

# ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Helping People Find and Follow Jesus*

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Worship Service: 10:00 am

Leading Us In Worship  
Dave Rodda and Worship Team

**Today's Message:**

**Burning Questions:**

**"Can Anything Stop God from Blessing Me?"**

*Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6*

**Bob Regier**

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**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.

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## WELCOME

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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

**Drums** - Holly McLean

**Audio** - Jeremy Nunnikhoven

**Piano** - Marilyn Herrett

**Elec. Guitar** - Rob Herrett

**Media** - Ian Hancock

**Bass** - Jeremy Konrad

### the**week**

#### **sunday, september. 06**

9:30am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room

10:00-11:15am RRCC Worship

#### **monday, september. 07**

Church office is closed for  
Labour Day

#### **friday-sunday, september. 11-13**

Youth Pastor  
Candidating Weekend

#### **saturday, september. 12**

8:00-10:00am Team Leaders' Community

11:00-3:00pm Kids Zone Training Brunch

### coming**up**

#### **sunday, september. 13**

Fall Kick Off

#### **wednesday, september. 16 @ 7:00pm**

Elder-called Business Mtg for the purpose of affirming  
a new Associate Pastor- Student Ministries  
*See Information Package for details*

#### **thursday, september. 17**

Equip To Serve weekly classes begin

#### **friday-sunday, september. 18-20**

Youth Staff Training weekend @ Camp Squeah

#### **sunday, september. 20**

Portugal Team Silent Auction and Bake Sale

#### **monday, september. 21**

Middle School Youth Kick Off

#### **thursday, september. 24**

High School Youth Kick Off

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## FAMILY NEWS

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Congratulations to newlyweds Matt and Olivia McAllister on their recent wedding.



#### **New Address:**

Marvin and Katherine Kehler



**Equip To Serve** - on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> the "Equip To Serve" discipleship training course will be starting at Ross Road Community Church. The training is effective at developing a closer walk with God, learning how to hear God's voice, and seeing where He is at work around us. For more information contact Jason Shellborn.



Do you love babies and toddlers? The nursery is looking for several volunteers to join us in blessing the young families at Ross Road. The commitment would be serving once a month on rotation. If you would like more information, please contact Michelle Mosey.

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## HELP WANTED

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Elena Unraw has notified RRCC of her decision not to return from maternity leave to her part-time position as Administrative Assistant. We'd like to thank Elena for her excellent work and the calm and cheerful manner she always exhibited in the church office. Although we'll miss her in the office, we will still enjoy her as a part of the church family. We wish Bryce and Elena God's blessings as they continue in their journey as parents!

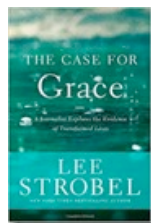
With Elena's decision not to return, RRCC now requires a permanent part time Administrative Assistant. Reporting to the Office Administrator, this position will provide administrative and secretarial support for the Office Administrator and Pastoral Staff, including phone and office reception, preparation of weekly bulletins and A/V materials for Sunday morning services (worship and sermon slides), maintenance of the church website, Facebook and Twitter accounts, and assistance with processing weekly donations. This part time position is 18 hours per week. Days of work are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The successful candidate must be available to work full time hours to provide coverage when the Office Administrator is away for vacation/sick time. If you are interested in applying and would like more information, please contact Sandy in the church office. The closing date for this posting is September 20, 2015. The expected start date is November 2, 2015. Please note that the person currently covering Elena's maternity leave is applying for this permanent position.

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## LIBRARY

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In ***The Case for Grace***, Lee Strobel draws upon the inspiring stories of everyday people—as well as never-before-told details of his own journey from atheism to Christianity—to explore the depth and breadth of God's redeeming love. Through his unique investigative approach and story-telling ability, you will see how God's grace can similarly revolutionize your eternity and relationships ... starting today.



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## 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. september. 06**

10:00am Karissa Stobbe  
Anna Healy

### **sunday. september. 13**

10:00am Shana Evans, Melissa Degelder  
& Jennae Driediger

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## KIDS MINISTRY

**Come join us as a disciplemaker in Kids Zone Grade 1-5** and make an eternal impact. We have opportunities for you to serve with another disciplemaker in several classes with either boys or girls. We will train you! We learn and serve together as a team. :) Contact Pastor Merri Ellen today: merriellen@rossroadcc.ca for more info.

