



BANWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH

News 'n Views!

February 2011

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND BAPTISM CLASSES

Beginning Sunday, February 6th at 9:30 a.m. classes of Instruction for Church Membership and Baptism will be offered, led by the Pastor. The classes are intended to prepare people interested in engaging the church more fully and becoming active in a deeper way. Attending and completing these sessions do not obligate you in any way to proceed towards membership, but having completed all four sessions, you need not take them again. Here is an outline as to what each session will involve:

Session#1: We will explore the nature of the Christian faith emphasizing the conversion experience and the importance of the person of Christ in all of this.

Session #2: We will briefly address the history of the Baptist church as well as the nature of this particular church here at Banwell.

Session #3: This time will be spent exploring the devotional life including such topics as developing a prayer life, choosing a Bible and becoming a part of a Small Group.

Session #4: We will explore various areas including developing personal mission, Christian stewardship, living simply and others.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

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God's Valentine

God's Valentine gift of love to us.
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book.
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give.
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give.
Is that He gave everything.





AGE UNLIMITED



The way to joy is “to love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind”.
Matthew 22:37.

“I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations”. Psalms 89:1

February theme for our Age Unlimited meeting is “Love” and it has been enhanced to include “some of our favourite things”. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 9th, 2011 at 11:00 am in the Chapel Room. All seniors of Banwell Community Church are invited to this special Valentine’s Meeting. We’ll sing some of our favourite hymns, have prayer, a scripture passage, a devotional, and a special musical treat of magical, memorable melodies before our favourite foods for a spectacular lunch.

Tom Holmes is in charge of our special Valentine’s Program. His special band coming will accompany our singing of some all-time favourites. It promises to be delightful, joyful and memorable clapping, tapping and a praising morning!

Invite a friend – or come to meet a friend and enjoy the fellowship of the Senior Ministry at Banwell.

Our hostesses, Yvonne Eberle, Madelon Kidd, Penny Bain and their many helpers have arranged a festive feast of our fabulous foods for our meal.

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord”.
Psalm 150:6.

Please sign up by February 6, 2011 for an unforgettable experience.

Henry Nurse, Coordinator
Submitted by Joan Fulmer

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Committee has been busy over the first year and half of being a committee at BCC.

We completed ministry evaluations of Rose, Ian, and Debbie in 2010. We continue to formalize church policies to improve the working environment for our employees on an ongoing basis. In 2011, we will be continuing that work as well as working with the Property Management Committee to advertise, interview and hire a custodian for the church.

In addition, over the next few months, we will be conducting a survey-style review of Pastor Alex Moir. In consultation with Alex, we have finalized a survey to be handed out to various members of the congregation. These surveys will be distributed equally across the different age groups within the BCC family. We will be asking for a 100% return rate and if/when you are asked to take a survey we would ask for the commitment to return it to the Human Resources Committee. For those not asked specifically, but still wishing to participate, we will have additional copies available but would request the same commitment to return.

Thank you very much.

Penny Bain, Linda Stevenson, Roy Gellner,
Michael Hawkeswood, Chris Freeman





WORSHIP NOTES

February represents the heart of the winter and we plan to warm things up here at Banwell through worship. During this month the pastor will begin a message series entitled "Jesus Counterstatements" which will run through Easter. We'll also look forward to guest speaker Ken Lonsdale on February 20th, a vacation week for the pastor. Once again, we are blessed with good music through the leadership of our Minister of Music Ian McGregor Smith. May the Lord continue to bless us through worship here at Banwell.

Feb. 6 th	"Jesus' Counterstatements...The Doctor is In" (Mark 2:15-17)
Feb. 13 th	"Jesus' Counterstatements...The Taste of New Wine" (Mark 2:18-22)
Feb. 20 th	Guest Speaker – Rev. Ken Lonsdale
Feb. 27 th	"Jesus' Counterstatements...The Real Dirt" (Mark 7:1-23)

Curriculum Review!?

The Christian Growth and Nurture Committee has recently appointed a team to review the curriculum and formatting of our current children's programs. This is necessary for a couple of reasons:

- ◆ First, as a general rule, it is good to review curriculum on a regular basis to determine if it is still meeting the needs that it was designed to address.
- ◆ Second, as we grow as a congregation our dynamics change and this too can render a curriculum or program format less effective than it may have once been.
- ◆ Finally, it is our desire to receive feedback and to make sure that the Christian Education programming that we are providing to the children and families of BCC are as effective, useful and "*family friendly*" as they can be.

