

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

January 8, 2017

Praying Like Jesus:

“For the Glory”

John 16:33-17:5

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. january. 08

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 RRCC Prayer Encounter

monday. january. 09

7:00-9:00 pm Middle School Youth

thursday. january. 12

7:00-9:30 pm High School Youth

saturday. january. 14

6:00 am-6:30 pm Youth Ski/Snowboard day

coming up

saturday. january. 21

Mens Drop In Hockey @ ARC

tuesday. january. 31

Women's Bible study begins

saturday. february. 04

Mens Drop In Hockey @ ARC

monday. february. 13

Church office is closed for Family Day

friday-sunday. february. 17-19

High School Retreat @ Camp Kawkawa

saturday. february. 18

Mens Drop In Hockey @ ARC

sunday. february. 26

RRCC Annual General Meeting

CHURCH NEWS & UPDATES



Congratulations to Sam Scholes and Carissa Friesen on their recent engagement! May God bless you as you plan your new life together!



Join us for **RRCC Tabor Home** service on Sunday, January 15 at 9:15 am. If anyone is interested in serving in the volunteer choir, there will be a practice at 8:45 am. Please pray for God's blessing on this ministry as we continue to serve the residents, staff, and families.



We invite everyone to join us tonight for an evening of prayer at 6:30 pm. Churches all around the world are coming to pray together and God is working through them! We want RRCC to be an active part of that change.



Please note that Pastor Art and Rosabelle will be on vacation for the next two weeks (January 9-23, 2017). They are grateful for this opportunity for renewal. Pastor Curtis will be the pastor in charge during this period. You can reach Curtis.



Nursery volunteers needed: we are looking for some people who would be willing to serve in the nursery during the second service once a month. If you would like more info, please contact Elaine Regier at elaine@rossroadcc.ca.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY -
Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore

january. 31- april. 04
tuesday mornings @ 9:00 am or
tuesday evenings @ 7:15 pm

A new Bible study on the book of James starts January 31st (2 weeks off for Spring break). Cost is \$25 for study materials (please don't let the cost keep you away). Childcare provided for morning sessions only.

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Child care is an essential component to the success of our morning Bible studies if you feel lead to love our young moms by taking care of their littles while they spend time in God's word.

Contact:
 Alex Schellenberg
 Monique Driediger

MEN'S MINISTRY



DROP IN ICE HOCKEY -
saturday. january. 21
10:30-11:30 pm @ ARC, \$10

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

LEAD

Have you ever thought of mentoring?



Sometimes a little help and encouragement is the boost we need to kickstart our personal and spiritual growth. And sharing your wisdom and experience with others is also a great way to grow yourself. Please contact Karen Stobbe or Clive Russell for more info or send a note to lead@rossroadcc.ca. We'd love to help you get started!

MIDDLE SCHOOL resumes monday. january. 09

Yo! Get excited because Middle School Youth is starting up again tomorrow! We will be playing a super exciting game of SMUGGLERS! So wear something you can move around in easily! Also the Ski/Snowboard trip is happening this Saturday! We will be meeting at the church bright and early at 6:00 am! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so ASAP.

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Thanks to John Verbrugge 12-03-1999
 TROUBLE AT THE 'END OF THE WORLD SCENARIO' DEBATE

HIGH SCHOOL resumes thursday. january. 12

We will be playing a crazy game of SMUGGLERS! So wear something you can move around in easily!

SKI/SNOWBOARD DAY - saturday. january. 14 @ 6:00 am

Forms can be found on our Facebook page or email Nick (nick@rossroadcc.ca)! Sign up ASAP.

YOUTH RALLY @ MISSIONS FEST - saturday. january. 28

Talk to Holly or Nick if you are interested.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT - friday-sunday. february. 17-19

Registration for the High School Retreat will also be coming soon!

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Prayer’s Circumstance

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come.” John 16:33-17:1

Prayer’s Purpose

Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you...I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. John 17:1, 4-5

Prayer's Authority

For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:2-3

**In every circumstance,
prayer pursues relationship with God for His glory.**

For Personal Reflection and Discussion with Friends and Family:

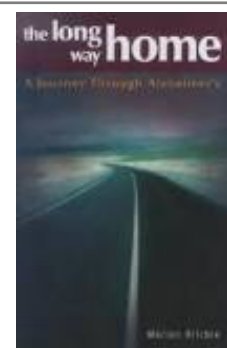
Under what sort of circumstances does praying come easiest and hardest for you? How can you benefit from knowing the answers to that question? How much or little do you find yourself thinking about God's glory when you pray? How would seeing God's glory as central to the purpose of prayer affect your prayers? To what extent do you talk with God in prayer about your role in helping others enjoy eternal relationship with Him? How could you make eternal life for others more important to your prayer life?

