



ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

Communion Sunday

July 26th, 2015

Worship Service: 10:00 am



Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Team

Today's Message:

Burning Question:

**"What Difference Does It Make If
I Believe In Creation or Not?"**

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 **Dave Rodda** and the Worship Team

Guitar - Dave Rodda

Vocals - Eleanor Kent

Audio - Bob Regier

Piano - Levi DeWaal

Vocals - Sharon Timmermans

Media - Jason Kent

Bass - Sara Driediger

Mandolin - Wayne Rempel

the week

sunday, july. 26

9:30am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room

10:00-11:15am RRCC Worship
Communion

coming up

monday, august. 03

Church office is closed for BC Day

tuesday, august. 11

Seeds of Hope Grace Academy Children's Choir

friday, august. 14

Youth Nightsliding @ Cultus Lake Waterslides

august. 31- september 03

Adventure Camp

monday, september. 07

Church office is closed for Labour Day

sunday, september. 13

Fall Kick Off

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

church ministries	other	building	attendance
\$9,913.96	\$1,430.00	\$0.00	316

LIBRARY

Flash the Homeless Donkey by **Rachel Ann Ridge** is the heartwarming tale of an irrepressible donkey who forever changed a family. Rachel was struggling and needed God to somehow let them know that everything was going to be all right... and then Flash the donkey showed up. Rachel brought Flash into her family during their darkest hour—and he turned out to be the very thing they needed most. Flash is the true story of their adventures together in **learning to love and trust**; breaking down whatever fences stood in their way; and **finding the strength, confidence, and faith to carry on**.



FAMILY NEWS



Our condolences to Ian & Deanne Hancock and Gordon & Susan Lamb on the sudden passing of their brother and son, Stephen Lamb.



Praise God that the children were granted visas and the family can enter Canada together. We are still in need of a 3 bedroom home for them to live in during their time here from August 2015 to June 2016, as well as a vehicle for them to use. If you have more questions, please contact Ben Born at MB Mission.



Please check the Lost & Found. Any items not claimed by the end of July will be donated to MCC.

FOUND: Pair of purple feather earrings were found in the Toddler Room.

BCMB INVITATION



On behalf of Sardis Community Church, BCMB would like to extend an invitation for those of you that have attended Sardis Community Church in the last forty years.

Our 40th Year Celebration will take place on Saturday, September 12th for a dinner of reminiscing and sharing. Doors will open at 4:00pm and dinner at 5:00pm. As well, on Sunday, September 13th there will be a Celebration service at 9:30am, lunch at 11:30 then some activities at 1:00pm at Vedder Middle School. Finally, we will be hosting a picnic in the park at Cultus Lake at 5:00pm.

Please contact Sardis Community church office to let us know if you will be attend. Phone: 604-858-7191 or email sccoffice@shaw.ca

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. july. 26

10:00am Rosabelle Birch
Anna Healy

sunday. august. 02

10:00am Sandra Hayashida
Sarah Hayashida
Karissa Stobbe

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Worshiping in the Pew: Look at page 6 of your bulletin for a fun activity or pick up a "Celebrating Sunday Note Sheet" in the foyer. Every summer we look forward to the growth experienced as one big family! You belong!

Summer Preschool: (Operating by police checked volunteer parents and regular teachers on rotation.) *All ages start in the main service, preschoolers later dismissed.*

How's your family summer discipleship going? Look for devotional ideas from House of James, or video teaching from RightNowMedia using your free Ross Road account. Find helpful ideas at www.RossRoadKids.com on how you can be intentional in your discipleship.

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“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1

Creation provides the only adequate explanation for everything!

1. The Bible, which I have reason to believe is God’s Word, says that God created everything.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:16-17

...in these last days [God] has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. Hebrews 1:2-3

2. Jesus, who is Himself God and Truth in a human body, said that God created.

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female’....” Matthew 19:4

3. Creation provides the only adequate explanation for everything.

Creation explains why the universe has design.

Creation explains why we are intelligent.

“God wanted us to perceive [mathematical laws] when he created us in his image in order that we may take part in his own thoughts.” Johannes Kepler

“If the universe is the product of *non*-rational processes, why does it have a rational order? If the universe is not the product of a mind, why is it comprehensible to the human mind?” Nancy Pearcey

Creation explains why we are personal.

All other worldviews leave something sticking out of the box.

“More than any other factor, Darwinism is the reason Christianity is marginalized and dismissed in mainstream academia.” Philip E. Johnson

4. God made us to know and enjoy Him forever.

See Isaiah 40

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Why do you believe in creation? If you struggle to believe in creation, why is that? How does the sermon today help you talk with friends about why you believe God created the universe and everything in it? How will you make a point of enjoying your Creator this week?

