

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus



Communion Sunday

January 17, 2016

Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Jaben Schalk & Worship Team

Today's Message:

"Dead and Alive"

Romans 6:1-14

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 **Jaben Schalk** and the Worship Team

Guitar - Jaben Schalk
Bass - Dave Rodda
Piano - Elaine Regier

Vocals - Meagan Emard
Elec. Guitar - Wayne Rempel
Drums - Sam Stuckey

Audio - Jeremy Nunnikhoven
Media - Elena Unraw

the week

sunday. january. 17

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
12:30pm Encore Lunch @ Rivers Restaurant
7:00pm Kids Zone Volunteer Appreciation
Dessert Night

monday. january. 18

7:00-9:00pm Middle School Youth

thursday. january. 21

7:00-9:30pm High School Youth

friday-saturday. january. 22-23

Kids.com Prayer Retreat

coming up

friday-sunday. january. 29-31

C & C Retreat weekend @ Camp Kawkawa

monday. february. 08

Church office is closed for "Family Day"

sunday. february. 14

Encore Valentine Evening/ Movie

sunday. february. 28

RRCC Annual General Meeting

friday-sunday. march. 04-06

Women's Retreat @ Stillwood Camp

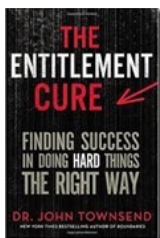
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Encore Lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$10,028.85	\$0.00	\$50.00	444

LIBRARY



Dr. John Townsend explores strategies for fighting entitlement in his book ***The Entitlement Cure***. Today we live in a culture that says, 'Life should be easy and work well.' This attitude, called **entitlement**, **influences our most important institutions**: family, business, church, and government. Its devastating effects contribute to relational problems, work ethic issues, and emotional struggles. This **book provides principles and skills** to help you both navigate life with those around you who have an entitlement mindset and identify areas in your own life where you are **stuck in 'easy way' living**.

FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Our deepest sympathies to Denise Tall and Cheryl & Tyler Cook on the passing of Denise's mother, Judy Benson.



Congratulations to Jeff & Stephanie Thiessen on the birth of their son, Parker Jaxson.



Congratulations to Jessica Alexander and Steve Smith on their engagement.



New Address:

Helen Kaethler



LOST AND FOUND: The Lost and Found is full again. Please check it for any items you may be missing. Anything still in the Lost and Found after January 18 will be donated to MCC.



Ushers Needed! We are looking for people willing to serve as ushers during our second services. Please contact Dave & Lorraine Born if you are willing to volunteer in this important area.



Perspectives Canada: In four weeks time, Perspectives Course will be starting at Cedar Valley Mennonite Church in Mission. This course will run from February 9 to May 17, from 7:00-10:00pm. Feel free to come to the first two classes and bring a friend at no cost! A \$50.00 discount is given for those who register before

January 26th. Go to perspectivescanada.org for more information or to register.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT WEEKEND

2016 RRCC Women's Retreat March 4 – 6 @ Stillwood

A weekend with Ross Road Church women and your friends. It's been 3 years since our last retreat, and our desire is that it will bring spiritual encouragement, help develop significant relationships, deepen your faith, and provide a refreshing and strengthening time together. Hear the Life-Faith Journeys of Kim Tufford, Amanda Unger, and Margaret Woodey. Choose from 8 Breakout Session Workshops, and enjoy several optional indoor and outdoor activities in the Saturday afternoon free-time.

For more details check the church website. Please contact members of the Planning Team if you have any questions. You won't want to miss this!

A Registration Table in the main lobby will run January 24–February 21. We are praying God will prepare each of the presenters and each of the women who attend. *"...that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith"* Romans 1:12

“Dead and Alive”

Romans 6:1-14

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Union with Jesus provides freedom.

Simple Question—Verse 1

Since God’s grace is always greater than our sin, why don’t we keep on sinning?

Simple Answer—Verse 2

We can’t do what we have died to!

Detailed Answer— Verses 3-4

- We were baptized into Jesus.
- This baptized us into His death.
- Just as Jesus was raised to life, we too may live a new life.

More Detailed Answer—Verses 5-10

- Since we have been united with Jesus in His death, we will certainly be united with Him in His resurrection.
- Our old self's crucifixion with Jesus rendered our sinful nature powerless that we might be free from slavery to sin.
- Just as Jesus died to sin once for all and then was raised alive to God, we also live with Him.