To this end we encouraged and solicited feedback from both parents and children's workers on this topic both through a survey and an open house that was held on Sunday, January 6th. The Curriculum Review team is made up of Marlee Page, Beth Pressey, Beth Adlam, Bonnie Hammond, Terri Prevett, Joy Andrews and Rose Litwin. Good progress is being made and the Team hopes to present its recommendations to the CG&N Committee for approval at its April meeting, with a desire that any recommended changes be implemented by September 2011.



Submitted by Rose Litwin



Pastoral Care and Worship Committee

Pastoral Care and Worship looks after Sunday services, Small Groups, Music, Sound, Bibles and Prayer ministries.

We also have a Pastoral Care Team that watches over the personal needs of the congregation. If you know of any needs in this area, please make it known, 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 this committee.

January saw the start-up of a new ministry, IGNITE, held on Saturday evening, usually the first of the month. It is geared to the Youth of our congregation and reaches out to the youth in the wider community as well. Please spread the word about this and please add Ignite to your prayers. Aaron Blata is heading up a team of our younger members who are working hard on this new venture.

We are excited about the Music ministry this season. A new cantata for Easter is in the works and we hope to involve all ages in its presentation. Watch for announcements and join in on Thursday evening or Saturday morning rehearsals if you can.

Special music time has been introduced for the children this season as well. New microphones have been added and some new software for power point and also for the music presentations has been purchased. All of these are intended to enhance our worship experience and help equip us to serve the Lord in our everyday lives.

We welcome new members, the Rivards and the Switzers into our Banwell family. We know they will be a real blessing to us and we pray that we will bless them as well.

In the next few months this committee wants to look at starting up a prayer time at least once a month for special prayer for our church and its work. If you are interested in this please let us know.

We are also looking for people who would like to act as Name Tag Assistants probably about once a month before the main service. You just need a friendly smile.

So we have a few opportunities for service. Even if you can't help in these or other areas we urge you to join with us as you read this, to pray for God's blessing on our church family and our activities this month.

Submitted by Susan Holmes,
Chair, Pastoral Care & Worship

Christian Education Hours Adult Class



Grant Fairley will be continuing to teach the Adult class in February. Each Sunday we will study a different book of the Bible. We will do an overview of the book and then dig deeper into one of the passages to learn not only about that book but how to study any book of the Bible. Everyone is welcome for any of the weeks you can attend. Here are the topics:

New Testament Book Studies

Feb. 6th	Galatians dig, Chapter 5
Feb. 13th	Ephesians dig, Chapter 4
Feb. 20th	Philippians dig, Chapter 1
Feb. 27th	Colossians dig, Chapter 1



Workshops, Seminars, Learning Opportunity

- ◆ Iona College is offering a Pastoral Care general interest course entitled “**Foundations of Western Visions and Values**” beginning January 17th through the spring. Please email office@ionacollege.edu or call 519-253-3000, ext. 7039 for details.
- ◆ The Korean Society of Windsor is looking for families willing to provide homestay for Korean students studying in Windsor. If interested or need details please email youngkkim@windsorkorea@yahoo.ca.

FAITHWEAVER FRIENDS

Feb. 3rd	Wheel of Fortune	
Feb. 10th	No Meeting	
Feb. 17th	Hat Night	
Feb. 24th	Grandparent's Night	
March 3rd	Hot Rod Night	

FACES IN THE CROWD



- * Congratulations to **Keith and Donna Rivard** upon their baptism on Sunday, November 28th.
- * A big thank you to our Christmas decorators, led by **Karen Scaddan**. (They also did the hard part of taking the decorations down!).
- * We are grateful to **Sean Doyle** who has agreed to change the message on the church sign until a caretaker is hired.
- * The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the following families who lost loved ones over the last little while.
- * To **Lorne & Joyce Sayell** upon the passing of Joyce's mother, Margarite Small; **Tom & Linda Brewer** and family upon the passing of Linda's father Ed Lochhead; to **Gord & Barb Wickham** and **Dave & Helen Wickham** upon the passing of Gord and Dave's sister Lynda; to **Susan Reed** and family upon the passing of her husband Ted; and to **Tracy & Deborah Bevington** upon the passing of her father Gerald.



MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

A new year has begun and we are looking forward to being involved in numerous continuing and new missions and ministries throughout the year.

