

# Spring 2011

## Joy Fellowship AGM

On Saturday, March 19, 2011, Joy Fellowship held it's Annual General Meeting.



The AGM started a bit differently this year as everyone gathered for pizza and drinks in Trinity Baptist Church Hall before the meeting. The meal of pizza, samosas, fruit and cookies was enjoyed by all. Having the meal before the AGM gave people time to meet old friends and new.



The AGM began with prayer and was chaired by Ann Baranszky. Ann spoke of the 37 years history of Joy Fellowship and how the Fellowship had grown and changed over the years.

Oscar Banziger gave the Financial Report (see below). The Board of Directors for 2011-12 were elected. Pastor David Hayward gave a slide presentation featuring members who had left us this past year and new members who had joined us. The slide show also included many of the camps and various activities of the last year. He also introduced the new Assistant Pastor, Karl Johnston. The Sign Language Choir lead us in singing, accompanied by Rick Benoit (guitar), Eunice Chan (clarinet), and Cindy Liao (violin). The meeting was closed by a short talk and prayer by Dave Senior.

The Joy Fellowship Board of Directors for 2011-2012:

<b>Ann Baranszky</b>	<i>Chairman</i>	David Hayward Jr.
<b>Bramwell Lamb</b>	<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Rick Benoit
<b>Oscar Banziger</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>	David Devitt
<b>Paula Waters</b>	<i>Secretary</i>	Dave Hayward Sr.
Ruby Hayward		Karl Johnston
Joan Lew		Richard Shorty
Sonia Humphrey		Peter Humphrey



### Joy Fellowship Financial Report – Dec.31, 2010

The following information was provided at the March 19, 2011 AGM, reporting the December 31, 2010 Year End results:

	<u>2010 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Approved Budget</u>
Total Income	\$163,714	\$186,710	\$119,000 Estimate
Total Expenses	<u>\$174,934</u>	<u>\$161,710</u>	<u>\$165,033</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$11,220)	\$24,953	(\$23,933)

Camp Fees & Helper Donations were 11,518 lower in 2010, but Camp expenses were proportionately lower. "Bequests" were also lower by \$9,246 during 2010. On the expense side, the major increases were for Wages and Benefits (increased \$17,648) and Automobile Operation (increase of \$5,646). The forgoing increased expenses were partially offset by reductions in other areas, but a deficit nevertheless occurred.

Your Joy Fellowship Board is thankful to the Lord for His many blessings including your faithful support. Psalm 121 verse 8 says "The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore" and upon this promise we stand.

Oscar Banziger



Joan, Loeki, and Pieter Versteeg

On January 26<sup>th</sup> our Lord took another of our Joy Fellowship flock, Pieter Versteeg, to be with Him. There was the grief for family and friends, which always accompanies such an event, but there was also a sense of relief as Pieter's last days were spent as an Alzheimer patient. Always alongside him was his wife Joan.

Both Pieter and Joan were of Dutch extraction. Joan was born and raised in Holland and Pieter in Indonesia. During the 2nd world war, while still a boy, Pieter, along with his family, was interned as a prisoner of the Japanese military. I could see that he felt it had had a marked influence on him. He did tell me that he didn't hold any bitterness against the Japanese and that he had even made friends of some of his captors.

After the war he studied engineering in Holland completing his degree later in Canada. It was in Holland that he met and fell in love with Joan. Pieter preceded Joan in moving to Canada. She followed him 9 years later and they were married. They had two children Loeki and Matthew. Loeki was born with physical and mental disabilities. She lived for most of her life at home and was a beloved daughter. Matthew married and they gave Pieter and Joan three lovely granddaughters.

Pieter and Joan were introduced to Joy Fellowship through a young volunteer student who met Loeki at Oakridge School. He volunteered also in Joy Fellowship and told her parents about our church. At the time I met Pieter, he and Joan had no church affiliation and Joy Fellowship became their church.

Pieter became a loyal member of the Joy Fellowship Council and we appreciated his wise counsel. He served faithfully on said Council until his sickness. What impressed me most about Pieter was his loving relationship with his daughter Loeki. Whenever he was home he provided much of her care and whenever I saw them they were enjoying one another. As we got to know Loeki we got to know Pieter and the fun he added to her life. He was a great Dad to Loeki!

Dave Hayward Senior.



Ruth, Dave Sr, Fred and Florence Metzger

The Reverend Fred Metzger passed away in February after a long illness. Fred is survived by his wife, Florence and daughter Ruth. Ruth is a long time member of Joy Fellowship and a valued member of the Sign Language Choir.

Kelly Sutherland, friend to many of our members, passed away in St Paul's Hospital after a brief illness.

We extend sympathy and prayers to the Metzger and Sutherland families and friends.



