

# WHAT'S UP AT LBC

MARCH 2011

## CONSULTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

As you may know, on February 6 we had a congregation meeting after the service and voted on whether or not to accept the Consultation Team's recommendations. The vote passed with 91% acceptance, and we're well underway with following the outlined prescriptions.

On February 20, our guest speaker Bruce Christensen spoke on forgiveness being freedom, and on February 27 Mike spoke on the heart of Christ for Ladner Baptist, giving practical steps on how to reconcile with people whom you have offended or who have offended you. Both of these sermons are available to download or play on our website or you can get a CD from the office. If you would like to talk to one of the pastors about how to approach someone in order to be reconciled, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

This coming Sunday, March 6, Jayson will speak on the relentless love of Christ.

On March 13, Bruce will return to Ladner Baptist to conduct a reconciliation service. If you currently call LBC home, we strongly encourage you to attend this service, because moving forward in unity and reconciliation will provide us the basis upon which all the other recommendations - and indeed our very purpose of being a church - rest.

A copy of the Consultation Report can be found at the Connection Point table.

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### Special points of interest:

- \* Prayer time after the service on Sunday, March 6 (see over page).
- \* It's Time for a Change (see over page).

## SPRING BREAK & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Spring Break is from March 21 to April 1 this year, and there will be a few changes to some of our programs.

Awana (age 3 to grade 4) and Thrive (grades 5-7) will not be held on March 22 or 29, and will resume on April 5. Youth group (grades 8-12) will not be held on March 23 or 30, and will resume on April 6.

Sunday School will not be held on March 20, March 27 or April 3, and will resume on April 10. Instead of the children going to their individual Sunday School classes on those dates, they will instead go to the Fireside Room for Children's Church.

Girlz Gathering (grades 5 & 6) will not be taking a break - it will meet on March 18 and April 1.

If you have any questions about the children's programs please contact Diana, and contact Jayson for youth.

**PRAYER TIME AFTER  
THE SERVICE,  
SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

After the service this coming Sunday, we will have a special time of prayer for one of our church family - Heather B.

We are praying specifically for relief from pain and for healing, and you are most welcome to join with us in intercessory prayer.

**IT'S TIME FOR A  
CHANGE!  
SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, at 2am (2am becomes 3am). So remember to 'spring ahead' and set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 12.

It's also a good habit to change the batteries in smoke alarms and other alarms in your house.

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**HOW DID IT GO?**

On Monday, February 14, about 12 girls from Girlz Gathering went to the Ladner Bus Loop (with a few adults tagging along) to hand out little valentine's - Hershey's kisses with a decorative card with bible verses. It was a cold day, and although some people didn't seem to be in the valentine spirit, most accepted the candies and "Happy Valentine's Day!" wishes with good cheer and grace. One lady in particular was thrilled, and said that the girls had made her day.

On February 18-20 Jayson and some fearless leaders went to Hemlock Mountain for the annual Youth Winter Retreat. A huge weekend was had by all, with everyone exhausted and happy. And although there was a transport challenge with a vehicle breakdown, everyone made it there and back safely. Photos hopefully to come soon.

Awana's Grand Prix was a smash - but not literally! The fastest cars were won clean sweep by the girls: first place Michaela B., second place Elise K., and third place Danielle D. The boys landed all the design awards, with first place going to Brian B., second place to Otto W. and third to Matthew W. Congratulations everyone!

Several of our church family are in Israel at the moment, travelling on a tour. It seems to be going very well, with one person - Wendy M. - begin baptized in the Jordan River. Please remember them in your prayers, as we've had reports that several on the tour have been sick.

**MESSAGE FROM MIKE: LOOK DEEPER**

Life in the 21st century happens fast. It's March already! Life can start to feel like a blur, and our tendency can easily be to just let it happen to us and keep running. But in doing that, we miss important lessons. We learn and grow most in life when we take the time to look deeper at what is happening and reflect.

There is an interesting example of this in Proverbs: **I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest - and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man. Proverbs 24:30-34 (NIV)**

There are a number of lessons we can learn from this passage (including the importance of keeping up our church building and grounds). But the lesson I learned comes from v. 32: "I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a

lesson from what I saw."

How many people walked past that same field and vineyard without noticing anything? How many noticed the litter and neglect, filed it, and just hurried on to the next thing? What made this event significant for the writer was the next step: reflection - he not only observed, but applied his heart to it.

I believe that kind of mindset will help us all get the most out of life. It is unrealistic to think we can do that with everything that happens to us. (After all, Solomon doesn't make any reference to the other fields he passed, the condition of the road he was walking on, what people were wearing who passed by, the weather, etc.) But we need to make sure we take time each day to reflect on some of the things that happen. We need to take time to look deeper, and learn lessons from what we experience.

Mike