

## Unstoppable Take 2

On January 1st we return to our study of the book of Acts. This dynamic study of the birth of the church continues with encouraging stories of courage and trust in our Lord in the face of opposition. The power of the Gospel is seen as Christianity breaks the bounds of culture, language and continents.

In the first section of Acts, we have studied how Peter has emerged as the lead apostle and spokesman for the faith. In this next section we see how a vision from the Lord confronts Peter's theology and prejudice. Peter follows the Lord's leading and will then be required to explain himself to the church in Jerusalem.

Herod attempts to put a stop to Christianity by killing James with a sword and placing Peter in prison. Ultimately, the Lord exercises judgment on Herod. He sends an angel of Lord to strike him down, and he was eaten by worms and he dies. And the next verse reads "But the word of God continued to spread and flourish."

There is a wonderful and fun story about Peter escaping prison. He returns to where the church is holding a prayer meeting. The girl who answers the door is so excited that she forgets to let him in.

We will study Saul's conversion experience, a most amazing story. The Lord stops Saul with a bright light, he is unable to see and needs to be led to Damascus, where his amazing conversion story is completed.

The stories of Acts are both informative and inspirational. This is a book every believer can benefit from knowing and understanding. I encourage you to join us Sunday morning and actively participate in your small group discussions.



## The Big Event—May

First Baptist Church of Chehalis has been given the opportunity to host the ABC NW Region Biennial Conference beginning Thursday, May 17, 2012 and going until noon on Saturday, May 19, 2012. This leadership conference is attended by pastors and church leaders from OR, WA, ID & MT. There will be approximately 125 to 175 people in attendance.

The conference starts Thursday evening with an informational meeting and a time of worship and prayer. Then on Friday, the day begins with a main session in our Worship Center, followed by workshops throughout the day held in various classrooms.

Our church will provide and serve lunch and dinner to all conference attendees. We will also provide refreshments in between the workshop sessions.

The conference follows a similar format on Saturday and will end before lunch allowing everyone time to travel home.

God has given us the same responsibility that He gave Gaius in 3 John. We are getting to show hospitality to those who may be strangers to us who are travelling to our church for training and encouragement in their ministry.

We need help from all our ministry leaders and their teams to host this event. We have a list of ministry opportunities if your small group would like to join us in hosting this event.

I am reminded of the verse in I Thessalonians 2:8 which says "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear."

Maybe approach this ministry opportunity with that verse in mind as we have a chance to serve and spend time with this group of Christian leaders who work so faithfully sharing the gospel with others.

If you have any questions about the Biennial, please do not hesitate to contact Mindy Schwarz at 748-8734 or 789-1962.

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**Church Office Hours**  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00 P.M.

We will be talking about goals  
and our mission for the new  
year. All leaders are invited,  
ministry leaders, small group  
leaders, youth, adult, Awana  
and Sunday school teachers.

Foster in the office,  
secretary@fbcchehalis.org,  
748-8628, so that we can make  
sure that we prepare enough  
food for everyone.



Your financial gifts to the  
holiday gift basket fund  
allowed us to purchase holiday  
gift cards for those in our  
church family who are less  
fortunate. Here are a few  
thanks yours from those who  
were blessed.

Pastor Mark & FBCC Family. You  
really brightened my day and made  
me smile. Thanks so much for the  
Thanksgiving cards. They were very  
much appreciated. Also, thanks so  
much for all the prayers and support  
that you have given our family this  
year. We hope that 2012 is a better  
year, and that we can contribute to  
the giving fund for someone like us to  
have a great holiday season next year.  
God bless you all.

Pastor Mark & FBCC Family  
Thank you for the generous gift  
of a Thanksgiving gift card. It  
enabled us to have a joyous  
thanksgiving with our family.  
We love God's faithfulness in  
providing and protecting for his  
children year after year in  
amazing ways. You're are  
huge part of that.

Roman God Janus before but it is so very apt. Janus is the god with two faces one facing the past, one facing the future. He was the god of doors and comings and goings and of the new /old year. We are not unlike Janus in our approach to the New Year. We tend to look behind us for all the good and bad that have occurred in our lives. While that is proper to do we can easily get lost in our past and linger there much too long; then there are those who move on ahead to a place I call "someday Isle". You know "some day when the kids get grown, I'll; "Some day when we get the house paid for, I'll; "Some day when everything gets just right, I'll. As you can see we can get so lost in someday Isle that we lose sight of NOW, Today.

