

Hello Saints

With Jim being away this week the newsletter falls to me. We can see now that winter is coming upon us, winging its way towards us with an unstoppable power. For me being a Scotsman it is way too early, but for some snow enthusiasts it cannot come quick enough. Time to get the snowmobiles dusted off, tuned up and ready to roll. I personally love the winter time. I love snow sports and I enjoy watching the extreme sports where they do the craziest things. But that is just it, I LOVE WATCHING OTHERS DO IT!! I am friends with one of the pastors in Castlegar who goes out snowmobiling on a regular basis with a regular bunch of guys. These guys go out looking for the steepest slopes and the craziest jumps they can find to make extreme sports videos.

Now there is a part of me that would really love to go with them, but the bigger part of me says I would love to join them but stay and watch from a safe distance!! That is what I tend to do; I stay and watch from a safe distance, from the comfort of my living room. I love getting out on the slopes, and I think I do some pretty challenging runs, but inside I am simply playing to my abilities.

Folks, that is what it is often like for us in our walk with God. We play to our own abilities and we are afraid to step beyond what we know is comfortable. Fear can paralyze us from doing what God wants to achieve through us. If all we do in our walk with our father is do what we can do in our own strength, then we don't need God! This weekend we are going to look how God took an unlikely individual and accomplished great things through him, when he trusted completely in God.

Volunteer appreciation night and Christmas Kingdom Party

It was commanded that for the entire nation of Israel to get together for a time of worship and celebration three times a year. God thinks it is important to celebrate together. Therefore you are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation and Christmas Kingdom party on December 2 at the Best Western. As part of the night's celebration we want to honor those that give of themselves in service to further the kingdom of God. **Please nominate a person who you think is the volunteer of the year (chosen by you) at S.H.A.R.E., at Our Daily Bread, at CCF and at KCF please email office@kcfoffice.com.**

Everyone is invited to attend our Kingdom Party. However, if your name is not written in the book of life, (Michelle's book) you cannot participate in the feast. **Please RSVP by November 25.** You can pick up your admittance ticket at the office or at church, however, only those who have registered will get a ticket to attend. Childcare will be available at no charge.

Follow up on our Envisioning Conference

We are planning a congregational meeting on Saturday November 19 at 4.30 P.M. to give an update and discussion coming out the envisioning time we had in September. Even if you were unable to attend the envisioning session please feel welcome to attend as we listen to what the spirit is saying and as we set direction for our future. Please bring a bagged lunch with you.

I look forward to seeing you there this weekend.

Christmas Light Up and Bonfire

On November 26 at 4:30pm, we are having our annually Christmas Tree Light Up and Bonfire where we invite church members and the community to attend. There will be free hotdogs and hot chocolate. Please come and join us for a feastive time.

God Bless

Gordon

For those out of town or unable to attend our worship time please visit our website for sermons, places to donate and the latest news. You will find us at www.kootenaychristianfellowship.com