



*March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45 am*

*Leading Us In Worship*

*Jordan Regier & Worship Team*

**Today's Message:**

**The Apocalypse:**

**"The Trumpets Sound Warning"**

*Revelation 8:1-11:18*

**Art Birch**

**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 **Jordan Regier** and the Worship Team

**Piano:** Jordan Regier  
**Guitar:** Dave Rodda  
**Drums:** Jason Janz

**Vocals:** Ginni Amendt  
**Vocals:** Susanne Walton  
**Banjo:** Matt McAllister

**Audio:** Bryce Unraw  
**Media:** Elena Unraw

*This Week At RRCC:*

TODAY  
8:30 AM                      Prayer Time - Prayer Room  
3:30 PM                      Encore Pot-luck afternoon - *Common Grounds*  
4:00 PM                      Baptism/Membership applicants meet with Elders and Pastors

MONDAY  
7:00 PM                      Middle School Youth

THURSDAY  
7:00 PM                      High School Youth

FRIDAY  
10:00 AM                      Office is closed for Good Friday  
   Good Friday Service

**WOMEN AND MEN IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP**

**Elder Team Statement Re: Women and Men in Ministry Leadership**

The Elder team has made a statement regarding the Women and Men In Ministry Leadership discussions that have been ongoing. If you are not present this Sunday, a copy of that statement can be obtained by contacting the church office.

**We urge our church family to join us for the final meeting planned for this process on Wednesday evening, April 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM.**



LAST WEEK AT ROSS ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH					
CHURCH MINISTRIES	OTHER	BUILDING FUND	FIRST SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	PRE-SCHOOLERS
\$10,154.80	\$40.00	\$0.00	231	127	39

## ENCORE MINISTRY (SENIORS)

Encore Pot-luck on **TODAY at 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



RRCC is currently looking for someone willing to help with our hospitality team as the Common Grounds Coordinator. If you think this may be your way to serve your church family, please contact Pastor Darren with any questions.



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: A charm from a necklace was found in Common Grounds between services last Sunday. Black bead with flower design, attached to a bronze feather and a flat ivory bead. If this is yours, please pick it up from 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.

## COMING EVENTS

**April 5** - Easter Sunday - Celebration Sunday

**April 6** - Easter Monday - Office Closed

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

**April 15** - Elder Called Membership Meeting at 7:00PM

**April 26** - Fire Drill

# MEN'S MINISTRY



**Men's Retreat - June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - 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 12-14<sup>th</sup>. 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 30 - JESUS' RESURRECTION**

As we continue to prepare for Easter, we'll talk about the miraculous day when Jesus rose from the dead and what that means for us. See you then!

**APRIL 10-12 - SHINE Retreat at Stillwood**

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(See John 20:1-18)  
**WELL PLAYED**

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

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Thanks to Daniel Goodman (See Luke 22:47-53) 01-03-2011  
**FIVE SECOND RULE!**

## **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. If it's wet outside, bring shoes that you don't mind getting a bit wet. See you there, normal times - 7:00-9:30PM.

## **APRIL 9 - SMALL GROUP NIGHT**

This week you'll meet with your small group, so check in with your small group leader to see what your group is up to!



## 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Kayla Brink & Jessica Janz with Sarah Hayashida  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Sandra Hayashida & Karissa Stobbe

### April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 (Good Friday)

**10:00 AM Service:** Karissa Stobbe & Sarah Hayashida

### April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Scott & Amanda Unger with Anna Healy  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Sabrina West & Rosabelle Birch



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Today, upstairs in Kids Church!**

- Preschool available in either 9:00AM or 10:45AM service.
- Grades 1-5 during the 9:00AM service. Pastor Merri Ellen teaches:  
**Jesus is King! (Palm Sunday) Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-19**
- **Memory Verse:** "How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!" - Psalm 47:2

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: One service at 10:00AM - all ages in the main service
- Easter Sunday/ Celebration Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>



### **Free Family Resources and Helpful Articles:**

[www.rossroadkids.com](http://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](mailto:merriellen@rossroadcc.ca) to be included in our Kids Zone updates and invites. Visit our blog at: [www.rossroadkids.com](http://www.rossroadkids.com) for articles and resources for families!*

## LIBRARY



**Secrets to Parenting Your Adult Children** by Nancy Williams is a **road map for parents** for developing healthy, mutually beneficial relationships with their adult children, as well as advice for dealing with common issues and problems. Parenting doesn't stop when the children grow up, and the nest doesn't always empty when or how parents thought it would. The **role changes**, but the **sense of responsibility continues**.

**The Apocalypse:  
“The Trumpets Sound Warning”**

*Revelation 8:1-11:18*

March 29, 2015

**Art Birch**

**God uses judgment to move us to repentance  
avoiding further judgment.**

**The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer**

Revelation 8:1-5

**The First Four Trumpets**

Revelation 8:6-12

**Fifth & Sixth Trumpets—First Two Woes**

Revelation 8:13-9:21

**The Mighty Angel’s Announcement**

Revelation 10:1-7

**The Seventh Trumpet—Third Woe**  
Revelation 11:14-19

**Repentance—Judgment’s Gracious Purpose**  
Revelation 9:20-21  
2 Peter 3:8-15

*For this is what the high and exalted One says—  
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:  
“I live in a high and holy place,  
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.  
Isaiah 57:15*

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:  
What do you find horrifying about the judgments that follow the sounding of the seven trumpets? Revelation 9:20-21 expresses the incredulous observation that even these horrific judgments did not bring many to repentance. What is repentance? What are the qualities of genuine repentance? Why are we so slow to repent? What place does ongoing repentance have in the life of a Christian? (See Isaiah 57:15) What is God saying to you about a contrite heart?

