



The Hope of Core Groups

By Andrea Zikakis

As we begin a new year, I have many hopes for of core groups at Calvary Chapel.

I hope you look forward to attending Core every time it meets; *but this is not my primary concern.* I think our character is formed not by just doing what we want but by doing what we have promised to do. When we participate in a core group, we have made an agreement with others that our shared time together matters and we will do whatever we can to be present, not just for the sake of the group, but for our own sake as well. Staying true to our promises form faithfulness in us.

I hope that Core Groups are comfortable to be in; *but this is not my primary wish.* Comfort, although desirable can sabotage holiness. If comfort is our highest value than we'll seldom deal with the difficult things in our own life or the lives of other people in our group. Core groups are intended to be safe places where truth can be spoken in love. This is a common Christian phrase but can be a rare occurrence. I hope that "truthing in love" (Ephesians 4:25) finds more expression within our core groups.

I hope that deep, rich community develops between the members of each group; *but this is not most foundational.* Experiencing significant levels of community is important for the well-being of our souls, but often we can become territorial in those relationships. My hope is as we grow in deep relationships we continue to be open to welcoming new people into our midst. At the center of Christian community is the value of hospitality.

I hope that you have an opportunity to share your prayer concerns and stories with members at Core; *but this is not my greatest desire.* I pray that our sharing would be respectful of the Spirit and others. I pray that if we lean towards excessive talk, we would learn to be more quiet; and conversely, if we are bent towards quietness, we would learn ways to share our life more.

The prayer of my heart is that Core Groups would be a place that Christian character and growth are evident and vibrant. I pray that the Bible is granted a place of authority and the Spirit is welcome to reach deep into our souls. I pray that as we meet together, we would be attentive to what the Spirit is longing to accomplish. Although I want us to be able to anticipate a rhythm for our groups, such as bible study, prayer, sharing, I pray that even more than doing what is planned, we would be attentive to people's souls and the Spirit's prompting.

"Let us not give up meeting together." (Heb. 10:25) For a listing of what groups are meeting and when, please see the core group brochure on our website: <http://www.ccseattle.org/site/ministries/core-groups/>

The Pastor's Letter

- by Bill Glad



As of the beginning of this month, we enter into the strange new world of having "our own space"! But actually, we have not moved from being renters to owners. We have moved from part-time renters to full-time. This means that in our new space we now have the dual roles of guests and hosts. I'd like to take the rest of this letter to say some things about both of these responsibilities.

Over the past eight weeks we have put a tremendous amount of time, effort, and money into renovating our new space. That in itself has given us a great deal of "ownership". We changed the layout of the offices. We chose the colors and carpet. We painted every surface, and even changed out flooring and electrical. And as we "move in" we'll be putting our fingerprints all over our space. Still, the building belongs to the folks of Emmanuel Bible Church, and it's our desire to be good renters and partners.

The beginning of our relationship with EBC has been very amiable. I think they like what we have done! And the agreement we have worked out with them for sharing space is generous and mutually beneficial. We get to use their worship center on Sunday's and any other rooms and classrooms that we need (anything except their offices). The same thing is true for them with our spaces on Sunday morning. We also have freedom to ask for use of their kitchen at other times through the week, and so do they with the gym. Now, here's the thing... having worked out this generous arrangement, it's our desire not to strain it. Our

goal is to maximize the use of our rental space before asking to use theirs. Does that match your intuition? So, for example, on Sunday evenings during our worship service, our goal to start is to use the worship center and then to steer clear of their other spaces. All of our children's ministry and coffee time will happen in our own space until we outgrow it. And as much as possible, when we use their spaces, we want to make as little impact as possible. It also means we don't want to be wandering around their part of the building during the week or using rooms without permission. As renters and guests, good communication (asking!) is part of our responsibility.

On the other hand, for the first time we get to be hosts. Even though EBC likes all the work we've done, in truth, my hope is that it makes our space welcoming to the community around us. I want guests, when they walk into our offices or gym, to feel comfortable and attracted by the environment. I want them to feel welcomed and uplifted. I see our new home as a space where people can play, be creative, relate, learn, and relax. Now that we have this space, this is part of our stewardship responsibility. To paraphrase Jesus, it's our chance to use things to love people (Luke 16:9). As hosts, we get to invite people in and show them the generosity of our Master. I think it's going to take some time to sort out how to do this together (things like scheduling rooms), but how much fun will it be to build relationships with people just through the opportunity of having space to share.

So let's be good guests, and let's be even better hosts. God has welcomed us to his banqueting table, and it's a double joy to extend that invitation to others.



Our all church retreat is coming! October 26-28, 2007. Please save the date. We will be at Lakeside Bible Camp on Whidbey Island enjoying time away—learning, fellowshiping, worshipping, eating, playing, laughing... Watch for more information.

