

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

### December 4, 2016

"Promise"

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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!* 

### the**week**

### sunday. december. 04

3:30 am Prayer Time @ Prayer Room

9:00-10:15 am First service

"A Christmas Carol" Advent devotional

@ Prayer Room

10:00-10:45 am Coffee and snacks

@ Common Grounds

10:45-12:00 pm Second service

6:30 pm Encore Advent Dessert Evening

6:30 pm "A Christmas Carol" Advent devotional

@ Prayer Room

7:00-10:00 pm Young Adults @ Fireside Room

### monday. december. 05

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

### tuesday. december. 06

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

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### thursday. december. 08

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

### saturday. december. 10

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

### comingUP

### saturday. december. 17

Men's Drop-In Hockey

### sunday. december. 18

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

### saturday. december. 24

Christmas Eve service @ 5:00 pm

### sunday. december. 25

Christmas Day brunch and worship @ 10:00 am

### monday-tuesday. december. 26-27

Church office is closed

### friday. december. 30

Last day the church office is open for 2016 donations

### sunday, january. 01

One service @ 10:00 am

### monday, january. 02

Church office is closed

#### CHURCH NEWS & UPDATES

One of my favourite Ross Road Christmas Eve traditions is the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve service. This year will be no exception as Vic Martens has again agreed to lead an impromptu choir on the 24th and also a practice of the piece on the 18th after the Sunday morning service. Those who would like to rehearse this song on the 18th please meet Vic in the fireside room directly after the service.

### Pastor Dave Rodda

LAST WEEK AT RRCC			
Church Ministries	Other	Building	Attendance
\$10,072.00	\$30.00	0	416

### CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout 2016! The Giving Goal towards the operations budget for December 2016: **\$125,000**. This is about twice the monthly amount we have been giving throughout the year. It is similar to the usual increased giving we celebrate each December ...an attainable goal!

This increased need for December is a combination of:

- normal December expenses
- planned \$26,000 to meet our Seminary, BC & Canadian Conference commitments
- · past giving being less that budgeted for, but offset by spending decreases
- desire to increase our cash reserve if we exceed the goal

Please be in prayer about how the Holy Spirit is leading you to participate.

Blessings!

Dale Regier (Elder) & Phil Giesbrecht (Finance Team Leader)

### MEN'S MINISTRY

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

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



### YOUTH

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

Hello All! This week will be our last day of our "My Heart, Christ's Home" series until after the break! Then on December 12th will be our formal Christmas Party! Get excited! you tomorrow at 7 pm!

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

Hello All! This week I will be wrapping up our sub-series on "Things Jesus Did Say", then December 15th will be our Viral Themed Christmas Party! Dress up as your favourite meme! Also keep your eyes peeled for info on our upcoming High School Retreat!

### **LEAD**



LEAD is off to a great start but we'd love to have you join us anytime. If you have a desire to grow spiritually,

or are willing to invest in mentoring others (in itself a great way to grow), please send an email to lead@rossroadcc.ca -- or you can chat with Karen Stobbe or Clive Russell to get more info.

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HERE IT IS, "LED LIKE A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER" ... WHAT THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

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### **Their Story**

2 Kings 21-25; 2 Chronicles 33-36; Jeremiah 1, etc.

### **The Promise**

Jeremiah 23:5-6; 33:14-16

There is a better King coming.

The better King is the LORD Our Righteousness.

We will become like the better King.

