



ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

3rd Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016
Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Team

Today's Message:
Freedom: "Set Free"

Romans 8:1-13

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 - Steve Labish
Piano - Sally Healy

Vocals - Eleanor Kent
Vocals - Sharon Timmermans
Mandolin - Wayne Rempel

Audio - Jeremy Nunnikhoven
Media - Bob Regier

the week

sunday. february. 28

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

6:00 pm RRCC AGM

monday. february. 29

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

thursday. march. 03

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

friday. march. 04

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

friday-sunday. march. 04-06

Women's Retreat @ Stillwood Camp

coming up

friday-saturday. march. 11-12

Middle School Youth All-nighter

sunday. march. 13

Daylight Saving Time begins

tuesday. march. 15

Baptism & Membership Class

sunday. march. 20

Encore Lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant
Baptism & Membership Applicants meet with
Elders and Pastors

friday. march. 25

Good Friday service @ 10:00 am

friday-sunday. april. 08-10

Middle School Youth @ SHINE Retreat

saturday. april. 16

RRCC Spring Clean-up Day

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 - TONIGHT!

Please note that our AGM will take place tonight! 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.



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.



FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Congratulations to Steve & Deanna Nickel on the birth of their second son, Caleb James.



Our deepest sympathies to Gerd & Almut Loewen and their family on the passing of Almut's mother, Sara Neufeld. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



Our heartfelt condolences to Rudie & Louise Willms on the sudden passing of Rudie's sister, Hilda Penner. Please pray for comfort and strength for the family, as Rudie's brother John Willms is in Cottage Hospital, and appears to be in his final days.



Pastor Jay or Jacob Neufeld who served as pastor of RRCC passed on to his heavenly home February 24th, 2016 in Abbotsford, BC . His funeral celebration will be held Friday, March 4th at 11:00 am at Clearbrook MB Church.



Shirley Moerike is looking to hire an individual to re-attach insulation to her trailer floor underneath in the trailer crawl space. She is able to pay \$100 for the work, but the individual would need to provide their own work gloves & safety goggles and have a staple gun. Please call Shirley.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

| Church Ministries | Other | Building | Attendance |
|-------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| \$14,131.25 | \$4,790.00 | \$0.00 | 404 |

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 Rhonda Janzen Stephanie Shellborn
Allie Janzen

10:45am Sandy Nelson Jennae Driediger

sunday. march. 06

9:00am Rhonda Janzen Ashleigh Esau
Allie Janzen

10:45am Monika Thiessen Rosabelle Birch

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Zone exists to partner with our Ross Road parents in the intentional discipleship of our children. We are one big family across many generations.

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

Countdown to Easter!

Check out www.RossRoadKids.com for reflections to do as a family.



Freedom: “Set Free”

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1. Righteousness Not Condemnation. 8:1-4

2. Life and Peace Not Hostility and Death. 8:5-8

3. Eternal Not Terminal 8:9-11

4. Obligation Not Option 8:12-13

“Living in the Spirit means that I trust the Holy Spirit to do in me what I cannot do myself. My life in Him is very different from the life I would naturally live of myself. It is not a life of merely trying but of collaborating, trying as I trust. Life in the Spirit is not successful because I persevere in struggling but because I insist on resting—putting all my confidence in the victory Jesus won *for* me and the empowering of the Spirit present *in* me—as I obey.”

**We live in freedom by collaborating with the Spirit
as He lives in us what Jesus won for us.**

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

If you struggle with feelings of guilt, shame, or condemnation, what help do you find in Romans 8:1-4? What aspects of your mindset are of the flesh and what of the Spirit? What one or two changes do you choose to make in order to limit the mindset of the flesh and strengthen the mindset of the Spirit? How does the knowledge that the Spirit will one day transform (resurrect) your body making you physically immortal encourage you to trust the Spirit right here and now to empower your life? Express to God in prayer that you reject all temptation to be reluctant to live for Him wholly and that you gratefully live out your obligation to live in the Spirit.

In Preparation for Next Sunday, March 6, 2016:

Next Sunday’s message on Romans 8:14-17 will be entitled “Adopted!” Prayerfully read the text, asking God to help you admire the beauty and significance of being both born and adopted into His family.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

february. 29 -

“A WORK IN PROGRESS”

This week, Holly continues our series on the life of Joseph from Genesis 40-41. Take some time to read it beforehand!



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!

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.



june. 10-12 MEN'S RETREAT

@ TEEPEE LAKES

Guys, make sure you mark this weekend on your calendar! We're going back

to Teepee Lakes and we'd love to have you join us for another awesome men's weekend. More details will follow soon, but for now set that weekend aside!



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

march. 03 -

Join us this week as guest speaker Len Loewen shares from God's Word!

march. 10 - SMALL GROUP NIGHT

Your leaders will give more info about this on Thursday night.

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

08-07-2015

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.

COLLEGE & CAREER

There will be no C & C this evening as the RRCC AGM is tonight. We encourage everyone to join us at the church for appetizers, fellowship, and AGM.

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 (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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Rachael Wiebe – in Winnipeg with MB Mission

Praise:

-SOAR Saskatchewan just wrapped up and it was a great two weeks. We saw God changing the hearts and minds of many participants as we worshipped, served and learned about what it means to have a “face to face” relationship with God, yourself, others and your community. We pray that as we all return back home that we would remember what God has done and be able to share with others.

-It was such a privilege and blessing to lead SOAR Saskatchewan this year. God gave me the opportunity to use the gifts He has given me and I also had the opportunity to be stretched in new ways. Coming out of program I feel very encouraged and thankful for the role God has given me here.

-My co-worker Lisa had her baby! We are all very excited to add this little guy to our team.

Prayer:

-We are in the process of preparing for SOAR Heartland (Winnipeg). This year orientation falls over the Easter weekend which gives us great focus on Jesus and the reason why SOAR exists, logistically it causes a lot of stress, please pray for our team as we discern what SOAR should look like this year.

-Continue to pray for staff transitions in our office and that we would have wisdom to move forward in the best direction.

PRAYER REQUEST

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

Debbie Bracewell

Gerd Loewen

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

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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