

### **This Morning at the Creek**

8:15 am Prayer (sanctuary)  
9 am Service (sanctuary)  
10:30 am Coffee (foyer)  
11 am Service (sanctuary)

### **Children's Ministries at 9 & 11 am**

**Nursery** 0-24 months (main floor)  
**Preschool** 2-3 years—Room 118  
**Preschool** 4-5years—Room 221 for 9 am and Room 118 for 11 am.  
**K-Grade 1\*** Room 222  
**Grade 2-4\*** Room 224  
**Grade 5-6** Room 219

\*Please sign in at the Children's Sign-in table (main floor—north entrance). Children in Kindergarten to grade 6 will be dismissed during the service, and can be picked up at the rooms noted above.

### **This Week at The Creek**

**Sunday**  
7:00 pm Men's Hockey  
**Wednesday**  
7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study



Please see insert for the schedule of prayer activities happening throughout Kelowna this week.

### **Prayer Ministries**

#### **Emergency Prayer Chain**

Please call Addie Maehara with all emergency prayer requests at 250.765.5325. If you are unable to reach Addie, please contact Anne Braun at 250.860.1144.

Prayerline and Intercessory Prayer groups are taking a break for Christmas.

#### **MCA On The Move**

If you intend to go on a Short-term Mission trip please let us know so that we can pray for you before, during, and after your trip.

#### **MCA Worship Team**

For anyone interested in the worship at MCA, or if you would like to know more about being on the worship team, please contact Garth Dirksen by phone at 250.470.9146 or email him at [garth@missioncreekalliance.com](mailto:garth@missioncreekalliance.com)

Our sympathy to Pastor Meldon, Charlotte, Clarise and Nate on the loss of Meldon's grandmother in Saskatchewan who passed into the presence of the Lord on New Year's Day. A celebration of her life was held on Friday.

Thank you all, staff and friends, for your support and prayers. Vi is with our Lord now. What a blessing it was for her, and is for me, to be a part of this family of God.  
David Baskill and family

### **Family Matters**

**At Home:** Jim Fraser, Darlene Manning, Tillie Brown, Chris & Jo Griesser, Henry & Lisa Heese, Iris Monpetit, Elan Epp, Lynn Clark, Bob Sutherland, Wynne Critchley, Donna Jansen, Andra Banting (ne Dirksen, granddaughter to Henry & Elaine Dirksen, niece of Garth Dirksen)

**Medical concerns:** Dan (& Lark) Willms, Susan Clark, Wilbert (& Marjorie) Senft, Bob (& Shirley) Sutherland

#### **Care Home residents:**

**Chatsworth:** Lyle Talbot

**Cottonwoods:** Marjorie Ferguson, Tena Schellenberg, Tillie Martin (convalescence)

**Fernbrae Manor** – Margaret Imrie  
**Spring Valley Care Centre** – Muriel Makaroff, Pauline Welwood  
**Sutherland Hills** – Joy Smith, Rose Marie Mathers

**Sun Pointe:** Shig Tamaki, Wally Giebelhouse

**Mountainview:** Frieda Weiss

**Three Links:** Laura Stark

**Village at Mill Creek:** Helen Shalagan

#### **MCA Ministry Staff**

**Meldon Lutzer:** Lead Pastor

**Jason Roffey:** Pastor of Operations and Ministry

**Terry Dyck:** Pastor of Congregational Life

**Tim McAlpine:** Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**Barry Madden:** Associate Pastor, Discipleship

**Lynae Igel:** Pastor of Children's Ministries

**Kim Denis:** Director of Early Childhood Ministries

#### **2010-2011 Board of Elders**

Noel Erhardt Meldon Lutzer

Gary Schieck Craig Merkl

Andre de Zwaan Rob Edwards

James Haasdyk Perry Hildebrandt

John Jasper Michael Saufferer

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*January 8, 2012*



### **Sweet! An Hour of Prayer**

Please join us this Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 pm for Sweet! An Hour of Prayer.

This is a great opportunity to spend time in God's word, in authentic relationship with one another, and to pray together for MCA, and for one another.

Childcare is available.



### **January 8th—13th**

We have postponed the start-up of MCA ministries until the week of January 15th. We encourage you to participate in the city-wide prayer gathering during this week.

