

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Contact: Cynthia McClare, Children's Pastor (403-249-8605 x226 or [cynthia@bethanychapel.com](mailto:cynthia@bethanychapel.com)).

**Alpha Marriage:** Often we devote so much time and energy to our children that we forget that one of the most important gifts we can give them is parents in a strong, loving marriage. My hope and prayer is that many of you will be able to line up a regular babysitter and join us for this valuable and enjoyable program. Make it a priority and register today by contacting Jennifer or Dave Welsh at 403-246-0371 or [jmharris@shaw.ca](mailto:jmharris@shaw.ca).

**Available Positions:** If you'd like to work with our Bethany children, please call or email me with questions. If you are already volunteering, but would like to up your commitment, please let me know.

- Grade 3 Small Group Leader – 2X per month
- sCool Kids Bible Storyteller – 1-2X per month
- Nursery Greeter – 1X per month
- PS Praise Greeter – 1-2X per month

### TODAY

Babies: 3 – 24 months; Nursery      Toddlers: 2 years; Nursery area  
 PS Praise: 3 - 5 years; Lower CE      sCool Kids: Kindergarten to Grade 5; Upper CE (dismissed from service at about 11 a.m.)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: youthtransitionteam@bethanychapel.com

- **MEIGMA is being held on Sunday mornings for Grades 6-12 in Rooms 123 A&B from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** *Please join us as we discuss relevant issues & hot topics in a search for Biblical answers. Leaders are Russell & Karen Watts and Femi & Janelle Ajayi.*
- **EDGE meets Wednesday nights from 7:15 - 8:30 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- **Friday, Jan. 15 is Small Group Night** - your leaders will be in touch.
- **Jan. 29-30 is Youth Lock-In at Bethany** - watch for more details coming soon.

## COMMUNITY

Contact: Heather Webber 403-249-8605 x236 [heather@bethanychapel.com](mailto:heather@bethanychapel.com)  
 or Meg Thoutenhoofd 403-249-8605 x229 [meg@bethanychapel.com](mailto:meg@bethanychapel.com)

- We will be hosting another community event in January and the **Threads Shed is now collecting personal hygiene products and paper goods for that function.** Donations of new/unopened soap, shampoo, bath products, toothpaste & brushes, toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towel, foil, plastic wrap, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc. would be appreciated & can be left at the Info. Centre.
- **Play Cafe** starts up again on Friday, Jan. 22 from 9:30-11:30 AM. It's a fun program for families living in the Rutland Park & Lincoln Park communities and for Bethany families. Parents and babies or preschoolers come for a play and learning time and for coffee and can also borrow a toy or book for the week.

### ELDERS

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Steve Bowen           | Gordon Johnson, |
| Preston Busch         | Ex-Officio      |
| Bill Clements         | Bruce Woods     |
| Peter Jamieson, Chair | Gordon Wright   |
| Doug MacLachlan       |                 |

### PASTORAL STAFF

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Preston Busch   | Senior Pastor        |
| Gordon Johnson  | Executive Pastor     |
| Cynthia McClare | Children's Pastor    |
| Michael Skinner | Worship & YA Intern  |
| Margie Stinton  | Parish Nurse and     |
| Sharon Strachan | Pastoral Care (p/t)  |
| Heather Webber  | Pastoral Assistant / |
|                 | Community Liaison    |
| Gordon Wright   | Pastor of Worship    |
|                 | and Young Adults     |

### SUPPORT STAFF

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mary Dyck          | Administration                    |
| Joseph Jali        | Building Maintenance              |
| Sheila Jepps       | Administration                    |
| Louise Prefontaine | Accounting (p/t)                  |
| Randy Senft        | Building Maintenance              |
| Meg Thoutenhoofd   | Community Liaison Assistant (p/t) |

### DEACONS

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Dan Brantner    | Cam Olson, Treasurer |
| Bob Clyde       | Denis Perron, Chair  |
| Erich Dyck      | Bruce Raddatz        |
| Gordon Johnson, | Tom Ramsay           |
| Ex-Officio      | Mark Sawatzky        |
| Asa Leslie      | Alvin Tan            |
| Kevin McDonald  |                      |

