

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

1st Sunday of Lent

Communion & Celebration Sunday
February 14, 2016
Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Team

Today's Message:
Freedom: "Sin's Distortion"

Romans 7:7-13

Darren Petker

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 - Graeme McAllister

Piano - Marilyn Herrett

Vocals - Brigitte Friesen

Vocals - Nicki Willems

E. Guitar - Rob Herrett

Drums - Holly McLean

Audio - Bryce Unraw

Media - Bob Regier

the week

sunday, february, 14

8:30 am 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

6:30 pm Encore Valentine Movie/Dessert Evening

monday, february, 15

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

thursday, february, 18

No High School Youth

friday-sunday, february, 19-21

High School Youth @ RUSH

comingUP

sunday, february, 28

RRCC Annual General Meeting

friday-sunday, march, 04-06

Women's Retreat @ Stillwood Camp

friday-saturday, march, 11-12

Middle School Youth All-nighter

sunday, march, 13

Daylight Saving Time begins

sunday, march, 20

Encore Lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant

friday, march, 25

Good Friday service @ 10:00 am

friday-sunday, april, 08-10

Middle School Youth @ SHINE Retreat

LENT REFLECTION

Love's Journey to the Cross - Lent Reflection February 14

Easter is the most important event in our world history. We call the 40 days countdown to Easter, "Lent," as it refers to the lengthening of days. Lent is a time that we focus on dying to ourselves, and living free in Christ. During Lent, we countdown to the greatest act of love in history, one that allows us to live in freedom. This year, our reflections focus on God's love for us and how He calls us to love, and to live free in Christ. Today, the first Sunday in Lent, we reflect on God's everlasting love spoken of through the prophet Jeremiah.



Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;

I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

As you reflect on Christ's sacrifice on the cross, for your freedom, think of these words. What particular word speaks to you today?

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.

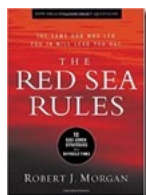


Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Join an Equip to Serve discipleship group. Enjoy encouraging fellowship and challenging accountability as you memorize God's word, read the Bible and learn to share your faith with others. Contact Jason Shellborn.



Attention men: In March, we are looking to start a mens singing group, singing Southern Gospel style music. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bob Stobbe.

LIBRARY



The Red Sea Rules, by **Robert J. Morgan**, reveals that even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations **God promises to make a way** for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, marital strife, financial problems, or whatever challenges Satan places in our path. Using the **Israelites' story in Exodus 14** as an example, Robert Morgan offers ten sound strategies for moving from fear to faith. The same God who led us in will lead us out. **He is in control.**

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$12,701.15	\$1,723.65	\$0.00	347

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. 14

9:00am Sally Healy Jennae Driediger

10:45am Anna Healy Linda Mills

sunday. february. 21

9:00am Angela Manno Melissa Degelder

10:45am Larelle Wiebe Karissa Stobbe

KIDS MINISTRY

Today we celebrate with all the generations! Preschoolers later dismissed.

To the parents of our young children... Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!



Children, help yourself to the **Celebrating Sunday Kids Sermon Sheet** in the foyer and doodle or draw away!

Countdown to Easter is on! Check www.RossRoadKids.com for Lent reflections that you can read as a family.

Freedom: “Sin’s Distortion”

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Big Idea: Sin is the great manipulator, distorting God’s intended good, bringing death where God sought to bring life.

God’s Intended Good – Why did God give the Law?

Sin, the Great Manipulator – How did sin do it?

Death where God intended life – What value does God's law have for us today?

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Over lunch with your family or friends, think about the benefit we gain in life from having rules to follow. What are the benefits? Each one of us can probably also identify with not wanting to follow the rules at some time or another, what is it within us that balks at being told what to do? In your own life, how has reflecting on God's laws (Psalm 19), increased your awareness of and your love for God?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, February 21, 2016:

Freedom: A Lament We Know All too Well – Romans 7:14-25 – In preparation for next Sunday, read this next text in Romans and reflect on how you find yourself identifying with what Paul is saying.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

february. 15 - "A WORK IN PROGRESS"

This week in our series on the life of Joseph, we will take a look at Genesis 39 in which Joseph is tempted to do what he knows he shouldn't do. We all face temptation, so join us as we learn from Joseph's response!



february. 22 - GUYS/GIRLS NIGHT

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Ministry team would like to invite men of all ages to come 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

We look forward to gathering together over dessert and a movie.

march. 20 - Lunch at Crossroads (reservations needed)

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

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

february. 18 - NO YOUTH
(due to the RUSH retreat)

february. 19-21 - RUSH Conference

Those of you who are coming to RUSH need to be at RRCC by 3:00 on Friday afternoon. We will return Sunday late afternoon/early evening.

Students will text or call home with an approximate arrival time.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S RETREAT: march. 04-06

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.

CHICKS & CHOCOLATE OUTING!

Join Alex Schellenberg and your fellow movie buffs at Cineplex High Street for a Sunday Matinee screening of the new movie Risen! This film tells the story of the resurrection through the eyes of a Roman centurion. Come along and bring a friend if you like.

Official show time to be determined and regular theatre rates apply. Rated PG-13 for "biblical violence".

Any questions or to reserve a seat contact Alex Schellenberg.

COLLEGE & CAREER



Hope we will see you tonight at the Friesen's for C & C.

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

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 – in Africa with Pioneer Bible Translators

Beth Scholes – in Abbotsford with FamilyLife

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

Rachael Wiebe – in Winnipeg with MB Mission

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jason & Stephanie Shellborn (Madison, Hudson & London) – in Abbotsford with Discipleship International

Here is an update to let you know how we have seen God at work over the last few months.

At the Union Gospel Mission each week we have a Bible study that is available to anyone who wants to come. One person has started coming with his mom. I have seen them at the UGM ever since I started helping there but they have never come down to the study. We would often talk during lunch and one day I asked if he had a Bible. I learned that he has a hard time reading because the letters are so small. After offering him a large print Bible, he was excited to start reading it. As weeks have gone on, his mom has told me how she cannot believe how faithful he is in reading this Bible. They have started coming to the Bible study and she is amazed to hear him share about how God loves him and is there for him, if he trust's God and believes in Him. She later told me how she grew up going to church but has not continued going since she was a child. Please pray for Patrick and his mom, that they will see the Lord at work in their daily lives and seek to follow His leading.

We served at the Discipleship International booth at Mission Fest at the end of January, and had the opportunity to talk to many people. In conversation with a girl there, she shared that she “was new to this whole thing.” I asked her what she meant by that and she explained that she was here because she had been helping out at a camp in the summer and they invited her to share at their booth. I asked her if she was a Christian and she didn't know. I asked her if she had a Bible and she said “no, but that's something I really need to get.” We had some Bibles at our booth so I asked if she wanted one. She was very excited to be able to receive a Bible. I shared the gospel with her and my testimony and asked her a few more questions. God is at work in her life whether she realizes it or not. Please pray for Christine that she would seek the Lord and come to know Him.

We have had another person join our RRCC Equip to Serve group. She has taken the first three books many years ago and wants to finish what she had started. Her name is Julia and she is a great addition to our group.

Some family news, we are expecting our fourth child in the beginning of August, praise God!

Thank you for all your prayer and encouragement. Please continue to pray for us that we would humbly follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Pray for us as we seek to start another discipleship group in Abbotsford. Pray for those involved in our work with DI. Pray for our family that we would be lead by the Lord.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell Please continue to pray for **Walt Letkeman and Curtis Albright** 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 **T & R** 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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