

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016
Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Team

Today's Message:
Freedom: "Our All Too Familiar Lament"

Romans 7:14-25

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

E. Guitar - Dave Rodda
Bass - Nathan Van Rump
Piano - Karen Loewen

Vocals - Julie Bulawka
Guitar - Matt McAllister
Drums - Michael Penner

Audio - Mike Wiebe
Media - Ian Hancock

the week

sunday, february, 21

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
1:30 pm Chicks & Chocolate @ High Street

monday, february, 22

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

thursday, february, 25

7:00-9:00 pm High School Youth @ Central Heights for CITYWIDE

friday, february, 26

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

coming up

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 Reflections 2016 February 21 - *Our mouths* (James 3:9-10, 17-18)



We continue our countdown of the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter. Let us focus on dying to ourselves and living free in Christ; on love's journey to the cross, and on how God loves us and calls us to love others.

Today we reflect on James 3. Our words show others who we really are. Think about all you've said or written this week... in a letter, an email, a text, on social media... is it good, loving and true?

LIBRARY



When God Doesn't Fix it, by **Laura Story**, helps us understand we aren't the only ones whose **lives have taken unexpected turns**. She examines the brokenness of some of the heroes of our faith, and shows how despite their flaws and flawed stories, **God was able to use them** in extraordinary ways. And it was not because of their faith, but because of the faithfulness of their God. God may not fix everything. In fact, although your situation might not ever change or get better, with Jesus you can.

FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Due to the fact that we have regular attendees with severe fragrance allergies, we ask that you refrain from using after shave, lotions, and perfume on Sunday mornings. Thank you!



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.



Ross Road is looking for a new Meals Ministry Coordinator. This person coordinates our volunteers who provide meals for both church and local families in times of need. If you would like more information about this, please contact Brenda Stephens.



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 for more information.



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

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$19,841.71	\$6,665.00	\$100.00	466

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.

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9:00am Angela Manno Melissa Degelder

10:45am Larelle Wiebe Karissa Stobbe

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9:00am Jason & Stephanie Shellborn

10:45am Sandy Nelson Jennae Driediger

KIDS MINISTRY

Today: Kids Church for ages 2-5 in both services, grades 1-5 @ 9:00am.

Countdown to Easter is on! Check www.RossRoadKids.com for Lent reflections.

How do we raise Gospel-loving kids in a Gospel hating culture?

Canada is a post-Christian country. What things are against the Gospel in our society? How we can help kids follow Jesus in the midst of cultural challenges?

Join Pastor Merri Ellen and others on **April 15-16 for a conference** in Langley for parents and ministry leaders.

Visit www.transformconference.ca to register and let Pastor Merri Ellen know via email that you plan to attend.

Freedom: “Our All Too Familiar Lament”

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Who is Paul talking about?

Our lamentable struggle with sin...

Three Responses —

Big Idea: Our lamentable struggle with sin must be seen through Christ.

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Which of the three responses that Pastor Darren talked about do you find yourself most often identifying with? Why? How does seeing our current/ongoing struggle with sin change when we see it through Christ's work on the cross?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, February 28, 2016:

In preparation for Pastor Art's message, "Set Free," from Romans 7:25-8:13, read and ponder that text. List the contrasting results of living according to flesh (sinful nature) and living according to the Spirit. Surrender anew to the empowering of the Spirit in your life.

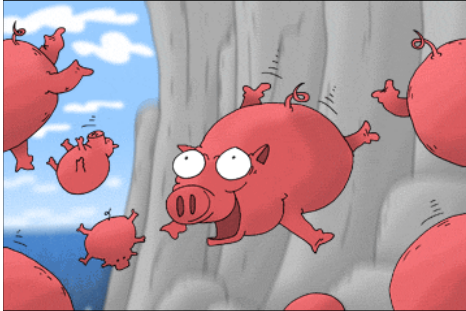
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

february. 22 - GUYS/GIRLS NIGHT

Come to the church for a fun night of games and learning! We'll be splitting up guys and girls for the whole night, but everything will take place at RRCC.

Forms for both **SHINE 2016** (April 8-10) and the **ALL-NIGHTER** (March 11-12) are available from the Info Booth, or ask Holly for one!

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(See Mark 5:1-19)

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I'VE NEVER FELT SO ALIVE!

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.



ENCORE (55+/-)

Mark your calendars for these events:



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. 25 - CITYWIDE (at Central Heights)

Citywide is an event that will bring together at least 12 different youth groups from the local area! We'll join together for worship as well as teaching about 'The Mission Field of Your School'. Please note that drop-off is at 7:00 and pick-up is at 9:00 from Central Heights Church (1661 McCallum Rd).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

TODAY, CHICKS & CHOCOLATE

february. 21 @ 1:30PM.



Join Alex Schellenberg and your fellow movie buffs at Cineplex High Street today at 1:30pm for a 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. Regular theatre rates apply. Rated PG-13 for "biblical violence".

Any questions or to reserve a seat contact Alex Schellenberg.



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.

COLLEGE & CAREER



We thought we would go see the movie "Risen," playing at SilverCity Mission this evening. Please let Mike & Carly Nelson know if you are able to join us.

OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

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

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

Paul & Edna Cairns – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

Greetings from the Crossroads Chapel!

Thank you to all who helped us with the Christmas gift bags for the truckers. We gave out 130 gift bags which included New Testaments, “Way of Salvation” tracts, personal items, goodies and a sandwich at five different Truck Stops. We also gave out 50 meals of hot soup and sandwiches. Seven drivers including a Muslim driver came to the Christmas Day service. The Word was given out. It was an extraordinarily good Christmas. PTL!!

I spent three days at Mission’s Fest in Vancouver. The traffic and interest in our ministry was very encouraging. I came home with a bad chest cold which is still lingering. Please pray for a full recovery. I am so thankful for the dedicated chaplains who keep the chapel open even when I cannot be there.

I performed the wedding ceremony for Wayne and Donna last May. In the fall, Donna was diagnosed with cancer. They did surgery a month ago. They opened and closed her back up and gave her a year to live. We went to visit her in hospital and were astounded by her openness to share her faith with everyone. During this journey, we had the joy of seeing Wayne and Donna come to the Lord. They are praising Him and asking Him for a complete healing. Please pray together with us for healing as they face each day with renewed faith and that they will be encouraged again and again. Also, please pray for Chaplain Mel who is having open heart surgery on March 8.

My laptop is 9 years old and is now giving me a lot of problems. The sound card is gone and it is slowly shutting down on me. The new computer I need to do all my office work will cost \$1094.00. Pray that God will supply me with the computer I need.

On a personal note our family is doing well. We are anticipating having them all here for Christmas this year.

Thank you for your overwhelming prayers and support. We appreciate each of you so much. God is so good!

PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell
Gerd Loewen

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

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Tyler & Cheryl Schulz** serving with MB Mission in Burundi.

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



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