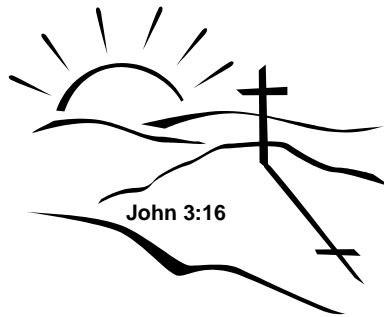


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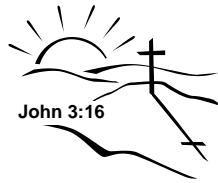


**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27th, 2011**



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BRAGG CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual General Meeting
Sunday February 27th, 2011

AGENDA (proposed)

Open in Prayer

Vote for Waiving Voting Requirements

Roll Call

Review of and vote on the AGM Minutes of February 28th, 2010

Finance Report

Income / Expense Report
Budget Deliberation 2011

- Vote to accept 2011 Budget
- Vote to accept Treasurer's Report

Pastor's Report.....Pr. Zimmerman

New Council Members – Slate or Nominees or Nominations with Election/Vote

Laying on of Hands for New Council Members

Ratification of Tellers

Vote to set the 2012 AGM date

Call for any Other Business

Adjournment

Minutes of AGM held on February 28, 2010

The Annual General Meeting of Bragg Creek Community Church of God was held on February 28, 2010 at the Bragg Creek Community Hall.

Norm Leong called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and opened it in prayer. Joanne Crook took the minutes of the meeting.

Carol Scarratt moved that the Agenda be accepted as presented. Peter Hunt seconded the motion; Decision: Carried.

All reports, statements and other documents had been made available at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting and were available again for congregants to obtain copies.

The roll call was held and 36 congregants had registered and were present at the meeting. The voter registration list is filed with these minutes. No motion or vote was required to waive voting rights.

No reading of the 2009 AGM minutes was necessary and there were no questions or comments that arose. Steve Overell moved that the minutes be accepted, Linda Overell seconded the motion; Decision = Carried.

The 2009 Treasurer's Report was presented by Shirley Haist.

- Shirley provided highlights of the Report and noted:
 - That there was a shortfall of approximately \$10,000 with respect to the 2009 Income and Expense;
 - The highlights of both expense and revenue;
 - Specifics regarding ministry/outreach.

The 2010 Budget was presented by Lowell Harder. Questions and discussion included:

- Specific comments on line items;
- Comments on the profile of the church in the community and discussion on how we might do more in this area as well as comments on things that we were doing that were positive.

With no further discussion, Judy Creaser moved that the year end Treasurer's report for 2009 be accepted as presented. Anne Wilson seconded the motion; Decision = Carried.

With no further discussion, Peter Hunt moved that the 2010 Budget be accepted as presented. Steve Overell seconded the motion; Decision = Carried.

Pastor Dave Zimmerman presented his report as prepared and distributed in the meeting package. Questions and discussion included:

- Comment that it might be useful to have something to identify the Church when in the community (i.e. T-shirts)

Melissa Teeuwsen presented highlights and overview of the Youth Ministry. The Congregants expressed sincere appreciation for Melissa's Ministry and noted that there were many things that she did that we didn't always see and that her Ministry extended to youth that would not otherwise have the benefit of the Church support system.

The New Council Members agenda item was then discussed and it was noted that Joanne Crook's terms with Council expired and Shirley Haist was resigning as Treasurer after 3 years. Council brought forward a list of names of persons who had agreed to be nominated for Council positions, including:

- Melissa Thompson for Treasurer; Anne Wilson nominated Melissa Thompson.

Nominations from the floor included:

- Lou Nobert Accepted

There were three calls for nominations and then nominations ceased.

Norm Leong moved that the slate of Council members be accepted as presented. The new members were accepted by acclamation.

The Council and others who wished to lay hands on the new members did so and prayed.

