

Upcoming Events & Service Opportunities

Jan. 15, 12:30 & 6:30pm, CE Brick Room
BETHANY NEWCOMERS MEALS – TODAY!
 Are you new to the Bethany community? Our Newcomers Meals are a great start to getting connected. Join us for lunch at 12:30pm or dinner at 6:30pm to meet staff, council members, and fellow newcomers.

Tues., Jan. 17, 7pm, Classroom B
ALL-CHURCH PRAYER MEETING
 Join us as we lift up our prayers for Bethany ministries, prayer chain requests, and general needs in our community. Contact Lindsay Harron, lindsay_harron@comcast.net.

Thurs., Jan. 26, 7–9pm, Roe House
LIVING ROOM REPORTS: AN EVENING WITH GREG INGLE
 Greg Ingle is a Bethany missionary (currently featured on our Missions Wall) who serves with YouthWise in Seattle. Join us for an evening of fellowship and dessert as we get to know Greg and hear what God is doing among youth in Seattle. The evening will be held at the home of GM and Holly Roe and will include a powerful student testimony. Please RSVP with Alana Acheson at alana.acheson@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MENTORS
 Women's Ministries is looking for Mentors. Mentoring is simply being available and willing to share in another woman's life. No experience necessary. All you need to mentor is a heart for the Lord and a desire to walk alongside and uplift a woman who is younger in her faith. For more info please contact Diane Travis, dianet@churchbcc.org.

Weds., Feb. 1–April 4, 6pm, CE Loft B
ALPHA COURSE
 Do you have questions about the Christian faith, but no place to ask them? Do you have friends who are open to Christianity, but need a place to meet others who are also searching? The Alpha Course provides a safe place to come and invite others who are exploring Christianity or are new to the faith. We offer dinner, good conversation, and discussion around a video presentation on various topics relating to the Christian faith, such as who Jesus is, why He died, why (and how) we should read the Bible, and how God guides us. Contact Nancy Eckardt, nancye@churchbcc.org.

Tues., Jan. 17, 6:30pm, CE Auditorium
STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL DINNER
 We are looking for people who would provide a listening ear, compassionate heart, and prayerful presence to people going through difficult times in life. Find out more about this vital caregiving ministry by attending our Informational Dinner on Jan. 17. RSVP to Pastor Phil, philm@churchbcc.org. Applications for Stephen Ministry are due Sun., Jan. 29.

Sat., Jan. 21, 11am, CE Brick Room
PRAYERS & SQUARES WORK DAY
 Join us to learn more about (and participate in) our ministry of making quilts for those who have asked for prayer. Please contact Deborah Ferguson, ferguson.deborah@gmail.com

BETHANY WILDERNESS MINISTRY is looking for new leaders. Do you love the outdoors? Then join other people just like you as we explore our faith through wilderness adventures. For more information contact Dave Monjay, info@bethanywildernessministry.org.

Tabitha Food Bank's **FOOD OF THE MONTH** is canned fruit. Thanks for your donations! Collection bins are located in the foyer.

WE'RE EXPANDING OUR TEAM
 The **Pastoral Assistant** is responsible for facilitating the administrative needs of members of Bethany's Pastoral Team. This position requires a self-motivated individual with a heart for ministry, contagious energy, and a welcoming sense of humor. This role will be filled by a leader-organizer who functions productively on a team where change is rapid. Our ideal candidate will be a natural learner who can see goals through with execution of details and minimal direction. 20 hours per week. Flexible schedule. Resumes accepted through January 16. Contact Sarah Buehler, sarahb@churchbcc.org.

SNOW CLOSURES
 In case of snow or dangerous road conditions, check online for the status of worship services or other ministry activities at churchbcc.org. A recorded message will also be found on Bethany's main phone line: 206.524.9000.

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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Sunday 1.15.12	Bethany Green Lake Worship Services , 9am, 11am, 5pm, 7pm (Assisted listening devices available at the sound booth) Bethany West Seattle Worship Service , 9:30am Bethany North Worship Service , 10am Half Pints Choir Practice , 10:15am, Brick Room Explorations in Hebrews , 10:30am, Chapel Lower Level Newcomers Lunch , 12:30pm, Brick Room Veritas Middle School Gathering , 5pm, Chapel Sunday Night Dinner , 6–7pm, CE Auditorium Newcomers Dinner , 6:30pm, Brick Room
Monday	Food Bank Open Hours , 6–7pm, CE Foyer
Tuesday	Stephen Ministry Informational Dinner , 6:30pm, CE Auditorium All-Church Prayer Meeting , 7pm, Classroom B Brass Rehearsal , 7pm, Chapel
Wednesday	Pint Size Choir Rehearsal , 5pm, Sanctuary Wednesday Night Dinner , 6pm, CE Auditorium Veritas High School Gathering , 6:30pm, Chapel Pioneer Club , 6:40pm, CE Building Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 6:45pm, Sanctuary Ensemble Choir Rehearsal , 8:40pm, Sanctuary
Thursday	Post College/Early Career Men's Study , 7pm, Classroom A Post College/Early Career Women's Study , 7pm, CE
Friday	Deaf Coffee House , 7pm, CE Auditorium
Saturday	Post College Early Career Service Day , 8:15am Prayers & Squares Work Day , 11am, Brick Room

Last week's offering
 Year to date income* \$ 63,687
 Year to date expenses** \$ 1,438,359
 *9.1.2011 through 12.31.2011
 Sanctuary debt \$ 4,281,022

 Green Lake AM 1,644
 Green Lake PM 565
 Green Lake Children 276
 North Campus 153
 West Seattle Campus 87
 Last Week's Attendance 2,725

For a complete list of this week's upcoming events and classes, please visit churchbcc.org.

