

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Contact: Cynthia McClare, Children's Pastor (403-249-8605 x226 or cynthia@bethanychapel.com).

We have a few positions available immediately in children's ministry, so if you'd like to get involved, please contact me with questions. You can try a position out before you make a commitment and you do not need to volunteer with your child's group (sometimes it's better to be without your own child!). If you are already volunteering, but would like to up your commitment, please let me know.

Baby Snuggler – 1-2X per month Nursery Greeter – 1X per month PS Praise Greeter (sub) – when needed
 Grade 3 Small Group Leader – 2X per month Grade 4 Small Group Leader – 2X per month

Fab Friday: January 22

Grades 3-5 Gym Night with Dads. Come out for an informal night of sports, games and snacks in the gym.

TODAY

Babies: 3 – 24 months; Nursery Toddlers: 2 years; Nursery area
 PS Praise: 3 - 5 years; Lower CE sCool Kids: Kindergarten to Grade 5; Upper CE (dismissed from service at about 11 a.m.)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: youthtransitionteam@bethanychapel.com

- **MEIGMA is held on Sunday mornings for Grades 6-12 in Rooms 123 A&B from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** *Please join us as we discuss relevant issues & hot topics in a search for Biblical answers.* Jan. 24 - The Groaning Globe: Living responsibly in a troubled world.
- **EDGE meets Wednesday nights from 7:15 - 8:30 PM** in the Sanctuary.
- **Jan. 29-30 is Youth Lock-In at Bethany** - watch for more details coming soon.

COMMUNITY

Contact: Heather Webber 403-249-8605 x236 heather@bethanychapel.com
 or Meg Thoutenhoofd 403-249-8605 x229 meg@bethanychapel.com

- *Thank you to everyone who donated items for the **Thread Shed**.* We are good for now but will keep you posted re future needs.
- **Play Cafe** starts up again on Friday, Jan. 22 from 9:30-11:30 AM. It's a fun program for families living in the Rutland Park & Lincoln Park communities and for Bethany families. Parents with babies and preschoolers come for a fun play morning and take out a book/toy from our toy-lending library. Meet other moms over a cup of coffee.
- **ESL classes are starting up again.** The **Wed. evening** class starts this week at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room. New volunteers are always appreciated so if you enjoy meeting new people, please join us. No prep or teaching required. Registration for the **Tues. morning** ESL class offered at Time Out is this Tues. (Jan. 19) at 9:30 AM. Classes will start Tues. Jan. 26 at 9:30.
- **Momentum Savings Circle Program** - A great budgeting/savings program for lower income families or individuals. If you or someone you know would be interested, please call Heather Webber for details. This free program runs bi-weekly on Thursday afternoons at Bethany from Jan.-June.

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 and Young Adults

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 Rosanne Perrin Melodie Funk Co-Teacher
 Director / Teacher Sharon Senft Co-Teacher

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TODAY

9:15 AM BREAKING OF BREAD WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE

MICK B.

ISAIAH 55:12

GENESIS 2:18

EZRA 5:1-2

EPHESIANS 4:1-3; 29-32

PRAYER TEAM B

7:00 PM FAREWELL TEA FOR THE BROWNS

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010

9:15 AM BREAKING OF BREAD WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE

TODAY

BREAKING OF BREAD WORSHIP SERVICE (Acts 2:42)
 9:15 AM Fellowship Room

GROWTH GROUP
 9:30 AM Fireside Room

MEIGMA YOUTH GROUP
 9:30 AM Room 123 AB

CORPORATE PRAYER TIME
 10:15 AM Prayer Chapel

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 10:45 AM Babes, Toddlers & PS Praise
 11:00 AM sCool Kids (Gr 1-5), Castle

WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE
 10:45 AM Sanctuary

CALL TO PRAYER
 The prayer team will be available at the front of the sanctuary for our call to prayer this morning. If you would like prayer today, please consider coming forward as we present our requests before the Lord.

COFFEE CONNECTIONS
 12:00 PM Foyer

FAREWELL TEA FOR THE BROWNS
 7:00 PM Fireside

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY

- CDs of Sunday sermons are available 10 minutes after the service for \$2 at the MMM desk in the foyer.
- Previous sermons or programs can also be ordered.

