

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

November 8th, 2015

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda and Worship Team

Today's Message:
God's Indispensable Spirit:
"Boldness In The Spirit"

Acts 3-4

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

Drums - Jason Janz

Bass - Jeff Thiessen

Vocals - Ginni Amendt

Audio - Bryce Unraw

Piano - Dave Rosborough

Elec. Guitar - Vernon Boschmann

Media - Bob Regier

theWeek

sunday. november. 08

8:30am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room

9:00-10:15am RRCC Worship
Youth Sunday School
@ Fireside Room

Between services Coffee and snacks
@ Common Grounds

10:45-12:00pm RRCC Worship
Christmas rehearsal
@ Jr. Big Room

monday. november. 09

7:00-9:00pm Middle School Youth

wednesday. november. 11

Church office is closed for
Remembrance Day

thursday. november. 12

7:00-9:30pm High School Youth

comingUP

sunday. november. 15

Child Dedication
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due back
Encore lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant

sunday. november. 22

Youth Sunday School @ Fireside room

friday. november. 27

Ross Road Women's Christmas Gathering

sunday. november. 29

First Sunday of Advent

friday. december. 04

Ladies Chat 'n' Craft

sunday. december. 06

Tim & The Glory Boys Concert

sunday. december. 13

Kids Ministry Christmas Program

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

church ministries	other	building	attendance
\$17,803.41	\$2.00	\$100.00	482

FAMILY NEWS



Tabor Home Ministry - Next Sunday, November 15th, RRCC will again be serving at the Tabor Home Sunday morning service. Anyone interested in singing in the volunteer choir, led by Vic Martens, is asked to be there for a short practice at 8:45am. The service will begin at 9:15am, with Al Stobbe presenting the message. Please pray for God's blessing on this ministry.

Volunteers for RRCC Quilters Group

The ladies who make the baby quilts for our child dedications have room for more volunteers to join. If you love quilting and want to get involved in this ministry please contact either the church office or Trixie Andrews.

If you're not able to join at this time but you happen to have some new, completed baby quilts at home that you'd be willing to donate it would be much appreciated! The group is also happy to accept donations of good quality, 100% cotton fabric in patterns that are suited for baby/toddler quilts.

Thank you for blessing our youngest members and their families!



THE SALVATION ARMY

Amid the approaching busy and joyous Season, The Salvation Army is launching a number of seasonal programs. We are so grateful to be able to run these programs every year but we need community support to make them successful.



Here are some ways you can help:

- Become a Kettle volunteer. Give your time to man a post for two hours and ring your jingle bells. Please fill out an application online or visit our office.
- Fill a Hamper. With the help of the Salvation Army shopping list available in the foyer, you can fill a Christmas hamper for a deserving family. Food donations will be accepted from now until December 11, 2015. Distribution day is December 17, 2015.
- Help out with late night Extreme weather volunteer shifts. Help make sure those coming in from the cold get a warm place to sleep and a warm meal in the morning.
- Please pray for the Gateway of Hope; pray that these programs may benefit those who need them. Pray for the staff who serve and the community members who come through the doors in need of help.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR



Kids Ministry is looking for all those who love to sing to join the intergenerational choir for the Christmas Program taking place on December 13th in both services. Practices will be held on Sundays during the second service and Thursday afternoons.

Under the direction of Sharon Timmermans, we hope to bless the congregation during this Christmas season. For more information email Pastor Merri Ellen at merriellen@rossroadcc.ca.



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. november. 08

9:00am Rhonda Janzen Karissa Stobbe
Allie Janzen

10:45am Shana Evans Larelle Wiebe

sunday. november. 15

9:00am Sally Healy Rosabelle Birch

10:45am Sandra Hayashida Jennae Driediger

KIDS MINISTRY

Today:

- Preschool available @ 9:00am and 10:45am services.
- Jr. Kids Zone, Grade 1-5 @ 9:00am.
- Brand new to Kids Zone? Please register your child upstairs.
- TODAY! Christmas Rehearsal during the second service in the Jr. Big Room.

Important Fall and Winter Dates:

- November 15th: Child Dedications
- December 13th: Christmas Program

Ministry Opportunities Available:

Kids Zone Greeters -

Contact Pastor Merri Ellen for more info.

LIBRARY



God Is Just Not Fair, by Jennifer Rothchild, is a book about finding more than just answers. It's for anyone who **needs hope** when **life doesn't make sense**—for all who reach for a God who feels distant. As Jennifer tackles the **six big questions of faith**, she will help you: Trust God more than your feelings. Strengthen your faith when you feel beat up by life. Embrace your obstacles and start experiencing their purpose. Face your disappointment and grow stronger from your loss.

God's Indispensable Spirit:

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

"Jesus"

3:12-26; 4:8-12

Silence

4:17-18

Boldness

4:8, 13, 19-20, 24-31

Spirit empowered boldness breaks our silence about Jesus.

