Fall 2013

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Bow Valley Christian Church is a community of people discovering wholeness and hope in Jesus Christ and sharing that hope with others. With the help of God’s Word and Spirit, we’re striving to develop personal lives that resemble Christ’s and a community that acts like God’s family. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, we invite you to explore the options and plug in to ministry with our community.

We are here to serve and help you find your place in the body of Christ at Bow Valley. God has uniquely designed each of us with a purpose in mind. We are seeking to be a Christ-centered, Bible-believing, non-denominational congregation, whose history is rooted in the Restoration Movement.

Because our congregation represents a complete cross-section of ages, we use a variety of means to worship Jesus and communicate the message of His gospel: our worship teams lead us in both contemporary songs and hymns accompanied by a diversity of instrumentation, video and other media. Our goal is to experience a time of intimacy with God each time we gather.

Communion is celebrated weekly and is open to all Christians regardless of church affiliation. The New Testament says that the first Christians celebrated the Lord’s Supper when they gathered for worship (see Acts 2:46 and Acts 20:7). We find that the communion meal is the central part of our worship experience and an important weekly reminder of God’s grace.

We encourage people to use the translation of the Bible they find most useful and easiest to understand. Pastor Rick’s preference in his preaching is to use the New Living Translation Bible. Any texts that are used in the message are generally displayed on the screen.

Our Sunday services typically run from 10:00 to 11:30 AM.
What We Believe

God
- We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (John 1:1–5; John 14:9–11; 16–20).
- We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible (Acts 17:24–28).
- We believe in His Kingdom (Matthew 6:9,10; Daniel 2:44-45).

Jesus Christ
- We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s one and only Son, our one and only Savior (John 1:14; John 3:16).
- Who was born both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and lived a sinless life (Luke 1:26–38; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1).
- Who suffered and was crucified (Luke 23:1–46).
- Who died and was buried, and rose again bodily from the dead on the third day (Luke 23:44–24:8).
- And who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead (Matthew 24:36–42; John 14:1–3; 1 Peter 4:5).

Holy Spirit
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is a personal and active part of the triune God (John 16: 5–15; Romans 8:26–27).
- We believe that He is the author of God’s word by His inspiration of it’s writers. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- And that He indwells every Christian (1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:14) for the purpose of:
  - Conviction (John 16:7-11)
  - Assurance (Ephesians 1:13,14; Romans 8:15-16; Titus 3:5-6)
  - Sanctification (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
  - Unity (John 17:21-23; Ephesians 2:17-21)
  - Empowerment (2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Bible
- We believe in the Bible: God’s Holy Word. We believe God inspired the original writings of the Scripture, and therefore the Bible is completely trustworthy in all its parts (2 Timothy 3:14–16; 2 Peter 1:20–21).
- We accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12).

Salvation
- We believe that people created by God willfully sin against God and are consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ (Romans 3:23; Acts 4:12).
- We believe that salvation (the forgiveness of sins) cannot be earned, but is given to us only through the blood of Jesus Christ and by God's grace (Ephesians 2:8–10).
- We believe we must respond to God by:
  - Admitting our need for God’s grace (Romans 3:23; Titus 3:3–7).
  - Turning away from sin (repenting) (Acts 3:19).
  - Trusting Jesus as Saviour and Lord (Romans 10:11–13).
  - And being baptized (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1–4).

Church
- We believe in the church of Jesus Christ, consisting of all Christians everywhere (Matthew 16:13–18; Acts 2:14–47).
- We believe in the church’s mission: making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all of Jesus’ commands (Matthew 28:18–20).
Our Church’s History

Bow Valley Christian Church is a non-denominational, independent Christian church whose history is rooted in the Restoration Movement. (Additional information on the Restoration Movement is available at the Information Kiosk). We began as a congregation back in 1928 in the Tuxedo Park area of Calgary.

A woman by the name of Agnes Nelson hosted a small Sunday school group of girls in her home. Many of these children didn’t get a lot of attention at home but Agnes not only gave them attention, she taught them about Jesus and nurtured their friendships with each other.

At about the same time some of Calgary’s civic leaders asked Dr. Richard Westaway, a veteran church-planter, to address some of the social problems in Tuxedo Park by starting a church in the area, and before long Dr. Westaway and Agnes Nelson joined their efforts and the Tuxedo Park Church of Christ was born.

Those were tough times economically and the church was an oasis of care and love in that community. People reached out to help others and in the process they invited their friends and neighbors to church and introduced them to Christ and the little congregation grew in numbers and influence.

By 1962, Tuxedo Park Church of Christ had outgrown their facilities and as a result of another outreach effort, the congregation decided to relocate to the newly developed Cambrian Heights community. There they built a new worship facility and a home for the pastor and became the Cambrian Heights Church of Christ.

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We’re appreciative of our history and the faithful leading of God over the past years, but we’re looking forward with enthusiasm for what He has planned for our future. We’re hoping that you might be a part of it as we attempt to allow God to empower us in our vision of transforming our world, one life at a time.

For a more detailed history, ask at the information kiosk for a copy of Roots & Reflections.

In 1973 Allan Dunbar began his ministry with the congregation and shortly thereafter, the “To You With Love” television ministry came into being. For twenty years the church and it’s “to you with love” message under the charismatic leadership of Allan had an influence all across the country.

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MEMBERSHIP AT BOW VALLEY

In the first century when the church was established, church membership wasn’t an issue. Everyone who became a follower of Jesus was connected to the local church and for a while there likely was only one church in any city. But 2000 years make a difference. Now there are multiple congregations in every town, and hundreds in any given city. It’s easy for someone to make the decision to become a follower of Jesus but never really get connected to any one congregation. But that doesn’t make it healthy. In fact, New Testament teaching leads us to believe that without a committed connection to other believers, that involves mutual edification and cooperative service, it’s highly unlikely that one can remain in a viable relationship with Christ himself.

With that in mind, church membership is an attempt to help people in formalizing their commitment to a local church and avoid simply moving from congregation to congregation without any real commitment. In many ways it’s like getting married. Simply attending a church without any commitment is a bit like dating someone. You’re spending time together, trying to get acquainted and decide whether or not this is an individual that you want to spend your life with. If you decide they aren’t the one, you should move on until you find the right person. When you find the right person, you ought to make a commitment, exchange vows and go public with your intentions. Living together without the commitment of marriage is not unlike attending a church for years without becoming a member.

We’re always going to have people who are just attending our church. We assume that they are either learning more about what it means to become a follower of Jesus before they make a decision or that they are already a believer and are trying to decide whether this is a community that they want to belong to and commit to. We’re glad to have such people attending Bow Valley.

However, at some time we expect attendees to become members. Members are folks who have accepted Jesus as Lord of their lives and publicly identified themselves with Christ by being immersed and then made a commitment to a local congregation. It’s a commitment to the community and relationships as well as the mission and ministries. Here at Bow Valley we invite people to make that commitment by signing a Membership Covenant and we expect folks to sign that covenant each year.

It’s like an annual renewal commitment, in much the same way that a married couple celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Signing this covenant indicates a willingness to be a part of our ministry and to pursue the following objectives during the year.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and I have invited Him into my life, confessed Him publicly as Lord and in obedience to his example and command, I have been immersed to identify with His death, burial and resurrection.

I’m prepared to be accountable to the Elders and Staff of Bow Valley Christian Church as they strive to prayerfully apply biblical teaching and leadership to this community. In turn, I will prayerfully hold them accountable to these same biblical standards and values.

I will intentionally pursue spiritual growth in my own life in order to honor Christ and strengthen the rest of the body.

I will strive to be a contributing member of the Bow Valley community through the use of my spiritual gifts, the sharing of my financial resources, and a commitment to our corporate worship.

It’s our hope that we all make progress every year in fulfilling these various commitments. Signing the covenant every twelve months is a great reminder of the commitment we have to Christ and the rest of His body.

The Membership Covenant is available at the Information Kiosk and can be signed and turned in to the office at any time. We renew those covenants together at the beginning of each year, but those wishing to become members of Bow Valley throughout the year may also do so by signing this covenant at any time.

If you have further questions about membership, we’d invite you request a visit from one of our Pastors. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus and be immersed, we’d love to visit with you about that too. Please let us know how we can help!
Our Staff

Staff Directory 403.286.5300

Our pastors and other staff are here to help. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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Working as part of the staff at Bow Valley Christian may be a new thing but being a part of the community and involved in leadership feels like coming home. This congregation has been very good to our family over the last 35 and more years. It is the congregation in which Maureen came to faith as a teenager in a youth group led by a young youth pastor named Rick Scruggs. For part of my time as I trained at Alberta Bible College (where I received a Bachelor of Religious Education) I attended and served at this congregation. It is the congregation in which we were married by a young associate named, oh, once again, Rick Scruggs. We went away for about five years during which time our first daughter was born. I worked as a pastor at Harewood Church of Christ (Nanaimo, BC) and Great Bend Church of Christ (Delburne, AB) before further schooling and work brought us back to Calgary. We re-engaged at Bow Valley while I earned a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology at the University of Calgary and then worked as a Lab Scientist at the Alberta Children's Hospital for thirteen years. During this time two more daughters were born. Over the years, our family served most often in the areas of music and drama and I served as an elder from 1995 to 2003. Our daughters grew up in this church and learned the basics of their faith with great Christian education instructors and youth leaders. When we went on to plant churches in 2003 our family kept close ties with BVCC and this congregation was a huge part of our success in planting a network of house churches in Calgary (Connections Christian Church) and launching out to plant again in Vancouver (LifeHouse Christian Church).

