

# What's Up at Ladner Baptist Church

April 2011



Hello and welcome to our April newsletter!

'Spring ahead' is always the more challenging of the two time changes, so we hope you've found the longer days and brighter evenings a blessing that has made up for the lost sleep!

Here at the church we're keeping very busy with the Consultation prescriptions and with Easter preparation. Read on for what's up at LBC in April.



## Consultation Prescription Progress

\* Our four-week series on reconciliation finished on Sunday, March 13 with a message from our guest speaker, Bruce Christensen. (The sermons from the four weeks are available to play or download on our website.) We realize that reconciliation and forgiveness is something that

happens throughout life, and is not something that can be neatly wrapped up and finished in four weeks. So we encourage every believer to continue (or start) to humbly seek God and to work for reconciliation and forgiveness in your own circles of influence.

\* The next prescription from the Report is inviting to church some non-churched friends who would be willing to give us their candid 'first impressions.' The forms are located at the Connection Point table, or you can print a pdf from the website. Obviously, you can invite them any time, but in order for us to get feedback in a timely manner please ask them to attend over the next month. You can discuss the feedback with them after the service and return the completed form to the office as soon as possible.

\* Another prescription from the report is for each member and regular of LBC who knows Christ as Saviour to go through training on how to share the gospel in a natural and comfortable way. The training will be delivered through the small/home groups, and those not currently in small groups are encouraged to create one or attend one during this time. To help with this, John O. will be running a small group leader training session for current leaders (and anyone who is interested in becoming a leader) on Saturday, April 9 from 9:30-11:00am. Contact John or the office to confirm your attendance or to get connected with a small group.

## How Did It Go?

\* The Youth Group headed out to an 80's skate evening on March 11. A fun time was had by all at this retro evening! Coming up next for Youth Group... a Girls' Night/Guys' Night on April 8th. Check with Jays for details.

\* The folks who were in Turkey/Israel/Spain are now all back, with some wonderful stories to tell and terrific pictures. We're planning an evening to hear stories and see pictures on May 3rd. More details to follow.

\* The prayer session for Heather B. was a very blessed time for the many who attended. Please keep Heather in your prayers as she sees a new specialist, and for relief from pain and for healing.

\* A few of the small groups have been using the church kitchen to cook soup for Food on the Corner. Keep in mind the church facilities are here to be used, especially for ministry! Contact the office if interested.

\* Some of the Youth Group from Prince Rupert Fellowship Baptist Church stayed at LBC the first week of spring break. While they were here they not only enjoyed the warm and sunny Ladner weather, but helped New Beginnings Baptist Church in East Vancouver with many projects.



## Easter 2011

You are most welcome to join us for our Easter services this year. Christmas and Easter are two times of the year when non-churched people are very open to receiving invitations to church. So if you have someone in mind, feel free to invite them.

\* Good Friday, April 22, 10am:  
'The Death of Death'

\* Easter Sunday, April 24, 10am:  
'Alive in Christ'



## startwiththeHeart THE PARENTING SEMINAR

An important Parenting Seminar is coming to our area. The International Network of Children's Ministry and the National Center for Biblical Parenting have teamed up to provide a **Start with the Heart Parenting Seminar**. This is not your ordinary parenting seminar. In one day of high-energy training you'll learn how simple everyday parenting strategies can actually influence the heart of your child.

Fun, fast, and highly effective, this training will stimulate your thinking, recharge your batteries, and spark your parenting creativity in ways that will change family life dramatically.

The seminar in our area is taking place on Saturday, May 7 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at South Delta Baptist Church in Tsawwassen. The cost is only \$20 per adult and you can register online at [www.incm.org](http://www.incm.org) or call (604) 943-8244. For more information on the seminar you can visit their website.

## Message from Mike:

### Feet

What would it have been like to wash Judas' feet?

Easter comes in April, and our thoughts turn to the events of the Passion Week. In my devo ons recently, I read John 13 where Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. What would it have been like to wash Judas' feet? What was Jesus feeling? Did his heart rate speed up? Did his stomach churn? Did he feel resentment? Or disgust? Or anger? Did he feel anything in his own feet on the spot where spikes would be hammered in less than 24 hours?

Is it really possible to love without limit one who is in the process of betraying you? Is it possible to look him in the eye (if Judas could make eye contact) and feel genuine love? As difficult as I find that to imagine, Jesus asks us to do the same. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13:15, NIV)

Feet are feet.

Bone/skin/toes/arch/nails.

Seen one you've seen them all.

Really?

Even if the foot you're holding belongs to Judas?

Even if the foot you're washing belongs to Judas?

Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. (John 13:1, NIV)

May the love of Easter flood our hearts and transform our lives.

Mike