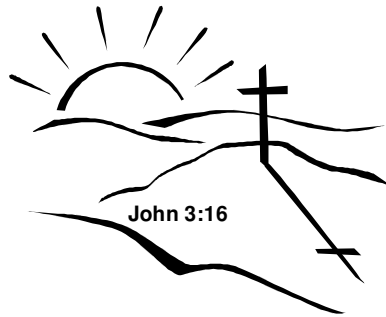


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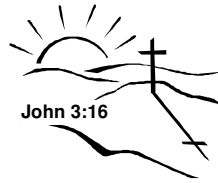
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22nd, 2009**

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BRAGG CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual General Meeting
Sunday February 22nd, 2009

AGENDA

Open in Prayer

Vote for Waiving Voting Requirements

Roll Call

Review of and vote on the AGM Minutes of February 24th, 2008

Treasurer's Report.....Shirley Haist

Vote to accept 2009 Budget

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Youth/Student Ministry Overview.....Melissa Edwards

New Council Members vote

Laying on of Hands for New Council Members

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Any Other Business

Adjournment

Minutes of AGM held on February 24th , 2008

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday February, 24th, 2008.

Gayle Hodgkins (GH) called the meeting to order at about noon on the above date. Steve Overell (SO, secretary) took these minutes of the meeting.

All reports, statements and other documents (filed with the Secretary) were again available for people to obtain copies (having been presented initially on 10th February, 2008, two weeks prior to the AGM).

We opened in prayer, led by SO.

GH held the roll-call and about 26 people were in attendance, including two non-voting attendees. The voter registration list is filed alongside the minutes with the secretary. Only two signed-up congregants were absent from the meeting. No motion or vote was required to waive voting rights.

No reading from the 2007 AGM minutes was necessary and there were no questions or comments that arose. Motion to accept these minutes was put forth by Megan Stuart, seconded by Kathy Edwards: **passed unanimously**.

The 2007 Treasurer's Report and 2008 Budget were next presented by Shirley Haist (SH).

Treasurer's report for 2007 (attached). The highlights were:

- Altogether another very good year. Contributions were about 2.5% above budget, which is very close. SH briefly described the expenses for 2007. A job very well done by SH who has taken over as Treasurer in mid-2007;
- SH then went into the 2008 budget, which has been increased over 2007 by about 5% in most items. Exceptions to this include:
 - Expenses for the manse, which *may* need some large items replaced as part of regular maintenance (furnace cleaning/replacement, well treatment, *etc.*) A budget of \$15,000 has been proposed for these items;
 - Insurance increase to cover the increased market value of the manse;
 - Pastor salary increase of ~7.5%
 - Church of God missions contribution, increases from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- SH indicated that the budget sheet has been simplified (commended by Alex Hodgins), and that Youth/Student Ministry expenses will be separated out for 2008 accounting.
- Questions posed:
 - (Carol Scarratt) – What is included in the Congregational Care budget (\$1,180)? – we don't spend this much on flowers and cards! **A:** (SH) This includes the Sunday coffee supplies *etc.*
 - (Megan Stuart) – What is the item for Church of God missions? **A:** (GH) This supports the "head office" in their missionary efforts. Pr. Dave (DZ) responded that we are one of the smaller contributors to the CoG, but then we are a small congregation!

Motion to accept the 2007 Treasurer's report and 2008 budget was proposed by Steve Hiebert, seconded by Malcolm Scarratt: **passed unanimously**.

Joanne Crook (JC) took the floor to present the Building Fund Report for 2007. All salient details are in the report, filed with the Secretary. JC briefly reviewed the investment opportunity (in the form of a loan with interest to be repaid at bank prime plus 1%) that had been undertaken by previous Councils with WoodMaster Homes (WMH). JC clarified the current situation, where there are two mortgages on third party properties held as security on the loan that was made to WMH. In order to discharge these mortgages, congregational approval is required by the Land Titles office.

The Council has spent considerable time on this issue in 2007 and have come to an agreement with WMH for repayment of the loan (as originally intended), in the form of post-dated cheques up to June, 2008 when the loan will have been repaid in full, including all interest: this amounts to \$456,336.86. Council is now recommending to discharge the mortgages, as outlined in the Building Fund Report and also to re-invest the monies in appropriate financial vehicles as soon as practicable.

Questions asked:

- (Alex Hodgins) – why were mortgages involved here? **A:** These were provided as security for the original loan made in 2000.

