

Welcome to Woody Nook

JAN 8, 2012



CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

WORLD

Indonesia

DENOMINATION

BC South/East

CLASSIS ALBERTA

Mosaic House Community-Edmonton

WOODY NOOK MINISTRIES

Volunteer Link

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*Our condolences to the family and friends of Ann Wecker who passed away this past week. Our prayers are with you all as you mourn the loss of your loved one.

*This morning, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We pray that the Lord has worked in our hearts and minds to prepare us for His table.

*Dear Friends, Greetings from Nigeria! Thank you for your concern and prayers over some of the news reports you've been hearing from here. Following a series of attacks around Christmas by a Nigerian Islamic extremist group, President Goodluck Jonathan declared a state of emergency in portions of four Nigerian states (including our area). While we've noticed an increase in the presence of security forces, things have remained quite calm and people are going about their regular activities.

On January 1, the President announced the end of a government fuel subsidy effective immediately. Already the following day the cost of gasoline more than doubled. This dramatic increase significantly impacts the cost of other products and the general cost of living. Some protests have been held in major cities, with larger strikes and protests possible in this coming week.

We're safe and well, though concerned by the grinding uncertainty and heightened insecurity these days. Please pray that planned protests will not lead to further violence, and that the government will be wise in responding to these challenges. Pray also for decisions that need to be made concerning Mission and Hillcrest School activities in the midst of these uncertainties.

In Christ, *Albert and Carolyn Strydhorst* - CRWM Nigeria

Families of the Week

Phil & Donna Abma, Gerald & Shirley Bajema, Jeff & Ashley Bajema, Adam & Jordana Baker and Hidde & Jackie Born. We pray that the Lord will continue to guide you and bless you.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

[08] Eleanor Drost, Caroline Bosgra, Jeff Doornewaard [09] Janet Bajema-Happy 65th!, Rita Tenbrinke [10] Paige Kuipers, Amaya Salomons [12] Anja Steenbergen [13] Heather deBoon, Tyrel Spelt, Matthew Baong, Porter Hartman [14] Keith Prins, Jannick Verburg, and Lola Doef.

AT OUR LAST CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

we asked for your opinions on how we can use our church building for the good of our members and of the surrounding community. We have put together the feedback that you have given and there are copies available on the foyer table. Feel free to pick up a copy and read it over. For Council, Steve TenHove

Gratefully Received in December

WoodyNook Ministries	\$31,638.00
Capital Fund	\$934.00
People's Place	\$541.50
Pregnancy Care Center	\$3,138.00
LCS	\$3,507.00
CRWRC	\$1,727.00
CACHS	\$703.00
Back to God International	\$684.00
Lacombe & District FCSS	\$1,760.50

An Invitation to all who have served on a Hands Team

in Nicaragua. You are invited to a gathering on Monday, January 9 at 8pm at the church to discuss with Pastor Neil the blessings and challenges of these mission trips. On January 16 Pastor Neil will be going to Nicaragua and would love your input prior to his departure.

Say "Thanks!"



Stephen Ministers say thanks to God by caring for others. A new training session for Stephen Ministers will begin on Tuesday, January 10th. Learn how you can join this grateful, grace-full group by contacting Harvey Buit, Grace Stolte, or Norman Noordhof.

Morning Break-Ladies of all Ages

We are starting up the new year with a new study titled "Living a Life of Balance". "We constantly hear from the experts about balanced lifestyles - that we need proper rest, nutrition, and exercise. It's true enough that we need such things to maintain physical and mental health, but we also need spiritual balance.

How do we manage all of that and the challenges of daily life? Only God can guide us toward the balance we desperately desire. It starts with our hearts and this study will help us get there." Please come join us at 9:30am on Wednesday January 11, 2012.



CADETS – For Boys In Grades 5 To Grade 9



Our next Cadet meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. the regular time. Thank you so much to all those who donated their bottles for the bottle drive, if anyone got missed, please call Frank at 403.782.5490.

