



# Common Bulletin Insert

Chatham-Kent CRC's

Sunday January 9, 2011



## PRAYER LIST

**TO ALL CHURCHES:** From **Elly and the J. family:** Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and food while Jochem was ill. The Lord has called him home. Praise the Lord. From **Annie H.:** Thanks to all for everything that they have given me. I am very thankful.

**BLENHEIM CHURCH:** We continue our prayers for the **V. family** as **Toos** continues her stay at the Chatham hospital. Our prayers are also with the family and friends of **Stu V.** who mourn his passing. We also pray for some of our seniors and for some of our aging parents. Our prayers are with **Marg V., Ann V., Lammie F.** and many others. We also pray that **Albert P.'s** back may return to its old form. This week we also pray for **Michelle and Haniel D.** and little **Iva D.** as they make preparations to depart for Turkey in the next few months.

**FIRST CHURCH:** We express our Christian sympathy to **Joyce V.** and her family, with the passing away of **Stu.** May God give you strength and comfort in the days that lie ahead. The funeral took place on Friday. We commit **Grace V.** to God's care as she prepared to undergo knee replacement surgery on January 17. Continue to pray for **Jackie L., Lea Y.,** and **Al H.** as they continue to receive treatment for various types of cancer. Pray also for our sick and shut-ins.

A very happy birthday to **Mrs. Shirley S.** who turns 75 today, and to **Mrs. Grace V.** who will be 76 on Thursday.

**GRACE CHURCH:** We offer our condolences to **Hank & Shena D.** with the passing away of Hank's sister, to **Don V.** with the passing away of his former roommate, and to **John & Edith V.** with the passing away of their son-in-law **Stu V.** May God comfort each of these families as well as those who recently experienced loss of loved ones. **Wilma N. and Benna N.** left for Belize this past week and we wish them God's blessings as the minister to the people there. We also want to continue to pray for **Ellen V.** who remains in hospital in Sarnia. May she receive the help she needs from the various doctors there. Happy birthday to **John V.** who is 85 today and to **Gertie W.** who will be 73 on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 9* – Sharon McN. and Julie K.

**January 16** – Calvary Church in charge

**January 23** – Wilma J. and Cameron K.

**January 30** – First Church in charge

**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 Christian Interact Club** invites you to their **Bolivian Dinner Fundraiser** on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Doors open @ 5, Dinner is served @ 5:30. Call or email the school to reserve your spot (519) 352 4980. Menu: Hache (meat, gravy, and potatoes) & authentic Bolivian cuisine. This dinner will support eleven members of the Interact club as they travel to Bolivia on a mission trip this March. A free will offering will be taken and donations over ten dollars will be given a tax receipt. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank-you

**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.

**Friday Nights at Grace** continues its video series with four sessions of Bill Hybels. **The Power of a Whisper: hearing God and having the guts to respond.** Starting on Jan. 14th. The four different sessions are: 1. The Whisper led life. 2. Divine Input for the Day-to-Day. 3. Practice, Practice, Practice. 4. Wide Open for Good. We start at 6:30 each Friday night. Hope you can join us. If you have questions, please call Alice V.

**The Laudate Dominum Choir "1961-2011" – 50 Years of Praise!** Come join us in song as we celebrate our **Fiftieth Anniversary** of bringing excellent, sacred music to the community of Chatham-Kent. Under the direction of Elisabeth E., our rehearsals will start Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, in the Chatham Christian School Worship Centre. Our first celebration concert, tentatively scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, will present favourite anthems from the past 50 years as well as some new and powerful, Canadian

choral works. Our second concert will feature the choir's signature work, Handel's *Messiah*, in December 2011, in its entirety, with orchestra, soloists, and the Chatham Christian High School Concert Choir. For both concerts, we heartily welcome all returning, former, and especially, new members to share our love of singing. Sing with us to celebrate this milestone and to *praise the Lord!* "Laudate Dominum!" If you would like more information please contact Harry R. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Attention all separated and divorced people:** Monday, February 7 will mark the beginning of a 13-week DVD/seminar program, DivorceCare, designed exclusively for those going through the pain of marital breakdown. We meet every Monday for 13 weeks at 1st Baptist Church, 99 Thomas Ave, Wallaceburg from 6:30-8:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00, which also covers the cost of the workbook. This is a non-denominational biblically based program open to the entire community. If you are interested or have questions feel free to browse the DivorceCare website at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) or contact Kathy Regnier at kregnier2@cogeco.ca or 627-6414. Pre-registration is preferred but not necessary. There will be childcare available for no cost but preregistration is necessary for this.

