

ROSS ROAD

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus

The Word Our Life and Light

John 1 : 1-8

December 31, 2017

“The Word Our Life and Light”

Biblical Text: John 1:1-18

Pastor: Art Birch

THIS WEEK



- 9:30 am - Prayer time
- 10:00 am - Service
- Final day for 2017 donations
- No Young Adults



- New Year's Day
- Church Office will be closed
- No Middle School Youth



- No High School Youth



- 8:30 am Prayer time
- 9:00 am 1st Service
- 10:45 am 2nd Service

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.

NEED PRAYER?

A chain of prayer, connecting with other prayer warriors. Call Doreen Froese.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

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

We are very thankful that we've exceeded our giving goal for November and December by \$3,800 as of December 30th. The Facility Renewal Fund needs \$22,000 to meet our goal of \$100,000 for the year. We have however accomplished a majority of the proposed projects without borrowing money. Projects were accomplished below the estimated amounts. Many thanks to our staff and property team that managed expenses during 2017! Praise God for faithful givers!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operating Budget

Total Nov/Dec. Income Target	Received To Date	Remaining Target to Meet Total	Last Week's Attendance
\$180,000	\$183,884		627- 2 services

Facility Renewal Fund

Facility Renewal Target	Received To Date	Remaining Target to Meet Total
\$100,000	\$78,285	\$21,715

NOTICE TO ALL MINISTRY AREAS: PLEASE TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS!

This is the last call for receipts for reimbursement - please get them into the church office for processing today.

The church office will be closed January 1st, 2018 for New Year's Day.

MINISTRY UPDATES



Nursery Volunteers:

Today 10:00 am:

Sally Healy

Sandra Hayashida

Next Week

1st service: Rhonda and Allie Janzen

2nd Service: Will and Cynthia Wall



Youth Ministry: Happy New Years everyone! Remember to get those Ski/Snowboard day forms into the office ASAP!



Young Adults: We will be taking a break over the Christmas Holidays. We'll let you know when we're starting up in the New Year and what we'll be doing. You can check back here for info, or on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rccyoungadults/>



Women's Ministry: We are taking a break over Christmas. Please check back in the New Year for details of future events.



Men's Ministry: We are excited to be planning for another men's study at 'The Shop' starting early in the new year! Stay tuned for more details.



Encore Ministry: Please stay posted as to when our next event will take place.

CHURCH PRAYER & PRAISE

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.

For more information, please check out our website at www.rossroadcc.ca.

SERMON NOTES

The Word Our Life and Light
John 1:1-18
Art Birch

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
John 1:14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:1-3

*4 In him was life, and that **life** was the **light** of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

John 1:4-5, 9

Life

"In him was life.... John 1:4

Why does life matter?

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 5:24 *Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.*

John 17:3 *Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

Light

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:4

Why does light matter?

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

How can we fully enjoy life and light?

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. John 12:46

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.... John 1:9-12

Sermon In Action:

Did you fully enjoy life and light in 2017? What will you do to enjoy life and light more fully in 2018?

Next Sunday, January 7, 2018

In 2018 we will study our way through Ephesians. To prepare for Pastor Craig's message next Sunday, prayerfully read the whole of Ephesians, then double back and read chapter 1, and double back again and read next Sunday's text, 1:1-14.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Wayne and Diane Rempel as they join the RRCC family in membership this morning with their testimonies and confession of faith.

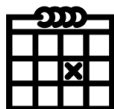
“We were not raised in Christian homes and both felt God call us out to come to Him in distinct ways.”



USHERS NEEDED! Do you have what it takes to be an usher? A warm handshake and a friendly smile? A welcoming face for those in attendance on Sunday morning? A desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus?

We have a few spots available on the third and fourth Sunday of each month during the first service for new ushers. Please pray about this need, and if you feel God is leading you to use your gifts and serve in this way, contact Alex Schellenberg for more information.

CHURCH NEWS AND UPDATES



THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED on January 1, 2018.

ALL DONATIONS FOR 2017 will be accepted up to and including the December 31st offering. Any donations received after December 31st will be allocated for 2018.

Our sincere condolences to Patt & Stephanie Dobui and family on the unexpected passing of Patt's older sister, Lanieta Sanavitilevu, on December 26, 2017.

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*

For more information, please check out our website at www.rossroadcc.ca.

RRCC MISSIONARIES

Paul & Edna Cairns -
In Chilliwack with Transport for Christ

Otto & Marjorie Ekk -
In Portugal with MB Mission

Janice Esau - In the
Dominican Republic with
Multi-Nations Missions

Cynthia Friesen (Maceo) -
In Thailand with MB Mission

Rob and Judy Griffioen -
In Abbotsford with Good
News International Ministries

RRCC MISSIONARIES

Chelsea Neudorf -
In Cambodia with Youth with
a Mission

Dwayne & Helen Rainwater,
(Lisa, Michael) - In W. Africa
with Pioneer Bible
Translators

Dale & Teresa Regier -
In Abbotsford with MB Mission

Beth & Darcy Scholes -
In Abbotsford with Family Life

Jason & Stephanie Shellborn
(Madison, Hudson, London,
Brooklyn)- In Abbotsford with
Discipleship International

Al & Karen Stobbe -
In Abbotsford with MB Mission

Rachael Wiebe -
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