DROP-IN BADMINTON

Wednesday evenings at the Gull Lake Centre gym from 7:30 to 9:30 pm; \$2/person. Everyone is welcome! For more info please call Steve TenHove @ 403-885-2446.



DISTRICT 3 – Soup & Bun Social on January 15

Soup and buns and desert will be provided by your district Elders. Just show up and enjoy yourself. Your Elders Ron Prins, Ed Kraay, Mel Ingwersen, Cor deBoon and Deacon Albert Zadoorian.

WOODY NOOK GEMS – For Girls In Grades 5 To Grade 9



Our next GEMS meeting will be Wednesday, **January 18, 2012** at 7:00 pm. Girls in grades 5-9 are welcome to come to GEMS every other Wednesday at our church.

MEXICALI 2012 *NEEDS LEADERS*

We are in **urgent** need of leaders/drivers for Mexicali (especially female leaders). We also will be selling oranges which can be ordered through a Mexicali team member.

Please pray for:

Christians warned by Muslim militants to leave Nigeria

On January 1, the militant Islamic group Boko Haram issued an ultimatum giving Christians living in Nigeria three days to leave the area amid a rising tide of violence. Boko Haram spokesman, Abul Qaqa, also said that fighters were ready to confront soldiers sent to the area under a state of emergency declared in parts of four states by Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan. Vowing to render Nigeria "ungovernable," Boko Haram targets anything that does not support its fundamentalist Islamist ends and jihadist means: universities, police, secular courts, Christian churches and even liberal mosques.

The state of emergency came after a string of attacks in late December, where churches, a state security building, and a mosque were bombed. By December 31, President Jonathan had closed Nigeria's borders and declared the state of emergency in 15 hard-hit local government areas of Borno, Yobe, Plateau and Niger states, sending tanks and soldiers to patrol the streets.

Pray for those who were injured or who lost loved ones over Christmas. Pray the Lord will minister to them and help them overcome their present sufferings. Pray that those responsible will be brought to justice and that they will come to repentance and gain knowledge of Christ. Pray that God will frustrate the plans of the enemy (Nehemiah 4:15) so the current threat will come to nothing.

HEY YOUTH!

Jan 10 This Tuesday is our first **MEXICALI Meeting** at 8:30pm. Bring your money and registration.

Jan 15 **Mentor Group Meeting**

Feb 17 **SKI WEEKEND** – All youth are invited for a ski weekend with the Neerlandia youth from February 17 – 19. Keep this date open. More info to come.

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE

Jan 18	Music Ministry Youth Group
Jan 25	Rob & Kate Luymes' Group
Feb 1	Adam & Jordana Baker's Group
Feb 15	Andrew & Lin Luymes' Group
Feb 22	Veronica DenOudsten's Group
Feb 29	Hans Eggink's Group

DEACON'S NOTES:

- **Stewardship Nugget** - What is your measure of success: your bank account, status, popularity, or the toys and dainties of life? A rich young ruler, who had it all, approached Jesus and wanted to make sure he would have heaven too. But Jesus said, "...*Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me.*" (Luke 18:22) Real success isn't based on earthly- "*where moth and rust can destroy, and where thieves can break in and steal.*" (Matt. 6:19b) How am I managing all of God's gifts to me in terms of his kingdom?
- Our support today is for our **Capital Fund**, the upkeep of the church building and the second offering is for **Youth Unlimited**, youth programs in our denomination.
- Next week you are asked to support Woody Nook Ministries, and Shalom Counselling Center: Shalom Counselling Centre of Alberta brings hope for wholeness to individuals and families, helping our neighbours find peace in life and relationships.
- **Next Deacons meeting** Tuesday January 10, 2012 Tracy hosting.
Manda Eggink, Jeff Ekkel, Irene Prins, Tracey Prins, Tony Meyer, Albert Zaborian

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lacombe Christian School Kindergarten Classes

We will begin accepting Kindergarten Registrations starting January 9, 2012. All children who will have attained their 5th birthday by December 31, 2012 will be eligible to attend the 2012-2013 school year. For more information or to arrange a tour, please contact the school at 403-782-6531. Registration forms may be obtained from the school office or down-loaded at www.lacs.ca. Registration must be accompanied with the child's birth certificate (or landed immigrant status).

