

The View at



What's Happening at Brentview?

Dave Spate, Lead Pastor

So what has been happening around Brentview this past while? The answer is ... LOTS!

In this newsletter you will hear from a number of our staff about what God is doing in different area of ministry and in different people's lives. Please know that we would love to have you share in our next newsletter about what God has been doing in your life lately.

From my perspective I want you to know two important things. First, we are seeing people finding faith and attempting to make sure that their lives are lived in a way that is God-honouring and making a difference in the lives of others. For example a number of people have just recently returned from short term mission trips, presently 4 are overseas and another 2 are heading out in the next couple weeks. Yesterday, I heard of one of our men spending evenings taking men, living on the streets of downtown, out for coffee and sharing faith with them. Others, are ministering by caring for our youth, helping out at Jesus Loves You Society or the Inn from the Cold. And many of you are taking your call to live out your life as a Christian at work or in your neighbourhood seriously. Well done!

Second, we have been working as staff and Elders on something which we believe are necessary to help free us to do ministry together better. We are trying to work on better communication within our church and that is why we have redone our Website (check it out!), held a number of Town Hall Meetings (i.e. concerning missions and the budget) and are publishing this newsletter. That is why we spent two Sundays talking about some of the new foundational dreams we have concerning what to do next concerning missions. And, we are almost ready to pass out a DRAFT copy of a new Constitution, Procedures Manual and Organizational Chart so that YOU can help us with your input to make sure they are documents that will fit well with where we are today and enable us to move correctly into the future that God has for us.

Plus, we have been wrestling with what our Vision needs to be for the future. We believe that while our Mission statement is, "*To Know Jesus and Touch Our World*," that our future needs to be shaped by the fact that we want to be known as a church where the following values are present:

1. Experiencing God,
2. Transforming Lives
3. Connecting in Community
4. Making a Difference (Locally and Worldwide)

We will be unpacking these idea this Fall.

Finally, as you read this newsletter, think back to the many things that have been happening around Brentview recently and Thank the Lord! We have had the challenge and blessing of looking at God's heart as we looked at the 7 churches in the book of Revelation in our "*You've Got Mail*" sermon series, had a fantastic Joyful Living Conference, the gift of the Castor's ministry among us, B-True Grad Banquet, numerous couples find love and other couples have the joy of new babies and the list can go on and on. And also pray over what you read. Ask God to graciously lead, bless and direct us.

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Family Ministries

Carleen Koop, Children's Ministry Director

Family Matters has had a great past few months; here are a few updates and some things you might like to know. We recently had the chance to celebrate our volunteers for all the wonderful work they have done in this year. We have over eighty volunteers who take the time to make a difference in the lives of the families at Brentview and we are so grateful for them! Our midweek programs, Streetwise and Shift Nights, and our Sunday morning family worship experience, FM Live, have wrapped up for the summer. These ministries had a great year and we are looking forward starting up again in September.

David Friesen began his sabbatical in May and will be returning in August. While he is gone, Melissa McCoy has been hired to fill his shoes and she is doing a great job! Family Matters has recently changed the look and layout of their content on the Brentview website. You can find information on current ministries and upcoming events.

And finally, we have a wonderful family event coming up on Friday, June 25. We are inviting all of our families out to a movie night and delicious sundae bar experience. For more information please visit the Brentview website or contact Carleen Koop.

b-True Student Ministries

Adam Monkman, Youth Ministries Pastor & the b-True Lead Team

It has been a great semester in b-True student ministries. As a lead team we cannot believe how fast this semester has gone by. God has been doing amazing things in our ministry. This past semester from January to April, we have been walking through the life of Christ from His birth at Christmas to His death on the cross and His resurrection at Easter. It has been a great reminder to us all what a great sacrifice Christ made for us and the grace that God gives to us through Jesus. Each of our small groups have walked through our Jesus centered curriculum this past semester and it has been exciting to see how students have responded to the call that Jesus gives in Matthew 28:19 - 20, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Our students have taken this call seriously.

This was evident to us at our largest outreach event of the this semester, bWARS. bWARS is a weekend event geared towards our students inviting their unchurched friends to attend where we do a bunch of crazy games & challenges where we pit Jr. highs against Sr. highs to see which group will be champions. This year the Jr. highs were triumphant! However, this weekend is more importantly about us presenting the gospel and asking students to respond to the invitation that Jesus presents to us. There were some amazing seeds planted and relationships started.

Some other highlights this semester was our Grade 12 Grad Banquet where we graduated 13 students from our ministry. We are excited to see where they will get plugged in within the Hub ministry this next year. We launched our website, www.b-true.ca (also accessible via the Brentview website) where we can keep our students and parents up to date on what is happening in our ministry. We also welcomed International sensation, Wilbur Sargunaraj to come for a Bollywood Flair & Music, it was truly First Class! This was a great way to end off an amazing year of ministry and we look forward to his October visit again!

