

# ROSS ROAD

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Helping People Find and Follow Jesus*



**October 9, 2016**

**Equipping Disciple-Making Disciples:**

**“Enjoying Jesus”**

John 15:1-17

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

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!*

the**week**

**sunday. october. 09**

- 8:30 am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room
- 9:00-10:15 am First service
- 10:15-10:45 am Coffee and snacks @ Common Grounds
- 10:45-12:00 pm Second service

**monday. october. 10**

Church office is closed for Thanksgiving, No Youth

**tuesday. october. 11**

- 9:00-11:00 am Women’s Ministry Bible Study
- 7:15-9:15 pm Women’s Ministry Bible Study

**thursday. october. 13**

- 7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

**saturday. october. 15**

- 10:30-11:30pm Men’s Drop-In Hockey @ ARC

**comingUp**

**sunday. october. 16**

- RRCC serving at Tabor Court
- Encore Potluck ‘Faspa’

**sunday. october. 23**

”Together”: City Church Worship and Prayer

**saturday. october. 29**

- LEAD Mentor Orientation
- Men’s Ministry Drop-In Hockey

**friday. november. 11**

Church office is closed for Remembrance Day

**saturday. november. 12**

- Men’s Ministry Drop-In Hockey

**saturday. november. 19**

- Ending Poverty Together Boot Camp

NEWS & UPDATES



Congratulations to Bill and Shelaine Strom on the birth of their first grandchild, a baby boy!

**Change of Address:**

**Steve & Meagen Emard**



Next Sunday, **October 16**, RRCC will be serving for the first time at **Tabor Court**. This service will be an ongoing ministry in addition to our ministry at the Tabor Home. The **service begins at 9:00 am** and we are inviting anyone interested in serving in the volunteer choir to be at the Tabor Court by 8:30 am for a short practice of familiar songs. Please pray for God’s blessing on this additional ministry.



Typically as a church we host a Prayer Encounter on the second Sunday evening each month. For October, as a church, we have been invited by ACLN to join all Abbotsford Christians to a **“Together”** event on **Sunday evening, October 23** at **Seven Oaks Alliance Church at 6:30pm** for a time of worship and prayer.



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.

KIDS MINISTRY

Today is a *Celebration* Sunday which means we get to worship together as one big family with many generations.

**Kids** — Be sure to pick up a *Celebration Sunday Sermon Sheet* from the foyer and follow along with the sermon.



YOUTH

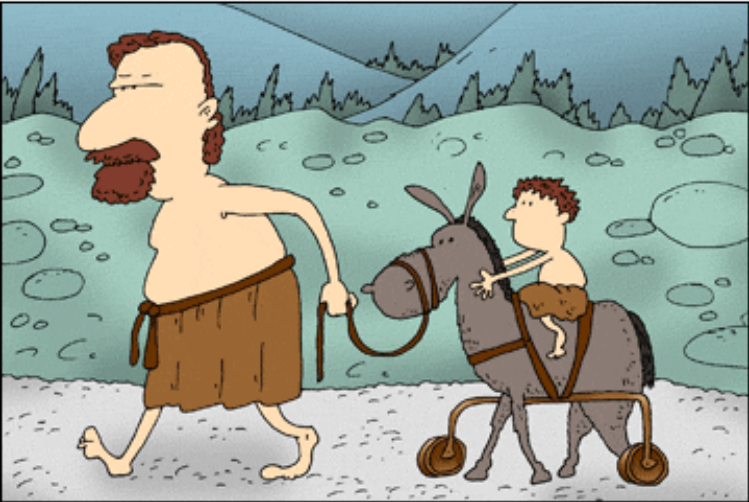
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH -  
mondays @ 7:00-9:00pm

There is no Middle School Youth this week as it is Thanksgiving weekend! Enjoy eating way too much food!!

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

This week at High School Youth we will be continuing our 'What if' series. We'll be looking at the question "What if I could do the right thing even if no one is watching?" You don't want to miss it!!

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LEARNING TO RIDE

ENCORE (55 +/-)

sunday. october. 16 -  
POTLUCK FASPA at 5:30pm

The special feature will be a presentation by Shelaine Strom about their recent trip and the work of Food for the Hungry there.

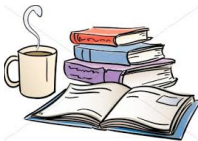


If you have a costume or clothing from another country, feel free to wear it. Also, your potluck dish could be from another culture, for example Greek, Italian, Chinese, Vietnamese or German.

Come prepared to enjoy an evening of singing, fellowship, an inspirational presentation and of course good food!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S FALL  
BIBLE STUDY-



See you all again this Tuesday as we continue our series *Seamless* by Angie Smith.

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.



Next Drop-In Night:  
october. 29

**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](http://www.promisekeepers.ca).

## Equipping Disciple-Making Disciples:

### “Enjoying Jesus”

John 15:1-17

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*I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:11, 15*

## The Picture vv.1-9

***I am the true vine. Verse 1***

***My Father is the gardener. Verse 1***

***You are the branches. Verse 5***

## The Point

**We experience the joy of friendship with Jesus  
when we remain in His love and bear His fruit.**

<sup>9</sup> *“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.”*

- We remain in His love when we welcome the Father as the gardener.
  - o The Father lifts us out of the dirt of sin.