During our time in Vancouver I completed a Master of Christian Studies degree at Regent College and improved my skills as an executive coach. I have been working as a coach, coach trainer, and mentor of coaches for Bob Logan’s organization (Logan Leadership) for the past ten years. I will continue to keep a few coaching relationships active while I serve at Bow Valley and know that this will serve me well as I take a coaching approach in leadership here at BVCC. Also while in Vancouver I volunteered with Church Planting Canada, Forge Canada, and was a half-time community pastor at The Bridge: A Church That Connects.

Maureen and I have been married since 1981 and our three daughters are all married to wonderful men. We have one grandchild (Clayton) who lives with his mom (Twila) and dad (Brad Smith) in Simcoe, Ontario. Our youngest daughter (Lauren) lives with her husband (Dean Mitchell) in Langley, BC; and our eldest (Bethany) lives in Airdrie with her husband (Will Haeckel). Maureen enjoys reading, walking, and is learning to crochet. I enjoy running, cycling, and swimming and sometimes do them together in Olympic distance triathlons.

Our history with BVCC is important and we are thankful for the many relationships we have at this church; but, the future is what really excites us. I believe the best days of Bow Valley Christian Church are ahead and I look forward to working alongside our staff and many others who serve here in this portion of the Kingdom of God. May we run in such a way as to receive the prize (1 Corinthians 9:23–25). I look forward to running alongside all of you as we “throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And… run with perseverance the race marked out for us…” (Hebrews 12:1,2) to the glory and praise of our Lord.

I have confessed my “sin” of cheering for the Canucks during our time in Vancouver and have received absolution from, you guessed it, Rick Scruggs. Of course my “penance” is that I must commence cheering for the Calgary Flames; I understand that many of you are also enduring this penance.

Executive Pastor: Keith Shields

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I am sure that my parents never thought their eldest son would eventually be on staff at the church they began attending in the early 80’s. So much has happened in those thirty years, both amongst the Church family here at Bow Valley and the Anderson clan.

I started at Cambrian Heights Church of Christ as a member of the nursery. I have fond memories as a young boy, playing Hide and Go Seek throughout the many nooks and crannies of that building on Northmount Drive. I was blessed to be a part of a thriving youth ministry in the 90’s, where there were countless youth events, camps and retreats, worship services where we were encouraged to lead, a mission trip that opened our eyes to another part of the world and small groups that fostered relationships that continue to this day. Although Keri and I were not married at Bow Valley we were supported by a large contingent of Bow Valleyites that made the trek down to Montana to be there for our wedding day. Our three children have all been dedicated here, and already we are seeing them serve in ways that we never expected. We celebrated the life of my mom, Glenda, here on a beautiful June day. I have been supported, encouraged and loved, as I endeavored to follow God’s call to a life of pastoral ministry.

These memories and life markers are not meant to draw attention to our family, instead they are meant to describe what is most important and to highlight what is spoken by the writer of Deuteronomy 6:4–9:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

If I were to sum up my experiences thus far as a member of this church, it would not be a particular ministry, person or event, instead, it would simply be, family. At the center of every one of those experiences to date has been family. Not just my immediate family, but the other individuals and families that have poured the love of Christ in to my family and I for so many years. That is family.

This is why I am so excited to be coming on staff here full time in the areas of Junior High and Family Ministry. I have been blessed over the past few years to be a part of youth ministry, and I look forward to seeing it grow in followers of Christ. Now to add the Family Ministry piece is even more a blessing, as it gives me the opportunity to create spaces for families to experience the love of Christ through other families at Bow Valley; to encourage parents in the raising of their children to be mature, adult, disciples of Christ; to walk along side families that are hurting, and to have them know that the love of Christ conquers all of the pain, sickness and loss that this world can throw at us.

It is a great honor to be coming on full time at Bow Valley, to be a part of a church community that is seeking to honor God in all that we do, and to grow the Kingdom for his glory.
Internship Reflection

As I reflect on my time working at Bow Valley thus far, the words of Paul from Romans 12:4–5 come to mind: “Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.” During these last four months working full-time as a student intern, I have witnessed Paul’s analogy come alive.

Bow Valley is certainly a diverse, vibrant, and active community! Soon into my internship I noticed the large number of individuals, couples, and families who are involved in the running of the church service, who come into Bow Valley during the week to volunteer a few hours of time and energy, and who take leadership on service projects. It should not have been a surprise to me, but it certainly stuck out to me. This realization made me understand on a deeper level the importance of congregational involvement in the running and ministry of the church. From the group of disabled men from the community who clean up our sanctuary, to the mom’s who spend hours constructing new play kitchen sets, to the men who ensured the smooth running of the tech related issues in Sunday School, to the ladies who take care of the reception desk during staff meetings, to the large and energetic group of Jr. High’ers who are eager to help with Sunday School and Soccer Camp. Well done! Bow Valley does have a large and beautiful building, and exceptional resources, but the church really is the people! It is you who make this church space come alive; you who make newcomers feel welcome; you who ensure that we turn our focus out into the community and spread the love of Christ. The staff you have here at Bow Valley are phenomenal! It was, and is, a blessing to work with such a dedicated and caring group of people. Let me just say that I don’t think there could possibly be a job description wide enough to include everything they do! After spending time flipping through the photo directory, the database, engaging in many conversations, and working alongside many of you, I am happy to say that I have been able to put many names to faces, and have been blessed to meet each one of you.

Summer Serve Thank-you!

I would like to say a huge thank-you to my Summer Serve teachers who so faithfully served this summer! Your willingness to engage with the kids, to try new things, and to read my ridiculously long emails was wonderful. You made my job easier, and I enjoyed getting to know each of you that little bit more. To all the volunteers, you were fantastic! My teachers always raved about you and how proficient and helpful you were. Thank-you for signing up, and always coming with a smile on your face. The success of Summer Serve truly was dependant on all of you, and I would say it was definitely a success!

Kendra’s Notes
THANKS!

“And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
~ Ephesians 5:20

Gratitude was the theme for our week of camping with our grandkids this summer and Ephesians 5:20 was the verse that our 5, 4, and 3 year-old grandchildren memorized. We had a great time together in God’s amazing outdoors, exploring, discovering and learning to appreciate his creative wonder!

The week reminded me of the importance of saying “thanks.” It’s not something that I’m particularly good at. My staff will attest to the fact that it’s not my strong suit when it comes to leadership. And my wife will confirm that while I’m not ungrateful, I’m often in too much of a hurry to stop and express gratitude. “You’re always on to the next thing,” she tells me…and she’s right.

But after 38 years of ministry with this congregation (yes that is longer than Debbie and I have been married) it’s long past due that I stop for just a moment or two and say “Thank you.”

This church hired me before I even finished Bible College so there wasn’t a lot of experience under my belt and quite a few less pounds. Thank you for your patience with my ideas and for responding to my leadership when I was so much younger and less experienced than many of you.

And then Debbie and I were married and our children started arriving. Thank you for loving us as a family, for having us for meals, for babysitting our boys, for caring about how we were doing and for knitting us into this community. I arrived here solo and now our family numbers 14 and the Lord willing, 16 by early next year and all of them have been welcomed and loved and nurtured by this church family. Thank you for wedding showers and baby showers and birthday gifts (yes even that anonymous bag of gag gifts that someone left on my desk for my 60th this year).

For the past 18 years I’ve had the privilege of serving as your Senior Pastor which means that most Sundays you’ve had to listen to me preach and I know that every message wasn’t a winner and some of them probably stuck in your craw. But thanks for your words of encouragement and your attempts to apply God’s truth and occasionally your helpful suggestions.

Together we’ve undertaken a wide variety of challenges. We’ve raised money for ministry, moved our facilities, renovated our facilities, taken on mission partnerships, planted churches, discipled followers of Jesus of all ages, involved ourselves in city-wide outreaches and engaged in mission trips. Some of those challenges were wildly successful and some of them were painfully disappointing. Thank you for getting on board and doing your part…even when you were dubious!

Together, empowered by God’s Spirit, we are the church. Each one of us has a gift to be employed for the sake of all the others. Thank you for employing your gifts, for stepping up and serving in the name of Jesus!

After 38 years I’m sure there’s plenty more but I think it might be time to move on to the next thing…whatever that is for Bow Valley! Thanks for your willingness to link arms and seek to follow God’s leading…again.
Northern Hills Church Plant

Peter Roberts completed his ministry with Calgary Church of Christ at the end of August and as of September 9 he will become the Lead Pastor for the newest Calgary Network Church Plant. Northern Hills Church will be specifically targeting the new NW communities of Panorama, Evanston, Sherwood and Kinkora.

Northern Hills is a joint effort by a network of four Calgary churches and two US organizations. Together a group of us have prayed, planned and partnered and now the work really begins. Peter will be spending the next four months recruiting individuals who are interested in being a part of the new church launch team, attempting to get to know the target communities and their needs and attending to the hundreds of details that are involved in starting a new church. The responsibility of the Network will be to form a Church Planting Management Team that will work closely with Peter to encourage and oversee his efforts during the course of the next couple of years.

Bow Valley Christian Church has committed $60,000 over the next three years to this venture. Peter and Chelsy and their family will be with us on Sunday, September 22 to share his vision and update us on the new church’s progress. If you have questions about the new church you can speak with Pastor Rick or you can contact Peter Roberts directly. His phone number is 403.404.1040. His email is peterallanroberts@gmail.com

Network Partners

Calgary Churches:

- Bow Valley Christian Church
- Calgary Church of Christ
- Riverview Christian Church
- Rosscarrock Church of Christ

US Organizations:

- Lifeline Christian Mission
- Inter-Mt. Church Planter Association

New Bow Valley Sites Coming in 2014!

