



BANWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH

News 'n Views!

December 2010 / January 2011

Christmas at Banwell

University of Windsor Jazz Ensemble Concert, Friday, Dec. 3rd at 8:00 p.m.

- \$10 for adults and seniors, \$5.00 for students.



Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- Sign up today! Space is limited!

Christmas Candlelight Tea, Tuesday, Dec. 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

- Cari Fairley will be our guest speaker. Please bring mittens, hats, and scarves as a donation for Begley Public School. Sign up today if you plan to attend.



Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec. 12th @ 6:30 p.m.

- Everyone is invited! Refreshments to follow. Free gift for every family that attends.

Christmas Eve Service, Friday, Dec. 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Worship Service, Sunday, Dec. 26th @ 10:30 a.m.



Come to the Party!



It's not too early to start thinking ahead to our **9TH ANNIVERSARY**, scheduled for the weekend of January 29th - 30th, 2011.



Our guest for the weekend will be Dr. Jerry Taylor, Associate Professor of Bible at Abilene Christian University in Abilene Texas. Prior to his role at ACU, Dr. Taylor has served as minister of Churches of Christ in Texas, North Carolina and Georgia. He is one of the principal founders of the New Wineskins Ministers Retreat and founder of the School of the Prophets. He is much in demand as a speaker at college and church conferences, retreats and revival meetings.

Dr. Taylor will be conducting a workshop for pastors on the Saturday, January 29th and then preaching at our morning worship the following day, January 30th. Plan to be in attendance to hear this gifted and passionate servant of Christ bring God's word during our anniversary celebrations.

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AGE UNLIMITED

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests." Luke 2: 13-14.

Age Unlimited Christmas meeting theme is "Glory to God." We will meet on Wednesday, December 8th, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the church foyer. This group is the Seniors Ministry of Banwell Community Church. We extend a special invitation to you to attend to celebrate Christmas by giving glory to God in praises, prayer, singing over favourite Christmas hymns, hearing our special speaker and musicians. We will end the morning with a delicious, catered turkey dinner and a dessert choice. Our luncheon will be catered by **Rosemary O'Neil** and the cost is \$18.00.



Our featured Christmas speaker is **Elaine Lonsdale**. The program and devotional is based on "Glory to God" as told in the Christmas Story in the gospel of Luke, Chapter 2. Special Christmas music will be provided by **Ruth and Hal Herzog**.

A sign-up sheet will be available on **November 21st** and reservations must be completed by **December 5th**.

In Micah 5:2, "Bethlehem, out of you will come from Me One who will be ruler over Israel." Give glory to God this has happened.

"Joy to the World the Lord is come. Let earth receive her king".

At this Christmas season may you experience:

- God's peace for your trouble
- Forgiveness for your guilt
- Presence for your loneliness
- Guidance for your journey
- Joy for your life!

Merry Christmas to you all!

January 2011 - Celebrate a New Beginning

Age Unlimited will hold it's first meeting of the New year on **Wednesday, January 12, 2011** at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel Room. We'll gather to praise God for bringing us to celebrate another year.

Many requests have been made to have **Rev. Dr. Alex Moir and Linda Moir** as our guest speakers. They have planned a delightful program based on their adventures in July 2010. This was a once-in-a-lifetime trip to historical European cities and a side trip in Germany to attend "**The Passion Play**" held in Oberammergau, Germany. They will share their feelings that they experienced. Their topic is entitled "**European Experiences**". This will be an inspirational meeting you won't want to miss!

Mark your 2011 calendar for **January 12th** at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate a New Year Beginning.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace".

"We reflect the Lord's glory - being transformed into His likeness". 2 Corinthians 3:18

Happy New Year to everyone! Blessings in 2011.

Henry Nurse, Coordinator
Submitted by Joan Fulmer

JUST A THOUGHT

When raising kids - the days are long but the years are short.





