

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus



March 20, 2016
Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Jordan Regier & Worship Band

Today's Message:
Freedom: "Becoming Like Jesus"

Romans 8:28-30

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 **Jordan Regier** and the Worship Team.

Piano - Jordan Regier

E. Guitar - Dave Rodda

Bass - Nathan Van Rump

Vocals - Susanne Walton

Drums - Michael Penner

Audio - Bryce Unraw

Media - Elena Unraw

the week

sunday. march. 20

8:30 am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room

9:00-10:15 am RRCC Worship

10:45-12:00 pm RRCC Worship

12:30 pm Encore Lunch @ Crossroads

2:00-9:00 pm The Passion of Jesus Experience

4:00-5:30 pm Baptism & Membership Applicants meet with Elders and Pastors

monday. march. 21

5:00-9:00 pm The Passion of Jesus Experience

Middle School Small Groups Night

tuesday. march. 22

5:00-9:00 pm The Passion of Jesus Experience

wednesday. march. 23

5:00-9:00 pm The Passion of Jesus Experience

thursday. march. 24

7:00-9:30 pm High School @ The Passion of Jesus

friday. march. 25

Church office closed for Good Friday

10:00 am Good Friday service

2:00-9:00 pm The Passion of Jesus Experience

coming up

sunday. march 27

Easter Sunday services @ 9:00 & 10:45 am

monday. march. 28

Church office is closed for Easter Monday

friday. april. 08

Ladies Chat 'n' Craft

friday-sunday. april. 08-10

Middle School Youth @ SHINE Retreat

sunday. april. 10

RRCC Prayer Encounter

saturday. april. 16

The Big Spring RRCC Clean-Up Day

sunday. april. 17

Encore Potluck 'Faspa'

sunday. may. 08

RRCC Prayer Encounter

saturday. may. 14

Women's Ministry Luncheon

monday. may. 23

Church office is closed for Victoria Day

LENT REFLECTION



Love's Journey to the Cross - Lent Reflection 2016

March 20 - Unity in Love (Colossians 3:12-14 NIRV and ERV)

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 how God loves us and calls us to love others.

Today we reflect on Colossians 3:12-14. God calls us to difficult things, but not impossible because of what He has done for us. He loves us and gives us special clothes to wear.

FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



A friendly reminder that there will be no Common Grounds today as **The Passion Of Jesus Experience** is currently set up in the gym.



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!

THE BIG SPRING RRCC CLEAN-UP

The **Big Spring RRCC Clean-Up** will be taking place on **April 16, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. We would love for you to join us in tackling several clean-up projects both inside and outside the church. Maybe your family or small group or ministry team would like to work together on a service project here at the church? There are a number of projects planned that have room for volunteers of all ages and skill levels.



Some of the outdoor projects include raking and weeding, spreading bark mulch, trimming shrubs, lawn edging, and pressure-washing sidewalks. Some of the indoor projects include a spring cleaning of the kitchen and washrooms, fireside room, classrooms, as well as tackling various small repairs and upkeep.

A list of various projects and sign-up sheets will be in the foyer. If you would like more information, contact Sandy in the church office – 604-856-2024.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$16,862.04	\$201.25	\$25.00	376

LIBRARY

You Can't Sit With Us by Nancy Rue is the second book in the **Mean Girl Makeover trilogy**. It tells the story of Ginger Hollingberry who has been the brunt of teasing and taunting from a new and especially hurtful **medium of taunting: social networking**. What follows is a candid look into the growing world of cruel **cyberbullying**, showing kids that bullying doesn't always end at school. The book, based on Scripture, shows solid biblical solutions to the bullying problem set in a **story for tween girls**.



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 Larelle Wiebe Sally Healy
10:45am Sandra Hayashida Betty-Lou Hildebrandt

sunday. march. 27

9:00am Angela Manno Melissa Degelder
10:45am Anna Healy Linda Mills

KIDS MINISTRY

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday with all generations! Preschoolers begin in their classes to prepare for their worship set to share in the main gathering and later return to their classes.

Serving Opportunity for Kids: Grade 1 and up are invited to partner with ushers and greeters to serve together.

Grade 1-5s back to Jr. Kids Church on April 3 after **Spring/ Easter Break.**

Freedom: “Becoming Like Jesus”

Romans 8:28-30

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**God, who began to make us like Jesus before we existed,
will keep on until we really are like Him.**

God’s Purpose

*28 ...the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose...
to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many
brothers and sisters.*

God Working His Purpose

Knew

For those God foreknew...

Chose

For those God foreknew he also predestined....

Invited

And those he predestined, he also called....

Accepted

...those he called, he also justified....

Changed

...those he justified, he also glorified.

