

4th Sunday of Lent
Celebration Sunday & Communion
March 15th, 2015
Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45 am



Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Team

Today's Message:
"Chapter 3"
Romans 13:8-10
Otto & Marjorie Ekk

WELCOME! We are so glad you said 'yes' to God's invitation to be with us today! We'd like to get to know you better! Please take time to fill out a yellow Communications Card found in the pews and drop it in the offering bag. *Thank you!*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Join in worship with **Dave Rodda** and the Worship Team

Guitar: Dave Rodda

Vocals: Eleanor Kent

Audio: Bryce Unraw

Bass: Sara Driediger

Vocals: Sharon Timmermans

Media: Jason Kent

Drums: Colton Neudorf

Mandolin: Wayne Rempel

This Week At RRCC:

TODAY

8:30 AM

Prayer Time - Prayer Room

9:15 AM

Tabor Home morning service

MONDAY

7:00 PM

No MS Youth

THURSDAY

7:00 PM

High School Youth

LAST WEEK AT ROSS ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHURCH MINISTRIES	OTHER	BUILDING FUND	FIRST SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	KIDS
\$13,395.00	\$1,613.20	\$0.00	160	137	86

TO ALL THE AGES

The presence of our children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that we are growing. Please welcome our children today in our Celebration Sunday and give them a smile of encouragement to their parents. Let us give thanks for the Lord's blessing of growing families!



COMING EVENTS

March 22 - Celebration Sunday

March 29 - Encore Pot-luck afternoon
- Elders Proposal paper circulated

April 3 - Good Friday - Office Closed, One Service 10:00AM

April 5 - Easter Sunday - Celebration Sunday

April 6 - Easter Monday - Office Closed

2 **April 10-12** - SHINE Retreat at Stillwood Camp

ENCORE MINISTRY (SENIORS)

Encore Pot-luck on March 29th, 3:30 PM - Everyone is welcome to come for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Walter & Anne Willms will share with us about their interesting work in Siberia.

If your last name starts with A – L, please bring a large plate of savory finger food ~ such as sandwiches, open faced buns, crackers and cheese, etc.

If your last name starts with M –Z, bring a large plate of sweet finger-food ~ such as fruit, cakes and cookies, etc.



Potluck

FAMILY NEWS



Our condolences to Elly & George Bargaen on the passing of Elly's sister.



Our condolences to Grace Rude and family on the passing of Grace's brother. We pray God's peace and comfort for you during this difficult time.



NEEDED: Accommodation and vehicle are needed for a family of 5 starting July until mid August. If you are in need of someone to house sit or know of anyone that may be able to help in these areas, please contact Elisabeth Klassen.

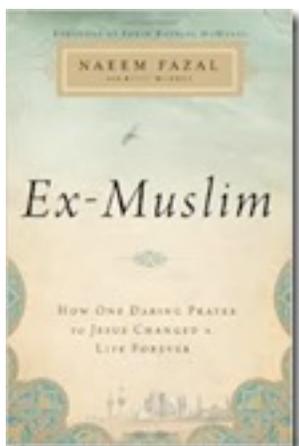


FOUND: One black NIV Study Bible with gilt edging on the pages was found at the church. Inside there are several bookmarks but no indication as to the owner. If this is your bible, you can claim it at the church office.



Visit <http://rossroadcc.sermon.net> to listen to past RRCC sermons! Click the Subscribe button on the website to import into iTunes Podcasts. You can also import them into a podcast app on your smartphone, and listen to the sermons right in your internet browser.

LIBRARY



In the riveting memoir ***Ex-Muslim***, **Naeem Fazal** describes how God used **extraordinary means** to bring a young, underachieving, Muslim immigrant through Desert Storm, across the oceans, into college, and ultimately to pastor a Christian church in North Carolina. He demonstrates that no character flaw, no distance, no cultural chasm is too great for **Jesus to reach across**. Whether you are a Muslim, Christian, or neither, *Ex-Muslim* makes a compelling case that **life with Jesus Christ is a true adventure**.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Retreat - June 12th-14th - Keep the weekend open.

Hey guys, the men's ministry team is working at putting together a men's retreat for the weekend of June 12-14th. So put that in your calendar and then stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in helping with the retreat in any way please contact Brian Degelder.



LOOKOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL
MONDAYS 7:00-9:00 PM

MARCH 16 - NO YOUTH

MARCH 23 - JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

Easter is almost upon us, the time of year when we reflect upon Jesus' death and resurrection. We'll be focusing on this for the next couple of weeks at youth, and this week we'll discuss why Jesus's death matters. Why did he have to die, anyway?