2010 DONATION ENVELOPES & 2009 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS
2010 Pre-numbered Donation Envelopes
 2010 Pre-numbered envelopes sets are now available. Please check your lobby mailbox or the table beside the Information Centre in the foyer if you don't have a mailbox. **Note:** Please do not use old numbered envelopes from previous years.
Automated Giving (Pre-Authorized Payment)
 If you have converted to automated giving, please do not use pre-numbered envelopes previously assigned as new donor numbers are assigned with automated donations.
2009 Income Tax Receipts
 Income tax receipts will be available in the LAST week of January 2010. If you have a lobby box, they will be there and if not, they will be mailed out.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

GENERAL FUND (January month-to-date)	
Budgeted Giving	\$ 43,400
Actual Giving	31,942
Percentage Received	73.6%
This Week's Budgeted Amount \$	24,700
2010 year to date	
Budgeted Giving	\$ 43,400
Actual Giving	31,942
Percentage Received	73.6%

THE GROWTH GROUP

Sundays, 9:30 -10:30 AM Fireside Room

- Join us for this elective that focuses on community building, prayer, study, discussion & a good place to connect. We are studying the Truth Project video series. *Newcomers welcome!*
 Hosted by Steve & Susan Bowen

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP
 Thursday at 6:30 AM in the Alcove
Thurs., Jan. 21 1 Pet. 4: 1-2
Living for Christ I

- All men are invited for study, prayer and fellowship as we endeavour to build each other up as disciples of Christ.
- Call Fred at 403-251-5849 for more info.

Bethany Chapel 2010 AGM
Sunday, March 7 at 6:30 PM
Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

CONNCTIONS
Monday, January 25
Punch at 6:30 PM; Dinner at 7:00
Guest Speaker/Special Music:
Stephanie Nicole from Shine FM
Stephanie is the Weekday Host on Shine FM from 2 – 6 pm (filled with practical tips, quirky stories to tickle the ol' funny bone, and traffic/weather updates.
Missionary: Diane Stinton
Advance Ticket Sales Today in the foyer
 Cost:\$8.00 Adult \$5.00 Youth/Students
 Call Carol B. 403-283-7571 for info.

LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM, Library

- Women of all ages are very welcome to join us for an informal time of worship, study and prayer. *Newcomers welcome.*
- Our study is "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed - A Study of David" by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer & Beth Moore.
- Call Sharon C. 403-249-4527 or Diana C. 403-202-0931 for info.

LADIES TIME OUT
Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30 AM
Registration is this Tues., Jan. 19.
Classes run. Jan. 26 - Mar. 16
 Come and enjoy one of the fun activities being offered (scrapbooking, card making, quilting, ESL and more). Bring a friend. Childcare available for a nominal fee. Brochures available at the Info. Centre. Call Heather or Meg at 403-249-8605.

WOMEN TOGETHER
Growing in relationship with God & each other
Thursdays, 9:15-11:15 AM, Fireside Rm.
Our study is Believing God by Beth Moore
 Video/Bible Study/Small Group Discussion
 Women of all ages are warmly welcomed.
 Childcare available for a small fee.
 Call Shirley J. at 403-547-7251 for more info. *Newcomers welcome.*
Come join us and experience a fresh explosion of faith!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 18
 1:30 PM Up & Overs Planning Mtg, 123A

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19
 9:30 AM Time Out Registration, Fireside
 3:30 PM Homework Club, Fellowship
 7:00 PM YA Study - Wrights' home

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
 7:00 PM Ladies Evening Study, Library
 7:00 PM ESL, Fellowship
 7:15 PM Youth EDGE, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study, Alcove
 9:15 AM Women Together, Fireside
 7:30 PM Choir, Fireside

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
 9:30 AM Play Café, Fellowship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
 9:15 AM Breaking of Bread Worship
 9:30 AM Youth Meigma class, 123A
 9:30 AM Growth Group, Fireside Room
 10:15 AM Corporate Prayer Gathering, 125
 10:45 AM Worship Celebration Service
 11:00 AM K-Gr. 5 sCool Kids, Castle
 12:00 PM Coffee Connections, Foyer
 7:00 PM Alpha Marriage, Fellowship

UP & OVERS PLANNING MEETING
Mon., Jan. 18 at 1:30 PM, Room 123A
 All committee members and any interested new volunteers are welcome to join us for this meeting. We need extra help in our seniors ministry, so please consider coming out to some of our Friday lunches that are held 7 times a year. Please call Grace Ulmer 403-693-2333 for more information.

