

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 28, 2010

Welcome and Announcements

Worship in Song:

"Meet With Me"

"Forever"

"I Will Rise"

"You Alone Can Rescue"

Children's Moment

Prayers of the People

Offertory:

"Free From Guilt and Free From Sin"

Scripture Reading:

1 John 4:1-6 Pew Bible Page 1209

Message:

"Every Prowler Ain't Santa"

Song of Response:

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

(All songs are used by permission: CCLI#142455)

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!

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



**Celebration of Worship
February 28, 2010
10:15 am**



*"Faith is not belief without evidence.
Faith is allowing the evidence
to overcome your fear."*

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

What's Happening at Birchwood:

Early Birds Women's Bible Study: Ladies, if you've been trying to fit Bible study into your busy schedule, Early Birds may be your answer. This small group meets at **6:30 am weekly on Tuesday mornings** for breakfast, prayer and Bible study, plus sweet fellowship. Currently, we are beginning a study of Isaiah (YES! Isaiah), "Trusting God in Troubled Times". Although Isaiah is an Old Testament book, written maybe 2700 years ago, its insights regarding our timeless God, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, are valid and fresh. All ages and life stages are welcome to join the group, which meets in the Almond Room.

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 by March 15 at 647-5225 or 224-5225 to join. Both teams play April - August.

Seasonaires Adventure: The Seasonaires will be attending Vespers at Bakken on Sunday, **March 7**, leaving the church at 6:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to come. Sign up in the Seasonaires Adventure book at the Welcome Center.

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 **March 9**.

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 **March 10**.

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, **March 12**.

Spring Work Party! There will be a work party on Saturday, **March 20** from 9:30 am to Noon. The purpose is to have our grounds looking their best and attractive for visitors at Easter time. The early Spring weather has caused everything to grow early. We will have a job for everyone: pruning, weeding, mowing, trimming and more! If you like to operate a weed sprayer, or a power trimmer you are especially welcome.

Employment Opportunity: BPC has a vacation relief position (Office Administrator). Dates needed at this time are: May 13-24 and August 16-20. Quickbooks, Word, Publisher and general computer/office experience preferred. Contact Allyson at 733-8860 or admin@bpchurch.org

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	
5:30 pm	Special Session Meeting, Cedar Room
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
7:00 pm	Deacon Meeting, Cedar Room
7:00 pm	Worship Committee, Library
Wednesday	
1:30 pm	Stewardship Committee, Library
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	Women's Association, Palm Room
6:30 pm	Compass/CHAT
Friday	
6:00 pm	Women's Retreat Begins, Cedar Springs

Mission Prayer Focus:

Sunil and Pam Sardar: The premise of the ministry of hope is this - pointing out to the peoples of India that God has been and currently is, here in India revealing Himself, His purpose and His plans. Following Jesus doesn't mean one has to become non-Indian or follow a non-Indian god. Seek to recognize God's historical work and existing work in India and work alongside Him to bring the Kingdom of God to India now.

"Prayer and Care" Board this Week:

Jim Erickson and Family	Marlene Zei	Charlotte Murray
Nathan Knudson	Dorothy Benner	

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 will be presenting his material on the parables.

Group B: "The Problem of Poverty in Whatcom County"

Don Galloway, Palm Room

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.

Group C: "Hymn-Singers"

Crystal King, Alder Room

Hymn-Singers is a Sunday School class where we will sing much and learn some things about hymns and their composers. As we sing songs of our Christian heritage, we will rediscover their richness and be encouraged by them.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:19 (NIV)

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