ROSS ROAD
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

Celebration Sunday & Child Dedication

May 10th, 2015

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45 am

Leading Us In Worship
Jeff Thiessen & Worship Team

Today's Message:
"God, Our Almighty Nurturer and Protector"
Various Texts
Merri Ellen Giesbrecht

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 **Jeff Thiessen** and the Worship Team

Bass - Jeff Thiessen
Guitar - Dave Rodda
Piano - Lisa Boschmann
Vocals - Meagen Emard
Drums - Sam Stuckey
Elec. Guitar - Vernon Boschmann
Audio - Mike Wiebe
Media - Bob Friesen

the week

sunday. may. 10

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. may. 11

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

thursday. may.14

7:00-9:30pm	High School Youth

coming up

sunday. may. 17
Tabor Home Service @ 8:45am
Encore Lunch after second service @ Rivers Restaurant

monday. may. 18
Church Office is closed for Victoria Day

sunday. may. 24
Youth Missions Team Brunch and Silent Auction

friday. may. 29
Ladies Chat 'n' Craft

sunday. may. 31
Annual Ministry Meeting @ Common Grounds

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!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series this summer is entitled "Burning Questions." And here's the good news: anyone who worships at RRCC can submit a "burning question" that he or she would like to see addressed. Once again, besides our pastoral team, several others from our congregation are being invited to preach. Each speaker will choose one of the submitted burning questions or one of their own. This is yet another opportunity for us to search God's Word together for answers to questions relevant to our lives.
Submission deadline: May 31.

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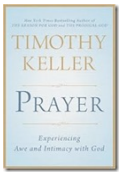

Timothy Keller explores the power of prayer in his newest book: **Prayer; Experiencing Intimacy With God**. With his trademark insights and energy, Keller offers **biblical guidance** as well as **specific prayers** for certain situations, such as dealing with grief, loss, love, and forgiveness. He discusses ways to **make prayers more personal and powerful**, and how to establish a practice of prayer that works for each reader.

FAMILY NEWS

RRCC will be serving at the Tabor Home on Sunday, May 17th. Please join us in singing for the seniors there – all ages are welcome. Practice is at 8:45 am at the Tabor Home with a half-hour service at 9:15.

RRCC has three 4ft x 8ft blackboards that we would like to give away. If you are interested in one of these blackboards, please contact the church office.

RRCC is sending a group of teens on a missions trip to Montreal this summer. On May 24th, a fundraising brunch and silent auction will be held at RRCC. If you have any items or services that you would be willing to donate to the silent auction, please contact the office or Pastor Craig.

The Dahlens are looking for a nanny for the next couple months. They have three boys; ten, four and a new baby boy. Kids would need to be picked up from school, snacks made, playing, tidy up, holding the baby sometimes. The position is from 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday. Arrangements have been made for the kids to get to school in the morning. Please contact Martin Dahlen for more info.

Elisabeth Klassen and family would like to thank everyone for their help in finding accommodations for their children while they stay in BC.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC			
church ministries	**other**	**building fund**	**attendance**
$18,550.50	$32.10	$250.00	483

NURSERY CARE

Nursery *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. may. 10

9:00am	Shana Evans	Michelle Mosey
10:45am	Sandra Hayashida	Monika Thiessen

sunday. may. 17

9:00am	Scott Unger Amanda Unger	Anna Healy
10:45am	Sally Healy Jared Healy	Rosabelle Birch

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: 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.

Grade 1-5 Soccer Camp: Mark your calendars for July 20-24! Come be a coach and make a difference in the life of a child this summer! Contact Pastor Merri Ellen for more info: **merriellen@rossroadcc.ca**

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Bucket No.1 - God is our Almighty Nurturer; El Shaddai (He longs to nourish and comfort us)

God’s parental tenderness is beautifully expressed in the picture of motherhood.

• Isaiah 66:13 (ERV)

• Psalm 131:2-3 (NLT)

• Isaiah 49:15 (NLT)

• Matthew 23:37 (ERV)

• Isaiah 46:3-4 (ERV)

• 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ERV)

Bucket No.2 - God is our Protector (We are under the shelter of His wings)

• Psalm 17:8 (ESV)

• Ruth 2:12 (NIV)

• Psalm 36:7 (NIV)

• Psalm 57:1 (NIV)

• Psalm 63:7 (NIV)

• Psalm 91:4 (NIRV)

• Deuteronomy 32:10-11 (NIRV)

• Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

• John 14:16 (ASV)

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:
How do you need to invite Jesus to nurture you? Where in your life right now do you need His comfort and care? Or who in your life desperately needs His comfort and care? How is God calling you to show His love and care to them? In what way do you need to ask God for His safety and protection today, or for someone in your circles, a friend or family member?