APRIL 10-12 - SHINE RETREAT - Late registrations may be possible, please check with Pastor Craig.

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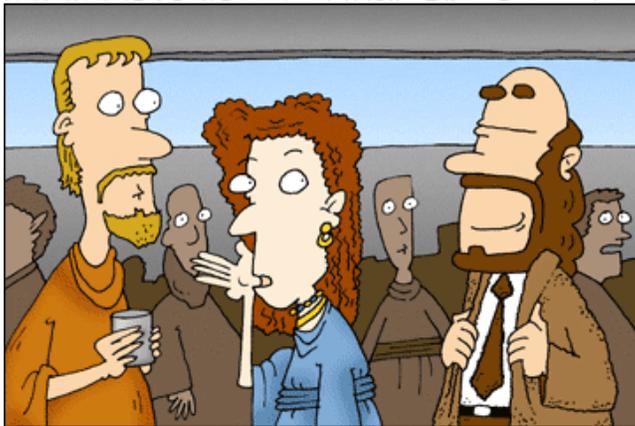


MY DOG ATE MY SERMON

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CUTTING EDGE HIGH SCHOOL
THURSDAYS 7:00-9:30 PM

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Thanks to Charles Dunleavy 03-23-2006

YOU CAN TELL THAT IS JOHN ... HIS
SLICK SUIT IS TOTALLY MADE OF CAMEL
HAIR

MARCH 19 - POINTING TO JESUS

John the Baptist was an amazing individual. He is famous for deflecting attention away from himself and pointing people to Jesus.

GNI MINISTRIES

A Family Fun Run, where Togetherness WINS the day!

'RUN FOR FREEDOM' on March 28th, Mill Lake, 9:00 AM

GNI Ministries will hold their first registered run, with the help of the "Running Room" Abbotsford. Prizes for the oldest runners, youngest, those who finish first pushing a wheel chair with a

loved one, and much more. Registration fee is \$25 per family, no

matter the size, or \$10 for individuals. Online registration will soon be posted on GNI Ministries website, Facebook page, or you can contact Judy Griffioen at 604-751-1497.



NURSERY CARE



Nursery for children from birth - 2 years of age

Our volunteers are police checked and a paging system is provided for your child's security.

March 15th, 2015

1st Service: Sally & Anna Healy

2nd Service: Sandra Hayashida & Monika Thiessen



March 22nd, 2015

1st Service: Jeremy & Linnea Schellenberg with Jennae Driediger

2nd Service: Sandra Nelson & Heidi Giesbrecht

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Today we celebrate with all generations! Preschoolers later dismissed.

Children, help yourself to the Celebrating Sunday Kids Sermon Sheet in the foyer and doodle or draw away!



To the parents of our young children...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit where your little ones can see and hear and be a part of worship in the service.

You can quietly explain what's going on if needed. Invite them to sing with you, read the Bible with you, and pray with you. While you follow along with your sermon notes, let them follow along with the ***Celebrating Sunday Kids Sermon Sheet*** found in the foyer.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please don't be afraid to come back. Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me."*

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this place of worship. This is their church family.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Spring Break/ Teachers' Break: March 15th & 22nd (Preschool Parents welcome to volunteer. Contact Pastor Merri Ellen ASAP.)
- Palm Sunday: March 29th - Preschoolers' Presentation in main service
- Good Friday, 10:00AM, one service: April 3rd - all ages in the main service
- Easter Sunday/ Celebration Sunday: April 5th
- Mother's Day/ Child Dedication & Celebration Sunday: May 10th

Free Family Resources and Helpful Articles: www.rossroadkids.com

Get in the Loop with Kids Zone Email Updates and Check Out our Blog!

Please send a note to: merriellen@rossroadcc.ca to be included in our Kids Zone updates and invites. Visit our blog at: www.rossroadkids.com for articles and resources for families!

“Chapter 3”

Romans 13:8-10

March 15, 2015

**Missionaries Otto & Marjorie Ekk
With MB Mission in Portugal**

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

What did you learn from God's Word today? What did you learn about the work God has entrusted to Otto and Marjorie in Portugal that will help you pray faithfully and specifically for them? What is God nudging you to do as a result of today's message?

In Preparation for Sunday, March 22, 2015:

Next Sunday, we will take a break from our series on Revelation with Pastor Craig's message "True Greatness," from Mark 10:32-45. As you read this passage, think about how greatness is defined in our world today. How does Jesus change our understanding of this? How did Jesus model this new understanding? And how could we play this out in our families, workplaces, and schools?"

COMMUNITY EVENTS

You are invited to attend **Your Pregnancy Options “2015 Annual Dessert Fundraiser”** on March 16th, 2015 from 6:30-8:30PM at Northview Community Church.



