

WHAT'S UP AT LBC

February 2011

Consultation Recommendations Vote



As you may know, the Fellowship Pacific Consultation Team presented their Report to Ladner Baptist on January 16. In it the Team outlined the church's strengths and challenges, and described many ministry 'prescriptions' to help get the church re-focused on the Great Commandment and Great Commission.

On Sunday, February 6, right after the morning service, we will have a meeting in the auditorium to vote on whether the church will accept and follow the Recommendations. While only members may vote, everyone who attends LBC is encouraged to read the report, attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Copies of the report may be found at the Connection Point table in the front foyer of the church.

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Girlz Gathering: Have a Heart, Share your Heart!



Girlz Gathering is changing dates in February: we're meeting on Feb 4th and 11th (same time of 7:00-8:30pm) to

make Valentine's cards and put together little chocolate treat bags (remember to bring a twoonie!). Then

on Monday, Feb 14th right after school we will walk over to the Ladner Bus Loop and hand them out to people waiting for and disembarking from the buses—and anyone we pass along the way!

Please RSVP to Diana by Friday, Feb 4th so she can get the right amount of supplies.



Awana Grand Prix: February 22

Come on out and have a terrific time cheering the kids and their cars!

Car kits are still available. Cars must be handed in to qualify for the race by Feb 15. The Grand Prix race will start at 6:30pm on Feb 22nd, so make sure you get here early for a good seat!

For more details, contact Grant Willford or Steve Brubacher.

Crazy-type Youth Stuff



Make sure you plug in to the Youth stuff coming up soon, and check with Jayson for registration forms, etc.

- Feb 11: Qwanoes Liftoff (Jr. & Sr. High)
- Feb 18-20: Hemlock Winter Retreat
- Mar 11: 80'skate

2010 Tax Receipts

The tax receipts for donations in 2010 are now available and in the mail files in the front foyer.

If you have any questions or concerns about your receipt, please contact Philippa at the office.

Message from Mike: New Thing

The Lord encouraged me with a passage from the Bible this morning. I had memorized this back in November 2003, shortly after coming to LBC. As I was reviewing some of my memory verses this morning, this one really stood out:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19, NIV)

We have just gone through a consultation process that identified some issues of concern and gave prescriptions for moving forward. We will be meeting this Sunday morning right after the service to vote on adopting the prescriptions.

As I have reflected on the last few years of church life, and the challenges and opportunities ahead of us, these verses hold out fresh hope. God spoke them through his prophet Isaiah to a nation under discipline. But he wanted to emphasize not the struggles of the past but the hope of the future. The past has to be dealt with but not dwelt in.

The hope of the future is that we don't have to be bound by the mistakes or limited by the successes of our past. One major commentary on the Old Testament says this about these verses: *"The admonition in v. 18 does not commend utter forgetfulness and disregard; but that henceforth they are to look forward rather than backward. The new thing which Jehovah is in the process of working out eclipses the old, and deserves a more undivided and prolonged attention."*¹ In fact, the passage says that there are already signs that it is happening if we are perceptive.

This has great promise not just for our church, but for each of our lives as well. God wants to do new things in and through us. Our best days, both in our personal walk with God and in our ministry as a church, can be ahead of us. God is at work making a way forward for us and providing for us as we go. So eyes ahead and forward march!

Mike

¹ Carl Friedrich Keil and Franz Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament*. (Peabody, MA. Hendrickson, 2002), Is 43:16-21

