



Weekly Newsletter for September 3<sup>rd</sup> - September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## THE LAST WEEK OF: SHAPED BY THE STORY!

This summer we're "turning the diamond" of God's word as we look at the great stories of the Old and New Testament that chronicle God's interaction with His creation. 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 dialoging 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.

Our desire has been to help provide a deeper context for who God is from within a continuous story. It is hoped that the three questions that have formed the basis for our dialogs will continue to help us as we walk in the daily moments of life. When we encounter or experience something - we'll keep asking: > Where do I see that in God's story? > What do I see, remember or learn about God's character from within His story? > Where do I see myself in His story?

From a practical standpoint - there are 22 stories in our series over the last 2 summers and if you've got them all you've got a great tool that can be used to encourage you as you grow and also can be helpful as we disciple one another. Also a great resource for conversations with those for whom the truth of who God is and His love, grace and mercy are unknown.

If you missed any of the Sunday's that we've been sharing these narratives - no worries, head on over to the [Shaped By The Story page on the Nashville Road website](#) and you can download any of the ones you need.

This is Labour Day weekend. It was started to honour the achievements of workers. Fitting then that we end our series turning the diamond of God's great story by looking at the most pivotal work ever. Jesus has shared that He came to earth to serve not to be served. He also said there is no more perfect or complete love than when someone lays down their life for another. This Sunday we'll end with a new beginning as we encounter Jesus on the cross and ultimately out of an empty tomb - fulfilling the purposeful work He was given to do - just as He said He would. Hope to see you Sunday!

## JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAISE AND PRAYER AS A BODY:



### THANKING GOD:

- > Great encouragement at the Welcome BBQ for Kleinburg Christian Academy on Wednesday evening. There was a tangible positive vibe and it was encouraging to LeeAnn and the teaching staff.
- > Don Hendricks has been released from hospital and is now recovering at home!
- > Marietta Maguire came home from Brampton Civic Hospital on Thursday and continues to recover at home!!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- > All the children and young people in our community who are starting school or heading back. Pray for smooth transitions as they begin this next chapter in their lives! Pray also for parents who are walking them thru these challenging new chapters!
- > All teachers and administrators getting ready to welcome kids back to classes on Tuesday!
- > The Guarangua family. Joe's grandmother, Teresa, passed away last week at the age of 96.
- > The Hammond family as Mike received word that his grandmother Joan passed away last week.
- > Melanie Jordan's grandmother who is 101 and in failing health. Please pray for the entire family at this time.

## SHARE YOUR STORY!

We are a *people who* are living out the love of God. That's who a disciple of Jesus is and that's who the church is! Beginning in September we're going to look who we are as Nashville Road Community church. We are people who come from all sorts of different backgrounds and places on earth and we've come together because we've met Jesus! We didn't just shake His hand and walk away but we're now walking with Him together. So during our upcoming Sunday gatherings we want to hear the personal stories of our body here and how we first encountered Jesus! Everyone's story is different and it's exciting and encouraging to hear about the journeys and stories where God intersected our story for His glory (*yep, I see that rhyme now!*) We'd love to have you tell your story either live or on video (if that makes you feel more you'd comfortable) Either way - we just want to hear the story of you meeting Jesus! We're going to be looking for people so please contact [Dean](#), [Christine](#) or [Dave](#) and let us know you're interested!

## UPCOMING EVENTS!



A 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.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### SEPTEMBER PRAYER GATHERINGS:

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 9:30am & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 7pm**

*We meet together as a unified body twice a month as we celebrate how God has answered prayer and we practice our dependence on Him by sharing our needs with Him.*

### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS?!

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 9am**

*NRCC and KCA are joining together to participate as part of the Bolton Santa Claus parade!  
Put it on your calendar now for a fun morning together as we prepare and ride our float!*



## 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.