

# SUMMER Is Here!

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

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#### THANKING GOD FOR:

- > A great week of VBS: Submerged Day Camp! Blessed with awesome volunteers who loved and led the kids each day!
- > Another chance to welcome our neighbours on Monday with hot dogs and freezies at Serve N' Soccer

#### PLEASE PRAY:

- > For Kelly, Patrizia and Julian Boynton. Kelly's brother Ted, passed away on Sunday and the funeral was held on Thursday
- > For Gary Cook (Michael's father) awaiting surgery at Toronto General
- > For Pierre Roux on mission in Beaufort West. Pierre is awaiting surgery on his foot which is broken in 4 places and DR's hope to fuse the bone.

## SUNDAY MORNING GATHERINGS: WE'RE GETTING *SHAPED BY THE STORY!*

We love stories don't we? We all have a favourite story that we love to tell or to be told. Stories are the most powerful form of communication we have. They're the language of our world and we learn about each other when we share.

Long before the printing press and the "bible" as we know it came to be - scripture was passed along in story form from generation to generation. The hebrews understood God, his character and their relationship with him by looking at the stories handed down to them. They likened scripture to a diamond and hearing and looking at scripture was like turning the diamond, letting the light hit the many facets to reflect further depth, beauty and detail.

This summer it's like we're gathering around a campfire and looking at the great stories of the bible and connecting them together to see God's plan to redeem mankind - from the very beginning to the birth of his church. As we look at those stories we'll also learn more about God's character as well as about who we are and how we are invited into his great story.

Eugene Peterson said *"The Christian life is not about us; it is about God ... the more there is of us, the less there is of God. We're called to join God and his actions in us and in the world, participating in what God is doing. When we get a picture of how our lives fit into the encompassing epic of God's Story, we begin to see our path in God's activity as his people in the world. Our focus changes. We move away from our own agendas to join God in restoring things to wholeness- -the way God created them to be. It's a focus that moves beyond personal growth to participation in God's kingdom."*

We'll learn by listening then dialoguing together about what we notice when we look at the greatest story of all. Each week we'll add another story that builds chronologically on the week before. It's great if you're new to the bible or have lots of experience with it. All you need is a sense of adventure and a desire to get to know God who loves mankind and desires to be known by his creation. This Sunday we're looking at our third story - it's called Separation and involves man making a very important decision!

If you missed last Sunday - no worries, we'll retell the stories we've covered last and then pick up from there! You can download the narrative from last week by heading over to our web site and clicking on the [Sunday Teaching](#) link.



We have been blessed with the opportunity to serve. A farmer from the Niagara region is donating two skids of peaches (1000 lbs) to the families registered at the Exchange. They need assistance in transporting and processing this fruit. A company from Mississauga will be teaching us how to preserve this fruit so that some can be distributed to needy families through the winter months. This is a great opportunity for the church to be “a people who” and bless our community in a practical way!

The dates are **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** from **4-8pm** at **The Exchange** and here’s what we need:

**Sorting Volunteers on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>:** a team of 6-8 volunteers to assist in sorting the peaches from 4-8pm

**Preserving Volunteers on Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>:** a team of 10-15 to assist in peeling, cutting and canning peaches from 4-8pm.

**Pick Up Truck & Driver** - Once the fruit has been processed we need the palettes and fruit bins to be delivered back to the farmer. There is a flexible date with this, but we’d like get the bins back within a week or two of the donation

This can be a family activity and every person/family participating will be going home with some of the fruits of their labour (pardon the pun). If you are interested in participating in any of the above ways please email [Di](mailto:Di) at and let her know when & how you would like to help! Thank you!!!

We look at our soccer fields as our “backyard” and each week our neighbours come to our “backyard” with their families and when you have neighbours over, you want to give them something to eat, right?! Well that’s what we’re doing each week in the summer when our “neighbours” come over! We call it Serve N’ Soccer!



So from **6:15-8:30** we’re going to set up a tent and the grill on the following evenings throughout the summer as a small act of kindness:

**Monday July 18, Thursday July 28 Thursday August 11, Monday August 15th and Thursday August 25**

We’ve had two weeks of Serve N’ Soccer and it has been really encouraging engaging our neighbours and they’ve said how they are encouraged and amazed that we’d do this for free! We’d love to have you help in serving others. It’s not complicated - all you need is a smile, a simple “hi” and “would you like a hot dog or a freezie”! If you can be part of our team for any of these evenings - please let us know by signing up at the welcome desk!

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

#### PRAYER GATHERINGS:

**Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> - 7pm**

**Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am**

*We’re a covenant community that prays for each other, our neighbours, city and our world.*

#### SERVE N’ SOCCER:

**Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:15-8:30**

*Join together to love and serve our neighbours who bring their families for soccer on our “backyard” fields!*

*Sign up on Sunday!*

#### YOUTH: SUBMERGED

**July 21<sup>st</sup> 7-9pm**

*A great chance for students to hang together, laugh, have fun and interact around the Good News!*

#### DAY CAMPS:

**July 18-29<sup>th</sup>**

*This week it’s Lego Bricks and next week it’s Drum Sticks!*

*Check out the*

[Day Camps web page](#)

*for details!*



#### JUST PEACHY:

**AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-8pm**

*We get to bless our our local community in a practical way and enjoy the fruits of our labour! Great way to serve as a family!*