

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

November 20, 2016

Equipping Disciple-Making Disciples:

“D.A.W.N: Our Pathway”

Acts 1:1-8

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. november. 20

- 8:30 am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room
9:00-10:15 am First service
10:00-10:45 am Brunch @ Common Grounds
10:45-12:00 pm Second service
12:30 pm Encore lunch @Crossroads Restaurant
7:00-10:00 pm Young Adults @ Fireside Room

monday. november. 21

- 7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

tuesday. november. 22

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

wednesday. november. 23

- 7:00-9:00pm Christmas Decorating - Fireside room

thursday. november. 24

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

saturday. november. 26

- 10:00-1:00 pm Christmas Decorating
10:30-11:30 pm Mens Drop-In Hockey @ ARC

coming up

sunday. november. 27

- First Sunday of Advent
"A Christmas Carol" Advent devotional

friday. december. 02

- Ladies Chat 'n' Craft

saturday. december. 03

- Kidszone & Women's Ministry Tea and Tinsel

saturday. december. 04

- Encore Event - Fraser Valley Quartet

saturday. december. 10

- Mens Drop-In Hockey

saturday. december. 17

- Mens Drop-In Hockey

sunday. december. 18 - 1 service

- Kids Christmas Program @ 10:00 am
RRCC serving at Tabor Ministries

saturday. december. 24 - 1 service

- Christmas Eve service @ 5:00 pm

sunday. december. 25 - 1 service

- Christmas Day brunch and worship @ 10:00 am

Friday. december. 30-last day the church office is open for 2016 donations

CHURCH NEWS & UPDATES



Congratulations to newlyweds Michael & Becca Penner on their wedding.

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is a much loved story that is an amazing Gospel presentation. Beginning November 27, there will be an Advent devotional series of discussions in the board room. Come and join Carol McLean as we journey back in time to hear the Gospel presented in a different era and the theological, historical and sociological reasons for Dickens' writing this tale of the three spirits that teach the Advent Candles' lessons of Hope, Faith, Peace, Love and Joy. For more info, call Carol McLean.



YOUTH

To all of our amazing youth leaders, thank you for the extra help in setting up tables and chairs for the various church events taking place this weekend. **THANK YOU!!!**

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

Middle School! This week we are continuing with our series called "My Heart, Christ's Home" and over the next couple months we will be inviting Jesus into every room in our hearts. Come to youth tomorrow night to learn more!

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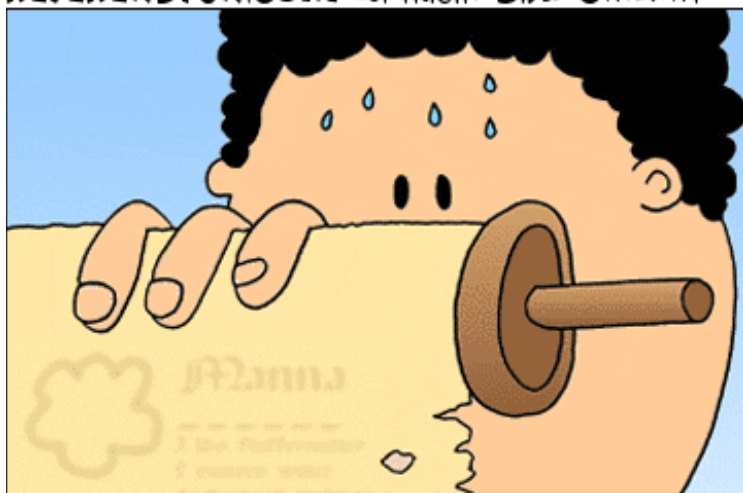


Thanks to Janis Schultz (See Matthew 3:1-17) 12-05-2005
THERE IS A FLY IN MY LOCUST & HONEY

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

High School! This week we're continuing with our series on "Things Jesus Never Said" Don't miss out!