CRWRC's 50th Anniversary- Save the Date!

On **Saturday evening, November 3, 2012** join CRWRC supporters from Western Canada in celebrating the ministry of CRWRC around the world over the last 50 years. This event will be held at Covenant CRC in Edmonton, Alberta on the same weekend as the annual Day of Encouragement. More details to follow.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JAN 8	JAN 9	JAN 10	JAN 11	JAN 12	JAN 13	JAN 14
10:00 am Pastor Neil <hr/> 7:00 pm Pastor Neil	7:30 pm PMC <hr/> 7:30 pm Friendship @ BETHEL	9:30 am SENIORS @ Bethel <hr/> 7:30 pm CATCH <hr/> 7:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training <hr/> 8:30 pm Mexicali	9:30 am Morning BREAK <hr/> 7:30 pm CADETS <hr/> 7:30 pm Worship Meeting <hr/> 7:30 pm Financial Peace <hr/> 7:30 pm Badminton			
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OFFERING SCHEDULE				LOAVES AND FISHES	
Jan 8		Capital Fund & Youth Unlimited		Jan 11	Student Leadership Team
Jan 15		WM & Shalom Counselling		Jan 18	Music Ministry Youth Group
Jan 22		WM & Loaves & Fishes		Jan 25	Rob & Kate L Group
USHERS' SCHEDULE				PRAYER TEAM SCHEDULE	
Jan 8		Hans E & Shawn P		Jan 8	Team 2
Jan 15		Gord S & Vince S		Jan 15	Team 3
Jan 22		Allan S & Grace S		Jan 22	Team 4
MUSIC SCHEDULE				GREETERS' SCHEDULE	
Jan 8	10 am	Worship Team-Grada	PP-Tyler	Jan 8	Jake & Pat V
	7 pm	Agnes Meyer	PP-Lydie		John & Alie V
Jan 15	10 am	Worship Team-Dorothy	PP-Veronica	Jan 15	Jack V
	7 pm	Emma D	PP-Jack		Jacob & Coba V
Jan 22	10 am	Men's Worship Team	PP-Connie	Jan 22	Ron & Sherry V
	7 pm	Dorothy B	PP-Helen		George & Betty W
SOUND SYSTEM				NURSERY SCHEDULE	
Jan 8	10 am	Jack M		MOMS	Sherry TH
	7 pm	Derrick H			Cindy S
Jan 15	10 am	Gea H			10 AM – Jan 8
	7 pm	Derrick H		Supervisor	Maria V
Jan 22	10 am	Jack M		Sleepers	Katie V, Leita S
	7 pm	Harvey B			Brittany TH
LIBRARY SCHEDULE				Creepers	Melissa K, Rob L
Jan 8	10 am	Marlene E & Mary Ann F			Adam VS
Jan 15	10 am	Judi B & Janet B		Leapers	Pim S, Wilma S
Jan 22	10 am	Lin L & Andrea H			Tyler D, Kiara A
COFFEE SERVERS					10 AM – Jan 15
Jan 8		Brett & Sarah V		Supervisor	Coby V
		Rien & Ann V		Sleepers	Lil W, Sheri P
Jan 15		Mike & Janet V			Sadie T
		Mark & Darlene V		Creepers	Yvonne S, Alex B
Jan 22		Lennard & Colleen VS			Wendell N
		Willem & Joanne VL		Leapers	Deb V, Steve S
HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE					Matthew B, Keith P
Jan 8		*Muff K			10 AM – Jan 22
		Art & Gladys R		Supervisor	Jordana B
Jan 15		*Bernie T		Sleepers	Teresa TH, Dorothy B
		Anja S			Michelle S
Jan 22		*Trudy K		Creepers	Erica T, Anthony V
		John & Wilma B			Yorian D
				Leapers	Tony M, Helen D
					Logan DO, Mitchell D