### For Further Study

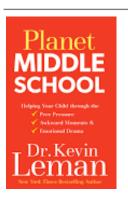
More Glimpses of the Messiah in Jeremiah		
Jeremiah's Message	Jesus the Fulfillment	
Fountain of Living Waters 2:13	John 4:10-15	
The good Shepherd 31:10	John 10:11	
The Redeemer 50:34	1 Peter 1:18-19	
David the King 30:9	Luke 1:30-33	

Our Experience
Naught y-or-Nice-in-God's-Good-Books-Theology
The LORD our Righteousness Theology of Relationship with God
Naughty-or-Nice Theology of Suffering
The LORD our Righteousness Theology of Suffering
The LORD our Righteousness Theology of Sanctification
Jesus is the LORD our Righteousness to all who seek Him.
For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:  How does hope for the future affect our ability to live in the present? Why are we attracted to a Naughty or Nice Theology of Acceptance with God? In what ways is the LORD our Righteousness Theology of Acceptance with God better? Why are we tempted to think God is being unfair to us when life gets tough? How is The LORD our Righteousness Theology of Suffering comforting and empowering? Why is The LORD our Righteousness Theology of Sanctification the only one that actually works? How will the truths behind these questions make a difference to you?
In Preparation for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2016: Our key word is "Preparation." From Matthew 3:1-6 and other passages, Curtis Congo will

help us grasp how John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah and how God has a similar role for us. In preparation read Matthew 3 and John 1. You could also trace the Old

Testament prophecies concerning the forerunner.

### FEATURED LIBRARY BOOK



Entering middle school is like stepping onto a different planet - for parent and child alike. It's a planet where peer pressure, social media, and hormones can wreak havoc in your child's life and in your relationship with him or her. But these years don't have to create chaos in your family. Parenting expert Dr. Kevin Leman's time-tested principles will aid parents in helping their middle schooler not only survive but thrive during these turbulent years on Planet Middle School.

### 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

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

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

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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

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### Cynthia Friesen - in Thailand with MB Mission

Please pray for Cynthia as she continues to work through the maze of the government adoption system in order to legally adopt Maceo. Pray that she not become discouraged at the slow pace, but continue to trust that God is at work.

Pray for a good time of fellowship and refreshing as Cynthia's parents, Bob and Joy Friesen, are spending time in Thailand visiting with her and Maceo. Pray that the extra help from Bob and Joy will allow Cynthia time for some much needed rest.

Continue to pray also for the nine girls who attended the Spiritual Renewal Retreat this fall, that their desire to learn more about Jesus continue to blossom. Pray for Mint that she will choose to go forward and be baptized at the next Juvy Girls baptism this month.

As Cynthia continues to work with the girls in the detention centre, please pray that she is able to find favour with those in positions of authority at the centre, and that the program will prosper. Pray for the relationships that she is establishing with the girls, that these relationships will deepen and that Cynthia is able to share Jesus with them in impactful ways.

Thank You!

### 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.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hearts of Hope is Christian Women's infertility and pregnancy loss support group. We have a meeting planned for December 15th at 7:30 p.m. It's a casual and relaxed environment, where we encourage each other from a Biblical point of view, and create new friendships with women walking through similar circumstances. If you are interested in joining this group, or would like more information check out our website at www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca

Abbotsford Women's Centre invites you to a Christmas Open House December 10th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. There will be hot drinks and baked treats, along with handcrafted cards and original paintings created by the women in the program, and Fair Trade Organic Coffee for sale. All proceeds go to the Abbotsford Women's Centre, a 12 month residential Addiction Recovery and Restoration program for women 19+.

Mark Centre will be hosting their Annual Christmas Silent Walk Thru December 6,7 & 8th from 6-9 p.m. Check out www.markcentre.org/event/christmas-silent-walk/2016-12-06 for more info.

### **PASTORAL TEAM:**

Art Birch - Lead Pastor

**Curtis Congo - Interim Adult Ministry** 

Dave Rodda - Worship Ministry

Elaine Regier - Kids Ministry Coordinator

Holly McLean - Student Ministry Intern

Nick Parker - Student Ministry Intern

**Darren Petker -** Adult Ministry (On leave)

**Merri Ellen Giesbrecht** - Kids Ministry (On leave)

**PRAYER CHAIN: Doreen Froese** 

### **ELDER TEAM:**

Barry Jackson, Moderator

Len Loewen

Vic Martens

**Bob Regier** 

**Dale Regier** 

Al Stobbe





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