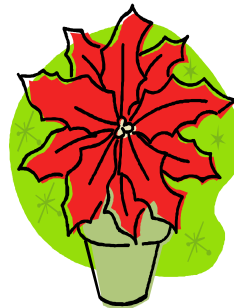
WORSHIP NOTES

No two months could be more different when it comes to worship experiences in the Christian Church than December and January! Of course, December is the month when we continue to celebrate Christ's birth in the Advent Season, including Christmas Eve. In January the Pastor will bring a message series entitled "This is Only a Test". The month will end as we celebrate our ninth anniversary featuring our guest speaker Dr. Jerry Taylor, Associate Professor of Bible at Abilene Christian University. Through it all we are grateful for a fine team of musicians under the leadership of our Minister of Music Ian Smith. May we sense God's presence as we continue to gather together for worship!

December 5th	"Preparation for Christ's Advent" (Isaiah 62:10-12; Matthew 24:42-44)
December 12th	"Signs of Christ's Advent" (Matthew 2:1-3; 24:3, 30-31)
December 19th	"Responses to Christ's Advent" (Matthew 2:9-12)
December 24th	Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 p.m.
December 26th	"Just Say Yes!" (Luke 14:15-24)

January 2nd	"This is Only a Test ... Part I" (Daniel 1)
January 9th	"This is Only a Test ... Part II" (Malachi 3:6-10)
January 16th	"This is Only a Test ... Part III" (John 6:1-10a)
January 23rd	"This is Only a Test ... Part IV" (II Corinthians 8:1-15)
January 30th	Anniversary (guest speaker, Dr. Jerry Taylor)

Poinsettias - If you wish to place one in the Sanctuary this holiday season in honour or memory of a loved one, just write their name and 'in honour of' or 'in memory of' and mark the donation for the "Flower Fund" on your envelope. Their name and yours will appear in the Christmas Bulletin and you may take your plant home after the Christmas Eve Service. Each plant costs \$12 but all money received in the Flower Fund will be credited with a Tax Receipt. Donations must be received by Sunday, Dec. 5th





Pastoral Care and Worship Committee

Our new piano is in place and we would like to thank all of you who have contributed towards its purchase. We still have nearly eight thousand left to complete the payments so you can still give by marking your envelope "Piano Fund".

Our very own Banwell concert was held on the 5th of November and was well attended. We all enjoyed ourselves and the music was great! What a talented and blessed congregation we are! There was lots of comments about holding it yearly.

We can hardly wait to hear the sounds not only of the piano but the singers and other musicians over our coming holiday season.

Pastoral Care and Worship look after Sunday services, Small Groups, Music, Sound and Prayer ministries. We also have a Pastoral Care Team that watch over the personal needs of the congregation. If you need any services please don't hesitate to use them and if you would like to help in these ministries they would love to have you along with them! You can contact the office, the heads of the ministries or the chair of the committee.

Pastoral Care & Worship oversees the Prayer ministries here at Banwell. We urge you to join with us and take a few minutes as you read this, to pray for God's blessing on our church family and our activities this month. We are looking at ways we can pray together for our church and community. Watch for news along these lines very soon!

We remind everyone that if you have a prayer need please phone or email, Deb at the office, Betty Leslie or Donna Wilcox. They will send it around by email and put the requests in the boxes of those who don't have email. The list of those who are willing to pray for these needs could always use some more so if you haven't been on the list, do let them know. They have seen some wonderful answers to urgent prayer requests so you will be blessed by joining in.

Watch for our special Anniversary Service on January 23rd, 2011. Dr. Jerry Taylor, of Abilene Christian University Texas will be our speaker. He is a founder of New Wineskins Ministers Retreat and will also conduct a workshop for local pastors on the Saturday before. He comes highly recommended and is a well known as a powerful speaker. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.

At this very special time of year let us join together to worship Him in unity of spirit, love and purpose. At Banwell, this season let us join with King David as he spoke in Psalm 34, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear it and rejoice. O magnify the LORD with me and let us exalt His name together!"