Matthew 6:25-34 The Art of Following Jesus

Pastor Richard Dahlstrom

QUESTION: How can we learn to be utterly devoted to painting the colors of justice, mercy, and love on the canvas of our world?

ANSWER: There are three qualities that artists have which we all need if we're to serve effectively in God's kingdom.

I. Artists are committed to seeing

What kind of eyes see? (*Matt 13:16*)

A. Curious eyes

B. Focused eyes

II. Artists deal with dissonance

A. David dealt with dissonance

B. Paul dealt with dissonance

There are two truths that will help you relax and enjoy the lifelong development of your calling as an artisan of hope:

1. You need patience

2. You'll always need patience

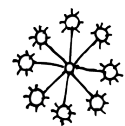
III. Artists do their work

A. Deuteronomy 30:19

B. Matthew 8:21–22

C. Luke 14:26

D. John 21



winter COMMUNITY GROUPS are here!



What are Community Groups?

Bethany is a large, growing church, and sometimes it can be difficult to connect. Community Groups are a great—and easy—way to get plugged in to the church while meeting new people and doing interesting things. Anyone and everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in these groups. Groups can be a great way for you to grow in your faith, and a safe place for those who might not be familiar with the Christian faith. Come and invite a friend!

Today during all services you'll be able to sign up for Winter Community Groups! We'll be taking registrations throughout January, and most groups will start the last week of the month or the first week of February.

What people are saying:

I came to Bethany not knowing anyone, and I signed up for the Post-College/Early Career Bible study. The rest is history... I've gotten to know the women in my group really well and shared all kinds of life events together. I have benefited tremendously from the fellowship it provides. —Maren

What an expression of God's love my group has been for me. —Glen

My group was a true gift to me and will be a springboard for making meaningful connections in the future. The experience was so simple, yet so profound. —Leslie

I signed up for my group and I am so THANKFUL. —Cat

I'm so excited to be a part of my community group! —Laura

I joined a study outside of Bethany but felt increasingly disconnected from my church home...until I discovered Community Groups! I felt encouraged and challenged by the women in my group, and I gained a much deeper appreciation and understanding of God's Word than I would have by studying the same passages on my own. In short, I'm hooked! —Ruth

I really loved being in my group. —Brienne

How do you sign up for a group?

To sign up for groups (we suggest no more than two), fill out a registration card. Instructions and card can be found in your catalog. Be sure to fill out both sides and hand it in during the service or at the information booth in the foyer. You can also register online at churchbcc.org/communitygroupslist.

All registrations—regardless of format—will be processed each week on a first-come, first-served basis. Your registration will be confirmed via email. We will contact you as soon as possible if we are not able to place you in your requested group(s).

Questions?

Contact Karen Engle, communitygroups@churchbcc.org

Children's Ministries
Pastor Earl Radford
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College & Post College/Early Career
Pastor Megan Dobrasz
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Congregational Care
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Executive Director
Jim McClurg
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Sr. Assoc. Pastor Joe Springer
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Missions and Outreach
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North Campus
Pastor Scott Sund
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Prayer Team
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Senior Pastor and Teacher
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Youth Ministries
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West Seattle Campus
Pastor Shonnie Scott
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Worship Arts
Eric Henderson
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For the first time, we are combining all of our retreats into two church-wide retreats in 2012—one for men and one for women. This will allow us to participate as a community in a shared vision and message. We'll delve further into what it means for God to be at work in all aspects of our lives, and for us to participate in that work.

Both retreats will be at Cascades Camp in Yelm, WA:

The **men's retreat** will be Fri., Feb. 3–Sun., Feb. 5 (don't worry, guys—you'll be back in Seattle in plenty of time to watch the Super Bowl).

The **women's retreat** will be Fri., Feb. 17–Sun., Feb. 19 (ladies, it will be as enchanting—though not as Bavarian—as your usual spot in Leavenworth).

We're excited to bring all campuses and ages together for these retreats; we've been praying since August that it will be a time of connection, learning, and community for all of us.

For scholarship information for either retreat, or if you have additional questions, please contact Megan Dobrasz, megand@churchbcc.org.

REGISTER TODAY churchbcc.org/retreats

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RETREATS

AT CASCADES CAMP

MEN'S FEB. 3-5 **2012** **WOMEN'S FEB. 17-19**