The Council for the 2010 year is as follows:

Norm Leong
Anne Wilson
Megan Stuart
Lowell Harder
Carol Scarratt
Lou Nobert
Melissa Thompson - Treasurer

Outgoing Council members are:

Joanne Crook
Shirley Haist

The list of tellers for 2010 was proposed by Shirley Haist as follows:

- Roy Wuitschik
- Bea Green
- Ruth Richman
- Gwen Taylor
- Shirley Haist
- Lil Nobert
- Gayle Hodgkins
- Judy Creaser

Megan Stuart moved to accept the list of tellers as presented including current Council members if required. Joanne Hunt seconded the motion; Decision = Carried.

Judy Creaser moved that Council have the authority to delay the 2010 AGM by up to one month from the bylaw stipulation which says that it must be held 30 days after year end. Peter Hunt seconded the motion; Decision = Carried.

Steve Overell moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:10 pm.

Children's Ministry

Dear Church family,

It's been an eventful year in Sunday school with new classes and a new program. The program, published by the ReThink group is based upon the concept of Orange. The following is taken from their website:

*Orange is a secondary color, created when you combine two primary colors—**red** and **yellow**.*

*Orange is what **red** and yellow can do when they combine efforts. If you paint only with **red**, you will get what only **red** can do. If you paint only with **yellow**, you will get what only **yellow** can do. But when you paint with **red** and **yellow**, you'll get new possibilities, fresh solutions and vibrant outcomes.*

*We believe the warm heart of the family can be represented by the color **red**, and the bright light of the church can be represented by the color **yellow**. When these two entities combine their efforts for the sake of the spiritual growth of the next generation, the result is **Orange**.*

A great aspect of working with this program has been providing age appropriate activities for the children within our church. We are currently running two programs; one for ages 3-5 and another for ages 6 and up. Specifics regarding the programs are outlined below:

First Look

First Look uses several key strategies:

- Teach less for more - Repeats one key truth (Bottom Line) all month long.
- Engage the five senses - Helps master the concept through creative activities.
- Teach with the end in mind - Helps a child by age five, to believe:
 - **God Made Me**
 - **God Loves Me**
 - **Jesus Wants to be My Friend Forever**
- Experience worship - Encourages children to talk to God any time, any place.
- Connect at home - Provides parents with ideas for conversation with their child at home.

252 Basics

Concept:

252Basics is a unique approach to curriculum for churches and Christian schools. It is built around three Basic Truths every child should embrace according to what Jesus modeled in Luke 2:52.

- ***I need to make the wise choice.***
- ***I can trust God no matter what.***
- ***I should treat others the way I want to be treated.***

Each Basic Truth is amplified by a weekly key concept and systematically taught over a three-year track. The curriculum includes 150 Bible stories and is based on a Core Virtue and Memory Verse as the framework for each month.

The orange program has provided a great framework in which to grow and develop our Sunday school program. If you are interested in getting involved, or if you have any questions, please speak with Megan Stuart.

Thank you,

The Sunday School team

Council Chair Report, 2010

Council responsibilities are primarily stewardship of finances; stewardship of assets, such as the manse; ensuring pastoral care; and leadership in developing a vision for the church. The Council is directed to hold regular monthly meetings, along with special meetings for planning, budget deliberation and to address critical issues as they arise.

2010 was a year that saw a visible change in the demography of the church, with a shift in attention to our younger congregants. Dave and Lowell will be introducing a new concept of Faith@Home incorporating that support. A new Sunday School curriculum was introduced by Alex, Amber and Val, and 2011 will see an emphasis on how the development of our children will be supported by those immediately around them. The youth leadership changed with Melissa's move and call to Whitehorse. Amanda and Lisa have convened with older youth and Carol had started a preteen girls ministry. .

In terms of the capital requirements of the manse in 2010, there was a focus to conduct a fuller lifecycle assessment of critical areas. Some was directed to immediate superficial needs, but the emphasis was to identify key replacement areas. Foundation and water issues appear to be top of the list. Thanks to Lou for coordinating an assessment review, along with Megan and Dean. Efforts are currently underway to repair a foundation concern and revisit a well water solution.

The Council is happy to report that planned expenses were met in 2010, with building fund investments maintaining a healthy return. The critical deadline is to focus direction of those funds to some form of capital project before 2016. Reserve funds were moved into three key areas looking at manse repair, benevolent funding and music equipment.

In closing, we ask that you please lift up the incoming leadership ministry of the church in all your prayers.

