

June 28, 2015

Bethany Christian Reformed Church
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Bethany Bugle

Council Bugle Report

Meeting: Wednesday 17 June 2015

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Attendees:

Elders: Zach Beldman, Rudy Boverhof, Hans Dam, George DeRoo, Peter Glasbergen, Albert Janssen, Jerry Kiers, Ed Slappendel, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Tim VanHoffen, Ray VanHuizen, Richard VanLochem, Peter Veldhuizen, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Peter Bulk, Louis Dam, Leo Devries, John Enzlin, George Gritter, Don Terpstra, Frank Vraets

Absent with Notice: Nate Anjema,

Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened and welcome with greetings. Scripture reading 1 Thessalonians 5:6 - How do we work to encourage each other? Prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

Minutes from council meeting held 20 May 2015 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

Council is continuing discussions on content for planned letter of communication to the congregation regarding next steps to Children at Communion.

Council is continuing discussions on Team Mandates as this is work in progress.

The Executive Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2015 was reviewed for information.

Results of Election for new Executive Team:

Chairperson -George DeRoo Clerk-Peter Veldhuizen

Vice Chairperson-Hans Dam Vice All- Jerry Kiers

Council Meetings will be held on Monday evenings moving forward.

Retired Officers Bearers were thanked for their contributions over the past three years. Attributes of each person as seen by various Council members were shared with Council.

Results of Council Liaison for various Ministry Teams:

Youth Elder—Ray VanHuizen Library—George Deroo

Discipleship Team—Ray VanHuizen Finance—George Gritter

Fellowship—Richard VanLochem Safe Church—Don Terpstra

Building & Grounds *(to be announced after next Deacons meeting)*

Deacons Report - received for information. The Deacons will announce the CAP (Congregational Assistance Plan) program from Shalem Christian Counseling on June 28, 2015. The Deacons will cover the associated cost for the balance of this year and are recommending that the cost for the following years be added to the budget.

Caregiver Team – No report

Finance Team – Report reviewed for information

Fellowship Team – No report

Buildings and Grounds – Report reviewed for information

Safe Church Team – No report

Discipleship Team – Report reviewed and Ray VanHuizen will be Liaison

Library – No report

An orientation session for all Elders and Deacons is slated for July 6, 2015 at 7:30PM.

Next Elders meeting is slated for June 29, 2015

Next Council meeting is slated for July 20, 2015 and will split to separate Elder and Deacons' Meeting.

Request to lapse membership: Zwier Meagan. Council wishes Meagan God's richest blessing in her new church home.

Adjournment 10:00 pm

Closing prayer Deacon George Gritter.



Bethany Christian Reformed Church is a CAP church

Shalem provides anonymous professional counselling to congregants at no charge, available through the Congregational Assistance Plan.

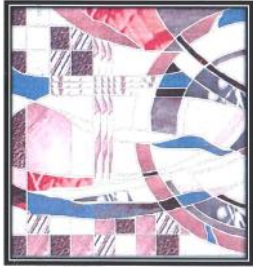
Call Shalem directly at 905-528-0353 or Toll-free 1-866-347-0041

Other

OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Riverside Christian Reformed Church of Wellandport is hosting an Open House to thank the Lord for our newly renovated church facilities. There will be a short Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10:00 AM after which everyone may tour our new facilities. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. The Cadet Corp will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs etc. between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, as a fundraiser for their group. Please join us in our celebration!

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!" Psalm 100:4



Struggles of faith (written by a Bethany member)

Do you question who is God? Why do I need Him? Why should I go to church? How do I know if I am saved, going to heaven? Am I good enough? No one notices me. Why can't I be more like her/him? They can pray so beautifully, speak such wise, knowledgeable words that people listen. Their life is so together; they're such a good Christian family and my family is such a mess. God, why do they have it so easy and I just keep struggling to keep it together? Why am I not content, always unhappy, wanting more, pushing to look better, achieve more, look good. Who am I? Why am I here on earth? What is my purpose, God?

Am I a mistake of creation?