God has given us each day we have and has challenged us to be about His business each one of those days. He does not say "When you get your life together then you can live for me." The Bible tells us that even God waited for the correct timing to bring about our redemption

*fulness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born<sup>[a]</sup> of a woman, born under the law,<sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." Gal. 4: 3 -5 NKJV.*

We have just come, once again through the Christmas season, and while it was full of "busy" we celebrated the birth of our Savior. Now we are to live for Him and become more like him. Just a couple of days ago I heard, once more, the phrase, "Everyday in every way I am getting better and better." I know that if you are in Christ that can be a very true statement –

Make this New Year a time of becoming more like Christ, study, pray, and live your life so others might see Christ in you. "The fullness of time has come" now receive your redeemer!

Remember with God everyday is the beginning of a New Year for you. May this be a blessed New Year in Christ for each of us.

fully committed Christ Followers.

## Pastor Skip



## Worship is. . . . .

. . . . . Making changes. do you make New Year's resolutions? Do you keep them? Or throw them away? I quit making resolutions years ago because I couldn't keep them. Why? When you make the resolution, it is a promise to make changes. You say "I *can* change" but you can't. Probably on New Year's you're going to make a list of resolutions, but by the end of the month that list is trashed. Why? Because you can't change on your own; you need an outside power source. God's power to help you. A Savior, if you will. Someone who can make the changes you can't make yourself. Make sense?

and I have a problem even on a "one-on-one" basis. I expect some folks think I am a snob, but just the opposite. I just don't do well in a group unless someone else starts the conversation. Sometimes, I'm my own worst enemy. Ever feel that way? Totally out of control? That's a very common feeling. Welcome to the human race! God doesn't waste energy; He doesn't waste effort on unnecessary things. So maybe, we need to get our act together, be honest, and accept the One who was sent to save us because we need Him. Think about it.

*Blessings and a Happy New Year*



Midnight's head and legs were hanging outside the door, his back end still in the trailer. The door wouldn't open and he couldn't wiggle himself un-hung: magnitude 9.5 dilemma.

This was not part of our plan. We had a bull and two pigs to haul to the butcher. According to the plan, we would load the bull, deliver him, return to load and haul the pigs. Both trips would be completed before lunch.

Hubby, Mike, and son, Frank, herded the bull to the trailer. I manned the gate between the pen and the trailer. Midnight stopped at the door and wouldn't move. Our granddaughter and her friend stepped up to watch the gate and I joined the guys as we pushed, popped and pleaded for the bull to load, finally succeeding.

Before the center divider could pin him in place, he spun around, facing the closed door. The twenty-seven inch gap between door and trailer top was the only escape route. Despite our efforts to prevent it, Midnight bunched himself and launched. Stunned by his leap, we stared as he draped himself over the door.

It was apparent we needed to find some way to lever him up and back without breaking either the bull or the trailer. In a flash of genius, Mike brought our tractor over, slid the bucket under those dangling hooves

the bull slid back. As he turned to the front, Mike was able to pin him with the divider.



After successfully delivering the bull, we hurried back to load the pigs. Unfortunately, there was an "I will escape" epidemic that day. The pigs were equally determined to stay put. Even with apple pulp for bait they wouldn't load. With both guys pushing them in, the porcine duo teamed up and pushed back. Their feet, designed for pig muck, powered their way back into the pen.

Eventually, patience and gluttony won out and both pigs were almost loaded. The last pig stopped half way in, bracing his hammy hips and planting his hooves. The only handle left was his tail. Using that added lift drove Mr. Pig into the trailer. Door locked and board fastened over the gap, we hurried to complete delivery.

bruises, scrapes and scratches. I felt grateful that no one was seriously hurt.

As we recounted our adventure, the image of the bull, hanging over the trailer door, unable to move, kept replaying itself in my mind. He attempted to escape a change in his circumstances, to return to what was familiar. The result was painful and left him needing rescue. I found myself relating to the fear that drove him toward his desperate jump for freedom and the helpless feeling that can follow a poor choice.

Before accepting Christ as Lord and Savior, my desire for freedom from the pain of disapproval or abandonment could cause me to make choices that left me, like that bull, in a worse situation than I started. I was tired, banged up emotionally and needing rescue when I finally heard, with both ears and heart, that Jesus was "the way and the truth and the life." Saying "yes" to Christ provided freedom beyond anything I ever imagined.

Instead of being hung up on my hang-ups, I am secure because nothing "*will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" Romans 8:39b NIV.

*Fay Fernan*

We ended the year with a wonderful Christmas dinner and program. Mike and Cheri Foster prepared a delicious dinner. We had a great musical evening topped off with an inspiring devotion by Jon Woods.

As we start the new year, we look forward to a great year of Prime

## PRIME TIMERS (55+)

The price for luncheons this year is \$5.00. Our program will be presented by Dave Klovdahl, the Lewis County Young Life Director. He will share with us the various ministries of Young Life in Lewis County.

On Thursday, February 9, we will be hosted by Bill and Edith in their

(salad or dessert) to share. We will eat at 12:00 p.m.