In Preparation for next Sunday, August 2, 2015:

Rick Thiessen will address the question “Christian Environmentalist: An Oxymoron?” He will assert that God, who created the heavens and the earth and is still sustaining them for His pleasure, requires us to care for and manage creation as His faithful stewards. In preparation, read and ponder Psalm 104:1-30 and Romans 8:18-23.

2015 Summer Series “Burning Questions”	
Aug 9	“How Can I Know If I Am Hearing From God Or Someone Else?” Speaker: Darren Petker
Aug 16	“What Makes for Good Relationships When We’re All So Different? The Issue: Comparing versus Contrasting” Speaker: Curtis Congo
Aug 23	“How Should Christians Respond to the Growing Recognition of Homosexuality in Western Culture?” Speaker: Craig Thiessen
Aug 30	“Why Didn’t God Eliminate Satan Before He Created Humans?” Speaker: Art Birch
Sept 6	“Can Anything Stop God from Blessing Me?” Speaker: Bob Regier

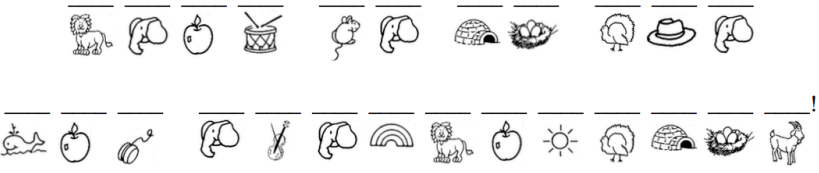
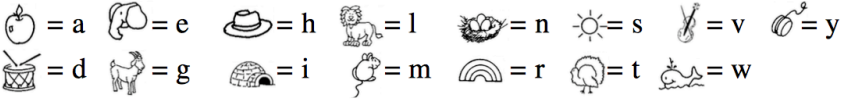
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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

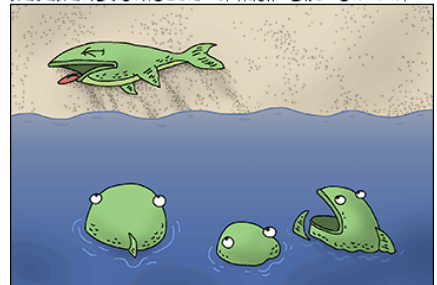
august. 14 - NIGHTSLIDING @ CULTUS LAKE WATERSLIDES A summer tradition is back! Join us at RRCC at 6:45 PM, pick-up from RRCC at 12:40 AM. Cost is \$20. To sign up, please email Craig (craig@rossroadcc.ca), send him a message on Facebook, or sign up on the sign up sheet on his office door (last door in the hallway outside of the sanctuary).

ADVENTURE CAMP 2015, is coming up Aug 31-Sept 3. There are some spots still available, but get your registrations in quickly! You can pick up a form from the foyer or download one from the church website. It's going to be an AWESOME week!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

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ARE YOU EVOLVED YET?

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OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

Paul & Edna Cairns – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

Otto & Marjorie Ekk – in Portugal with MB Mission

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 – in Africa with Pioneer Bible Translators

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

Beth Scholes – in Abbotsford with FamilyLife

On the heels of the new FamilyLifeCanada.com website (a family resource), Beth is developing a new content strategy and systems to make it more effective. This allows for more strategic planning to meet the needs of today's families. Our topics each month are used on the website, for social media and for the FamilyLife newsletter.

Marriage Mentoring

FamilyLife has recently created a marriage mentoring initiative; which provides conversation topics and training for couples to use in a mentoring relationship. Stay tuned for more information when this ministry arrives at RRCC this fall. Marriage mentoring has a marriage success rate of 80-90% (Vanier Institute). We are excited about this proactive approach which equips and connects couples.

Prayer:

Work

- Discernment in gathering, creating and publishing important family topics
- Audience engagement – That people will find the good news of Jesus through the hope and help FamilyLife offers in our events and online.

Personal

- Refreshment during a slower summer pace, once fall arrives so does a hectic work, school and family schedule - balance.

Praise:

Our home is again full with all our kids at home attending school in Abbotsford this fall. We are thankful for our family, good health and good work to do.

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **K & A** serving with MB Mission in a restricted area. Pray for grace as this young family adapts to a new culture in South Asia and invests in friendships with neighbours.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Margaret Bergen

Clare Senek

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.

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:

Barry Jackson, Moderator

Michael Blouin **Vic Martens**

Bob Regier **Dale Regier**

Dave Rosborough **Al Stobbe**

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