

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.

July 4, 2010

Worship in Song:

"One Nation, Under God Medley" #570

Welcome and Announcements

Worship in Song:

"How Great Is Our God"
"Blessed Be Your Name"
"The Stand"

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 44:24-45:8 Pew Bible Page 721

Message:

"A Tale of Two Redeemers"

Song of Response:

"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?"

Lord's Supper

Offertory:

"Lord of Lords"

Blessing

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

Please Note:

- ◆ Children, Preschool through 5th grade, are invited to remain in the worship service but may attend Activity Hour after the first song set.
- ◆ 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.



Plan on the Picnic!

Saturday, July 17

12:30 pm at Lake Padden

The All Church Picnic is back! We will be gathering at Lake Padden (take the east entrance by the golf course and stay to the right) at the 2 food areas and play station at 12:30 pm.

PICNIC:

We will begin with a picnic at 12:30 pm. Chicken, beverages (bottled water, pop, lemonade and coffee) and tableware will be provided. **Please bring a dish to share. Cost is \$3 per person with children 12 and under free!** Both food areas are reserved for Birchwood so there will be lots of room for family and friends. As children finish eating there is a play station nearby so parents can relax and visit.

GAMES & ACTIVITIES:

There will be a parachute to gather under, some fun games and relays for children & youth following the picnic. If you would like to help with these activities please contact Marc and Robbie Whitlock. Enjoy the basketball court nearby and bring any of your favorite toys (bikes, kayaks, guitars, walking shoes or bread for the ducks) and enjoy the park.

BASEBALL:

After our organized games and some free time, get set for a co-ed game of baseball in the baseball field adjacent to the food areas. There are bleachers for those who prefer to watch or bring a chair as we PLAY BALL! If you would like to help with the game or have equipment to share please contact Chance McClellan.

We Hope to See You There!



Celebration of Worship

July 4, 2010

10:15 am



*The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together against
the Lord and against his Anointed One.*

Psalms 2:2

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

Welcome!

What's Happening at Birchwood:

New Summer Church Directories! Your Summer 2010 BPC directory is now available for pick up at the Welcome Center.

Summer Children's Ministry Sunday Schedule: Children, preschool through 5th grade, are invited to stay in the service with their families. However, if you or your child needs a break, Jen will be providing a children's program for them! They will be dismissed after the first song set. Questions? please contact Jen at jennifer@bpchurch.org or 733-8860.

Early Birds Women's Summer Group: The Early Birds Women's Group meets on **Tuesdays** from 7:00 am to 8:30 am in the BPC Library. The focus for the summer months will be prayer. The group will meet through mid-August and restart in September with a study of Isaiah. For more information please contact Mary Kingsford-Smith at 738-6959.

Summer Community BBQ/Potlucks! The BPC youth invite you to join them this summer on **Wednesday Evenings** for a BBQ/Potluck from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Lake Padden Park (ball field area). The Youth Ministry will provide hot dogs, buns, and condiments. Please bring a side dish, beverage or dessert to share. The evenings will include games, worship and lots of laughter! For more information please contact Pete or Sarah (will continue each Wednesday night through August 11, with the exception of July 21).

Summer Men's Breakfast: Join with men of the church for fellowship and breakfast! Summer Men's Breakfasts are held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 6:30 am in the Palm Room. The next breakfast is Friday, **July 9**.

Cancer Support Group: Birchwood's cancer support group meets 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 **July 14**.

Men's Chorus and Ladies' Choir Invitation: We would like to have both a Men's Chorus and a Ladies' Choir sing this summer. The following dates are being considered for both of the groups: **Wednesday, July 14 rehearsal, 7:00 pm/singing on Sunday, July 18; Wednesday, July 28 rehearsal, 7:00 pm/singing on Sunday, August 1; and/or Wednesday, August 4 rehearsal, 7:00 pm/singing on Sunday, August 8**. All singers are invited, whether a regular choir member or not, to join a gender-appropriate group. Please let Mary know either by email (mary@bpchurch.org) or by phone (733-8860 ext. 109) if you would like to sing, the part that you sing and which dates you could be available to sing with a group.

Seasonaires Summer Adventures! Seasonaires (for those 55 and over) has some exciting activities this summer. On Friday, **July 21**, they go to Lake Samish for their annual summer picnic with BBQ turkey and other goodies. The August adventure will be to the Seattle Mariners baseball game on Wednesday, **August 11** via chartered bus (all ages invited). Tickets and transportation will be \$32.00. Plan to be with them for all of these fun-filled and friendship building opportunities. Make your reservations by signing in the Seasonaires Book at the Welcome Center.

July Work Party: There will be a BPC work party on Saturday, **July 24** from 9:00 am to noon. If you love to weed then this is the work party for you! For more information please contact Claude Robinson.

Staff and Office News:

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5. Pastor Bruce Becker and HS Youth Director, Peter Becker, will be out of the office Tuesday, July 6 through Thursday, July 8.

This Week at Birchwood:

Today

10:15 am Worship Service, Worship Center
11:30 am Fellowship, Foyer

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

7:00 am Early Bird's Women's Group, Library
7:00 pm Worship Committee, Library

Wednesday

6:00 pm Community BBQ/Potluck, Lake Padden

Thursday

9:30 am Congregational Prayer, Library

Friday

6:30 am Men's Breakfast, Palm Room
Office open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday

8:30 am Second Saturday Ministry, Almond Room

Mission Prayer Focus:

Military Chaplains: On Independence Day, it is appropriate to remember those serving in the armed services and the chaplains who serve them. Our country has been at war for eight years and the burden of this 'long war' has fallen most heavily on those who have had to serve multiple combat tours. Chaplains serve alongside soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to help them with post-traumatic stress disorder, problems associated with multiple combat tours, and transition to civilian life. There are two full-time chaplains in our presbytery, plus other ministers who are part-time chaplains in the National Guard and/or reserves. On this holiday, please pray for both our fellow citizens serving in the armed forces and for the chaplains who serve them.

"Prayer and Care" Board this Week:

Marilyn Methven Marlene Zei Ray Bailey
Nathan Knudson Charlotte Murray



Are You New to Birchwood?

If you are new or visiting Birchwood today then come and visit our Birchwood Visitor Station. 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!



July Memory Verse:

"In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33b

Summer Schedule:

Birchwood's summer schedule is now in session with the worship service continuing at 10:15 am but with no 9:00 am Children/Youth Education Hour preceding it. The regular "all age" Education Hour will return in mid-September.



Summer Adult Education!

A special Summer Adult Education class will run from July 11 to August 22 at 9:00 am in the Chapel. This class will feature various teachers and topics.

The first two weeks of Summer Adult Education will feature Pastor Bruce Becker teaching, "*The A,B,C's of the Creation Stories and Genesis 1-2*".

Summer Adult Ed: 9:00 am
Summer Worship: 10:15 am
Fellowship: 11:30 am

Summer Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9-5 pm
Friday 9-1 pm