A motion was put forth by Linda Overell, seconded by Grace Wright, that the mortgages registered on the two properties listed under “Recommendations” of the 2007 Building Fund Report be fully discharged and that the monies be re-invested as recommended: **passed unanimously**.

Pr. Dave had written the Pastor’s report for 2007 and it was previously distributed, along with all other reports. Since the sermon was about this subject, no further review was felt necessary. DZ called for comments and questions:

- (Carol Scarratt) – What was the feedback from the Pastoral evaluation just completed? **A:** (GH) Much of the feedback given was very appreciative and encouraging for Pr. Dave. Excellent reviews in almost all areas;
- (Blinda Bilou) – Are there Elders and how do they relate to Council? **A:** (DZ) In Bragg Creek Church, we do not have Elders currently after resignations in 2007. Council takes responsibility for the business side of the church;
- (Ruth Richman) – Comment on Elders – they should take the spiritual leadership in the church.

Pastor Dave then introduced Melissa Edwards (ME) to present her review of the Youth/Student Ministry. Highlights:

- After Pastor Cristin Block left, some kids left also;
- In Summer 2007, a core group of youth was built upon;
- Emphasis has been on Serving, Leadership and small groups:
 - Streetlight Ministry in Calgary;
 - Serving food to homeless kids.

Comments/questions:

- (Carol Scarratt) – Where is the “home” for the group? **A:** Three places serve this purpose: Kathy Edwards’ home, the Chidwicks in Wintergreen and the BCCA hall;
- ME mentioned that they would love a minibus for transportation, which is often a challenge;
- Alex Hodgins offered to be a mentor/partner in prayer for ME;
- Joanne Crook offered much encouragement for ME on the ministry thus far.

The other reports were not read out – they were contained in the hand-outs previously available. There were no issues or comments raised from the floor.

GH then proceeded to the New Council Members agenda item. The terms of Gayle Hodgkins and Roy Wuitschik expire at this AGM. Roy (who resigned in November 2007) was not replaced because of the closeness to the AGM. There was only one nomination from Council for these two empty places – Norm Leong, who had accepted. Ruth Richman was nominated from the floor (by Carol Scarratt), but regretfully declined. Gayle Hodgkins then nominated Shirley Haist, the Treasurer (who is already a non-voting member of Council), who accepted. Since there were no competing nominations, no voting slips were necessary. Judy Boswell moved that the congregation accept Norm Leong and Shirley Haist onto Council (seconded by Kathy Edwards): **passed unanimously**. Norm Leong and Shirley Haist were thus duly elected to Council for three year terms, ending at the AGM in 2011. The Council and others who wished to laid hands on the new members and prayed, led by Lowell Harder.

The Council for 2008 is now:

Shirley Haist, Steve Overell, Grace Wright, Steve Hiebert, Joanne Crook and Norm Leong.

Outgoing Council members:

Roy Wuitschik and Gayle Hodgkins.

The list of tellers for 2008 was proposed by GH:

Doug Land, Steve Hiebert, Ruth Richman, Judy Creaser, Val Johnson, David Hall, Carol Gray, Gayle Hodgkins and Carol Scarratt.

After describing the duties of the tellers, including the confidentiality aspect of individual contributions, GH asked for a motion to ratify the list. Motion by David Hall to ratify the above list of church tellers for 2008 (seconded by Joanne Crook): **passed unanimously.**

Judy Boswell proposed a motion to give the Council the authority to delay the 2008 AGM by up to one month from the bylaw stipulation which says it must be held in January, 2008. Grace Wright seconded: **passed unanimously.**

GH asked for AOB, according to the agenda.

No further business was brought up.

Joanne Crook presented Gayle with a spa certificate in recognition of her 6 years on Council. Applause!

Melissa Edwards motioned to adjourn the meeting at about 12:50 p.m.

Communications Report, 2008

Areas of communications that were introduced this year included 25th Anniversary photo album as well as an additional Blog on the web.

The Bragg Creek Church website www.braggcreekchurch.ca saw increased traffic in 2008, with minor new content development. The "BCCC Announcer" (list email) contributed to the church family being connected to events updates. Coordinators of projects readily submitted requests to send announcements throughout the year.

