

# The JOURNEY TOGETHER

CHURCH: ONE IN SPIRIT AND PURPOSE

NASHVILLE ROAD  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Weekly Newsletter for January 20<sup>th</sup> - January 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

## SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING SERIES:

Sometimes it takes a journey to help us see things as they are. Such is the case with “goodbye’s.” To say “goodbye” is to take a journey - an emotional one. This week we said goodbye to our daughter Leah for 11 months as she left for Australia to study. As we sat around the dinner table the night before her departure we embarked on a journey of letting go. That’s not an easy journey. Tears flowed as our family shared what we’ll miss about one another over the next year. My preference in that moment would not be to “journey” because it caused pain and discomfort and I generally do not enjoy either pain or discomfort. But the experience reminded or revealed things we overlook or even take for granted, and we’re shaped a little more as we embrace what it takes to gain important things in our lives. In his book “*Through Painted Deserts*”, Donald Miller says that “*Only the good stories have characters different at the end than they were at the beginning.*” He goes on to say that we “*get one story, you and I, and one story alone. God has established the elements, the setting and the climax and the resolution. It would be a crime not to venture out, wouldn’t it? It might be time for you to go. It might be time to change, to shine out.*”

As we read the letter to the Ephesian church, Paul’s words are so encouraging that it’s easy to forget that he’s writing it from within prison. Yet - what has happened to him as he’s encountered hard things is a revelation of Jesus to him and in him. He’s been shaped *thru* the journey and this week he reminds his readers that no hardships are ever without meaning or purpose as God mysteriously works His brilliant wisdom as we walk thru them. If we allow Him to work - we will be changed, we’re free and we’ll shine.

We’re looking forward to being together on Sunday as we continue to explore what the “people who” of “church” look like. We’re God’s household, with Jesus as the cornerstone, being built up as the practical expression of God’s brilliance in the world as we “Journey Together” - One in Spirit and purpose. Hope to see you Sunday morning!

## JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER:



### THANKING GOD:

- > “Che’s Place” in Bolton is getting ready to open! The official Grand Opening is **Sunday February 5th** between 11am and 4pm.
- > For the safe arrival of Leah Kennedy as she completed a long series of flights to Australia.

### 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 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.
- > For our High School students who begin their exams this week!

## QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

### JANUARY PRAYER GATHERING:

**SUNDAY JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> - 9:30<sup>am</sup>**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS + GATHERINGS:



### MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST:

A band of brothers that has each other's back and walks together in life as we follow Jesus. That's us - nothing complicated - just honest relationships. We get together for a great breakfast and following the feast, we have an informal time of challenge from God's word that's relevant to the everyday lives of men, fathers & sons in our communities.

**Date:** Saturday January 28th **Time:** 8:30am-10am **Cost:** \$5 suggested donation



### WOMEN'S CONNECT:

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. If you are interested, please speak with Gail Lister or Karen DeRooy for more information.

*Click on the graphic for more information*

## 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*



### HOUSING NEEDED:

As an example of "being" the church - Andrea Wilson meets with Ian Campbell, once per week as a friendly visitor. Ian is a 65 year old member of our community, who was diagnosed with Parkinson 5 years ago. The home that he has lived in for over 16 years is being sold and he is now in need of new accommodation.

If you are aware of a way that you may be able to help provide a room for Ian to rent or can point him in a good direction - please contact Andrea Wilson for more info.

## SALT + LIGHT:



### CHE'S PLACE!

The Grand opening of Che's Place is taking place on **Sunday February 5th** between 11am and 4pm. The official ribbon cutting and speeches will take place at 1pm.

Che's Place is a charitable youth centre and our mission is to unite youth from all walks of life and to host a safe and welcoming place for them to spend time and grow and develop healthy relationships. The environment will be positive and fun which will allow them to express themselves in a comfortable setting. Together with the Caledon OPP and local schools we will be mentoring the youth and teaching them skills to adapt for their future and providing resources where needed.

An African proverb says - "It takes a village to raise a child" and Nashville Road Community Church is part of our community's "village" that our children and young people need. Please pray for the young people, parents and leaders who are working to bring Che's Place to life and for the opportunities the church will have to bring love and light to the lives of all who are part of Che's Place! **For more information and for how to get involved - please speak to Marisa Parise or Andrea Wilson or click on the image to link to Che's Place Facebook page**

## CONGRATULATIONS:

### ALAIYAH WILSON'S SOCCER TEAM!

Alaiyah currently plays for EPIC FC Toronto and hearty congratulations are in order as Alaiyah's team qualified for the 2017 Disney 3v3 Tournament! Four girls along with their coaches and parents made the trek to warm and sunny Florida to take part in the tournament which was held on January 14th-16th at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports in Florida.

If being in Florida in January wasn't awesome enough - Alaiyah's team won the silver medal! Congratulations Alaiyah!

*We'd love to hear more about things we can celebrate as a body! Feel free to let us know so we can cheer one another along as a family!*



## 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 of time and talent and serve in, to and thru the body of Nashville Road Community Church:

### THE SLADES:

Ron and Irene Slade are part of the NRCC community and from time to time need practical support when their family are away. We have an opportunity to help from January 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 12<sup>th</sup> with food and other needs, specifically the weekends of January 28-29, February 4,5 and 11,12. There is also an opportunity to provide local transportation for Ron. If you are able to help us love on the Slades - please contact [Doug Bowker](#) or check out [more info on the web](#).

## KCA CONNECTION!

Name: *Janine Wylie*

Home Church: *Brampton Church of the Nazarene*

How long have you been at KCA? *4 months full time with 1.5 years supply*

What grade do you teach? *Grade 1*

Tell us a little about your class:

*They are a very energetic bunch of eager learners!*

How can we pray for you:

*Self control for the children, mental organization for me and a fun, successful year for all!*