



ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

January 31, 2016
Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Jordan Regier & Worship Team

Today's Message:
"More of Jesus, Less of Me"

John 3:22-36

Craig Thiessen

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 - Matt McAllister
Elec. Guitar - Dave Rodda

Vocals - Susanne Walton
Bass - Steve Labish
Drums - Michael Penner

Audio - Bryce Unraw
Media - Bob Regier

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sunday, january, 31

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, february, 01

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

tuesday, february, 02

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study Planning Mtg.

thursday, february, 04

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

comingUP

monday, february, 08

Church office is closed for "Family Day"

sunday, february, 14

Encore Valentine Evening/ Movie

friday-sunday, february, 19-21

High School Youth @ RUSH

sunday, february, 28

RRCC Annual General Meeting

friday-sunday, march, 04-06

Women's Retreat @ Stillwood Camp

sunday, march, 20

Encore Lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant

LIBRARY



The message of **All In** by **Mark Batterson** is simple: *if Jesus is not Lord of all then Jesus is not Lord at all.* It's all or nothing. It's now or never. Kneeling at the foot of cross of Christ and surrendering to His Lordship is a radical act of **dethroning yourself and enthroning Christ as King.** It's also an act of disowning yourself. Nothing belongs to you. Not even you. When did we start believing that the gospel is an insurance plan? It's a **daring plan.** Jesus did not die just to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous."

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, and Margaret Woodey. Choose from 8 Breakout Session Workshops, and enjoy several optional activities during 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!

2 A registration table in the main lobby will run January 24-February 21.



Syrian Refugee Donations

At this time RRCC cannot receive donations for the refugee sponsorship program until we have established a specific fund for the project. When the funding has been clarified with MCC and the project approved by the church, we will begin receiving donations.



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. 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.



Ying Kai is a fruitful disciple multiplier from Asia who has been used by God to see 140,000 churches started and over 1.7 million people baptized. His T4T disciple making methods are being adapted for use all around the world. Ying Kai will be available in our area at the following times and places:

Missions Fest Workshop

- January 30, 3:30-4:30 pm, Vancouver Missions Fest workshop

Leaders Meeting for Adaption of T4T

- February 2, 8:30-3:00 pm, Faith Baptist Church, 2551 East 49th Vancouver

- February 3, 8:30-3:00 pm Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 10330 144th St. Surrey

Training for Disciple Multiplying Group Leaders

-February 5, 6:30-9:00 pm & February 6, 8:30-3:30 pm, New Life Community Church, 8765 Government St. Burnaby

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$14,660.70	\$1,461.25	\$50.00	400

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. 31

9:00am Sally Healy Angela Rosborough

10:45am Sandy Nelson Monika Thiessen

sunday. february. 07

9:00am Ashley Esau Angela Rosborough

10:45am Sandra Hayashida
Betty-Lou Hildebrandt

KIDS MINISTRY

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

Make a Poster! Hey kids, make a poster on the theme of God’s love for us! We’ll take a picture of it and make a slideshow for Valentine’s Day, Celebration Sunday, Feb 14th! Email a photo or quality scan to merriellen@rossroadcc.ca or bring to the main office during the week for scanning. Have fun together with your parents looking for a Bible verse about God’s love for us. Deadline: February 10

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

“More of Jesus, Less of Me”

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3:22-24: Introduction

3:25-26: The Comparison Game

3:27-30: It's All About Jesus (and not about me)

3:31-36: Why Jesus is Greater

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

In what ways do you find yourself playing the comparison game in your life? Is it robbing you of the joy that you might otherwise be able to experience? How might you, like John the Baptist, point others to Jesus with the things that He has given to you and the roles that He has called you to play?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, February 7, 2016:

In healthy marriage there are all kinds of attachments that knit a couple together to become one flesh. In our passage for next Sunday, Paul uses the analogy of marriage and the sin of adultery to help us grasp that our attachments to sin have been broken by Christ's death and new attachments have been formed to the Spirit. In preparation for Sunday, please read Romans 7:1-6 and pray that God's Spirit would illuminate for you any unhealthy attachments to the life of sin so that you might be freed to make new attachments to the way of the Spirit.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