Over the past year our Bow Valley Leadership Team has been working together to answer 6 critical questions posed by Patrick Lencioni in his book, The Advantage. The purpose of the questions is to help us achieve greater clarity about what we’re attempting to do as a church. Some of the questions were easy to answer because we’ve wrestled with them in the past. Questions like:

1. Why do we exist?
2. How do we behave?
3. What do we do?

But others involved more discussion and thought…

4. How will we succeed?
5. What is most important, right now?
6. Who must do what?

We’ll be sharing the overview of our work with you in the days to come but we wanted you to know a bit about the answer to question #5. Our current priority here at Bow Valley is to become a Multi-site Church. Our leadership team is committed to this goal and feels that we have positioned our church to tackle this goal by erasing our mortgage and freeing up finances for the purpose of moving the Kingdom forward in this way.

With that in mind we have put together a strategic plan that involves:

a. identifying potential leaders
b. communicating with the congregation
c. determining appropriate site locations
d. securing adequate resources
e. establishing a workable operating system

We have identified two potential site pastors and are excited to introduce them to you in the next few weeks! We are making plans to provide a number of communication opportunities with the congregation over the next four months…opportunities that will give you a chance to ask questions, have input, and understand the details. We’re hoping that the majority of our church family will take advantage of these information opportunities. In the meantime we would appreciate you continuing to pray for God’s leading and provision as we move in this direction.
AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? (Mark 10:29)

On June 21, 2013, Calgary and surrounding area experienced their most devastating natural disaster — the 100-year flood. Thousands of people were displaced from their homes. Samaritan’s Purse of Canada responded as one of the relief-disaster aid agencies, as well did thousands of “good Samaritans.”

On August 29, Samaritan’s Purse, Calgary, pulled out of High River, from completing their first phase of recovery and cleanup. Previously, they had provided spiritual and physical aid to the hurting people in Bowness, Elbow Park, downtown Calgary, High River, and Siksika First Nations at Gleichen. By “going and doing likewise” (Luke 10: 37) “they met some of the critical needs of our people by giving them hope and a chance to rebuild their lives again.” (Carolyn Howarth, Emergency Relief Program, Samaritan’s Purse, Calgary). Samaritan’s Purse and their volunteers worked timelessly in cleaning out muddy basements, removing damaged household goods, removing drywall, flooring, nails and insulation, power washing and sanitizing walls.

Bow Valley Christian Church volunteered to be one of the three sites for the disaster response unit trailer trucks. This command centre truck, driven out from Ontario to Calgary, became the home base for volunteers teaming in Bowness, the downtown area and Elbow Park. It was a mobile warehouse of shovels, generators, commercial vacuums, power washers, sanitizers, white suits, gloves and commercial masks and tools. In our multi-purpose room, there was no end to orientation meetings and prayer for the volunteers.

A day in the life of a volunteer was living out the greatest commandment, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” and the second commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself; (Matthew 22:37–40) upon which, “All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

On July 3, a number of Samaritan’s Purse Damage Assessors left Bow Valley Christian Church’s parking lot and went out to Bowness. Their job was to obtain “work” orders from the flood victims. It was a most amazing scene of community spirit taking place. Many people, not tied to any group or organization, were walking the streets lending their hands and feet to whomever needed help. Many individuals walked the streets handing out food and water or setting up food stations. The Bowness Community handed out free household supplies for cleaning and mopping up. There was no ‘respecer” of persons. All needed help physically and spiritually. Home owners raised signs of “Thank You” out of cardboard or rag materials. Volunteers and city officials literally rubbed shoulders moving on the street. Pumper and garbage trucks, and private utility trailers were freely loading heaps of ruined stoves, fridges, furniture, clothing…to take to the city dump. There was no end to people giving out of themselves in so many ways. Many businesses, like Peter’s Drive-In, were handing out free milkshakes and hamburgers for the working volunteers.

We spoke to many homeowners this day, dazed by the reality of their disaster, and feeling overwhelmed on how to put their lives back together. People told us how the police told them to get out now with just the clothes on their backs. Another man was talking on the phone when he heard a crash and saw a fierce wall of water take out his garage door. He was forced to escape to his upstairs. There were other stories about the river creating its own path running four feet deep down a street, destroying cars, trucks, some holiday trailers and a motorhome in its path. And the stories go on. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured in the Bowness area.
On July 4, we actually started the work of clean up from our BVCC site. Samaritan’s Purse crews left the BVCC site to work in the homes along Bow Crescent NW, the worst hit by the flood. Samaritan’s Purse sent out two to three teams daily except for Sundays, for two to three weeks.

While mudding-out homes with buckets and squeegees, crew members took the time to listen to owners’ stories.

One single fellow lost his new Mini Cooper, his truck, and his fifth wheel trailer. His basement had to be muddied-out for a second time as ground water was seeping back inside. Water had reached his main floor ruining his kitchen cupboards and furniture. He lost everything, yet he was so thankful for Samaritan’s help. He had been restoring the old bungalow before the flood.

Another lady had the foundation on one corner of her home washed away. Her two-car driveway literally disappeared. She did not believe in God before this happened, but as we volunteers worked on her home, she began to feel there had to be a God to have such wonderful people come in and help her. She was in tears when we asked her if we could present her with a Bible signed by the Samaritans Purse crew, and to pray with her.

Every volunteer and every homeowner has their story to tell. God truly was at work in Bowness. Strangers came together. Names were not necessary. Homeowners were given hope and a chance to move forward.

With working hand-in-hand with Samaritan’s Purse, Bow Valley was continuing to reach out to their community. Thank you BVCC for praying and giving selflessly of your time in volunteering in many ways.

But, our reaching out to the community has not finished. Samaritan’s Purse is entering their second stage of rebuilding. Here are ways we can further help.

**Pray**
- Thank the Lord for the tremendous support for relief efforts over the past two months.
- That the Lord would continue to comfort and strengthen families affected by flooding.
- For wisdom and good relationships as the rebuilding project is launched this fall.

**Give**
- Your gift will help us assist southern Alberta families impacted by flooding with clean-up and rebuilding
- Give to Southern Alberta Flood Relief 080588 by calling 1.800.663.6500 or online at SamaritansPurse.ca

**Serve**
- Volunteers will be needed starting Fall 2013 to serve in one-week shifts with rebuilding efforts including new construction and renovation. Watch SamaritansPurse.ca for more details.

by Walter and Carol Fox
New Elder

Making the move to Calgary in the summer of 2000 to attend Alberta Bible College was a big move for this farm boy from small town P.E.I. Now, looking back at these past thirteen years I definitely would not say it was all easy, however there is no doubt I am where God wants me to be for this season in life. I met my wife Carlyn at Alberta Bible College when she took seriously the advice her professor mother (Sandra Osborne) gave her to “go out and meet someone new.” As we celebrate our eleventh anniversary this month and birth of our third child back in June, I have to say we are blessed. Now don’t get me wrong as any parents will tell you having three active children under five is quite challenging and very tiring.

We have been fortunate to be part of a “family” here at Bow Valley for the past ten years who have walked alongside us through infertility and miscarriages and now get to celebrate with us.

I’m excited to be a part of a leadership team with a heart to see God work in and through each of us here at Bow Valley. I look forward to getting to know all of you more in the years to come as we all chase after God’s desires for our lives. My prayer is we can be the kind of people that pastor and author Mike Breen talks about below!

“We don’t want people to understand forgiveness or prayer or mission or justice only intellectually. We want people who can forgive, who can hear and respond to God, who actually know Him. We want people who have hearts that break for our world and the people in it and do something about it. We want the kind of people in our communities who resemble the people we see in scripture.”

by Andre Harris, Elder

Elders Serving at BVCC

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Community Initiatives

Serve Day, Sunday September 1

We celebrated this by doing various projects:

We packed sling bags for teachers in 8 area schools (approximately 330 bags).

In the Dalhousie/Varsity communities we delivered lunch bags filled with juice boxes and fruit snacks to about 34 kids, as well as giving 40 kids at a Play School the bags too.

A number of people in the congregation went out and delivered flyers to the Varsity Community that invited them to join us with Lifeline Christian Mission for a food packing event to provide 19,000 individual meals for people in Haiti.

It was a great day to worship together and to serve others.
Upcoming Events

September

Friday, September 6
Saturday, September 7
Sunday, September 8
Monday, September 9
Monday, September 16
Tuesday, September 17
Sunday, September 22
Saturday, September 28
Sunday, September 29

Inn from the Cold
Community Food Packing Event for Haiti
Open House Sunday
Seniors Day at Pine Lake Christian Camp
Fall Session of Conversation Club begins
Fall Stepping Stones Sessions begin
Family Potluck
Men’s Annual Golf Tournament
Faith at Home for Parents of Babies/ Toddlers

October

Friday, October 4
Saturday, October 5
Sunday, October 6
Thursday, Friday, Oct 24 & 25
Friday, Saturday, Oct 25 & 26

Inn from the Cold
Men’s Breakfast
World Outreach Pie Auction
Leadership Summit
PromiseKeepers Conference

November

Friday, November 1
Sunday, November 24

Inn from the Cold
Grey Cup Potluck Supper

December

Friday, December 6
Saturday, December 7
Friday–Sunday, Dec 13–15
Sunday, December 15

Inn from the Cold
Seniors Christmas Party
Christmas in Bethlehem
Bow Valley Family Christmas Service
Christmas in Bethlehem 2013

We invite you to travel to “Bethlehem” with us again this Christmas. Once again our gym will be transformed into the village of Bethlehem with wooden house sets, a cast in Biblical costumes, live animals, authentic food, and festive music.

