



So how do we fit what we know of Abraham, our first father in the faith, into this new way of looking at things? If Abraham, by what he did for God, got God to approve him, he could certainly have taken credit for it. But the story we're given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story. What we read in Scripture is, "Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point. He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own."

MSG Romans 4:1-3

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## announcements



**HOCKEY FOR HOLSTEINS** The 2012 Bufukhula team has partnered with FH Canada and the Vancouver Giants to help raise funds to buy cows for the One Cow - Six Families Dairy Project in Mbale, Uganda (Bufukhula!). The goal of this program is to improve the income levels of 350 low income households as well as the nutritional status of their children through a dairy project.

On Friday February 24th, FH Canada will be the featured partner at the Vancouver Giants vs. Kamloops Blazer hockey game at the Pacific Coliseum. Your Cap Church team has been tasked to sell 250 tickets and will receive \$5.00 for each ticket sold towards their 2012 team fund. Help us get to Bufukhula and maybe bring along a couple of cows! See your 2012 team members or Kristee Watson for tickets. [kristee.ann@gmail.com](mailto:kristee.ann@gmail.com)



### STAY FOR LUNCH SUNDAY MARCH 4TH

Cappers share lunch together on Sunday March 4th. Plan to stay after the service for a healthy light lunch and time to visit together. Just think when you get home lunch will be done and you will be ready to relax! We will be having muffins and cheese along with some fruit and veggies and drinks. Please contact Sue to let her know if you can help out with set up and wrap up on the 4th or if you would be willing to make 3 dozen muffins ([sue@capchurch.ca](mailto:sue@capchurch.ca)) or the rest of the community if your last name starts with A to L please bring some cut up fruit to share and if it starts with M to Z please bring some cut up veggies. (Sue Carabetta)

**2012 FRIENDSHIP LIST** Our 2012 Friendship List has arrived and is available at the back table. If you can, please donate \$2 to help off-set our printing costs. Thanks!



**AGM - Sun Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** Please join us for conversation about the 2012 financial planning on Sun, Feb 26th at 7 pm, Ocean Room at the West Vancouver Rec Centre. Our AGM is full of good things: good desserts, great coffee, praying with each other, a look at the past financial year, a look at the future year, a look at the vision and planning of our staff... hearing from various staff and leaders about what we're going to be up to this year... Come and be a part of it! Nothing boring here! (Jenn Ohlhauser)

At Cap we don't have membership that makes for insiders and outsiders in the community of faith. We count everyone who attends as an insider in the community. As a registered society in the province of British Columbia we do have societal membership. CapChurch societal members get to "vote" at the AGM on our societal business. Becoming a member is easy. A Member in Good Standing of the Capilano Christian Community Society is one who has subscribed to the statement of faith; attends CapChurch on a regular basis; is committed to CapChurch by acts of service, prayer and financial support on an ongoing basis; and has donated at least \$1 to CapChurch in the past 12 months. If you want to become a member and participate at the AGM you can sign at the Welcome table or at the AGM. See you there. (Mike Nichols)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** Copies of our 2011 Financial Statements are available this morning at the Welcome Table.

- *All human nature vigorously resists grace because grace changes us and the change is painful.* - Flannery O'Connor - The Habit of Being (1979)
- *All my stories are about the action of grace on a character who is not very willing to support it, but most people think of these stories as hard, hopeless and brutal.* - Flannery O'Connor - A Good Man Is Hard to Find (1955)

## considerations

### CONFERENCE WITH RIKK WATTS

**Reframing Romans 9-11: What's your view of God, Israel, and the Church?**

Few chapters in Paul have sparked such debate, polarization, and aversion as these. Yet in spite of the astonishing density of "Old Testament" citations" or perhaps precisely because they've been seen as "Old" very few commentators in the history of the church have taken Paul's thorough-going invocation of Israel's story as seriously as they ought. In this series of lectures, Rikk Watts, who has spent the last twenty years working in the area of the NT use of the OT, will do just that. The results are remarkable, revealing how crucial it is for Christians to know Israel's story if they are to read the New Testament and understand it well. [www.regent-college.edu](http://www.regent-college.edu)

Friday, March 2nd at 7:30pm  
Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30am-3:00pm.  
Location: Regent College Chapel Cost: \$15



### CAP'S LENTEN JOURNEY

This year, Lucy Goncalves and I have decided to put together a Lenten devotional (available online or on paper) written by folks from the CapChurch community. Each week's reading will consist of 4 short Scripture passages, reflections on each passage and a prayer. At this point, contributors include: Alison Caldwell Johnson, Jon Wright, Gord Chutter and many other fine Cappers. Lent starts this Wednesday! So email [kim@capchurch.ca](mailto:kim@capchurch.ca) if you would like to receive a copy or see the signup at the welcome table. (Kim Pierrot)

**CONDOLENCES** Our thoughts and prayers are with Lori, Ken and Anneka Larsen as Lori's Dad passed away on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Although her Dad had been ill, his passing was sooner than was thought. Blessings to the Larsen family and Loris's mom, Judi Voth.