Submitted by Susan Holmes,
Chair, Pastoral Care & Worship

FACES IN THE CROWD

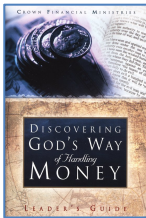
- ◆ Thanks to a number of the men who attended the breakfast on October 23rd and who took some extra time to wash some of our church windows.
- ◆ Congratulations to **John and Suzan Harper** upon the occasion of the birth of their first child **James** on November 3rd.
- ◆ The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Lloyd and Sandra Plummer** at the passing of Sandra's mother Geraldine Seivwright in Jamaica.
- ◆ Congratulations to Grant and Cari Fairley on the marriage of their daughter Beth Fairley to Matt Page. Beth & Matt were married on November 13th at Little Trinity Anglican, Toronto, where they will be serving.





**NEW!! Discovering God's Way
of Managing Money**

- ◆ Struggling with debt?
- ◆ Bills overwhelming?
- ◆ Wonder what God says about your finances?



Join Gord Wickham on Thursday evenings, starting November 25th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for this FREE four week series on managing your finances.

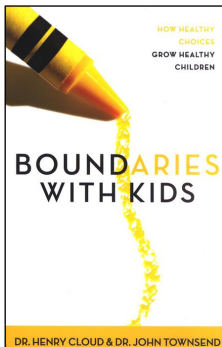
There are more than 2,350 verses in the Bible that address everything you need to know about handling money. The Bible is a practical blueprint for managing *Money*, in it you will learn the profound impact managing your money has on your relationship with God.



FAITHWEAVER FRIENDS

December 2nd	Royalty Night	
December 9th	Banana Split Night	
December 16th	Gift Night	
January 13th	The Price is Right Night	
January 20th	Treasure Night	
January 27th	KitKat Night	

There is no club on
Dec. 23rd, Dec. 30th
or January 6th.



**Coming in January
Boundaries With Kids!**

Starting Thursday, January 13th, 2010
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE!
(ages 4-16)

This 8 week DVD series will give you the help you need to raise kids who take responsibility for their lives and attitudes. Parents will learn how to set loving limits, bring control to an out-of-control life, define appropriate boundaries and consequences for children, and much more.



MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

As we near the end of this year and look forward to the beginning of a brand new one, one needs to reflect on that which is past and that which is yet to come.

The Mission & Outreach committee have been busy over the past year working on utilizing the resources of BCC in the best way possible. A large portion of our budget goes for set expenses such as CBOQ, Association dues, sending delegates to Assembly and of course our ongoing monthly commitment to Matthew House.

We have been working diligently on making the remainder stretch as far as possible and provide for a variety of mission/outreach opportunities that may be of interest to some, if not all the people of Banwell. Among these were:

- ◆ The **Downtown Mission** where we paid for, and our volunteers served lunches in April and October, and continue to collect non-perishables for their Food Bank.
- ◆ A visit from the **Spirit of Excellence** program made us aware of the work being done with kids in the Drouillard Rd area and we were able to make a donation to them.
- ◆ We hosted the choir from **Teen Challenge Farm** (Lambeth) which provided an opportunity to hear the joy and testimonies of the difference Christ has made in the lives of these men.
- ◆ **Rev Pak Loh** brought us news of CMB involvement in **Chinese Ministries** and we contributed to **Aaron Blata's trip** to Hong Kong.
- ◆ 15 volunteers went to Leamington to assist with the **MCC Canning Project** which cans meat and ships it to developing nations around the world.

- ◆ We continued our outreach to the shut-ins at **Heron Terrace** and began the **ESL English Cafes** in two locations, to help immigrants with conversation skills.
- ◆ A donation was made to **Guatemala Hope** for the purchase of vitamins/drugs.
- ◆ Once again, many packed Shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**.
- ◆ The work of the **Men's Ministry** is ongoing, with the Begley Breakfast program being their current mission project.
- ◆ We have recently established the **Women's Ministry** – and both ministries have the exciting challenge of encouraging participants to grow spiritually, to support one another and to get involved in reaching out to those who are not as fortunate, who are hurting or in need of Good News and love of Jesus Christ.

