

# Heritage Family News



**A Community of Faith for the Generations**

## “A PATHWAY TO IRRELEVANCE OR REVELANCE?” - BY PASTOR MONTY NEWTON

I love the USPS. I have always loved the USPS. As a kiddo living on the farm I have wonderful memories of waiting for the mailman to arrive... I would be playing in our yard and hear the sound of his limestone dust-covered sedan rumbling over the graveled road. He would be sitting in the middle of the front seat driving with his left hand and operating the gas and the brake with his left foot. With perfect precision and timing he would come to a stop at our mailbox. The road dust would catch up with him and he would be lost in a cloud as with his right hand he opened our mail box, stuffed it with our mail, waved at me with his left hand and zoomed off to his next drop. On the best of days a Montgomery Ward catalog would arrive providing me with hours of thumbing through its pages pleasure.

I grew up and eventually came to know that the USPS not only delivered good stuff... they are also sometimes the bearer of bad news and bills. That's when I came to realize that no news is sometimes good news.

However, the post office remains one of my favorite places and I consider the folks who work there my friends. I know their names and they know mine. They are incredibly helpful... they hold my mail and the restart my mail. Six days a week, rain or shine, my mail is placed in our mail box. On more than one occasion they have saved my kiester when I have dawdled away the time and have had to overnight something that had to be somewhere and in someone's hands on time. The USPS has been an incredibly reliable element in my life. So I'm a bit saddened

by the news of the impending demise of the USPS.

It is unfortunate that as a business it needs to operate as a business but as a government entity it can't... I was surprised to read this week that universal service is mandated for the USPS so they must go where others will not. I'm told that UPS and FedEx are two of the USPS's biggest customers.

Meanwhile, it will take "an act of Congress" to do the prudent things necessary to make it work... which we all know is not likely. So rather than fix it and make it more efficient and more effective... about the only thing the Postmaster General can do is close post offices and cut services and pray like crazy that they can survive on delivering "junk mail."

The USPS could be successful but it continues to slip into irrelevance while more nimble entities wisely adjust and adapt to the times and the needs of their prospective customers and thrive with vitality.

This year our average church attendance reflected a decline of four people. That means that four fewer people attended our services this year than last year. Four people does not seem like a big deal. And yes, I know we are alive and well. Lots of good things are going on. "The mail is getting delivered!" But the trend is we are slipping on a pathway that leads to irrelevance. It is imperative that we, as a church – a faith community, become nimble and wisely adjust and adapt to the times and the needs of people if we are to thrive with vitality in the New Year.

Jesus told a parable once about the religious people of his day who were not receptive to new things and to the possibility that God is always working in new ways and doing new things. He said that the leading of God's Spirit is like new wine that must be poured into new wineskins... otherwise, when the wine expands it will literally burst an old wineskin. Rigid, inflexible wineskins cannot hold new wine and rigid, inflexible ways of thinking and doing church are not a pathway that leads to relevance as a healthy, missional, spiritual congregational vitality. Matthew 9:14 -17

This is an exciting year for our church. I cannot wait to see what God is going to do in us and through us. I love who we are very much... but I long to see who God wants us to become as a spiritually healthy, missional congregation that is alive with vitality... pursuing Christ and pursuing Christ's mission!

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# For Your Information

## General Budget Income And Attendance

Our Current Weekly  
Requirement for the  
Budget is:  
\$ 6,153.85

November:  
Average Weekly  
Income:  
\$ 5,958.20  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
184

December:  
Average Weekly Income as  
of 12/18/11:  
\$ 7,028.33  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
205

## Covenant Week of Prayer January 9-15, 2012

This year Covenanters around the world will be "Pausing to Pray in a Rush Hour Life." Using a devotional guide prepared by the Dept. of Christian Formation, we will make our way through Psalms 1-6. In the course of the week we will be encouraged to stop and listen, pause and reflect...think of the Week of Prayer as a "pause with a purpose". Devotional guides will be distributed on Sunday, January 8th.