Our Necessary Response—Verses 5-10

- Count on the fact that you are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus.
- Do not let sin reign by offering any part of yourself to be used by wickedness.
- Offer every part of yourself to God to be used by righteousness.

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Twin truths: Jesus' death paid the penalty our sins deserve; His death broke the power of our sin nature. Why is it harder to believe the second truth than the first? Twin realities: dead to sin; alive to God. How does the second reality add to and affect the first? How can you get into the habit of constantly counting on these twin realities? What part of yourself do you tend to offer to sin as an instrument of wickedness rather than to God as an instrument of righteousness? How will you change that?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, January 24, 2016:

To prepare for Pastor Art's message, "Whose Slave Am I?" read Romans 6:15-23 in various translations. Ask God to help you identify in what areas of your life you need to be set free from sin in order to be a slave of righteousness.

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. january. 17

9:00am Roman & Angela Manno

10:45am Karissa Stobbe Jennae Driediger

sunday. january. 24

9:00am Jason & Stephanie Shellborn

10:45am Monika Thiessen Danica Neufeldt

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

january. 18 - SOAP



I (Craig) am excited to share with you again this week and to let you know what has brought us back to youth for a bit. We'll

also take a look at how you can read your Bible on your own using a helpful tool called SOAP! See you there!

january. 25 - GOD SQUADS

More info to come this week!

COLLEGE & CAREER

Hope to see you all tonight at the Friesen's at 7:00pm for C&C!



For up-to-date info, check out our **Facebook page: RRCC C&C.**

C & C Retreat - January 29-31

Our retreat weekend at Camp Kawkawa should prove to be a fabulous time of connecting, relaxing, and opening God's Word together. Cost is \$70 (which is a smoking good deal for a weekend) and registration forms are available from Pastor Darren or Mike & Carly Nelson.

Registration and payment is due by January 24 so don't delay in getting your form in.

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Zone exists to partner with our Ross Road parents in the intentional discipleship of our children. We are one big family across many generations.

Today:

- Kids Zone Volunteer Dessert Appreciation @ 7:00pm

Tonight we look forward to relaxing together, enjoying some dessert, fellowship with our teammates, and giving thanks to God for all that He's doing in and through us.

Coming Up:

- MissionsFest, January 29-31
Visit: www.missionsfestvancouver.ca/2016-conference/schools-and-children/ for Children's programming. Purchase tickets before they're gone!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

january. 21 - IDENTITY

Join us as Michael Peters shares a bit about what's going on in his life and also challenges us in the area of identity!



RUSH 2016 is coming up February 19-21 in Kelowna and you won't want to miss it! Full registration details will be made available this week.

ENCORE (55+/-)

january. 17 (Today) - Lunch at Rivers
Contact Elisabeth Klassen if you would like to join us for lunch.

Mark your calendars for these events:

february. 14 - Valentine Dessert
Evening/ Movie @ 6:30pm
- \$5.00 tickets available soon

march. 20 - Lunch at Crossroads
(reservations needed)

april. 17 - Potluck 'Faspa' @ 5:30pm
- "Finishing Strong"

may. 15 - Lunch at Rivers
(reservations needed)

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 (Isaiah, Karis, Zander & Jacob) – in Central Asia with MB Mission

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

D & H – in Africa with Pioneer Bible Translators

Greetings!

We are so grateful for God's goodness. We rejoice that our host country has been declared free of Ebola! Our trip to and from the capital, along with the meetings we had there, went well, though tiring at times. Part of 1 Corinthians has been checked. Please pray as this process continues at a distance. The day after our return to our home, D's 2 1/2 year old laptop (a Mac) died suddenly with no further signs of life (a virus may have been involved). We're thankful for some temporary options and that his hard drive is fine. Please pray that he will be able to do some work while he awaits a new laptop due to arrive with a visitor next month. Pray, too, that the new computer will arrive well, work well, and be an effective tool for his work. Please also pray for wisdom and strength as we look forward to hosting and helping to orient a new PBT family in February.

Thank you!

PRAYER & PRAISE

Shirley Moerike

Clare Senek

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



Please pray for **Tony & Roxanna Petersen** serving with MB Mission in Germany.

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**
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