Our relationship with Matthew House continues both through our regular monthly contribution as well as donations of items as requested when the need arises. Watch the weekly bulletin for updates and needs.

We are always collecting donations for the Downtown Mission Food Bank and will once again be donating \$400 and sending 5-6 volunteers to serve lunch in April. We are also looking forward to participating in the Downtown Mission annual fundraising walk (also in April) – will keep you posted.

During the March Break, Danny Blata will be on a short-term mission trip with Maranatha Christian Academy to Nicaragua – we have donated \$200 toward his trip and thank those of you who have supported him as well.

We look forward to contributing \$250 toward the Western Association 'Stock a Clinic' project as well as furthering our involvement with Chinese Ministries through Rev. Pak Loh (CBM), and continuing to increase awareness of and contributing to programs such as Teen Challenge, the annual Leamington Canning Project, Samaritans Purse, Guatemala Hope etc. More information will follow as the year progresses.

Our monthly Prayer & Praise service at Heron Terrace continues and we are looking at expanding our outreach to more shut-ins in the future – if you are interested in participating or know of places that would benefit, please let us know.

Last but not least (for this issue), we have once again resumed the ESL English Cafes – a program of conversation and friendship to refugees and immigrants for whom speaking English is difficult. This involves volunteers and participants from Grace, Ambassador and First Baptist churches at both Banwell and First Baptist locations.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact the church office and you will be directed to the appropriate contact(s).

In His love and service,
Wallie Pizzuti – Chair





LIBRARY NEWS BOOK REVIEWS

We have an addition of a new bookshelf so we will be able to expand our library to make room for new books that we hope to have available in the near future. Many thanks to Tom Holmes for putting the bookshelf together for us.

There have been many new additions to our shelves by your favourite authors. Please stop by and check out one or two for your cold weather reading enjoyment. Also thank you to those who donated books recently.

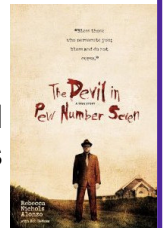


FACE OF BETRAYAL

A page turning mystery. A teenage girl is missing and while searching for her, investigators find secrets in her past when they uncover her blog. The three women race to find Katie but realize they have their own demons and enemies to confront.

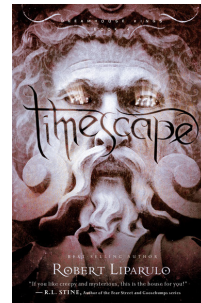
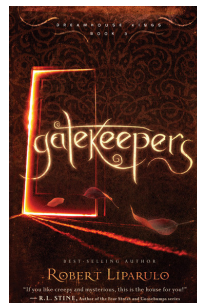
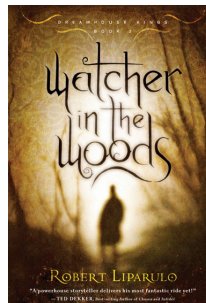
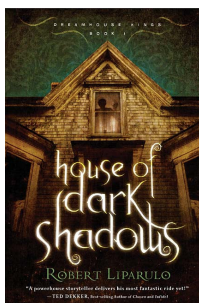
DEVIL IN PEW NO. 7

A true story about a pastor and his family and the terror and persecution they suffer, from letters threatening death, phone calls in the night, bullets through their windows and bombs detonated in their yard. A story about true forgiveness, written by the pastor's daughter. Look for it in the Miscellaneous section.



DREAMHOUSE KINGS SERIES

Good series for teens through adults. About things that happen when a family moves into a creepy old house, where they are pulled back into different time periods. A thrill a minute, similar to C.S. Lewis stories.



Maureen Church, (Mae)
Librarian



MONDAY

New Study

Small Group led by Rose Litwin & Aimee Seguin

Meets the 1 & 3 Monday of each month at Rose's place

First Meeting: January 17th 2011

Studying: "The Truth Project"

by Focus on the Family

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group comprised of 12 video and discussion lessons, taught by Dr. Del Tackett, instructor of Christian Worldview at the Focus Leadership Institute and a former Senior Vice President of the ministry. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.



Men's Group led by Jim Wheeler

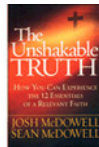
Meets at Jim's Place the 1 and 3 Monday of the Month

First meeting in 2011 will be January 3rd

@ 7 PM

Studying: "The Unshakable Truth" by Josh and Sean McDowell.