## Covenant World Relief Update:

To Japan: \$600  
To Joplin: \$325.00  
In the Soup Cans:  
\$ 252.26



*A Memorial Service for*

**Dory  
Anderson**

*will be held on  
Saturday,  
January 7, 2012  
at Covenant Village  
at 10 AM.*

## Vitality Team

Among the first and most important things your Vitality Team wishes to encourage as we Navigate the Pathway to Congregational Vitality together is a culture of Pervasive Prayer. We are both humbled and encouraged in knowing that apart from Christ, we can do nothing. God's Word reminds us that the work of God is not accomplished by our might or power but by the power of the Holy Spirit. So we invite you to pray with us the prayer captured in the words of the second verse of Hallelujah to the Lamb;

Lord, we stand by grace  
in Your presence,

We're cleansed by the  
blood of the Lamb.

We are Your children  
called by Your name,

Humbly we bow and we pray:

Release Your power to work in us  
and through us,

'Til we are changed to be more like You,  
Then all the nations will see Your  
glory revealed and Worship you.

## The Church Envelope System:

The new year is here. Now would be an appropriate time to get set up in the Church Envelope System where offerings are recorded and entered weekly in the church computer for those who have requested to be added into this System. Yearly Contribution Statements will be made available early in January of each year for IRS purposes. Only those who have been assigned a number and requested to be in the system have their offerings recorded.

If you would like to be added to the church Envelope System, please call the church office—303-420-6292, and a number will be assigned to you and you will receive your numbered envelopes the following week.

## Thank You!

Bonnie and I are grateful for your faithfulness in remembering us in your prayers and remembrances during my recovery from surgery. I am grateful for your invitation to serve Christ and His Church here at Heritage. This is a great place to work and it is a pleasure to serve among such wonderful people. Thank you for providing me with good health insurance and a generous sick-leave policy. May god bless you for your kindness.

Love, Pastor Monty and Bonnie

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**  
**Classes for Women – taught by Women**

**Beginner – Intermediate – Advanced**  
**Small Classes - First Come First Served**

**Weekly classes on Friday Mornings**  
**January 20, 9-11am through April 27, 2012**  
**Spring Break – March 26-30**

**Heritage Community Bible Church**  
**5615 West 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Arvada**  
**[www.heritagecommunity.net](http://www.heritagecommunity.net)**  
**303-420-6292**  
**call for a reservation**

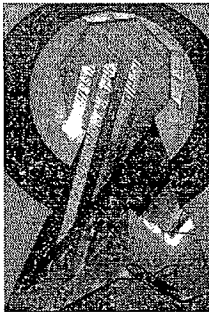
**January 13**  
**Registration (9-10am) and Testing (10-11am)**

**Cost - \$50 includes Student Book**  
**no other fee required**  
**Nursery available for FREE**

# NEWS FROM ALASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



**Freshmen** - We are very excited about our incoming Spring class! Our Enrollment Department is working hard to bring the largest group of mid-year applicants in our history! Pray that our current students resist the many distractions that might prevent them returning for Spring semester. Join us in praying that each would return to complete their education at ACC. Rejoice with us at the numbers of new students who will make ACC their college of choice for 2012!



View up into the entry hall

**Facilities** - The new **Student Success Center and LRC** renovation have been **completed and dedicated!** We opened the doors on November 18<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful Grand Opening! We have three new amazing classrooms - the science classroom (Bering Straits), the computer classroom (Northern Lights), and a 40 seat general classroom (Alyeska) all with the newest technology and SMART boards.

The Learning Resource Center is perfect too--well lighted and cheery. What a great Christmas gift for our students and faculty team! Pray with us that the **government funding remains stable** over the remaining years of the grant.

**Finances** - Profound thanks to all who have attended our Lower 48 10th Anniversary

Salmon dinners and our Alaska dinners for ACC and NHCC!