**Kids Zone training day** will take place on Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm. To start we will enjoy a brunch together!

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## LAST WEEK AT RRCC

church ministries	other	building	attendance
\$15,092.95	\$2,000.00	\$140.00	365

**Burning Questions:**  
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acknowledge who He is and obey His will for you.**

Mark 6:1-6

**I Jesus' Return to Nazareth (v.1-2a)**

**II Jesus' Reception by the People of Nazareth (2b-3)**

**III Jesus' Response to the People of Nazareth (4-6)**

**IV So What?**

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For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

When you consider Jesus, are you amazed? When you consider Jesus, are you offended? How has Jesus blessed you? What could you do to allow Jesus to bless you more? What did the unbelief of the people of Nazareth cost them? What does it cost us when we fail to believe that Jesus is everything He said He was?

In Preparation for next Sunday, September 13, 2015:

Pastor Art will introduce a new ministry emphasis for the coming ministry season: Renew. This emphasis comes out of pastor and elder reflection and prayer. In preparation, read and re-read our church vision statement (See front page of bulletin), asking God to show you  
4 what it will take for us to see this vision become a true description of our church.

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## BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

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**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF)** presents **REVELATION**, a new study: **registration for new members begins** in the following locations: Don't miss this life-changing opportunity to study God's Word in community!

**MEN:** Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Central Heights Church, 1661 McCallum Road, Abbotsford. (There is no School Program.)

**WOMEN and CHILDREN, infants - age 5: Abbotsford:** Thursday, September 17, at 9:10am at Grace Church, 2087 McMillan Road.

### WOMEN, but not children:

**Abbotsford:** Thursday, September 17, at 7:30pm at Emmanuel Free Reform Church, 3366 Mt. Lehman Rd.

**Maple Ridge:** Thursday, September 17, at 7:15pm at Burnett Fellowship Baptist Church, 20639 -123 Ave.

**Chilliwack:** Thursday, September 10, at 7:00pm at 45995 Stevenson Road. (Information Meeting.)

Check the BSF website: [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org) or contact Margaret Woodey for details, including classes in SURREY/LANGLEY and KELOWNA.

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## TELECARE CRISIS AND CARING

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### Do you know someone in need of emotional support or who is in crisis?

The trained Christian volunteers of **Telecare Crisis and Caring line** have been answering calls and offering support for over 25 years (Call 604-852-9099) and it is pleased to announce that **Texting: 604-210-2299, and Messaging: [www.telecarebc.com](http://www.telecarebc.com)** are starting September 8 every day from 3pm – 9pm. We look forward to being of service to you or your friends so please contact us.

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## HOPE FOR WOMEN

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**Hope for Women**, BC's fastest growing Crisis Pregnancy Centre, is in need of Volunteer Peer Counsellors. We will be offering training this September (evening) starting the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All necessary certification and training are provided for volunteers who qualify and can commit for a period of at 6 months for 4 hours every 2 weeks. Volunteer packages can be picked up at our office (#2-32700 George Ferguson Way) or emailed [HopeForWomen@telus.net](mailto:HopeForWomen@telus.net) 604-853-0303



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## KIDS ACTIVITIES

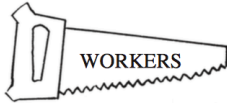
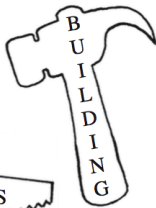
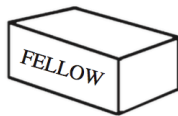
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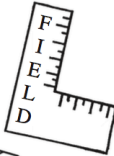
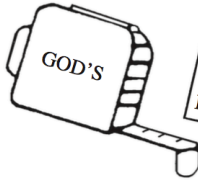
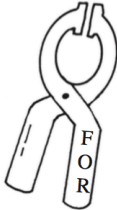
To know Jesus is to know the power of His ...



Find the words written on the tools in the word search. Use those words to write the verse below.