So what's ahead for 2011? Many of these programs will continue and grow and we also are looking to expand our relationship with Chinese Ministries, make a contribution to several short term mission trips, contribute to the 'Stock a Clinic' project of the Western Association, pay for painting a Learning Centre in Serbia, get involved in a project in Bolivia and send shoes to Inuvik - among other possibilities.

Although some of our contributions are minor, we feel called to keep the people of BCC aware of the needs and that exist locally, throughout Canada and around the world. It is our desire to use the resources allocated to Mission & Outreach wisely and responsibly – we have been blessed to be a blessing!

It is our hope that you will be as excited as we are about the mission(s) that God is calling us to!

In His love and service,

Wallie Pizzuti, Chair Mission & Outreach

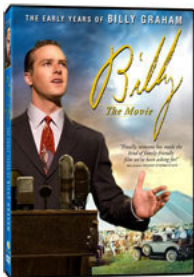


LIBRARY NEWS

Many thanks to Deborah Doyle, Debbie Ebel and former Librarian, Deb Falkner, for taking time out of their busy schedules to help train me for this position. (I still have much to learn).

Also for the support of our "Library Ladies" Debbie Martel, Joyce Sayell and Penny Bain. Thank you all!

Please check out our new addition section for many new books and DVD's such as:



"Billy, the Early Years"

and for the younger viewers, **"Hermie, Who's in Charge Anyway?"**



Drop in and say hi! Check out one of these great books or DVD's.

Maureen Church, (Mae)
Librarian

FREE SEPARATION & DIVORCE RECOVERY SEMINAR

Walking Out Of The Dark Forest

Saturday, January 22nd
10:30 a.m. - Noon

How do you face the shock and confusion of divorce? Where can you begin to rebuild your shattered life. No matter why you're divorced or where you are on the journey - this seminar will help you grow during the pain and stress of losing a key relationship in your life. How do you handle the needs of your children during a divorce? Where is the hope for life after divorce?



Grant Fairley, from Strategic Seminars, will be leading this seminar. He is a member of Banwell, and a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, USA. He has spoken to

thousands of people over the past 25 years. He has also made a difference for people in small groups and one-on-one.

This seminar will be helpful for those who are going through divorce as well as to friends and family members of those going through a divorce.

This will be a motivational and encouraging seminar!



Opportunity to do some Christmas Shopping.... and help our Church Library!

Visit Cameron's Christian Bookstore on **December 11th** between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. and 15% of your sales will go to the church library to purchase new books and DVD's. *Remember to mention you are from Banwell.*



ATTENTION PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Join the Christian Growth & Nurture Committee for a

PARENT'S MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

Possible Dates:

Saturday, Jan. 8th - 5:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 9th - Noon

The Christian Growth & Nurture Committee has commissioned a Team to review and make recommendations regarding the curriculum, design and formatting of our childrens' Christian Education programs.

Your participation in this process is vital and we welcome your contribution throughout this event.

- See what your kids have been learning
- Meet the Curriculum Review Team
- Provide feedback on our Programs - What would you like to see?
- Enjoy some refreshments
- And participate in a Q& A time.

Food and child care provided. If interested, call Rose at 519-735-2654.

Advent

The coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important.

The liturgical period preceding Christmas

As you go through all the hussle and bustle of this Christmas season, make sure to take time to reflect on the reason for this season.

"The Light of the World" is a short booklet written by Dan Schaeffer from Radio Bible Class that will help you experience the splendor of Christmas. A copy was placed in your church mailbox last week compliments of the Christian Growth & Nurture Committee.



New Year's Resolution!

Join a Small Group this January
Two New Groups are being planned

"The Truth Project"
&
"To Save a Family"

Keep watching the weekly bulletins for more details.





