



BETHANY BUGLE



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Council Bugle Report

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

Meeting: Wednesday, 15 November 2014

Attendees:

Elders: Kevin DeBoer, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Tim VanHoffen, Ray VanHuizen, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Nate Anjema, , Rob Bouwers, Peter Bulk

Staff Liaison: Ed Roorda

Absent with Notice: Rudy Boverhof, Louis Dam, George Gritter, Ken Langendoen

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from 2 Corinthians 13: 4-9. A discussion and devotional time relating to self examination and how God sees us in light of our sin. An all-knowing God sees what we cannot or will not admit to. We should be aware of sin in our lives and not become complacent or content with sin rather we need a determined desire to walk in obedience. Scripture points to sin but also to the righteousness that we have in Christ through grace. This self examination needs to be a prelude to mutual censure (accountable to each other) that we are tasked with. Time spent in prayers of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.

- Minutes from Council meeting held 18 November 2013 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

- Matters arising from the minutes. Improvements and upgrading of the hearing aid system is in the works. Motion: "To re-establish the Outreach Leadership Team" 2nd. Discussion. This team will be responsible for leading, initiating, and equipping members of Bethany to seize discipleship and outreach opportunities within our community and beyond. Motion called. Carried. Elder Kevin Twomey will be the council liaison as this team fleshes out their mandate and responsibilities. Council invites members who may be interested in serving on this team to contact the clerk (clerk@bethanyrc.ca).

- Minutes from Congregational Meeting held 26 November 2013 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

- Matters arising from the minutes. A team has been established to determine details and expectations of the new Youth Co-Ordinator staff position as well as a detailed job description for posting at a later date. The team was charged to work diligently, with all available resources, in order that many of the unique aspects of this position are addressed adequately. Council will determine next steps as we go forward in this area with a recognition that this will be somewhat of a fluid process as we adapt to ever changing dynamics.

- Council Executive Report - no report.

- Deacons Report - received for information. A discussion on Faith Giving awareness, follow-up and the responsibility we all share in the area of ministry finances. We are taught in scripture that we are stewards of all that God has entrusted to us and that giving is a matter of the heart. Our first fruit tithing and thank offerings in many ways demonstrate where our hearts are at. Teen Challenge support exceeded expectations and we praise God for blessing this ministry.

- Finance Team Report - received for information. Preliminary year end results were reviewed with encouraging results. We thank God for his providential care and for needs being met.

- Fellowship Team Report - no report. A planned welcome celebration for Pastor Colin and his family to co-incide with his installation.

- Buildings and Grounds Team Report - received for information.

- Library Ministry Team Report - received for information. Elder Tim VanHoffen to be part of this team as a council liaison.

- Safe Church Team Report - received for information.

- Bethany Summer Day Camp Report - received for information. Government forms and applications have been submitted. Other details are in the works.

- Correspondence Report - received for information with appropriate action with incoming and outgoing correspondence.

- Membership. Braun, Kristina and Daniel assigned to District #1. Robson, Michael David assigned to District #10.

- Transition Process Follow-up. #4 Membership Involvement - Council studied and discussed this portion of the final report with relating steps of action.

- Miscellaneous.

1. Mutual Censure (mutual accountability) was shared among all present council members. Many blessings and thanksgiving are marking the current health of the leadership and membership at Bethany.
2. Update was received from the Honduras Mission Team. A time of commissioning this team and send off with a blessing will be part of an upcoming service.

- Adjournment 10:45
- Closing prayer: Deacon Rob Bouwers

Honduras Mission Team

On March 7-17 Bethany CRC will be sending out a team of 17 to serve on the island of Utila, Honduras. This team has been busy preparing over the last few months. While in Honduras we will be assisting Elise Wierenga in the school (teaching and small construction projects) as well as putting on kids and youth programs.

We ask our church community to please keep all 17 of us in your daily prayers while we prepare and while we are away. It is our prayer that healthy relationships are made with ministry partners in Honduras and that our teams lives will be changed forever.

We have a goal to reach of \$25,500—with some financial donations and almost 1000 apple crumble pies made (almost all sold) a few small bake sales and a bottle drive—we are getting closer. We have two more fundraising events. On Feb 14 we will be selling fresh flower bouquets and on Feb 22 we will be hosting a fundraising dinner here in our church. More details on both events will be in your mailslots next week. Thanks for the support so far! We truly appreciate it. (John & Sonya Wierenga, Chris & Katie Jorritsma, Andrea DeVries, Brittney & Arnell Dykstra, Jamie, Jordan & Mackenzie Tsnaoff St Louis Ryan, Audrey Dam, Katie & Holly Czychun, Victoria Bedesky, Hope Lamour, Rob Hoiting and Lori Wenzlaff)

Missing: Black Leather Jacket

Peter Damm is asking if you would please look in your closets at home and see if you took the wrong coat home from church. He is missing a black leather jacket with cuffs that has lined gloves in the pockets of it. If you discover that you have taken this coat home by mistake, please contact him to get it returned at 905-892-2584.



Thanks to Vermeer's for donating the Christmas tree that was at the front of our sanctuary this past Christmas season! We greatly appreciate it.



It's going to be cold outside this week—the perfect weather for some nice hot soup!

Please come out and join us at our

SOUP 'N' BUN DINNER

Hosted by **MERGE**

enjoy a wide variety of soups including the favourites—Potato Chowder and pea soup— all in support of our youth. Dessert and refreshments will be provided.



Where: Bethany's Fellowship Hall
When: Friday, January
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Free-will offerings will be accepted at the door.

