

*5th Sunday of Lent
Celebration Sunday*

March 22nd, 2015

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45 am

Leading Us In Worship

Jeff Thiessen & Worship Team

Today's Message:

"True Greatness"

Mark 10:32-45

Craig Thiessen

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 **Jeff Thiessen** and the Worship Team

Bass: Jeff Thiessen
Guitar: Jaben Schalk
Drums: Sam Stuckey

Vocals: Meagen Emard
Piano: Lisa Boschman
Elec. Guitar: Vernon Boschman

Audio: Mike Wiebe
Media: Jen Bamford

This Week At RRCC:

TODAY

8:30 AM Prayer Time - Prayer Room

MONDAY

7:00 PM Middle School Youth

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Baptism/Membership class

THURSDAY

7:00 PM High School Youth

LAST WEEK AT ROSS ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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FOR ALL 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 a smile of encouragement to their parents. Let us give thanks for the Lord's blessing of growing families!



COMING EVENTS

March 29 - Encore Pot-luck afternoon

- Elders Proposal paper circulated
- Baptism/Membership applicants meet with Elders and Pastors

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

April 5 - Easter Sunday - Celebration Sunday

April 6 - Easter Monday - Office Closed

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



We would like to thank our RRCC family for all the cards and flowers. We really appreciated the care and support shown to us.

~ Elly & George Bargaen



The memorial service for Rick Rude will be held at Ross Road on March 28th.



NEEDED: Missionary family of 5 looking for accommodation and vehicle from 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. This is for Neil & Elisabeth's children and grandchildren.

FOUND: One small black NASB Trimline Bible with gilt edging was found at the church. If this is yours, it can be claimed at the church office.

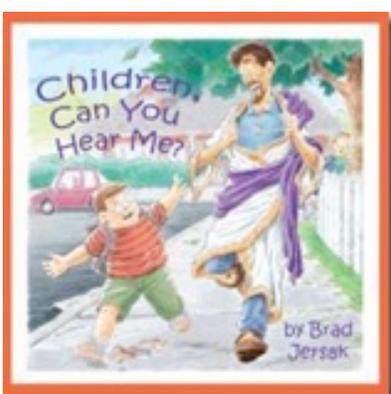


FOUND: One black NIV Study Bible with gilt edging on the pages was found at the church. Inside there are several bookmarks but no indication as to the owner. If this is your bible, you can claim it at the church office.



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



Children, Can you Hear Me? by **Brad Jersak** is a wonderful resource for children aged 9 - 12. God loves children and longs to meet with them through prayer. He reveals Himself freely to children, speaking to them as a very best Friend. This book illustrates in full-colour **how God opens the eyes and ears of each child's heart** so that they become aware of His constant love and friendship.

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 23 - JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

Easter is almost upon us and we want to make sure that we take time to reflect on the importance of the cross. Why did Jesus really have to die? What was accomplished through Jesus' death and how does that impact us today? See you there!

MARCH 30 - JESUS' RESURRECTION

APRIL 10-12 - SHINE RETREAT at Stillwood.

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EVERYBODY ELSE MERELY TALKS ABOUT SURVEYING THE WONDROUS CROSS ... HE ACTUALLY DID IT

CUTTING EDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Thanks to Tom Seubert (See Mark 11:15-26) 08-02-2002

NO, I DON'T APPRECIATE THE IRONY ... NOW PLEASE GET OUT

MARCH 26 - TURNING THE TABLES

Jesus sometimes did things that seemed a bit unusual. One such instance was when Jesus went into the temple and flipped over the tables and chased people out! What would cause him to do such a thing? Join us this week as we find out!

APRIL 2 - EASTER REFLECTION

This week youth will be taking place at Ray & Linda Nickel's house (30195 Taylor Road) for an interactive Easter reflection.

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 22nd, 2015

1st Service: Jeremy & Linnea Schellenberg with Jennae Driediger

2nd Service: Sandra Nelson & Heidi Giesbrecht

March 29th, 2015

1st Service: Kayla Brink & Jessica Janz with Sarah Hayashida

2nd Service: Sandra Hayashida & Karissa Stobbe



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 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!

“True Greatness”

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Christ-like greatness is achieved through sacrificial service

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

How does Jesus' definition of greatness compare or contrast with the world's definition of greatness? In what ways do you find yourself striving for recognition in the eyes of others? Come up with one way in which you could serve the following people this week - your siblings, your parents, your co-workers, your friends, a stranger.

In Preparation for Sunday, March 29, 2015:

While we never like to think about judgment on ourselves or anyone else, divine judgment is a very real consequence of turning our backs on God. Thankfully, there is an alternative—repentance from sin and reconciliation with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an unbroken donkey on the first Palm Sunday, He was presenting Himself as the Messiah who would lay down His life for all who would believe in Him. Even as He did so, He grieved that many would experience judgment instead of reconciliation because they would not recognize Him as Saviour (Luke 19:28-44). This is the very theme developed in next Sunday's sermon from Revelation 8-11, "The Trumpet Sound Warning." In preparation, read these four chapters not so much looking for new information about judgment but letting God awaken your imagination to the horror of its reality. The judgments described by the seven trumpets are not final. (Final judgement is symbolized by the seven bowls of Revelation 16.) The judgments of which the trumpets warn are a call to repentance (Revelation 9:20-21) and an inspiration to believers to declare the gospel to all humans everywhere (Revelation 10:8-11).

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

Baptism and Membership:

Baptism/Membership Class: 7:00-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Baptism & Membership Applicants Meet with Elders &

Pastors: 4:00-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29



Baptism in water is the one thing that Jesus asked us to do to declare that we are His followers (Matthew 28:19-20). When we trust Jesus as Saviour and surrender to Him as Lord, He baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, who breathes spiritual life into us making us members of Jesus' spiritual body (1 Corinthians 12:13). Similarly, when we are visibly baptized in water, we become members of our local church, His visible body.