Yours in Christ

Norm Leong,
Council Chair

Congregational Care Report, 2010

With the changing demographics in our church community and increasing need in the BCCC and greater Bragg Creek communities, it seems there is always some aspect of congregational care involved in the church's mission and it has been another busy, faithful and wonderful year!

Carol Scarratt Congregational Care Coordinator leads BCCC Congregational Care and regularly reports to Church Council and updates the congregation through announcements at service and the BCCC Announcer.

We usually meet as a group three or four times each year where we liaise with Pastor Dave, plan and organize upcoming projects and events.

Our committee has two main areas of responsibility. Members and their duties are loosely grouped into two main sub-committees:

a) Fellowship Events Team:

Judy Creaser (Team Lead), Lil Nobert, Linda Overell, Amber Tsoi,
Gwen Hall and Debra Zelisko

The main roles are to:

- Plan and organize Soup Sundays
- Meals Ministry- to contact and organize volunteers in our general congregation to prepare meals for families who are in need of this ministry support.
- Organize the Christmas banquet.
- Purchase and maintain the supplies, table coverings and seasonal decorations in the storage area in the Community Centre.
- Provide Church coffee service

Team members set up for various church and community events this year including the following:

“Soup Sundays” are generally held each month except during the summer months. (In 2010 held on Jan 17, Feb 7, March 7, May 2, June 13, and Oct 17).

On Saturday, April 4th we again partnered with Bragg Creek Community Association to plan, organize and carry out the Bragg Creek Centre Family Easter Event Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.

Another successful Annual Christmas Banquet was held on Sunday evening, December 12 at Bragg Creek Community Centre with 130 in attendance.

Members continued to organize cooked-meal donations for families who

were experiencing difficulty. While some families are members of our congregation, others were from the general Bragg Creek-Redwood Meadows area and beyond. Thank you for your donations in support of this important aspect of our work.

b) Congregational Care Team: Carol Scarratt (Team Lead)
(Communications and other) Val Johnson Carol Mertens
Lil Nobert, Debra Zelisko

The principal roles are:

- Each year, a message of encouragement is sent to every family in the members' directory.
- Cards and/or flowers are sent on behalf of BCCC; the birth of a child, a bridal shower, illness or bereavement.
- Co-ordination of the signing of the Pastor's Love gift and Christmas card. collection and presentation of the cash love gifts from our congregation each year

In 2010, Congregational Care continued to send cards to comfort the sick, to mark celebrations and also to send flowers, cards and condolences to several bereaved families on behalf of everyone at BCCC. Members frequently minister prayer, comfort and compassion to those in need. Thank you for keeping us informed of needs as they occur and lending a hand in all of our activities – we appreciate you!

Personal invitations were extended to all our families to attend the Christmas Banquet, and also one member of the committee, Val Johnson regularly provides breakfast for our volunteer set-up crew early each Sunday.

A graduation gift-giving and cake again marked this significant event for graduating members of our church.

Thank you everyone for the gift of your service in caring for our growing congregation and greater community. We are in need of a minimum of two additional team members for the coming year. Please consider joining us in this most worthy mission.



On behalf of everyone on the Congregational Care Team
Blessings to you all.

Judy Creaser and Carol Scarratt

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Pastors Report

We are dedicated to be and make followers of Jesus Christ in authentic community for the sake of the world. (Matthew 28)

Year at a Glance

As my family has grown and gotten older it has caused a lot of changes in me. One of the biggest was going from knowing exactly how I would raise my kids to not knowing anything...at all. There has definitely been a gap between theory and practice as all these good ideas or ideals are met with real life. Personalities, siblings, interests etc. all played a part in my demise as a parent.

I look back at my own spiritual growth and development and I sometimes recognize some of the same pattern. Throughout my life there have been great moments where scripture was revealed in new ways birthing great ideas, principles etc. I can truly agree that ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ *so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*"

I think the problem comes in when we move from teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness to the "every good work". What does this look like in practice essentially as we live life in a complex world and with complex people.

So where does the church come into play with this dilemma? I think we are to be a bridge in making those connections between the abstract and practical, between theory and practice, between believing in Jesus and following Him.

We do this by Being and making Disciples in authentic community for the sake of Christ and His world.