VIEW FROM THE PEW

The Worldwide Joy Which Can be packed into a Shoe Box

(Windsor Life Magazine)



When Banwell was first introduced to Operation Christmas Child, I thought it was a novel idea and, as Dave Wickham said, a gift I could give that gave the 'most bang for my buck'. I had no idea the scope of this outreach. When I Googled **Christmas Child Shoe Box** there were over 68 million results. A bit of history for those who don't know – the Shoe Box program is just one distribution program of Samaritan's Purse which was co-founded in 1970 by the son of Billy Graham. This multi-faceted organization is into water purification, construction, emergency relief and medical programs.

The Shoe Box effort has been going on for ten years now and has far exceeded the expectations of this mission. Last year over eight million boxes were distributed to 130 countries with 100,000 of those coming from the Windsor area alone. This year Banwell contributed 126 boxes. In Petrolia, one of the shoe-box-fillers from my home church did some shopping at the local dollar store. When seeing her cart almost filled, she surprised (and I'm sure delighted!) Korean proprietor asked the destination of all the supplies. When told, his eyes filled with overflowing tears and said he, himself, had been a recipient of such a box. The shopper was told to fill the cart at no cost.

Where do our boxes go from here? When you brought your filled Shoe Box to church last month, Dave Wickham, the organizer for this event, took them to Parkwood Gospel Temple to begin their journey to one of hundreds of Processing Centers around the world. This processing center was already prepared for

your shoe box through prayer; promotion in sending countries; and training in receiving countries. Each box was inspected by a volunteer and checked to make sure all contents were appropriate for children. Also the boxes had to meet the receiving country's customs requirements.

Consolidation and preparation for shipment then took place. Hundreds of trucks/lorries and sea containers transported your box and millions like it to receiving countries. There was customs clearance, delivery to local churches and ministry partners and then, finally, your shoe box reached its destination.

It was a long trip from your hands to the hands of a child but you just need to hear the story from ONE recipient to know your gift was priceless....

And that is my view.

Zelma Horvath

CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

May the Christmas presents remind you
Of God's greatest gift - His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas candles remind you
Of Him who is the light of the world.

May the Christmas tree remind you
Of another tree on which He died for you.

May the Christmas cheer remind you
Of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."

May the Christmas feast remind you
Of Him who is the bread of life.

May the Christmas snow remind you
Of the cleansing power of Christ.

May the Christmas bells remind you
Of the glorious proclamation of this birth

May the Christmas carols remind you
Of His glad tidings which we are to proclaim to all
mankind.

May the Christmas season remind you
In every way of Jesus Christ your King.

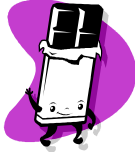


Child Care Workers Schedule For Dec. 2010/Jan. 2011

Date	Infant	Toddler	Little Lambs	Children's Church
Dec. 5th	Christa Braccio	Carolyn Kidd Beatriz Guzman	Carol Middaugh Taylor Cabana	Tracy Beemer Roxanne Marques Rose Litwin Beth Gellner
Dec. 12th	Marlene Wray Heather Doyle	Kim Stevenson Jaclyn Stevenson	Gayle Marsh Taylor Cabana	Sue Ferguson Marjorie Rusling Terri Prevett Tim Ebel
Dec. 19th	Ellen Doyle Monica Small	Gord Wickham Melissa Lafontaine	Patty Moroz Karimeh Haddad	Danijela Kralik Rose Litwin
Dec. 26th	Heather Heuston Nancy Hannah	Deborah Martel Hailey Beemer	Laine McGarragle Jackie Stevenson	Bonnie Hammond David Ferrato Terri Prevett
Jan. 2nd	Helen Fontaine Lilian Wilson	Kathy Freeman Emily Andrews	Laurie Beemer Hailey Beemer	Tracy Beemer Roxanne Marques Rose Litwin Beth Gellner
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CHOCOLATE!!

