

His Love Endures **FOREVER**

NASHVILLE ROAD
COMMUNITY **CHURCH**

Weekly Newsletter for October 29th - November 5th 2016

SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING:



Have you ever bought something big off eBay? You got an incredible deal on that vintage lamp or amplifier and then you waited nervously for it seemed like forever for it to arrive. What was going through your mind the whole time? It was probably something like, "I really, really hope that seller is legit! I really hope they keep up their end of the bargain and that item shows up intact and as advertised!" God understands if we're a little nervous about our Salvation that way too.

We're looking forward to our gathering on Sunday! We continue to ask "**Who Do I Think I Am?**" and listen to God as He answers from the book of Ephesians.

JOINING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER:

THANKING GOD FOR:

- > Della Drury - who will be visiting with NRCC on Sunday October 30th! We're excited to have a chance then to recognize God's faithfulness to us through her!
- > Providing a space for Bolton Alliance Church to meet! They are now gathering on Sunday's at the Wellness Center in Bolton.
- > Answering the prayers of many who have had a burden for our young people in Bolton - as several new initiatives are taking place in our community!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- > Many young people and adult volunteers that are working hard to open the doors on a youth drop in center in Bolton called Che's Place. It's envisioned to be a welcoming place for young people in our community to connect and grow.
- > Our community leaders - our Counselors, MP's, MPP's, the Mayor and those who have been elected to lead as they give their time to help serve our city and neighbourhoods. Pray also for wisdom as they balance their family responsibilities.



QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

OCTOBER PRAYER GATHERING:

SUNDAY OCT 30th - 9:30am

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

SALVATION ARMY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24th 7pm

There will be a free will offering as well as a bake sale to benefit KCA Music

A great way to stay connected with all the family happenings at Nashville Road!

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SALT + LIGHT:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES mission opportunity



Church is a people who ... love in practical ways! 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.

Reta is packing her container next week, so this weekend is our last chance to stock her up with school supplies for kids there. If you can 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 would like to contribute can be dropped off in the basket at the Welcome Desk in the lobby at the church building.



CHE'S PLACE!

"For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ."

In May 2016, two young people from Bolton were murdered at Wasaga beach. As a community we remembered the LORD's promise in 2 Corinthians 4:6. A large group of young people and adults have joined together to help bring light out of darkness in memory of Francesco Molinaro - affectionately known to friends as "Che." What has resulted is the creation of **Che's Place!**

Che's Place is a charitable youth centre originated and operated by a community Board and adult and youth sub-committees. 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.

Many young people feel they have no place in town to spend time and have resorted to parking lots, parks and back alley's. 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.

Our Mission Statement reads - *"At Che's Place we encourage our youth to develop confidence and self-esteem, enabling them to face the future with a positive outlook. Che's is their place to call home, welcoming all with care and respect. Having our youth leading and participating in community events and issues will give them opportunities and experience in working with others, help them to voice their opinions, and allow them to develop friendships and contacts that will last a lifetime. "*

An African proverb says - "It takes a village to raise a child" and Nashville Road Community Church is part of the "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 mid-November and for the opportunities the church may 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**

KCA CONNECTION!

Name: *Charlene Stam* Home Church: *The Meeting House - Oakville*

How long have you been at KCA? *This is my 12th year teaching at KCA*

What grade do you teach? *Kindergarten*

Tell us about your class:

I have a very sweet but busy group of students! They love to learn and play! They have great imaginations and are eager to please.

How can we pray for you:

- Pray for health and strength for the year and for wisdom, love and patience to teach well!



MISSION: HALLOWEEN!

PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY LINING UP AT YOUR DOOR! HERE'S SOME IDEAS TO ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET!

"Candy?! Who's giving out candy? Every one we know is giving out candy! How do I get in on this deal?! What do I have to do...!?" "Ok, I'll wear that."