Community

Partnership: This is the heartbeat of the church. Jesus stressed the need to love God and love our neighbor. We love God by accepting His free gift of Grace and we love others in community. We feel that the most effective life development isn't done in isolation but by having people stretch and challenge you. The body is made up of different parts and as we interact with different personalities and convictions we are challenged beyond how we typically see things.

35By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

I was excited to see this past year experiencing deeper community in a couple ways. Apart from the constant communication to Bless and Eat with each other on a personal level, we've seen a greater excitement around our shared meals. Much of this has to do with the outstanding job the Congregational Care Committee has done as they have put a greater effort behind these times and encouraged themes that celebrate congregational life.

We've also had some great times of connecting around milestones of congregants, whether it is baptism or baby dedications we want to celebrate and recognize these aspects of spiritual growth and commitment.

We've also seen some expansion with the Life groups in which include different forms of study but whose main purpose is connection and prayer.

Again real community connecting cant be programmed but we want to continue to do our part in providing opportunities for connecting on a deeper level. Part of the “providing opportunities” not only involves the above mentioned aspects but includes more time given to testimony and always a commitment toward better communication from the leadership.

Commune

Discovery - Connected to God: Spiritual growth is a life long process and requires us to be in a place of discovery. So we strive to be continually connected to the one who can transform our inmost character, Jesus Christ.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Jn 14:6

Again we want to commit ourselves to being disciples of Jesus where we focus not only on what Jesus had to say in his teachings, but also how He acted and lived life with the people around Him. Knowing the Scripture is the high mark of enabling us to understand and know Jesus. We also want to promote some of the practices he cared about as we commit ourselves to prayer and service. Part of our job as a church is to not only teach the word, but teach the skills and practices of feeding ourselves.

Some of that commitment involves encouraging Faith at Home. Challenging and encouraging growth and learning where you spend most of your time, at your home with your family and in your neighborhoods.

As we continue with providing opportunities for learning and growth in the church through Bible study, Sunday school youth activities etc. we also want to commit to a new approach to discipleship and spiritual formation within our children. Part of this comes from the principles found in Deuteronomy 6 as we commit to equip the parent to be the primary avenue for the discipleship and spiritual development of their child.

The Shema – Deut 6:4 was and is a pillar of faith for the Jewish people, It has high importance and is used today as one of the few statements of faith. As it is one of the few places of instruction that models some specifics in regards to Israel's commitment to the Torah and children, it's principles should be of value as new covenant people.

I. 4-7 Model faith

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [a] 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

- Commitment starts with parents commitment to faith.
- Regardless of program the example of a parents faith still has the largest influence on the Childs life.
- Strengthen the Parents strength the children.

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 2 Timothy 1:5

II. 6 Word based.

6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

- the knowledge of discipleship.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:14-17

III. 7 Help foster conversation. Parent to child.

7 Impress them on your children.

- provide and encourage Testimony
- share the story of God and how we fit in it. - Narrative framework.

20 In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?" **21** tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. **22** Before our eyes the LORD sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. **23** But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land he promised on oath to our ancestors. **24** The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. **25** And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:3 ESV

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.

Proverbs 6:20 ESV

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

IV. 7 Experiential – Practiced.

7 Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- Provide the practice of discipleship.
- Provide opportunities for family serving together

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:7

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5

(Jesus) went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:51-52

V. 8 Memorization and Identity

8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

- Scripture before children.
- Scripture forming children. Wearing.
- Commitment to Spiritual formation / heart transformation rather than just behavior modification.

Shows the outflow of praise because of identity etc.

But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" Matthew 21:15-16

VI. 9 Equip and strengthen the home.

9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

- Scripture fortifies and is the foundation of the home.
- it gives it identity, a house of peace.
- What do we allow in the gates etc.

The Methods of these principles will continue to be a journey as we begin to start with achievable goals. However, some of the emphasis will be around asking the parents to commit to one God moment a day, one faith talk a week, and one service activity per month with their children.

As church we come around and support and equip parents as they lay Scriptural foundations for key milestones in their child's life.

These are some starting points as we strive to re-shift some of our approach toward children.

