

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

May 24th, 2015

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45 am

Leading Us In Worship
Jordan Regier & Worship Team

Today's Message:
"Waking Up in Babylon"

Revelation 17:1-19:10

Art Birch

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 **Jordan Regier** and the Worship Team

Piano - Jordan Regier
Vocals - Ginni Amendt
Drums - Jason Janz

Audio - Bryce Unraw
Media - Jeremy Nunnikhoven

the week

sunday, may, 24

8:30am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room
9:00am-12:15pm Youth Missions Team Brunch and
Silent Auction @ Common Grounds
9:00-10:15am RRCC Worship
10:45- 12:00pm RRCC Worship

monday, may, 25

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

thursday, may, 28

7:00-9:30pm High School Youth

friday, may, 29

4:00pm-12:00am Ladies Chat 'n' Craft

comingUP

sunday, may, 31

Welcome Dinner @ 5:00pm in Common Grounds
Annual Ministry Meeting @ 6:30pm in Common
Grounds

friday-sunday, june, 12-14

Men's Ministry Retreat Weekend

tuesday, june, 16

Women's Ministry "Ladies Luau"

sunday, june, 21

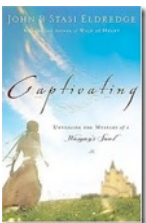
Father's Day, Communion, Celebration Sunday,
Operation Baby Bottles due back

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 31st.

LIBRARY



Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul by **John and Stasi Eldredge** tells women that "**Your heart matters more** than anything else in all creation." Most women think they have to settle for a life of efficiency and duty, striving to be the women they "ought" to be but often feeling they have failed. However, the message of this book is that the desires you had as a little girl and the longings you still feel are telling you of the life God created you to live. He offers to **rescue your heart** and release you to live as a **fully alive and feminine woman**.

FAMILY NEWS



Tabor Home Society is holding its 55th Annual General Meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 in the Chapel at Tabor Court, 31954 Sunrise Crescent, Abbotsford. There will be one resolution presented to deal with the Board's authorization to borrow money. All members of RRCC are members of Tabor Home Society and are invited to attend the Tabor Home Society AGM. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.



The worship ministry is in need of one person willing to do **Visual Technician** an average of once every four weeks. Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided. If interested, please email our A/V coordinator at rrcctech@gmail.com.



WANTED: Kids Ministry is still looking for clean, old sheets, and blankets for future classroom activities. Please drop them off at the church office before June 7th.



Find RRCC on Facebook and Twitter! Follow us at www.facebook.com/rossroadcc or www.twitter.com/RossRoadChurch for posts about sermons, church events, cancellation notices, and more. Take a look at our new and easy to use website www.rossroadcc.ca.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC			
church ministries	other	building fund	attendance
\$12,945.00	\$580.00	\$70.00	397

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, 24

9:00am Kayla Brink Jessica Janz

10:45am Rhonda Janzen Allie Janzen
Heidi Giesbrecht

sunday, may, 31

9:00am Jeremy Schellenberg Jennae Driediger
Linnea Schellenberg

10:45am Betty-Lou Hildebrandt Sandy Nelson

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!"

- Preschool & K available in either 9:00am or 10:45am service.
- Grades 1-5 during the 9:00am service.

Upcoming Date: **Kids Church Teacher Appreciation / Class Parties: June 14**

Grades 1-5 Soccer Camp: July 20-24!
Come be a coach!

Kids Zone Updates: Email Pastor Merri Ellen: merriellen@rossroadcc.ca

Visit our Blog for Resources:
www.rossroadkids.com

The Apocalypse:
“Waking Up in Babylon”
Revelation 17:1-19:10
Art Birch

Preview

The Great Prostitute	A Bride
The Beast’s Sex Slave	The Lamb’s Bride
Babylon the Great	The New Jerusalem

Babylon is the opposite of the heavenly Jerusalem.

In the New Jerusalem:

- God dwells with His people. 21:3
- God wipes away tears.... 21:4
- God rules from His throne. 21:5
- God makes everything new. 21:5
- Beauty 21:9-21
- Security 21:12-21
- Worship 21:22-23
- The best of human accomplishment 21:24-26
- Healing and wholeness 22:2
- Intimate relationship with God 22:4

In Babylon

- No relationship with the One True God
- Tears, death, mourning, crying, pain....
- Resistance to God’s reign
- Ugliness
- Insecurity
- Infatuation with God substitutes
- Shamefulness rather than glory and honour
- Brokenness rather than healing and wholeness

*“Come out of her, my people,
so that you will not share in her sins,
so that you will not receive any of her plagues....”*
Revelation 18:4

Get out of Babylon’s bed because she will self-destruct.