For three days, Bethlehem will come alive in Calgary. Please mark your calendars so you can plan to come, prepare to help, and prayerfully invite friends, family and neighbours to this special event.

Friday, December 13        6:30–9:00 PM
Saturday, December 14      1:30–5:30 PM
Sunday, December 15        3:00–5:30 PM

Jesus came to earth to live among us 2,000 years ago, and not everyone has had the privilege to meet him yet. This interactive experience will be a great opportunity for Church and Community friends to come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. We cannot think of a better way to enjoy the season.
Acts 2:46,47 says, “they worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.”

**Ministry Purpose**
Small groups not only provide care and outreach, but also become places where new people can quickly get acquainted, find acceptance and love, and a place of belonging. They are also ideal networks for passing along vision for the entire congregation. Prayer is a chief component to small groups, along with studying God’s Word and putting it into practice in our daily lives.

**Ministry Description**
All of us are called to be Christ followers, and it takes character. Depth of character is a matter of becoming more like Christ and less like the world. We are a community of small groups that together will exalt God and His Kingdom on this earth, in this age. We invite you to get involved in a small group as a group member, host, leader or apprentice.

**Small Group Dessert Night**
*Sunday, September 15*
6:00–8:00 PM
Discussion on Coaches / Leaders / Apprentices & Vision for the Upcoming Year

_BVCC Multi-Purpose Room_

**Fall Small Group Sign-Up**
*September 8 & 15*
EVERYONE SIGNS UP.
Even if you are already in a group. This gives new people an opportunity to join. Also, there are new groups starting up.

After September 15, contact Karen Zimmerman about joining a small group at smallgroups@bvccweb.ca; 403.286.5300 ext 113
Connect to Community — Join a Small Group!

Small groups meet in homes and provide a small community in which people can study His Word, pray, have fun and fellowship together and be challenged to live the life God intends on a daily basis.

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If you are interested in leading or joining a small group, contact Karen Zimmerman, 403.286.5300 ext 113 smallgroups@bvccweb.ca
RHYTHM — PULSE
Rhythm is a pattern of spiritual habits that shape us as disciples. This is based on the acronym, PULSE

Pray — set aside 10 minutes a day to talk with our Father. Ask the questions, “How have I worked with you today and how have I resisted you today?”

Unite — twice a week meet with other believers to worship, and to be accountable in our spiritual life.

Learn — an intentional learning plan that includes regular Scripture and some other means for growing our knowledge and relationship with God.

Serve — our family, our neighbours, our church once a week

Eat — with family, with our church family, with neighbours/co-workers once a week

INSTRUCTION
Instruction is a framework of classes and groups that foster understanding of the Christian life and thought.

Every year the cycle of classes are repeated (different books of the Bible for the Fall/Winter sessions). The Christian Basics and Spiritual Shape classes are great for new Christians. The rest are great for everyone else.

The second part of Instruction happens outside of the Sunday morning’s classes. There are three opportunities, all of which are not new to BVCC. The first highlights the kinds of teaching topics to small groups or special classes that have happened during the evenings at BVCC. The second is a breakdown of Linda’s Faith@Home ministry. The third is our intensive leadership and discipleship training track led by Shane Pearsall called VP3.

Slow Reading of the Bible Program
Throughout the year a series of booklets are produced that match the sermon series being preached. The readings within enable followers to go deeper as they read select passages throughout the week.

VP3 (Vantage Point 3): A Plan for Leadership Development
In September 2013, people have the opportunity to be part of a spiritual formation and leadership development process developed by Vantage Point 3 (www.vantagepoint3.org).

The first eight months, is “Emerging Journey” the life changing discipleship and spiritual formation process for adult believers. This set of experiences and relationships will guide participants into a personal exploration of three primary questions in their lives: Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me?

In the second year “The Equipping Experience” is an 8-month experience intended for those who desire to learn and enhance the skills associated with the work of Christian leadership. It will build on the participants’ discoveries from The Emerging Journey by continuing to ask questions of intimacy with God, identity as God’s loved children, and our unique kingdom responsibility.

Contact: Shane Pearsall 403.282.6934; shane.pearsall@gmail.com
At Bow Valley, we recognize that prayer must be a foundation of all we do. It is the power behind our ministry programs. Whether you consider yourself a beginner in prayer or a prayer-warrior, take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of how God transforms our hearts, church, city, and world.

**Pre-Service Prayer Team**
A Prayer Team meets at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings to pray for the church and morning service in the prayer room.
Contact: Larry Buckingham 403.286.5162

**Post-Service Prayer Team**
Our prayer team is available at the end of every Sunday service, in the Prayer Room (to the right of the sanctuary) to pray with you.
Contact: Larry Buckingham 403.286.5162

**Prayer Chain**
If you have a prayer request or praise and you would like others to pray along with you.
Contact Day: Lucille Giesbrecht, 403.240.0936
              lucille@thegiesbrechts.ca
Contact Evening: Margaret Murphy, 403. 208. 9931
                jmgmurphy@shaw.ca

**PrayerMark**
Our PrayerMark gives ideas for aiding prayer in bookmark form made available weekly. Praise and Petition for those in our church family, for those serving in missions and outreach, and for our world are given. If you have a request that you would like on the PrayerMark, please contact us.
Contact: Gloria Baker 403.274.4307

**Hour of Prayer**
This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room for one hour to pray for our church — its ministries and its people.
Contact: Verone Caspell 403.209.2623

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**Pastoral Care**
These visits are made throughout the week by our staff and elders. If you or your family member are hospitalized in the Calgary area, please let us know.

**Shut-In Visits**
These visits are made throughout the week by our staff and elders to those who are not able to attend our church services due to illness or physical disabilities. Communion is offered to those who would like to partake.
Contact: Peter Kehler 403.286.5300 ext 114

**Funeral Services**
Funeral services can be held at the church, or a pastor can assist with a funeral held at another location.
Contact: Donna Heitman 403.286.5300 ext 102

**Prayer & Anointing**
James 5:14 says, "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord." Whether you are seeking physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, you are invited to receive prayer and support.
Contact: Doug Moore 403.295.0690
At Bow Valley we support the family as the significant relationship through which God shapes our lives. One of the roles of the local church is to help families bring Christ into the center of their home. It is our goal to partner with parents and to empower them with tools to teach their children about Christ. Ultimately, our hope is that all our children surrender to His Lordship, as we train them to love others through Him.

**Faith@Home**

Faith@Home is a workshop series hosted by Brad Anderson, intended to help families bring Christ into the centre of their home. Each workshop is specific to a child’s age group and empowers parents with tools to teach their children about Christ and train them in living for Him.

Workshops are scheduled on Sunday mornings following the morning service with lunch and child-care provided.

**September 29 — “His Church, Our Family”**

*Church and Family: for Parents of Babes & Toddlers*
To explore the value of our local church in the context of raising our children to become faithful followers of Christ.

**October 27 — “Together With Him”**

*Family Devotions: for Parents of 2/3 year-olds*
To empower families to have a consistent, effective, successful, positive devotional experience together.

**November 17 — “Discipline and Grace”**

*Biblical Parenting: For Parents of 4 year-olds*
To explore the challenges of biblical parenting and family conflict resolution.

**December 15 — “Lord We Pray”**

*Family Prayer: For Parents of 5 year-olds*
To empower your families to develop the regular habit of prayer and thus connect the next generation to God in a powerful way.

**Family Potlucks**

- September 22, 5:00–7:00 PM in the gym
- November 24, Grey Cup Potluck Supper

**Bow Valley Brood**

Our family-focused newsletter is published bimonthly to keep you up to date with the latest news, events, and stories about our Family Ministries, especially our WeeCare/KidsConnect ministry. Watch your mailboxes or email for the current issue!

Contact: Name 403.286.5300 ext 107

**Moms ‘n’ Tots**

*Thursday Mornings, 9:30–11:00 AM*
Moms with preschool children meet to connect and encourage each other, and provide community and playtime for their children. Games, crafts and snack provided. Everyone welcome!

**Baby Visits**

Our Family Ministries Volunteer Team visit moms with new babes to welcome the addition to our ‘family.’ It is an opportunity for celebration, encouragement and prayer.

**Baby Dedications**

Bow Valley has enjoyed celebrating new babies in our worship services for many years. The dedication of children is an expression of love for God and is a declaration on the part of the parents to be a godly influence in the life of the child. Parents are welcome to dedicate their little one to the Lord, during our Sunday service. The family is invited to come up at a designated time during the service for a time of introduction, commitment and prayer. Please contact Brad Anderson to make arrangements.

“And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.”

~ Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NLT)
Our Women’s Ministry team would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please contact Noel Johnson at 403.668.4074.

Throughout the year Men’s Ministry offers a variety of activities and speakers that are designed to strengthen men personally and relationally.

Contact: Chris Fong 403.209.2623; the5fongs@shaw.ca
        Chris Kobe 403.280.0107; martiank@telus.net

**Men’s Prayer Group**
*Thursdays, 6:15 AM, Fireside Room*
For men of all ages. This men’s group meets each Thursday morning for coffee, devotions and prayer before heading to work. We’d love to have you join us!

Contact: Harvey Gamble 403.275.6272

**Men’s Ministry Events**
*Saturday, September 28   Annual Golf Tournament*  
Held at Tooth of the Dogpound Creek Golf Club, Cremona  
Shotgun start at 10:00am. Golfers of all abilities welcome!