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

If you could go for a walk with Jesus and He brought up the subject of your witness for Him, what do you think He would say? Would He affirm you for your strong witness or would He urge you to be more vocal for Him? What might He tell you about how you could be a more faithful witness? Even though you and I don't have Jesus here in the flesh to walk and talk with, since He has given us His Spirit to indwell us, we can still ask Him to answer these questions. Take some time this week to do just that!

In Preparation for Next Sunday, November 15, 2015:

Next Sunday we will have plenty to celebrate. An MEI worship team will lead singing. Parents will dedicate children. Our Portugal Mission Team will give a fascinating report. A mother and daughter (Andrea and Emily Bosak) will be baptized (1st gathering). And Pastor Art will physically illustrate, in a very brief message, the difference between living in our own strength and in the Spirit's. To prepare, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what you have been and could be *learning to live* as a result of our "God's Indispensable Spirit" series. Take some quiet time to write down what the Spirit shows you so you can intentionally live it out.

ENCORE (55 +/-)

sunday. november. 15 -

Join us for lunch at Crossroads Restaurant on Sumas Way next Sunday, November 15th at 12:30pm. This will take place after the Tabor Home service. Please RSVP with Elisabeth Klassen.



Check back here for more information about our Christmas Dessert evening!



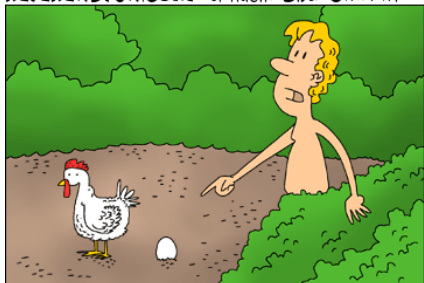
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

monday. november. 09 -

Today during the first service there is Sunday School for middle schoolers at 9:00am in the Fireside room! And there will be Sunday School again on the 22nd! Join us tomorrow night at youth, where we will be playing some crazy games, and Holly will be speaking to us on VALUE. Where society tells us our value comes from and where we can find true value. You don't want to miss out!

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(See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

07-06-2015

I MISSED IT ... WHICH ONE CAME FIRST?

COLLEGE AND CAREER



Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the Friesen's for C & C tonight at 7:00pm! We will continue our study on the Holy Spirit following along with

readings from "Forgotten God" by Francis Chan. For up-to-date info, check out our

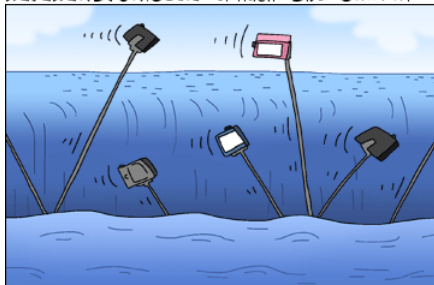
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

thursday. november. 12 -

Come on out for another fun night of games, great snacks, and hanging out together.

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(See Exodus 14)

05-29-2015

THERE WERE SO MANY SELFIE STICKS AT THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA THAT IT WAS NEARLY CLASSIFIED AS ANOTHER PLAGUE

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies, **BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP is coming to RRCC!!** The Abbotsford BSF Evening Women's satellite group is moving to RRCC, which started Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 pm, **in the Fireside Room.** Come join some Ross Road ladies and others in this dynamic study of **REVELATION**, every Tuesday night with women of all ages. There is no child care provided, and no fee. Call Margaret Woodey for more information. Check out the BSF website: www.bsfindernational.org.



Ross Road Women's Christmas Gathering on Friday, November 27th at 7:00pm. An

evening of relaxing fellowship as we prepare for the coming celebrations. There will be snacks, a word, and each guest will take home a beautiful Christmas centerpiece of her own creation. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale in the foyer.



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

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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

S & B – in Central Asia with MB Mission

Dear Ross Road Family

We just came back from our organizational conference and were greatly encouraged by meeting friends and co-laborers in the harvest field. When you are with other families who are working in hard to reach places, you feel that you are part of something that is bigger than yourself. We hope when you read our stories and pray for us that you also know that you are part of something that is bigger than yourself!

There are many stories to tell but overall we came away with the sense that the Father is inviting us into a partnership with this people group. There are a number of opportunities to develop relationships, to work with schools and local organizations.

Please keep this situation and these people in your prayers. They have gone through horrendous circumstances yet there is a grace upon them.

Thank you for praying for our country. Though there was some violence in parts of the country - overall it was peaceful and we are hoping that the Father will continue to bring his peace and reconciliation power to the people of this land.

Thanks for your prayers and partnership!

PRAYER & PRAISE

Please continue to pray for Walt Letkeman, Curtis Albright, and Debbie Bracewell for renewed strength and healing.

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 REQUEST

PASTORAL TEAM:

Art Birch - Lead Pastor

Associate Pastors

Darren Petker - Adult Ministry

Matt Hildebrand - Student 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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