23 Students and 11 staff participated in our 1st youth ministry Ugly Christmas Sweater Night on December 21 at youth group. A fun night was had by all who participated and even some who didn't!



Wednesday Attendance	Students	Staff	Total
Nov 30	53	14	67
Dec 7	49	13	62
Dec 14	47	15	62
Dec 21	51	16	67
Dec 28			

### Wednesday Night Youth Group

We meet every week  
 Doors open at 6:30 for Dinner & hanging out with friends  
 7:00-8:30 Worship, Announcements, Message, Games, discussion groups.



## Tree Stand



Our Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Stand Fundraiser was a great success! This was our first year of this endeavor and we are very happy with the results. God blessed us with great merchandise, great customers, and great students, parents, and youth leaders who volunteered their evenings and weekends to help our youth ministry! 100 Trees were sold, 65 pieces of evergreen (wreaths, centerpieces, etc.) , 35 Spider ornaments, and over 400 feet of cedar garland!

54 volunteers served a total of almost 250 hours to have this fundraiser work and 30 students will receive help paying for SnowBlast as a result!

# SnowBlast 2012!



<b>SNOWBLAST</b>	When: January 13-16, 2012
	Where: Camp Morrow, Wamic, Or.



CHRISTMAS EVE





## CHRISTMAS MORNING BAPTISMS





The Care Center is our January Mission of the Month. You are encouraged to support the Care Center by giving financially or by providing items for the Care Closet.

The Care Center has been blessed to be a blessing to the men and women in our community who are in need of our free services. We serve approximately 2,300 clients a year and the majority of these clients go through either our Earn & Learn prenatal or parenting program. For each Earn & Learn class, the clients earn points that they can spend out in our Care Closet. We carry children's clothes up to size 3T and a variety of baby items, baby furniture, and maternity clothes, and many girls who come back there are happily surprised when they see how much we have to

and support to anybody who walks through our doors and we rely on the generous donations of the community to be able to meet some of their needs. I've heard countless times clients share that they are so thankful that the Care Center was here for them during their pregnancy, because of the information they learned and just the support whether it be material support for their baby or emotional support throughout their pregnancy. We are continually reminded that we are God's hands and feet in the community and that we may be the only Jesus that some people see so we want to be a clear reflection of Him to the people we meet.

In Matthew 25:35, 36 it says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit

our doors!

Here are some of our most requested Care Closet items:

- Diaper wipes
- Diapers sizes 1-6
- Pull-ups
- Cribs (in good condition)
- Socks
- Coats
- Strollers
- Baby toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion, powder)

In His Service,

The Care Center staff & volunteers

*Mary Funk,*  
Mission Team Leader

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## Christmas Greetings from our Missionaries!

Here is an excerpt from the Lowery's letter, which you can read in full on the bulletin board:

Dear Friends and Family,

For the Lowery Family, this is a very special Christmas as we are looking forward to being together for the first time in several years. In Congo, Christmas is a joyful Christ-centered celebration. We hope to continue that tradition as we celebrate with our family in the States this year. This is our hope for you as well.

We are especially thankful for you, our partners, who have faithfully supported us over the years. Without your prayers and financial support we could not serve God at the Mitendi Women's Center or at the Pastor's Institute of Kikongo. You are making a difference in the Congo!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your support, prayers and encouragement. I am truly blessed to have each of you in my life and hope for God's blessing in yours! Merry Christmas~

~Kristy Engel

Please take some time to check our missionary board for updates from all our missionaries, and see how you can be praying for them!

& 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School class. John Lytle and Brandon Stephenson have stepped in temporarily to fill this need, but please consider serving in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School class and let Kim Marcus know.



Awana Club  
 8 – Glow Night – Give your nomination for a “theme night”  
 15 – PJ’s Night – Properly dressed in PJ’s – movie night maybe?  
 22 – Care Center – Bring baby items to club for our Care Center  
 29 – Sports Night – Wear your Favorite Team colors/ uniform



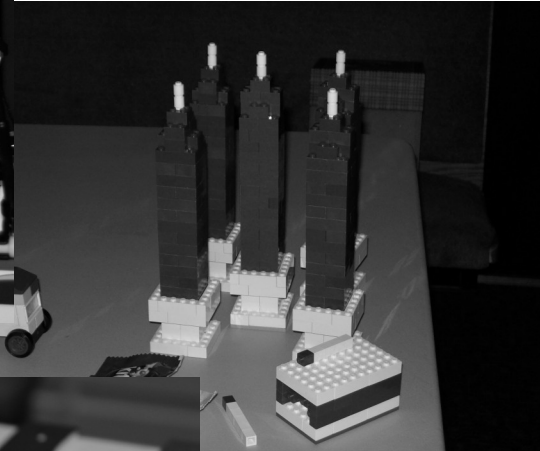
## Awana Club News

LEGO NIGHT at Awana Club:

*Kim Marcus*

Children’s Ministry Director/  
 Awana Commander

Did you see us in the Chehalis Santa Parade on Saturday, December 3.? We are so thankful to Tracy Hansen and her folks, Curt and Debbie Schockey for the use of their truck and trailer for our float.