In Preparation for Sunday, May 17, 2015:
In preparation for next Sunday, read Revelation 15-16. As you mull over this disturbing chapter, try to answer the question “is God justified in his wrath?” Our answer to this question usually says a lot about how we think of God and his divine judgement.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

may. 11 - ACTS

Join us this week for the launch of a brand new series in the book of Acts! Join us this week as we take a look at some guys who took some pretty big risks because of their faith in Jesus!

GRADE 5 STUDENTS are welcome to join us on May 11th, 25th, and June 1st!

may. 18 - NO YOUTH (Victoria Day)

ENCORE (55 +/-)

may. 17 - LUNCH

@ RIVERS RESTAURANT

Please reserve with Elisabeth Klassen at church or phone by May 15th.

june. 28 - BBQ

Encore is holding a BBQ on June 28th. We'd like to welcome anyone 55 and older to join us after the 2nd service for a barbecue, fellowship, and encouragement. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

MEN'S MINISTRY

june. 12-14 - MEN'S RETREAT

We look forward to having you join us up at Teepee Lakes Resort near Princeton. This setting offers a great outdoor playground for hiking, fishing, ATVing and more. Registration details can be found at the table in the foyer today. We will be having a speaker on Saturday evening and Sunday morning with the rest of the weekend available for whatever fun you want to have. Also if you're interested in helping out on the planning team, please contact Brian Degelder.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

may. 14 - SHAPE (Abilities)

One of the ways in which God has SHAPEd you for His service is the natural talents and abilities you have. Join us as we talk about how God may want to use those in His service!

GRADE 8'S are welcome to join us May 14th, 21st, and 28th!

may. 21 - EXTREME AIR PARK

If you haven't signed up, please let Craig you know you want to come. If we don't have enough people signed up by May 14th we will cancel the event.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

may. 29 - CHAT 'N' CRAFT

Join us on Friday, May 29th from 4:00pm on! This will be another One Nighter, come for for much or as little of the evening as you can. For more information, contact Ruby Setchay or the church office.

june. 16 - LADIES LUAU

7:00-8:30pm

Come for a fun Hawaiian evening with your Ross Road sisters! Our special speaker will be our own Merri Ellen Giesbrecht. Also featured will be a Hula Dance by Sara Driediger. Dessert will be served. Bring a friend!

Tickets: $5 each and will be on sale beginning May 31st. Any questions? Contact Janine Blouin by email at jblouin22@hotmail.com or by phone.

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

OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

Paul & Edna Cairns – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

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 Africa with Pioneer Bible Translators

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

Beth Scholes – in Abbotsford with FamilyLife

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)

Please continue to pray for our national leaders in Portugal for their stamina to continue in the work. One couple is expecting their second baby any day now and another couple is feeling very overwhelmed with all the work around them.

Pray as we finish up our time here in N. America, it has been wonderful connecting with friends and churches and feeling the enthusiasm for what God is doing in Portugal.

Pray for our goodbyes with our families and grandchildren and for our return and acculturation back into Portugal. Lots of work is awaiting us.

Thank you for receiving us so warmly, and we look forward to a team coming this fall.

Marjorie and Otto

PRAYER & PRAISE

Clare Senek

Sherry Lin

Walt Letkeman

Curtis Albright

Debbie Bracewell

Elisabeth Klassen

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.

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

College & Career

Please pray for the College age ministry here at RRCC.

- Pray for students who are returning home after studying in various parts of the world.
- Pray that they would connect or re-connect within the College ministry, finding a place to belong and contribute.
- Pray for Pastor Darren & Judi Petker, and Mike & Carly Nelson as they give leadership to this ministry.

Seeds of Hope

Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry is committed to serving Jesus Christ. Our mission is to help orphans and the less fortunate around the world by sharing God's love and what He has blessed us with.

Two of our children are currently in Ghana for intense surgical interventions. Pray for Prisca and Shepherd that there would be success with their treatment while they are in Ghana. Also pray for grant funding to be approved so that we could complete the next wing of our high school. And lastly, the push is on to complete the next phase of the girls village at Grace. Pray that the needed trades people participate in teams.

PRAYER REQUEST

mbmission going to the least reached

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

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
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