

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus



Second Sunday of Advent

December 6th, 2015

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Jordan Regier & Worship Team

Today's Message:

"The LORD'S Anointed"

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

Guitar - Dave Rodda

Bass - Nathan Van Rump

Vocals - Ginni Amendt

Drums - Jason Janz

Audio - Mike Wiebe

Media - Bob Regier

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8:30am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room

9:00-10:15am RRCC Worship
Christmas Program rehearsal

10:00-11:00am Celebration brunch

Between services Coffee and snacks
@ Common Grounds

10:45-12:00pm RRCC Worship
5:30pm Encore Christmas 'Faspa' Potluck
7:00pm Tim & The Glory Boys Concert

monday. december. 07

7:00-9:00pm Middle School Youth

wednesday. december. 09

7:30-8:00pm Student Ministry Parent Meeting
For High School Students

thursday. december. 10

3:30-4:30pm Christmas Program rehearsal

comingUP

sunday. december. 13

Kids Christmas Program "The Next Noel"

sunday. december. 20

Communion

Hallelujah Chorus practice @ Fireside room, 10:15

thursday. december. 24

Christmas Eve (Office closes at noon)

Christmas Eve Services - 4:30 and 6:00pm

friday. december. 25

Merry Christmas! (Office is closed)

sunday. december. 27

One service - 10:00am

friday. january. 01

Church office is closed for New Year's Day

sunday. january. 03

Kids Church and Preschool resumes (both services)

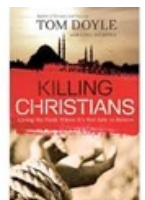
LAST WEEK AT ROSS ROAD

Total Nov. & Dec. Income Target	Actual Received in November	Remaining Target to Meet Total	Attendance
\$243,300.00	\$96,000.00	(\$147,300.00)	438

All gifts will be received until 12 noon on December 31st, 2015. If you have any questions please contact Phil Giesbrecht (Finance Chairman) or Dale Regier (Finance Liaison).

LIBRARY

In **Killing Christians**, Tom Doyle takes readers to the secret meetings, the torture rooms, the grim prisons, and even the executions that are the "calling" of countless **Muslims-turned-Christians**. Each survivor longs to share with brothers and sisters "on the outside" **what Christ has taught** them. **Killing Christians** is their message to readers who still enjoy freedom to practice their faith. The stories are breathtaking, the lessons soul-stirring & renewing.



FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



FOUND: A pair of reading glasses was found outside the front doors of the church last Sunday. They have a thin black frame with narrow rectangular lenses. To claim them, please contact the church office.



Christmas Eve- "More Than a Story"

Our Christmas Eve Program this year is entitled "More Than a Story". It will feature a festive blend of music, drama, and inspiring Christmas themes—there is also a rumour that we will have a special guest in attendance who wears a certain iconic red suit.



In keeping with Ross Road tradition, Vic Martens will be leading an impromptu choir in the Hallelujah Chorus at the conclusion of the evening. This service will be a safe and engaging place to bring friends and family who do not yet know Jesus so please be in prayer about who God might be leading you to invite. There will be a practice on December 20th between services in the Fireside Room for those who would like to practice before Christmas Eve.



MARK Centre invites everyone to their annual **CHRISTMAS SILENT WALK-THRU**, December 8-10 6:00pm-9:00pm. Enjoy chai or cider and refreshments and spend some time in silence as you walk through the rooms of our chalet – each one decorated to remind you of **IMMANUEL-God's Presence** in the circumstances of our life. Samuel's Mantle will be partnering with us again this year, offering prayer. If you would like to go through as a group – please call our office 604-556-7796 to book a time between 6:00-7:00pm. This is a **FREE** event.



The **Bakerview Fellowship Choir** will be performing "**The Joy of Bethlehem: A Christmas Festival**" by O.D. Hall, Jr. on Sunday, December 13th at 6:30pm and Tuesday, December 15th at 10:30am at Bakerview MB Church. Everyone is invited. Admission is free, an offering will be taken to support the Abbotsford Food Bank.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for some volunteers for the Tim & The Glory Boys concert this evening for the Tim & The Glory Boys here at Ross Road.



• Have you ever wanted to be a roadie with a band?

We need 2 volunteers to help with moving of equipment in and out. This is needed between 1:00–3:00pm and 9:15–10:30pm. Please be aware that heavy lifting is involved for those who volunteer to help with this part of the concert.

• Two volunteers to assist at the merchandise table, and two volunteers to assist at the World Vision table (volunteers must be 18 years of age or older). You need to be at the church at 6:00pm, during the entire event, and for approx. 30 minutes after the concert ends.

• Volunteers needed for ticket sales, ushering and collecting donations.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Pastor Dave.

“The LORD’S Anointed”

Art Birch

The LORD’s Anointed—King David

1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 2:4; 5:1-3; Luke 1:30-33

“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” 2 Samuel 7:16

The LORD’s Anointed—Jesus Messiah

Luke 1:30-33; Isaiah 61:1-3; Acts 10:38

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour....*

The LORD’s Anointed—Every believer

2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 1 John 2:20, 27

But you have an anointing from the Holy One...the anointing you received from him remains in you... 1 John 2:27

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Advent is about reliving the centuries-long awaiting for the anointed one—Jesus Messiah. Although we look back on His first coming, during Advent we remind ourselves how significant His arrival was. He came as the One anointed by the LORD to bring the good news of salvation to us—and not just the good news of salvation but salvation itself. Take a moment to thank Jesus for your salvation and to thank the Father for anointing Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power so He could win our salvation. In addition, thank the Father that He has anointed you with the Holy Spirit and power to know the truth about Jesus Messiah, to believe in Him, and live for Him. Thank Him that, as you surrender to and trust in Jesus, you have the power to do everything God wants you to do!

