



Common Bulletin Insert

Chatham-Kent CRC's

Sunday January 2, 2011



PRAYER LIST

BLENHEIM CHURCH: We continue to pray for **Toos V.** Last Sunday she experienced a serious setback as she had some sort of stroke. Although she has made a partial recovery, we continue to pray for her and **Mike** and the rest of the family. We also pray for **Albert P.** whose back has given him much difficulty in the last week. This week we also pray for **Heidi R.** working in Cameroon.

FIRST CHURCH: As we begin a new year, let's remember those who are confined to nursing homes or their own homes with a call or a visit, and through prayer. We also think of our members who are going through difficult health issues, and pray for God's blessings on them in 2011. Happy birthday to **Mrs. Sisca P.** who turns 75 on January 5.

GRACE CHURCH: We offer our condolences to **Ray and Clara B.** with the passing away of Ray's sister. We also want to remember **Ray and Tonya V.**, as Ray's mom died suddenly of a heart attack on Christmas Day. May God surround these families with his comfort. Please pray for and encourage our shut ins throughout this month: **Tina S., Bea V., Mary H., Al B., Irene E.**, and others who are going through difficult times. Happy Birthday to **Ann P.** who is turning 90 on January 3rd, to **Gerald V.** who is turning 72 on January 3rd, and to **Edith V.** who is turning 85 on January 5th. May God bless each of these people on these special days.

COMBINED EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES

- **SERVICE TIME & LOCATION:** Services are at First CRC at 5 pm.
- **Offerings for January:** Chatham Outreach for Hunger.
- **EVENING NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**
 - January 2* – no evening service
 - January 9* – Sharon M. and Julie K.
 - January 16* – Calvary Church in charge
 - January 23* – Wilma J. and Cameron K.
 - January 30* – First Church in charge

Advent and Christmas Services: There will be no evening service on January 2.

Introducing a new evening worship series: On January 9, 2011, we hope to begin a series that will focus on the Twelve Minor Prophets (Hosea--Malachi). These prophets are called "minor" because of the relatively short length of the works that bear their names compared to the "major" writings of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. But the impact of their message is not minor! Each of these prophets has an important place in God's

written Word and each comes with a contemporary challenge for us to live as God's community today! Don't miss what promises to be an intriguing series on these twelve Old Testament prophets! (Your three present-day minor prophets, pastors Chris, Jack and William)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education: Adult Class will begin on January 11 @ 8 PM in the First CRC Council Room. We will begin our study on the book of Galatians. Material will be made available by Pastor Jack. Those who are interested in attending, please let Pastor Jack know in order to prepare for this class.

Chatham Kent Christian Men's Choir: We will start a new season preparing for our Annual Festival of Praise to be held in April. We practise every Tuesday 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Our first practice is Tuesday Jan. 4, 2011. If you enjoy singing come out and join us. For more information contact Bill S. or John W.

Fridays at Grace is looking for a junior youth leader for grades 6-8. This person will need to give a short message and supervise the kids we have people to organize a craft and activity. This program runs Friday night from 6:30-7:30. If you feel lead to be a part of this great night please call Greg or Carrie N.

The Friday's at Grace **Video series** is due to start again on Jan. 7th at 6:30 pm. Because it is the new year we will be starting with **Chuck Swindoll's** video on **Looking Ahead to Things that Last**. He outlines three things that last and are permanent in this ever-changing world. Come and join us. If you have any questions, please call Alice V.

Coffee Break News: **Calvary Coffee Break** will not meet during the holidays but will resume on January 12th at 9 a.m. for breakfast at Chatham Breakfast Bar and Grill. Our first lesson will be on January 19th.

Just a reminder that **Grace CRC Coffee Break** (Morning and Evening) will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 12. Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Potluck on Wednesday night – it was a fun evening of sharing the spirit of Christmas together!

The Canadian Christian Business Federation is creating a chapter for Christian business leaders and professionals in the Chatham area. It will be launched with a breakfast meeting on Saturday, Jan. 15 at Smitty's Pancake House, beginning at 8 a.m. "They all have one thing in common," says executive director Keith Knight. "They all want to integrate their Christian faith into their daily work. Christianity is not a Sunday ritual; it's a lifestyle that permeates all that we do throughout the week. When a Christian is engaged in business, he or she is engaged in ministry." Those interested in attending should reserve a seat by emailing Knight at ccbfed@gmail.com. The event is free; individuals cover the cost of ordering their own breakfasts. Keith Knight 519 837-9172 ccbfed@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CALENDARS should all have been delivered. Please forward outstanding payment to the person indicated on the envelope provided. If you were missed, call Betty S.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Married Couples: Decide today to give your spouse an unforgettable gift this Valentine's Day. Why not take your spouse away for a special weekend of communication, reflection and time away from your hectic schedule? Rekindle the joy, intimacy & romance in your relationship. The next **Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend** is February 18-20, 2011 in St. Catharine's, ON. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register on-line, visit www.reformedme.org or call David and Danielle at (905) 985-8305. There is no sharing in a group on the weekend.

Does Your Church Have Curbside Appeal? February 19, 2011 at London District Christian Secondary School is Classis Chatham's annual Day of Encouragement. It promises to be a fantastic day with Dr. Rick Tobias CEO of Yonge St Mission in Toronto who will be speaking on "Finding Christ Outside the Church" in the morning and many afternoon workshop topics and leaders. Any questions? Please contact Marianne Idema @ 519-424-3948 or jamidema@hotmail.com .

Pray to the Lord of the Harvest - The campaign to pray for more missionaries in the field kicked off on January 1, but you can still sign up to participate in this 28-day vigil. Sign up at www.crcna.org/LordofHarvest . Daily prayer requests will be sent through January 28.

GROUNDWORK - Making Sense of Jesus (Part 2): Jesus was tempted, and so are we. The kinds of temptations we face may change from year to year, but the fact that we are tempted never changes. How can we fight temptation? Join the Groundwork conversation centering on Matthew 4:1-11. Tune in to the Jan. 9 Groundwork – find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Yeah, Whatever! Liz doesn't understand why his attitude is so important to people around him. Help him figure it out on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kids-corner.org for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

*Announcements are due to Sharon S. by **Thursdays at noon.***