

### Denominational Announcements

- **CRWRC Marks Second Anniversary of Haiti Earthquake:** - CRWRC would like to express its deep gratitude to CRC churches and donors for enabling it to implement such a major and multi-faceted response to the January 12, 2010 Haiti earthquake. CRWRC initially distributed tarps, emergency food and hygiene supplies and carried out psycho-social counseling, then moved on to constructing wood-framed houses, latrines and wells, and is now also implementing a livelihood restoration project. CRWRC has constructed 2,600 earthquake-resistant houses so far, and will reach its goal of 3,150 homes by June 2012. Thank you for enabling us to show Christ's love to so many of His people in Haiti!
  
- **Come to the Light** - As the church enters the Epiphany season, we are reminded how the "light of the world" came to the Gentiles – to you and to me. There remain millions who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus. Your prayers this week to the Lord of the Harvest will raise up workers so they might hear the Good News. A joint effort of Home and World Missions.
  
- **Ministry Webinars** - Too busy to attend a training event? Join others across the CRC for "Webinar Wednesdays" - one-hour, live workshops you can attend from your home, office, or church. All you need is a computer. Get the full schedule and free registration at: [www.crcna.org/webinars](http://www.crcna.org/webinars)
  
- **Experience Israel and the West Bank** - Join a Christian Reformed World Missions' Hope Equals trip to Israel and the West Bank from June 11 to July 13. The team will meet with leaders involved in peace and reconciliation efforts, hear first-person stories from both sides, tour important places and much more. For more information or to apply, visit [www.hopeequals.org](http://www.hopeequals.org).



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*"Anchored in Christ"*

*"Living in Hope to Bring Hope"*

## Sunday January 8, 2012

### 10:00 AM Worship Service

**WELCOME** to Hope Church. We are glad you are here.  
 The restrooms are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.  
 Nurseries are to the right, through the double doors, left up the stairs,  
 past the Sunday School rooms, library and office at the end of the hall.  
 The Library is open every Sunday after the service.  
*Please join us for refreshments after the service and visit for a while.*

### Today at Hope

We will mark "Epiphany" – the manifestation or appearing of God's salvation.  
 In the early church, the Sunday marking Epiphany was a great celebration,  
 second only to Easter, for it was the declaration that  
 salvation was not just for the Jews as God's people, but for the whole world.  
 Salvation has come for everyone, and we should spread that good news.

### Next Sunday at Hope

James 1:5 and I Kings 3:1-15

If you feel overwhelmed by your responsibilities, be encouraged! God will help you.

#### Weekly Agenda

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>
Baptism of Brynlee	Joyful Chorus 7:30 pm @ First CRC	Willing Workers 10 am @ First CRC	Prayer Ministry 7 pm	Gems & Cadets 7 pm			
		Council Meeting		Catechism 7 pm			

#### Serving Sunday, January 15, 2012

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	Audio	Sunday School		
Dave & Michelle	Henry & Isabel	<u>Infants:</u> Kim	James	3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
	Tom & Carly	<u>Toddlers</u> Henry Morgan	Visual	Tiffany	Kim	Jody
			Shirley	Rebecca	Dominique	
<b>Offering Sunday, January 15, 2012: Youth Unlimited</b>						

#### Serving Sunday, January 8, 2012

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	Audio	Sunday School		
Martin & Theresa	Justin & Stephanie	<u>Infants:</u> Cathy	Bill	3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
	Paul & Erin	<u>Toddlers</u> John Dawson	Visual	Tiffany	Kim	Jody
			Jenny	Rebecca	Dominique	
<b>Offering Sunday, January 8, 2012: Hope Christian Reformed Church</b>						

## Hope Church News

**Hope Church Family:** Today we plan to baptize **Brynlee Taylor** (daughter of Kyle & Michelle). **Len** continues to recover at Lakehead Manor Long-Term Care (on Vickers). Congratulations to Gary and Daune as they are celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, Sunday, January 8.

**Happy Birthday** to you! The following people will be celebrating birthdays this week: Laura, Anna, Nathan, Jared, Wayne, Andrew, Rachel, Patricia, Leah, Brandon, Jim and Tegan. Wishing each of you a very blessed year.

**The position of Music Director at Hope Church is available.** A job description is on the table in the foyer. Please contact Worship Committee if more information is needed.