In Preparation for Good Friday and Easter Sunday:  
Despite the four Gospel writers devoting one third of their content to the last week of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, there are still gaps in our understanding of everything that took place that week and when. Nonetheless, imagining events as we read through Passion Week can be an effective preparation for grasping more fully the significance of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Parallel passages can be explored as well.

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Mark 11:1-11	<b>Monday</b>	Mark 11:12-18; John 12:20-50
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mark 11:19-13:37	<b>Wednesday</b>	(Tues p.m.) Mark 14:1-11
<b>Thursday</b>	Mark 14:12-42; John 13:1-18:1		
<b>Friday</b>	Matt 26:47-27:61; Mk 14:43-15:47; Lk 22:47-23:56a; John 18:1-19:42		
<b>Saturday</b>	Matthew 27:62-66; Luke 22:56b		
<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-19; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-25		

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### My Coins Count (Penny Power)

Donate your change (cash, cheques, or credit card donations) to MCC's "My Coins Count" campaign **until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:development@langleychristian.com)



HOPE FOR WOMEN  
PREGNANCY SERVICES

### Hope For Women Dessert Concert - April 24th, 7:30PM

Come and enjoy a fabulous night of mouth watering desserts and music

at Hope For Women Pregnancy Services Dessert Concert Fundraiser featuring Dave Faber with his daughter and 'A Guy and A Girl. A freewill offering will be taken to support the lifesaving work of Hope for Women Pregnancy Services. Friday, April 24th at Heritage Alliance Church, 3440 Mt. Lehman Rd. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. For tickets call 604-853-0303 or email [HopeForWomen@telus.net](mailto:HopeForWomen@telus.net)

## 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:

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



## BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

**BSF** is pre-registering for the exciting new study of **REVELATION**, which begins in September, 2015. Reserve your place in class now! No registration fee. See [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org).



### **For MEN:**

Tuesdays, *March 31, April 7, 14, 21, and 28*, at 7:00 PM at Central Heights Church, 1661 McCallum Road, Abbotsford. (There is no school program.)

### **For WOMEN and children—infants through age 5:**

Thursday, *April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7*, at 9:10 AM at Grace Church, 2087 McMillan Road, Abbotsford.

### **For WOMEN, but not children:**

Thursday, *April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7*, at 7:30 PM, at Emmanuel Free Reform church, 3366 Mt. Lehman Rd, Abbotsford or at 7:15 PM, at Burnett Fellowship Baptist Church, 20639 – 123 Ave, Maple Ridge.

**Contact Jim or Margaret Woodey for details.**

## 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/campelimfamilyproject](http://mds.mennonite.net/projects/campelimfamilyproject).



**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.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Sherry Wang**

**Walt Letkeman** resolve.

**Curtis Albright**

**Debbie Bracewell**

# PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

## RRCC Library

It is a pleasure for our library committee of five members to promote books and encourage reading. We enjoy our highly visible location in the foyer of RRCC. We also act as an informal extension to our greeters by answering questions and providing directions for new attendees who wander into the library. Currently we have a number of younger families who come in and borrow books and DVDs. Of course we really appreciate our regular readers too!

The behind-the-scenes work in keeping the library current and optimally functional averages at least five hours per week. This includes weeding out-dated and worn-out items, reading reviews and ordering/purchasing new stock, processing new materials for circulation, and tracking down overdue items. Also making the library attractive with seasonal displays is an opportunity to be creative. Since last fall we have changed over to a Resource Mate computer circulation system. Obviously this entailed many hours of work as data was converted from our old Excel database. We very much appreciate the expertise of Bob Regier, Pastor Darren, and Sandra Nelson who assisted us in getting our system up and running.

It continues to be a challenge to raise the profile of the library and hopefully generate more readers. We try to “advertise” the library in as many ways as we can. Every week the church bulletin highlights a current book, usually non-fiction, that hopefully will grab interest from our congregation. On occasion we have provided book lists to support ministry themes such as a sermon series. We would like to do more of this in future, and would welcome requests from kid’s ministry, care groups, youth, men’s ministry etc. We welcome suggestions and input to help us meet the needs of RRCC members and attendees.

### **Specific prayer requests:**

- Wisdom and creativity in maximizing our space with some renovations
- Discernment in selecting uplifting Christian books and DVDs
- Ability to make helpful suggestions to our patrons

## Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationships with God, one another and creation.

In every country where MCC operates, we partner with local churches and organizations with similar values. Together we work in three areas:

- **Relief:** Meeting people’s immediate needs for survival during times of crisis, such as a hurricane or war. We also focus on helping communities prepare for and respond to disasters.
- **Development:** Strengthening people’s long-term access to food and water, health care and education. Our programs also help people find ways to support their families.
- **Peace:** Teaching conflict transformation skills, supporting peace education, advocating for justice and encouraging people to work together despite their differences.

Please pray for those displaced in Ukraine, that they might find safety in the cold winter months. Pray for the continued growth of MCC, both locally and globally. Pray for the homelessness in the Lower Fraser Valley and for those helping, that they would do what Christ has told us to do.

## 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

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

We just returned to our home after a week in the highlands for leadership meetings and for a few days of rest. We are thankful to have arrived home safely, but we are struggling to adjust to the heat. It has been 35 C in the house during the day. Please pray that we can be productive in spite of the heat during this next month. In late April we will head to the capital for branch meetings. Please pray for safety for us and for a good meetings with our colleagues. We praise God that we were able to make good progress with school for Lisa and Michael these past few months.

Thank you for your prayers for us!  
The Rainwaters

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for **Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters** serving with MB Mission in Thailand.

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**OUR PASTORS:**

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- Kids:** Merri Ellen Giesbrecht - [merriellen@rossroadcc.ca](mailto: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**