



BETHANY BUGLE



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Introduction to Pastor Vander Ploeg

- Pastor Colin is currently the senior pastor at Living Hope CRC in Abbotsford, BC. He has been serving there for the past 10 years.
- Colin is married to Anita and they have 3 boys all of whom are done high school.
- Colin and Anita are very familiar with our area. Colin grew up in Woodstock and Anita grew up in Dunnville and attended Smithville Christian High School.
- While Colin is the senior pastor at Living Hope CRC, they also have a youth pastor and visiting pastor. If he were to come to Bethany, his responsibilities will change but he is open and willing to take them on. Working with other pastors, Colin is a team player and is very familiar with working and delegating tasks to others
 - Pastor Colin emphasized to the search committee the importance of properly equipping parents to teach the youth. He believes that strong relationships within the home and authentic faith from parents play a large role in kid's lives. Actions speak louder than words.
 - Colin's joy in ministry is to preach but also to see lives change for Christ and witnessing true heart change
 - Colin's vision in ministry is to "equip people for their own ministry presence and work in the difference contexts of their lives...ministry work in any part should be seeking and pointing to the way the Lord desires us to live and love"
 - Generally Pastor Colin is an expository preacher, which means he likes to preach on a specific passage or text and uses examples to help explain the meaning of the text. Colin also may do topical preaching on occasion, which means he preaches on a specific theme or topic and then finds scripture to support or discuss the topics from a Biblical perspective
 - Pastor Colin's challenge in ministry is he struggles to remember people's names. This is something that is really important in ministry, as people tend to expect pastors to remember who you are. Colin recognizes the importance of names and that this is one of his shortcomings which he continuously tries to improve on
 - Pastor Colin talks about the change in generations and the effect it has on our CRC denomination. He feels people are beginning to ask more questions and we need to address them and work through these in a positive way and drive us back to scripture
 - Pastor Colin and his wife have found value in Freedom Sessions for the church. This is a biblical model of a 12-step program that provides the tools to work through brokenness in a healing ministry. Freedom Sessions has had an impact on Colin as well as others in his life and believes that a church could benefit from this program

- Pastor Colin has been told by other pastors and previous congregations that he has the gift of a calm presence and abilities in encouraging reconciliation which he feels will benefit us here at Bethany

Pastor Vander Ploeg is a very sincere, down to earth individual with a love for the Lord and His ministry. He is very easy to talk to, has a good sense of humour, and a humble attitude. As a committee we feel he has a heart for the people he shepherds and acute and patient awareness of the sanctification in his own life with has made him able to recognize that in others. Pastor Colin will be coming to visit our congregation on November 17th and we would encourage all of you to come and get to know a little bit more about him!

Pastor Vander Ploeg and his wife, Anita, will be coming to Bethany on November 16 and 17. We will be having a get together on Saturday afternoon to get to know them better. Pastor Vander Ploeg will also lead us in our worship service on Sunday. We encourage you to keep these dates open and make plans to attend. There will be more specific information to follow on the time and format of our Saturday afternoon gathering. The search committee and council ask you to continue to hold this process up in prayer and look forward in eager anticipation for this weekend to be a time to welcome Pastor Colin and Anita and seek God's leading for them and for Bethany.

Other News



Coffee Break: Hi ladies, are you ready for another week of Coffee Break? Jean and Gail's group will be studying Lesson 16, "Submitting to Authority". Read Romans 13. Jane's group will be studying Lesson 15. Please join us Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. Coffee and snacks will be ready. Snacks: Jean. For those that are interested in joining us for some Zumba exercise please be sure to bring water along.

The Ambassadors Christian Mail Chorus (since 1969) under the director of Harold de Haan and accompanist Laura Pin will be hosting the much travelled and popular "Hi-Five" woodwind quintet from the Netherlands

with a series of concerts around the Hamilton/Niagara area in November 2013. The concert tour will be a "Special Friends Tour"; celebrating the friendship of "Hi-Five" and their hosts and remembering the special connection of thankfulness the people of Holland have with Canada since 1945. Freewill offering will be accepted. Concerts will take in Burford-Nov.8: Drayton—Nov.15; Hamilton—Nov.10; Woodstock—Nov. 9; and Grimsby—Nov.16. For further details and places to go to: website www.ambassadorschristianmailchorus.ca

Main St., E. Grimsby will be holding their annual fall sale for the benefit of Shalom Manor. We will have baked goods, knitted items including dressed dolls, greeting cards, arts and crafts, coffee shop and books and puzzles. There will be something for everyone. Please come out and socialize with friends and family on our premises. The seniors at Evergreen have been holding these sales for a number of years and it is with great anticipation that we welcome our many younger friends and families who are so willing to show their appreciation for our efforts. We hope to see you on the 16th of November.

