



BETHANY BUGLE



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MEN'S NIGHT—All Men Invited

February 4, 2014 at 7:30pm

Pizza & Wings provided. We will have a time of discerning where we are as men in our Faith Journey. We will watch a few video clips and discuss future Men's Ministry here at Bethany. Sign up by the Kiosk please.

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Volunteers needed:

Saturday February 8th—On Thursday hydro will be dropping the row of trees by the road. We will be cleaning them up this Saturday. If anyone can help out please contact Dan Scholman at 905-328-3247.

Saturday February 8th—Volunteers needed to paint the Fireside room and to organize 2 closets. Some heavy lifting involved. Please contact Lorraine Wierenga if you are able to help at 905-892-6961.



FAMILY DAY fundraiser hockey game / open skate

The ice has been rented in Wainfleet for February 17 (Family Day) from 2-4pm. We will again be having a Oldtimers vs Youngsters game again from 2-3ish with an open skate from 3-4pm. There will be Coffee, Hot Chocolate, & Juice Available for the afternoon as well as baked

goods.

There will be a sign up sheet beside the church mailboxes for the next few weeks. I would also like to encourage people to bring some baked goods, etc for everyone to enjoy that day. Last year was another good turnout. This year we would like to show our support for our youth by supporting Devon Van Hoffen and Elise Wierenga in their mission work in Africa and Honduras. This will be a great afternoon for the members of Bethany to get together outside of the church while supporting another good cause. If there's any questions talk to either Steven or Richard Van Lochem.



Honduras Mission Fundraising Banquet

When: Sat. Feb 22

Time: 7:00 pm

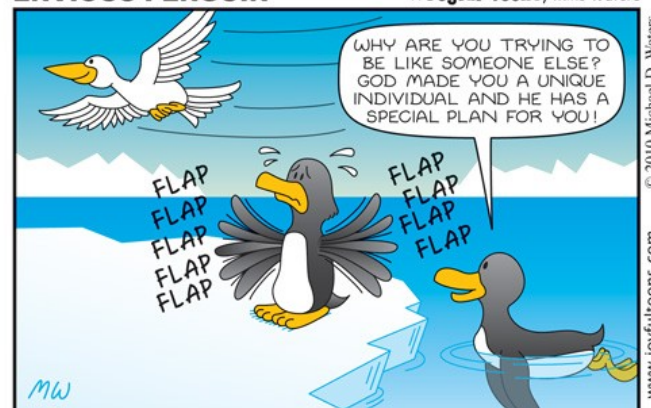
Where: Bethany Fellowship Hall

Tickets: \$30 pp (please purchase in advance)

The Honduras team will be putting on a Fundraising Banquet! The whole team will be involved in the preparing and serving. We would love to see your support. We will share with you what we will be doing on our trip as well as a few team members will share a testimony. We also have an amazing silent and dessert auction planned. The menu is awesome! We will be serving a fresh salad bar, roast beef, turkey, meatballs, medley, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls and dessert!! To reserve your seat please contact Chris or Katie Jorritsma. 905 246 8952 Limited seating. thanks

ENVOIOUS PENGUIN

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



A heart at peace gives life to the body,
but envy rots the bones.

— PROVERBS 14:30 NIV

School News

NACE

OPEN DOORS/INFORMATION EVENING AT NACE SCHOOLS

Imagine...a school where your children explore God's amazing world.

Imagine...a school where your children gain a top-notch education and find their place in God's world.

Imagine... a school that wants your children to be world-changers.

Imagine... a school that gives your children a solid foundation and the encouragement of a hope-filled approach to life.

Imagine... a school with dedicated, excellent teachers helping your children be all they can be.

Attend our "Open Doors" Information Evenings to see if our school is the right place for your child:

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Covenant Christian School, 6470 Regional Road 14, Smithville. Phone: 905-957-7796 or

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., John Knox Christian School, 795 Hwy #8, Stoney Creek. Phone: 905-643-2460

We also have an Open House every week starting in February. You may drop in - without an appointment,

on Terrific Tuesdays at Covenant Christian School (Smithville) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or on Marvellous Mondays at John Knox Christian School (Stoney Creek) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Volleyball Tournament - It is time once again for the NACE Volleyball Tournament. It will be on Saturday, February 15, 2014 in Smithville. Please email or call Debbie van Oord at debbievanoord@gmail.com or 905-932-3586 if you would like to put a team in. The cost is \$150 per team and there is a possibility of both a recreational and competitive division. Each team needs to have 2 females and 2 males, the remaining players are your choice.