What should we do about God's Purpose?

Know

28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Compare and contrast how people responded to Jesus on Palm Sunday and how they responded to Him on Good Friday. What do you learn about human nature, human spiritual need, and Jesus' heart as you look at these two pictures side by side? How does it feel to know that Jesus, who endured the cross for you, knew you before you existed? If you trust Jesus as your Saviour and surrender to Him as Lord, how does it feel to know that prior to your deciding anything about Him, He made decisions about you? He chose you and invited you to be His! And then He made you right with God (justified)! Does this encourage you that He will complete what He started? See Philippians 1:6. List and ponder in wonder all the things you can think of that will be true of you when God glorifies you in eternity.

In Preparation for Next Sunday, March 27, 2016:

This week, we encourage you to book a time online at www.rossroadcc.ca and come (alone or with friends) to *The Passion of Jesus* at RRCC. Take time to ponder what Jesus has done for you. Read any of the Gospel accounts of this week, Passion Week, in Jesus' life, starting at Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, or John 12, reading to the end of whichever Gospel(s) you choose. Marvel! Then come on Friday morning to marvel together at Jesus' "Unconquerable Love" (Romans 8:31-39) and on Sunday morning to be inspired to "Bring Good News" (Romans 10:14-17), just as the women did that first Easter Sunday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

march. 21 - SMALL GROUP NIGHT

God Squad nights are fun events where you get together with those in your small group. Your event will not be at RRCC tomorrow, so you if you're not sure where to meet or what to bring, make sure you check with Holly or Craig, or check out the Ross Road Youth! Facebook page.

march. 28 - NO YOUTH

(Easter Monday)

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There will not be any Bible study this Friday as it is Good Friday. We will resume meeting on Friday, April 1 at 6:45 am. 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

We are back at the Friesen's this Sunday. We look forward to seeing everyone there at 7:00 pm!



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

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

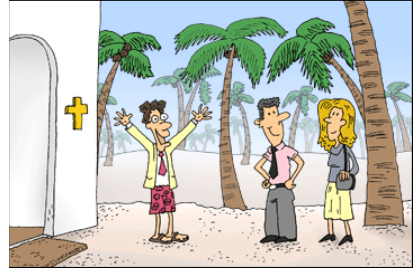
Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

march. 24 - THE PASSION OF JESUS EXPERIENCE

Join us for this powerful walk-through experience of Jesus' passion. See, taste, hear, smell, and touch what Jesus' final day on earth and be gripped by His love for us. Prayerfully consider who you might want to invite to come with you to this event!

march. 31 - SMUGGLERS!

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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 will be 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 - If you have signed up for lunch at Crossroads Restaurant, we look forward to seeing you there!

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

OUR OTHER RRCC MISSIONARIES

Paul & Edna Cairns – in Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

Cynthia Friesen – in Thailand with MB Mission

Otto & Marjorie Ekk – in Portugal with MB Mission

Rob & Judy Griffioen – in Abbotsford with Good News International Ministries

S & B (Isaiah, Karis, Zander & Jacob) – in Central Asia with MB Mission

Dwayne & Helen Rainwater (Lisa & Michael) – in Africa with Pioneer Bible Translators

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

Beth Scholes – in Abbotsford with FamilyLife

FamilyLife Ministry Update:

FamilyLife partnered with Breakforth Canada in January; as a new event for FamilyLife, it was an exciting time. Beth's role was to organize video interviews with many of the speakers. These videos will soon be available online. We are thrilled to offer these nuggets of wisdom from such amazing speakers like, Gary Chapman, Danielle Strickland, Phillip Yancey and many others!

Beth's content role also crossed paths with Gary Thomas locally in March. We are thrilled that we could also video tape Gary for our internet audience.

The video interviews along with regular content management have kept Beth very busy since November, and she anticipates the coming results. Our online audience continues to grow, and social media keeps us busy as well.

Prayer answered:

- Our last update requested prayer for new authors and original content, we have new authors and amazing video content!
- Web audience that continues to grow.
- Our family is doing well and we anticipate Beth's graduation from UFV. Beth is grateful for the gift of education at this stage in life.

Prayer:

- Work projects and deadlines.
- Energy and wisdom balancing family, work and school.
- Check out FamilyLifeCanada.com, everything you see is part of Beth's role.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Please pray for those students who are currently on mission trips with MEI; **Jennae Driediger** and **Isabella Russell** (in Mexico), and **Mikhail Alexander** (in India). Also pray for the Intercessory Team which includes **Danica Friesen** and **Christy Peters and family**.

Debbie Bracewell

Gerd Loewen

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

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Alan & Colleen Foster** serving with MB Mission in Panama.

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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