

# ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Helping People Find and Follow Jesus*

*5th Sunday of Lent*

March 13, 2016

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship  
Dave Rodda & Worship Band

**Today's Message:**  
**Freedom: "From Groaning to Glory"**

*Romans 8:18-27*

**Art Birch**

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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 **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** - Mike Wiebe  
**Media** - Elena Unraw

### theWeek

#### **sunday. march. 13**

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 All-Church Prayer Encounter

#### **tuesday. march. 15**

7:00-8:30 pm Baptism & Membership Class

#### **thursday. march. 17**

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

#### **friday. march. 18**

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

### comingUp

#### **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

#### **saturday. april. 16**

The Big Spring RRCC Clean-up Day

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### LAST WEEK AT RRCC

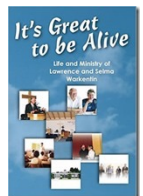
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### LIBRARY

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***It's Great to be Alive!*** by **Lawrence Warkentin** is an inspiring and very personal account of how he and his wife steadfastly trusted in God's guidance and selflessly pursued a **lifelong calling to ministry**. Now, looking back over that span of more than 45 years, they have come to realize that there is no greater calling than to **serve God** and no greater satisfaction than to have left a legacy of **seven flourishing churches** in Canada, Germany, and Austria.



## FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Our deepest sympathies to Glen & Rachel Neufeldt and their family on the passing of Glen's father, Peter Neufeldt.



Congratulations to Josh & Kayla Brink on the birth of their twin babies, Jack and Nora.



**Tabor Home Ministry:** Next Sunday, March 20, RRCC will once again be in charge of the Sunday morning service at the Tabor Home. The half hour service begins at 9:15 am, and volunteer choir members are asked to be at the home at 8:45 am for a short practice. Please help us pray that God will bless the service.



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:** Interested in joining a men's singing group? Join us on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 pm at RRCC. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Bob Stobbe.



Join us at Broadway Church on March 31, 2016 from 7:30-9:30 pm as we launch the Festival of Hope. We are pleased to have as a special guest, Will Graham, grandson of Billy Graham, share the vision for this ministry. Free admission and free parking. All are welcome!

### 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. 13**

9:00am Shana Evans Angela Rosborough

10:45am Jennae Driediger Rosabelle Birch

#### **sunday. march. 20**

9:00am Larelle Wiebe Sally Healy

10:45am Sandra Hayashida Betty-Lou Hildebrandt

### 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 we celebrate the 5th Sunday in Lent with all generations! Preschoolers later dismissed upstairs to their classes.**

**Serving Opportunity for Kids:** Grade 1 and up are invited to partner with ushers and greeters to serve together. Simply arrive 10 minutes before the service and offer to assist.

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

## **Freedom: “From Groaning to Glory”**

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### **Frustration**

***20** For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it....*

***22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

***23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly....*

### **Anticipation**

***18** Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. **19** For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.*

***20**...in hope **21** that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.*

**23**...as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

**24** For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

### **Provision**

**26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

### For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Why do we get bogged down in our "present sufferings," forgetting that they "are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us?" For what have you waited in eager expectation lately? (A vacation? A visit from family? A new home? A shopping trip?) How can you cooperate with the Spirit's work in you to wait more eagerly the forever-results of your adoption into God's family? How does the Spirit's presence in you encourage you about eternity? How does or might a strong, eternal hope help you to deal with current difficulties more patiently? How can you cooperate with the Spirit in prayer, as he intercedes for you through wordless groans?

### In Preparation for Next Sunday, March 20, 2016:

Romans 8:28 is one of the most often quoted verses in the Bible, right up there with John 3:16. Next Sunday we'll study the verse in the context of Romans 8:28-30, as Pastor Art shares the message, "Conformed to the Son." Take some time to study the paragraph prayerfully, asking God to show you His heart in the "all things" circumstances of your life.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

### march. 14 - NO YOUTH

(we're all still sleepy from the All-Nighter!)

### march. 21 - SMALL GROUP NIGHT

If you haven't received info on what your small group is doing, please talk to your leader or ask Holly and find out! Also, take advantage of the week of March 20-25 to go through the Passion of Jesus Experience on your own or with your family!

## 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 for Bible study in the Fireside Room. 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!

## COLLEGE & CAREER



This week we are taking a little detour and will be attending the Artists Cafe at Central Heights in support of local artists. Pastor Darren will be the emcee so

we're bound to get a few chuckles. See you there at 6:45 pm!

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

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

**march. 17** - Join us this week as Len Loewen opens God's Word with us!

**march. 24** - We'll go through the Passion of Jesus Experience as a group - who do you need to invite to come with you that could be changed by this look at Jesus' final hours?

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ONLY TWO PERCENT OF THIS YOUTH GROUP HAS LIKED JESUS ON FACEBOOK ... WHY IS THAT!?!? WHYYYYYYYY?

## 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.

## ENCORE (55+/-)

### Mark your calendars for these events:



**march. 20** - Lunch at Crossroads Please make reservations by Friday, March 18, by calling Elisabeth Klassen.

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## OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

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

**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

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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**Otto & Marjorie Ekk** – in Portugal with MB Mission

Dear Ross Road family,

Please pray for us as we are in the midst of changes. At the end of February, our Massama church was evicted because the 8 floors of home owners above us in our building did not like a “church” on the first floor. We had no recourse but to find a different place. We did find one however it is a large industrial storage place that needs a lot of cleaning and painting. We would appreciate your prayers for our Massama church plant as we begin a “new work” in this new area with hardly any evangelical witness.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the ladies for the notes of encouragement you wrote for me at the recent retreat. I really loved them and they were an encouragement to me. I would have loved being at the RRCC women’s retreat. A retreat sounds wonderful about now! Thank you again for thinking about me.

Love from the Ekks

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## PRAYER & PRAISE

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**Debbie Bracewell**

**Gerd Loewen**

Please continue to pray for Walt Letkeman 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.*

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## PRAYER REQUEST

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Please pray for **W & I** serving with MB Mission in Germany.

### 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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