The McDowells establish a relational apologetic for today's generation! Their comprehensive handbook on what Christians believe, why they believe it, and how it's relevant to contemporary life is grounded in God's plan of creation, incarnation, and re-creation. Using Scripture and practical examples, they reveal 12 critical essentials to living out the Christian faith. The McDowell's establish a relational apologetic for today's generation! This is a comprehensive handbook on what Christians believe.



Prophecy: An Inconvenient Truth - continues on Monday nights, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The small group is led by Jeff Soper. The study will conclude on Monday, Feb. 14th. All are welcome!

Bible Study led by Doug Anderson

Meets Monday nights at the Bodlack home

First meeting of 2011 will be Monday, January 10th

@ 7:00PM

TUESDAY

New Study

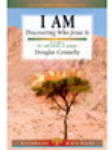
Bible Study led by Laura Ferguson

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM

Starting new study on January 18/11

Studying: I AM, Discovering Who Jesus Is.

Examine 8 I Am claims of Jesus from the Bible and be prepared to have your life changed as Jesus' words ring true in your experience. To grief-stricken friends, Jesus said "I am the Resurrection." Addressing hungry crowds, he announced "I am the Bread of Life." To fearful followers, he proclaimed "I am the Way".



WEDNESDAY AM

"Early Bird Group" (facilitated by the Pastor)

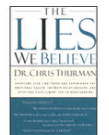
Wednesday Mornings at 7:00 AM

Meets at the church in the Fireside Room

First study of the year will be January 5, 2011

Studying: "The Lies We Believe" by: Dr. Chris Thurman

The lies you believe are destroying you. Every day lies you've learned from parents, friends, church, and society play like a broken record in your head. Some of the lies may be "I must have everyone's love and approval" or "A good Christian doesn't feel angry or depressed." In The Lies We Believe, Dr. Chris Thurman helps you understand what lies you are believing, how they are damaging your life, and what to do about them.



Small Group led by John Goodwin

Wednesday Evenings at the Wilcox's Home

January 5, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Continuing a study on the Gospel of John

Small Group led by Wallie Pizzuti

Wednesday Evenings at the church in Room 6

January 5, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Continuing a Study in the Book of Acts

Claude Daniels' Group

Meets Wednesday Evenings at the church in the Chapel at 7:00 PM

First Meeting of 2011 will be Wed., Jan. 12, 2011

Studying the Gospel of Matthew



THURSDAY



Beth Pressey and Donna Soper's Parents Group

Meets Thursday Evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Here at Banwell Community Church

New Study Starting January 13, 2011

Boundaries with Kids by: Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend

Here's 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.



CHOCOLATE!!

No, you don't get another chance to buy some of the Sweet Ladies' Laura Secord-rival chocolates...they are for sale only in the month of December...

We just wanted to inform you that the money you spent in 2010, **\$670.00** to be exact, all went to **Marlborough Public School** located in the Tecumseh Road/Huron Church area for their breakfast/snack program. Our Chocolate Leader, **Yvonne Eberle**, recently received an enthusiastic letter from the school thanking the chocolate buyers for providing food for "a healthy breakfast and mid-day snack for 370 students". I've told you before that chocolate is beneficial!



Keeping this outreach going, the Hospitality Ladies have been asked to bring in snack food such as cookies and squares on the first Sunday in February to be passed on to Marlborough School. If any member of the congregation would like to contribute to this outreach as well, you may do so.

To read the letter from Marlborough Public School in its entirety, you may find it on the Bulletin Board in the foyer...

Zelma Horvath

This year we will experience
four unusual dates:

1/1/11

1/11/11


11/1/11

11/11/11

Now take the last two digits of the year you were born and add the age you will be this year and it will equal 111.

Submitted by Zelma Horvath

SPECIAL THANKS!

Once again our Envelope Secretary, Zelma Horvath, has gone above and beyond in doing an excellent job in preparing our Income Tax Receipts. Providing Tax receipts is a huge undertaking and we extend our sincere thanks Zelma for having the receipt details completed weeks prior to the deadline. 