We will be featuring special music, silent auctions, appetizers, and desserts. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. You can purchase or reserve tickets by phone at 604-853-9161 or by email to lisa@yourpregnancyoptions.ca. We hope to see you there with us!

“News from Ukraine,” Friday, March 20th at 12:00PM. Join us for a luncheon with Lucy Romanankova, director of the Florence Centre in Zaporozhye, Ukraine and her husband, David McKittrick. The two will share stories from the Florence Centre and the political situation in Ukraine. In the Clearwood Room, Columbia Bible College, 2940 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford. Tickets \$15, available from the Communitas Provincial Office, # 103 – 2776 Bourquin Crescent West, Abbotsford or by calling 604-850-6608.



March 10th - 28th, SAMC's spring musical, **“The Drowsy Chaperone.”** A high-flying, tap-dancing 1920s comedy. **FREE tickets & pizza for high school students** –

advance booking required. For info about this opportunity, email samc@twu.ca. General info: twu.ca/theatre.



Don't miss the **2015 Graduate Art Exhibition** by TWU students at the Langley Centennial Museum. All are welcome at the **opening reception on March 31st** and the **Artist Talks April 1st** – perfect for high school students who love art. The exhibition runs until April 25. Details: twu.ca/samc

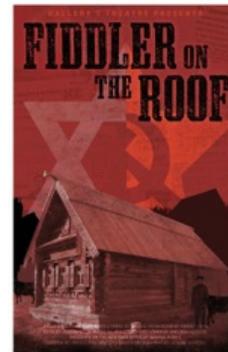
Columbia Bible College has some exciting opportunities available to help enrich the community through our Continuing Education this Spring. Starting in March, we will be offering a couple of weekly evening courses. Ron Voth will be teaching a 5 week course entitled Issues in the **Early Church at Ephesus: A Study in 1 Timothy**. Also teaching a 5 week course, current CBC professor David Warkentin will be exploring the relationship between faith and ethics in his course

Making Sense: Faith & Ethics in a Culture of Confusion.

We are also pleased to once again offer our **Love for Life** seminar for engaged and newly married couples this Spring. Taught by Ken Esau (CBC professor) and Rebecca Schroeder (local Registered Clinical Counsellor), the four sessions of this seminar are designed to complement a couple's premarital counseling and cover the biblical foundation for marriage, family systems, finances, and dealing with conflict. **Don't miss out! Register now!** www.columbiabc.edu/ConEd or call 604-853-3567 ext. 425.



Gallery 7 Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical hit, *Fiddler on the Roof*, book by Joseph Stein, music by Jerry Brock & lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. *Fiddler on the Roof* runs two weekends only: **March 13 & 14, 19 - 21, 2015 @ 7:30PM with discount matinees March 14 & 21 @ 2:00 PM** at the Abbotsford Arts Centre, 2329 Crescent Way, Abbotsford. Tickets and info at House of James: 604-852-3701 or online at www.gallery7theatre.com.



Calvin Dyck and the Abbotsford Youth Orchestra invite you to Songs Strings & Steps presents "**The Story of Easter**" on **Saturday, March 28th (2:00PM and 7:00PM)** at **Gateway Community Church** (Abby/Mission Hwy). We are so thrilled to be collaborating with the choirs of Trinity Western University along with our special guests: the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance, Alison Nystrom and the Pilkey Sisters. Tickets are now available at House of James and King's Music (Adults \$22; Students \$12; plus applicable tax/fee). Please see www.calvindyck.com for further details. Please note this venue has limited parking; carpooling strongly encouraged.

My Coins Count (Penny Power)

Donate your change (cash, cheques, or credit card donations) to MCC's "My Coins Count" campaign **until March 31st, 2015** and have your donations matched 4:1 by the Canadian government. Make your coins count! This year's project supports a food-for-work program to develop sustainable agricultural infrastructure in remote communities of India. For more information, visit our website at: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/my-coins-count-formerly-penny-power.



The **Abbotsford All-City Good Friday Service** (sponsored by the ACLN) is happening at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 3rd at Gateway Church (2884 Abbotsford Missions Hwy). This is an opportunity for the whole Abbotsford church community to come together around the wonder and passion of the Cross of Christ. Worship will be led by musicians from a number of churches - scripture and music will focus on "Words from the Cross". Communion will be part of our worship. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Give More & Have More? When it comes to charitable giving, people typically have two questions: how can I maximize tax savings and how can I maximize the size of my gift? Planning does not have to be as confusing, daunting or scary as it seems to be. Hosted by the Langley Christian School Foundation, Michael Haywood and Keith Leech of Michael Haywood & Associates will explore charitable giving methods in a simplified, fun and informative manner.