Our Response

How To Be In the World But Not Of the World	
Of the World	Not Of the World
God substitutes	Love the LORD with Whole Being
Sexual Immorality	Sexual Purity
Greed	Stewardship
Abuse	Love Neighbour as Self

6 “Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
7 Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
8 Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

What are one or two things that you can do to live in the world without being of the world—that is, without letting the world be in you?

In Preparation for Sunday, May 17, 2015:

Next Sunday, Pastor Darren leads us through a very exciting passage, Revelation 19:1-21, “The King of Kings Comes!” To prepare, read and ponder the text, perhaps with the help of several Bible translations.

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

may. 25 - ACTS

Join us this week as Holly opens the book of Acts with us! Grade 5's are welcome to join in again, as well as on June 1st!

june. 01 - ACTS

june. 15 - YEAR END LAZER TAG!

Pre-sign up will be required, more info to come next week.

ENCORE (55 +/-)

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.



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**

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, ATViing and more. Registration details can be found at the table in the foyer. 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. 28 - SHAPE (PERSONALITY)

We are super excited to have Pastor Art & Rosabelle come to lead us through a tool called Personality Dimensions, which will help us to understand ourselves and one another better. Our personality has much to say about how God has SHAPed us for ministry, so come join us to learn more!

june. 04 - SHAPE (EXPERIENCES)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



may. 29 -

CHAT 'N' CRAFT

Join us this 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 or 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



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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

I (Al) was encouraged to hear from one supporter recently saying that she prayed for me every day during Spring Adventure last week. God definitely answered prayer – it was a life-transforming week for both the participants and staff! I personally felt that God was pointing out some areas in my life that needed adjustment. The Holy Spirit's presence was very evident during our worship, testimonies, conversations and prayer times. Thanks for praying.

The next steps for many of these participants will be a formal interview and then they start their preparation for serving long term with MB Mission. Continue to pray for discernment for the leaders at MB Mission as we process these candidates.

I left for London on May 17th and I'm thankful that I could spend 2 days with my sister and her family. On May 20th I traveled to Central Asia. During my first days I helped with the Global Council Summit, which brought together Regional Team Leaders (along with national co-workers) from the seven regions where MB Mission works. These Regional Team Leaders (RTLs) give program oversight to the projects and missionaries in their region and one of my roles is to support them administratively.

Today, May 24th, is the start of a Worker Conference to resource all of our workers serving among people of this particular religion. Each participant was asked to find 10 people to pray for them specifically each day of the conference. Would you be willing to join me in prayer for this event? Pray that God will meet each one personally, clarify their call and strategy, and make them a blessing to others. Please let me know if you are willing to specifically pray during this conference (May 24-28).

Some family requests: Please especially pray for Karen during the time I am gone. Pray for Karissa as she transitions to her full-time summer employment in just over a week. And pray for grace and courage for Natasha as she works on a summer music project.

It is a privilege to be supported by our church family. Thank you.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Ann Kopp

Sherry Lin

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.

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Women's Ministry

Please join us in praying for the women of Ross Road. All of us - the young, older, single, married, divorced, widowed, employee, student, stay home, retired - we all need to know God's grace and experience His love first hand, every single day! Pray that the women of RRCC would have hearts eager to hear from God and ready to look outside their comfort zone for ways to serve each other.

Please pray that Spirit would move among us at the Ladies Luau on June 16th and that we would gain a clear sense of being a community of women who care for one another.

Please pray for wisdom as we look ahead and plan for the Women's Bible Studies that we will offer in the fall. And for the Retreat planning team begins to plan for March 2016.

Peardonville House

Peardonville House Treatment Centre was founded in 1987 as an adult women's treatment facility. Our continuing commitment is to provide assistance to women who desire to break free of the negative consequences of addiction and become fully functioning members of their families and communities, while offering professional, compassionate childcare for their children.

Please pray that we would have an ongoing supply of fabric and quilt batting.

Pray that our clients would continue to be receptive to the program and that it would continue to be of benefit to them.

Pray for enough volunteers every week as we continue to run through the summer months.

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Jen Schmidt** serving with MB Mission in Mexico.

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

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