We are always looking for new ways of capturing and delivering the Good News. But with anything, an interest in getting involved and committing to maintaining communications vehicles requires support from individuals who can volunteer time. Areas where help is needed to pursue for 2009:

- ◆ Bi-annual or Quarterly printed newsletter
- ◆ Articles or testimonies from various related outreach activities
- ◆ New community advertising or signage
- ◆ Submissions through the online calendar of events

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Jan 2008	314	327	147	67	259	29910	738	1621	2501	3464
Dec 2008	379	369	184	82	845	77065	2546	5711	8366	11774
Nov 2008	402	273	173	77	834	89763	2316	5192	8219	12075
Oct 2008	410	249	153	71	712	114728	2224	4754	7734	12719
Sep 2008	433	280	161	76	852	79468	2306	4834	8430	13016
Aug 2008	379	231	143	68	774	75622	2117	4459	7179	11767
Jul 2008	309	173	109	48	798	71497	1513	3407	5389	9587
Jun 2008	353	220	127	44	755	70306	1339	3827	6628	10591
May 2008	258	161	89	33	879	41156	1051	2778	4996	8012
Apr 2008	258	172	97	45	1060	39101	1368	2930	5181	7764
Mar 2008	334	241	138	67	1126	55544	2081	4280	7301	10380
Feb 2008	224	156	87	51	595	34030	1505	2542	4551	6497
Totals						774390	21104	46335	76665	117646

Through 2008, the BCCC site drew over 21,000 page visits – a slight increase from 2007. Perhaps the availability of high speed internet in the area has helped.

Pastor Dave has also continued to maintain a related BLOG to facilitate discussions on his message and related ministries. See: <http://www.emergingtrax.blogspot.com>

Contributions to the website included: Nick Mellazo's blog, updates from the Burundi Mission (Harders), Special

Baptism service, 25th Anniversary photos.

Thanks to those who have contributed, we welcome anyone who would like to submit an article or feature.

Entry searches show a number of different outreach programs are being searched.

If you are interested in helping with communications or would like to suggest some new ideas, please contact us.

Please send your updated information for the church directory (not distributed).

For more information, contact Norm Leong @ (403)949-3449 or postmaster@braggcreekchurch.ca

Or Dave Zimmerman @ (403)949-2072 or info@braggcreekchurch.ca

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Submitted by: Norm Leong.

Congregational Care Report, 2008

Below is the report on our membership and activities for the past year.

Under the leadership of the Congregational Care Coordinator, Carol Scarratt, the committee has two main areas of responsibility. Members and their duties are grouped into two main sub-committees:

a) Fellowship Events Team: Judy Creaser (Team Lead)
Lil Nobert, Linda Overell, Amber Tsoi

The main roles are:

- 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:

- Soup Sundays held on the first Sunday of each month (except July and August).
- Our church's 25th Anniversary Service on April 6, 2008 was followed by a Fellowship Dinner for congregation and many invited guests. Team members attended to many details for this special event.
- The Bragg Creek Community Association celebrated it's 50th anniversary on June 7, 2008. Team members organized our church congregation to provide all the salads for the dinner of 300 guests.
- The Annual Christmas Banquet was held on Sunday evening, December 7 at Redwood House with approximately 100 in attendance. The evening was preceded by a church service at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm
- Many times this year members organized 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 area.

A grateful thank you to everyone who participated and provided donations.

b) Congregational Care Team: Carol Scarratt (Team Lead)
Dorothy Clark, Betty Garside
Val Johnson, Lil Nobert
Malcolm Scarratt, Amanda Chidwick

The main roles are:

- Each year, one card of encouragement is mailed to every family on the members' list.
- Cards and/or flowers are sent on behalf of BCCC; on 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.
- Formally we looked after Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Boxes Project: Distribution, collection, and delivery. However, this year the children's after school program "Lighthouse" took charge of this project very successfully coordinated by Ann Wilson and Val Ellard.
- BCCC's two sponsored children: Twice yearly correspondence- birthdays and Christmas.

2008 was another busy year for the Congregational Care Team as we continued to send cards to comfort the sick, to mark celebrations and also to send flowers, cards and condolences to bereaved families on behalf of everyone at BCCC. Members frequently minister prayer, comfort and compassion to those in need. Thank you for keeping the Committee informed of needs as they occur.

Personal invitations were sent to all our families to attend the Anniversary lunch and Christmas Banquet and two members of the committee, Val Johnson or Malcolm Scarratt regularly provide breakfast for our volunteer set-up crew each Sunday. A graduation gift-giving and cake marked this significant event for 3 graduating members.