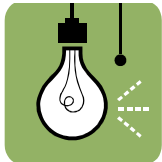


You chocolate lovers, who will take advantage of the once-a-year sale of everyone's favourite chocolates, will be pleased to hear that the Sweet Ladies have designated their profit to a school's nutritional program. By the way, our peanut-butter chocolates ARE nutritional in case you had any doubts!

This year's recipient is Marlborough Public School, located in the low income area of Tecumseh Road and Huron Church. Mrs. Jessica Reimers, the school's Principal said the need is so great at the school that she was pleased she and staff would be allowed to make the decision as to where to direct the money. The school's breakfast and snack program would help the most children so that is where your money will be going. That fact should encourage you to buy more chocolates...

This school is NOT a Banwell designation but if you would like to contribute a one-time, non-taxable gift, I would pass it on for you.

Zelma Horvath



LIGHTS PLEASE...

Many thanks to Tom Holmes and the Property Management Committee for bringing light to our darkened Parking Area. Those who attend evening events are aware we have experienced an electrical problem leaving the area in darkness. However, the problem has now been identified and we have light once again.

Friday, Dec. 4/09 at 4:00 pm
Jazz Ensemble Workshop
Banwell Community Church,
2400 Banwell Rd.

High School musicians have an opportunity to learn from University Jazz faculty -- Shahida Nurullah, Tad Weed, Vaughn Klugh and Bob Fazecash. [This workshop is open to high school musicians in grades 10 thru 12.](#)
Cost: \$10 student ticket for workshop, meal and concert.



Christian Education Hours Adult Class

Grant Fairley will be teaching the Adult class beginning in January.

January

Old Testament Book Studies

Jan. 9 Jonah
Jan. 16 Nahum
Jan. 23 Haggai
Jan. 30 Malachi

February

New Testament Book Studies

Feb. 6 Galatians
Feb. 13 Ephesians
Feb. 20 Philippians
Feb. 27 Colossians



MY BACK PAGES

As we reach the end of this year and look forward to the next, it affords us an opportunity to consider the ministry of our church. What are the things most important to us? Here's a short list ...

- **Effective Worship** - The early church, as recorded in Acts of the Apostles, was in the habit of gathering together. As our diverse congregation gathers week by week, it is vital that we plan worship that appeals to all the senses ... and to a variety of ages and interests.
- **Spiritual Growth** – Baptists have always believed that spiritual growth is important and that Bible study is a vital part of that (Psalm 119:105). Believing this, we ought to do all we can to provide multiple points of entry for substantive engagement with the scriptures for folks of all ages ... including the youngest amongst us.
- **Small Group Activity** – We've seen a lot of new folks this fall gather with us. It is vital that we work hard at providing them with a way to connect with others in faith. Some access is afforded through the "open chair" philosophy with our current small groups ... but we need to do a better job at providing new groups for new people. Paul chided the Corinthians for leaving folks out of the fellowship (I Corinthians 11:17ff.). Attention needs to be given to ensure this doesn't happen with the newest amongst us.
- **Mission Engagement** – Our Mission and Outreach Committee has done a great job in trying to create a variety of ways for people in our faith fellowship to connect with missions ... whether through donating funds or materials, praying or volunteering time and talent. It's our way of taking Jesus' "Great Commission" (Matthew 28:19-20) seriously. What a good sign when we wonder how we can support all the mission opportunities popping up around us!
- **Gift Recognition** – As our Human Resources Committee begins work, the members are beginning to grapple with the idea of how to encourage our vast force of lay leadership. All effective churches help folks identify their spiritual gifts. As the apostle Paul said (I Corinthians 12) ... the body functions best when all parts are operating!

Pastoral Care – The gathered body is a fellowship ... therefore we ought to care for one another, as Paul encouraged in Romans 12:10. We do this in official ways, through the work of the Pastor and the Pastoral Care Team. But I am convinced that a lot of great pastoral care happens unannounced and unheralded ... especially through our prayer for each other.

I know there are other things that likely should be included ... but there's enough here to keep us busy. May God strengthen us for the joyous task at hand!

Devotedly, your pastor ... Alex

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