### PLAYSCHOOL STAFF

|                    |                |            |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| Heather Webber     | Elaine Carle   | Teacher    |
| Administrator      | Arlene Cummins | Co-Teacher |
| Rosanne Perrin     | Melodie Funk   | Co-Teacher |
| Director / Teacher | Sharon Senft   | Co-Teacher |

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### TODAY

**9:15 AM BREAKING OF BREAD WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:45 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE**

**PRESTON BUSCH, SENIOR PASTOR**

**LUKE 8: 4-18**

**PRAYER TEAM A**

### NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010

**9:15 AM BREAKING OF BREAD WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:45 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE**

| TODAY   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>BREAKING OF BREAD<br/>WORSHIP SERVICE (Acts 2:42)</b>  |                             |
| 9:15 AM   | Fellowship Room             |
| <b>CORPORATE PRAYER TIME</b>  |                             |
| 10:15 AM  | Prayer Chapel               |
| <b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</b>  |                             |
| 10:45 AM  | Babes, Toddlers & PS Praise |
| 11:00 AM  | sCool Kids (Gr 1-5), Castle |
| <b>WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE</b>  |                             |
| 10:45 AM  | Sanctuary                   |
| <b>CALL TO PRAYER</b>   |                             |
| The prayer team will be available at the front of the sanctuary for our call to prayer this morning. If you would like prayer today, please consider coming forward as we present our requests before the Lord. |                             |
| <b>COFFEE CONNECTIONS</b>   |                             |
| 12:00 PM  | Foyer                       |
| <b>CITY-WIDE HYMN Tyme</b>  |                             |
| 5:30 PM   | Sanctuary                   |

| FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP                                 |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b><br><i>(January month-to-date)</i> |               |
| Budgeted Giving                                       | \$ 25,700     |
| Actual Giving   | 22,387        |
| Percentage Received                                   | 87.1%         |
| <b>This Week's Budgeted Amount \$</b>                 | <b>17,700</b> |
| <b>2009 year to date</b>                              |               |
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| Actual Giving   | 22,387        |
| Percentage Received                                   | 87.1%         |

| 2009 Year-End<br>Financial Summary |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Budgeted Giving                    | \$1,060,000 |
| Actual Giving                      | \$1,066,440 |
| Percentage Achieved                | 100.6%      |
| <b><i>Praise The Lord!!</i></b>    |             |

**2010 DONATION ENVELOPES & 2009 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

**2010 Pre-numbered Donation Envelopes**  
2010 Pre-numbered envelopes sets are now available. Please check your lobby mailbox or the table beside the Information Centre in the foyer if you don't have a mailbox. **Note:** *Please do not use old numbered envelopes from previous years.*  
**Automated Giving (Pre-Authorized Payment)**  
If you have converted to automated giving, please **do not use pre-numbered envelopes** previously assigned as new donor numbers are assigned with automated donations.  
**2009 Income Tax Receipts**  
Income tax receipts will be available in the LAST week of January 2010. If you have a lobby box, they will be there and if not, they will be mailed out.

**PASTORAL CARE /  
HEALTH MINISTRY**

- Sharon Strachan & Margie Stinton share the Parish Nurse/Pastoral Care role and are available on a part-time basis Tues. to Thurs. each week. Call 403-249-8605 X241 or email them at parishnurse@bethanychapel.com.