For the month of June we change up our River nights and we go to Bowness Park for River @ the River. We purposely slow down in June to allow our students to finish their school year well and focus on getting their school work all done, prep and study for their exams. So we focus on community while we are down at Bowness Park. It is a great time of building & strengthening relationships and celebrating a great year together.

Please keep us in your prayers, we appreciate all the support and encouragement that we get from you all!

Hub Ministries

Ken Castor, Young Adults Ministries Pastor

Wrap-Up 2009-2010: What a great Spring 2010 we had! It was all about transformation and community as some people gave their lives to Jesus, some of us were baptized, some of our brewing relationships sealed the deal with engagement rings and weddings and some others made life-changing decisions related to school, careers and priorities. At the core of this was the worship and teaching at our weekly Hub gatherings as Dan Leffelaar helped me wrap-up our series on the first 13 chapters of the book of John. Many thanks to our Lead Team as well as the myriad of other leaders who made worship, small groups, prayer nights, games, etc, etc possible!

Summer 2010: This summer will be a transitional time in the life of Hub Ministries. My move back to the States means a period of change for the young adults of our church. While the search committee secures the person God has chosen to lead this ministry, I know Hub will continue to be a growing network of people who reside in Christ. We have teams of leaders providing opportunities for community, spiritual development and also lots of fun during the summer. Here's our summer calendar:

June 19 - Summer Concert Festival	June 27- Worship in the Park (Bowness)
July 3 - Hike with Ben and Karl (Meet @ 8:30am)	July 11 - Stampede Pancake Breakfast
July 11 - Games in the Park (2:30 @ SPB)	July 18 - Prayer Arts Night (Intergenerational @ 6pm)
July 25 - TBA	July 31 - Hike with Karl & Ben (Meet @ 8:30am)
Aug 14 - Slurpees & Field Games (7:00pm @ SPB)	Aug 22 - Picnic Games (N. Glenmore Park @ 1:30pm)

Missions Project 32: Ten individuals from our church are continuing our partnership with Youth for Christ - Northern Ireland this summer in a massive international missions project. They are joining around 200 others from around the world to plant youth ministry movements in the 32 counties of both Ireland and N.Ireland. Please pray for them!! Our team consists of Adam Monkman, Sara-May Cardy, Connie Clifford, Kelsey Doherty, Nicole Gerstner, Tyler Godsmen, Jennifer Gordon, Mandy Johnson, Theresa Jansen and Rachel Sellinger.

Castors: Finally, Kathy and I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve here and for the depth of encouragement we have received during our years here with Brentview. We will miss being with you! At the same time, we look forward to seeing what God will continue to do through you! We know that this is a dynamic community that longs to know Jesus and touch the world with His love. May you continue to invest in Hub by intentionally giving young adults opportunity and encouragement to grow in Jesus and lead in ministry. Thank you!!

Joyful Living Conference Summary

Wally Fus, 55+ & Care Ministries Pastor

Brentview Baptist Church hosted the **ENCORE** 55+ JOYFUL LIVING CONFERENCE on April 23 & 24, 2010. The theme, "Reaching Adults Towards God's Positioning System" inspired 130 people, from various churches that had registered for this event. We also targeted the Boomer generation to encourage Intergenerational Ministries in our churches. Many Boomers attended and were challenged at the general sessions taught by Dr. Ward Tanneberg with topics on "In Our Town, Main Street isn't Main Street Any More" and "Why Susan Boyle should be Important to You. Dr. Pete Menconi spoke on "Boomers: The Bridge to the Future Church". We also had four breakout sessions with Dr. Dan Reinhardt who spoke on "Leadership Shift – From Position to Influence" and Rodd Sawatzky spoke on "Coaching in the Second Half of Your Life." The Sounds of Grace, a southern Gospel Quartet, provided the music at the conference. A special appearance was made by the Backwood Brothers Quartet who gave us some fun and laughter.

The **ENCORE** group would like to thank all the Hub young adults that helped make our Joyful Living Conference so successful. The theme for our weekend was having our church become more Intergenerational; you showed us how your generation is reaching out to ours. Thanks so much!

International Fellowship

Brad Friesen, International Ministries & Missions Pastor

The past spring has been unique for the International Fellowship. China officially removed the University of Calgary from their recognized universities. This has caused many people to wonder if Chinese students would stop coming to Calgary. At first, it seems that the students are still coming to our University, and in fact, many are now considering immigrating more seriously. Please continue to pray for the students as they decide where to go.

