

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

April 12th, 2015

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45 am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Team

Today's Message:
The Apocalypse:
"Witness Wins the World"

Revelation 11:1-14

Darren Petker

Our Vision...

We envision a Spirit-led church of bold Christ followers, who are experiencing a new freedom in His love and are intentionally leading their friends, neighbours and world to Him.

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 one of our **Connect Cards** 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

theWeek

sunday. april.12

8:30am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room

9:00-10:15am RRCC Worship

Between services Coffee and snacks
@ Common Grounds

10:45- 12:00pm RRCC Worship

monday. april.13

7:00-9:00pm Lookout Middle School Youth

wednesday. april.15

7:00pm Elder Called Membership Meeting

thursday. april.16

7:00-9:30pm High School Youth

comingUp

sunday. april.19

Hospitality Sunday @ 12:30pm and 5:00pm

sunday. april.26

Fire Drill

Child Dedication Family Pre-meet

sunday. may.10

Mother's Day, Communion, Celebration Sunday

sunday. june.07

Child Dedication Family Pre-meet

sunday. june.21

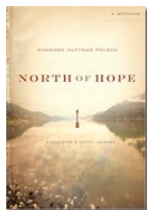
Father's Day, Communion, Celebration Sunday

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church ministries	other	building fund	attendance
\$20,694.25	\$35.00	\$0	525

RRCC has an "automatic" withdrawal program for those who wish to use this means of making their regular tithes to the church. If you wish to participate in the electronic tithing program, please contact the church office for more info.

LIBRARY



North of Hope, by **Shannon Huffman Polson**, is a deeply moving narrative, shot through with the **human search for meaning** in the **face of tragedy**. Polson's deep appreciation for the untamed and **remote wilderness** of the Alaskan Arctic moves her story effortlessly between adventure, natural history, and sacred pilgrimage, as much an internal journey as a literal one. Readers who are looking for new ways to **understand loss** will find guidance, solace, and a companionable voice in this extraordinary debut.

FAMILY NEWS



Thank you to everyone who helped us develop the new church logo, website, and install our new signage on Fraser Highway.



Congratulations to Mike and Carly Nelson on the birth of their second child - a baby girl.



Congratulations to newlyweds Matt and Keri Nelson on their recent wedding.



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 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 this area, please contact Elisabeth Klassen.



WANTED: Kids Ministry is looking for 40 empty paper towel rolls and clean, old sheets and blankets for future classroom activities. Please drop them off at the church office before May 31st.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery is available for children from birth to 2 years of age. Our volunteers are police checked and a paging system is provided for your child's safety.

sunday. april.12

9:00am Leanne Konrad Heidi Giesbrecht
 Shana Evans

10:45am Betty-Lou Hildebrandt Sandra Nelson

sunday. april.19

9:00am Kayla Brink Jessica Janz
 Val Thiessen

10:45am Sandra Hayashida Monika Thiessen

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Zone exists to partner with our Ross Road parents in the intentional discipleship of our children. We are one big family across many generations.

Kids Church today: "Come and See!"

- Grades 1-5 during the 9:00am service.



Kids Zone Updates: To be in the loop, simply email Pastor Merri Ellen: merriellen@rossroadcc.ca to join the updates. Visit our blog at: www.rossroadkids.com

“Witness Wins the World”
Revelation 11:1-14
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Revelation 11 is chalked full of symbols that find their roots in the rest of scripture. See the table below. You may choose to read Revelation 11 this week and look up the references as you go.

Symbols in Revelation 11

Symbol	Reference	Represents
Temple of God v.1	2 Corinthians 6:16	People of God
To measure v.1	Zechariah 2:1-5	Protection for God's people
Outer Court v.2	Luke 21:24	Place of the Gentiles
Forty two months = 3 ½ years v.3	Daniel 7:25 (a time, times a half)	The whole time the church is in the world
Sackcloth v.3	Jonah 3:7-9	Repentance
Olive trees v.4	Zechariah 4:14	God's anointed
Two Lampstands v.4	Matthew 18:16	Church as an effective witness
Fire from their mouths v.5	2 Kings 1	Elijah
Rain will not fall v.6	1 Kings 17	Elijah
Water to blood v.6	Exodus 4-11	Moses
Strike the world with plagues v.6	Exodus 4-11	Moses
The Beast of the Abyss v.7	Revelation 9:11	Satan
Sodom & Egypt v.8	Revelation 17:5	The Great City which stands in opposition to God
Three and a half days v.9		Compared to the 3 ½ years; a brief time
Breath of Life from God v.11	Ezekiel 37	God's power to raise life from the dead
One Tenth v.13	Isaiah 6:13	Mercy

Who are the witnesses?

