

Pastoral Search Committee

During the month of September, a Pastoral Search Committee will be formed, working in conjunction with the district. The committee will be made up of elders (Bill Eells, John Platt, Derek Sutton and Abe Navarrete), and several church members. The committee will focus on finding a Senior Pastor and a Youth Pastor over the next several months.

While the search committee will make pastoral candidate recommendations, the elder board will make the final choice for the Senior Pastor, and the Youth Pastor. This is a requirement of the Yakima Alliance Church's constitution and bylaws. Our constitution and bylaws match those of the Pacific Northwest District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

So that you have a clear understanding of how the Yakima Alliance Church is governed, the following explanation is offered.

- The Elder Board is the governing board of the church, and is charged with governing the affairs of the church.
- The Finance Board is responsible for the financial affairs of the church, including the annual church budget.
 - Some Finance Board members are elected by the congregation (and/or appointed by the Elder Board). One Elder sits on the Finance Board along with one Deacon and one Deaconess. The Deacon and Deaconess representatives are appointed by their respective boards.
 - The Finance Board reports to the Elder Board, because the Elder Board is legally responsible for the church's finances and finance records.
 - The Finance Board has been given broad authority over the financial affairs of the church.
- The Deacon and Deaconess Boards are elected by the congregation.
- The various ministry leaders of the church are empowered by the boards named above to perform their spiritual and physical work.

If you are a member of Yakima Alliance Church and would like to serve on any of these boards, or other church ministries, including the elder board, please contact Pastor Jim Paine or one of the elders.

This is an exciting and challenging time for us. Please pray for the search committee members, and the church body as well.

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We want to keep you up to date on all the things going on at Yakima Alliance Church so we are using this forum to fill you in. Let the church office know what you would like to know about in upcoming issues.

Elder News: See elder articles.

Deacons Notes: New windows in youth center are being installed. Mark Johnson has agreed to head up volunteer labor to replace the siding and paint the youth center, hopefully before the weather gets too cold. Our deacons are also looking into powder coating the metal railings near the storage sale.

Deaconess Notes: After many years of service on the deaconess board, Nancy Asbury has resigned, and Becky Sutton agreed to assume the leadership role. The deaconess extend a wholehearted Thank you to Nancy for her service. The past months have kept the deaconesses busy with many activities - hopefully they were enjoyed by the whole church body. The next big event is the Ministry Fair. Hope to see you all there--- At the Fair! On 9/12/10 Fair, Freebee, Food!

Financial Board: The board received the report that our 1967 Gillig school bus had been sold. Nearing the time when budgeting for 2011, board members were assigned to the budget committee and others will be sought to fill out the group. Insurance bids for church property and vehicles are being sought and reviewed for discussion in September. A committee exploring employee benefit policy is also preparing to meet.



Yakima Alliance Church Community Groups

In the past we've called them Care Groups or Small Groups. Now the official name is "Community Groups". Well, what are they anyway? Community Groups are groups of people from our church who meet weekly or every other week to study the Word, fellowship together, and pray together. Some groups share meals together, some have refreshments, and some go foodless! Some welcome children, some are adult only. They meet at various places, and at various times.

While the leadership of YAC

encourages our Community Groups to follow the Sunday sermons, some choose other methods of Bible study, such as videos, or specialty Bible study books.

In any event, after you've been in your group for a while, you will notice a very special spiritual intimacy with your fellow group members. You will get to know one another well. You will learn to cry with each others sorrows, and rejoice together in the good things of the Lord. You will pray for one another, help each other, and encourage each other!

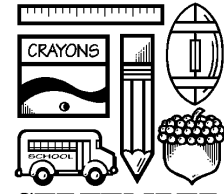
Life won't be the same!

If you are not already in one of our Community Groups, we encourage you to try one out! At the September 12th Ministry Fair you will find an elder or two at the Community Group table. We'll have a list of the groups with the leaders' names, the format of the groups, and their meeting schedules.

Come join us in Word, Fellowship and Prayer!