**FOR MEN:** Men, do you find your belt a little tighter than last year? Your shoes farther away than they used to be? Join Pastor Brian Horrobin of First Baptist Church, 99 Thomas Ave., Wallaceburg, along with other male facilitators, as they lead a 13 wk. session of "Uncommon Vessels", just for men. This program stresses your relationship with Christ, the disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, fellowship, exercise & diet as a way to develop Godly eating habits. Details can be found in the previous announcement. This program will be limited to 10 men so don't wait to pre-register!

**UNCOMMON VESSELS:** A program for developing Godly eating habits. Do you feel hopeless in your struggles with overeating, under eating, bingeing? First Baptist Church, 99 Thomas Ave., Wallaceburg invites you to join a women's group stressing your relationship with Christ, disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, fellowship, exercise & diet. The 13 wk. program will begin with a mandatory orientation Tuesday February 1st at 6:30 p.m. meeting weekly Tuesdays until April 26th. This is a community outreach offered to all women in the extending Chatham-Kent areas. Pre-registration is necessary by January 26th. The total cost is \$20.00. Contact Kathy Regnier at 519-627-6414 or [kregnier2@cogeco.ca](mailto:kregnier2@cogeco.ca).

**Grace CRC Coffee Break** will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 12. Welcome back to both morning and evening groups! Morning Coffee Break begins at 9:45 a.m. and Evening Coffee Break begins at 7:30 p.m. at Grace CRC. Childcare is provided during Morning Coffee Break. Any questions? Please call Kathy DeKoter @ 519-354-7551 or [kathy@dekoter.name](mailto:kathy@dekoter.name).

**Opportunity from Grace CRC Coffee Break** – our **Little Lambs** (for children 3 years old) is growing and we are looking for an assistant to serve for a flexible 3-week commitment. No preparation required! Little Lambs meets during Morning Coffee Break so it would be Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Please contact Carol D. for more details.

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

**Shepherd's Way Inn** hopes to raise some much needed funding through January Benefit Dinners. Saturday January 15, January 22 and January 29 there will be a delicious dinner served at Shepherd's Way Inn with live entertainment too. There are 3 seating times (4-5:30pm, 5:30-7pm and 7-8:30). Pre-purchase of tickets is recommended, the cost is \$15 and they are available at Shepherds Way Inn, 260 King St W. The grade 8 GEMS will be volunteering at these events if you would like to help to or have questions please give Theresa.

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](mailto:ccbfed@gmail.com). The event is free; individuals cover the cost of ordering their own breakfasts. Keith Knight 519 837-9172 [ccbfed@gmail.com](mailto:ccbfed@gmail.com).

**JK/SK Discovery Morning** - Chatham Christian School is holding an open house for parents of children who will be four or five before December 31st, 2011. The JK/SK Discovery Morning will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Feel free to drop in with your child, meet the teachers, view the curriculum, tour the school, and discover what makes Chatham Christian Schools unique. For more information contact the school (519)352-4980 or visit us at our website [www.chathamchristian.ca](http://www.chathamchristian.ca).

**Advance Notice:** Mark this date on your calendar - Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Make sure to reserve that evening for Couples Night Out to be held at Chatham Christian School, at 7:30 p.m. This promises to be a wonderful evening with pastor/comedian Steve Geyer and music by Greg Sczebel, and is sponsored by World Vision, Gospel Text Bookstore, and Chatham Christian Schools. Tickets are only \$5.00 per couple and can be purchased in the school office or at Gospel Text Bookstore. This will be a great pre-Valentine's Day evening out. You don't want to miss it!

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GROUNDWORK** - Ministry Launch: After the birth of Jesus, the Bible says very little about him until he begins his public ministry. What themes do we observe as we read of his teachings and travels? Join the Groundwork conversation on Matthew 4:23-25 and 9:35-38. Tune in to the Jan. 16 Groundwork – find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - Just Teasing: What's the big deal about teasing? Check it out on this week's Kids Corner. Then write to Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or [kids@kidscorner.net](mailto:kids@kidscorner.net) for your very own Bible study.

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