

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

4th Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016
Worship Service: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Ryan McAllister & Band

Today's Message:
Freedom: "Adopted!"

Romans 8:13-17

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 **Ryan McAllister** and the band.

the**week**

sunday. march. 06

- 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

monday. march. 07

- 7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

thursday. march. 10

- 7:00-9:30 pm High School Small Groups Night

friday. march. 11

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

friday-saturday. march. 11-12

- 7:30 pm-7:00 am Middle School Youth All-nighter

comingUp

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

sunday-friday. march. 20-25

The Passion of Jesus Experience

friday. march. 25

Good Friday service @ 10:00 am

sunday. march 27

Easter Sunday services 9:00 & 10:45 am

friday-sunday. april. 08-10

Middle School Youth @ SHINE Retreat

LENT REFLECTION



Love’s Journey to the Cross - Lent Reflections 2016
March 6 - Adopted (Luke 15)

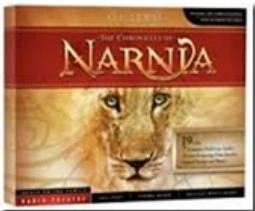
We continue our countdown of the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter. Let us focus on dying to ourselves and living free in Christ; on love’s journey to the cross, and on how God loves us and calls us to love others.

Today we reflect on the Prodigal Son in Luke 15, and our loving and welcoming Heavenly Father. What in your life are you running away from or trying to be in control of? What are you striving for on your own strength? Turn to your Heavenly Father and let Him run out to you and gather you in His big strong arms.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC			
Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$13,982.1	\$1,558.75	\$35.00	440

LIBRARY

Listen to all seven stories in **C. S. Lewis's** classic fantasy series **The Chronicles of Narnia** in this CD collection. Each of these timeless, extraordinary,stories stands alone, but together they are the history of a fantastic world that becomes as real as our own. **Great for a long road trip over Spring Break!**





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.



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.



Attention men: We will be starting the men’s singing group this Monday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bob Stobbe.

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Baptism/Membership Class: 7:00-8:30 pm, Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Baptism & Membership Applicants Meet with Elders & Pastors: 4:00-5:30 pm, Sunday, March 20, 2016

Baptism in water, after deciding to follow Jesus, is the one thing that Jesus asked us to do to declare that we are His followers (Matthew 28:19-20). Ideally, baptism follows faith as soon as possible.

Our baptism as believers also gives us a visible connection with our local church. When we trust Jesus as Saviour and surrender to Him as Lord, He baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, who breathes spiritual life into us making us members of Jesus’ spiritual body (1 Corinthians 12:13), His church. Similarly, when we are visibly baptized in water, we become members of our local church, His visible body.

To prepare for baptism and membership, we regularly offer a class, followed by an opportunity to be affirmed by church leaders. Those who have previously been baptized as believers elsewhere, do not need to be baptized at RRCC in order to be received as members but are still asked to attend our membership class and meet with our elders and pastors.

To register, fill in a Connect Card or e-mail Pastor Art at art@rossroadcc.ca. Help yourself to a Baptism/Membership Class Package in the box below Pastor Art’s mailbox and read through the booklet *Discovering Ross Road Community Church Membership* prior to coming to the class.

If you desire baptism or membership and these dates do not work for you, please speak with Pastor Art so that other arrangements can be made.

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. march. 06

9:00am Rhonda Janzen Ashleigh Esau
Allie Janzen

10:45am Monika Thiessen Rosabelle Birch

sunday. march. 13

9:00am Shana Evans Angela Rosborough

10:45am Jennae Driediger 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!

Visit www.RossRoadKids.com for family Lent reflections.

Celebration Easter Services: March 13, 20, 27. (Grade 1-5s back to Kids Church on April 3rd after Spring Break.)

Freedom: “Adopted”

Romans 8:13-17

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**The indwelling Holy Spirit makes possible
every aspect of our life in God’s family.**

**If you are led by the Spirit, you are God’s child.
(If you aren’t, you’re not!)**

***14** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

**The Spirit empowers you to relate to God as your own dear Father.
(No need for fear!)**

***15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again;
rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we
cry, “Abba, Father.”*

**The Spirit assures you that you belong in God's family.
(No Spirit; no assurance!)**

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

**As a sibling of the Son, you share with Him both sufferings and glory.
(No suffering; no glory!)**

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

How does it feel to know that only those led by the Spirit are God's children?
Discouraging (what if I'm not God's child)? Encouraging (As God's child, the Spirit is leading me, even when it doesn't feel like it!)? In what ways does God want to dispel fear from your life, replacing it with the sure sense that Father is your own dear Father? Have you experienced—are you experiencing—the reassuring perspective of counting it all joy when suffering comes your way (Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:12-19; James 1:2-4)?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, March 13, 2016:

