

# ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Helping People Find and Follow Jesus*

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship  
Jeff Thiessen and Worship Team

**Today's Message:**  
**God's Indispensable Spirit:**  
**"Overflowing With The Spirit"**

*John 7:37-39*

**Darren Petker**

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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 **Jeff Thiessen** and the Worship Team

**Bass** - Jeff Thiessen  
**Guitar** - Dave Rodda  
**Piano** - Levi DeWaal

**Elec. Guitar** - Vernon Boschmann  
**Drums** - Jason Janz

**Audio** - Mike Wiebe  
**Media** - Elena Unraw

### the week

#### **sunday. september. 27**

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  
6:30pm Church Appreciation event  
for Craig & Jenny Thiessen

#### **monday. september. 28**

7:00-9:00pm Middle School Youth

#### **thursday. october. 01**

7:00-9:30pm High School Youth  
7:00pm Women's Ministry Leadership  
Team Meeting

### coming up

#### **sunday. october. 04**

Youth Sunday School @ Fireside Room during 1<sup>st</sup> service

#### **thursday-tuesday. october. 08-20**

Portugal Missions Trip

#### **sunday. october. 11**

Thanksgiving, Celebration Sunday

#### **monday. october. 12**

Church office is closed for Thanksgiving

#### **sunday. october. 18**

Communion

Youth Sunday School @ Fireside Room during 1<sup>st</sup> service

#### **tuesday. october. 27**

Syrian Refugee Crisis Response Meeting

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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. 27**

9:00am Roman & Angela Manno  
Sarah Hayashida  
10:45am Sally Healy  
Anna Healy

#### **sunday. october. 04**

9:00am Rhonda Janzen Karissa Stobbe  
Allie Janzen  
10:45am Kayla Brink Sandy Nelson

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## KIDS MINISTRY

#### **Today:**

- Preschool available upstairs during both the 9:00am and 10:45am services.
- Jr Kids Grade 1-5 @ 10:45am.
- Brand new to Kids Zone? Please register your child upstairs.
- Adult Teacher Training for Gr 1-5 in Fireside Room at 9:10am.

#### **Ministry Opportunities Available:**

Preschool Helpers, Grade 1-5 Teachers (on rotation) and Helpers.

**Please contact Pastor Merri Ellen for more info.** [merriellen@rossroadcc.ca](mailto:merriellen@rossroadcc.ca)

**Kids Zone Updates:** To get in the loop, simply email Pastor Merri Ellen: [merriellen@rossroadcc.ca](mailto:merriellen@rossroadcc.ca) to receive updates. Visit our blog at: [www.rossroadkids.com](http://www.rossroadkids.com) for helpful articles and resources for your discipleship parenting.

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## FAMILY NEWS

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**Today, September 27th at 6:30pm** we will be hosting a Church Appreciation Night for Craig and Jenny Thiessen. He and Jenny have served us well these past years so there will be opportunity for you to express gratitude to them either verbally or written, and also to bless them with a monetary gift as they embark on further training. Come prepared to share and give from a thankful heart.



**NEEDED:** Ushers needed for either the first or second service, even if only for one Sunday a month. Please contact Lorraine Born for more information.

New Address!



### New Address:

Dave and Norma Neufeld



### Thanksgiving Food Donations

On Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in our morning worship by gathering non-perishable food to donate to our local food bank. Feel free to take home a brown paper bag (can be found in the foyer), fill with non-perishable food and return to the church by October 11<sup>th</sup>.



### Syrian Refugee Crisis Response, Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Since 2011, over 4 million Syrians have been displaced from their country by war. In recent months, our news media has carried stories about the Syrian refugee crisis with increasing regularity. Some of us at Ross Road have been asking what we can do as a church family to support those who have been displaced. We do not have any specific plans at this point, but would like to invite you to discuss possible courses of action and spend some time in prayer for those who have been displaced.

~ Dave Rosborough & Art Birch

### Columbia Bible College Annual General Meeting

Columbia's Annual General Meeting will take place Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:00pm in Columbia's Chapel, which is located in the Teaching Center. Please park in our visitor parking lot, off of Clearbrook Road.

Columbia's delegate model dictates that our denominations (BCMB and MCBC) select the 20 MB and 10 MC voting delegates. If you are interested in being a delegate please contact your conference office. The meeting is open to the public, and we would love to have as many guests as possible.