FAREWELL TEA

Farewell Evening for The Browns
Tonight at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room

Please join us for a short presentation from Mick & Caroline Brown and take the opportunity to bid them farewell as they & Katerina are returning soon to Turkey.

PRAYER

PRAISE AND THANKS

- For the new year start up of our various programs & ministries and for all the faithful volunteers who help.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Sheila & Vic Bryant & family as Sheila's father Alec Oloske (age 88) of Westlock, is in hospital with serious health complications. Please pray for medical wisdom for the doctors and also that Alec and the family would come to a saving faith in God.
- Kathy Cousley, for strength & comfort as she is experiencing difficult side effects from ongoing chemotherapy treatments.
- Naomi Barker, for a suitable donor as she awaits a liver transplant. Pray for strength, patience and comfort for Naomi, Bob and family.

PASTORAL CARE / HEALTH MINISTRY

- Sharon Strachan & Margie Stinton share the Parish Nurse/Pastoral Care role and are available on a part-time basis Tues. to Thurs. each week. Call 403-249-8605 X241 or email them at parishnurse@bethanychapel.com.

NOTICES

- The next **Good Food Box** order date is Tues., Jan. 19 before 11:00 AM. Please call your order to Meg at 403-217-1911 and drop your cash payment at the church office by 11:00.

COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Today in the Foyer after the Service

Please join us today for a time to connect with friends and newcomers. Newcomers & visitors please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR...

- Those people needing God's healing touch. Please pray for their strength and encouragement.
- Those people who are experiencing loneliness or transition. Please pray for God's close presence and His sustaining grace.
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they know God's comfort and peace.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Phil. 4:6-7

PRAYER CHAIN

- Bethany is blessed to have a faithful group who share prayer requests by phone and pray regularly for them.
- To put a request on the prayer chain, please call Elva W (403-240-9330) or Dorothy L. (403-242-1391).

PRAYER WITH ELDERS

- Two elders will be available each week in the prayer chapel immediately after the 10:45 Worship Service, for any congregants wishing prayer or counsel. Anyone wishing to meet with the elders is encouraged to do so.

BETHANY PRAYER GATHERINGS

You are welcome to pray with others in the Prayer Chapel at the times noted:
 Sundays.....9:30-10:15 AM
 Sunday Corporate Prayer..10:15-10:40 AM
 Wednesdays with Elders.....7:00 PM
(The elders usually meet the second Wed. of the month. You are welcome to join them in prayer or request prayer.
 The Prayer Chapel is also available during regular church office hours.

The Alpha Marriage Course

Why settle for your current quality of marriage if it could be improved?



Cost: \$60.00 per couple (includes materials and 7 gourmet desserts)

Please Register with Jennifer or Dave Welsh 403-246-0371 jmharris@shaw.ca.
Registration Deadline is Sun., Jan. 17. Cheques payable to Bethany Chapel.

Dates: Sunday Evenings

Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 21, 28; Mar. 14, 21

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM Place: Fellowship Room

The "Alpha Marriage Course", which originated with the creators of the popular "Alpha Course", is a series of 7 presentations and structured discussions aimed at strengthening both new and experienced marriages. The course provides:

- Gourmet desserts served in a quiet and intimate candlelit environment to encourage quality discussion.
- A video presentation and individual discussion time for each couple, using the course workbook. There are no group discussions or counseling, and all conversations are private between the man and woman in each couple.
- Topics including communication, quality time, sex, dealing with in-laws, and conflict resolution.

The course is appropriate for church folks and non-church folks alike, as it builds on Christian themes and principles, but is geared towards a general audience. For more information, please contact Jennifer or Dave Welsh at 403-246-0371 or jmharris@shaw.ca.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

**Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 PM
Fireside Room**

- Join with this wonderful community as we prepare pieces for worship and special programs. *Newcomers are always welcome!*
- For more info., contact Pastor Gordon Wright at 403-249-8605 x 235 or gordon@bethanychapel.com.

CONNECTING GROUPS

- Deepen your connection to God and others by joining a Bethany Connecting Group. Groups meet on various nights in several neighbourhoods. They provide a great opportunity to get to know well a small group of people for study, prayer, social activities and support. To join a group or obtain more information, please contact Leanne T. at 403-242-2867 or Connectinggroups@bethanychapel.com.

UP & OVERS LUNCH

Friday, February 5

Punch at 11:30 AM; Lunch at noon

Guest Speaker: Gordon Johnson

Special Music: Shirley Johnson

Cost: \$8.00

All seniors (55+) are invited for lunch and an enjoyable time of fellowship. For more info or to reserve a ticket, please call Grace L. 403-455-3342 or Esther E. 403-640-2034.