To prepare for baptism and membership, we regularly offer a class, followed by an opportunity to be affirmed by church leaders. **Those who have previously been baptized as believers elsewhere do not need to be baptized at RRCC in order to be received as members but are still asked to attend our membership class and meet with our elders and pastors.** We invite all who would like to explore the possibility of baptism and/or membership to **check off the appropriate boxes on a Communication Card** (and place it in the offering) and/or speak to a pastor. Please help yourself to a **Baptism/Membership Class Participation Pack** in the box below Pastor Art's mailbox. And please read through the booklet in that pack *Discovering Ross Road Community Church Membership* prior to coming to the class, if possible.

If you desire baptism or membership and these dates do not work for you, please speak with Pastor Art.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Mennonite Disaster Service has a service opportunity for the whole family. Families of children and adults of all ages are encouraged to serve together building cabins for a week at Camp Elim near Swift Current, Saskatchewan between August 3 & 28. For more info and to register call 866-261-1274 or at mds.mennonite.net/projects/campelimfamily project.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

Mennonite Disaster Service continues to bring people home in High River, Alberta. Although High River flooded in June 2013 there are still people who have not been able to move home. Come volunteer for a week or two this spring and summer. Call 1-800-241-8111 for more info or to book a week for you and your friends.

MCC BC

Three MCC Relief Projects You Might Not Know About

Every day – in many countries around the world – MCC is assisting people who need everything from food and shelter, to help recovering from the trauma of conflict and displacement. Through our partnerships with local organizations, we provide support in a variety of ways. Below are just three examples of our work. Go to:

<http://mcccanada.ca/stories/three-mcc-relief-projects-you-might-not-know-about>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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



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

Property Committee

The property committee is responsible for the maintenance of the church building and property. Currently there are 5 people a part of this team who oversee the projects that are undertaken around the church. This year some of the projects we have on the way are to plant shrubs to replace the trees taken down recently, give our library a fresh new look, update gym and exterior lighting, install a new church sign, replace the tin roof, and install a shower for the Extreme Weather Shelter.

Please keep our team in your prayers as we work behind the scenes to maintain our place of worship. Our challenge is to work within our annual budget, and the larger our volunteer team is, the more we can accomplish within that budget. There is always room for more people willing to donate their time either on an ongoing basis or for special projects. We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering for the property committee.

Mennonite Benevolent Society

Some 12 years ago my late wife, Helen, became a resident of the Menno Hospital as her medical condition made this move imperative. I would spend each day with her to feed her and take her to the washroom. During that time I also said grace for the meals of the day. The hospital chaplain at the time was a lady by the name of Beverley Bradshaw. Bev was looking for volunteers to assist her in the visitation program to visit the residents, to let them talk and declare their needs, to read to them from scripture and other books and pray where appropriate.

Eighteen months after my wife's passing, the Lord led Sarah and myself together so that our weekly visit to Menno is our joint privilege. Some of our experiences, in brief, have been:

- praying with many terminally ill and encouraging them in the Lord
- reciting scripture together, the 23 Psalm is such a comfort
- joining residents in a sing-song or service
- taking one at a time for a walk outdoors in fair weather
- praying with those willing to do so
- staying with a person on his death bed, then making funeral arrangements
- preparing a will, and as designated executor coordinating funeral arrangements and completing all end of life documents. God has richly blessed us and given us many more precious memories.

Spending time with someone who is completely blind and is sharing how the Lord has answered her prayer in being able to find what she was looking for, and visiting a lady who is 104 years old who needs encouragement to keep looking to the Lord for strength is very encouraging for us.

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

10 **Rachael Wiebe** – in Winnipeg with MB Mission

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jason & Stephanie Shellborn (Madison, Hudson & London)

– in Abbotsford with Discipleship International

Dear Friends and Family,

We want to thank you for your faithful prayer and support. This serves us as a great encouragement to us, as we co-labor in the work of making disciples.

God is faithful and we give Him praise. We are blessed to share that there is another group of individuals who are being discipled at Ross Road Community church. This group started at the beginning of January and is a group of young couples, some with children and some expecting their first child. This is a new challenge for me as these people are my peers and we have known many of them for a long time. We are trusting God to continue to move in hearts of all ages and stages of life. Those in the group are doing very well, and are committed to being in God's word and are showing great success in memorizing the bible. Please pray for our group as we meet together that we would experience true fellowship and come to know the Lord more deeply.

The work at the UGM is going well. We have a core group of individuals who come each week. Each week we ask if anyone has a verse of scripture that God has impacted them with. This often takes up much of the time and is a great place for questions and meditation on what God's word is saying. I had an opportunity to speak to the larger group this week. These people come for the food that the UGM provides but don't necessarily come to the bible study. As I shared I was reminded of the parable of The Sower. Some seed fell on rocky soil, some on shallow soil, some the bird swooped down and ate, and some on good soil and took root. We don't always know the fruit that God's word will bear in the life of an individual. Please pray for those who are at the UGM. Pray that though they go to find physical nourishment that they will find the bread of life, who can satisfy the soul.

On another note our family has been greatly blessed as we have moved. Our new place is somewhere that our kids have lots of room to run and play. It is a very peaceful place and we are overwhelmed to be able to live here. Please continue to pray for us, and the ministry that we are involved in. Pray that God would be glorified, pray for opportunities to be a testimony of Jesus to our new neighbors, pray for wisdom in discipling our children.

May God richly bless you,
Jason and Stephanie Shellborn

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **D & M** serving with MB Mission in a restricted area.



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**