*October 5   Men’s Breakfast*  
*October 24–25   Promise Keepers Conference*  
*November 24   Grey Cup Potluck Supper*

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**Ladies Monday Morning Study**
*Mondays, 9:15 AM, Multi-Purpose Room*
Contact: Sue DaSilva 403.547.3221

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Study**
*Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Arbour Lake Area*
Contact: Deb Moore 403.474.2752

**Beth Moore Study**
*Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, Edgemont Area*
Contact: Becky Wilson 403-274-1424

**Ladies Tuesday Evening Study**
*Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, Hawkwood Area*
Contact: Sue Caswell 403.274.2131
It’s here! It’s here! It’s time to start the 2013–2014 program year! What a privilege to share the love of Jesus with all our students. We have a great bunch of kids ready to renew their friendships after a busy summer and staff excited to be part of this exciting and important ministry.

**Our Vision:** To connect children to God, to each other, to their community and to the world.

**Our Mission:** To partner with parents and the church family in laying a spiritual foundation and to equip and encourage our children to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

**SUNDAYS IN WEECARE & KIDSCONNECT**

**Wee Care** provides loving hands and feet for our babes and tots age 0 to 24 months. These volunteers love our little ones and provide a safe environment for them to explore, learn and discover. On long weekends, the nursery will be open for parent use as there will be no scheduled nursery care.

**Kids Connect** provides a God centered program for ages 2 through grade 6. All our staff, from teachers to set up to crafters to supervisors, love God and desire to show the children His love through their service. What a great team we have in each area.

**Preschool**, which is age 2 through Kindergarten age, uses the *Hands On Curriculum*. This provides a “hands on” experience of the Bible and of what it means to love God. A snack is provided as well as plenty of opportunity to play and enjoy their classmates.

**Grades 1–6** also have dedicated teachers who love to be with kids. Our curriculum changes for grades 1–4 depending on the season and the Grade 5/6 classes will use the Grapple curriculum. Grapple provides great opportunity for conversation and tackles some big questions like: What Would Jesus Play on His iPod? and Can Being a Christian Ever Be Fun? Grades 5/6 begin in their classroom then proceed to the gym to join in the worship time as well as for some surprise activities. Grades 1–4 begin and stay in the gym for their program.

**Long-Weekends** provide an opportunity for our families to worship together at the beginning of the service. Thanksgiving weekend, October 13, all families will begin in the main service. Preschool children (age 2 to kindergarten) will be dismissed from the service if teachers are available to a program downstairs and elementary children (grade 1–6) will remain with their parents for the entire service. What a great way to encourage faith talk at home and for families to worship together!

WeeCare, which is our nursery ministry, and KidsConnect, which is our children’s ministry, are very busy places! We need many willing hands and feet to keep this ministry running smoothly. If you are interested in serving, check out page 42 or contact me by phone or email. It really is the best place to be!

**Announcement**

Children’s Ministry is pleased to announce the addition of Sarah Praught as administrative assistant. She will be part time support for Cheryl and will be available to answer questions and help wherever needed downstairs.

Sarah has taught in the preschool area for many years and is very aware of what happens on a Sunday morning. Her smile and gentle nature will be a huge asset to our ministry. Welcome, Sarah!
Soccer Camp was a HUGE Success!

Our third annual soccer camp was held August 19–23 and it was our best camp yet! What an amazing team of junior helpers were on the field plus quality adult helpers. Everyone from snack specialists to registration to set up to coaching to skills to photography were absolutely top notch! Each day concluded with a devotional presented by Kendra and Rachel. They presented the theme verse (Jeremiah 29:11) in simple yet creative terms so that each child knew that God has an amazing plan just for them!

I can’t wait until Soccer Camp 2014! We need more adult help so plan now for August 18–22. You won’t be sorry. Just ask anyone who was at camp this year!
Youth Ministries is a place for students to experience the love of Christ! We want to walk alongside students and be a part of their world as they are introduced to Christ, and as they continue to deepen their relationship with Him through friendships, mission, prayer, and weekly events.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (Gr. 7–9)
Contact: Brad Anderson, Jr. High Youth Pastor
403.286.5300 ext 116   brad@bvccweb.ca
FACEBOOK: BVCC Junior High Youth
TWITTER: BVCC Junior High

FRIDAY NIGHT BIG EVENTS
Our “BIG” events are meant to be an opportunity for youth to bring their friends to experience what Youth Group is all about. These events can be either at the church or offsite around Calgary.

September 13  Where’s My Cache?
(a most epic scavenger hunt)
October 4  Laser Quest
November 8  Angry Bird Invasion
December 13  Movie Night

SMALL GROUPS — Starts September 18
Wednesday Night, 7:00–8:30 PM at BVCC, Classroom 2
The Junior High years are often characterized by one word: Change! One of the biggest areas of change is how they see the world around them. Small groups gives them the opportunity to ask questions, talk about their faith and ultimately grow as a disciple of Christ.

SERVE NIGHTS
Check out the youth section of our website for specific dates. Once or twice per semester we look for opportunities for our Junior High students to serve in our community around Bow Valley. In the past this has included: shoveling the rink and general clean up at Dalhousie Community Centre, visiting and singing carols with seniors.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (Gr. 10–12)
Contact: Will Proudfoot, Sr. High Youth Pastor
403.286.5300 ext 110   will@bvccweb.ca
FACEBOOK: BVCC Senior High Youth
TWITTER: BVCC Senior High

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 PM, THE LOFT
High school can be an exciting and a difficult time in a student’s life as they continue their search for identity. Our main goal is to help students anchor their identity in Christ. We hope that through our High School youth ministry we can provide healthy social groups and a safe environment for our students to grow in. Our weekly youth night is only part of what we do, with annual global missions trips, local service projects, retreats, and camps we keep busy and have fun all year long! Through all of these activities we strive to teach our students about the characteristics of Jesus and help our students discover and develop their gifts and passions. Once they have discovered these passions, we equip them to use them to serve God and further His Kingdom.

Important Dates

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Because of His love for us, expressing compassion and caring for others is the core for believers. At Bow Valley we value equipping and encouraging our entire church body to be involved in providing prayer, love and practical acts of caring for one another. You’ll find some of our expressions of Care and Support below.

**STEPPING STONES SUPPORT MINISTRY**

Tuesday evenings, at Bow Valley, are dedicated to serving those who are grieving after a life crisis — death, separation or divorce. Our goal is to heal the hurt and restore the hope for you and your family. Support is available for kids, teens and adults.

Fall Session: September 17 – December 10
Contact: Brad Anderson 403.286.5300 ext 116

Here, you will find a proven path for children and their parents to grieve through a life-altering crisis. Every family’s loss (death, separation, divorce) is unique, but the pain, we have in common. Often youth are expected to accept the changes in their family or sort out their feelings alone.

Rainbows offers a 12-week peer support program, led by trained facilitators, allows participants to process their feelings, build self-worth and learn positive coping tools to last a lifetime. Groups meet for ages five to adult.

Tuesday evenings, 7:00–8:00 PM

**GRIEF SHARE**

If a spouse, child, family member or friend has died, you have probably discovered there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. This 13-week Christ-centered, support group includes instructional videos from experts on death and grief. The discussion time is led by someone who knows that it is not time that heals, but what you do in that time that matters.

Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8:00 PM

Here, you will find a caring group of people to help you ease the hurt and start you on the path of healing after separation and divorce. It can be a confusing time of isolation and pain, with lots of questions about issues you’ve never faced before. This 13-week Christ-centered, support group includes instructional videos from experts on divorce and recovery. The discussion time is led by someone who has walked this road and wants to help.

Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8:00 PM

**SINGLE & PARENTING**

Single & Parenting groups share tips and parenting wisdom that will help you find rest, hope and encouragement. If you’re a single parent, you’re probably tired, overwhelmed and feeling a bit under appreciated. Learn how to wisely encourage your kids to obey, help your hurting child, deal with verbal onslaughts, figure out what your emotions are telling you, and manage finances. This Christ-centered group includes instructional videos from experts on singleness and parenting. The discussion time is lead by an experienced peer support group facilitator who wants to see you succeed.

Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8:00 PM

**RAINBOWS**

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**GAMMAGIRLS**

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM STARTING NOVEMBER 20

Gammagirls is a 10-week program designed to equip teen girls for self-leadership by focusing on the attitudes, skills and values needed to help navigate the teen years.

Gammagirls are unique, empowered, confident, brave, independent, assertive, positive, and focused on being all that God created them to be.

Gammagirls is about friendship, positive body image, problem solving and negotiating skills, determining values and how the media impacts our lives.
Matthew 28:19–20 says, “Go to the people of nations and make them my disciples… “ This is the Great Commission of our Lord who wants his followers to go, baptize, and teach, in order to make disciples. Our church is ready to serve as the Bible says and establish ministries for various ethnic groups as numbers permit. This is our mandate to serve these people and help them to know our Lord Jesus Christ. Presently, we are serving two main groups in our church, Chinese and Filipino. As we identify other potential ethnic groups growing, we will strive to integrate them to similar ministry in the future.

BVCC introduces a new ‘fellowship & worship’ model for the multi-ethnic groups in order to help them to grow in their spiritual walk and to learn how to serve God and His people in the church.

Chinese Ministries 中文事工 每週五 下午六時正
Chinese fellowship provides a platform for students, career groups, and families to learn to share about God. Scheduled programs help us to learn how to serve, sing, play, pray, share, ask, and discuss different topics. Chinese worship is provided after the fellowship. Anyone interested is welcome to join us with potluck style or light supper provided. A children's program is provided.