Elders' Notebook

At Bethany Chapel an elder must display the spiritual qualifications and character as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-10. He must have a sense of calling and possess the confidence of the congregation. As elders, we encourage congregational members to submit names of men whom they consider qualified and have shown effectiveness in areas of ministry. We continue to covet your prayers as we speak to other men in the body.

Today we are pleased to present Mark Sawatzky as a candidate for the role of elder. We would appreciate receiving your comments by either speaking to one of the current elders, sending us an email (addresses are in the directory) or by dropping a note in Peter Jamieson's mailbox. Thank you in advance for your response.

Mark Sawatzky

Mark Sawatzky grew up in small town Alberta, including Vegreville, Grande Cache and Whitecourt. He attended both High School and University in Edmonton. Mark has lived and worked as an Engineer in Calgary since graduating in 1993.

Mark was raised in a strong Christian home and environment and came to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ at an early age. He was baptized at Bethany in 2000.

Mark and Gaylene were married in 1994 and have four children: Tyler (11), Damiane (10), Levi (8) and Nathan (7). The Sawatzkys have been members at Bethany since February 1997 and have been involved in various children's ministries including teaching Sunday School. Mark has also been involved as an AWANA leader, co-home group leader, and is currently completing a term as a member of the Deacon board.



**MICK & CAROLINE BROWN
(PETER & KATRINA)
ANKARA, TURKEY**



Dear Friends,

In just over a week we leave Canada and return to Turkey. Doesn't time fly by these days?

It has been a good home leave for us and we rejoice in God's provision, many blessings and the joy of Christian fellowship that we have experienced here at Bethany. We are pleased to be spending the last few weeks of our time here with our son, Peter. He had a very good first semester at Waterloo University and is now in Calgary for his first work term until the end of April when he returns to Waterloo for the next study semester. It has been good to be with him for the start of these different transitions.

Now we have an especially busy few weeks ahead of us - probably an ideal time to put into practice what we have been learning about not relying on our strength but submitting to and trusting God so that He can live through us. It always sounds easy in practice but harder when we are faced with the stress of a busy schedule and tempted to fall back onto our own survival methods and 'just get things done'; but what joy when instead we really walk by faith.

We (with Katerina) leave on Jan. 25 and arrive in Turkey the following evening. Before the start of February we will need to negotiate and pay for the next year's rent with our landlord - usually a difficult annual performance! Then Jan. 31 to Feb. 6 we have our annual conference in Turkey, where we have various leadership responsibilities. Immediately afterwards Mick will travel to England for a Training Group Workshop meeting and also visit his mum for a few days. Soon after his return we will need to get back into the swing of things and catch up with what has been happening in our absence - no doubt some more traveling will be necessary.

Recent news articles for those of you who like to read a bit more about events in Turkey:

Below is a link to an article by Compass Direct entitled "Turkish Court Seeks to Link Murder of Christians to 'Cage Plan'" written after the most recent hearing of the Malatya Murders Court Case on Christmas Day. It is following the wider ramification of the Malatya trial and the suspicion that it may be linked to some prominent military and/or political figures.

<http://www.compassdirect.org/english/country/turkey/13084/>

The following article "The curse of Muslim lands" was in an English-language Turkish newspaper, the Hurriyet Daily News and Economic Review. It is an interesting insight into how an intelligent, moderate Muslim views suicide bombings - and it is probably fairly typical of many moderate Muslims.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=the-curse-of-muslim-lands-2010-01-10>

The German family and British man that were taken hostage in June in Yemen still have not been released although there have been some promising news articles recently. Please continue to pray for them and for their safe release.

Prayer requests:

- Pray that we will get done what needs to be done and at the same time be channels of God's grace to the people around us.
- Pray for smooth transitions for Peter, Katerina and us into our re-newed environments.
- Pray that the annual conference will be a time of increased unity and renewed vision of our Lord & what He plans to do in Turkey.

Many thanks for your prayers and all you have blessed us with,
Caroline & Mick

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Bethany Chapel is pleased to announce that Garth Koop has been hired as our new Youth Pastor. He will begin employment on February 8th. Garth is married to Carly and they have 2 young sons, Tysen (7) and Rylen (5). Please pray for their family as they transition to Calgary from Prince George.