A schedule is available on our website at [www.missioncreekalliance.com](http://www.missioncreekalliance.com)

### **Important Announcement**

At the congregational meeting on November 30th, the Board of Elders announced that they were providing a sabbatical for Pastor Meldon. Pastor Meldon and his family are currently on that sabbatical. Please pray for him and his family as they rest, learn, and spend time in the presence of God during this time. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

### **Women In Touch**

#### **Morning Edition Winter Semester begins January 17th at 9:00 am**

**“One in a Million”** – Pricilla Shirer  
Every week millions of believers fill the pews of the church and hear about the greatness and power of God. They are told that they can experience it, yet few ever do. If you hunger to experience His power, hear His voice, and live in the abundance promised to you, then this study is for you.

One in a Million - Journey to Your Promised Land.

**“Made to Crave”** - Lysa Terkeurst  
Satisfying your deepest desires with God, not food. This study and support group is continuing from the Fall semester. New ladies are welcome.

#### **Evening Edition Winter Semester begins Monday, January 16th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**“Moving from Fear to Freedom”** – Grace Fox  
Women of all ages struggle with fear. If left unchecked, it can rob us of the abundant life God intends for us. So how do we move beyond fear? .....by knowing and understanding God's character and promises. Packed with insightful teaching, this study will provide practical keys to help each woman walk confidently with God through the inevitable storms and challenges of her life.

### **Life Journey Groups - More Than A Name Change!**

Since late spring 2011 a Life Journey Group (LJG) Leadership Team has been meeting, praying, listening, and working at what God has in store for small groups at MCA. *The bottom line is that small groups will be the same but different at MCA* with some of the main differences being a study that follows the Sunday messages, high accountability to one another, and an intergenerational makeup.

We believe that the LJG's are to be a primary means of extending quality personal pastoral care giving and discipleship at MCA by equally embodying 4 major characteristics of the Christian life; God's word, authentic relationships with one another, a passionate pursuit of Jesus Christ, and reaching the lost, all covered in prayer.

The LJG Team has worked and prayed hard through this process, and we've identified some key next steps:

- 1) **Training and coaching** for LJG leaders in **2012**.
- 2) **Launch of Life Journey Groups in 2012, Lord willing.**

There are still many details to work out, and we certainly don't have all the answers but do need and value input from the above groups and look forward to those meeting times. We invite you to continue to pray for these next steps in the process.

Life Journey Team: Fred and Anne Braun, Barry Madden, Doug Braun, Cam and Leigh Stutters in consultation with John Jasper, and Ryan deZwaan.

### **Men's Ministries**

#### **Men's Floor Hockey**

Hockey Night in the MCA gym Sundays at 7:00 pm. Contact Tim Goward at 250.861.6376.

#### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Wednesdays at 7:00 am. Prayer and Bible Study, followed by breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Contact Neil Toews 250.862.3566. Studying I Peter with Rick Nicol.

#### **Men's Study**

More About Jesus men's meeting with Barry Madden begins next Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

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#### **Wednesday Adult Bible Study**

Everyone is welcome to attend a morning Bible study led by Tom Koop. We meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays in the Mission Creek Room. Please join us this week.

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#### **Freedom's Door**

We find ourselves in need of a few washing machines in good working condition, as well as bedding. We have primarily single beds, but bedding for any size bed is welcomed. You can contact us at Freedom's Door: 250.717.0435 for pick up, or any questions. If anyone would like to drop them off, our address is 1279 Centennial Crescent. Thank you and God bless you for your support and generosity. We appreciate you more than words could express; we couldn't do what we do without you.

### **Children's Ministries**

#### **5/6 Club**

Club kicks off on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. You can pre-register on-line through our church website for those who have not registered in the past 6 months.

#### **Sundays**

Today the Kindergarten to Grade 4 classes start a new unit called "Dojo". For the next 8 weeks we will focus on the importance of discipline, self-respect, confidence, respect for others, endurance, integrity, loyalty and leadership and learning how to put them into practice as followers of God. We will also be issuing a family challenge to read through the book of Mark as a family during the next 8 weeks.

#### **Cleaners Needed!**

Cleaners are needed to help clean the Nursery and Preschool toys on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Join us from 9:00-11:00 am.

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### **Youth and Young Adults**

#### **REFINED**

For students grades 7-12  
**January 17 7:00-9:00 pm** in the Youth Room a Parents Information Meeting

**January 19 at 7:00pm** - First 'Refined' Youth of 2012

**January 20-21** - Student Ministry Leadership Training Seminar Youth Lounge and Youth Room

#### **SOLA**

**January 15 at 7:00 pm** we will kick off Sola Young Adults again.