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“A WORK IN PROGRESS”

Join us this week as we begin a series on the life of Joseph, we're calling 'A Work in Progress'. This week Nick shares the first part of the story. Remember to use your SOAP exercise for Genesis 37!



february. 08 - NO YOUTH

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP



If you're interested in joining a men's Bible study group, please join us on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 pm at the church in the room above the Fireside Room. This night will

be about gathering and making a plan for an ongoing Bible study group. If you have questions please talk to Al Brechin or Pastor Darren.

GREATER CONFERENCE

Guys, the Men's Ministry team would like to invite you to join us in attending the Greater Conference put on by Promise Keepers Canada. This one day event on Saturday, February 20 should prove to be an impactful day. The cost is \$55 which includes lunch. Sign up at the info table in the foyer or email Pastor Darren. Don't forget to check out the conference online by visiting the Men's Ministry page on our RRCC website.

COLLEGE & CAREER

There is no C & C this weekend as we are at Camp Kawkawa. We will meet again at the Friesen's on February 7.



For up-to-date info, check out our

6 **Facebook page: RRCC C&C.**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

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Join us this week as Jen Bamford shares her testimony and from God's Word!

RUSH 2016 - February 19-21

Registration forms are due this Thursday! Please get one from the Info Table or the "Ross Road Youth!" Facebook group. The conference is February 19-21.

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DON'T JUST STAND THERE ... PRAY SOMETHING

ENCORE (55+/-)

Mark your calendars for these events:

february. 14 - Valentine Dessert

Evening/ Movie @ 6:30 pm



\$5.00 tickets available in the foyer for the next two Sundays, or from Elisabeth Klassen.

march. 20 - Lunch at Crossroads (reservations needed)

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

may. 15 - Lunch at Rivers Restaurant (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

S & B – in Central Asia with MB Mission

Dwayne & Helen Rainwater – 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

Rob & Judy Griffioen – in Abbotsford with Good News International Ministries

Thank you for being such a huge blessing to us. We are deeply grateful to have a strong mission-hearted church behind us, in both prayer and support.

In the last few months, we celebrated two new church openings, one in Talaingod, Davao Del Norte, Philippines, and the other in Mine Ko, Tachileik, Myanmar. Both of these are outreaches in deeply impoverished areas. Through the support raised through GNI Ministries, these churches are totally paid for. In addition, many needy children have been blessed to attend school, with the hope of helping their families break out of poverty and come to know the love of the Saviour. 2015 was a faith-stretching year, but God has shown up in amazing ways!

Entering 2016, Judy and I look forward to what God has in store for us. Plans are in motion for another pioneering church plant in Talandang, Philippines and to support more children to go to school through our backpacks program. Our ministries continue to develop in Thailand (2 locations) and Myanmar. On the home front, our family continues to grow, and now we have a sixth grandchild on the way.

I (Rob) booked a flight to travel to South East Asia in early February. My plan is to meet Sion, our Burmese leader in Yangon, to celebrate his graduation from Bible school. From there, I plan to head into northern Thailand to firm up our partnership in the New Life Garden safe house ministry (part of the Garden of Hope). After that, I plan to zip over to Davao (Philippines) to meet with our “Fourth Man Eagle” leaders and work through future plans with this rapidly developing ministry.

Locally, I rejoice in an opportunity to disciple a young man who recently received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Please pray for “V,” that God would give him Victory over every thing that would hold him back from totally following the Lord.

Also, please pray for safety in travel and that God will give us much wisdom in following his lead in each area of need he sends us to. Day by day, we rely on God’s provision in every way. He is so good!

PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell - Debbie has begun a second round of chemotherapy.

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

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **S & D** 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**

PRAYER CHAIN: Doreen Froese
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