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

**MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**  
Thursday at 6:30 AM in the Alcove  
**Thurs., Jan. 14 1 Pet. 3: 1-22**  
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- All men are invited for study, prayer and fellowship as we endeavour to build each other up as disciples of Christ.
- Call Fred at 403-251-5849 for more info.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

**CONNCTIONS**  
Monday, January 25  
**Punch at 6:30 PM; Dinner at 7:00**  
**Missionary: Diane Stinton**  
**Guest Speaker/Special Music:**  
**Stephanie Nicole from Shine FM**  
*Stephanie is the Weekday Host on Shine FM from 2 – 6 pm (filled with practical tips, quirky stories to tickle the ol' funny bone, and traffic/weather updates.*  
**Advance Ticket Sales - Sun., Jan. 17**  
Cost:\$8.00 Adult \$5.00 Youth/Students  
Call Carol B. 403-283-7571 for info.

**LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
**Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM, Library**

- Women of all ages are very welcome to join us for an informal time of worship, study and prayer. *Newcomers welcome.*
- Our study is "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed - A Study of David" by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer & Beth Moore.
- Call Sharon C. 403-249-4527 or Diana C. 403-202-0931 for more info.

**LADIES TIME OUT**  
**Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30 AM**  
**Registration is Tues. Jan. 19.**  
**Classes run. Jan. 26 - Mar. 16**  
Come and enjoy one of the fun activities being offered (scrapbooking, card making, quilting, ESL and more). Bring a friend. Childcare available for a nominal fee. Brochures available at the Info. Centre. Call Heather or Meg at 403-249-8605.

**WOMEN TOGETHER**  
*Growing in relationship with God & each other*  
**Thursdays, 9:15-11:15 AM, Fireside Rm**  
**We resume this Thurs., January 14.**  
*Our study is Believing God by Beth Moore*  
Video/Bible Study/Small Group Discussion  
Women of all ages are warmly welcomed.  
Childcare available for a small fee.  
Call Shirley J. at 403-547-7251 for more info. *Newcomers welcome.*  
*Come join us and experience a fresh explosion of faith!*

**THIS WEEK**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**  
3:30 PM Homework Club, Fellowship  
7:00 PM YA Praise Night, Foyer

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**  
7:00 PM Ladies Evening Study, Library  
7:15 PM Youth EDGE, Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**  
9:15 AM Women Together, Fireside  
7:30 PM Choir, Fireside

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**  
7:00 PM YA Gym/Games Night, Bethany

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**  
9:15 AM Breaking of Bread Worship  
9:30 AM Youth Meigma class, 123A  
9:30 AM Growth Group, Fireside Room  
10:15 AM Corporate Prayer Gathering, 125  
10:45 AM Worship Celebration Service  
10:45 AM Nursery & Pre-School programs  
11:00 AM K-Gr. 5 sCool Kids, Castle  
12:00 PM Coffee Connections, Foyer  
7:00 PM Browns' Farewell Evening

**NOTICES**

- City-wide HymnTyme is today here at Bethany. Band plays at 5:30 PM and singing starts at 6:00.
- The next **Good Food Box** order date is Tues., Jan. 19 before 11:00 AM. Please call your order to Meg T at 403-217-1911 & drop your cash payment at the church office by 11:00.

**MISSIONS**

**Farewell Evening  
for The Browns  
Sunday, Jan. 17 at 7:00 PM  
Fireside Room**

Please join us for a short presentation from Mick & Caroline Brown and take the opportunity to bid them farewell as they & Katerina are returning soon to Turkey.

**PRAYER**

**PRAISE AND THANKS**

- To those who donated non-perishable foods over the Christmas season to supplement our Giving Grace food bin.
- To the Youth Transition Team, the youth leaders and the many other volunteers who have been helping with Meigma, EDGE & other youth events over the past four months. Your great commitment and dedication have been amazing and we appreciate all your time and effort.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- Sheila & Vic Bryant & family as Sheila's father Alec Oloske (age 88) of Westlock, is in hospital with serious health complications. Please pray for medical wisdom for the doctors and also that Alec and the family would come to a saving faith in God.
- Erich & Mary Dyck and family as Erich's mother Lena Dyck of Winnipeg went to be with the Lord on Dec. 27.
- Kathy Cousley, for strength & comfort as she is experiencing difficult side effects from ongoing chemotherapy treatments.
- Naomi Barker, for a suitable donor as she awaits a liver transplant. Pray for strength, patience and comfort for Naomi, Bob and family.