<sup>2</sup> *He cuts off [or lifts up] every branch in me that bears no fruit....* <sup>3</sup> *You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.*

- o The Father prunes back overgrowth.

<sup>2</sup> *... every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*

- We remain in His love when we see ourselves as part of Him.

<sup>5</sup> *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. When you are joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated you can’t produce a thing.” John 15:4, 5. *The Message*

## The Practical

- Word

*<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.*

*<sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

- Prayer

*<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.*

*<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*

- Obedience

*<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

- Loving each other

*<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command.*

*<sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.*

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

What is one action you can take to remain better in Jesus’ love so that you will know and enjoy Him more?

### In Preparation for Next Sunday, October 16, 2016:

Prayerfully read Luke 7:36-50 in preparation for Pastor Art’s message, “Changed by Jesus.” Ask God to prepare your own heart for the changes He wants to make in you.

## WORKSHOPS



FamilyLife Canada is offering a workshop for any and all parents with kids ages 2 to 18 who want to disciple in a way that changes hearts, not just behaviour. **Discipline That Connects with Your Child's Heart** workshop on November 8, 2016 from 7:00-9:00pm at Power to Change (20385 64 Ave, Langley). Cost is \$15 per person.

For info or to register go to [www.familylifecanada.com](http://www.familylifecanada.com) or contact Beth Scholes at 604-514-1971.



**Food for the Hungry-** Revolutions start small but can change the world. Come and find out for yourself how you can be a part of that change with the **Ending Poverty Together Bootcamp on November 19, from 8:30am-3:30pm at RRCC**. Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). To register go to [fhcanada.org/bootcamp](http://fhcanada.org/bootcamp).

## SERVE!

Looking to serve and use your gifts? That's great! We can help find the perfect place for you to serve.

Right now we are in need of volunteers in the following areas:

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

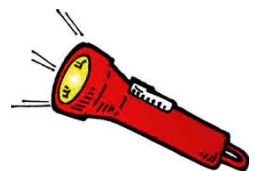
"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

## NEW CANADIANS SPONSORSHIP TEAM

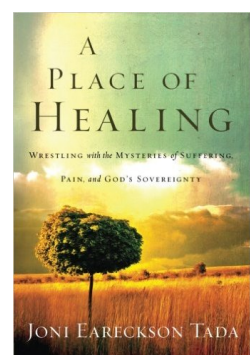
We are still hoping to receive some **flashlights** in case of a power outage. If you wish to make a donation, please phone the church office.

Thank you and blessings,

Bonni Budlong and the Furniture Committee



## FEATURED LIBRARY BOOK



**Joni Eareckson Tada** invites you to walk with her through **an intense and baffling season of her life**. Her words offer not a bundle of ivory-tower theological conclusions but **intimate insight from a woman** on a journey--a woman who believes in healing from a God who chooses when that healing will come. ***A Place of Healing*** offers Joni's perspective on **divine healing, God's purposes, and what it means to live with joy**.



## WORSHIP ON PURPOSE

If you weren't here for the service last week, you missed an explanation by Pastor Dave about some changes we're making to our Sunday morning worship format. The initiative is called *Worship On Purpose* and the goal is to increase the thoughtfulness and intentionality of our worship services. To hear Dave's full introduction to the new worship format, you can listen to it at [www.rossroadcc.ca/media](http://www.rossroadcc.ca/media), at the beginning of the recorded sermon. The following is a brief summary of the new order of worship we will be following:

- Community Life— Invocation, greeting, announcements, offering and testimonies
- Invitation— Call to worship
- Confession— Expressed in spoken word, singing or silence
- Adoration— Musical worship
- Revelation— Listening and responding to God's word as it is read and taught
- Commission— Personal and congregational prayer, benediction

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**Cynthia Friesen** – in Thailand with MB Mission

Thank you for your prayers for our Spiritual Renewal retreat last weekend. We had six girls stay the whole entire weekend and another nine girls who came up each day before or after work. One of the girls (Mint) who was still incarcerated, was unexpectedly released four days prior to the camp. That gave her time to go back home to her province, connect with family and then come back in time to participate in the whole retreat. God is so good. But it gets even better. Not only did God release her in time for her to receive so much at the retreat, but the day after the camp (after we all prayed with her for a job) she got a job at a local coffee shop. In the area that I live. Close to our church. Please pray that she will find a place to live that is cheap, safe and close to us. Pray also that she will be able to join our church, the worship team (she loves to sing and play guitar) and that her boyfriend will come to the Lord. She's considering getting baptized in December when we have our next Juvy girls baptism. The girls were reminded on the weekend that they were CHOSEN by the Lord to be part of his family before they even knew Him. Three of the girls who came are pregnant (one of the girls is 14 years old). Thank you for praying for these precious souls. The Lord is pursuing them, wooing them and they're all on a journey towards Jesus (just in definite stages).

## PRAYER & PRAISE

- Debbie Bracewell**
- Gerd Loewen**
- Walt Letkeman**

## PRAYER REQUEST

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 & Brooklyn) – 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
\$11,735.45	\$1,045.00	\$0.00	329

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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