

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

October 30, 2016

"Doubt, Discouragement, and Discipleship" Luke 7:18-28 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!

# theweek

# sunday. october. 30

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

7:00 pm Young Adults @ Fireside Room

monday. october. 31

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

tuesday. november. 01

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

thursday. november. 03

7:00-7:30 pm Meeting for Parents of H. Schoolers

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

# comingUP

# sunday. november. 06

Daylight Saving Time ends!

# friday. november. 11

Church office is closed for Remembrance Day

## saturday. november. 12

Mens Drop-In Hockey

# sunday. november. 13

Child Dedication

**RRCC Prayer Encounter** 

# saturday. november. 19

Ending Poverty Together Boot Camp

# sunday, november, 19

Communion

RRCC serving at Tabor Ministries Encore lunch @ Crossroads Restaurant

# saturday, november, 26

Mens Drop-In Hockey

### **NEWS & UPDATES**



Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Sunday, November 6 when Daylight Saving Time ends.



Due to the fact that we have regular attendees with severe fragrance allergies, we ask that you refrain from using after shave, lotions, and perfume on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

Transport For Christ Fundraising Banquet on November 5, 2016 at 6:00 Banquet 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

each, RSVP 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 **FAMILY**LIFE \* 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, Langley. Cost is \$15 each. For info or to register go to www.familylifecanada.com.

#### KIDS MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone who came out to this year's Family Fun Night!

# 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 <a href="mailto:elaine@rossroadcc.ca">elaine@rossroadcc.ca</a>. 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

Hello everyone! Reminder that tomorrow night is our Halloween event! There are going to be some hilarious games, a bouncy castle, and a costume contest! So remember to dress up, just nothing scary! See you then!

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

This week we are jumping into a new series that I am very excited about called "Things Jesus Never Said." Come on out and learn why Jesus never said "It is a relationship, not a religion."

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GRAB AS MANY FISH AND LOAVES AS YOU LIKE ... NO LIMIT

# ENCORE (55 +/-)

# SERVING @ TABOUR MINISTRIES sunday. november. 20

Every third Sunday of the month, Ross Road will be serving at Tabor Court or Tabor Home. We invite everyone to join us at 9:15 am (8:15 am for those who wish to sing in the choir).



# LUNCH @ CROSSROADS sunday. november. 20

Following the service with Tabor Ministries, we will be meeting at Crossroads Restaurant for lunch. Reserve your spot with Elisabeth Klassen.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

# DROP IN ICE HOCKEY saturday. november. 12 10:30-11:30 pm @ ARC, \$10

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



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

# WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY -



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

# YOUNG ADULTS

See you this evening at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. We are continuing our current Bible study and will focus on Ephesians 2:1-10.

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# Life circumstances do not dictate the faithfulness of God...

1. John's Question (7:18-20)	
- motivated by challenging life circumstances	
- motivated by his expectations of Jesus	

2. Jesus' Answer (7:21-23)

3. Jesus' Words to the Crowd About John (7:24-28)
- a message for the crowd
- a message for us in our discouraging moments
but will I allow my life circumstances to dictate my faithfulness to God?
In Preparation for Next Sunday, November 6, 2016:
Besides turning your clock back an hour to mark the end of Daylight Saving Time in 2016, read Luke 4:14-30, looking for an answer to the question of what it looks like when we join Jesus in His mission. To go deeper, read Luke 12:22-34, especially noting verses 31 and 32, and ponder Colossians 1:19-20.

#### NEW CANADIANS SPONSORSHIP TEAM

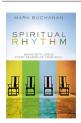


We are hoping to receive a student's <u>study desk</u> and <u>Christmas decorations</u> (<u>tree and room</u>). If you wish to make a donation, please phone the church office

Thank you and blessings,

Bonni Budlong and the Furniture Committee

#### FEATURED LIBRARY BOOK



"Abide in me," Jesus tells us, "and you will bear much fruit." Yet too often we forget that fruit needs different seasons in order to grow. We measure our spiritual maturity by how much we do rather than how we are responding to our current spiritual season. In <u>Spiritual Rhythm</u>, Mark Buchanan replaces our spiritual busyness with a spirituality of abiding. Sometimes we are busy, sometimes still, sometimes pushing with all we've got, sometimes waiting. This model of the spiritual life measures and produces growth by asking: Are we living in rhythm with the season we are in?

LAST WEEK AT RRCC				
Offering	Other	Building	Attendance	
\$6,700.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	354	

#### 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

Janice Esau – in the Dominican with Multi-Nation Missions Foundation

Cynthia Friesen – in Thailand with MB Mission

Rob & Judy Griffioen – in Abbotsford with Good News International Ministries

H & E - in Central Asia with MB Mission

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 **J & M** serving with MB Mission in a restricted area.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### Lauren Neudorf – in Cambodia with Youth With A Mission

Hello Ross Road family!

Thank you once again for interceding for my ministry here in Cambodia. Things are coming along swiftly here, seeing that our team has about one month left this year! Our goals for this time are to end our Youth Development Center term well, to prepare our facilities for outreach teams arriving next year, and to strive to connect with various people who we have made long-lasting relationships with before we leave for the holidays.

Please pray that the Lord will be guiding and calling the right people to partner with us for next year! Please continue to be in prayer especially for the close community which we are in, that we would be a place that is known for joy, healing and being very welcoming.

I know that our students that come learn English are slowly getting the idea of who Jesus is and why we are here. Our relationships with the students have become stronger; there is so much more trust in the gap than before. We did a community night at our team house where we shared the gospel freely with all of the students coming to learn English. It was truly a powerful time, where many raised their hands to accept Christ as Lord (around 20)! We continue to teach Bible basics each week along with English lessons.

I see the hand of God in the little details here, day to day. I know that without prayer we would not have been able to do a lot of things that God gave us grace to do. He will never fail us.

Thank you!

Lauren

### 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.

## 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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