In Preparation for Sunday, January 15, 2017:

Next Sunday, Pastor Curtis will lead us through the next section of The Lord's Prayer, John 17:6-15, in which Jesus prays for the protection of His disciples. To prepare your heart, read the entire prayer (chapter 17) and even John's description of the evening's conversation to that point (chapters 13-16). Ask God how He wants Jesus' prayer to impact your prayers.

FEATURED LIBRARY BOOK

The diagnosis of Alzheimer's is a scary one for both the person suffering with the disease and the caregiver(s). Unpredictable in its course and the way in which it affects its victim, Alzheimer's Disease slowly - or sometimes quickly - sucks the life out of its prey. **Marian Ritchie**, in her book **"The Long Way Home - A Journey through Alzheimer's"**, dares to candidly document every aspect of living and caring for her beloved husband, Erwin, who is afflicted by the disease.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Debbie Bracewell

Gerd Loewen

Walt Letkeman

PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for **Otto & Marjorie Ekk** serving with MB Mission in Portugal.

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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Al & Karen Stobbe (Karissa & Natasha) – in Abbotsford with MB Mission

Reflection on 2016:

God's goodness and faithfulness through...

- Budget process (Jan – May)
- Spring Adventure (orientation for new long term applicants)
- Trip to Germany/Austria to give orientation to a new team member and to encourage the churches in Austria (July)
- MINA (Ministry in North America) retreat (Aug 23 -25)
- FOCUS training (Sept – Nov)
- ASRAC (Asia Retreat and Consultation) in Thailand (Oct 24-28)
- Jornada Discernment (Nov/Dec)

Family News:

- We really enjoyed spending lots of time together recently on a tropical vacation to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary.
- Natasha is in the process of moving to New Westminster where she is renting a house with 2 other girls. She is pursuing a new diet to help with her rheumatoid arthritis.
- Karissa will be starting her last semester at TWU in January. She is also waiting on her acceptance into the PYP program (teaching practicum year).

Pray:

- for the upcoming Spring Adventure (Feb. 20-23) as we discern further together with new applicants from Austria, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Kansas, Colorado and California
- for the budget season, that I would pay careful attention to detail (the pre-filled budgets need to go out to the missionaries by January 20th)

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK (JANUARY 1)

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

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Wow! What a semester it has been! It often seems I no sooner adapt to one new thing than I'm facing the next. By God's grace, though, we all survived! And I've been blessed to be able to spend some time in the last week resting, recuperating and playing a bit of the tourist with my dear friend Cara who came to visit.

The ends of things provide a good opportunity for reflection, so at the end of this year and the beginning of the next, here are the things that I've come away with:

- Teaching is exhausting, but I trust that God is using what I'm doing here for his purposes
- I love my new country and I'm loving getting to know its people
- I love my students. They can be challenging at times, but most of the time I see young people with incredible potential to make a difference around them.

Please continue to pray for me:

- that I keep Christ first, before anything else I do
- Continue building meaningful relationships, both with students and with people in my community outside school
- For wisdom in choosing where to focus my energy, as I learn a new balance for school life and home life in this context

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout 2016! The Giving Goal towards the operations budget for December 2016 was **\$125,000**. 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 than budgeted for, but offset by spending decreases
- desire to increase our cash reserve if we exceed the goal

Offerings received to the end of 2016 fell short of our December giving goal by approximately \$12,000.00.

Total Dec. Income Target	Actual Received	Difference to Target Budget	Christmas Day Attendance
\$125,000.00	\$113,100.00	(\$11,900.00)	169

PASTORAL TEAM:

Art Birch - Lead Pastor
Curtis Congo - Interim Adult Ministry
Dave Rodda - Worship Ministry
Elaine Regier - Kids Ministry Co-ordinator
Holly McLean - Student Ministry Intern
Nick Parker - Student Ministry Intern

Darren Petker - Adult Ministry (On leave)
Merri Ellen Giesbrecht - Kids Ministry (On leave)

ELDER TEAM:

Barry Jackson, Moderator
Len Loewen
Vic Martens
Bob Regier
Dale Regier
Al Stobbe

PRAYER CHAIN: Doreen Froese



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