.bpchurch.org

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

Monday

6:55 pm Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday

6:30 am Early Bird Women's Bible Study, Almond Room
9:30 am MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), Palm Room
10:00 am Bible Study, Cedar Room
1:00 pm Staff Meeting, Cedar Room
7:00 pm Guatemala Team Meeting, Chapel
7:00 pm Mission Committee, Cedar Room

Wednesday

9:30 am Cancer Support Group, Cedar Room
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
6:30 pm Compass/CHAT

Friday

6:30 am Men's Breakfast, Palm Room
6:30 pm Family Fun Night, Family Life Center

Mission Prayer Focus:

Larry and Linda Snyder (Wycliffe Bible Translators) work as advisors to Wycliffe personnel who are nearing retirement age - to help them plan financially for retirement and to apply for Social Security and Medicare. They work mainly through email and phone calls with this detailed work.

"Prayer and Care" Board this Week:

Marlene Zei Nathan Knudson Dorothy Benner
Charlotte Murray Mike Cullum and Family

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

Group B: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality"

Dave Ruble, Palm Room

Group C: "Romans 12"

Mary Becker, Alder Room

Group D: "History of the Early Church"

Mike Pooleon, Almond Room

New Adult Ed Classes Coming February 28!

Beginning next week, February 28, new teachers are coming to a couple of these groups, with material you'll find interesting.

Palm Room Group - Don Galloway will survey the problem of poverty in Whatcom County, and bring in a couple of Christian workers with experience in ministering to the poor and homeless.

Alder Room Group - Crystal King will tell the stories of a number of well-loved hymns, and the class will join in singing these, with an emphasis on what the words are really saying.

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