

# FOREST HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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## WITH A THIRST FOR GOD

Welcome to the first Forest Hills Baptist Newsletter. It needs a name. Please offer your written suggestions at the Welcome Centre. There will be a prize for the winner.

### FHB MISSION STATEMENT

*We are Forest Hills Baptist Church, with a Thirst for God, Growing Passionate and Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ as we Worship, Learn And Serve, all to the Glory of God.*

It has been said that a Church's Mission Statement is a "general description of God's eternal purpose for the church" (Leading Congregational Change, p. 50). It expresses our heart's desire to partner with God in His intentions for the world. This will not change. A church should always be doing this.

### FHB VISION

As we start a new decade, we at FHB are examining our vision for the next 3 to 5 years. A vision provides a picture of what we see God guiding us to accomplish. It has been said that a church's vision statement is a "clear, shared and compelling picture of the preferred future to which God is calling the congregation." (LCC, p. 50)

In November, the Executive, with the help of Duane Whittey and Aubrey Tozer of Commitment Ministries Inc., proposed a vision statement which was offered at our December "Triple C" (Church Community Connects church meeting) and which we are now exploring as a church. Discussion and analysis is needed. Prayer is required. The boards and committees (the Council) are meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> (6pm supper). After that, a Day of Prayer will take place Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be further consideration of the vision statement at the Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> (5:30pm potluck) "Triple C".

The proposed vision statement is:

*We are engaged and committed to become a more visible, intentional and accessible hub, a well-spring, where we continually learn about our community's needs and are connected through intercultural, intergenerational, life-changing, Christ-like ministries.*

Let's all join in the process of discovering the Vision God has for us. Starting this Sunday, we will hear two messages on vision (January 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>). The book of Nehemiah will provide the Biblical text.

~ Pastor Roger

### CHURCH SIGN ON MCALLISTER DRIVE

Through the generous gift of a church member, we have been able to make plans for a new sign on McAllister Drive. It will provide highly visible publicity for the church, Living Waters Child Development Centre, the Korean Saint John Global Mission Church and the church's regular and special events. You can expect to see the sign completed this coming spring.

### PROPOSED CHURCH LOGO



Over the last few months, a committee has been working with a logo designer to come up with a logo for the church. After a few different concept suggestions and many revisions, the above logo has been selected by the committee to be the proposed church logo. The logo expresses "living water" and a "thirst for God" through the water droplets on the growing tree that is rooted in the Cross of Christ. You will see other symbolism as you examine the logo.

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## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

### CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

This past fall, the church office was busy researching and testing many different church management software systems. A presentation was made to the Church Executive Committee with the recommendation to purchase a software called "Shepherd's Staff". The software was purchased in December. This software will enable church employees and volunteers to better communicate with church members. The software is able to track, keep and report on membership information, visitation, membership changes, scheduling, and has many other wonderful features.

Office staff are now busy entering information into the system. It is important that accurate information be entered and kept up-to-date. In order to ensure all information entered into the system is up-to-date, we would like to request that you take the time to fill out a short information request form. You will find this form attached to this newsletter. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to the church office. Having this information will allow us to better serve you, your family, and the overall church body. Only one form is needed per household.

Once you have completed the form, you may drop it off at the Welcome Centre on Sunday, hand it to one of the Pastors or the Church Office Administrator, or put it in the "Office Administrator" mail slot in the photocopier room. Envelopes are available in the mail slot for you to seal your copy.

### REPLACEMENT SOUGHT FOR CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

As most of you are aware, our Church Office Administrator, Julie Pugsley, is pregnant and is due to have the baby May 2nd. The Church Executive Committee is beginning the process to seek a replacement to cover the position while Julie is on maternity leave. The position will begin mid to late April. If you are interested, please send a letter along with your resume to express your interest. Letters can be brought to the church office, dropped off at the Welcome Centre on Sunday, or emailed to [info@foresthillsbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@foresthillsbaptistchurch.com). Letters are requested by Feb. 8th. For more details about the position, please call the church office at 633-7515.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FOREST HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

### GROVES WEEKEND

On the weekend of February 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome missionaries Dan & Melody Grove, who are serving the Lord in Cameroon through Wycliffe Bible Translators and Canadian Baptist Ministries.

The weekend will begin with a children's rally on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. That evening, the Groves will also be meeting with our middle and high school youth groups at 7:00pm. On Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, please join the Groves for a men's breakfast starting at 9am followed by a silent & regular auction from 11am to noon and a women's luncheon from 12:15pm to 2pm. The weekend will conclude with the Groves speaking during our Sunday morning worship services.

### CRANDALL UNIVERSITY WEEKEND

On the weekend of February 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be focusing on Crandall University. A Crandall youth team will be with our youth group on Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Brian MacArthur will speak in our Sunday morning Worship Services on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PERMAFROST

"Roaring Lambs" Middle School Permafrost is coming up fast! It is taking place at Circle Square Ranch from Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Last minute permission slips will still be accepted but please have them in ASAP.

High School permafrost will take place at Camp Tulakadik from Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available; get them in soon!

Please speak to Pastor Christian for more information about Middle or High School Permafrost.

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