While students are coming, International Ministries across Canada are experiencing a strange phenomenon. Our traditional approaches to International Student Ministries appear to be not as effective as they use to be. There seem to be 2 issues at hand. In the past, and even up until a year or 2 ago, a large majority of students that came to Canada to study, knew no one upon their arrival. This was a great opportunity to care for these students. Now, it seems that a good majority arrive already knowing at least one person and therefore come with a network of support already in place. Secondly, with the advances of technology, many students go back to their apartments after school and Skype their friends and family in their home countries instead of going out to events to meet people. There is major effort going on across Canada to adjust our programs. Please pray for all of the International Student Ministries in Canada.

We have been experiencing a wonderful Bible Class on Sundays. We have had many International students from Mexico and even South America present. The study has been taught primarily by the International Fellowship Lead Team. We have traveled through the book of Luke. Thank you Rob and Gisela for all of your service and care.

With Spring comes the opportunities to get outside. We have already had 2 summer picnics. We traveled out to Bow Valley and spent time enjoying food and fellowship. Many also went for a nice hike. We also just had a picnic at Pastor Brad and Krista's house. Many people came and everyone enjoyed themselves greatly. This summer, we plan on getting out for more picnics.

Global Discipleship

Brad Friesen, International Ministries & Missions Pastor

The most exciting news regarding Global Discipleship, was our launch of the new system this past April. Global Discipleship exists to **Speak Out, Act Out, and Give Out the Gospel**. We had 2 wonderful Sundays where we celebrated how God made each one of us individually with the full ability to serve Him, and love others towards Him. Remember, you can still get your T-Shirts from the Info Desk or Church Office and we have more Brentview Baptist Passports for everyone that feels called to make disciples.

Phase 1 of our launch of the new system is now underway and Phases 2 and 3 are coming soon. With the launch of our new system for releasing people into strategic locations for the sake of loving, we started 3 new initiatives as well. We have 2 official new Strategic Partners, Leah Uptigrove in Regina, working for Fusion International and Steven McCready, in Northern Ireland working with Youth For Christ. We also made our first step to supporting a few indigenous pastors in India. These new opportunities to reach further into the world with the Gospel is so exciting!

The Hub ministry at Brentview is also busy this summer in mission. Their team has been preparing to go to Northern Ireland to help Youth for Christ have a major evangelical event. Some of the team have already left. We were able to have some official training with them involving Cultural Intelligence before they left. They will also be debriefing upon their return. Please pray for this team as they make disciples in Northern Ireland. *(Team Members are listed under the hub article on page 2.)*

Our Global Discipleship Team is also continuing to see growth. Laura King has accepted the opportunity to serve with our team. We are still looking for other members to join. Our team now is presently made up of 3 congregational members and myself. Thank you Sara-May Cardy, Ray Chan and Laura King for your commitments.

Apple Pie Fundraiser for Chain of Love, Brazil

Linda Ohlhauser

\$1819.00 was sent to the Chain of Love in Brazil from the sales of 120 pies made last fall. 32 pies were also made for the Haiti Auction in early May and all proceeds went to Haiti Relief. Thank you to all who donated apples, sugar and flour and for those who purchased the pies.

Our usual work crew consists 12 hard-working ladies (mostly 55+) who put in 3 to 5 hour mornings of work for several morning. Thank you ladies for your dedication; this is definitely a team effort, in our service for the Lord!

Update from Bob

Bob Gebert, Administrator

We need to Praise the Lord for the many ministry and other events that have taken place in our Church during the last quarter. While this is a blessing, it is becoming apparent that the cleaning of the facility along with the set-up and take down of chairs and tables is becoming a significant activity.

The office staff have been busy over the last month or so preparing many draft versions of the final budget which was presented at our May 30, 2010 congregational budget meeting. Additional work needs to be done as the new budget figures are input to our financial system.

Preliminary work has begun on a re-write of the September, 1996 Constitution. The dream is that it will reflect closer to how our Church currently operates and will operate in the future. It will also include some proposals for governance and staffing changes that could take place over the next few years. Many of the governance and staffing changes were included in the information gathered and presented by the Ministry Review Committee at the same meeting.

Spring is a time of year when we identify much additional work which is required on the church facility. This year was no exception and the parking lot, grass, shrubbery and the building itself (inside and outside) needs, or needed, a lot of work. Thanks to the volunteers that helped or are helping with these tasks.

During the summer we plan to strip the gym floor and then re-seal it. Depending on how this all shakes out, we may be calling for volunteers at that time.

Prayer

Prayer Chain - To receive emailed prayer requests through Brentview's prayer chain or to request prayer support or to update your email address, please contact Ron Fox at 403.251.1962 or prayerchain@brentviewbaptist.com. To receive phone prayer requests, please contact Brenda Marsden at 403.247.3555.

