

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

October 2, 2016

Equipping Disciple-Making Disciples:

**“Why is Jesus Still Building
the Church for His Disciples?”**

Matthew 16:13-20; 18:15-20

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!*

Join in worship with **Dave Rodda** and the Worship Team.

- Guitar** - Dave Rodda
Bass - Graeme McAllister
Piano - Marilyn Herrett
- Vocals** - Brigitte Friesen
Vocals - Eleanor Kent
E. Guitar - Rob Herrett
- Drums** - Holly McLean
Audio - Mike Wiebe
Media - Jason Kent

the week

sunday. october. 02

- 8:30 amPrayer Time @ Prayer Room
- 9:00-10:15 amFirst service
- 10:15-10:45 amCoffee and snacks
@ Common Grounds
- 10:45-11:00 amSecond service
- 2:00-3:00 pmLife Chain @ South Fraser Way

monday. october. 03

- 7:00-9:00 pmMiddle School Youth

tuesday. october. 04

- 9:00-11:00 amWomen’s Ministry Bible Study
- 7:15-9:15 pmWomen’s Ministry Bible Study

thursday. october. 05

- 7:00-9:30 pmHigh School Youth

coming up

monday. october. 10

- Church office is closed for Thanksgiving

saturday. october. 15

- LEAD Mentor Training Day
- Men’s Ministry Drop-In Hockey

saturday. october. 29

- Men’s Ministry Drop-In Hockey

friday. november. 11

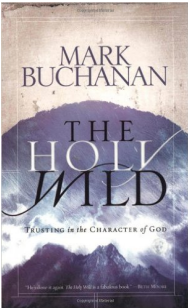
- Church office is closed for Remembrance Day

saturday. november. 12

- Men’s Ministry Drop-On Hockey

FEATURED LIBRARY BOOK

Our perception of God makes a difference in every crevice of our character, from our inner anxieties to our public conversations. It determines whether we're trusting or suspicious, whether we're happy or discontent - and whether or not we can rely on God matters mightily on the day of our death. **Mark Buchanan's** third book **The Holy Wild** continues his penetrating exploration of the God we worship. Bravely and honestly, he poses the **direst question of human existence: Can God be trusted?**



Change of Address:
Abe & Jen Thomas

Holly McLean



October Prayer Encounter—“Together:” City Church Worship and Prayer—

At Seven Oaks Alliance Church on October 23rd at 6:30pm. Because Thanksgiving Sunday is the second Sunday, normally the day of our monthly Prayer Encounter, and because the Abbotsford Christian Leaders’ Network is inviting all Abbotsford Christians to a “Together” event on Sunday evening, October 23, the elders urge as many of us as possible to participate in that event as though it were our own Prayer Encounter.



Drop-in Centre at the Centre of Hope in Funding Crunch

We have been informed that, effective October 3, the Drop-In Centre run by the Centre of Hope will need to curtail its operations due to lack of funds. Effectively that means, among other things, that 18,000 nutritious breakfasts (which would have been served between now and March 31) will not be served. Other services will also need to be curtailed (including the provision of toiletries, laundry, showers, socks, undergarments). And all of this is to be lost as we head into the cold weather months of Fall and Winter, when the demand for these services increases. The cost to keep the Drop-In is \$65,000. Salvation Army would welcome financial help to avert this limitation of services.

NEW CANADIANS SPONSORSHIP TEAM

There are still some items that are needed for the home. If you have any of these and wish to donate, please call the church office.

- * **flashlights** in case of a power outage
- * **umbrellas**

* **baby gate**



Thank you and blessings,
Bonni Budlong and the Furniture Committee

NURSERY CARE		
<i>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.</i>		
sunday. october. 02		
9:00 am	Melissa Degelder	Angela Manno
10:45 am	Betty-Lou Hildebrandt	Sandy Nelson
sunday. october. 09		
9:00 am	Sally Healy	Anna Healy
10:45 am	Linda Mills	Jennae Driediger

KIDS MINISTRY	
	We are excited to welcome our new Interim Children’s Coordinator, Elaine Regier, to Kid’s Zone! Over the past couple of weeks she’s been meeting with Moriah
	to transition well into this role. Elaine’s a retired teacher who’s led our large group lessons, alongside her husband Bob, many times. We thank God for this answer to prayer and continue to pray that this time of transition goes well and our Kid’s Ministry Team will grow even stronger!

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Why reject the Church?

1. Jesus envisions His disciples in community, not as loners.

“...my church....”

2. The church is so important to Jesus that He Himself is building it.

“I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

3. Jesus has a role for every disciple in His church.

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church....”

4. Jesus designed the church to open the doors of His kingdom to outsiders.

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

5. Jesus designed the church as a community in which members take responsibility for one another.

“...tell it to the church....”

