

Yakima Alliance News

February 2011



Yakima Alliance Church is on **Facebook!**
 Logon to Facebook and click the "like" button to be added to receive updates from us. They will include reminders of upcoming events, sermons and the like. We hope to have photos uploaded soon as well as other features. Check it out, weigh in on discussions, and stay connected!

Pastoral Search Update

Our senior pastor search committee is finalizing the results of the congregational survey on the qualities needed in our next senior pastor as well as the profile of our church and community. Our district superintendent, Matt Boda, is set to meet with the committee and elders on Saturday, February 12th and will be preaching here the next morning. Matt will advise the committee on how to proceed and about any possible candidates.



Our elders have also continued the search for a youth pastor. A lot of time was invested in the initial process with one prospective candidate, but he declined to come and candidate as he was accepting a position in another church.

Please lift up the continued search for God's best in staffing our church in prayer.

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Valentine Dessert
 Family Night
 Friday, February 11th
 7:00 pm

Fun Activities:

Make a valentine for someone special,
 Christian Comedian Videos,
 Great Games, Photo booth,
 Scrumptious desserts, and
 Wonderful Fellowship
 Children Welcome

Sign up in the foyer today!



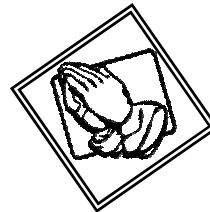
Women of the Word

Monday, February 7th
 7:00 pm
 Fellowship Café

Becoming New, Becoming Strong

Growing in our Daily Walk with God

Receive almost everything you need
 to set up your own ...
 'Quiet Time' Basket!



I've just completed our Missionary In Residence report for the annual church meeting.

While not many of us enjoy writing reports, it is good to reflect on what God is doing – He is faithful! We are thankful that Yakima Alliance is committed to missions and committed to us.

For us to be able to serve in Cameroon, it is truly a partnership that we have both with individuals within our body, and with Yakima Alliance as our sending church. We have had many opportunities to share the vision of Wycliffe and our ministry at Rain Forest International School. We continue working toward reaching the required 100% promised support (an additional \$1150/month), we're asking our church family to consider partnering with us in a new way to accomplish this goal.

If you have a living room and friends who are interested in what God is doing around the world, would you be willing to host a dessert and mission moment? Our presentation includes information about our needs and how individuals can be part of our ministry team. Please prayerfully consider this with us and call if you're interested. Mark & Laura 509-901-7579

2011 General Fund Giving

Giving for January (to date)
\$ 19,978
Great Commission Giving
\$1,945

The Benevolence Fund is always available for donations. Our Benevolence Committee appreciates your giving allowing them to give to those within our body in their time of need. Please remember to make this a donation that is over and above your giving to the general fund and missions.



IT'S TIME FOR RETREATS!

Men's Retreat Information:
Alliance Men Camp Casey Retreat
March 11-13

Speakers:

- Paul Stoeckl
- Carl Ralston
- Len Ruffner
- Shawn Van De Mark



Worship & Music by:

Mt. View Community Church

Saturday Afternoon Suggestions:

- Ping Pong Tourney
- Bike Ride
- Beach combing
- Golfing, Basketball, Billiards
- Quiet time or Fellowship

Registration Forms available

Registrations due by February 28th

Alliance Women's Spring Retreat Details:

April 8-10

Shilo Suites Hotel

Ocean Shores, Washington

Room & Retreat Reservations Due: March 25th

Janet Kronbach will be speaking;

Meet our International Workers;

Worship led by Jonna Denagate & Cathy Thomas

Free time activity Possibilities include:

- Beachcombing
- Bird Watching
- Shopping
- Hiking
- Miniature Golf
- Whale Watching
- Zumba Class will be offered!

Brochures are available in the foyer.

Contact Nancy Asbury for more information



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: Our elders invested much time in January in checking references and doing a preliminary interview with a potential youth pastor candidate. Representatives of the middle and high school ministries joined them as they talked with him via Skype. The consensus was to invite to bring the candidate and his wife to Yakima for a weekend of candidating, but he later declined and announced his decision to accept the call to another church. The board also discussed progress on the senior pastor search process, preaching schedule and other issues. Please continue to lift our elders up in prayer as they continue to seek the Lord and lead us forward.

Deacons Notes: In their first meeting of the year, the deacons were reminded of their scriptural qualifications and mandate. General campus maintenance was discussed and plans made to address several issues. Much progress has been made in the youth center bathroom remodel and special thanks go to Mark Johnson and Joe Kelly. There was also discussion on how the board could expand it's vision and reach out to those needing extra help in our body.

Deaconess Notes: Welcome to Sara Bos and Sally Masini as our new board members! We're excited to have them join us. The deaconesses are busy planning the year's events. Join us on Friday, February 11th at 7pm for a Valentine Dessert Family Night. We have some fun activities and entertainment planned as well as wonderful desserts to enjoy! There is no cost and children are welcome to attend. Be sure to sign up by February 6th at the Connections Center to reserve your spot. Our March event will be a progressive dinner. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

Financial Board: Giving to the general fund was strong in December and we received a \$27,000 gift from a trust. We ended the month \$28,000 over budget reducing our year-end budget deficit to \$31,406. Our cash position is still solid because, even though our giving has been below budget, we have kept our spending lower as well. Quite a bit of time was devoted to developing fundraiser guidelines to help bookkeeping and communication challenges.



Serving the Body through Helping Hands Groups



Do you know there are three Helping Hands groups serving our body? Do you know what Helping Hands is all about? In case you missed it, these groups of ladies are each headed up by 2 or 3 deaconesses. They work together at our monthly events and taking care of the needs of the body. For example, Group A might set up and clean up at a potluck; Group B might provide meals for a new mom; Group C might write a few encouragement cards and make a couple phone calls for an event; the next event might be lead solely by deaconesses. Through the use of a rotation schedule, groups are usually only called upon a few times a year. If your group is called to do something and you can't help out that week, no problem! Is this something God may be calling you to serve on? Will you pray about it? We definitely have a need for more ladies to join the groups. Let God shape you and grow you as you serve on a Helping Hands group! Contact Becky Sutton (965-5860), Tami Platt (469-5554) or Nancy Asbury (966-9111) if you feel God directing you to serve in this way.

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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."*



Walk For The World - Walk-a-thon

Saturday, May 14th

Everyone invited to participate!

Pick up your sponsor sheet today from

Nancy Asbury, secure your pledges, and join us at

Randall Park ready to walk!

Raised monies go towards funding ministries in Creative Access Countries around the world. Ministries such as AIDS programs, Community Centers, English as a Second Language, and Street Boys Project.

Each lap around Randall Park is a half mile - make as many or few laps as you desire.

