



Weekly Newsletter for August 27th - September 2nd, 2016

TURNING THE DIAMOND OF GOD'S WORD: *SHAPED BY THE STORY!*

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 we're "turning the diamond" as we look at the same stories. We're also learning more about God's character as well as about who we are and how we are invited into his great story. We'll learn by listening then dialoguing together about what we notice when we look at the greatest story of all. 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'll encounter Jesus as He shares a meal with His friends. The meal celebrated God's rescue of His people from slavery. Jesus takes the symbolism from within that meal and makes a fantastic promise for all mankind.

If you missed last Sunday - no worries, we'll get you caught up and then pick up from there! You can also pick up the narrative we covered last week at the Shaped By The Story table.

FAMILY CELEBRATION!



This Sunday, as part of our morning gathering, Rishvan & Nyla Selvadurai will dedicate their son Zander to the Lord. We are excited to stand with Rish and Nyla as they affirm their love and commitment to Jesus, walking with Him so that Zander comes to know who Jesus is by watching his parents as they love Jesus.

Rish and Nyla have invited everyone to enjoy some light refreshments with them in the foyer at the conclusion of our gathering as a way of celebrating as a larger extended family!

JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAISE AND PRAYER AS A BODY:



THANKING GOD FOR:

> Awesome opportunities to simply love our neighbours each week at Serve N' Soccer! We served hot dogs and freezies on 4 evenings this summer and continue to make stronger connections and receive the favour of those who've come to our "backyard" soccer fields! Thank you to all who gave their time and energy as part of our team this summer!

> A great staff of teachers at Kleinburg Christian Academy! Many of whom were back this week preparing their classrooms to receive their students in another week!

> Andre Oulette is now home from Sunnybrook Hospital as he continues to recover from a workplace accident! Andre loves to read so if you have any

books you'd like to let Andre borrow while recovering - that would be a great way to bless him!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

> LeeAnn Major as she gears up for the school year, leading the staff at Kleinburg Christian Academy (KCA)

> All our young people who are starting or heading back to College or University shortly! Pray for smooth transitions as they begin this next chapter in their lives!

> All teachers and administrators as they get ready to welcome kids back to classes next week!

> Joe Guaragna and his family. Joe's grandmother, Teresa, passed away early Saturday morning at the age of 96.

> Marietta Maguire in Brampton Civic as she continues her rehab. Pray also for Hugh as he journeys beside her.

> Don Hendricks in Richmond Hill Hospital dealing with diabetes and kidney dialysis related issues.

> The Hammond family as Mike received word that his grandmother Joan passed away on Wednesday.

> Melanie Jordan's grandmother is 101 and in failing health. Please pray for the entire family at this time.

LETS PRAY TOGETHER THIS SUNDAY MORNING

AUGUST 27th 9:30am

We have much to praise God for and also much to intercede for one another. As you look at the opportunities for praise and prayer above - consider joining together in the Staff Lunchroom at KCA!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

KCA WELCOME BBQ:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30th 5-7pm

Kleinburg Christian Academy is an awesome ministry of Nashville Road. Let's connect over some BBQ and meet one another!

KCA PRAYER WALK:

THURSDAY AUGUST 31st 9 -10:30am

We're gathering to pray with and for our Kleinburg Christian Academy teachers and students as they approach the school year.

A great chance to hang out, relax, laugh, play some games, and enjoy time together at the Kennedy's home!

Date: Saturday September 2 at 5pm

Where: 27 Mistywood Drive, Caledon

What: We'll serve Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and all you need to bring is a salad or dessert that you can share!

What else: Bring along any games you like to play as well as your lawn chairs and RSVP to [Dean or Lesley](#)



LIVING OUT THE LOVE OF GOD:



Church is a people who ... live out God's love in practical ways! This is the season when we're stocking up kids to head back to classes.

As a church body we're collecting school items to send with Reta Campbell to Richmond, Jamaica for school children there who are in need.

Would you consider buying a few extra items to add to our basket of blessings? We're looking for brand new pens, pencils, crayons, binders, pencil cases, clip boards, erasers, geometry sets, rulers, sharpeners, backpacks, etc.

Any items you want to contribute can be dropped off in the display at the Welcome Center in the lobby at the church building.

Caledon Meals on Wheels is looking for 20 volunteers who are 55 years of age and older to participate in a great new program!

"Let's Do Lunch" with Caledon Meals on Wheels

This 6 month project, starting in September, provides an opportunity for clients to connect with volunteers on a regular basis while eating a healthy meal together. Weekly lunch visits will take place in clients' homes, will be social in nature, and will foster new friendships, and sharing. Program area includes Bolton/Caledon and Orangeville. Before starting the program volunteers will have the opportunity to receive training on topics such as "Elder Abuse" and "Seniors Mental Health First Aide".

The cost of the volunteers' meals are covered.

Stay tuned at our Sunday gatherings for more info and inspiration!



LOVE GIFT FOR A PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY:

Pastor Ken Stravens, is pastoring with Royal York Baptist in Toronto. He has been diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer. Ken is originally from Kenya and he and his family are in Canada on a religious workers visa.

We have been asked to consider sending a love gift to help meet shortfalls, practical needs and related medical expenses not covered by OHIP. This is a great opportunity to provide care and love in a practical way.

We are stacking hands with many other churches and if you would like to participate then donation checks can be payable to "**FEB Central**" and include the words "**Ken Stravens love gift**" on the memo line. We will receive these gifts as part of our offering during our Sunday morning gatherings.

Please also continue to pray for Ken, his wife and two daughters as they journey through this difficult time.

HELP NEEDED!

Summer Clean Up + Fall Prep:

We're looking for those who would be willing to help with a little tidying up around the building in order to prep the school. We're thinking a little window washing and general clean up.

Plus there will be a little mid morning snack incentive!

If you are able to volunteer for an hour or so between 9am and noon on Tuesday August 29th

please contact Melanie at the church office at 905-893-7277 or by [email](#)

or sign up at the Welcome Desk

Please bring along some window cleaner if you have it!

FAMILY COMMUNICATION!

Church is a people who God's love and grace are changing! We get to be a large family! Families communicate the important stuff that's happening in their lives often around a dinner table! We'd love to celebrate, support and pray for one another when we hear about what's happening. One way to do that is with the Connect Card. Think of it as the family dinner table in convenient card form! You can pick one up any time and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday or the Connect Card box.