### GODSPELL OFF-OFF

**BROADWAY** Kim & Matt Pierrot are both performing in an upcoming production of 'Godspell' at Highlands United Church in

Edgemont Village, backed by our own Ephraim Fung playing bass in the pit band! This rollicking retelling of the story of Jesus has the Pierrot's acting, singing and dancing like you've never seen before. Performances are Feb 22-25, 7:30 pm. All seats \$20. Matt's dance moves are not to be missed. You can purchase tickets from him after the service or [www.godspell.bigcartel.com/](http://www.godspell.bigcartel.com/)



**RADIO ARAMESH** February marks Kourosh Bagheri's 5-year anniversary of broadcasting the gospel to the Farsi speaking community of the Lower Mainland - both Iranian & Afghani immigrants. Currently he is broadcasting live on Sunday mornings in the

Richmond studio of Fairchild Multi-cultural Radio 1470AM 9:30-10:30am. Check it out on the way to church and pray or listen to some beautiful Farsi language praise music which Kourosh integrates throughout the program - it's really unique.



**GERRY SPORTACK** will be honoured on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> with an 'Award of Excellence' for his innovative and sustainable architecture on the building "The Brook" (in upper Delbrook on Evergreen Pl.) by the North Vancouver District's Advisory Design Panel. Congratulations Gerry!



calendar events

- Today **Mike Nichols** continues our series 'Making Sense of the Bible for Today'. **Youth** are attending Rush Conference in Kelowna.
- mon feb 20 **The Way (Gr 8 -12) Bible Study** 7 - 9 pm 430 West 29th St. [brian@capchurch.ca](mailto:brian@capchurch.ca)
- wed feb 22 **40'ish** is a morning group for women who are 40'ish (no id required!) that meet from 9-11:15am. They are studying Romans and enjoy growing in friendship. For more info contact [sue@capchurch.ca](mailto:sue@capchurch.ca).
- fri feb 24 **Little's Group** is cancelled this week due to District Professional Day. Resumes next Friday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- sun feb 26 **Annual AGM** 7pm Ocean Room, West Vancouver Rec Centre. See inside for details.
- sun feb 26 **Avalon's Women Centre Fundraiser** Avalon is a place for women in recovery from many forms of addiction ([www.avaloncentres.org](http://www.avaloncentres.org)) They are having 'An Evening for Amy' - a celebration of Amy Winehouse's life and music. A group of local musicians will be performing Amy's songs and there will be a silent and live auction. All proceeds go towards Avalon Women's Centre, Capilano University Jazz Program & Amy Winehouse Foundation. 7:30pm at Cap University. For more info call or email Jennie Marsh 778-239-5800 [jennie\\_r\\_marshall@shaw.ca](mailto:jennie_r_marshall@shaw.ca).
- fri mar 2 & sat mar 3 **Rikk Watts Regent College Conference** See inside for details.
- sat mar 4 **CapChurch Community Lunch** See inside for details.

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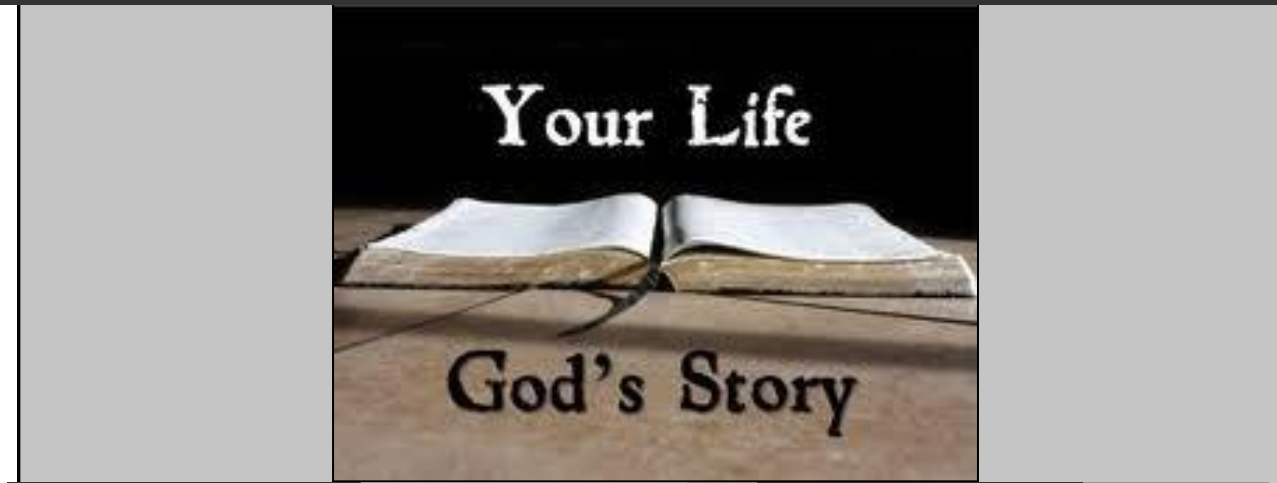
**WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS** - If you are new to CapChurch or visiting, we invite you to take a blue visitors card from the Welcome Table - you will receive a welcome letter and a coupon for a specialty coffee of your choice!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** - for those wishing to give their offering in an envelope, you will find offering envelopes next to the Offering Box on the table at the back of the room.