**Jesus is building His church because
He wants His followers in a community that disciples.**

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

The Spirit informs us in Ephesians 5:25 that “...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her....” How does knowledge of Jesus’ commitment to build and love His church impact how you feel about it? What drains your love for His church? What grows your love for it?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, October 9, 2016:

Pastor Art will speak from John 15:1-17 on the joy of knowing Jesus, as we experiencing His work in and through us. In preparation, prayerfully read this text and ask yourself under what conditions you most enjoy Jesus and under what conditions you allow your enjoyment of Him to wane.

AREAS OF NEED AT ROSS ROAD

God has gifted each of us with spiritual gifts for building up the Body of Christ.

Whether you know just where you'd like to volunteer and use your gifts, or you're not sure where you'd best fit, we can help you find the perfect place to serve! Our pastors/ministry leaders would be happy to share with you about our various ministry areas.

There are several ministry areas within the church that are in need of volunteers so that we can effectively serve and support each other and our community.

Currently in need of:

- Usher Coordinator
- Ushers
- People to do Communion prep
- Common Grounds volunteers
- Meals Ministry Coordinator

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

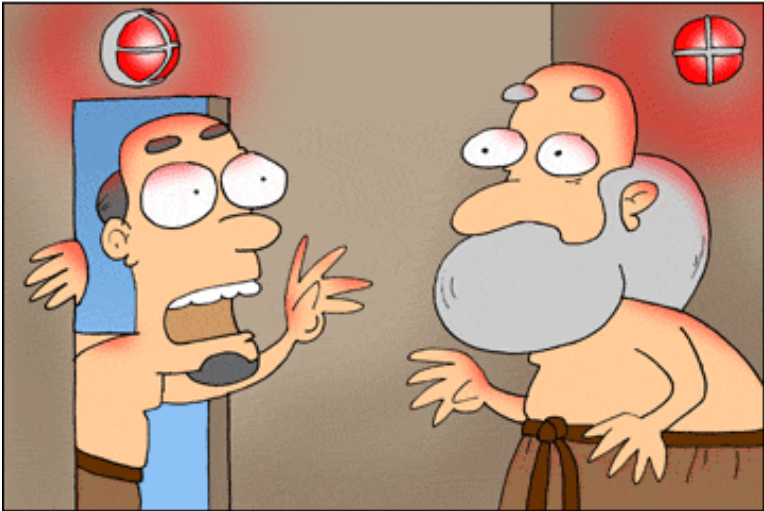
YOUTH

Looking forward to seeing you all this week at youth!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH -
mondays @ 7:00-9:00pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH -
thursdays @ 7:00-9:30pm

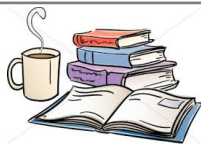
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S FALL
BIBLE STUDY-
Seamless by Angie Smith



september. 27 - november. 08
tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:00 am OR
tuesday evenings, 7:15-9:15 pm
Did you miss the first Seamless session and regret it after hearing how awesome it is from the women attending? There's still time to sign up and join us!

MEN'S MINISTRY

DROP IN ICE HOCKEY
saturday. october. 15
10:30-11:30pm @ ARC, \$10

For more information or to book
your spot call/text Will Wall.



PROMISE KEEPERS
CANADA

Saturday, October 22nd from 8:30-5:00pm at
Gateway Community Christian Reformed
Church. For info and to register, go to
www.promisekeepers.ca.

Otto & Marjorie Ekk – in Portugal with MB Mission

Thank you church family for your prayers! We had a busy summer but the highlight was that our pastor Marques got married to a wonderful girl from the church. It was a wonderful celebration!

Prayer request:

Otto and I are team leaders of a beautiful and unique team that God has put together over the many years here in Portugal. On our team we have 16 people, these are leaders and interns giving leadership to 6 churches. These 16 also come from 5 different cultural backgrounds, Portuguese, German, Russian/Ukrainian, African, American (All first generation). As you can imagine it takes work to keep us all going in the same direction, understanding each other and supporting each other. The evil one puts in misunderstanding and discord at times and that is the spiritual battle we fight against on our team. Pray with us John 13:35 “By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

Pray for growth in our churches in this coming year. We have some specific outreach events scheduled for October. Thank you for standing with us in this work.

Blessings,

Marjorie and Otto

PRAYER & PRAISE

Elisabeth Klassen

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.

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Johann & Hedi Matthies** serving with MB Mission in Germany.

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

LAST WEEK AT RRCC			
Offering	Other	Building	Attendance
\$11,571.02	\$825.00	\$100.00	393

PASTORAL TEAM:

- Art Birch** - Lead Pastor
- Associate Pastors**
- Darren Petker** - Adult Ministry (On leave)
- Dave Rodda** - Worship Ministry
- Merri Ellen Giesbrecht** - Kids Ministry (On leave)
- Holly McLean** - Student Ministry

ELDER TEAM:

- Barry Jackson**, Moderator
- Len Loewen**
- Vic Martens**
- Bob Regier**
- Dale Regier**
- Al Stobbe**

PRAYER CHAIN: Doreen Froese



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