

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus



Calling on God to Intervene

Isaiah 24:1-12

Art Birch

December 3, 2017

“Calling on God to Intervene”

Biblical Text: Isaiah 64:1-12

Pastor: Art Birch

THIS WEEK



- Prayer Time @ 8:30 am.
- Services @ 9:00 & 10:45 am
- Song For A Winter's Night Concert @ 6:30



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



- Mommy and Me @ 9:00-11:00 am



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



- Craft and Chat @ 4:00pm-12:00 am in the fireside room



- Service @ 10:00 am

WELCOME! We are so glad you could join 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.

LAST SUNDAY

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in your financial support of RRCC!

Church Ministries	\$40,238.05
Other	\$281.05
Facility Fund	\$0.00
Total Received	\$40,519.30
Attendance:	155

NEED PRAYER?

A chain of prayer, connecting with other prayer warriors. Call Doreen Froese at 604-854-2963 or email adfroese@hotmail.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operating Budget

Total Nov/Dec. Income Target	Received To Date	Remaining Target to Meet Total	Last Week's Attendance
\$180,000	\$71,649	\$108,351	155

Facility Renewal Fund

Facility Renewal Target	Received To Date	Remaining Target to Meet Total
\$100,000	\$75,265	\$24,735

E-Transfers Now Available- You are now able to use e-Transfers as a method of giving. Use your online banking to send a donation to giving@rossroadcc.ca using Interac e-Transfer. Don't forget to include your offering envelope number.

MINISTRY UPDATES



Nursery Volunteers:

Today:

9:00am: Natalie Wiebe
Vicki Lin

10:45am: Will Wall
Cynthia Wall

Next Week

9:00am: Stephanie Shellborn
Jessica Janz

10:45am: Betty-Lou Hildebrandt
Sara Hayashida



Youth Ministry: Hey Everyone! **This is the last week of our normal youth nights before the winter break**, Middle School Youth this Monday (7-9pm) and High School Youth this Thursday (7-9:30pm). Don't miss out, as we will be giving out important information regarding our Christmas gatherings which take place the following Monday & Thursday! See you then!!



Young Adults: We will meet again December 3rd at 7:00pm to continue our Doctrine series. If you are interested in more information about Doctrine or Young Adults feel free to checkout our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rccyoungadults/>



Women's Ministry: Join us for **Mommy & Me program** on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00am. in the Preschool Big Room.

Chat and Craft is happening December 8 from 4pm to midnight in the fireside room.



Men's Ministry: Please stay posted as to when our next event will take place. Congratulations to Dan Stark on winning the lazy boy recliner!



Encore Ministry

Song For A Winter's Night - We'll be holding a Dessert Evening featuring soloist Cathy Merkel on December 3rd here at the church.

SERMON NOTES

“Calling on God to Intervene”

Isaiah 64:1-12

1st Sunday of Advent

Art Birch

**Longing for God’s powerful intervention,
with contrite hearts we cry out to Him.**

We long for the power of God evident in the past.

1 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

We acknowledge our sin that blocks God’s power.

5 But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? 6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags....

We appeal to God for help on the basis of Who He is.

64:8 *Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

63:15 *Look down from heaven and see, from your lofty throne, holy and glorious. Where are your zeal and your might? Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us.*

63:16 *...you, Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.*

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Sermon in Action:

What is there in your life about which you long for God to intervene powerfully? What help as to how to pray for God's intervention does Isaiah 63 and 64 offer? On what certainties will you base your appeal to God? How will you strengthen your trust in Him if His timing is not your timing?

For Next Week, 2nd Sunday of Advent:

Our Advent text next Sunday is Isaiah 40:1-11. Prayerfully read the text asking yourself what God might want from you to prepare the way for the LORD in people around you. Dwayne and Helen Rainwater will be sharing with us their work of preparing the way for Jesus in West Africa.

CHURCH UPDATES



Meal Ministry: If you or someone you know is suffering illness or bereavement and would benefit from our Meal Ministry, please speak to Sam Hayashida. If you're interested in volunteering with the meal ministry please contact Sam for more info.



Common Grounds needs volunteers! Due to our current number of volunteers we will not have Common Grounds one Sunday per month. This will coincide with Celebration Sundays, when we have only one service. To volunteer in this ministry all you need is a willingness to prepare coffee/tea, put out a variety of scheduled treats, and clean up afterwards. If you have been looking for somewhere to serve and would like to meet new people, this is a great opportunity. If you have questions or would like more info contact Alex Schellenberg or Jen Thomas.

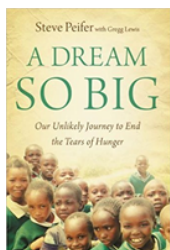


Update: Our dear friends H and E, are experiencing significant fruit in their new church plant. They are celebrating the official opening of their new facility on Saturday, December 2. They still require finances for a signboard; worship equipment; and a room to use for out of town guests, worship and prayer. Projected costs are \$3,800. We will gladly pass along any gifts designated to them. **Note: these gifts should be designated to MB Mission.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Please note that the following dates December 17, Christmas Eve morning, and December 31 will be a Celebration style service with one combined service at 10:00am.

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK



A Dream So Big is the story of Steve Peifer, a corporate manager who once oversaw 9,000 computer software consultants, who today helps provide daily lunches for over 20,000 Kenyan school children in thirty-five national public schools, and maintains solar-powered computer labs at twenty rural African schools.

A short-term, 12-month mission assignment as dorm parents for a Kenyan boarding school turned this ordinary man into the most unlikely internationally recognized hero, and his story will inspire you to pursue similar lives of service.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Please pray for the newest member of our team, B. as he works alongside H. and the rest of the team. A former devout M*s*m, B was living in the U.S. with his family. He was a successful businessman who owned many stores, but his success did not quench his thirst so he called out to God to show him the truth. In 2014, he had a vision of Jesus calling him and asking B. to follow with him with his whole life.

After he surrendered his life to Christ, B. experienced the heartache many former M*s*m face when becoming a follower of Jesus. B. is estranged from his wife and family now, and is currently living in Central Asia, after he felt God calling him back.

1. Pray for strength and courage as B. continues to serve the Lord faithfully despite the cost, and pray also for his family & close friends that they could come to know the Lord and be restored as a family again.
2. People in Central Asia are continuing to hear the good news each week. Pray for the Word to find soft hearts.
3. Pray for a whole family who came to Christ recently - Praise the Lord! Pray for support and for strength to stand firm against discouragement and spiritual attacks for this family.
4. We had another baptism at one of our churches last week. Please pray for these new believers that they would continue to grow in their faith and walk with the Lord.
5. Pray for our team as we work together and continue to minister to those around us.
6. Pray for H.'s program that it find it's way into people's homes and for hearts to be receptive to the good news.
7. Pray for our family - for our work and school and time together.

Thank you Ross Road for your support!

H & E

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