Thank you everyone for the gift of your service in caring for our congregation and greater community. Please consider joining us in this most worthy mission.

Blessings to you all.

On behalf of the committee,

Judy Creaser and Carol Scarratt



Compassion Canada Children
Mission Report 2008-09

Our Compassion Canada children, Eva who is twelve and lives in the Dominican Republic and eleven year-old Elias in Bolivia, are both absolutely delighted to be communicating with Bragg Creek Community Church. Both Elias and Eva are very compassionate towards BCCC, and consider us a very important part of their lives.

Elias is quite the little artist. Each letter sent from him contains a hand-drawn picture, with bright happy colors. He loves to teach everyone about his country, and their history. He is also very curious to know about Canada, and how our culture differs from his. He shows his pride in school by sharing his ability in multiplication!

Eva is so grateful for all our prayers. In her area they are building a school, and she is absolutely thrilled with the progress they are making on the classrooms and the money that goes towards their education. Eva is a very family-oriented person, each letter she requests that we pray for her family. Recently she sent a letter with good news that her mother came back. Her work had taken her away from the family, and Eva's excitement could be felt through her words.

Please continue to pray for these two special children. They love God, and are so grateful for every little blessing. They can teach us so much.

Please visit the Compassion Canada display board when you're next at church and read Eva and Elias' letters, enjoy their photo's and view their special art-work sent for us to enjoy. Visit www.compassion.ca to learn more about this opportunity to support less fortunate children across the world and please consider making a sponsored child a member of your family.

Submitted by Amanda Chidwick and Carol Scarratt
BCCC Congregational Care Sub-Committee.

Council Chair Report, 2008

In 2008 the church Council changed with the exit of Gayle Hodgkins and Roy Wuitschik, and with the addition of new elected members Norm Leong and Shirley Haist. Shirley also acts as our invaluable Treasurer, for which we are deeply grateful. Her efforts in keeping the books in order and ensuring bills are paid *etc.* are greatly appreciated. Finishing their terms this year are Steve Overell and Grace Wright. Joanne Crook took over from Steve Overell as Secretary for Council, whilst Steve took on the Council Chair position for 2008.

The majority of Council responsibilities are the finances, manse upkeep and guidance in vision for the church. The Council held 10 meetings (every month except July and September), including the AGM in February.

With respect to vision for the church, the Council looked at possibilities to extend the way in which non-pastoral teaching could take place, as suggested by conclusions in Carol Scarratt's thesis of 2006. Some ideas were discussed and will be pursued in 2009; for instance, having Sunday groups break-out from worship to be equipped by teachers of special subjects for short lessons. The church could also start a small library of resources (books, DVDs and CDs) for congregants to borrow in order to equip themselves at home during the week.

In terms of the maintenance of the manse in 2008, we are glad to report that the furnaces were properly cleaned and made effective again, the water treatment system was replaced and an outdoor shed was erected for storage. Efforts are currently underway to replace flooring materials to upgrade the dwelling further.

The Council has in 2008 diversified the building fund investments, which are now held through Investors Group in GICs, fully insured and guaranteed. In view of the financial down-turn and the fact that it is not anticipated that the church will acquire land or other property assets in 2009, these funds are now locked-in for 2009. On maturity in 2010, the re-investment of these funds will once again be reviewed by Council.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Steve Overell,
Council Chair

“Lighthouse” Report, 2008

For those unfamiliar with *Lighthouse*, it is a community outreach program for children in grades 1-6. We have seen several structural changes this year. We continue to count our blessings being able to hold our meetings at Banded Peak, our community public school ! This year we are meeting once a month for 2 hours on Thursdays after school. This format gives us more time to plan and more time with the kids each meeting.

I’m very excited about having Val Ellard and Michelle Kroeker come on board. They bring a huge amount of enthusiasm. Pastor Dave has continued to support us by coming and spending time the kids during *Lighthouse*.

In the fall we used an Operation Christmas Child booklet and CD as a basis for our meetings to talk about God’s gift of hope, His gift of joy, His everlasting gift and a simple gift. We broke for Christmas with a Christmas party and filled 36 shoeboxes with supplies from the *Lighthouse* families and our church families.