Our astounding text next Sunday is Romans 8:18-27—"From Groaning to Glory." Take some quiet time to read the text and to ask God what you need to hear His Spirit say to you—and what step of obedience you need to take.



march. 07 -
“A WORK IN PROGRESS”
Join us as Nick and Holly wrap up our series on the life of Joseph!

march. 11-12 - ALL-NIGHTER

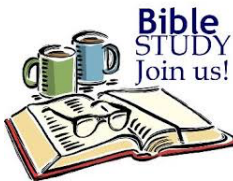
Get ready to stay up all night - this Friday is our annual all-nighter! Early bird registration deadline is TODAY, so get your registrations in. Registrations will still be welcome at the door.

march. 14 - NO YOUTH

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:

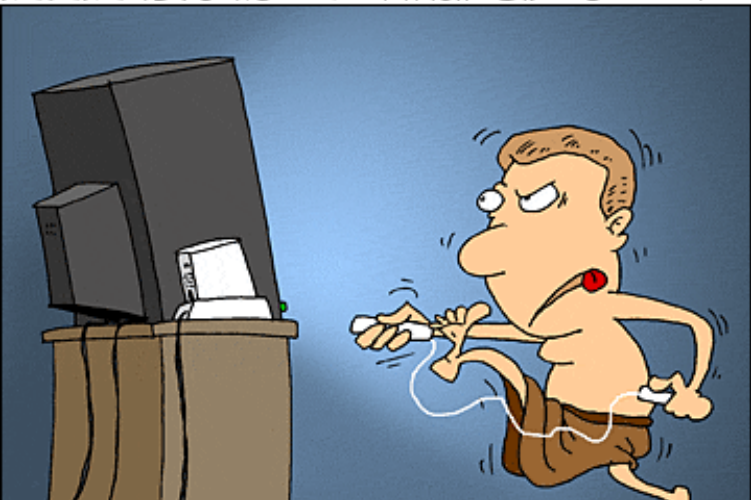


march. 20 - Lunch at Crossroads
(reservations needed)

april. 17 - Potluck ‘Faspa’ @ 5:30 pm
- “Finishing Strong”

march. 10 - SMALL GROUP NIGHT
Small group nights are a great opportunity to connect with the folks in your small group. Make sure to check in with your small group leader (or Craig) if you’re unsure as to what your group is doing.

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Thanks to Gail
FOR A BRIEF, FRENZIED PERIOD
ZACCHAEUS WAS A WII LITTLE MAN

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

april. 08 - CHAT ‘n’ CRAFT
Join us on Friday, April 8 from 4:00 pm on! This will be another one-nighter, come for as much or as little of the evening as you can. For more information, contact Ruby Setchay or the church office.



may. 14 - WOMEN’S LUNCHEON
Mark your calendars for this event! More information to follow as we get closer to the date. The luncheon is from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. We are also looking for 3-4 people to help in the kitchen with this event.

COLLEGE & CAREER



We're back at it this Sunday at the Friesen's. Try to be there 7:00 pm sharp as we will need all the time we have for worship and to dive into the topic of Morality. What is morality? Are one's morals applicable to another? Do the 'ends' justify the 'means'? Join us to find out!

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
- 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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

S & B – in Central Asia with MB Mission

Dear Friends at Ross Road

It has been a trying time these last few months! We have been very busy with a number of projects, the fellowship here, and a group of interns from Canada and Germany. We also heard that 2 families (not from our team) but who have been with us for the last 2 1/2 years are leaving. One of the biggest reasons is the spiritual oppression they have been under. As you might also know - one family from our team is on a sabbatical continuing to process if they are coming back. So we need your prayers! The spiritual pressure is heavy and real. We want to thank you for interceding for us so faithfully. We know we couldn't do it without your help.

A big praise this last 2 weeks is that one of the women that we as a team have been connecting with, a coworker of Mel at our children's school, accepted Jesus into her heart! It was literally the product of prayer as we were targeting her in prayer a few different times and it seemed like she began to ask more and more questions. And then after coming to our fellowship one day, she stayed behind to talk and then prayed (what one of our teammates described as the most sincere prayers he has heard here) and cried out afterwards, "I am clean, I am clean!"

So seeing the power of prayer in her life, can we ask you as a congregation this Sunday to pray for Francis (not her real name). Francis has had a couple of different dreams that have pointed her to Jesus and has been seeking answers to her questions. She has met with B. a few different times and is coming to the fellowship this weekend. Would you lift her up and pray that the Father might draw her to himself! May the Spirit bring conviction and guidance into truth and comfort!

Please continue to pray for our schedule! We are very busy and it is only going to get busier with a number of teams coming starting in April. We are thankful for your partnership with us!

PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell

Gerd Loewen

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

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Wendy Eros** serving with MB Mission in Japan.

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**

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