Child Care Workers Schedule For February 2011



Date	Infant	Toddler	Little Lambs	Children's Church
Feb. 6th	Helen Fontaine Lilian Wilson	Kathy Freeman Emily Andrews	Laurie Beemer Hailey Beemer	Sue Ferguson Marjorie Rusling Terri Prevett Tim Ebel
Feb. 13th	Christa Braccio Aimee Seguin	Carolyn Kidd Beatriz Guzman	Carol Middaugh Taylor Cabana	Danijela Kralik Emily Lemmon Rose Litwin Kodi Page
Feb. 20th	Marlene Wray Heather Doyle	Kim Stevenson Jaclyn Stevenson	Gayle Marsh Taylor Cabana	Bonnie Hammond David Ferrato Terri Prevett Tim Ebel
Feb. 27th	Ellen Doyle Monica Small	Gord Wickham Melissa Lafontaine	Patty Moroz Karimeh Haddad	Tracy Beemer Roxanne Marques Rose Litwin Beth Gellner

MEN'S MINISTRY
COMING EVENTS

RESERVE THESE DATES!

Men's Breakfast, Saturday,
Feb. 26th at 8:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday,
March 26th at 8:30 a.m.

On Saturday, April 2nd our Men's Ministry
will once again be holding a seminar.
Details are coming.





VIEW FROM THE PEW

February – it used to be a depressing month for me. I have no idea why – it could have been something inane like the slant of the sun. Of course to people suffering from SAD – that clinical depression called Seasonal Affective Disorder – people who NEED the light, there is nothing frivolous about the sun. Unbelievably this condition, first identified around 1845, wasn't officially classified until 1984. There were thousands of people in those years that suffered depression for the entire winter without knowing why. I'm not one of them but my sister-in-law was.



For years I thought she was just eccentric! Her passion and skill working with stained-glassware resulted in some masterpieces, but she created them by working all night long. During the day she would close all the blinds and drapes and turn on every light in the house. And sleep. She didn't find relief until my brother retired and they began travelling south to spend the four winter months in the Florida sun.

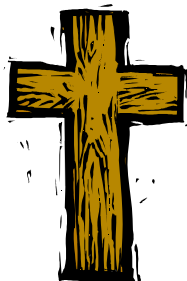
Some years I have been lucky enough to get some of that sun (this year will be one of them – yes!) but other winters I've had to be creative in getting through the month. Chocolate helps. So do daily walks and Vitamin D, a good book and calling a friend. You can even purchase a lamp especially made for SAD sufferers – the best seller is called a HappyLight (and I'm not making that up!) I like to write so I send a lot of emails and, this year, I joined a blog called Lit Misfits that my great-niece in Toronto created. Since the family is separated by geography we keep in touch by writing book reports for the blog.

I know better than to wish even one winter month away so my solution is to just take one day at a time and watch God's promised sun rise every morning.

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." C. S. Lewis.

And that is my view.

Zelma Horvath



VALENTINE'S LOVE

When Jesus Christ decided to
Give us a Valentine
He followed His Father's orders
The task God did assign.

It's sacrifice we need to give.
To a beloved Valentine
When we do that, we get a glimpse
Of the holy and divine.



MY BACK PAGES

As I write this article we are in the midst of celebrating some special dates in our household. Both the boys were born in the winter (January and February) and Linda and I were married two weeks after Christmas (Elvis Presley's last birthday, Jan. 8th, 1977!). My Mom's birthday is the very next day which gives me a great memory aid in my attempt to remember the significant dates of the two most important women in my life!



There is a tendency as we get older to pass over birthdays as quickly as possible, or ignore them altogether, but it's important to mark significant dates in our lives. Society helps us a bit by establishing special holidays for the most important days in our communities, but remembering and celebrating days unique to each of us is our responsibility ... and I think it goes beyond the marking of birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Maybe you remember the actual date when you started your first full-time job or the sudden and unexpected passing of a loved one; when you bought your first car or house; the day you bid farewell to some dear friends or when you gathered around a television set to witness an important historical or sporting event or hear a world leader deliver a speech. Recalling these moments enriches our lives, enlivens gatherings with family and friends ... and helps keep our memories sharp!

The scriptures teach us that time is precious. Paul encourages the early followers of Jesus to "be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15-16)." Time really is opportunity, especially for those of us who have come under God's guidance and direction. The great mission of drawing the world to Christ is an ongoing project, requiring God's people to be vigilant, ever watching for chances to "give a reason for the hope that is within us." Each day gives us another chance to say thank you to the one who so freely gave new life to each of us.

So today, as the New Year has begun, let's understand anew what a great resource we've been given (24 hours each day) and try to use it in the best way possible, not just for ourselves but for the advancement of the Kingdom. Of course God wants us to enjoy the life we've been given ... but it seems our role is to help others enjoy it as well. How can we fit God into our busy schedules? May you find new ways to do so in 2011.

Devotedly your pastor ... Alex

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