Mandarin Fellowship
Friday, 6:00–9:00 pm Fireside Room

Cantonese Fellowship
Saturday, 6:00–9:00 pm Multi-Purpose Room

Filipino Ministries
Filipino ministries provide a platform for the Filipino group to sing, play, pray, share, care and to love their people in this foreign place. Anyone interested is welcome to join this group with a light supper provided.

Saturday, 6:00–9:00 pm Fireside Room
Contact: Rina Hubilla 403.816.8314

Sunday School
Different languages classes meet to study the word of God. Everyone is welcome to join our classes.

主日學是為學習聖經真理而設，備有英文及國語各乙班，歡迎有興趣者選讀。詳情請與陳牧師聯絡。

Sunday, 8:45–9:45 am 每週日 上午八時四十五分
Contact: Pastor Cal Hultgren 403.286.5300 ext 109
Now the **Lord** God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The **Lord** God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food… (Genesis 2:8–9)

Give us this day our daily bread… (Matthew 6:11)

As Christians, we are called to care for one another, to care for this world God has given us, and to love God with all we have. At Rosscarrock Church of Christ, we recognize that these are the same calling. Last year we constructed a small, 6’ x 4’ garden box, and planted lettuce, peas, beans, and carrots, in an effort to live this calling. By growing vegetables and distributing them to members of the congregation, we provide for one another’s nutritional needs; by harvesting our own food, we gain a deeper connection with the land that sustains us; and by praying for an abundant harvest, we rely on our Creator to provide for our needs, a dependency that is easily lost when we depend on paychecks and grocery stores. Last year’s success has resulted in a larger garden experiment. Our young adults, led by Ryan McCulloch, constructed four 6’ x 4’ and two 4’ x 4’ garden boxes, and planted lettuce, radishes, carrots, beets, green onions, zucchini, peas, and beans. They also collected used tires for growing potatoes. As of this writing, we have harvested radishes, lettuce, beets, green onions, and zucchini, and distributed bags of vegetables to more than ten families in our congregation. And there is still an abundant harvest to come — the peas and beans have started to form, and the zucchini harvest has only just begun. None of us are amazing gardeners, but we have a dedicated young adult group committed to doing what they can to make this garden work, and more importantly we have a God who loves gardens, who planted the first garden for its aesthetic and functional value, and who causes the plants to grow. We have learned a good deal this year, and look forward to an even greater harvest, and greater blessing to the congregation, in the years to come.

Note: Rosscarrock Church of Christ is a sister church of Bow Valley Christian Church. The two churches (among others) are connected by a common history (Stone-Campbell Movement); we are also currently connected through Alberta Bible College, Pine Lake Christian Camp, and the Social Justice League.
To witness to Christ today is both to share the good news of Jesus and a prophetic commitment to God’s will for justice, peace and the care of creation.

Contact: Megan Klein 403.208.9087  
Ashley Dueck 403.202.8384

**Conversation Club**
We have developed a program that is helping people to advance in their speaking of English and expose facilitators to a wider world and needs of immigrant peoples.

Meetings: Monday evenings, 7:00–9:00 PM  
Fall session begins September 16

Contact: Ron Osborne 403.239.6196

**ESL Class**
Using the same curriculum as the Graceland ESL school, we offer a Bible based ESL class on Sunday morning.

Meetings: Sunday morning, 8:30–9:30 AM  
Fall session begins September 22

Contact: Ron Osborne 403.239.6196

**Inn from the Cold**
We partner with Inn from the Cold by providing meals, overnight housing and hospitality to adults and children who have no place to sleep here in Calgary. A team from BVCC plays host every first Friday of the month.

Contact: Donna McTaggart 403.539.8936  
donnamc@kaos-consulting.com

**Operation Christmas Child** brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the good news of God’s love. Shoeboxes are available in November for you to take home and fill up. There are also opportunities to serve at Samaritan’s Purse to help prepare the shoeboxes for shipment.

**Short Term Missions**
There are opportunities for youth and adults to be involved in short-term mission projects, both in conjunction with our supported missions and with other organizations all around the world. The World Outreach Team is interested in increasing these opportunities. In the coming year, we are hoping to gather a short-term mission team to work with our partner, Frontier Labourers for Christ, in Thailand. Contact us if you have any interest in the advance planning and organization of this mission trip, or participating as a member of such a team.

Contact: Ashley Dueck 403.202.8384 / Megan Klein 403.208.9087

**Annual Pie Auction**
**Sunday, October 6, 6:30 PM**

Come and enjoy some homemade pie while supporting the work of our partner in mission, Pioneer Bible Translators, Canada.

The funds raised from the auction will go towards the purchase of solar panels and computer equipment. These items allow nationals involved in translation projects to conduct work from their own villages.

Stay tuned for the **World Outreach Christmas Catalogue**!
Cambrian Manor

In the early 1980s, with help from the Heritage Fund, the Alberta Government began to build affordable housing for seniors. Since they were looking for charity groups, churches, companies and other organizations to manage and run them, Bow Valley Christian Church, (at that time Cambrian Heights Church of Christ), expressed a desire to take on one of these projects and minister to the residents who would live there. Our application was accepted and we found ourselves planning the new building and preparing for the management of the senior’s complex with 50 independent suites. On May 24, 1985, Cambrian Manor Senior’s Residence was opened by the Alberta Government in the community of North Haven in Northwest Calgary.

For the past 27 years we have partnered with the government in operating the building with a board of trustees and a ministry team which seeks to meet needs of the residents. Our board is overseen by Bow Crest Senior’s Housing with representation from Bow Valley Christian Church. Members of Bow Valley have served as managers and caretakers as well as many serving as volunteers to the residents.

Over the years, the Cambrian Manor has provided a warm, friendly and economical place for a number of our church seniors to make their home. The residents of the Manor have their own elected resident board and committees to accomplish the things they want to do.

Volunteering at Cambrian Manor has been a rewarding experience for a great many people from our church family. Members from BVCC have been involved in weekly Bible studies, monthly events such as birthday parties and sing-a-longs, taking a senior out for a meal, singing Christmas Carols and helping to decorate their Christmas tree. We have also been involved in driving people to Church and doctor appointments, helping them with small moves, shopping, and a host of other activities.

If you are interested in the possibility of living in Cambrian Manor or volunteering in it, please contact one of the people who serve on the board: Jim Edwards, Gail Myers, Rolf & Rosie Schneider, Rob & Gloria Baker, or Morley Drebert. Peter Kehler, our Senior’s Pastor is also involved in providing support and counseling.

Missions We Support

LOCAL

• Terri Scruggs — Wycliffe Canada
• Tim & Aileen Navratil — Wycliffe Canada
• Norm Weatherhead — Pioneer Bible Translators, Canada
• Alberta Bible College
• Inn From the Cold
• NeighbourLink Calgary
• Pine Lake Christian Camp
• Pregnancy Care Centre, Calgary

ABROAD

• Church of Christ Mission — Jamaica (Everton & Cheryl Cummings; Carlton & Pansy Mullings)
• Frontier Labourers for Christ — Thailand (Beverly Kalnin)
• Graceland Ministries — Poland (Colette Ladan & Jay Bowyer)
• International Fellowship of Evangelical Students
• SIM (Serving In Mission): Medan Addis Ababa ACTS — Ethiopia / Galmi Hospital AIDS Program — Niger
• International Justice Mission Canada
• A Rocha Canada
• Compassion Canada

CAMBRIDIAN MANOR
Summer has come to an end and fall and school are back. But, let us not forget the incredible summer out at Pine Lake Christian Camp this year! After many years of attending, serving and leading out at Pine Lake I can honestly say this year goes in the books as the very best. The camp, and all who attended, were blessed to have an unbelievable staff, incredible group of volunteers, dedicated deans, awesome speakers and of course fantastic campers. All these elements combined ensured that camp life and the community established was an incredible example of what I believe Christ intended. Here is a snapshot of a few highlights over the past few months.

**Family Camp**
As always our May long family camp was an incredible opportunity to sit back, relax and spend some time with friends and family. A great chance to get out to the lake after a long winter apart. With just over 180 in attendance we had a great turn out with people in cabins, tents and trailers. The weekend provided the opportunity to play games, have some incredible meals, get outdoors, enjoy a Saturday night movie, a Sunday morning service led by Dustin Lammiman and Cal Hultgren and a great way to start the camping season off right.

**High School Camp**
It is incredible that with all the things High School students have scheduled in their lives today we continue to see so many students come out to camp year after year. Many even in their graduating years. It speaks volumes of the experience and transformational capacity of a week of camp. This summer we had 45 campers along with 12 staff and volunteers for High School camp. It was certainly our hottest week with temperatures in the +30s all week. Our speaker was Ricot Leon with Heart for Home, in Haiti. His text for the week was Colossians 3:1-17, touching on so many topics students so often need to hear again and again. Our dean, Brad Anderson, once again delivered an incredible week of camp that I am sure was a highlight of every camper’s summer. New recreation games, cabin times together, outstanding crafts and campfires made a great week, unforgettable.

**Junior Camp**
Junior camp was lead by first time dean, and long time camp volunteer, Adam Lees. He did an incredible job delivering a week of camp that was outstanding. With 35 staff, volunteers and campers we had a great week together talking about faith, reading stories together of characters throughout the bible who showed great faith and what faith looks like for each of us. With a week packed with crafts, games, archery, swimming, awesome music, stories of Narnia and so much more it was a great opportunity for our grade 4-6 campers to spend a week.
away from home with friends new and old. I am sure they are crossing the days off till next year.