**Please join us for the  
Easter Sunday service  
on April 24th at 10  
AM 5880 Oak Street  
(42nd Ave. & Oak  
Street)**

**Joy Fellowship will  
again celebrate the  
resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.  
A Pageant will be performed  
depicting the days leading to the  
crucifixion and resurrection**

# Smile of the Month

## Nicholas Chan

**Birthday** December 11, 1981

### A Few of my Favourite things

**Colour** Red and Blue

**TV Show** Smallville

**Bible Person** Joseph

**Song** Abide with me

**Hobbies** Playing Clarinet and writing, prayer Journal, attending Special Olympics Sports

**Work** My work is at Rogers arena, GM place Vancouver Canucks is the team. I am currently working as Fan Mail assistant. What I do, stuffing mail for mail outs from all across the world, that is cool stuff answering the mail for them, like example player cards, and stickers I provided with.

**What is something you would like everyone to remember ?** I am more than a Joy Fellowship, I am also the theater Actor, and the Canucks Fan mail the biggest fan of the team. and Special Olympian  
This is a picture of Nick whose floor hockey team took the silver medal at the provincial tournament



### We Need Help !

The Council is looking for someone who might be able to help us with an annual assessment of our finances

Does anyone know of someone who is retired, and who has a book-keeping or accounting background, who might help Joy Fellowship with an informal audit of our books at the end of each year?

Please contact David Hayward Jr. if you have any suggestions.

### Airline Pricing for People with Disabilities and Attendants

As you may know, since the One Person/ One Fare policy was passed, many airlines have implemented special pricing for attendants of people with disabilities. WestJet, for example, only charges taxes and fees for the attendant, who must first go through an initial approval process. For information on Westjet and AirCanada's 'One-Person/One-Fare' policies, visit these links:

Westjet <http://www...westjet.com/guest/travelTips.jsp#oneperson>

AirCanada <http://www.aircanada.com/en/travelinfo/before/specialneeds/attendant.html>



## Joy Fellowship in Newfoundland

Many of us will remember **Stephanie McLellan** who was an Intern with Joy Fellowship a few years ago. Steph is now a Pastor in St. Anthony, Newfoundland. The following updates are taken from Steph's emails:

"I am beginning a new and much needed ministry out here for people in St Anthony. It is a mission and ministry with and for people with disabilities and the church board voted for the mission idea and the programming unanimously. Can we use the name Joy Fellowship as it says so brilliantly what we want to be about?"

We are the only program option of this sort along the coast. The people of the church are incredibly excited to host this and branch out in this ministry direction and the folks with disabilities cant wait to come. The Spirit is amongst us here with joy for all. God is so good!

We meet weekly on Thursdays. The folks have requested 15 minutes of exercises each week and the lunch. The rest of the time we do music - hymns and choruses (they are enjoying learning some sign language) or some crafts or a bit of both. Also some games. Always singing and saying grace. Core group has stabilized to about 25 attendees. There are two community/government groups who want to give us grants to cover costs, so we're in negotiations to be sure that it can remain a church outreach and ministry before we agree to accept their donations. (They later received a \$1000 to help the buy nutritional snacks and get some supplies.)

I would love to introduce our group to Joy Fellowship Vancouver through letters and videos, so you'll likely get greetings someday soon. Thanks for the prayers and support.

Our Joy Fellowship sends our prayers to this new Joy Fellowship in Newfoundland. Bless you and your congregations, Steph. We are hoping for pictures of your group for the next newsletter.

***(Since our Joy Fellowship was founded 37 years ago, there are now Joy Fellowships in Taiwan, New Zealand, Richmond and Sechelt—Editor.)***

And from **Sonia and Peter Humphrey** who have been in Costa Rica

We went to San Jose by faith..... and it was a blessing. God prepared ahead everything for us over there. We had a meeting with a wonderful lady who has worked for 25 years in Latin America with people with Special Needs . We were introduced to a Pastor who took us to his Church (and home) where they live with their 13 years old Down Syndrome child and two others. They have the same problem in San Jose. **THEY DON'T HAVE A FULL SERVICE CHURCH FOR SPECIAL NEEDS.**

We were full of Joy to talk about Joy Fellowship and our people. The Pastor and his wife talked about their Church and very interested about starting a Service for people with disabilities.

## Visits from Dear Friends in Christ



David and Diane Bain share slides and tell of their mission work in China.



Edmund and Lillian Hsiah joined us for two services and shared their experiences in China

## Birthday Celebrations



Fred and Gordie Hilderman celebrate Fred's Birthday



A Host of Angels help celebrate Dave Hayward's Birthday

One of the great things about the congregation of Joy Fellowship is that they love birthdays—anyone's and everyone's. Each Sunday, there is a place in the service to recognize those members or visitors who have a birthday. Everyone joins in the singing of "Happy Birthday To You", followed by "God Bless You". The wonderful part of the singing is that different members of the congregation will come to the celebrant, pray for their needs, lay hands on the person and shower them in love and blessings. There is also a card for each one, signed by members of the congregation. It is an important recognition of just how cherished each member of the congregation is.