Where: Southridge Church @ 22756 48th Ave Langley

When: Tuesday April 14th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

RSVP: 604-533-2118 (2) or email: development@langleychristian.com

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Hospitality Ministry

The mandate of the hospitality team is to work behind the scenes to help RRCC be a place where people can connect in meaningful ways with others. This includes but it is not limited to things like:

- Arranging and training ushers and greeters for Sundays
- Organizing the ministry of Common Grounds
- Providing food services for church wide events like Kickoff, Easter Brunch and church meetings
- Assisting in providing refreshments at memorial services

The team of volunteers who serve under the banner of hospitality is quite large but direct oversight is given by the following team members: Jeanette Dyck (Greeters), Dave & Loraine Born (Ushers), Derek Janzen, Karen Bergen, Monika Thiessen and Pastor Darren.

A large component of leading this ministry is mobilizing volunteers. We are grateful for the many people who serve in different capacities. Please pray for ongoing willingness of many to serve when called upon.

M2W2

M2/W2 Association was founded in 1966 with a focus on placing Christian volunteers in prison. It's core "Man to man" and "woman to woman" program has always been one-to-one visitation of men and women in prison to offer friendship and support while they are incarcerated, and when they return to the community. Approximately 200 volunteers currently visit several hundred men and women "inside". Over 200 inmates, mostly men, have applied to have an M2, and are on a wait list to be matched, so there is lots of scope to become involved in fulfilling our mission of : "Mutually transforming lives, one relationship at a time."

Hidden Treasures, our thrift store in Abbotsford, has a wonderful complementary ministry, providing funding for the work of M2/W2 as well as providing a positive reintegration environment for inmates who come to work there on escorted passes from prison. The store operates with several dozen faithful volunteers.

For more information please visit our website www.m2w2.com or like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/M2W2Association?fref=ts>) to stay abreast of our current events.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for **Cynthia Friesen** serving with MB Mission in Thailand.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Don't forget to check the Missionary bulletin board for the latest update letters from our missionaries. Learn about how God is moving in people's hearts all over the world!

Paul & Edna Cairns – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

Otto & Marjorie Ekk – in North America on MINA (Ministry In North America - furlough)

Cynthia Friesen – in Thailand with MB Mission

Rob & Judy Griffioen – in Abbotsford with Good News International Ministries

S & B – in Central Asia with MB Mission

Dwayne & Helen Rainwater (Lisa & Michael) – in West Africa with Pioneer Bible Translators

Beth Scholes – in Abbotsford with FamilyLife

Jason & Stephanie Shellborn (Madison, Hudson & London) – in Abbotsford with Discipleship International

Al & Karen Stobbe (Karissa & Natasha) – in Abbotsford with MB Mission

Rachael Wiebe – in Winnipeg with MB Mission

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Otto & Marjorie Ekk

– in North America on MINA (Ministry In North America - furlough)

Dear friends at Ross Road,

We look forward to seeing you all this weekend and sharing exciting things happening in Portugal.

Pray for the pastors and leadership in the Portuguese churches as they are reaching into their neighborhoods.

Pray for the Second Hand Store that contacts being made will be drawn to Christ.

Continue to pray that God will touch the hearts of people to "give" and to "go".

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ASK the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers..."

See you soon,

Otto & Marjorie

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Sherry Wang

Walt Letkeman

Curtis Albright

Debbie Bracewell

Please pray for those who are dealing with ongoing struggles in their lives - whether it be illness, spiritual battles, the loss of a loved one, or financial difficulties. Pray that God provides them with comfort, patience, endurance and strength in their daily lives.

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OUR PASTORS:

Lead: Art Birch - art@rossroadcc.ca
Adults: Darren Petker - darren@rossroadcc.ca
Youth: Craig Thiessen - craig@rossroadcc.ca
Worship: Dave Rodda - dave@rossroadcc.ca
Kids: Merri Ellen Giesbrecht - merriellen@rossroadcc.ca

OUR ELDERS:

Michael Blouin: *Property Liaison, Discernment Team*
Bryan Born: *Elder At Large*
Ron Isaak: *Moderator, Reconciliation Team, Human Resources Team*
Barry Jackson: *Assistant Moderator, Policy & Procedure Update*
Vic Martens: *Secretary, Encore Liaison*
Dale Regier: *Finance Liaison*
Dave Rosborough: *Policy & Procedure Update, Community Connections Liaison*

PRAYER CHAIN:

**Doreen Froese
Clara Senek
and Frieda Neufeld**