



# ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Helping People Find and Follow Jesus*

February 7, 2016  
Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship  
Jeff Thiessen & Worship Team

**Today's Message:**  
**Freedom: "A New Attachment"**

*Romans 7:1-6*

**Darren Petker**

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**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.

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## WELCOME

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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 **Jeff Thiessen** and the Worship Team

**Bass** - Jeff Thiessen

**Guitar** - Dave Rodda

**Drums** - Sam Stuckey

**Piano** - Lisa Boschmann

**Vocals** - Meagan Emard

**Audio** - Jeremy Nunnikhoven

**E. Guitar** - Vernon Boschmann

**Vocals** - Gord Mosey

**Media** - Elena Unraw

### the week

#### sunday, february. 07

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. 08

Church office is closed for "Family Day"  
No Middle School Youth

#### wednesday, february. 10

Easter Lent begins

#### thursday, february. 11

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

#### friday, february. 12

6:45-8:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Fireside Room

### comingUP

#### sunday, february. 14

Encore Valentine Evening/ Movie

#### friday-sunday, february. 19-21

High School Youth @ RUSH

#### saturday, february. 20

Men's Greater Conference @

#### sunday, february. 28

RRCC Annual General Meeting

#### friday-sunday, march. 04-06

Women's Retreat @ Stillwood Camp

#### sunday, march. 20

Encore Lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant

#### friday, march. 25

Good Friday service @ 10:00 am

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## LIBRARY

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In *Glory Days*, **Max Lucado** states the book of Joshua is in the Bible to remind us of one thing: **God Fights For Us!** We can overcome, because **He has already overcome**. We were not made to stand in the shadow of our walls and quake. We were made to stand on top of Jericho's rubble and conquer. We win, because God's already won. Need a new battle plan for life? **Keep walking, keep believing.** These may be your Glory Days.

### LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$19,706.11	\$55.00	\$0.00	369

## 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.

## FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

### RRCC Annual General Meeting - Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendars!



Please note that our AGM will take place on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Come early to visit and connect over enjoyable appetizers starting at 6:00 pm! The meeting is to present the 2015 financial report, and to review the proposed budget for 2016. We will also be affirming the nominations for the Associate Pastor Search Team. The 2015 financial reports will be available in the foyer on Sunday, February 14 in preparation for this important meeting.



**Our deepest sympathies** to Al & Karen Stobbe, Karissa and Natasha, on the passing of Al's mother Mary (Epp) Stobbe. For information regarding the memorial service please contact the church office. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



**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.



**Don't forget to check out page 6 in the bulletin and also the Men's & Women's Ministry Tables in the Foyer for info on the RRCC Women's Retreat and the Men's Greater Conference!**

### 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. february. 07**

9:00am Ashley Esau Angela Rosborough

10:45am Sandra Hayashida  
Betty-Lou Hildebrandt

#### **sunday. february. 14**

9:00am Sally Healy Jennae Driediger

10:45am Anna Healy Linda Mills

### 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, February 14! 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

**Countdown to Easter begins February 10!** Check [www.RossRoadKids.com](http://www.RossRoadKids.com) for family reflections.

**Freedom: “A New Attachment”**

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**The Audience v.1—**

**The Example v.2-3—**

**Behavioural Modification by Effort**

**vs.**

**Character Transformation by Grace**

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

In what ways do you see yourself living out of old attachments to the law? Why do you think you choose to remain bonded to your old way of striving by effort? How might the image of a new attachment help you to trust in God's Spirit to do the work of transforming your character?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, February 14, 2016:

Freedom: Sin's Deception; Romans 7:7-13. In preparation for next week, read the aforementioned scripture passage and reflect on how deeply entangling the power of sin really is.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

### february. 08 - NO YOUTH

### february. 15 - "A WORK IN PROGRESS" - Joseph & Potiphar

This week Craig will share the story of Joseph in Potiphar's house and the temptation that Joseph faced. Join us as we learn from God's Word!

**SHINE 2015** happens from April 8-10 at Stillwood Camp! Registration forms with all the info are available on the Info Desk, or ask Holly for more info!

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Ministry team would like to invite men of all ages to come on out Friday mornings at 6:45 am in the Fireside Room for Bible study. For more information contact 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. Check out the conference online by visiting the Men's Ministry page on our RRCC website.

## 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"

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## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

### february. 11 -

Join us this week as Meagan Nelson shares from God's Word on the different ways to worship!

### february. 18 - NO YOUTH

(due to the RUSH retreat)

### february 19-21 - RUSH Conference

If you haven't gotten your registration form in and would still like to go, talk to Craig to see if there is still space available.

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Women's Retreat: March 4-6, 2016

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 out the church website. You won't want to miss this!

## COLLEGE & CAREER

See you all tonight at the Friesen's for C & C.

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



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## OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

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**Paul & Edna Cairns** – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

**Otto & Marjorie Ekk** – in Portugal 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

**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

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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**Cynthia Friesen** – in Thailand with MB Mission

Praise God, two weeks in the Juvenile Detention Centre and three girls prayed to receive Christ. We have divided the girls into three groups on Fridays. First group is those who are not yet believers, second group are those who are believers (kind of like a baptism class) and the third group, which I usually lead, is for those who have been baptized. The largest group right now on Friday's is the not yet believers. Many of the girls that have been baptized have moved to the coffee shop outside the prison (they have earned good behaviour points) where they get work experience or they have been released from Juvy to go home.

These last few months have been so full of change in the JDC. We used to meet in a small little 'sala' and those who wanted to join on Fridays would join us. In the last few months, we have moved to the larger main covered area of the Juvy where the girls who didn't attend our bible study would hang out. I'm not sure how this move really happened but now all the girls are attending the group. Of course some only come because there is milk and cookies offered at the end but if that's how they start their journey towards Jesus, we are okay with that :). The challenge is that there is a very obvious spiritual battle going on every Friday, now more than ever. So to see three new believers was just another reminder of God's sovereignty, power, and authority over the darkness. Some of the girls definitely have a few demons so there are even more challenges communicating the gospel every Friday. There is no fear but we realize that this is the reality we are in right now. Please pray for spiritual victory and deliverance for those who need it. Continue to pray for our team of 5 that constantly feel humbled and awed by what the Lord allows us to do in His name for his glory.

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## PRAYER & PRAISE

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**Debbie Bracewell**

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

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## PRAYER REQUEST

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Please pray for **Trevor & Joan Godard** serving with MB Mission in Mexico.

### 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**  
**Frieda Neufeld**



Find RRCC on:



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