Evergreen Terrace: Fall Sale for Shalom Manor—On November 16, 2013, from 8:00AM to noon the Residents of Evergreen Terrace at 275



COFFEE CANS NEEDED

Our Cadets are looking for a quantity of empty 930g metal coffee cans for a craft project.

If you can help please place them in the box by the mail slots.

Thanks



Niagara Church Directory for 2014

Please take the time over the next 2 Sundays to look over your information for the Niagara Church Directory for 2014. I strongly encourage anyone who does not have an email address listed to please add that to your information.

This is a great way to keep everyone informed on many things that are happening.

"Be strong and courageous" Joshua 1:9

November 15th & 16th at Church on the Queensway, Toronto

"There's a place in every man's heart that longs to be courageous, to be bold and gutsy and etch a masculine mark of bravery on the human landscape. In our hearts, we know that a part of the core of true manhood is courage." Dennis Rainey

Life gets busy; new responsibilities, work, family, bills- the everyday stuff can feel like a treadmill. Storms come. We emerge; sometimes better and sometimes broken. Where is the strength we need for the everyday and the storms?

Our strength is not in ourselves. Our strength is in Jesus. He longs to walk with us, bless us, use us to impact those we love, and make us stronger. He is our strength. Learn what it means to live in Christ's strength. Join men from across Canada for Stronger - PK Canada's National Men's Conferences. Be the hero God calls you to be. Be Stronger. Speakers include: Bill Farrel (author), Pete Wilson (pastor), Mark Buchanan (Pastor, Author), Ken Bevel (Actor from movie Courageous), along with Worship Leader, Andrew Thompson. For anyone who would like to attend for the first time, Ed Roorda has 2 free tickets. If interested, please contact him.

School News

NACE Bazaar News

CROQUETTES!! BOERENKOOL!! GABAKJES AND COFFEE!!

Do I have your attention? Come share a great meal with great company while doing your Christmas shopping and grocery shopping. After a day of great fellowship, come enjoy the Auction where you'll find that treasure you've been looking for. Children's Entertainment, Auction, Lunch and Dinner, ALL in one place! All on the same day!!

It's the NACE BAZAAR!! J Come on out NOVEMBER 9 to John Knox Christian School in Stoney Creek!

9:00-1:00 Rooms are open (bake, book, produce, toy, games)

11:30-1:30 Lunch

5:00- 6:30 Supper

7:00-10:00 Auction

We need your help to make this day a successful one.

- * Auction Items
- * Silent Auction Items
- * Bake Goods
- * Your time to Volunteer

Please keep your bazaar committee in your prayers as we work hard to make this Bazaar a great success!

If you have any questions or would like to call us with your many donation items please email us at elaine@vanhoorns.ca or Call Elaine Van Hoorn 905-562-8299

CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP—BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, NACE is again providing the popular Christmas Urn Workshop (\$50 for one, with the option of making a second one for \$40.00) for all your Christmas decorating needs!! Led by Danielle Vandenburg and Jen Feddema Gerrys. So bring a friend, call a neighbour and make it a fun night out!! All proceeds go to NACE!! We had so much positive feedback from last year, we brought it back again!!!

The Workshops will take place at Covenant Christian School on Friday evening, November 29 at 7:30pm. If you are interested in taking part in this awesome event; sign up by calling Wendy at 905-957-7796 or email her at ccs@nace.ca. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the bazaar, but don't delay!! Space is limited!! SEE YOU THERE!!

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL

Attention all Grade 8 Students: Find out if a Christian high school education is right for you. You are invited to Smithville Christian High School's Grade 8 Day, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch and refreshments provided. All are welcome and there is no obligation. Feel free to invite your neighbour or bring a friend. For more information or to register call 905.957.3255 or email of-

Niagara Hands Team Fundraiser

Join us for an evening of fun as we raise funds to help another nation develop schools allowing their children an opportunity to have a Christ centered education. We will be creating a Christmas porch pot to adorn the front entrance of your home while helping a good cause! Karin Vermeer will be teaching us with simple step by step instructions to create a beautiful urn insert using fresh holiday greens, branches, cones, and ribbon. Thursday, Nov 28 @ 7 pm at the Fenwick firehall. \$65.00 per person Refreshments will be served. Book now; this class will fill up quickly! All proceeds to the Niagara HANDS Team mission trip to Nicaragua planned for Jan 2015. Please call Eve Roorda at 905-701-2043 to register.

