

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

May 1, 2016

Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

Leading Us In Worship
Dave Rodda & Worship Band

Today's Message:

Alive!

"Serving Together"

Romans 12:3-8

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

Vocals - Meagan Emard

Audio - Jeremy Nunnikhoven

Piano - Karen Loewen

Bass - Jeff Thiessen

Media - Ian Hancock

E. Guitar - Vernon Boschmann

Drums - Colton Neudorf

the**week**

sunday, may. 01

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, may. 02

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

thursday, may. 05

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

friday, may. 06

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

7:00 pm Dessert with S.

coming**UP**

sunday, may. 08

Mother's Day, Child Dedication

Bottles available for Operation Baby Bottle

saturday, may. 14

Women's Ministry Luncheon

sunday, may. 15

Encore Lunch @ Rivers Restaurant

RRCC Prayer Encounter

tuesday, may. 17

Baptism & Membership Class

monday, may. 23

Church office is closed for Victoria Day

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism/Membership Class: 7:00-8:30 pm, Tuesday, May 17, 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 universal church. Similarly, when we are visibly baptized in water, we become members of His visible body, our local church.

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.



FAMILY NEWS & AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



We would like to invite everyone to a dessert night with S. at 7:00 pm on May 6, at Ross Road. Come out for an evening of stories about the work that is being done in Central Asia and a time for prayer over this area of the world. Please sign up in the foyer if you would like to join us. For more information, contact the church office at 604-856-2024.



The Word Guild is hosting an inspiring conference called Write West Coast for emerging and seasoned writers who are Christian. Come learn and network with like-minded individuals who love God. Write West Coast is being held at Cascade Community Church in Abbotsford on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8 am to 5 pm. Register at: thewordguild.com/wwc
Contact Shelaine Strom if you have any questions or would like more information.



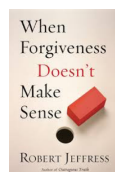
Our church would like to support Your Pregnancy Options Centre in their 'front-line' ministry by joining with them for their annual **Operation Baby Bottle**. On Mother's Day, please pick up an empty baby bottle from the foyer, take it home, and over the next few weeks fill it with coins or bills, and then return it to the church on Father's Day. Your donations mean that the women and unborn that need help in our own community always have a place to turn to for support and encouragement.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Church Ministries	Refugee Offering	Other	Building	Attendance
\$16,402.83	\$69,142.00	\$130.00	\$100.00	428

LIBRARY

Combining rich, biblical insights with practical, real-life situations, ***When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense*** by Dr. Robert Jeffress effectively answers your burning questions regarding forgiveness - both **why** we have difficulty in accepting God's unconditional **forgiveness** and why we find it impossible to give that same forgiveness to others. In this book, Jeffress provides not only the "why's," but also the elusive "how's" of choosing to forgive.



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. may. 01

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

sunday. may. 08

9:00am	Linda Mills	Larelle Wiebe
10:45am	Phyllis Epp	Karissa Stobbe

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.

Upcoming Dates:

May 8 — Mother's Day & Child Dedication
June 19 — Father's Day
June 26 — Grade 5 Grad / Teacher Appreciation / Class Parties

Alive!:
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Romans 12:3-8
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Unity

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members...5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body...

Diversity in Unity

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

*6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is **prophesying**, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is **serving**, then serve; if it is **teaching**, then teach; 8 if it is **to encourage**, then give encouragement; if it is **giving**, then give generously; if it is **to lead**, do it diligently; if it is **to show mercy**, do it cheerfully.*

Gift Discernment Questions:

- *What do I do well?*
- *What motivates me?*
- *Doing what brings me joy?*

Mutuality in Unity with Diversity

...and each member belongs to all the others. 12:5

We serve together as one body of many members, each uniquely gifted.

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

Do you tend to see yourself more as a consumer or as a servant? How does it feel when you grasp that, along with other Christ-followers, in this world you are Jesus' hands, feet, ears, and mouth? What kind of service brings you the most satisfaction? What gifts have others affirmed in you? What have you recently valued in the service that you have seen or experienced from others? How could you affirm that in them?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, May 8, 2016:

Next Sunday, Pastor Art will (bravely) tackle the topic, "How To Be a Supermom," by helping us learn from Mary, Jesus' mother. Read prayerfully Luke 2:25-35, Mark 3:20-35, and John 19:25-27. Whether you are male or female, single or married, a parent or not, how do you think God might want to affirm you and challenge you as you reflect on Jesus' mother's experience?

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

may. 02 - SMALL GROUP SERVICE

This week your small group is going to be doing an act of service together. If you are not sure what your group is doing, contact Holly, Pastor Craig or your small group leaders.



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 today.



COLLEGE & CAREER

Please note that we will be meeting at the Neudorf's tonight at 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

For up-to-date info, check out our

6 Facebook page: **RRCC C&C.**



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thursdays 7:00-9:30pm

may. 05 - APOLOGETICS: ORIGINS

Our series on Apologetics will begin this week! We are very excited to bring back a familiar face to kick this series off for us!

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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SO THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE ... WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO AHEAD AND TELL ME WHAT YOU BELIEVE

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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 to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase in the foyer today 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)
More info to come.

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

S & B – in Central Asia with MB Mission

Dear Ross Road family,

This has been a hard week. We found out that one of our team members who has been on sabbatical is not coming back. We have been privileged to know this family for the last 7 years, experiencing the highs and lows of ministry. So there has been a grieving process. We share this with you because once again, we want you to know that living where we live is hard. Two months ago, 2 families from another team (not from our organization) left. So please lift us up in prayer. We feel a desperation that breakthrough and transformation can only come through the power of the Living God!

God continues to move through visions and dreams in people here. I am excited to share stories with you of our work and with our reconciliation project. So please come to the dessert night on Friday, May 6th if you want to hear more and if you want to pray for the Kingdom of God to come to this great land!

Blessings,

S.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for **Jason & Tifany Clark** serving with MB Mission in Mexico.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell

Gerd Loewen

Walt Letkeman

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.

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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