September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Note: <i>Birthday and Anniversary Dates are shown in Italics.</i></p>			1 6:45 pm Rooted	2 <i>Ron Warner</i>	3 <i>Matt & Linda Seaman</i>	4 <i>John Erickson</i>
5 5 pm Picnic in the Park <i>Bill Eells</i>	6  LABOR DAY <i>Wade & Hollie Bengé</i>	7 6:30 am Prayer 9 am SWIFT 7 pm Deacons 7 pm Elders 7:30 pm Ignite <i>Christian Frudd</i>	8 6:45 pm Rooted <i>Tom & Nancy Dittmar</i>	9	10	11 <i>Susan Wells</i>
12 "A Season of Growth" Lunch and Ministry Fair	13	14 6:30 am Prayer 9 am SWIFT 7:30 pm Ignite	15 6:45 pm Rooted <i>Glenn Knutson</i>	16 <i>Charity Broyles Jim & Sue Richmond</i>	17	18 Steamboat Rock H.S. Retreat
19 Steamboat	20	21 6:30 am Prayer 9 am SWIFT 7:30 pm Ignite <i>Brian & Jan Cox</i>	22 6:45 pm Rooted <i>Mark Washam</i>	23 6:30 pm Deaconess 7 pm Financial Board <i>Keenan Schoen</i>	24 <i>Chloe Steward</i>	25 <i>Spencer & Michelle Hatton</i>
26 <i>Sarah Boothman Ernie Eells Henrietta Eells Millie Grady Scott Schwartz</i>	27	28 6:30 am Prayer 9 am SWIFT 7:30 pm Ignite <i>Lauren Hopp Raven Kent</i>	29 6:45 pm Rooted <i>Jan Cox</i>	30 <i>Gail Maissen</i>		



I am convinced that I often pray for God to work in a situation and then miss the answer to that prayer because I have moved on. I'm sure I'm not alone in that reality. I want to use my space in this newsletter to share some answers to your prayers for the Yakima Valley CityFest this past July. We had a great group of people who covered a 24 hour period each month leading up to the fest.

Here's some stats:

- ◆ More than 21,000 people were reached in person with the Good News of Jesus Christ (more than 1,000 individuals recorded decisions for Christ)
- ◆ More than 100 churches came together to serve the region
- ◆ More than 3,000 individuals were mobilized as volunteers
- ◆ More than 70 community service projects were accomplished

Praise God! What wonderful answers to prayer! Reflecting on CityFest causes me to wonder if we can keep the prayer momentum going as we approach the Central Washington State Fair September 24 – October 3. Our church, coordinated by Sahl & Sara Martin, will have a booth in the Sun Dome again this year. If you are not familiar with it, there is a display of the 10 Commandments on the back wall and we have a variety of tracts, Bibles and other resources to give out to fair goers. We need to staff the booth during fair hours and it has proven to be a great privilege to be a part of this ministry. You don't have to be a gifted evangelist or theologian to make a significant contribution at the booth.

For those who would like more training, Sahl will be teaching a Sunday School class on the Way of the Master that is very helpful in giving you a strategy to share the Gospel. There is a sign-up sheet at the information center in the foyer for shifts at the fair booth. Check it out and sign up for time slots that work for you.

Above all, please keep this great ministry in prayer. Pray for workers and for open hearts to hear and respond to the Good News of our Savior.

Pastor Jim

**General Fund
Giving for 2010
January thru August**
Budget \$ 243,328
Giving \$ 194,770

Great Commission Giving
\$16,301

MILITARY BULLETIN BOARD

Many of us have family members serving in various branches of the Armed Forces. To remind us to pray for these men and women, a bulletin board will be placed in the foyer for pictures, news, and prayer requests.



Donna Kelly and Karen Allen will be maintaining the board. Please contact them with regarding pictures and prayer requests for your family members currently serving the U.S.A.



WHY PRAY? *By Dia Gary*

Several years ago my husband Evan and I resided in a beautiful city where six million other people lived; Almaty, Kazakhstan. The city had tree lined streets and beautiful parks. This attractive city also was a venue where auto traffic did not exist. Only communist bureaucrats owned and operated an automobile. As the Kazakh and Russian population became more affluent, after the demise of communism, the local resident had opportunity to own and operate a motorized vehicle, a luxury that was previously denied.

When Evan and I lived there we purchased a 10 year old Niva that was basically a metal box on top of a tractor motor. We often drove that Niva with zest and vigor through the streets of Almaty. If any of you have ever ridden with Evan you know that he is not timid when sitting behind the wheel of something that moves without human energy. The streets were littered with pot holes the size of Volcanoes, that city maintenance workers often filled during the peak traffic time. We often zipped by them as they poured tar into large holes from a teapot that they had been warming on a makeshift campfire. Dodging those workers became a dance that a slight turn of the wheel could have led to more than a stomp on the toe. It was the delight of avid bumper car enthusiasts. The challenge was that bumping was not allowed.