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR...**

- Those people needing God's healing touch. Please pray for their strength and encouragement.
- Those people who are experiencing loneliness or transition. Please pray for God's close presence and His sustaining grace.
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they know God's comfort and peace.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
*Phil. 4:6-7*

**PRAYER CHAIN**

- Bethany is blessed to have a faithful group who share prayer requests by phone and pray regularly for them.
- To put a request on the prayer chain, please call Elva Webb (403-240-9330) or Dorothy Little (403-242-1391).

**PRAYER WITH ELDERS**

- Two elders will be available each week in the prayer chapel immediately after the 10:45 Worship Service, for any congregants wishing prayer or counsel. Anyone wishing to meet with the elders is encouraged to do so.

**COFFEE CONNECTIONS**

**Today in the Foyer  
after the Service**

Please join us today for a time to connect with friends and newcomers. Newcomers & visitors please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

**BETHANY PRAYER GATHERINGS**

You are welcome to pray with others in the Prayer Chapel at the times noted:  
Sundays.....9:30-10:15 AM  
Sunday Corporate Prayer..10:15-10:40 AM  
Wednesdays with Elders.....7:00 PM  
*(The elders usually meet the second Wed. of the month. You are welcome to join them in prayer or request prayer.*  
The Prayer Chapel is also available during regular church office hours.

## The Alpha Marriage Course

*Why settle for your current quality of marriage if it could be improved?*



**Cost: \$60.00 per couple (includes materials and 7 gourmet desserts)**

**Please Register** with Jennifer or Dave Welsh 403-246-0371 [jmharris@shaw.ca](mailto:jmharris@shaw.ca).  
Registration Deadline is Sun., Jan. 17. Cheques payable to Bethany Chapel.

**Dates: Sunday Evenings**

**Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 21, 28; Mar. 14, 21**

**Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM Place: Fellowship Room**

The "Alpha Marriage Course", which originated with the creators of the popular "Alpha Course", is a series of 7 presentations and structured discussions aimed at strengthening both new and experienced marriages. The course provides:

- Gourmet desserts served in a quiet and intimate candlelit environment to encourage quality discussion.
- A video presentation and individual discussion time for each couple, using the course workbook. There are no group discussions or counseling, and all conversations are private between the man and woman in each couple.
- Topics including communication, quality time, sex, dealing with in-laws, and conflict resolution.

*The course is appropriate for church folks and non-church folks alike, as it builds on Christian themes and principles, but is geared towards a general audience. For more information, please contact Jennifer or Dave Welsh at 403-246-0371 or [jmharris@shaw.ca](mailto:jmharris@shaw.ca).*

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

**Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 PM**  
**Fireside Room**



- Join with this wonderful community as we prepare pieces for worship and special programs. *Newcomers are always welcome!*
- For more info., contact Pastor Gordon Wright at 403-249-8605 x 235 or [gordon@bethanychapel.com](mailto:gordon@bethanychapel.com).

### UP & OVERS LUNCH

**Friday, February 5**

**Punch at 11:30 AM; Lunch at noon**

**Guest Speaker: Gordon Johnson**  
**Special Music: Shirley Johnson**  
Cost: \$8.00

All seniors (55+) are invited for lunch and an enjoyable time of fellowship. For more information or to reserve a ticket, please call Grace L. 403-455-3342 or Esther E. 403-640-2034.