From January through May Val, Michelle and myself will meet to plan each months meeting. We ask that you keep not just the *Lighthouse* children in your prayers, but all of Banded Peak and pray for us by asking for the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

Submitted by:
Anne Wilson.

Pastoral Report, 2008

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

'There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred assembly'. Rhythm and Rest. This year could be somewhat characterized as a year of rest. It isn't that nothing occurred this past year, it is just that in comparison to the past couple years it feels totally different. Surprisingly, this year went by extremely quick despite its slower pace.

As a church I think we are still trying to figure out what it looks like to have our organizational structure formed around mission, rather than the worship service. The reason we are trying to be intentional about the Missional approach is that in North America the default organizational structure is the worship experience. This produces an attractional approach to structure where the focus is around the service programs within the church. Let me just say there are a lot of great attractional churches and agree on the core ministries, community, worship and evangelism/mission. The difference is in the organizational approach or structure. For the most part when the worship service is the default organizational structure we see all of these ministries being focused around the worship services of the church, so when we participate in community it is found in fellowship times in the church, when we worship we focus it around our the services at the church, when we evangelize we try to set it up so we invite people to a evangelistic event at the church. Again all these are fine and we have seen a lot of great things come from it but I think we can agree being attritional is becoming more difficult in a culture that is more and more post Christian, who is suspicion of large organizational structures etc. As well I think we can see from scripture, mission was always meant to be the pattern for the church. Biblical theology show a God who is sent and is sending, a church that is scattered to the ends of the earth.

So what does it look like to form our organization around mission. This has included the constant and somewhat nauseating call to "being on mission" in our communications and teaching times. As well as an emphasis on what happens outside of Sunday morning worship as the highpoints of the week. We ask the question how does the church assist each one of us through out the week in regards to mission. And we try to see all of this reflected in our methodologies as we accomplishing our ministries Community (partnership), Commune (Discovery), and Commission (Adventure)

Again I would always ask you too remember the leadership in your prayers, not only the Council and Treasurer, but those serving our children, the music and setup, congregational care and many more giving a lot of hours and prayer to many of the formal ministries of the church.

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.

We emphasize the participatory aspects of community, not "a community for me", but "me for community". Not only do we recognize that smaller churches need to have everyone

involved in different ways, but it is vital within the body of Christ to push back the attitudes of hyper-individualism and consumerism. The question isn't what am I going to get out of this group or can I remain anonymous in the crowd, rather what do I bring to fill out the expression the body. How are both my failures and strengths reflected on those around me?

Part of having a healthy community is creating spaces for both deep honesty and commitment as well as fellowship, building love for one another. The methods have included networking life groups, to chilli feeds and Christmas dinners. We cherish the times of connecting around praise and prayer as well as Soup Sundays. We support and celebrate births and baby dedications, confessions of faith and baptisms. They're all statements of community and belonging.

Some of the challenges for allowing mission to orient Community

- Finding a way to take fellowship and celebration out into the 3rd places of our town.
- Maybe this is intentional: meals with your life groups at a public spot.
- Continuing to take of the challenge in groups of Blessing and Eating with those "outside the community" (B.L.E.S.S. see below)
- The Council continually asks how to improve communication both within and within the public realm
- Baptism, I know that I am completely biased but baptism in the park was by far one of the neatest Sundays to be a part of. God shined His face on us that day, 9 made a confession of faith
- Partnering with the community center and other community events in order to just be present with people building relationships.

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 innermost character, Jesus Christ.

One of the phases we have trumpeted over this past year is "The Jesus Truth + The Jesus Way = The Jesus Life" that worshipping God not only includes knowledge (truth or doctrine) but also includes action (practice or liturgy).

This past year we have strived to teach Jesus' truth though our mid week Bible Studies, AWANA children's program, and Sunday morning worship gatherings in which we touched on topics of, What is the gospel, Practicing your faith, Luke's Gospel, Doctrine and liturgy and family.

We also have stressed the practicing of that truth through participation, teaching/preaching isn't left to the "professional" or "clergy" rather involves a wide range of church members. This is expressed throughout the different learning opportunities. Children's, Youth, Bible studies and Sunday am. Not only is it impossible to have a select few participate in this, but it's not a Biblical concept and doesn't further discipleship. Following Jesus means involvement, (and honestly it would also be really boring).

We also encourage a simple "rule" or "way" of life - BLESS

Setting goals to weekly participate in these areas.

Bless - Encouraging people both in and out the church community regularly.