That's Jerry Seinfeld remembering the first time he heard about trick-or-treating as a kid. Now depending on your feelings or background, Halloween and trick-or-treating may be uncomfortable for you, but it's a tradition that literally has kids and parents lining up at your doorstep! Regardless if you really love this tradition or not, or whether you call it Halloween, Trick-or-Treat, Harvest Party or whatever, it's a great opportunity for Jesus' mission. A friend of mine named Caesar, who's a pastor near Seattle, shares 7 ideas or steps you might want to consider taking to help connect with people and really prime the pump for relationships in your neighbourhood this Halloween:

- 1. Be home!** *Don't be "that house" this year. How often do people line up at your house to meet you? Prioritize this occasion and plan to be home. Don't worry if your kids are already grown, go for it! This is once a year, make the most of this opportunity.*
- 2. Turn on the lights** – *it says, "We're home, we're here and we're open for business!" Even though Halloween has a tradition of being "scary", make your house seem super inviting. Turn on lots of lights, prop open your door, or better yet, sit out front and greet people. Don't make them ring the doorbell and wait and wait wondering if anyone is home.*
- 3. Ask everyone their name and tell them yours too.** *Seriously. This is basic stuff. When someone you don't know comes to your home you ask them their name, and you introduce yourself. (We all learned this in kindergarten.) Don't crack the door and toss a piece of candy out toward their bag. Discipleship and mission moves at the speed of relationship. This may be the start of a new friendship with that family dressed like the Munsters!*
- 4. Give good stuff** – *be the house and folks everyone looks forward to. I can still remember which houses gave out full-size Snicker bars when I was a kid, and which ones to avoid because they gave you those weird, hard orange circus peanuts that doubled as door stops. Yuck! Be generous. Be like Jesus who brought on the best wine the steward had ever tasted at the wedding feast.*
- 5. Offer a warm drink and a chance to sit down for a few minutes.** *The evenings are colder now! Set up a table out front with a few chairs and offer hot chocolate or cider. Ask people if they want to "take a load off" for a few minutes while the kids finish up this block. This will let people know that you are open to relationship and not in a hurry to move them along. Maybe a little party will break out, or better yet...*
- 6. Throw an "after-party" for the parents only.** *One of the coolest things we ever did was make little flyers and hand them out inviting people to come around after trick-or-treating was over for an "adult beverage" and some real appetizers. The flyer said, "Why should kids have all the fun?!" We handed out flyers earlier that week and also to folks that came to our door for trick-or-treat. We had a blast and took things further towards lasting relationships with several people.*
- 7. Organize a neighborhood "Halloween Parade".** *Okay, this may be for the more bold among you, but it's a great idea! A few years ago a good friend of mine, Chuck, started a cool annual tradition. He went around handing out flyers announcing a "Treats in the Street Halloween Parade" that he was organizing for the kids and parents who lived around his home. Everyone met at his place at 5:15 after work. They marched around the neighborhood, up one block and down the other, (folks cheering their heads off) and then back to Chuck's house where he had a big fire pit blazing in the backyard and gallons of chili cooking away. So fun! This led to many other opportunities throughout the year to have folks in their home and build discipleship relationships.*

Bonus Tip: *Involve your kids in all of this with you. Duh. They don't have to be out trick-or-treating the entire time. My kids always had a blast handing out the treats and they already knew many of the families that came calling. Use this time and experience each year to train them in hospitality and intentionality. Let them know why you are doing all of these things and what your hopes are for your neighbors.*

So Monday evening - we'll be admiring the little Supergirls, Batmans and Minions, telling them how great they look as they beam with pride! And through it all we'll be praying and looking for the people of peace that might want to talk a bit more, that might want prayer, or simply need a listening ear. Looking for people to love, to bless, to befriend. Yes, it's that time of year again, and it's also a chance to reach out and build relationships on Jesus' mission ... and if I have to do that dressed up as a giant Starbucks Cup (as we're planning to do this year) – then so be it!

For more encouraging thoughts and ideas about living on Jesus' mission check out Caesar's blog at caesarkalinowski.com