### THE GROWTH GROUP

**Sundays, 9:30 -10:30 AM**  
**Fireside Room**

- Join us for this elective that focuses on community building, prayer, study, discussion & a good place to connect. We are studying the Truth Project video series. *Newcomers welcome!*

*Hosted by Steve & Susan Bowen*

### MINISTRY START-UP

**(See start dates below for programs or ministries resuming this week/month)**

ConnXtions Dinner - Mon., Jan. 25  
ESL (evening) - Wed., Jan. 20  
ESL (morning) - Tues., Jan. 26  
Growth Group - Today (9:30 AM)  
Homework Club - Tues., Jan. 13  
Ladies' Evening Study - Wed., Jan. 13  
Play Café - Fri., Jan. 22  
Time Out - Tues., Jan. 19 (registration)  
Up & Overs' Lunch - Fri., Feb. 5  
Women Together - Thurs., Jan. 14  
Young Adults Praise Night - Tues. Jan. 12  
Youth Meigma - Today (9:30 AM)

### UP & OVERS PLANNING MEETING

**Monday, January 18 at 1:30 PM**  
**Room 123A**

All committee members & any interested new volunteers are encouraged to join us for our planning meeting. Please call Grace U. at 403-693-2333 for more info.

### MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY

- CDs of Sunday sermons are available 10 minutes after the service for \$2 at the MMM desk in the foyer.
- Previous sermons or programs can also be ordered.

### CONNECTING GROUPS

- Deepen your connection to God and others by joining a Bethany Connecting Group. Groups meet on various nights in several neighbourhoods. They provide a great opportunity to get to know well a small group of people for study, prayer, social activities and support. *Newcomers are welcome.*
- To join a group or obtain more information, please contact Leanne at 403-242-2867 or by email at [Connectinggroups@bethanychapel.com](mailto:Connectinggroups@bethanychapel.com).

## MISSIONS FEATURE

**RON & MARTHA RATZLAFF**

**NAIROBI, KENYA**

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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Dear Friends,

Christmas 2009

This Christmas season is the second year that we have spent in Kenya. Knowing the number of Christmas letters that you will no doubt be getting, if not reading, this season we thought that we would make ours short giving you the highlights of the past year. If you would wish to read in more detail, our weekly BLOG contains glimpses into our current life, our dreams and perhaps some of our frustrations.

Some of highlights of 2009 include:

- Welcoming two grandsons into the family, one born to Mark and Nikki joining brother Judah is Cole; and Jesse, Tim and Joanne's first. We had the opportunity to visit and spend time with both families.
  - Having Kevin, Dana, Noah, Anna and Mollie join us here in Nairobi with plans to spend almost two months with us. being joined by a family of five certainly changes things but we are happy to have them and look forward to spending the next month together. We are taking some vacation while they are here but generally they accompany us in our work, enriching us and our beneficiaries and partners as they do.
  - Completing one full year serving as MCC country reps in Kenya. We have a great team with a wide variety of experience & skills.
  - Learning to work with each other. We have mentioned this several times during the last year and a half, but have truly enjoyed learning to work together. We still have our days, but generally we have learned to use the unique perspectives and gifts of each of us to serve here.
  - Seeing the impact of programs on the lives of ordinary people. Whether this is food, increased capacity, help for those affected directly, or indirectly, by HIV/AIDS, providing education for refugee and/or orphaned youth, are but a few examples of where impact is observed.
- As we look forward to 2010, there are some challenges that we face:
- Staying connected with our family as their families expand and mature. This is by far the greatest challenge of serving overseas. We do our best with skype, facebook, email, texting and telephone, but nothing replaces having coffee together, sharing a meal, holding a grandchild, seeing them smile/walk for the first time; or sharing rites of passage with them. This we miss, and miss greatly.
  - See long-term effects from the work that MCC does here in Kenya. We desperately look for changes that will affect the lives of Kenyans over the long term – whether that is access to water, increased food security, escaping the slums, becoming healthy or learning to live positively with HIV/AIDS, and doing as much peace building as is possible, especially with the coming election of 2012. While that may seem some distance away, the countries politicians, and increasingly the general populace is focused on this coming election.

During a time when giving in North America is decreased, then these challenges become magnified.

On the other hand there are many things that we look forward to in 2010, some of them we know about and others will be a surprise. We continue to seek to serve "in the name of Christ" (MCC slogan) serving ALL in need. May this season be for you a time of peace, as we remember the Prince of Peace.

Peace,

Ron & Martha Ratzlaff,

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