Learn – Set a pattern of learning (studying Jesus, the bible and another book of wisdom)

Eat – God desires we take time with each other in celebration (around special occasions/feasts) and friendship. This doesn't happen passing by someone on

the street, so whether that is a prolonged coffee or inviting a family over for dinner, we slow down for others.

Silence – Setting times of silence with God. Experiencing a time of Sabbath, in listening and contemplation.

Sent – Reflective time on how you have advanced the kingdom of God.

Challenges in allowing mission to orient Communing with God

- Allowing BCCC to become a learning origination for the community how can we take Biblical concepts to our community (Parenting seminars, Finances and stewardship classes, Art classes)
- Being committees to a pre-Christian discipleship with our friends and family.
- Making sure our monthly public communications aren't just about what is the church doing, but also what is Jesus about?
- Maybe we take our Bible studies to the coffee shop or restaurants.

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.

God is about His Kingdom coming renewing the world unto Himself. We are to live as children of kingdom even though we await His final act of putting things right. This is why we participate in this mission of not only glorifying God through the proclamation of His Good News, but also living out The Gospel in action caring for the marginalized, the poor, widowed and orphaned.

We Use Acts 1:8 as a template for missions near, near/cross cultural and global.

We participate in a variety of Missions: Bragg Creek food bank, Mustard Seed, World Vision, Compassion Serve Nepal and Church of God Ministries and try to accomplish at least 10% of our budget in giving to these organizations

We also participate blessing the local community in volunteering for community events as well as the after school "*Lighthouse*" program (which I can't brag about enough).

Challenges in allowing mission to orient Commission

- We invite the community to participate in the work of mission (BCCC foodbank, Mustard Seed collection at Christmas Eve service)

Personal

After some personal challenges this past year I came to the realization that I have been a little tired and distracted. However, by the grace of God I feel a renewed freshness and passion in my life. Being able to again feel the sense of vision again. The family has enjoyed a blessed year and again Tara and I would like to thank everyone for the love and generosity you have all shown

In Him, Pastor Dave.

Precept Bible Study Report, 2008

Book 1 of 2 in the Gospel of John Precept study was completed and Book 3 started in October. 10 of us meet weekly in Bragg Creek or Cochrane on Thursday evenings.

What joy to have the means and privilege to freely study God's word ! So many in our world are persecuted for this, which I feel most of us take for granted.

Let us plan to spend more time in studying God's word because as we are learning in Sunday School: *"All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

How can we be about God's work if we don't know his word? Please study it.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Boswell

Sunday School Report, 2008



It's been a year of change in the BCCC Sunday school program. At the start of September, Shelly Groves, Steve and Linda Overell and Tara Zimmerman, began thoughtful consideration of the Awana® based program begun in years past. We are now looking forward to refining the program further with a consistent lesson structure and a set approach to verse memorization. There are such great things to be learned when the gospel is presented with age appropriate insight and direction! The Awana program is a great help in making this happen.

Although our program differs from other Awana programs, due to time and building constraints, the scripture verses and lesson objectives remain the same. During Sunday school, students have the opportunity to pray, learn something new from a scriptural example, memorize a scripture verse and work on a project.

With the additions of Judy Boswell, Joel Bowen, Amanda Chidwick, Alex Hodgkins and Ruth Richman to the Sunday school team, there is a lot to look forward to in the coming year. Imagine the impact God can have when a church provides a safe, reliable and welcoming atmosphere to the youngest members of its community and their families. Please pray for the Sunday school team and consider becoming involved.

YOU CAN TEACH! YOU CAN INSPIRE! YOU CAN BE A PART OF GOD'S REMARKABLE WORK!

If you have any questions, inspirational thoughts, concerns or random musings, with regards to the Sunday School program, please get in contact with Alex Hodgkins.



What Exactly is Awana?