**Junior High Camp**
Brad Anderson, pulling double duty again this year, took the reins for a second week of camp. With 50+ Jr Highers and almost 80 on campus it was a huge undertaking. In the end, it was an unbelievable week. For many staff and volunteers it was their favorite week of camp this summer. Our Speaker was Jessie van den Beukel, from Oak Park Church of Christ spoke on the love of Christ and Jessie’s passion and desire to see people come to know, experience and be in relationship with Christ rang through every evening’s session. Every person on campus also received a new Bible to jump start their adventure into the Word of God. There are few things as exciting as seeing Jr High students get excited to read God’s word and learn more about Christ. It was an incredible thing to be apart of. We were joined once again this summer by a summer camp team from Mount Carmel Bible school in Edmonton. They were an enormous blessing out at camp. Another awesome week of camp with students from all over Alberta.

**Rookie Camp**
Dustin Lammiman was our dean this summer for our youngest campers. Together with our staff and volunteers it was one of the greatest Rookie Camps I have ever been apart of. Equipped with a fantastic schedule, great crafts, awesome music and and great teaching times we had a blast with our grade 1–3s. Our theme was focused on God’s power and that every day God gives us the power to be thankful; help others; be brave; and live forever. Each lesson focused on God’s miracles and science experiments to illustrate our stories. Although it is our shortest camp of the summer campers got every opportunity to do and see all that Pine Lake has to offer. Preparing them to tackle a full week of camp in years to come.

**Rainbows Camps**
This summer we once again had an opportunity to serve single parents and their kids. This year we had over 80 campers between the two weeks not including our staff and volunteers. The Rainbows schedule balances program time with free time to relax and connect, as a family. Howard Bowles, Brad Herman and Dennis Sanders (of Cornerstone of Hope) led our camps along with our summer staff and many well qualified volunteers. Parents appreciated the blessing of kid-friendly meals being prepared and served without them having to lift a finger. Parents and kids participated in Rainbows peer support groups for struggling families. Other activities included anything-to-do-with-water, family games, basketball, archery, the obstacle course, campfire time, a movie night, a talent show. Two weeks of camp that all families are sure to circle on their schedule for next summer.

A summer of camps is not possible without the dedication and support of so many. A special thanks to our financial supporters, prayer supporters, the board, our year-round staff, summer staff, volunteers and campers. Camp life constantly offers glimpses of the life God intended for us to live. A life filled with daily devotion, service, worship, teaching, fellowship and adventure. My prayer is that life could be shared with more each year in our churches and beyond.

A special thanks to Aislinn, Jeff, Ethan, Danelle, David, Mariah, Erika, and Matt for being the best team a program director could ask for and lastly, to my youth volunteers who served with us all summer simply because of their love for camp.
Bow Valley Life
HAPPENINGS
Happenings

Babies

Sawyer Pearsall
May 19
Parents: Chad & Michelle

Callie Harris
June 22
Parents: Andre & Carlyn

Kerri Klemm
June 20
Parents: Robert and Ashley

Olivia MacLennan
July 9
Parents: Evan and Pam

India Honor Belgrave
Dedicated August 4

In Memory

Edna Hunt
May 1919 – July 2013

Chris Dickieson
September 1960 – July 2013

Weddings

Jennie Wilson &
Nathan Woolcock
Married August 15
More Happenings
Graceland Partnership Week July 2 - 11

Baptisms

Brenda Robinson
June 5

Madalyn McMillan
June 9

Chelsea Cameron
June 16

Matthew Cameron
June 16

Emily Kobe
June 16

Brenda Vollet
August 18
MORE HAPPENINGS

Super Servers Appreciation Night — Photo Booth Pictures
Tuesday, June 11

Thank you for being a Bow Valley Superhero

Dalhousie/Varsity Community Serve Day
Saturday, June 8
All Church Family Picnic

Sunday, June 16
MORE HAPPENINGS

Stampede Breakfast — Sunday, July 7
Don’t know where to serve? It’s OK! Many people feel a calling to serve within the Body of Christ but are unsure where they fit! There are many avenues to help you discern where God would like you to serve. Gift assessments, personality tests, strength finders, discerning your life passions and others are available.

Explore the following list. Opportunities vary in skills needed, time commitment and level of responsibility. With so many options, the right fit is out there! Do you have a special skill or passion that you think the Body of Christ could use? Let us know! Sometimes the best volunteer opportunity is the one you create!

Discover joy in serving today!
**Sunday Hospitality Teams**

**Staff Contact:** Immanuel Chan  
403.286.5300 ext 115

**Baptism Coordinator:** Serve by assisting those who are getting baptized. At the time of the baptism, you will help people by showing them where things are, and by getting towels and clothing ready for them. Also help wash baptism clothes and towels and straighten the baptism area throughout the year.  
Commitment: as needed on Sundays

**Server Coordinators:** we have opportunities for volunteers to help coordinate the passing of the elements and offering trays during our services. This is a great opportunity to serve as a couple or on a team.  
Commitment: as needed on Sundays  
Contact: Walter Fox 403.288.8347

**Greeter Ministry:** Greeting people on Sunday mornings is a great way to welcome guests and help members feel at home. People often share stories about how they were hesitant to come to church, but when the first person they met made them feel welcomed, they knew they were supposed to be here.  
Commitment: Sunday mornings for 1 month  
Contact: Lorraine Williams 403.208.3434

**Information Kiosk:** When guests and members have questions about what is happening at Bow Valley, our Information Kiosk in the foyer has answers (or at least we direct them to the right people). The Info Kiosk is a “go-to” place in the foyer of the church for events and finding out about Bow Valley Christian Church.  
Commitment: Sunday mornings for 1 month  
Contact: Wendy Cush 403.250.3587

**Hebrews Café:** If you have the gift of hospitality love meeting and enjoy chatting with people, there are several jobs you can do:  
1. **Preparing coffee for the Café:** making sure that the coffee is ready before and after service.  
2. **Hosting the Coffee Bar:** welcoming and chatting with those who come into the café, and help them get their coffee. This is a great opportunity to serve as a couple or with friends.  
Commitment: Sunday mornings for 1 month  
Contact: Paul Klein 403.208.9087

**Communion Preparation:** to fill trays prior to our Sunday morning service, and clean up and put them away after.  
Contact: Norma Ellis 403.295.7714

**Decorating Committee:** this team is responsible for making our church a beautiful and welcoming place, especially at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Stampede Sunday. If you enjoy working with others and using your creative talents, we’d love to hear from you.  
Commitment: varies  
Contact: Malcolm McMillan 403.286.5300 ext 108

**Prayer Ministry**

**Prayer Chain:** a team of people who pray for the needs of others as they happen.  
Day: Lucille Giesbrecht 403.240.0936  
lucille@thegiesbrechts.ca  
Evening: Margaret Murphy 403.208.9931  
jmgmurphy@shaw.ca  

**Pre-Service Prayer:** pray for our church and worship service just prior to it. We ask God that his Spirit would move and touch hearts in need on convicting, healing, comfort, growth and direction.  
Commitment: 30 min/week, Sundays at 9:30 AM  
Contact: Larry Buckingham, 403.286.5162

**Prayer Room:** pray after our morning service with those in need or celebration, in response to the service or a next step that they need to make.  
Contact: Larry Buckingham 403.286.5162

**Hour of Prayer:** If you have a passion for prayer, a small group of people meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room for one hour to pray for our church - it’s ministries and it’s people.  
Contact: Verone Caspell 403.209.2623
PRODUCTION MINISTRY

Every week, many different technicians of various backgrounds work together to make both large and small events happen. We invite you to be a ‘tech for a day’ at a Sunday service and discover if you would like to volunteer in either audio, video or lighting. Training is provided.

All positions for all teams are scheduled well in advance and are available to team members via the Internet.

Audio Team: Combine your musical and technical sides to operate audio equipment in the Sanctuary and other areas of the building as needed for worship service and other events.

Contact: Malcolm McMillan, malcolm@bvccweb.ca

Lighting Team: Do you have an eye for light and/or color? Use those talents to creatively light the worship services in the Sanctuary with our computerized consoles and intelligent lights. Full training provided.

Contact: Malcolm McMillan, malcolm@bvccweb.ca

Media Operators: operate computers that control the words and graphics that go on screen during the worship services and other events. Being comfortable with computers (we use Macs and PCs) and quick thinking is an asset. We will train you to serve with excellence.

Commitment: Thurs. night & Sun. Morning once every 3–4 weeks

Contact: Malcolm McMillan, malcolm@bvccweb.ca

Camera Team: we record our worship services using two video cameras. We will train you.

Commitment: One Sunday service every 3-4 weeks

Contact: Cal Hultgren, cal@bvccweb.ca

Graphic Design: This team is responsible for creating advertisement slides, sermon series slides and similar material for our worship services and events. They may also create PowerPoint/Keynote presentations from sermon manuscripts for Sunday mornings.

Commitment: varies

Contact: Cal Hultgren, cal@bvccweb.ca

Website Development Team: this team updates, adds functionality and creates graphics for our church website. Also they post the podcasts of the weekly sermon.

Commitment: varies

Contact: Cal Hultgren, cal@bvccweb.ca

Photography: Photos are a great way to communicate what is happening in the church. We photograph many church events and baptisms over the year. The pictures get used Sunday mornings, in baptism DVDs, in our publications and on the website.

Commitment: varies

Contact: Cal Hultgren, cal@bvccweb.ca

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Staff Contact: Malcolm McMillan
403.286.5300 ext 108

Worship Team: Would you like to play an instrument or sing with the worship team during our Sunday morning service? Contact Malcolm for more information.