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“ \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
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 God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .”

- 1 Corinthians 3:9

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

**saturday. september. 12**

Come to RRCC from 7:00-8:30pm for a special youth event at which you will get to meet the youth pastor candidate! There will be food, games, a brief talk from our candidate, and a chance to interact with him. This is for all kids in youth to join!

Middle School youth will resume meeting weekly on Monday nights starting

**September 21!**

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WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We want to share an opportunity to all women of RRCC to join in for a global, one-day Beth Moore simulcast. CLA Langley will be hosting the simulcast from this live event on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am until 4:15pm. For more info go online to [clachurch.com/bethmoore](http://clachurch.com/bethmoore) or call CLA church office at 604-530-7344.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**saturday. september. 12**

Come to RRCC from 7:00-8:30pm for a special youth event at which you will get to meet the youth pastor candidate! There will be food, games, a brief talk from our candidate, and a chance to interact with him. This is for both Middle and High School students.

High School youth will resume meeting weekly on Thursday nights starting

**September 24!**

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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**Rob & Judy Griffioen** – in Abbotsford with Good News International Ministries

We have been on the road since July 28<sup>th</sup>. Our journey has taken us through parts of BC, the prairies, all the way to Southern ON. From sharing at the Church on the Lake Erie in ON to a SK Bible Camp (and many stops in between), God has faithfully provided opportunities for us to share about GNI Ministries. Currently we're in Meadow Lake, SK, spending a few days with our son Jon, his wife Ashley and our 9 month old grandson Josiah before heading back to BC to visit more supporters. We plan to return home September 9th. We're grateful that God has provided a safe journey thus far and for all the support that is being raised for our partner ministries in the Philippines, Myanmar and Thailand. God is on the move and we're seeing great things happen for his glory!

In Shan State Myanmar, the work of "Uncountable Grace" among the poor and oppressed is taking shape in amazing ways. For those of you who followed and prayed for the recent rescue of little six year old, the lad is doing very well in his new home with our national leaders Sion & Apem. In a recent evangelism excursion, one of our pastors was blessed to lead 16 people to Christ. They now need a refuge to help disciple new believers and keep them safe from persecution. So far, half of the funds (\$5000) have been raised to help purchase land and build a house of prayer to make this dream come to life.

Near Davao, Philippines, our ministry among the poor continues to flourish. We currently support at least 138 children and their families, with many souls being influenced for Christ. Thirteen people plan to be baptized at the Riverside Church in September. Inland, a new leadership couple has emerged and is taking charge of a new church plant among the indigenous people of the Talaingod region. We were privileged to provide funds to purchase supplies for a church building project which will also function as a centre for the poor. In the future, it's likely we'll help send children to school in this region. Please pray for God's continued blessing on this ministry too. Pray for one of the pastors who looks after children in our program, who has been kidnapped with two other leaders by the NPA. Pray that God will keep them safe and set them free.

In Thailand, our partner "The Garden of Hope" is preparing to open a new safe house for young girls at high risk of human trafficking. We also have two other partnerships awaiting approval for support.

Please pray for God's continued favour in each of these ministries. Pray also that many will partner with us to reach the poor and oppressed for God's glory.

Thank you for standing with us to reach the poor and oppressed, for God's glory!

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## OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

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**Paul & Edna Cairns** – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

**Otto & Marjorie Ekk** – in Portugal with MB Mission

**Cynthia Friesen** – in Thailand with MB Mission

**S & B** – in Central Asia with MB Mission

**Dwayne & Helen Rainwater** (Lisa & Michael) – in 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

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## PRAYER REQUEST

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Please pray for **Otto & Marjorie Ekk** serving with MB Mission in Portugal.

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## PRAYER & PRAISE

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**Margaret Bergen**

**Clare Senek**

**Walt Letkeman**

**Curtis Albright**

**Debbie Bracewell**

### PASTORAL TEAM:

**Art Birch** - Lead Pastor

**Associate Pastors**

**Darren Petker** - Adult 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**

**PRAYER CHAIN: Doreen Froese**

**Clare Senek**

**Frieda Neufeld**

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