

The JOURNEY TOGETHER

CHURCH: ONE IN SPIRIT AND PURPOSE

NASHVILLE ROAD
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Weekly Newsletter for January 13th - January 20th 2017

NEW SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING SERIES:

Back in 2005 I was blessed with a 3 month ministry sabbatical from the church I was serving at and my plan was to drive across the US where I had arranged to spend my time visiting churches along the West Coast. When was I thinking about that drive I envisioned (*cue the "memory" harp music!*) me in a Corvette convertible, top down, arm resting on the door, sunglasses on as I embraced and enjoyed the chance to hit the open road! It didn't exactly turn out like that as I don't own a Corvette or a convertible and instead Travis and I (who was 10 at the time) said goodbye to Les and the girls in the early hours with our Toyota Sienna loaded down with luggage and a distinctively uncool luggage rack on top and bicycles on the back! I even had to turn around after 5 minutes of driving because I left my toiletry bag at the front door! What followed though was an amazing adventure packed with right turns and wrong turns and interesting people and places, fast food, laughter, weirdness, more evidence of guys not asking for directions and lots of reminders why a GPS would have been a really good thing! 12 years later the memories from that journey are still rich and wonderful because the lives of the people we met that opened their homes to strangers from Canada are now intertwined as we're good friends and mentors who impact and shape one another. Journey's have a way of doing that.

The intertwining of people's lives who were once "alienated foreigners" to each other "In Christ" is a vivid testimony to the power of the Gospel to reconcile and repair the torn fabric of shalom. After affirming the foundational identity of Christians in the first part of Ephesians, Paul now pivots to what the living expression of those "in Christ" will look like in the world as they journey together. Paul sees "church" as a "people who" are fellow citizens, members of God's household ... *being built together* with Jesus as the chief cornerstone. It's an awesome adventure "being the church" and we look forward that "Journey Together" and seeing each other Sunday morning!

JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER:



THANKING GOD:

- > For the unity and clarity He has provided our elders as they continue to listen and discern God's vision for His mission for the NRCC body!
- > "Che's Place" in Bolton is getting ready to open! The official Grand Opening is **Sunday February 5th** between 11am and 4pm.

PLEASE PRAY:

- > For provision of volunteer staff for "Che's Place" as at least 2 people over the age of 18 are needed at the center when it opens for regular hours in the Spring.
- > For Lee Doering as she is now past the half-way mark of her chemotherapy. She has shared that her greatest need is the Lord's strength to carry her through the last 3 treatments. She desires that her health remain stable so she can have

them without further interruption.

- > For Sean Greenwood's daughter Sierra. She has shown improvement but is finding it hard as she continues to experience headaches and pain in her eyes as she has returned to school (Grade 12). Please ask God for His healing touch and for strength for Sierra, Sean & his wife Julianne as they journey together.
- > For Julia, a friend of Marisa's who is a mother of a 4 month old and 3 year old and has just been diagnosed with an aggressive Ovarian Cancer and starting chemotherapy immediately.
- > John and Jacky Taylor, missionaries to Ukraine, have asked for prayer for the churches in Ukraine, that they would remain faithful under increasingly difficult circumstances. Reports continue of worsening economic conditions due to the ongoing war, and persecution of the evangelical church in eastern Ukraine and Russian-controlled Crimea.
- > For Leah Kennedy as she leaves for Australia on Wednesday for 11 months to begin studying at Hillsong College.

UPCOMING EVENTS + GATHERINGS:



SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GATHERING:

Let's join together and pray for our world, country, community, neighbourhood, family, friends and one another! It's another opportunity to "be" the church.

Date: Sunday January 15th

Time: 7pm

Location: Fireside Room at the Nashville Road building



WOMEN'S CONNECT - JANUARY 17:

Ladies, if you're looking for an opportunity to connect with others and pursue growth in your spiritual walk, then we'd like to invite you to join us as we tend to the care and cure of the soul through companionship, Scripture, and prayer.

Currently we're studying *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*

We meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Lounge at the Nashville Road building. We start up again on January 17th. If you are interested, please speak with Gail Lister or Karen DeRooy for more information.

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SALT + LIGHT:



YOUNG AT HEART FUNDRAISING REPORT:

During November and December, our Young at Heart Fellowship raised \$200.00 for World Vision!

These funds will purchase a goat and chickens (along with instruction on their care) for poor families in Third World countries. There was also money to purchase an eco-friendly cooking stove. This stove operates on grass or other vegetable material. It does not require wood or other expensive fuel.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and practiced being salt and light!



THE EXCHANGE:

One of the ways we "are the church" is by loving and supporting our community. We are honoured to partner with **The Exchange** in Bolton with the donation of food that helps meet the needs of one another in our neighbourhoods.

Current Food Pantry Needs: (Carbone Family Cantina)

> Canned meat/fish > Pasta > Pasta Sauce > Canned Fruit
> Canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots)

To donate directly - Please contact [Kim D'Eri](#) at The Exchange

Click on the graphic to open a link to The Exchange web site

SERVING ONE ANOTHER:



The church is a people who ... form a body together with Jesus as the head. Jesus teaches us to serve and God who gives gifts so that we can serve humbly and practically. There are lots of great ways to use gifts you have and serve the body of Nashville Road Community Church:

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Offering envelope sets for 2017, are available. Please contact Melanie if you would like to pick yours up.

If you do not currently have a set of numbered envelopes but would like to contribute financially as part of the body of NRCC there is a sign-up sheet available in the lobby. Numbered envelopes identify donors in our donation records system. Thank you for your joyful support of the mission that God has invited us to be part of as the Nashville Road body.

KCA CONNECTION!

Name: *Sandra Augusto* Home Church: *Church on the Queensway*

How long have you been at KCA? *6 years!*

What grade do you teach? *Grade 2*

Tell us a little about your class:

I have a small class of 10 this year and I'm enjoying getting to know them!

How can we pray for you:

Please pray for my family, my son Ezra and salvation for my family members that don't know Christ.

BIBLE READING 2017:

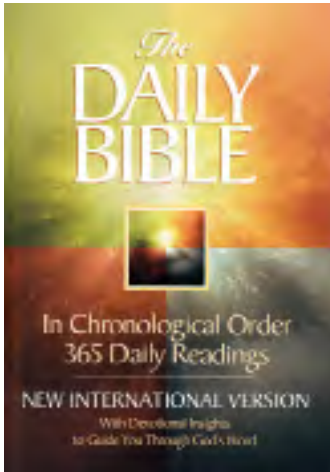
READING THRU THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:

The "Daily Bible" is a great resource if you're looking for a plan or guidance in reading thru the bible in 2017.

- The passages are arranged chronologically, which allows you to understand and experience Gods unfolding plan of creation, redemption, and restoration in a wholistic way.
- Devotional commentary provides historical and spiritual insights to help grasp the flow of revelation and apply it.
- It's chronologically arranged in 365 convenient daily readings to guide you through Gods Word in one year.
- Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are displayed topically in order to highlight specific aspects of Gods wisdom.

Reading Gods Word can become a fresh, inviting and enriching experience!

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QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

JANUARY PRAYER GATHERINGS:

SUNDAY JANUARY 15th - 7^{pm} and SUNDAY JANUARY 29th - 9:30^{am}

We gather to pray for our world, our country, community, neighbours, family, friends and one another!

MAN UP! BREAKFAST:

SATURDAY JANUARY 28th - 8:30^{am}

A band of brothers that has each other's back and walks together in life as we follow Jesus.

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