In Preparation for our Christmas Program, “The Next Noel,” December 13, 2015:

It’s appropriate to read the Christmas story more than once during the Advent and Christmas seasons. To prepare your heart to be blessed all over again by God’s surprising response to our need for reconciliation, read Luke 1 & 2 and Matthew 1 & 2.

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE

We would like to move forward in providing help to Syrian refugees. Lord willing, we plan to help through three initiatives:

- 1) Sponsorship of two refugee families.
- 2) Sending a team to Central Asia next summer to work directly with refugees.
- 3) Providing financial support to service providers to support their ongoing work with refugees.



In order to move forward, there are two major areas of need - financial resources and human resources. Specifically, at the moment we need people willing to lead the sponsoring team (acting as liaison with MCC, and coordinating volunteers) and the missions team. If you have an interest in serving in either of these capacities, or would like to volunteer in another capacity, please contact Pastor Art (art@rossroadcc.ca) or Dave Rosborough (dave@rosborough.ca).

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Kids Ministry presents “**The Next Noel**” on December 13th, under the direction of Sharon Timmermans, Nicki Willems, and Judi Petker. Leon is the centre of the action, directing the Christmas pageant. He has grand expectations for the program.



However, the closer the cast gets to opening night, the more wildly overstated and ridiculous Leon's ideas become - and more importantly, the more the program becomes all about Leon's initiative instead of God's miracle at Christmas. Leon learns through a series of events that humble worship is exactly what our response should be at Christmas and all lifelong.

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.*

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9:00am Jason Shellborn Angela Rosborough
Stephanie Shellborn

10:45am Linda Mills Karissa Stobbe

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9:00am Rhonda Janzen Sandy Nelson
Allie Janzen

10:45am Shana Evans Jennae Driediger

KIDS MINISTRY

Today:

- Preschool available @ 9:00am service. (Currently no 2nd service preschool)
- Grade 1-5 in the main gathering EXCEPT for those in Christmas rehearsal @ 9:00am in the Jr. Big Room.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 13th - Christmas Program in both services.
- December 20th - Celebration Sunday / 4th Sunday of Advent
- December 27th - Celebration Sunday, one service at 10:00am, parent-led preschool.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

december. 7 - STAR WARS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us 7:00pm this week for an epic Star Wars game here at Ross Road.
Questions? Ask Holly or Matt :)

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COLLEGE & 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

Facebook page: RRCC C&C.

Next week we will be getting together at Ross Road for an evening of Christmas fun! Check back here or on your Facebook page for more details to follow.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

december. 09 - PARENT ONLY NIGHT @ 7:30-8:00PM

Parents of High Schoolers meet with Pastor Matt in the Fireside Room for Cinnamon Buns & Coffee.
Questions? Ask Pastor Matt.

december. 03 - HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come celebrate Christmas together by racing against time and other teams in an all out race for the most coloured marbles :D. The fun begins at 7:00pm.

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MY PROGRESS TOWARDS BEING A BETTER PERSON IS SLOW, BUT THIS VISUAL AID SEEMS TO BE HELPING WITH MY PUBLIC IMAGE

ENCORE (55 +/-)



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Join us for a Potluck 'faspas' tonight in the Fireside Room at 5:30pm. Come out for food, fellowship, carol singing and Christmas reflections. Please bring a **sweet or savoury** dish.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Shirley Moerike - Please pray for Shirley's recovery and subsequent decisions. She has been hospitalized for over a month now.

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

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

D & H – 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

Paul & Edna Cairns – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

God has given us another great year here at the Crossroads Chapel. We want to again say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for standing behind us with your prayers and financial support.

It is a blessing to see drivers from all nationalities responding to us here at the chapel, out in the parking lot or over a cup of coffee at Tim's. It brings tears to my eyes as we listen to some of the stories they tell about the struggles they're having out on the highway or at home with the family. Particularly now with Christmas coming up and many of these drivers unable to make it home to enjoy Christmas with their families. Please keep these drivers and their families in your prayers. To help ease the loneliness on Christmas day, the chaplains and I will be serving a hot meal and giving out gift bags at five truck-stops in the area. One way we can thank our drivers is by putting gift bags together. It would be nice to give these drivers a gift bag with warm socks, shampoo/shower gel or soap, toothpaste/toothbrush, chocolates and some snacks. A word of encouragement on a small card will be added to each gift bag. We are praying that God will supply us with 150+ bags that we can give out on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Each driver will receive a New Testament and a tract which explains the way of salvation. Please pray for us as we make contact with these drivers that the Holy Spirit will move in their hearts and that they will accept the Christ of Christmas into their hearts.

Pray for Wayne the truck driver, his wife and their family. I had the joy of marrying them and then seeing Donna accept the Lord. A week ago they found a malignant tumour in Donna, and she is waiting for a surgery date. Pray for healing and that Wayne and their family will also find the Lord.

Pray for Chaplain Mel who is waiting for surgery to help keep the two flaps on one of his heart valves working.

IF YOU USE IT A TRUCK DRIVER DELIVERED IT

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Phil & Carol Bergen** serving with MB Mission in Burkina Faso. Pray for the growing church family and the strong commitments to follow Christ.

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**

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