Here are pictures of two members of the congregation on their birthday. Dave Hayward Senior celebrated his birthday at Christmas time and was feted by angels. In January, we celebrated the birthday of Fred Hilderman, shown with his son Gordie. Fred and Gordie were founding members of Joy Fellowship and wished the very best by our congregation.

### HANDY LITTLE CHART - GOD HAS A POSITIVE ANSWER:

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
<b>You say:</b> 'It's impossible'	<b>God says:</b> All things are possible	( Luke 18:27)
<b>You say:</b> 'I'm too tired'	<b>God says:</b> I will give you rest	( Matthew 11:28-30)
<b>You say:</b> 'Nobody really loves me'	<b>God says:</b> I love you	( John 3:1 6 & John 3:34 )
<b>You say:</b> 'I can't go on'	<b>God says:</b> My grace is sufficient	(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
<b>You say:</b> 'I can't figure things out'	<b>God says:</b> I will direct your steps	(Proverbs 3:5- 6)
<b>You say:</b> 'I can't do it'	<b>God says:</b> You can do all things	( Philippians 4:13)
<b>You say:</b> 'I'm not able'	<b>God says:</b> I am able	(II Corinthians 9:8)
<b>You say:</b> 'It's not worth it'	<b>God says:</b> It will be worth it	(Roman 8:28 )
<b>You say:</b> 'I can't forgive myself'	<b>God says:</b> I Forgive you	(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
<b>You say:</b> 'I can't manage'	<b>God says:</b> I will supply all your needs	( Philippians 4:19)
<b>You say:</b> 'I'm afraid'	<b>God says:</b> I have not given you a spirit of fear	( II Timothy 1:7)
<b>You say:</b> 'I'm always worried and frustrated'	<b>God says:</b> Cast all your cares on ME	(I Peter 5:7)
<b>You say:</b> 'I'm not smart enough'	<b>God says:</b> I give you wisdom	(I Corinthians 1:30)
<b>You say:</b> 'I feel all alone'	<b>God says:</b> I will never leave you or forsake you	(Hebrews 13:5)

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<http://www.joyfellowship.bc.ca/newsltr.htm>.

**Upcoming Events**

- Mar 25 – JLS AGM – at Trinity Baptist 6:30
- April 2 – Fred Metzger Memorial Service at St. Columba church
- Apr.15-17 – Leaders Retreat at Camp Sunrise (Langdale)
- Apr.24 – Easter Service – 10:00 at 5880 Oak St.
- May 6 – 10:00-2:00 – set up Jamboree at Trinity
- May 7 – Joy Jamboree at Trinity Baptist – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- June 4 - Prayer Meeting at fishing derby in Surrey
- June 9-12 – Camp Sunrise (Langdale)
- July 2 – Prayer Meeting at Robert Yu's place
- September 15-29 – Joy Team visits Siloam in Taiwan
- Sept.24 – Walk the Wall for ICC
- Oct.7-9 – Camp Squamish

For 37 years, Joy Fellowship has been a faith ministry wholly funded by donations from friends like you. Your loving support encourages us and enables us to continue, has long been a proof to us of God's faithfulness and generosity, and binds us together in God's service. Income tax receipts will be sent early in the new year to acknowledge all gifts we receive over \$20.00.

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*Keep Collecting !!*

*Thank you to all who are continuing to collect cans and bottles to support our children in India. We are hoping to be able to support a child with a disability in China this year. The record for a single load of cans and bottles last year was over \$200.*

*Its been great to open envelopes from our supporters with Canadian Tire money tucked inside them. Last year we received well over \$200 in Canadian Tire money. We will use this to help with extra camp expenses, so thank you and keep it coming. :)*

**Cans & Bottles and Pennies for Heaven**

The donations generated \$1,515 . The funds from the Cans and Bottles were provided to Ramabai Mukti Mission (Canada), Canadian Baptist Ministries, and Interserve Canada. The Pennies for Heaven were provided to various missions.

**Pennies for Heaven**

Our Pennies For Heaven donations this quarter are going to support Siloam Joy Fellowship in Taiwan



Marion Burdall is busy making Birthday and Greeting cards for Joy Fellowship. Marion uses old cards for her projects and she is asking for your cards— birthday or any occasion cards and envelopes to help her.

The only cards she doesn't want are Christmas cards. If you can help out, please send your cards to Joy Fellowship and we will make sure that Marion gets them.

**Joy Jamboree**

**Saturday May 7th, 2011**

**10 Am—2 PM**

**Trinity Baptist Church**

**49th & Granville**



**Games,  
Prizes,  
Food**