Transformation.Generation - "Here we go again..."

By Rich Sclafani

Have you ever found that right around the time things seem to be getting into a good rhythm is when change is looming around the corner? That is the case for the youth ministry of Calvary Chapel. We have been having a great summer full of stories and experiences including a trip to Wild Waves where the van died, a bonfire night at the beach with a flame reaching about 7ft in the air, summer camp at Lakeside Bible Camp, Sounders and Mariners games, serving at the paint out day, ice-blocking, going to a concert at the University Village, a great pool party overnight where even Rich got into the water - we were blessed with tasty McMonigle French toast - not to mention all the hard work in the new building!

On top of all of that we have had great times at our regular weekly events on Sunday's and Wednesday's in which we have grown in number and in our walk with Jesus. During the summer our Sunday's were spent discussing how to be a part of God's story - seeking to understand His calling to us as followers of Christ. The last four weeks have been devoted to a series called "Questions To Ask" which is a series of personal assessments on the topics of our relationship with God, friends, family, and how are we taking care of ourselves. On Wednesday nights during the summer we have been studying 1 Corinthians 13 to better understand what it means to love well - because it is one thing to read things like "*love is not easily angered,*" but putting it into practice is another.

In the midst of all of this has been the creating of a rhythm of what we are about and what we do, and as I mentioned before, it is all about to change! We are moving to a new space, we will have a permanent home with couches, cool paint colors, a funky 70's carpet, games galore, and so much more. What is even more exciting is that we are moving into a place in which all of our fun experiences and our times of learning and growth will be able to continue in even bigger more dynamic ways! We will have a space for worship, we will have a space to host our own events, and we will have a clear neighborhood to serve!

In the words of Ferris Bueller, "*life moves pretty fast...if you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it.*" I think this is true for us as a ministry. We are in our next stage of "here we go again!" - which means lots of change. Please continue to pray for us as we step into all that God has for us. Pray that we don't get so caught up in the busyness that we miss out on all that God intends for us to experience! And finally, please pray that God would continue to move in a clear and powerful way through the youth of Calvary Chapel!

Mom's in Community

By Jessica Brady

I hope you have been seeing the announcement in the bulletin about the upcoming moms group. We are really excited to be offering a ministry for mothers of young children. It is called **Moms In Community**. Our goal in meeting is to create an environment for mothers of young children to share, grow and learn together, both for our own church body, and moms in our new church neighborhood. One of the wonderful things about this ministry is that there will be childcare available. This will allow for moms to relax and be able to fully enter into discussion about real things. We have some fun and interesting teaching times scheduled for the fall. The topics include: Family Organization and Scheduling, Holiday Traditions, and In-Law/Family Relationships. We will also be doing seasonal crafts to allow for greater discussion and fellowship time. It will be a very laid-back environment with lots of time for honest conversation and fun. There will also be delicious treats every week! It is our hope that you will come and bring your friends.

So, here are the logistics...

Moms In Community
teaching-support-friendship
A gathering of moms with young children.

When is it? We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 9:30-11 **beginning on October 17th.**

Where is it? Our fabulous new building!

If you have any questions for would like to be part of our ministry team please do not hesitate to contact me. Phone: 206.841.338 E-mail: jessicafbrady@gmail.com.



Calvary Chapel meets on the corner of N 50th Street & Dayton Ave N in Seattle
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Scott & Kristen O.	2	3 Prayer Meeting at the Lijja's—8:30 PM TG 7:00 PM @ the church Erik L.	4 Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Lauren H.	5 Andrea Z. & Angie D.	6 Kay S.
7 Intercession – 4:00 PM Worship—5:00 PM	8 Greg & Lisa D.	9 Jeff & Jeanie D.	10 TG 7:00 PM @ the church Linda C.	11 Becky G.	12 Annabelle R.	13
14 Intercession – 4:00 PM Worship—5:00 PM Renee L.	15	16 Bill & Kris H.	17 Prayer Meeting at the Lijja's—8:30 PM TG 7:00 PM @ the church Connie S.	18 Elder Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Kristie E.
21 Intercession – 4:00 PM Worship—5:00 PM Abuse Awareness Seminar 6:30—7:30 PM	22 Bill G.	23 Garett B. & Michelle Q.	24 TG 7:00 PM Corn Maze Jim & Chikako M.	25 Jerry & Daelene K.	26 Doug W.	27 Troy S.
28 NO SERVICE due to the retreat. Ian H.	29 Scott & Kristen O.	30	31 TG 7:00 PM Halloween Party Erik L.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> The names on each day represent the current schedule for Prayer & Fasting. If you would like to join the rotation please contact the office. </div>		

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