



ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

October 23, 2016

“The QUEST”

Psalm 13

Curtis Congo

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!*

the**week**

sunday. october. 23

- 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
6:30 pm "Together": City Church Worship
& Prayer @ Seven Oaks Alliance
7:00 pm Young Adults @ Fireside Room

monday. october. 24

- 7:00-7:30 pm Meeting for Parents of M. Schoolers
7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

tuesday. october. 25

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

thursday. october. 27

- 7:00-9:30 pm Small Group Night for H.S. Youth

friday. october. 28

- 6:30-8:30 pm Family Fun Night

saturday. october. 29

- 8:30-10:30 am LEAD Orientation Day
10:30-11:30 pm Mens Drop-In Hockey @ ARC

coming**UP**

thursday. november. 03

- Meeting for Parents of High Schoolers

friday. november. 11

- Church office is closed for Remembrance Day

sunday. november. 13

- Child Dedication

saturday. november. 12

- Mens Drop-In Hockey

saturday. november. 19

- Ending Poverty Together Boot Camp

saturday. november. 26

- Mens Drop-In Hockey

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. 29 10:30-11:30pm @ ARC, \$10

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



ELDER UPDATE

The Elders want to thank everyone for their continued prayers and for the helpful perspectives that many have shared over these past weeks. We have been listening carefully and are currently taking steps to discern a thorough process which will help our church to:

- determine our gender role position
- clarify our current policies and practices
- establish an understanding of how we make important decisions together
- ensure the expectations we all have about church life and ministry are healthy and helpful

All of this is important to minimize future challenges that can distract from our vision of helping people find and follow Jesus. We believe that's everyone's common goal, so the Elders are committed to guide the church through a meaningful process that will help to develop healthy patterns and encourage loving relationships as we serve together.

You should also know that we have been addressing how we can support Darren and Merri Ellen and families while they continue on medical leave. We value your ongoing prayers for them and wisdom for us as we make provisions to meet the ministry goals in each of their specific areas. We are also very grateful for Art and how he has met the unexpected extra demands during this time. We are currently working with him to find extra interim help while it's needed.

With gratefulness,
The Elders

KIDS MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE!
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
friday, october. 28
@ 6:30-8:30pm



Come celebrate together with our Ross Road family. We are planning games, activities, and a bonfire in the church field (weather permitting). This event is

for the whole family, neighbours, and friends.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out at this event. Please let Elaine Regier know if you would like to help.

CHILD DEDICATION
sunday, november. 13

This is an opportunity for parents to focus on what will affect their child's future the most. If you would like to dedicate your child(ren) with us on November 13, please contact Elaine Regier at elaine@rossroadcc.ca. We want to be an active part in supporting parents in their desire to raise their children to know and love Jesus.

YOUTH

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

This week we will be concluding our 'What if' series and playing some sweet games! We will ALSO be having a parent meeting this week (October 24) from 7:00-7:30 pm in the Fireside Room! All parents welcome, and I hope to see lots of you there!

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

This week is Small Group night! Students will do something unique with their small group leaders! You will receive an email soon that tells you where/when your group will be meeting! Also there will be a parent meeting for high school parents on November 3 from 7:00-7:30 pm!

YOUNG ADULTS

We look forward to seeing everyone at RRCC tonight at 7:00 pm to continue our studies on the book of Ephesians. Tonight we will look at Ephesians 1:15-23. Don't forget to bring your Bible and a friend!

“The QUEST”

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**The Quest through life-circumstances is to
focus on delighting in God.**

The Question of:

1.

2.

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The ReQuests:

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The Quest for:

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In Preparation for Next Sunday, October 30, 2016:

Guest speaker Craig Thiessen will share with us next Sunday his message “Doubt, Discouragement, and Discipleship” referencing Luke 7:18-30. In preparation, read this passage of scripture in several different translations.

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



RRCC has been invited by ACLN to join all Abbotsford Christians for a “**Together**” event **this evening, October 23** at Seven Oaks Alliance Church at 6:30 pm for a time of worship and prayer.



Transport For Christ Fundraising Banquet on November 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Come and hear what God is doing at the Chilliwack Crossroads Chapel with a wonderful dinner and special music by the Young Street Vocal Band. Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person, reservations can be made before November 1st by contacting Paul Cairns at 604-853-4835 or pecairns@hotmail.com.



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 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.

NEW CANADIANS SPONSORSHIP TEAM

We are hoping to receive a student's **study desk**. 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



In life, how we begin and continue is important. But ultimately, **it is how we finish that really matters**. Some of us have begun well. Some of us have continued well. But how will we finish? Will we finish well, or will we finish badly? In ***Finishing Well (Closing Life's Significant Chapters)*** David Wong examines thirteen biblical characters, deriving both positive and negative observations from incidents in their lives.

LAST WEEK AT RRCC

Offering	Other	Building	Attendance
\$18,318.56	\$2,358.37	\$500.00	372

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Rachael Wiebe – in Winnipeg with MB Mission

Praise Items:

- God has been opening doors for partnership and relationship in Saskatchewan, this has been a prayer of ours for a long time now and we are very excited to see what God has in store for this province.
- God has been revealing to me the many things that I have to be thankful for here in Winnipeg, here are a few; friends, my home, great roommates, Fall (there is no snow yet), and a sense of peace for being here in this season of my life.



Prayer Requests:

- Fall is a very busy season for our office. We have all been scattered, traveling all over and meeting with lots of people. Please pray for continued energy, health and focus.
- Pray for our 6 participants on Discipleship on mission; for safety as they travel around Canada, for continued unity amongst the group and that they would continue to encounter God through this experience.
- In the next few weeks we begin planning for our SOAR programs. We will meet with our leadership teams and begin to discern theme and values for this coming year. Please pray for wisdom and insight.
- Lately I have been thinking and praying about balancing work and personal life as it can be really easy to over invest in work. I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom in how to find this balance.

WEST AFRICA SHORT TERM MISSION TEAM

- Pray that God would use us to encourage the Rainwaters in their translation work and in the relational ministry in which they engage.
- Pray for deep and meaningful relationships to be fostered between our team and the Rainwaters.
- Pray for God's provision for all our physical, emotional and spiritual needs as we go, including during travel especially in Africa.
- Pray for Morgan and Ben, who will be staying at home with family and friends.

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.

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

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Junji & Hitomi Nukaga** serving with MB Mission worldwide.

PASTORAL TEAM:

Art Birch - Lead Pastor

Darren Petker - Adult Ministry (On leave)

Dave Rodda - Worship Ministry

Merri Ellen Giesbrecht - Kids Ministry (On leave)

Elaine Regier - Kids Ministry Coordinator

Holly McLean - Student Ministry Intern

Nick Parker - Student Ministry Intern

ELDER TEAM:

Barry Jackson, Moderator

Len Loewen

Vic Martens

Bob Regier

Dale Regier

Al Stobbe

PRAYER CHAIN: Doreen Froese



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