



# 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.

1 Corinthians 16:13

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."

## **Harvest Kitchen**

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, we served approx. 45 people at the Hope Center! Ann and Alfred Kiers, Hans Dam, Mark Vahrmeyer, Anita and Jennifer Wierenga and Josh Oussoren did a wonderful job preparing and serving a delicious Chili Meal!! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication J I'd also like to thank the Sunday night Bible study crew (you know who you are..lol) for making the Chili and most of the desserts and sending them along. Thank you to Leah Vahrmeyer and Eddy Pulice as well for contributing food for the meal! I would like to add that one of our guests partook in saying Grace before dinner. So AMEN to that J All in all, it's been so good and God has been such a blessing to so many! Things are moving along very nicely with the Harvest Kitchen Mission! Next dinner is set for February 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and God Bless..... Angela Oussoren



## **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.

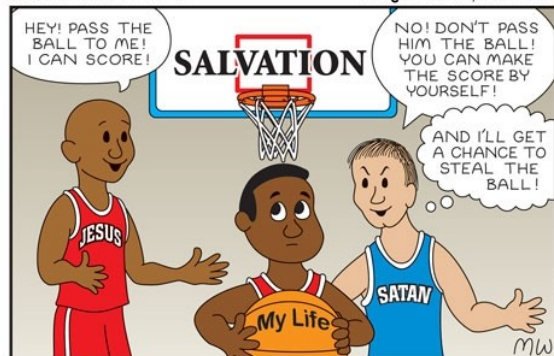


## **Missing: Black Leather Jacket**

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.

## **PASS THE BALL**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. - MATTHEW 16:25 NV

## *School News* **NACE**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@smithvillechristian.ca). See you there!



### Beacon Christian School Open House!

We invite all interested parents and students to attend Beacon Christian School's Open House on Monday, January 27th from 4-7pm. The Open House will include an overview of the programming at Beacon Christian School, and, more specifically, an opportunity to learn more about our half-day and full-day kindergarten options. Personal tours of our facility will also be offered, as well as a chance to meet some of our teachers. And you'll receive a free gift just for coming! If you're already a Beacon family, feel free to invite friends or family members who may be interested in coming. For more information regarding the Open House and/or Beacon Christian School, feel free to call the School Office at 905-937-7411 or email [office@beaconchristian.org](mailto:office@beaconchristian.org). We hope to see you on the 27th!

## **REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Interested in what to do about keeping youth in the church? Join us at Redeemer for a seminar led by Pastor Dave Overholt, who commissioned and co-wrote last year's Hemorrhaging Faith Study. Transfusing Life is a follow up to that report and will feature discussion and practical responses. Tuesday, January 28, from 7:00-9:00 pm. For details and to register visit [www.Redeemer.ca/clear](http://www.Redeemer.ca/clear).

## **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 )**

## **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](http://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](mailto:sonya@rosecitykids.com) or 905 892 6978 Thank you!!

## *Other News*

**Coffee Break:** We have a wonderful group of ladies that meet here at Grace every week. Ladies you are welcome to join us. Right now we are studying "Hospitality"., Delving into the Old Testament we see how Abraham, Sarah showed hospitality to the Lord and his angels. We also saw how Jethro showed hospitality to Moses when he was fleeing Egypt. Join us on Tuesday morning as we continue our study. Refreshments will be served. We start promptly at 9:30. Snacks: Ginnette

**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](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply and for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 15th. Contact Adrian at [adriancountryside@gmail.com](mailto: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 & Mattaniah 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](mailto: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

GROUNDWORK - Jewish Sheep or Other Sheep? So who did Jesus come to save? In Matthew 15:24 he seems to suggest he came only for the Jews, but in John 10:16 he talks about having sheep not of this fold. On this week's Groundwork program we discuss these seemingly contradictory texts and how we understand them in the greater context of scripture. Join the conversation – find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

KIDS CORNER - Lonesome Chuckwalla: Scooter's hero is airplane ace Lonesome Chuckwalla. But what happens when his hero crash lands into Grandpa Anole's barn? Find out at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email [kids@kidscorner.net](mailto:kids@kidscorner.net) for great resources for kids and parents.

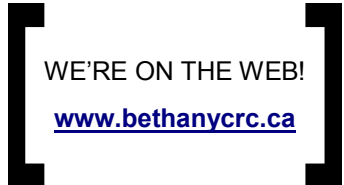
IMPACT YOUNG LIVES THIS SUMMER! - In partnership with local churches and organizations, World Missions is working to develop healthy churches in Eastern Europe that will help transform the lives of

families and society. In their efforts to do so, opportunities to lead youth camps are available this summer in Ukraine, Hungary and Romania. If you have a heart for children and would love to impact their lives through evangelistic English camps, then we would love to hear from you! Contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

WORLD RENEW in SENEGAL - works in partnership with communities in bringing innovative solutions through curriculum renewal. If you have a basic knowledge of French as well as curriculum development and/or health programming, then the team in Senegal would be interested in your participation. As a volunteer you would work with program teams to investigate needs for renewal of curriculum and didactic materials as well as investigate available material for curriculum renewal plus various other tasks. This is an 18 month placement. For further information check out [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

POSITION OPENING - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA),

has a temporary opening, with a possibility of extension, for an Administrative Assistant in our Burlington, Ont. office. The position will provide administrative assistance to the Human Resources team, and assist the Canadian Director and other teams **a s n e e d e d**. Visit [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers) for more information; to apply send your current resume, a cover letter indicating how your skills and experience mesh with the position requirements to [Ichiarot@worldrenew.net](mailto:Ichiarot@worldrenew.net). Deadline is Jan. 31.



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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