**Seniors Luncheon, January 2012, will be served Thursday, January 19 at Hope Church.**

**Members of Hope Church are once again encouraged to submit names to council for the position of Elder and Deacon.**

**January has 5 Sundays** and you know what that means...Linger Lunch will be served on Sunday, January 29.

**Art Exhibit** – For a long time a print of Cree artist Ovide Bighetty’s series “The Creator’s Sacrifice” has hung in the foyer of Hope Church. Now the original paintings are on a nation-wide tour and will be displayed in Hope Church during Lent from February 22 until March 11. The three Christian Reformed Churches are sponsoring the exhibit in Thunder Bay. The purpose of the tour is to promote healthy relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ in native and non-native communities. The event is being planned by a committee that includes natives and non-natives. There will be a number of opportunities to view the original art work and discuss its meaning and background; be informed about the history of our country; discuss faith; and worship together. These opportunities will be offered on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Make some time to be blessed and be a blessing, and watch for further details. You can also check us out at: [www.kisemanito.ca](http://www.kisemanito.ca) or look us up on Facebook.

**This January**, join *Christian Reformed Home Missions* and *Christian Reformed World Missions* on a 28-day vigil to focus on praying for workers for the harvest. Use the bookmark found in your mailbox (1 per week for 4 weeks) as a prayer guide.

**Joyful Chorus** begins regular practice again tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at First CRC. We will begin practicing Easter music (A Cantata). If you love singing this will be a good time to join us!!

**Willing Workers** will be meeting Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to cut bags, make mats, knit, etc. for Third World Countries. Everyone is welcome.

**Today Devotionals are in the foyer.**

## Church Community News

- Louis was admitted to Thunder Bay Regional this past week for observation and adjustment in medication. We pray that our good and gracious God will provide for all his needs. Louis is thankful that he had a very good 80<sup>th</sup> birthday which he celebrated with his family.
- Roelof was able to return home from hospital this past Thursday. We thank the Lord and pray for continued strength and healing.
- Herman has seen the doctor this past week and some changes were made to his medication so that he may not feel as sick. Further visits will have to be made and they are waiting to see when these will have to take place. Herman and Alice need our steady prayers.
- May our Lord also be with Art and Ann and Fred and Jane. These couples also need our prayer support.
- The situation in Nigeria is very tense as churches have been burned by radical Muslims. May God protect Albert and Carolyn and their family, as well as others who live in the zone of danger.
- A number of senior members continue to be unable to come to worship services, with some participating via the internet. Elizabeth, Johanna, Anne, Jan and Henny and Evert are all in this condition to varying degrees.
- Charlotte and Norah also struggle with their health. We remember these in prayer to our heavenly Father who comforts and upholds His people in their every need.
- **Thank you note:** We would like to thank you for your prayers and cards with the passing of our dad and grandfather. We, as a family, are comforted with the words of David in Psalm 103:2 --Willem, Linda, Alyssa, Brady, Jonathan

## Hope Christian Reformed Church of Thunder Bay

January 8, 2012

### The Lord Draws Us to Himself

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

\*Gathering Songs: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”  
“Refiner’s Fire”  
“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

\*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another

### The Lord Proclaims the Gospel for All People

Promise from the Prophets – Isaiah 60:1-6

Fulfillment from the Apostles – Ephesians 3:1-6

An Invitation to Salvation – “The River”

The Sacrament of Baptism

### The Lord Speaks into Our Lives from His Word

Children’s Message

Song: “Jesus, All for Jesus”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Prayer for Understanding

Message: “Everybody’s Included!”

\*The Apostles’ Creed

\*Prayer for Transformation

### The Lord Invites Our Gifts and Prayers

Offering: Hope Christian Reformed Church

Offertory Prayer

Announcements and Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord Sends Us on His Mission

\*Song of Praise: “When It’s All Been Said and Done”

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: “Everlasting God”

Postlude

\* You are invited to stand

Participants:

Accompanists: Ben

Liturgy and Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

An Invitation to Salvation – “The River” – Gary,  
Cory, Jeannette

The Sacrament of Baptism: Brynlee Taylor (Kyle &  
Michelle)

The Children’s Message: Ashley

All Worshipers

Message Notes

## Nursery Duty

**Today: Cathy, John, Dawson**

**Jan. 15: Kim, Henry, Morgan**

## Bulletin Board Postings

Seniors Luncheon Christmas luncheon pictures

Friendship Ministry Christmas Programme pictures

## Library Additions

A number of video sermons are available in the church library:

Love Me?

I’m Afraid of The End

I’m Afraid of Giants

Impossible

Power of Confessions

Fireproof- 6-part series (*shown in Hope Church*)

Christmas Traditions Part 1 and 2