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## LIBRARY

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**Wait No More** tells **Kelly and John Rosati's** story of experiencing God more fully through the great blessings and challenges encountered during their **journey to adopt** four children from the U.S. foster care system. It is a story of **God's faithfulness to grow a beautiful family**, through adoption, from **the ashes of child abuse**, neglect, and abandonment. The Rosatis strongly believe that God's solution for orphaned children in the foster care system **involves ordinary Christians** desiring to live out an authentic pro-life commitment requiring action.

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### LAST WEEK AT RRCC

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**God's Indispensable Spirit:  
"Overflowing With The Spirit"**  
*John 7:37-39*  
**Darren Petker**

**Big Idea: Come, drink of Jesus and experience true life.**

**The Invitation:**

### **The Obstacle:**

### **The Offer:**

### **For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:**

There are many different ways in which we can seek to quench our thirst for meaning and purpose: success, sex, popularity and recreation are but a few of many. What do you tend to look to quench your thirst? How would knowing your own proclivity to that temptation help you to overcome it? The Holy Spirit flowing like living waters cannot be just about feelings; what evidence can we look for to know that the Spirit is active and working in us? What is one practice that you could institute this week that would help you to regularly drink of Jesus?

### **In Preparation for Next Sunday, October 4, 2015:**

Pastor Art will lead us in a study of John 15:16-31 and Romans 8:1-7: "Taught by the Spirit." Read and ponder these passages.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm** - Join us for a Potluck Faspa (light meal) of sweet and savoury food with Al and Karen Stobbe sharing their Ministry in Missions.

**November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm** - Christmas Dessert evening. Check back here for more information as we get closer to the date.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

Thank you to everyone who came out to our kick off last week! We had an absolute blast, and are ready for more fun tomorrow night! Starting at the church we will play some crazy games, and spend some time talking about change and why it is something we can get excited about, and how it is something God desires for us.

**Take note of some changed dates coming up.** Sunday School will not take place today, but instead next week in the fireside room during the first service; Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>!

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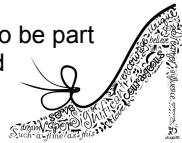
CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

08-07-2015

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Please pray for the Women's Ministry Leadership team as they meet on October 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss, design, and carefully listen for God's direction regarding the women of Ross Road Church.

If you have felt a pull to be part of this team and would like more information please contact Janine Blouin.



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

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(See Genesis 6-8)

07-24-2015

WELL BOYS, I HAVE TO SAY IT'S BEEN NICE HAVING THREE DOGS THESE PAST YEARS ... BUT NOT SO MUCH TODAY

Come dig into God's word with us as we start our regular fall program on

**Thursday, October 1** at RRCC from 7:00-9:30pm, hope to see you there!

## OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

**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** (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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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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

We want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for standing behind us with your prayers and financial support. We thank God for you. We are well blessed.

**PRAISE ITEM:** At the end of August, our four year old grandson Stephen went in for a heart valve replacement surgery. He was born with a heart valve that the doctors thought only had one flap. A normal valve has three flaps. When they went in for surgery and got to the valve, it had two flaps fused together which doctors were able to separate the two flaps. Monitors showed that the pressure in his heart was going down so they did a few minor repairs and closed him back up. The doctors believe that the valve is stable enough for the time being. Stephen will possibly have to have the valve replacement surgery at the age of ten. We praise God for the miracles He has been performing in Stephen's heart. Please pray with us that the pressures in his heart will continue to come down. His heart will be almost full size and much stronger at ten years old.

**Chaplain Paul** – In July, I spent 19 days at the Chinook Winds Chapel in Calgary, training two new chaplains Emad Hanna and Rod Denton. Emad has now taken over the everyday running of the chapel. Many drivers I know from Chilliwack when hearing I was on the Calgary Chapel, would call and meet me in the Truck Stop. Others would park by the chapel and we would fellowship together outside around the picnic table. This meant putting in long days. While I was training Emad, a lady on the run from her abusive ex-husband came in needing prayer. I had the joy of introducing her to the Lord and Emad lead her in the sinner's prayer. Pray for me as I will be seeing different specialists who are trying to figure out what is wrong with my left arm. I am in a lot of pain and have no strength in it.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> I will have the joy of doing the wedding ceremony of James and Deborah at the Crossroads Chapel. This is a first for the Crossroads Chapel.

Pray for **Chaplain Gerrit** as he will be leaving for Africa on October 13<sup>th</sup> for a missions trip to work in a children's home and to teach a group of pastors about the importance of marriage.

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## PRAYER & PRAISE

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**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.*

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## PRAYER REQUEST

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

### 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**



Find RRCC on:



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