Commission

Adventure - Committed to Mission: Our life purpose is to pass this gift of grace on to others. *"To give it away"*. And we believe every believer is called to help spread this good news of Jesus Christ. We believe ministry belongs to everyone not just the "clergy". God asks us to live the message of Jesus faithfully serving others through our whole lives, and that means committing to generously give from our time, talents and treasure to bless others and glorify God.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:14-16)

We proclaim the Kingdom through word and deed. And we have continued to try to be a blessing to the community through our service and proclamation of Jesus. As always we want to encourage further commitment to get involved in community work and volunteering.

Focusing on Stressing the Servant leadership of Jesus will foster the correct attitudes and actions in being the church for the world. Luke 20:22 is not that no one should exercise authority or lead, but rather it is the how's of Leadership, Servant leadership. And to explain what that means, we have the entire life of Jesus as our guide.

When we get this the community will see a drastic difference in the ways of Jesus.

I look forward to what this year has in store as we continue to fix our eyes on Him and proclaim the good news of the Kingdom.

In Him,
Pastor Dave

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2010 Worship Report

Reflecting on 2010 we saw maturity of growth in our younger musicians as well as a diversity of expression, especially with the inclusion of dance, or lyrical movement. As we look into this next year we are excited to see the possible inclusion of more of the youth, as well as work more intentionally with the Sunday school and youth outside of the corporate worship time.

This past year we have lost two of our worship leaders so rotation revolves around Michelle and myself. We greatly appreciate the faithfulness of Kathy, Joanne, and Clint for their support with the singing. Supporting musicians are primarily Samuel, Timothy, Jesse, and Don when available. We were also blessed by Janet Ward's flute playing again at the Christmas Eve service.

We desire to work with budding musicians, particularly within the youth. We have been in discussion with the St. Pierre's to possibly utilize their place as a practice location for a youth worship time. We are targeting this to start in the spring.

Dance continues to be a part of our expression of worship, which is primarily focused for special occasions at this point.

We make a concerted effort to ensure that the music used has a solid theological foundation, a focus toward God, His splendor, and the work that He has accomplished on the cross. We are continuing to endeavor to bring a balance of new music, familiar favorites, and older hymns. The psalmist wrote; "Praise the Lord with a new song", and we believe that there is something that God brings to us as we express ourselves to Him in a new melody of praise.

We are looking forward to this next year to see how God will be directing our path specific to the areas of praise and worship.

If you have any questions or concerns we are more than open to feedback. If you would like to work with us in the area of worship, you are more than welcome.

Thank you and God Bless

Lowell Harder and Michelle Kroeker

YOUTH REPORT 2010

I began working as the Bragg Creek Youth Leader at the beginning of September, 2010. It has been an immense pleasure working with these youth. We have continued to meet on a Friday evening, and the activities range every week. A few of the highlights thus far have included a prayer walk around Bragg Creek, games and activities that range from mall hunts to skating, as well as countless volunteering at the community centre. The group usually ranges between 8-12 members, from which some were brought up with a church background, while others did not.

In the past I knew the kids from my experiences in leading on Friday's with Melissa, however working as the full time youth leader has opened up a new opportunity to really get to know each of the students, their struggles and joys. It has been an immense pleasure being present in whatever way for these students. They are all compassionate, towards one another, and to the world and community around them. This group jumps on opportunities to serve, and are now so familiar with what needs to be done that it's amazing how quickly things get done!

Moving on in the New Year, there are things I would like to change in the way I run the events, and look forward to seeing the effects that comes of that.

God has been answering prayer all year, all in His timing. There are members in the group who aren't believers, and throughout this year some amazing conversations and opportunities to discuss our faith have been brought up. As well, there are students have been Christians since they can remember, and are now starting to make their faith their own'. It's been amazing as well as challenging, and God has been present through it all. Even recently a youth began questioning the meaning of life and what a personal relationship with God looks like. These kids are seeking truth, seeking out themselves, and I continuously feel blessed to be able to walk with them in this journey. They are honest and open, selfless and real with themselves and one another.

A few of the exciting things that are coming up in the Youth group include things such as a youth band, a popular event known as 'shmoz', serving at the mustard seed, YC and a missions trip to the Yukon.

There is so much God has done and will continue to do with the Bragg Creek Youth, and it is a blessing to be part of his mission here.

Amanda

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