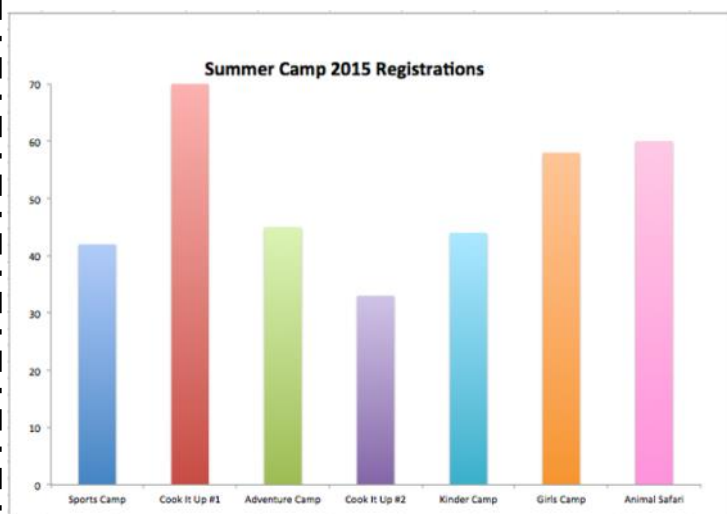
GOD WHERE ARE YOU?

The constant questions, doubts, fears, disappointments, hurts, failures, frustration with our life, living up to a standard set by others. God is aware of it all, everything, even the stuff we try to hide from everyone else around us...God knows. He is right there in it all. Psalm 139: 3-4, "...you discern my going out and lying down... before a word is on my tongue you know it COMPLETELY."

God knows us completely. It's in our doubts, questions, hurts, failures, disappoints ... God meets us there. It's in these places of struggle that faith can grow. Psalm 139:23 "search me, O God, you know my heart, test me, know my anxious thoughts... (verse 10) there your hand will GUIDE me, your right hand will HOLD me fast."

It's in your struggles of faith, that faith most often grows.

If you are in need of support or want to talk to someone, contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Caregiver Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.



Our camps are still filling up! If you or anyone you know who may be interested in our summer day camp program, be sure to sign up soon as the few remaining spots won't last long! We continue to encourage everyone to talk to use about Volunteering for a day or a few here at camp! It is such a blessing to interact and get to know such amazing kids, and we would love to share that experience with you! If you are interested either talk to Kathy VanHoffen, or Lauren Dam, or just sign your name at the back by our bulletin board and we will get in contact with you to see when works best!

Thanks again for all your prayers and support so far!

We look forward to the weeks ahead!

CRC Announcements

THE VALUE OF GODLINESS: - Think about what you find valuable in your life. Then join us as we study 1Timothy 4 to find out why Paul says: "Well that's good...but godliness is better." Subscribe for free weekly email notifications at ListenToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

CHAMY & THE PROFESSOR: - Chamy is very excited to go to science camp, especially when she is chosen to work with Dr. Fitzsimmons. But disaster threatens when her friends visit and Spike interferes with the professor's research. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Be sure to download this special song, "Leap of Faith," at kidscorner.net/offer.

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families,

and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

THE DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - is an opportunity for inspiration each year! Follow us on Facebook at "Ancaster Day of Encouragement" to learn about the theme and keynote speaker, the workshop topics and leaders, and the sponsors of this great event planned for Saturday, October 17, 2015.

TEACH ENGLISH IN KYRGYZSTAN - Model a Christ-like life to young students coming from nominal Muslim backgrounds as you teach English and lead various school projects and extra-curricular activities in this south Asian country. Details for this partially funded volunteer position which begins in August 2015 can be found at www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

LOVE WEB DESIGN? - Create and implement a website for WR's Haiti partner PWOFOOD and train staff on keeping the material current. This rewarding volunteer

opportunity to use your website design and CMS skills includes working from home and a short trip to Haiti. More information available at worldrenew.net/gvp or volunteer@crcna.org.

Prayer Safari February 2016 - In Swahili, the word safari means journey. Join a team of North Americans passionate about prayer as they journey hand-in-hand with a team from Kenya to pray for church leaders, teachers and students in Christian schools, public officials, and many more. The next Prayer Safari will take place February 4-15. Visit crwm.org/safari if you are interested.

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