Rose City Kids Partners with Promise Keepers (The Fatherless Project) Jan 29,2014

One of the greatest social needs in Canada is fatherlessness. Statistics will over and over again show the physical, emotional, and spiritual benefits when a father is actively involved in the life of his child. In 2004, Canada had over 1.3 million single parent families – 81% of these families were led by women (source: www.imfcanada.org / Statistics Canada).

Broader North American statistics indicate the impact that occurs in a fatherless child:

63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes

(U.S. Dept of Health/Census) – 5 times the average

70% of youths in state operated institutions come from fatherless homes

(U.S. Dept of Justice)

71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes

(National Principals Association Report)

85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes

(Center for Disease Control)

90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes

(“The Fatherless Generation”)

The Fatherless Project

The goal of The Fatherless Project is to challenge and equip men to be part of the solution to the problem of fatherlessness by mentoring a boy in need.

This begins with Fatherless Project Training Events. There is a 2.5 hour workshop designed to provide information for potential mentors and begin the training. Men that are interested in volunteering then continue the process with local churches and agencies such as Rose city Kids that will screen and train you further before connecting you with a boy to be mentored.

We will be holding a training session on January 29,2014 from 7:00 pm-9:30 pm @ the Rose City Kids Theatre (99 East Main St. Welland)

Working together to become a mentor to a Fatherless boy Cost early birds \$15 walk ups \$20

If you would like further information about the Rose City Kids training event please contact Sonya Wierenga @

sonya@rosecitykids.com or 905 892 6978 Thank you!!

Other News

Coffee Break: It was great to see all of the ladies back this week for our Coffee Break. Everyone was excited to get back to our bible study and our singing and sharing time. We will continue with our study of Hospitality this coming Tuesday Some of us will continue with lesson one and others will be starting lesson two. Lesson 2 is based on the book of Deuteronomy chapter 10:12-22, 24:10-22. Join us Tuesday morning, Coffee and tea will be ready by 9:15 and we start promptly at well by now you should should when the bell rings. :) See here at Grace CRC.

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 preschoolers. Coffee,

tea and hot chocolate are available, and the building is accessible.

CAMP SHALOM SUMMER STAFF: If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then apply to be a missionary at Camp Shalom this summer. Located just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults with special needs. We are now accepting applications for our summer staff positions. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2014 to apply. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply and for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 15th. Contact Adrian at adriancountryside@gmail.com if you have any questions.

5th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – April 12, 2014, DV

Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined Hosanna Choir & Mattani-

ah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, April 12 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of John Vanderlaan (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Joyce Postmus (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Corey Gemmell (Violin), and Marco Hoorn (Baritone from Urk, the Netherlands). Tickets are available at \$15 & \$25. To obtain your tickets, contact a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at hdenhollander@yahoo.com. <http://www.hosanna-choir.org/>

On Sunday February 9th, the Niagara Community Male Chorus will be performing at Vineland United Mennonite Church in support of Open Arms Mission in Welland.



CRC Denomination

SEARCH PROCESS FOR A CANADIAN MINISTRIES DIRECTOR - The search process for a new Canadian Ministries Director has begun. A Search Committee has been appointed and it hopes to identify a candidate for appointment by the Board of Trustees in May of 2014, for ratification by synod in June of 2014. Please pray for this process and nominate a potential applicant. For more information on the position profile, timeline and the search process go to the website www.crcna.org/CMDsearch. You can send your nomination to the search committee chairperson, Yvonne Schenk, at cmdsearch@crcna.org.

GROUNDWORK - All You Gotta do is Call: Maybe: Is everyone who calls on God saved? How can I be sure of my salvation? On this week's program we discuss Romans 10:13 and Matthew 7:21, two texts in which Jesus seems to say different things about salvation and how it relates to calling on the name of the Lord. Join the Groundwork conversation – find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Morrie the Samaritan: Liz is mean to Morrie. But when Liz really needs help, how does Morrie respond? Listen on this week's Kids Corner, based on the story of the Good Samaritan. Then check out www.kidscorner.net for devo-

tions, puzzles and more.

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JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW! - We may sing this song and know what it means, but not every child in this world does. You can help change that! This coming summer Christian Reformed World Missions is providing a 3 week VBS type program in Asia and hoping those with a heart for children and sharing the gospel will join them in that mission. What are YOU doing next summer? For further information please contact volunteer@crcna.org.

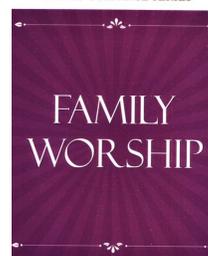
PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS - et faites-vous travail de traduction? If so, then World Renew staff in Mali have an opportunity for a volunteer who has some international development background and who would love to learn and experience first

hand community development and justice work in the Global South. Main areas of focus would be assisting with the abuse prevention and trauma healing programs and the food security program. Some specific activities would include site visits, interviewing participants, writing stories and reports etc. Details can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.bethanycrc.ca

FAMILY GUIDANCE SERIES



Joel R. Beeke

Here is a wonderful encouragement for parents to read and to inspire you to deepen the time of devotions that happens within a home. Maybe there just never seems to be enough time in the busy schedule of family life. In his book, "Family Worship, Joel Beeke presents a heartfelt plea for the renewal of family worship in Christian homes. "Every church desires growth. Surprisingly few churches seek to promote internal church growth by stressing the need to raise children in covenantal truth. Few seriously grapple with why many adolescents become nominal members with mere notional faith... I believe one major reason for this failure is the lack of stress upon family worship... family worship is an optional thing or at most a superficial exercise such as a brief table grace before meals." Become intentional is spending time as a family in worship, use some of the ideas of this book and above all, trust that the Lord uses our very family relationships to spread the gospel. This book is available to borrow or purchase (\$10), you can find this book on the book shelf in the council room.

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