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH

Calling all euchre players! Friday, February 7 at 7 p.m. you are invited to Smithville Christian High to a progressive euchre tournament. Cost is \$20/player and the proceeds go to the South Africa Mission Trip team. Please RSVP to Smithville Christian High: 905-957-3255, office@smithvillechristian.ca. See you there!

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Church in the Box is a monthly worship service dedicated to uniting Redeemer and the surrounding community through music, prayer, and drama. All are invited to join us in worship! The next service is on Sunday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in Redeemer's Auditorium.

Has anyone ever suggested you should write your story down? Pick up your pen and join a ten-week guided class called Writing Your Life Story at Redeemer. Thursday nights from 6:00 – 9:00 pm starting February 13. For details and to register go to www.Redeemer.ca/clear.

Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and Bethany Christian Reformed Church for packing shoeboxes with Operation Christmas Child last year. You were a big part of the 2263 shoeboxes collected in our community and the 664,066 shoeboxes collected in Canada!

Each shoebox gift from your church is incredibly special as it brings hope and the life-changing good news of the Gospel to a hurting child. Your gifts and others from Canada are reaching children in 16 countries including survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and Syrian children living in refugee camps in northern Iraq.

As these shoeboxes are distributed, they will open doors for local churches to invite recipient children to attend The Greatest Journey discipleship program. Since 2010, more than 665,000 children worldwide have made commitments to Jesus through The Greatest Journey! This is happening because of your prayers and your partnership.

Thank you again for all that you are doing with Operation Christmas Child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to keeping in touch and trust that Operation Christmas Child will continue to be a blessing to you and your church in 2014. Sincerely, Jeff Hopkins



Other News

Coffee Break: As we continue our Coffee Break Bible study in the new year we are encouraged by the numbers of our ladies who come out every week to gather together for singing, fellowship and Bible study. Our study of Hospitality is going very well and good discussion continue. We will be starting lesson #3 Please read Ruth 2; 4:13-22. What are the normal expectations of hospitality in your church? Join us as we study the story of Naomi and Ruth. Coffee and refreshments will be ready at 9:15. and we start promptly at 9:30. See you there. WHO will ring the bell? :)

Encouragement for Women: January 29 at 9:30 a.m. January can be a long dark month. Why not come out to Bethel CRC at

17 Robinson Road for a morning of encouragement as we hear Sara Pot's story of faith and hope as she shares life's journey with her husband and 4 children, two of whom face significant challenges.. For more info about Sara and her family, check out <http://thepotfamily.blogspot.ca/>. Loving childcare is available for your pre-schoolers. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available, and the building is accessible.

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Sat., Feb. 22 at John-Michael's Banquet Hall, Hwy. 58, Thorold. Reception 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Michael Coren, "A Journalist for Life." Tickets: \$45, Students \$25, call Nancy 905-563-7096 or RTL office 905-684-7505. www.ChooseLife.ca

Bereavement Support Groups:

Have you or has someone you know, lost a loved one and are in need of support and encouragement in the grief journey. The Niagara Coping Centre in Jordan Station will be starting its next support sessions beginning in early March. We offer groups based on need, for people who have lost their spouse, parents who have lost a child, children who have lost a loved one and anyone else who may be grieving the death of someone close. Group run for 8 – 9 weeks and deal with multiple aspects of the grief journey. Please feel free to call Liz VanStaalduinen at 905-562-3503 for more information.



People Who Breathe Grace

Peacemakers are people who breathe grace. They draw continually on the goodness and power of Jesus Christ, and then they bring his love, mercy, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom to the conflicts of daily life. God delights to breathe his grace through peacemakers and use them to dissipate anger, improve understanding, promote justice, and encourage repentance and reconciliation.

Taken from [The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict](#) by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) p. 11

Food for Thought

Have you ever been around a person who was *truly* filled with the peace of God? Were you drawn to her serenity—regardless of her circumstance? (For didn't you see Christ's peace in her *the most* when her trials were at *their worst*?) Did his confidence in God's goodness strengthen you when you faced times of trial and doubt? (Because you knew that his faith in God was not a shallow faith—but one born of great suffering and painful perseverance through the storms of life?)