From the Custodians

Clarence & Tracy VanSoelen are away until November 1st. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Bill & Tina Vahrmeyer 905-892-6296

Dear Congregation,

Thank-you for supporting this year's Summer Day Camp program.

All of your donations of prayers, finances, food and time have not gone unnoticed. Through your support, this program was able to reach 206 children. We were able to share the Gospel message and build relationships with both the kids and their parents. Many seeds were planted and we continue to pray that each of these kids would come to know Christ as their Savior.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

The Summer Camp Team: Lindsay, Kathy, Lauren, Kyle, Nicole, Emily, Cassaundra, Julia & Mackenzie.



CRC Denomination

GROUNDWORK - Ethiopian Eunuch: The book of Acts highlights many stories detailing the growth and spread of the gospel and the beginning of what today we call the Early Church. This week on Groundwork we'll discuss one of the early stories of evangelism and conversion. Join the conversation on Acts 8. Find a local radio station or listen anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Follow My Gecko: It's Geckomania in Terrene, and everyone is enjoying the craze except Lucille. But does she finally join? And why? Find out at www.kidscorner.net. Contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

FREE WEBINAR - On October 30 at 12:00 p.m. EDT Pennylyn Dykstra-Pruim will present "Exploring Cultural Intelligence." This one-hour webinar will outline the key skill areas of cultural intelligence (CI) and explore how CI can help us engage across cultural lines for more effective ministry within our congregations and the communities we serve. For registration and complete details visit crcna.org/webinars.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS HYMNAL TOUR - "Lift Up Your Hearts: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs," the new

hymnal from Faith Alive Christian Resources, is coming to Sarnia, Etobicoke, Oshawa, Kingston, and Ottawa! Join "Lift Up Your Hearts" editor Joyce Borger for an overview of the new hymnal and a time of singing. All events are free and everyone is invited to attend. Dates are October 28-November 3, 2013. Learn more at www.LiftUpYourHeartsHymnal.org/Events or email hymnal@crcna.org.

WORLD HUNGER CAMPAIGN - Hunger and malnutrition are the number one risk to the health worldwide. Through your Peter Fish bank contributions, you are helping fight global hunger and give families the training and support they need to overcome poverty in a lasting way. Please continue to read the World Hunger stories at your supper tables this week to learn how you can think, act, and fast to help others. Then bring your Peter Fish banks to church next week as we celebrate World Hunger Sunday.

HOME MISSIONS PRAYER REQUESTS - Keep Christian Reformed Home Missions in your prayers this week. Pray for them as they strive to bring praise to God by transforming lives and communities in their work and activities. Home Missions asks you to prayer and reflect how you might be engaged to help further God's kingdom this week.

REFORMATION SUNDAY - Christian Reformed Home Missions is a denominational agency we partner with. Their goal is to transform lives and communities in North America by starting and strengthening missional churches and campus ministries. Home Missions appreciates your prayers, support and encouragement to help meet this goal. For more information, go to www.crhm.org

LIGHTHOUSE CENTRE - Come and enjoy a Christmas theme evening celebrating Christ on Dec. 7, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock, Ont. (735 Frontenac Cres.) beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Men of Praise, The Men of Note and St. Thomas Male Choir will be hosting a benefit concert for The Lighthouse. For information contact Rob at 416-535-6262 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.

DID YOU KNOW... - that in Nicaragua, children with disabilities are often rejected by family members, schools and society in general? It is often seen as a curse for what a parent may have done or payment for a sin or other superstitions. CRWM is working to create awareness and support different schools and organizations in an effort towards inclusiveness for people with disabilities and are looking for a volunteer Outreach Coordinator to partner with them in this ministry. If this opportunity tugs at your heart, contact volunteer@crcna.org.

YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE IN HAITI - access resources used to build the capacity and organization of deacons in local community churches. Once trained, they can help churches start small-loan programs for business owners and literacy classes for adults, ultimately impacting the lives of many. To do this, World Renew desires to have a website designed for this purpose and is interested in speaking with you if you have those skills. Are you a WEB DESIGNER? If so, please contact volunteer@crcna.org.

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