

# SUMMER Is Here!

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING: GET *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. Christian spirituality is not a life-project for becoming a better person, it is not about developing a so-called "deeper life". We are in on it, to be sure. But we are not the subject. Nor are we the action. . . The great weakness of North American spirituality is that it is all about us: fulfilling our potential, getting in on the blessings of God, expanding our influence, finding our gifts, getting a handle on principles by which we can get an edge over the competition. And 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 second story - it's called First Humans and involves the creation of earth and everything in it as well as two special trees!

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

Hope to meet you Sunday!

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A full day of camp filled with crafts, games, bible stories and more. This is an awesome new camp filled with underwater adventures and discovering the truth of the gospel.  
**Time:** 9am-4pm  
**Cost:** \$175 per week

Our church is excited to be part of the Bolton/Vaughan community!  
 We care about our community and we desire to be people of God who are full of His peace, hope and love and a blessing to everyone who calls it their home as well!

Our soccer fields are a place of gathering for many families during summer evenings. We know that there are some nights when our day has been really busy and getting everybody out the door to soccer can be a real challenge! We thought that a small way we could help might be to provide some hot dogs and freezies for our neighbours who are here with their families, watching the games.



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

We had our first Serve N' Soccer last Tuesday and it was awesome! Lots of encouraging words from neighbours! 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!

#### SERVE N' SOCCER:

**Monday July 11th - 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!

#### PRAYER GATHERINGS:

**Sunday July 17th - 7pm**  
**Sunday July 24th - 9:30am**  
 We're a covenant community that prays for each other, our neighbours, city and our world.

#### VBS DAY CAMP: SUBMERGED

**July 11-15th 9AM-4PM**  
 A full day of "underwater adventures", crafts, games, bible stories and more as we discover the truth of the gospel!

#### DAY CAMPS:

**July 11-29th**  
 Lots of great opportunities with Tropical Fish, Lego Bricks and Drum Sticks!  
 Check out the [day camps web page](#) for all the details!

#### YOUTH NIGHT:

**July 14th 7-9pm**  
 A great chance for students to hang together, laugh, have fun and interact around the Good News!  
 Last week we played a life sized version of Hungry Hungry Hippo's!  
 You just don't know what kind of craziness we'll be up to this week!  
 Come check things out on Thursday evening!