capchurch leadership circle

Mike Nichols | pastor & elder  
 Kim Pierrot | pastor & elder  
 John Colpitts | minister to grades 5 - 7 & young adults  
 Brian Dean | minister to teens  
 Julie Evans | early childhood education  
 Lindsey Wilson | capkids team leader  
 Charlotte Clark | capkids assistant  
 Paula Schulz | admin assistant to the pastors  
 Suzanne Paterson | sunday morning coordinator  
 Liz Baerg | grades 5 - 7  
 Sue Carabetta | minister of community development  
 Cathy Adams | bookkeeper

Paddy Ducklow | pastor emeritus, chair missions  
 Jake Penner | elder emeritus  
 Scott Campbell | elder  
 Gordon Chutter | elder  
 Randene Hardy | elder  
 Jenn Ohlhauser | elder, finance chair  
 Andrea Smith | elder  
 Art Steinmann | elder  
 Carole Ducklow | apprentice elder  
 Lynne Smith | apprentice elder  
 Barry Soper | alpha  
 Candis Watson | compassionate assistance  
 Kristee Watson, Archie Robertson & Paul Milley | Bufukhula team



today's teaching

**A GOD-STORY, NOT A ME-STORY**

The title of today's message is a *God-Story, Not A Me-Story*. I suppose it would be more accurate to say that today we are going to talk about *GOD'S STORY IN YOUR LIFE*. The story of sin and salvation as given to us by Paul in Romans 3 & 4 is certainly the God's story in the life of Abraham. In all the stuff going on in Abraham's life, God was working His story. The result would be an example for all time of how God works His story into our lives. An awareness of God working faith into our lives; working a good relationship with Him into our realities is not just how the Christian life begins, but how it continues.

St. Ignatius [1491–1556] was a Spanish knight, hermit, priest from 1537, theologian; and founder of the Jesuits; from 1522-1524 He wrote his Spiritual Exercises, a 200-page set of prayers, and mental exercises designed to be carried out over a period of 28-30 days. In the first week of the Ignatian Exercises the participant is encouraged to reflect on the story of their life while asking God's help to recognize signs of His presence through good times and bad. This exercise is sometimes called a "graced history" and falls much in line with 2 Corinthians 3:3 " *You show that you are a letter from Christ, ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts*". You can see where I'm going—today we are going to talk about "graced history"—Abraham's and yours. (Mike Nichols)

cap at a glance

**THIS MORNING** Mike Nichols brings us the sermon; **Robbie Ohlhauser** and team lead us in worship.

**CAPKIDS** Join us in CapKids for our series focused on the importance of Spiritual Discipline in our lives, through prayer, praise and the bible.

- K - Jenny Webster (Room 205)  
Shepherd: Kathryn Walden
- 1- Julie/ David Zimmerman (Room 202)  
Shepherd: Tara Loewen
- 2 - Nathan/Tara Loewen (Room 210)  
Shepherd: Drew McMahon
- 3/4 B TBA  
Shepherd: Susie Alexander
- 3/4 G Jen Lee (Room 208)  
Shepherd: Celeste Lee

**ECE ROOMS:**

- Nursery 0-18 months Staff Room
- Toddlers Sept 09 - April 10 Room 109
- Preschool 2's - Oct 08 - Aug 09 Room 108
- Preschool 3's - Jan 08 - Sept 08 Room 106
- Preschool 4's - 2007 Room 201

- Gr 5 - 7:** Room 213 with John Colpitts
- Gr 8 - 12:** Remain in the service