We're short of our anticipated financial goals for 2011, so please consider making a year-end, tax deductible gift to ACC today!



Your giving makes an enormous difference to Alaskan young people who have **little other hope of entering and completing college.** ACC provides a Alaska Native young people a powerful two year Christian education unlike any other in the state of Alaska. One student calls her people "the lost and forgotten Americans." Thanks for praying about and giving a gift to effect change in lives.

# NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

## **Andrew & Laura Barron - CANADA**

"For a week I spoke in churches in Western New York about *Christ in the Feasts of Tabernacles*. Our whole family was in Eastern Pennsylvania for the annual East Coast to gather for prayer, worship and renewal. I spoke there as well. Your prayers now would mean a lot to me. Your partnership in the gospel encourages us all to get more of the gospel to more of my people."

## **Tim & Teresa Holmgren - Florida**

"Romans 3:22 has really made an impression on me lately. 'We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are'. That is why we are serving with New Tribes Mission. We want to take the Gospel of Christ to everyone, to give them a chance of knowing, not only the Christ in the manger, but the risen Savior, so they can place their faith in Him. So how can we, in our present ministry, see the gospel go forth to the ends of the earth? For Tim, this is by helping provide medical insurance, evacuation insurance, and many other things for the missionaries that free them to be able to carry out their ministry on the front lines. For Teresa, this means providing a support structure for our family and by teaching in our New Tribes Mission school and our local church. Pray that we may minister faithfully where the Lord has us so we can be a tool to see the Gospel of Christmas go forth!"

## **Bruce & Kari Nelson - Denver**

"Thank you for your faithful financial partnership with us. You are a vital part of our lives and work. You enable us to give our full attention to coach and train our international staff in 193 countries. Your faith-filled

partnership is a ministry of God's grace to us! Today (November 28) we prayed for you all as a church body. We are grateful to the Lord for you and your walk of faith. During our training conference, Bruce coached and trained staff and collaborated with his team on a large project to increase staff effectiveness. This summer, Bruce passed his 2 week Old Testament Survey class with an A. He really enjoyed the spiritual depth of the seminary class, even though it was quite intense for his 55 year-old brain!"

## **George & Kathy Schultz - North Carolina**

"We have had a great fall training term though it had its challenges as usual. God allowed us to help equip close to 50 missionaries from 11 different agencies headed to 16 countries (Honduras, Spain, Thailand, Tajikistan, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Bolivia, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Nepal, South Korea, France, Zambia, Senegal and the USA! Now we face some important meetings and changes. We are exploring and discussing the idea of a change in the nature and structure of our training partnership. Beginning in January we are moving to a new shortened and condensed curriculum offering it four times a year instead of the current three. This is driven by the desire to make pre-field training more accessible, faster and less expensive. Thank you again for your prayers for us, this ministry and your gracious financial support. You truly make it possible."

## **Karry & Charlyn Kelley - California**

"Here are a few things you can pray for. The Chinese population of Lima, Peru is in need of church planting. There are 400,000 Chinese in Lima and only one small church. We are praying God will send workers for this strategic ministry and will be working on plans to advance World Team's

response to this opportunity. World Team has been asked by some of the churches of Haiti to provide mentoring and leadership development to the 17 regions of Haiti. In Suriname we are already seeing churches reproducing themselves among the tribal people of the interior and among the Hindustani. We are considering what we can do to facilitate church planting among Suriname's Muslims. We are seeing growth in our innovative and strategic ministry among internationals in New York City. Churches have been started in at least three countries through that ministry. We are also working on plans for numerous other initiatives. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance."