People to pray for:

Bethany Care Centre: Gladys Grabke

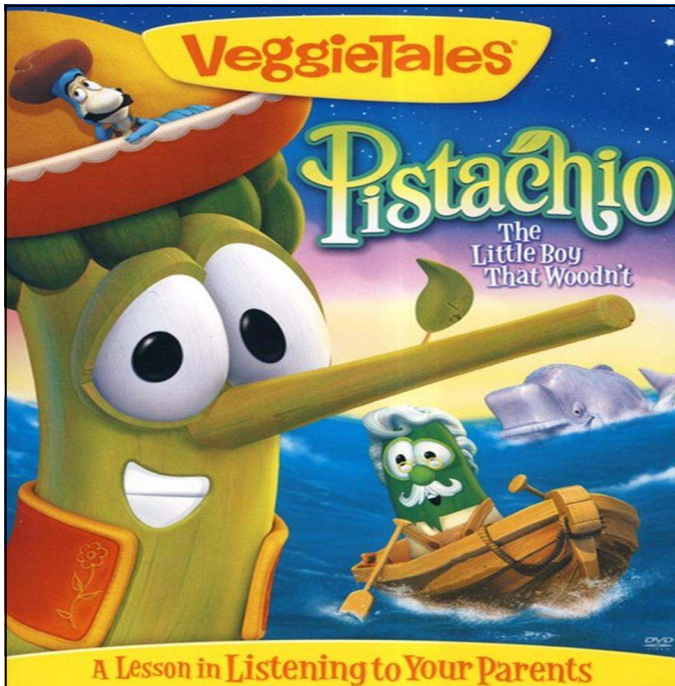
Bow Valley Care Centre: Marvin Grabia

Bowview Manor: Clara Milbrandt (mother of Trudy Krueger)

Colonel Belcher: Bernice Gladstone

Private Care Home: Delane Ohlhauser

At Home: Mary Dunsmore; Christine Clark; Gordon Elsasser; Fred Fleck; Charl Johnson; Keith & Yvonne Kerr; Mary McLaren; Deryck Reade; Morley Schulz; Marilyn Stiles; June Tarves (mother of Jim Tarves) Anna Waterhouse; Al Weick; Frank Wilson



Silliness, Sundae's & Cinema: A Fun Family Night!

What: Family Matters will be showing the newest VeggieTales movie and offering a yummy Sundae bar, where each family member can create their own ice cream masterpiece.

When: Friday, June 25, 7pm

Where: Brentview Gym

What to bring: Lawn chairs, blankets, pillows

PLEASE RSVP by June 21

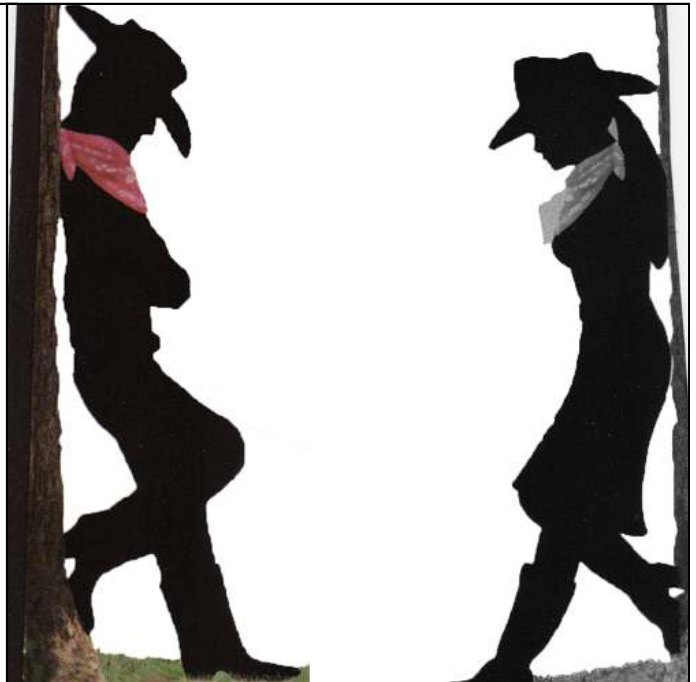
to Carleen via email.

SAVE THE DATE - BRENTVIEW'S STAMPEDE BREAKFAST Sunday, July 11 from 9 - 11:30 am

Be sure to put the date in your calendar & invite your friends and neighbours out!

Calling for Volunteers to Dust off Your Cowboy Hats

To make our event a success we need 90+ volunteers!! If you are interested, please contact Sylvia Falk (sfalk@telusplanet.net) or Valerie at the Church Office.



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