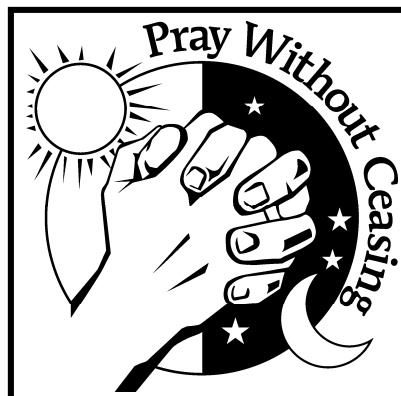
Thinking back on those years, I am truly amazed that we remained safe, uninjured, and unfamiliar with the gulag (a Russian jail). I realize that those years were covered in

prayer by precious members of the Yakima Alliance Church body. Ernie and Henrietta Eells prayed for us daily. On our daily commute to school many near mishaps had us looking at our watches and saying "Ernie and Henrietta are praying for us." Those prayers were more powerful and effective than any insurance policy that we could have purchased.

In a present situation where thirty years of daily prayer on my own has led to nothing, has been shared with several of you, who have prayed without ceasing. Those prayers have made a significant difference in the life of one who holds a very special place in my life. I thank each and every one of you. Prayer; the key to a powerful relationship with the one who made us, desires to walk and talk with us daily.

Remember to pray for our church body and our missionaries, many who face hostile governments, volatile weather conditions, and uncertain health and family situations. Recently, Jim Paine gave me a small booklet that has our Northwest Alliance Missionaries listed with prayer requests and ministry endeavors. I put one in my kitchen and one in my bathroom, two places that I frequent. I try to focus on one missionary daily, praying for their needs and requests. I feel closer to them and would hope that my prayer interventions would make a difference in their lives.

"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16b)



A Look at Fall Happenings ...

China Trip Update

Plans are continuing to develop for the trip to China to explore possible international ministry partnerships. Due to a Chinese holiday, the dates and itinerary have changed a bit. Pastor Jim and Guy Garrett will be leaving October 4th and returning October 19th.

The first stop will be in Hong Kong to meet with the Alliance's China Link team. Then we will travel through the Hubei province visiting churches throughout that region including attending 2 church dedications of buildings financed by our church in Ellensburg. Following Hubei, we will stop at the coastal city of Xiamen to see firsthand a church called "The Bridge" that is effectively reaching young Chinese professionals. They also have several businesses that enable them to connect Chinese interested in improving their English skills with American Christians. The Bridge offers exciting opportunities to allow short term missionaries to immediately dive in and provide valuable assistance to the church.

This first trip will be limited to just Jim & Guy, but there are ways that you can partner with them. First, and most importantly, you can pray. Please ask the Lord for opportunities to encourage Chinese Christians and help them understand that they are not alone. Also, the schedule and travel involved in the trip will be very demanding. Please pray for Guy & Jim to stand up to the rigors of the trip (especially Jim 😊) and to stay healthy and focused.

The other way you can partner with us is through the International Partnership Fund that will allow for investment in this trip and any ventures beyond. It is our desire that gifts given would be over and above normal General Fund and Great Commission giving.

Let's anticipate great things from the Lord as we launch out in obedience to Him.

Fall Preaching Schedule

During the Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons the church pulpit will be occupied by pastor Jim Paine and members of the elder board.



Derek Sutton will bring us a series on the book of Ruth, Abe Navarrete will preach a series titled, "Questions From a Skeptic", and Jeff Kiser will preach a series on the book of Philipians. Pastor Jim will take the month of

December with an advent series.

We encourage each of you to prepare by reading and meditating on the books of Ruth and Philipians. The elders will prepare notes and study materials, which will be available each week to you, and to your care group. We pray that you will find the presentations inspiring and helpful, and that your personal study, meditation and prayer will be fruitful.



Fall Sunday School Classes

Fall quarter will feature several excellent adult Sunday School classes.

Tom Attaway will teach II Corinthians; Ellie Dougherty will host the prayer class; John Platt will bring a study in Acts; and Nola Attaway will teach a ladies class using the book, "Bad Girls of the Bible".

We'll have a full lineup of classes for children, as well as middle school and high school students. Join us during the Sunday School hour for an exciting and fruitful hour of study and fellowship.

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*“We exist to introduce people to Jesus,
help them get to know Him better, and
develop fully devoted followers of Christ.”*

**Fall Missions Festival
October 29-31, 2010**

Friday evening through Sunday morning in a
variety of gatherings ...
Andy and Bev Bishop,
and some of our
short term mission people
will be sharing with us

Watch for more details coming soon

Did you know?

Our Website ...

www.yakimaalliancechurch.com
Has lots of useful information,
including - Sunday sermons,
church calendar, coming and/or
special events

Sunday Sermons ...

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