

## 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.

**March 7, 2010**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Worship in Song:**

"One Way"

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

"In the Secret"

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #2

#### **Children's Moment**

#### **Scripture Reading:**

1 John 4:7-21 Pew Bible Page 1209

#### **Message:**

"Square Pegs Welcomed Here"

#### **Song of Response:**

"Who Am I"

#### **Lord's Supper**

#### **Offertory:**

"God So Loved the World"

#### **Postlude:**

"Go Ye Into All the World"

(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.



## Preparing For Easter

Tuesday, March 23 - 6:00 pm

### Passion Movie Night (Part 1)

Soup Potluck, Movie w/ Discussion, Free Childcare

Tuesday, March 30 - 6:00 pm

### Passion Movie Night (Part 2)

Soup Potluck, Movie w/ Discussion, Free Childcare

Thursday, April 1 - 7:30 pm

### Maundy Thursday Service

April Communion served

Friday, April 2

8:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Take time to meditate at the 9 Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 2

### Good Friday Services

3 Services, 11:30 am, 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm

Sunday, April 4

### Easter Sunday Celebration

Easter Breakfast: 8:45 am to 10:15 am

Easter Service: 10:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt: 11:30 am



Hope. Community. Acceptance. Purpose.

## Celebration of Worship

**March 7, 2010**

**10:15 am**



*"Think about it! Right now we who have placed our trust in Jesus are loved with the very same love that the Father has for the Son! No greater love or power exists! The Father is both willing and able to do for us anything He did for the Son. What are we afraid of?"*

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

**Welcome!**

## What's Happening at Birchwood:

**Seasonaires Adventure:** The Seasonaires will be attending Vespers at Bakken **Today**, leaving the church at 6:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to come. Contact Bud Lee for more information.

**Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!** Does reading books, singing songs, playing trains and dolls and talking about Jesus sound like fun? These are just a few of the fantastic things you get to do on Sunday morning when you volunteer! Children's Ministry is looking for an immediate preschool and nursery volunteer to be on the 5 week rotating schedule. Your volunteer time would be from 10-11:30 am. We are also looking for volunteers to help on Easter morning! This is a perfect opportunity to reach the greater community when they visit BPC on Easter Sunday. Please let Jen know if you are available for any of these opportunities!

**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.

**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.

**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. Please sign up at the Ministry Table in the Foyer today!

## 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:

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Membership Class, Cedar Room
	9:00 am	Education for All Ages
	10:15 am	Worship Service, Worship Center
	6:00 pm	Seasonaires Trip to Vespers at Bakken
<b>Monday</b>	6:55 pm	Bible Study Fellowship
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
	5:30 pm	Session Meeting, Cedar Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	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
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am	Congregational Prayer, Library
	4:00 pm	Facility Committee, Cedar Room
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 am	Men's Breakfast, Palm Room
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Second Saturday

## Mission Prayer Focus:

**Young Life:** This is a Christian organization of caring adults who reach out to high school and middle school students to share the love of Jesus with them. Activities include spending time with students where they are, weekly student club meetings and week-long camps. BPC supports Young Life both in Bellingham and North Whatcom County. Young Life welcomes adult volunteers who have a heart for reaching adolescents for Christ. **Prayer Suggestion:** Let us pray for the success of Young Life in their goal of witnessing to adolescents about the good news that Christ loves them. Let us pray for willing volunteers who have a heart for telling students about the good news. Let us pray for all those adolescents who have never heard of Christ who need Him so much

## "Prayer and Care" Board this Week:

Brenda Risser   Marlene Zei   Charlotte Murray   Nathan Knudson

## 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)*

### Almond Joy Group: "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.

## March Memory Verse:

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." John 7:37b-38