When you think about that peaceful, grace-filled person, what were her relationships like? Did she leave a legacy of hurting, offended, discouraged people in her wake? Was he known as a man who "always had the right answer" and frequently spoke words of condemnation? Probably not. People who are filled with God's peace also tend to be at peace with others. Why?

"Peacemakers are people who breathe grace," Ken reminds us. The peace of God transcends all understanding and it fills their hearts like fountains bubbling over with mercy, kindness, genuine care, and abiding love. They are so filled with God's grace that they splash it onto everyone around them. They could no more stop breathing grace than a person could stop breathing air—because grace is the air that they breathe. Their prayers sound something like this:

- *Breathing grace in:* The one true holy God sent his Son to die for me? I am saved from hell, from my sin; justified before this holy God; forgiven and adopted? What wondrous love is this! Thank you, God. Thank you for forgiving me all my sins and making the way for me to be at peace with you. I worship You!
- *Breathing grace out:* And now, dear Lord, as I head into my day—let the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ be the heartbeat of my life. Please, God, let every word I say, every action I take, the attitude of my heart, my desires and inclinations—let my life be used by You, for Your glory and the furtherance of Your Kingdom. Please help me to treat others not as they deserve—but as You treat me. May I be your image-bearer, your representative, your ambassador. Thank You, Lord.

Dear friends, let every breath we take and every word we speak today be filled with grace!



CRC Denomination

GROUNDWORK - Love the World, Hate the World: What do we do with Scripture verses that seem to contradict each other? For example, John 3:16 expresses God's love for the world, but 1 John 2:15 states that if we love the world we do not have God in us. How is it possible to live our faith in the light of both verses? Join the Groundwork conversation to find out—find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - No Star Baseball: It's gone! Liz has lost Grandpa's prized baseball! Help him figure out what to do on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

SPECIAL NEEDS SERVE - July 5-10, 2014 – Ottawa, Ont.: A five day life-changing spiritual journey for youth between the ages 14-26. This project is especially for young people with special needs who cannot be accommodated on a traditional SERVE program. Participants will spend time serving God through work projects, worship, and prayer. The events are tailored to the ability of the individual so that each person can experience the joy that comes from serv-

ing God. Please contact Joanna Janssen at jo_janssen_8@hotmail.com or Pastor Ron Hosmar at youthpastor@calvincrc.ca or 613-225-2889 Ext. #3 more information.

MENTORS NEEDED - Special Needs SERVE July 4-10, 2014, Ottawa, Ont. — Mentors Needed: We are seeking youth and young adults, who would like to walk alongside a participant who has a special need. Your help is needed to encourage the participants in all areas of their journey. We look forward to some great work sites, worship, and sight seeing! Please contact Ron Hosmar at youthpastor@calvincrc.ca or 613-225-2889 ext. 3 for more information.

WORLD RENEW FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANT - Are you someone who has learned about international development from your academic studies and looking for experience in preparation for a career in community development and justice work in the Global South? In their efforts to provide access to adequate amounts of nutritious, safe, and culturally appropriate foods, World Renew is seeking a volunteer to assist them in their food security programs in Niger. You will get hands-on experience working alongside an experienced Program Consultant and will learn practical skills in program monitoring and evaluation. Additional details can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volun-

teer@crcna.org.

ROMANIAN ADVENTURE CAMP - A summer camp on Straja mountain is motivated by the moral and social decay left by 50 years of a very oppressive Communist regime. If you love working with youth, enjoy outdoor activities and have a sense of adventure, then your contribution to this unique camp program that teaches Romanian youth how to have compassion, creative problem solving, facing and conquering fears, and learning to work together etc. may be something just for you! Additional details can be found at www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

ALL ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION - Registration is OPEN! Join nearly one thousand youth and leaders from across the province on May 16-19, 2014! The early registration price ends March 1st, so visit allontario.com to register yourself or your teen. Come for fun, come for fellowship, and most of all, come to EXPERIENCE God - Matthew 7:7.

GEMS - Get Connected (GEMS) Camp is looking for young women (college-age) to serve as counsellors for one incredible week (Aug 2-8, 2014). Do you know someone who is done high school, loves Jesus, and would be a great leader for a group of middle school girls? Get her to apply at gemsgc.org under the "Events" tab. An honorarium will be given upon completion.

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