What is the nature of their witness?

What is the result of their witness?

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

As mentioned above, you may choose to read through Revelation 11 again this week and look up the various references. What you will find is that this passage in Revelation is dripping with references from the rest of Scripture, particularly the Old Testament. What is the result of your witness in the world? Does Jesus' promise to "clothe you with power from on high," fill you with courage? Or does it make you afraid? What is one act of boldness that God may be inviting you to step into as a witness to Him?

In Preparation for Sunday, April 19, 2015:

Next Sunday, Pastor Art helps us understand and apply Revelation 12 in a message entitled "The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon." Read Revelation 12 asking yourself:

Who is the woman? Who is her child? What is the secret to overcoming our adversary? What should I do?

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

april.12 - PROVERBS

This week we kick off a series in the book of Proverbs with a look at Proverbs 4:23 - 'Guard your heart'.

april.20 - GOD SQUAD

Make sure to check in with your leader about what your group is doing!

ENCORE



june.21 - BBQ

We welcome everyone to come join us after the 2nd service for a barbecue, fellowship, and encouragement.

Please check the church website or contact the church office for more information on Encore Events!

MEN'S MINISTRY



june.12-14 -

MEN'S RETREAT

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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

april.16 - PROVERBS

This week we kick off a series in the book of Proverbs with a look at Proverbs 4:23 - 'Guard your heart'.

april.23 - GOD SQUAD

Make sure to check in with your leader about what your group is doing!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our Women's Ministry here at RRCC is for women of all ages to come alongside each other in love & grow in Christ together!

Check back for more info about upcoming events either through our website or by calling the church office.

COLLEGE & CAREER

We meet weekly on Sunday evenings in a small group atmosphere to learn together, pray for one another and share the journey of life. For the latest details on what's going on please check out our Facebook group: RRCC C&C



PRAYER & 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.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Paul & Edna Cairns – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

Greetings from Australia!

We arrived in Sydney on March 11th and were able to visit with our daughters and their families. It has been so great to get to know our grandkids all over again. We had the joy of welcoming our new grandson into the family. I have been able to do some preaching at some out-reach programs and had the great joy of baptizing my granddaughter Elisha and two others.

Please pray for safety as we travel around Australia and for the upcoming services that I will be leading.

I received an e-mail from one of my associate chaplains who shared with me about an experience one of my volunteer chaplains had at the Abbotsford Hospital. While he was waiting for his appointment he shared with a nurse on duty and had the joy of leading her to Christ. Glory be to God!

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Worship Ministry

The worship teams at Ross are made up of our amazing volunteer vocalists, instrumentalists and leaders who commit time and energy on a monthly basis to lead and facilitate Sunday morning worship. Pray for joy and energy to lead well and for God to lead more people of all ages to participate in singing or playing instruments for His praise and glory.

Mennonite Educational Institute

Please pray for the following:

- For the staff and students at MEI, that they finish the year strongly.
- For the board as they plan and prepare the budget for next year
- The grade 12 students for final exams and grad preparations

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Doug & Deanne Hiebert** serving with MB Mission in Burundi.

OUR MISSIONARIES

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

PASTORAL TEAM:

Art Birch - Lead Pastor

Associate Pastors

Darren Petker - Adult Ministry

Craig Thiessen - Youth Ministry

Dave Rodda - Worship Ministry

Merri Ellen Giesbrecht - Kids Ministry

ELDER TEAM:

Ron Isaak, Moderator

Barry Jackson, Co-Moderator



Michael Blouin **Bryan Born**

Vic Martens **Dale Regier**

Dave Rosborough

PRAYER CHAIN: **Doreen Froese**
Clara Senek
Frieda Neufeld



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