Our Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18, introduced our first Children’s Chime Choir. We are so proud of these young people!

Still wanting to join our Joyful

Awana Grand Prix /BBQ is scheduled for March 10, 2012 at Chehalis Middle School. We will begin selling Awana Grand Prix car kits on Awana Club nights in January, 2012 and will announce Pit Days to



Worship Service, Children's Church and Nursery.	Depart church Friday Jan. 13 @ 12:30 pm Return Monday Jan. 16 @ 4:30 pm	Lunch provided by First Baptist Church Chehalis Missions Unlimited to raise funds for adult mission trip. Meeting immediately following
<b>MLT Meeting</b> Sunday, Jan. 8 @ 12:30pm Fellowship Hall A light lunch will be provided.	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> Saturday, Jan. 21 @ 7 am Fellowship Hall Mike Foster, 978-4735	
<b>Prime Timers' (55+) Luncheon</b> Thursday, Jan. 12 @ 12pm Fellowship Hall John Lyttle, 48-4765	<b>Women's Crafting Bee</b> Saturday, Jan 21 @ 10 am Fellowship Hall Cheri Foster, 978-4735	Church Statistics 11/27 229 12/4 253 12/11 264 12/18 229

## Women's News

### CRAFTING BEE

Wow !! The new year is already here and it is time to start thinking about our high school graduates. Each year our crafting bee ladies provide a quilt for each student who graduates. We currently have three quilt tops ready to pin baste. Many hands make light work. Come to our next bee, Saturday, January 21, 10am, and help to pin baste the quilts and/or bring a project of your own to work on and enjoy the fellowship of other women in the church.

### CIRCLE GROUP

The Louise Campbell/ C.O.S. Circle will be meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 1 pm in the church library. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Mary Funk, 748-8718.

### ANNUAL RETREAT

Two months to retreat time! Wow, it will be here before we know it! Sweetly Broken is the theme for our next women's retreat. Our



speaker GiGi Horrell (who recently shared in worship the life of her daughter who suffered with cancer) will be sharing with us what it means to experience God in the midst of trials and tragedy.

Join us February 3 – 5, 2012 at Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center in Cannon Beach, OR.

The cost is \$140 per person in a room for 3-6 people; add \$40 per person for 2 in a room, and \$50 per person for a private room. The deadline for this price is January 29, be sure to mark your check "women's retreat."

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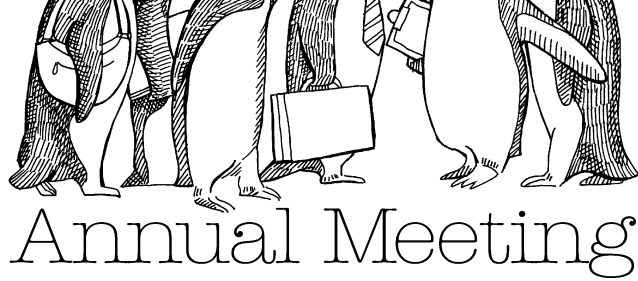
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<p>1</p> <p>Happy New year</p> <p>10 am Worship 10 am Children's Church</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed For New Year Holiday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 am Mom's in Touch</p> <p>6 pm Connection Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 pm New York Ave. Connection Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Groups</p> <p>7 pm Women's Connection Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm Scheuber Road Connection Group</p> <p>7 pm Hwy 603 Connection Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12 pm Soup and Scripture</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Acts Series Part 2 Begins</p> <p>8:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 am Worship Svc</p> <p>11 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship Svc</p> <p>4:30 pm Awana Club</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 am Men's Morning Connection Group</p> <p>8:30 am Mom's in Touch</p> <p>6 pm Connection Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm New York Ave. Connection Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Groups</p> <p>7 pm Women's Connection Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12 pm Prime Timers Luncheon</p> <p>6:30 pm Scheuber Road Connection Group</p> <p>7 pm Hwy 603 Connection Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Snow Blast</p> <p>12 pm Soup and Scripture</p> <p>12:30 pm Depart for Snow Blast</p>	<p>14</p>
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# Annual Meeting

Sunday January 29, 2012

Lunch, 12:30 P.M. , Fellowship Hall

Meeting immediate following in the Worship Center

(Lunch will be provided by First Baptist Church Chehalis Missions Unlimited  
to raise funds for Future Mission Trips)

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