Awana is a non-denominational children's and youth ministry committed to "reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ and training them to serve Him." The mission of Awana is to assist local churches around the world in communicating to children the good news that Jesus Christ loves them and can save them from sin. Each week, more than one million boys and girls in more than 110 countries attend Awana clubs and youth programs where they play games, memorize Bible verses and learn Bible lessons. From pre-school to high school, children and youth have fun while being taught the Word of God. The weekly Awana programs all function basically the same way. A 90-minute to two-hour session usually features three segments: Game Time, Handbook Time and Council Time. During Game Time, boys and girls play games around the unique Awana game circle. In Handbook Time, children work through age-appropriate handbooks memorizing Bible verses and doing activities ranging from patriotism to community service. They earn awards based on their work. The final segment, Council Time, consists of singing, puppets, Bible-centered lessons and a gospel presentation. Not only do Awana clubs meet weekly, other Awana activities occur throughout the year. Awana Games competitions bring area churches together for friendly competition. Bible Quizzing allows young people to compete

in reciting memory verses and Bible facts. Each summer, over 8,000 young people attend 39 Awana Scholarship Camps across America and Canada.

Awana at a Glance

Founded: 1950

President/CEO: Jack Eggar

Founder/President Emeritus: Art Rorheim

Number of children involved: 930,000

Denominations: 33

Countries: 114

Theme verse: *“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* 2 Timothy 2:15



Submitted by: Alex Hodgkins (949-2848)

Worship Ministry Report, 2008

Leadership is rotated between Ruth, Megan, and myself (Lowell). Michelle has requested to get plugged back into leading so that will be an added blessing. We also greatly appreciate the faithfulness of Kathy, Joanne, and Clint for their support with the singing.

Supporting musicians have diminished significantly so that has created a bit of a musical void. However we continue to make a conscious effort in the inclusion and development of younger people in worship. Leanne Gildemeister has been helping with Ruth and Caillie and my children have been participating with Megan and myself.

Thank you for your patience in our limited practicing, and musical deficiencies. There is an allowance for young people to develop and grow in their musicality, and ministry opportunity. I have not once had a complaint over the music in the three years we have attended, which is a testimony to you as a congregation, which is amazing considering the diverse church backgrounds that are represented in our congregation.

There is an increased challenge for all of us leading worship as each of our families have increased in size, which increases the responsibilities for the other spouse on the Sunday that we are serving.

We all 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 have endeavored to bring a balance of new, familiar, and older hymns.

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.

Thank you and God Bless.
Submitted by: Lowell Harder.

Youth & Student Ministry Report, 2008

In 2008 the youth group experienced a growth in numbers and in age range, a shift in evening activities and exploration into the world of mission trips. The numbers on any given night range from around 10-15 youth, depending on the night and the activity. We discovered that more youth came for the predictable, low-key events, than the big events. Smaller events also allow for deeper devotional time and more mentoring, one on one opportunities. Late in the year we began to see some grade seven and eighth grade students join our group, which provides a nice balance as our core group has now entered senior high.

From January to June of 2008 our group worked once a month at *Streetlight*, a mobile soup kitchen through Youth For Christ Calgary. We also attended teen swim nights at the leisure centre and did various other activities within Calgary. Driving into the city proved to be difficult, as it involved arranged rides and getting youth to RSVP to every event. Instead, I resolved to plan fewer events in the city and asked that if an event was planned within Calgary that students arrange their own rides. A typical Friday activity is a Games Night, where, after devotionals, we set up a number of games and play some music. This format is adaptable to most locations and suits our group size and dynamic.

We finished serving at *Streetlight* (we served there for approximately 1 year) and shifted the focus to identifying and serving needs within our community of Bragg Creek. As for serving at home, the youth group has volunteered for a number of activities through the community hall, such as teen dances and Christmas celebrations. A few of our youth have started working for the Community Association teaching children's programs throughout the week. Our youth are making themselves known as a group of young leaders within the community who are willing to get involved and who can be counted on to do a good job. One comment I often hear is that not only do they show up, but they bring with them an infectious enthusiasm for the task at hand that is refreshing to those around them.

In May we attended YC, a youth conference in Edmonton. We also took with us the Carstairs Church of God youth group in exchange for the use of their bus. Several of our youth made deeper commitments to Christ on the trip and were challenged to make some serious life changes. In November we attended a multi-church event put on by myself and the Glamorgan COG youth group. The event was fashioned after an underground church and involved many adult members of the congregation. We saw close to 60 youth come out and participate in the event.

Finally, in July of 2008, three youth and myself went up to serve at Braeburn Camp in the Yukon Territory. We served in a variety of areas, mainly in teaching the daily devotional and cooking meals. I also learned a great deal about leading a mission's trip, including planning details, securing deposits and raising financial support. In the future I would like to take more youth on a mission trip through another organization and expose our students to new ministry opportunities.

Submitted by:
Melissa Edwards.