Commitment: 1–2 / month

Thursday Rehearsals: 7:30–9:30 PM

Sunday Mornings: 8:00–11:30 AM

Dramatic Arts / Dance / Other Fine Arts:
Special events and occasional use in Sunday services. We’re always looking for new and interesting ways to share God’s truth.

Commitment: varies

All positions for all teams are scheduled well in advance and are available to team members via the Internet.

FAMILY MINISTRY LIBRARIAN

A lover of books and organization; an equiper who enjoys helping people by connecting them with their needs. He/she works with a team that organizes and maintains our lending library of books, movies, and music. On Sunday morning they encourage families to use the library and oversee the signing in and out of materials.

Contact: Nike Falade 403.668.0402
**World Outreach**

The World Outreach Team works to promote World Outreach within Bow Valley. This team serves our missions through support and care, makes financial and administrative decisions, provides information to the congregation about our missions, and encourages people to pray and become involved.

Commitment: 2–10 hr/month

Contact: Megan Klein 403.208.9087
Ashely Dueck 403.202.8384

**Inn from the Cold**

Join us as we host “Inn from the Cold,” a ministry to homeless families and/or individuals. Choose from the following list of serving opportunities:

- Set Up
- Meals
- Lunces
- Hospitality
- Overnights
- Breakfast
- Tear Down
- Laundry
- Baking

Commitment: first Friday of every month

Contact: Donna McTaggart 403.539.8936
donnamc@kaos-consulting.com

**Conversation Club**

Facilitators to talk with and be friendly to new Canadians Monday evenings for 12-week sessions in the Fall, Winter and Spring.

Commitment: 135 min/week for 12 weeks

Contact: Ron Osborne 403.239.6196

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**Children’s Ministry**

Staff Contact: Cheryl Lipkan
403.286.5300 ext 106

**First Impression Greeters**: Greeting parents and children visiting Bow Valley for the first time, and helping to make their experience unforgettable! Expertise of relational and hospitality gifted people is exactly what we need!

Commitment: 30 min/week — bimonthly

**Wee Care Supervisor**: Greet parents and check-in children for a safe and secure environment. Provide a visible presence to parents and assist them with learning about the nursery area.

Commitment: 90 min/week — bimonthly

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**Wee Care Caregiver**: Give hugs and cuddles, sing, rock and play with our little ones to make their nursery experience a great one to begin their journey of knowing Jesus’ love.

Commitment: 90 min/week — bimonthly

**Sunday Supervisor**: Help set up and be a friendly presence for staff and children, to ensure order and safety for everyone.

Commitment: 90 min/week — bimonthly

**KidsConnect Greeter**: Is hospitality your gift? We need someone to greet families at the gym and help check in new families. Your presence will assist and assure parents that we value safety and security for their children. Skills required: the gift of hospitality and a love for our families.

Commitment: 30 min/week — bimonthly

**Big Group Leader — Elementary**: Use your leadership/speaking skills to lead Big Group time in the gym for grade’s 1–6. You will lead singing, prayer, and introduce the lesson for the day.

Skills required: enthusiasm, speaking and teaching skills, singing skills and a love for kids!

Commitment: 180 min/week — bimonthly

**Preschool and Elementary Teachers**: Love kids? Do you want to help them to really know Jesus? Lead them weekly to pray, learn their memory verse, discuss how to apply what they are learning, and grow together in a great relationship.

Commitment: 90 min/week — bimonthly

**Preschool and Elementary Assistants**: Assist the leader of the class to apply the Bible Story.

Commitment: 90 min/week — bimonthly

**Craft Sunday Preparation Helpers**: Help our Craft Queen prepare the fun and exciting crafts she has created for our kids!

Commitment: 4 times a year

**Children’s Prayer Ministry Team**: Pray for our children and staff in the Children’s ministry area.

Commitment: weekly
Youth Ministry

Staff Contact:
Senior High Youth Pastor — Will Proudfoot
403.286.5300 ext 110

Junior High Youth Pastor — Brad Anderson
403.286.5300 ext 116

Engage your heart; use your passion and gifts to intentionally model Christ to youth in a real and authentic way. We seek passionate followers of Jesus to serve youth as group leaders, prayer team event facilitators, and volunteers to go into the schools.

Senior High Youth Group Leaders:
Wednesday nights we see an increasing number of youth showing up eager for community and answers. We are looking for responsible leaders to guide them in these things. Also we serve in High Schools and afterschool programs. Commitment: Wednesdays, 6:30–9:30 PM

Junior High Youth Group Leaders:
Teens need positive and godly relationships with adults; people who will pour into their lives. We are looking for adults who are willing to be role models and help with our Jr. High Youth Group.
Commitment: Wednesdays, 6:30–9:30 PM;
Team meetings twice a month;
Friday Big Events once a month

Prayer Team:
Contact our Youth Pastors to sign up to pray for the needs of our youth.
Commitment: weekly

Small Group Leaders:
Small group leaders lead groups of about 5-12 people in homes. Their job is to lead studies that will help people to grow and apply what they learn to everyday life. They facilitate an atmosphere for friendship, care and prayer amongst their small group. They are to mentor someone to walk alongside so that we have leadership development happening.

Small Group Apprentices:
These people are the ones that show an interest in leadership and are willing to walk alongside the leader in group life. When a leader is away they are the backup and as more apprentices are developed they will eventually lead a group of their own.

Small Group Hosts/Hostesses:
These people are so valuable for small group ministry that happens in the homes. They are the ones that set up a comfortable, friendly, casual atmosphere that welcomes people in. They provide the refreshments and allow the leader to focus on leading.

Facilities Services

Staff Contact: Peter Kehler
403.286.5300 ext 114

Our building, like your home, is always in need of cleaning and maintenance. Opportunities include:
- cleaning the kitchens and nurseries
- washing toys
- painting
- setting up for ministry events
- gardening

Men’s Ministry

Event Planning Team: this team works together to coordinate all of the Men’s events throughout the year.
Commitment: 4–8 hr in the month prior + actual event
Contact: Chris Fong 403.209.2623 / the5fongs@shaw.ca
Chris Kobe 403.280.0107 / martiank@telus.net

Women’s Ministry

Event Planning Team: this team works together to coordinate all of the Women’s events throughout the year.
Commitment: 4–8 hr in the month prior + actual event
Contact: Noel Johnson 403.668.4074 / klnjohns@gmail.com
Senior’s Ministry

Staff Contact: Peter Kehler
403.286.5300 ext 114

Senior Visitation: Do you have a heart for seniors? We are looking for individuals to develop relationships with shut-in seniors through friendship, Bible study and prayer. Commitment: a weekly/bi-weekly visit

Drivers: Enjoy driving and meeting new people? We need people to provide transportation to seniors for their appointments and errands. Time commitment varies, but if you give us your availability, we will connect you with a senior.

Handymen: If you are a handyman, and would like to help a senior with minor home repairs, contact Peter. Commitment: per project

Assisted Living Worship Ministry: This ministry is a worship service with music, a devotional, communion and prayer for the residents of this retirement facility. Commitment: Tuesday afternoons, Edgemont Retirement Centre

Kitchen Cupboard Ministry: To provide food for seniors who have been in the hospital and/or are sick at home and unable to cook for themselves. (short-term) Commitment: varies

Stepping Stones Support Ministry

Staff Contact: Brad Anderson
403.286.5300 ext 116

Stepping Stones hosts support groups that are sister care ministries that share the same place and time (Tuesday Evenings), to the benefit of the attending families. They also share the benefit of the same support staff.

Stepping Stones Host: a servant who believes that we can love others through hospitality. He/she prepares and arranges the beverages and snacks for the group, welcomes and accommodates the needs of the participants as they arrive and supervises the common areas during the sessions.

Stepping Stones Preschool Attendant: an energetic, trustworthy, caring adult who will tend the toddlers while the rest of the family attends their Stepping Stones classes.

Stepping Stones Librarian: someone who loves resources and equipping others for change. He/she attends the existing Stepping Stones library and helps participants find the ‘perfect book’ or other resource, with an eye out for what’s new and needed.

Rainbows Coordinator: an organizer who loves to connect people to God by helping them discover the place where their passion and strengths meet God’s need. He/she is a life-long learner who wants to bring others with him/her on the journey to the understanding that we can thrive in the face of adversity. This person is responsible to manage the logistics, direct the program and shepherd facilitators.

Rainbows Facilitator: a caring adult who provides a confidential environment for those struggling with loss; who listens to their story while guiding them through the grief process. Facilitators are not counselors or therapists. They are loving and caring adults, trained by Rainbows Canada to be active listeners, who then, participate in ongoing training with the Bow Valley Group.

Rainbows Coordinator’s Assistant: someone who works best behind the scenes, and believes that, those we reach out to, feel more secure when the details are taken care of - efficient registrations, supplies on site, curriculum and materials in place, and consistent communication.

DivorceCare Facilitator: a small group leader and a mature believer who has lived through this challenge and desires to comfort others with the comfort that God has given them. A care-filled active listener who is willing to allow God to use their experience to build bridges for others.

GriefShare Facilitator: a small group leader and a mature believer who wishes to comfort others with the comfort that the Lord has provided in their life; a skilled, active listener who believes that the experience of the death of a loved one, needs to be shared for the heart to heal. Curriculum and training provided.

Single & Parenting Facilitator: a peer support facilitator who has walked the road of being a single parent and is firm in the belief that it cannot be done alone; that we need Christ and our community to grow into a whole person and a successful parent. Curriculum and training provided.
Bow Valley Christian Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 AM
Sunday Classes for Adults from 8:45–9:45 AM

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