## **Randy & Cheryl Bevis - THAILAND**

"Thailand is all lit up with Christmas lights this time of year, but it's more in celebration of the king of Thailand's birthday on December 5th. Grace International School held an assembly to celebrate the king's 86th birthday. Randy was asked to address the children about the importance of the king and his role in Thai society. At the end of the program the children let off hundreds of yellow balloons in celebration. We have learned a lot from our Thai brothers and sisters over the 20 years we have been in this country about respect for a king. It is a good reminder of the reverence we should have for Christ Jesus the King of Kings as we celebrate His coming to earth from His throne to live among us and redeem us."

**Pray for VICTORY.** "Lord, make the missionary victorious with his own children." Our children are the greatest mission field we have. Noah was a success with his own children and was honored of God in Hebrews 11, the faith chapter.

*I Timothy 4: 16; 5:22*

# JANUARY 2012

## Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30—Bell Choir, 9—10:15 AM—Café, 9—Praise Team, 9:45—Children's Choir

**Worship Service & Classes—10:30 AM**

Nursery provided downstairs. Combined Service part of the hour then  
Preschool thru 6th grade go downstairs for Friends and Followers classes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 1 PM—Quilting 1 PM—Ladies Aid	4 <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	5 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff	6	7 8 AM— Men's Ministry  9:30-11:30 AM- ESL Training
8 2-7 PM—H.H. (Fellowship Room) 4-7 PM— Restoration Church 6 PM— Heritage Youth	9 <i>Covenant Week of Prayer (9th-15th)</i> 6:15 PM –7:45 PM Hope House	10 NOODLE DAY 9:30 AM— Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilting  6:30 PM Council Meeting	11 <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	12 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff	13 9—10 AM - ESL Registration 10-11 AM - ESL Testing	14
15 4-7 PM— Restoration Church 6 PM— Heritage Youth	16 6:15 PM –7:45 PM Hope House	17 9:30 AM— Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilting	18 <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	19 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff	20 9-11 AM - ESL Classes	21 8 AM— Men's Ministry
22 Congregation Annual Meeting 4-7 PM—Restoration Church 6 PM— Heritage Youth	23 6:15 PM –7:45 PM Hope House	24 9:30 AM— Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilting	25 9:30 AM—ESL Bible Study begins  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	26 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff	27 9-11 AM - ESL Classes	28
29 4-7 PM— Restoration Church 6 PM— Heritage Youth	30 6:15 PM –7:45 PM Hope House	31 9:30 AM— Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilting	<b>Wednesday Night Activities:</b> 6:45 PM—Choir Rehearsal 7 PM—Kids Klub and Confirmation			

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

# January 2012

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
1	2 <i>Taylor Ehrhardt</i>	3 <i>Rich Wickman</i>	4 <i>Dean Hadley</i>	5 <b>Hugh &amp; Gloria McCormick and Bill &amp; Kim Reffel</b>	6 <i>Randy Peterson, Mike Schmidt</i>	7
8 <i>Jim Ditter, Laurie Schlagel</i>	9 <i>Stephen McBroom</i>	10 <i>Jan Phillips</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Bonnie Newton</i>
15 <i>Candy Fritzer, Howard Gettman, Kyle Howard</i>	16 <i>Kathy Emblar</i>	17	18 <i>Sam Burnham</i>	19 <i>Elfriede Brost</i>	20	21
22 <i>Mary Jo Harder</i>	23	24	25	26 <i>Collin Gammon, Carl Harder, Marie Rosebrook</i>	27	28
29	30 <i>Jordyn Rauschenberger</i>	31 <i>Beth Schafer</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Narrow Italic Type—Birthdays</i> <b>Bold Type—Anniversaries</b></p> <p>We list the people that we currently have updated in the computer. If you have a Birthday or share an Anniversary in January and we did not list you, please call the church office at 303-420-6292.</p>			

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### Heritage Café

**Open Sundays  
9—10:15 AM**

Join us each and every  
Sunday morning for  
coffee, goodies and  
fellowship in our  
café area downstairs.  
Everyone is invited!!

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DIANA HULT - ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY  
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