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12-15-2005
**THIS WAS NO ORDINARY DEAD-SEA SCROLL
... IT WAS THE RECIPE FOR MANNA**

ENCORE (55 +/-)

TABOR HOME MINISTRY sunday. november. 20

Today we are serving at Tabor Home at 9:15 am (volunteer choir practice at 8:45 am).



LUNCH @ CROSSROADS sunday. november. 20

Join us today at 12:30 (following the second service) for lunch.

ENCORE ADVENT DESSERT NIGHT sunday. december. 04

Encore will be hosting an Advent Dessert Evening featuring the Fraser Valley Quartet on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each and need to be purchased by November 27 from Elisabeth Klassen.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

ADVENT OF THE SAVIOUR STUDY - november. 15 - december. 06 tuesdays @ 9-11 am OR 7-9 pm

Let us enter the Advent season together with our eyes fixed on our Lord and Saviour. This Bible study is free for all women, with child care available in the mornings (by donation). Questions or to register contact Monique Driediger.

TEA AND TINSEL - saturday. december. 03, 1:30-3:30 pm

Ross Road Kidszone & Women's Ministry have partnered together for a fun afternoon of tea, cupcakes, crafts, and a movie. Tickets are \$3 for 1 or \$5 for 2.

MEN'S MINISTRY

DROP IN ICE HOCKEY saturday. november. 26 10:30-11:30 pm @ ARC, \$10

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



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GPS (G _____ P _____ S _____) involves:

D.A.W.N. #1:

D.A.W.N. #2:

D.A.W.N. #3:

For Personal Reflection and Discussion With Friends and Family:

Has it DAWNed on you that you are responsible, in partnership with others, for Discipling A Whole Neighbourhood, Discipling a Whole Nation, and Discipling All World Nations? How do you feel about that? Excited? Overwhelmed? Guilty? Burdened? Hopeful? How are you currently engaged in this mission? Don't be too hard on yourself. Take time to think and acknowledge what you are currently doing? Do you think our Lord may want you to expand your involvement? How?

In Preparation for Next Sunday, November 27, 2016:

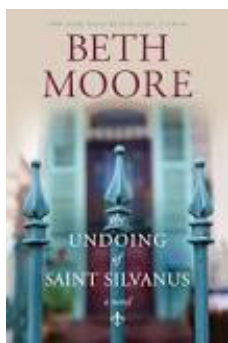
Christmas is about Jesus, yet holiday activities, holiday foods, and Christmas gifts tend to obscure our view of Him. To rectify this problem, the purpose of Advent is to focus our thoughts on Jesus, our Messiah, as preparation for truly celebrating Him at Christmas. If we prepare well, these other things can heighten our celebration of Him, rather than replace it. Each Sunday in Advent, we will focus on a single word. On November 27, the word is "Darkness" because Jesus came as the Light into a world darkened by estrangement from God, Isaiah:19-9:7 describes the darkness and announces a great Light. the historical, geographic, and cultural setting in which this prophesy was first given makes understanding it somewhat challenging. Read the passage and see if you can figure it out. What darkness has Jesus replaced with light in your life?

DECK THE (CHURCH) HALLS!

Want to get into the Christmas spirit and deck some church halls? Join us on Wednesday, November 23rd from 7:00-9:00 pm when we will be decorating the Fireside room and the foyer **OR** Saturday, November 26th when we will be decorating the sanctuary and gym from 10:00 am -1:00 pm.



FEATURED LIBRARY BOOK



Bestselling inspirational author, **Beth Moore** steps into the field of fiction with an exciting, character-based, mystery release that is sure to keep you up late. Beth Moore's **"The Undoing of Saint Silvanus"** includes a southern murder mystery, a mysterious church turned apartment house named "Saint Sans," an odd assortment of tenants and a complex family who struggle with faith and broken relationships.

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

H & E – in Central Asia with MB Mission

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.

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **PK & C** serving with MB Mission in a restricted area.

PASTORAL TEAM:

Art Birch - Lead Pastor
Darren Petker - Adult Ministry (On leave)
Curtis Congo - Interim Adult Ministry
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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