



ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

April 24, 2016

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Band

Today's Message:

Alive!:

"Transformed"

Romans 12:2

Craig Thiessen

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

Piano - Sally Healy

E. Guitar - Wayne Rempel

Vocals - Eleanor Kent

Vocals - Sharon Timmermans

Bass - Steve Labish

Drums - Holly McLean

Audio - Bryce Unraw

Media - Elena Unraw

the week

sunday, april. 24

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, april. 25

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

thursday, april. 28

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

friday, april. 29

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

coming up

friday, may. 06

Dessert with S.

sunday, may. 08

Mother's Day, Child Dedication
RRCC Prayer Encounter

tuesday, may. 10

Baptism & Membership Class

saturday, may. 14

Women's Ministry Luncheon

sunday, may. 15

Encore Lunch @ Rivers Restaurant
RRCC Prayer Encounter

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism/Membership Class: 7:00-8:30 pm, Tuesday, May.10, 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).

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. Please also help yourself to a Baptism/Membership Class Participation Pack in the mailbox below Pastor Art's and read through the booklet *Discovering Ross Road Community Church Membership* prior to coming to the class.

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

LIBRARY

Beverley Jane Whiting brings us the stories of nine women from the Bible in ***Daughter of the Father***. This book is full of **unforgettable stories of God-encounters** that continue to challenge and inspire today!



FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Thank you so much to all those who came out to The Big Spring Clean-Up Day at RRCC. It was encouraging to see people of all ages come together and work on different projects around the church. A great way to bless our church family!



It's a go! Our Ross Road Community Church family has responded to the Spirit's prompting to offer sufficient hands and feet to the refugee sponsorship project to allow our elders to give the go-ahead to a special offering happening today. Our minimum goal is \$25,000. If the offering exceeds that amount, we expect to be able to sponsor more refugees.



The “**Together**” event (City Church Worship & Prayer Gathering) at Gateway Church is happening soon – in fact, **today, Sunday, April 24**. This is an opportunity for the whole city church to come together – we're hoping you will join in. There will be a time of music, dance, speaking, and prayer. Two identical services will take place on April 24, 4:30-6:00 pm and 7:00-8:30 pm. Parking is limited so car-pooling is encouraged.



Be a part of the legacy of MEI Schools as we equip, nurture, and inspire the serving nature of tomorrow's leaders. Join us on April 30 at 6:00 pm for the **6th Annual Legacy Fundraising Dinner**. Tickets are \$25 each. Featuring MEI Alumnus Brian Doerksen & The Shiyr Poets.



Plants & Pannekoeken – come and buy beautiful hanging baskets and enjoy delicious pannekoeken (Dutch pancakes) in support of the Telecare Crisis & Caring Line. Saturday, April 30 from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Location is Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 3215 Trethewey Street, Abbotsford. Rain or shine. For more information go to www.telecarebc.com.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$11,935.00	\$4,278.25	\$0.00	395

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 Monika Thiessen
Allie Janzen

10:45am Sandra Hayashida Rosabelle Birch

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9:00am Sally Healy Anna Healy
10:45am Danica Neufeldt Jennae Driediger

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 @ 9:00 am.

Fire Drill today (see insert for details).

Upcoming Dates:

Mother's Day & Child Dedication on May 8 (Parent pre-meet overview by phone/email appointment with Pastor Merri Ellen.) If you are interested, please email Pastor Merri Ellen ASAP this week.

Alive!:
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Big Idea:
God’s will for me is that I would be transformed by His Spirit.

“Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world...”

“....but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

“Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

In what ways have you allowed yourself to be conformed to the pattern of the world? What might it look like to confess those to God and repent of them? Is your mind the dwelling place of God? How might you allow the Spirit to transform your mind completely? Is God’s will about ‘who’ or about ‘what’? How have you experienced the goodness, pleasantness, and perfectness of God’s will in your life?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, May 1, 2016:

Next Sunday our goal is to understand and obey Paul’s instruction to identify and use our spiritual gifts as we serve God together. Romans 12:3-8 is our text. In preparation, read the passage, starting with verse 1. As you read, explore the link between the mercies of God, being living sacrifices, refusing to conform to the world, being transformed by the renewing of our minds, walking in God’s good, pleasing, and perfect will and serving Him in our areas of gifting. Ask our Lord Jesus to show you how better to serve in partnership with the other members of His body. These are familiar concepts, but what growth does God have in mind for you in this?

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

april. 25 - LIFE VERSE

Join us this week as Nick closes out our series on verses you can anchor your life around. It will be awesome!

may. 02 - SMALL GROUP SERVICE

This week your small group is going to be doing an act of service together. You'll get more info on what your group is doing this week, so look for info about that!

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.



friday-sunday. june. 10-12 -

MEN'S RETREAT

@ TEEPEE LAKES

Hey guys, we are excited about our upcoming men's retreat on June 10-12. We look forward to having you join us up at TeePee Lakes in Princeton. This setting offers a great outdoor playground for hiking, fishing, ATVing and more. Cost for the retreat is \$80 and registration forms can be downloaded from the church website. There will be a registration table in the foyer starting Sunday, May 1.



COLLEGE & CAREER

Join us tonight at 7:00 pm at the Friesen's. Hope to see you there!



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

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

april. 28 - This week Christy Peters opens God's Word for us and with us to share an important message. See you there!

may - APOLOGETICS

Our series on Apologetics will begin on May 5 and run each Thursday in May. We'll look at the Christian worldview and responses to other worldview positions in the areas of design, meaning, morality, and destiny.

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MEN ... WE'RE FISHERS OF MEN

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

saturday. may. 14 -

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Please join us for fellowship, music, and a message all prepped by RRCC women on May 14, from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase in the foyer today, May 1, and May 8. Any questions or volunteer offers can be directed to Alex Schellenberg or Elaine Regier.



ENCORE (55+/-)

Mark your calendars for these events:

may. 15 - Lunch at Rivers Restaurant (reservations needed)

june. 26 - BBQ Lunch after church

OUR RRCC MISSIONARIES

Don't forget to check the Missionary bulletin board for the latest update letters from our 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

Lauren Neudorf – in Cambodia with Youth With A 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

Lauren Neudorf – in Cambodia with YWAM

Hello my Ross Road church family!

I am assisting leading a Youth With A Mission team from Kona here in Cambodia, SE Asia. There are 11 people on my team, and we will be in Cambodia for nine months. Our mandate is to pioneer new ministries here in Cambodia under the Battambang Cambodia YWAM base.

There are so many exciting events happening here in Cambodia! We anticipate starting a Youth Development Center in the town of Poipet. Poipet is a city on the Thai-Cambodia border that is known for its drug and human trafficking. In Poipet we will be teaching English, doing sports ministry, as well as distributing community development assistance (health care, water projects, etc.). The YDC will encompass many subjects, however, they are all a tool to give the love and gospel of Christ.

I ask my church family to pray in the area of spiritual warfare as we are pioneering a work of the Lord in a new area. I also ask for prayer for the future students we will be teaching, and for deep and meaningful relationships with everyone in the community.

At this moment we have just arrived in Poipet, and we are learning about the different areas of opportunity in the city. My goal and anticipation is teaching some basic health care and sanitation, as well as English classes! My longing is to begin discipleship with young women here; to gain their trust and to be immersed in their culture while displaying God's love to them.

If you would like to follow my journey in Poipet, Cambodia, please take a look at my blog!
www.laurenywam.blogspot.ca

PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell

Gerd Loewen

Walt Letkeman

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **B & M** 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



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