

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

January 24, 2016
Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Team

Today's Message:
"Whose Slave Am I?"

Romans 6:15-23

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
Bass - Matt McAllister
Piano - Marilyn Herrett

Vocals - Brigitte Friesen
Drums - Jason Janz

Audio - Mike Wiebe
Media - Ian Hancock

the week

sunday. january. 24

8:30am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room
9:00-10:15 am RRCC Worship
Between Services Coffee and snacks
@ Common Grounds
10:45-12:00 pm RRCC Worship

monday. january. 25

M. School "God Squad" Night

thursday. january. 28

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

friday-sunday. january. 29-31

C & C Retreat weekend
@ Camp Kawkawa

coming up

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

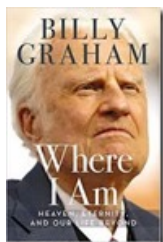
sunday. march. 20

Encore Lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$9160.07	\$66.40	\$500.00	436

LIBRARY



Where I Am is the final chapter from **Billy Graham**. Although Billy Graham may no longer preach from the stadiums of the world, in this book you will sense his heart still beats strong with the resounding assurance that he will **spend eternity with Jesus Christ**, the Saviour of the world. Mr. Graham invites and strongly encourages all of us to contemplate **our eternal hope**. He proclaims with resolve, "When I die, tell others that I've gone to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—that's where I am."

FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Stories of Freedom - God has been laying the theme of freedom on the heart of our church. Our vision statement expresses that we would be a people “who are experiencing a new found freedom in His love.” We believe this is taking place in the lives of people here and we’d love to hear the stories and give people opportunity to share their experience with the larger church. So often we are encouraged in our journey towards freedom by the testimony of another person, who like us, has been entrapped or burdened by some daunting challenge, whether it be fear, addiction, lust or any host of other challenges. If you’ve been growing in freedom and would be willing to share about that experience with the church, please chat with one of the pastors.



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Clare Senek, who went to be with the Lord. Her memorial service will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, January 25, here at Ross Road. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



The Word Guild supports the growth and development of Christian writers in Abbotsford and around the Fraser Valley. They meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:00 pm at the House of James. For more information, contact Shelaine Strom.



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 a few 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 7:00-10:00 pm. 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 26. Go to perspectivescanada.org for more information or to register.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT WEEKEND

2016 RRCC Women's Retreat March 4-6 @ Stillwood Camp

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, our sister from our family in T*rkey 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.

“Whose Slave Am I?”

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Introduction—Excuses for our sin

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace?

By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

We are slaves to whomever we habitually obey.

What is a slave?

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations.

What is a slave to sin?

20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

What is a slave to obedience?

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

What should I do?

*17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to **obey from your heart the pattern of teaching** that has now claimed your allegiance.*

*19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now **offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.***

Conclusion—The vast difference between God's gift and sin's wages

*23 For the **wages of sin** is death, but the **gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

What excuses do you give to justify your sin? Why do we tend to claim that we have freedom when, in fact, we are slaves to a particular sin? What is the cost and benefit of slavery to sin? What is the cost and benefit of slavery to obedience? Why do you want to be holy? What is so precious about eternal life? What is God prompting you to do?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, January 31, 2016:

In advance of Pastor Craig's message, "More of Jesus, Less of Me," please read John 3:22-36. What observations do you make about this text? What kinds of applications can be drawn from John the Baptist's comments to his disciples concerns?

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. 24

9:00am Jason & Stephanie Shellborn

10:45am Linda Mills Danica Neufeldt

sunday. january. 31

9:00am Rhonda Janzen Sally Healy
Allie Janzen

10:45am Sandy Nelson Monika Thiessen

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm



january. 25 - GOD SQUADS

God Squad nights are opportunities for your small group to do something fun together! Most groups will not

meet at RRCC, so please check with Craig or Holly if you're unsure as to what your group is doing!

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 (today) so don't delay in getting your form in.



KIDS MINISTRY

Today:

- Kids Church for Age 2-5 in both services, Grade 1-5 @ 9am

Yes! So Sweet! Ross Road Kids Zone Volunteer Appreciation Dessert Night

We had a fun-filled and rich night together delighting in homemade cheesecake, in each other, and in giving thanks to God for His faithfulness. We are blessed with over 80 faithful volunteers in Kids Ministry who are caring for and discipling over 100 kids from birth to Grade 5 in partnership with their parents.

FREE Soccer Camp T-shirts from the past few years are available just outside the gym hanging on hangers. Help yourself. First come, first serve.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

january. 28 -

Join us this week as Kirsten McAllister shares with us!



RUSH 2016 -

February 19-21

Remember to pick up and return your RUSH registration forms by February 4!

ENCORE (55+/-)

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)

june. 26 - BBQ Lunch after church

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 – 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

Rachael Wiebe – in Winnipeg with MB Mission

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Al & Karen Stobbe (Karissa & Natasha) – in Abbotsford with MB Mission

Dear Ross Road family,

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. God is at work and we praise Him for answered prayer...

- the FOCUS Apprentices have transitioned back to their home contexts well and are engaged in active support raising
- for great times of rest and refreshment over the Christmas holidays

Please pray...

- for clarity as Al's role at MB Mission is revised (more details in the coming weeks)
- for attention to detail as Al prepares the budgets to send to the missionaries this week for the first step of the budgeting process
- for discernment as new missionary applicants are processed and reference calls made. Applicants for Spring Adventure are coming from North Carolina, California, Kansas, and Manitoba.
- for focus and strength for Karissa and Natasha as they are into another semester of studies

PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell

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

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **SB** serving with MB Mission in a restricted area.

PASTORAL TEAM:

Art Birch - Lead Pastor
Associate Pastors
Darren Petker - Adult Ministry
Craig Thiessen (Interim) - Youth 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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