



Weekly Newsletter for December 9<sup>th</sup> - December 16<sup>th</sup> 2016

## JOINING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER!



### THANKING GOD:

- > For the safe arrival of Nash Michael Gerber! Born Sunday December 4th! Congratulations to grandparents - Jim and Christine Gerber!
- > For the provision of the farm in Beaufort West. Last Saturday, Chris and Robyn hosted the very first trash dump worker day on the farm in Beaufort West. A group of folks who spend their days picking through trash on the dump to find items to sell for income, came and worked on the farm. Pierre's vision was to purchase a farm and ultimately move those who live on the dump to the farm where they could grow crops and learn skills. The purchase of the farm was completed earlier this year with Chris and Robyn, a young couple from the U.S., moving there this fall. Upon seeing the pictures from the day, Pierre responded, "My heart is overflowing with joy and praise to Jesus. A seven year dream came true today.

Thank you Jesus!" Check out the pictures!



### PLEASE PRAY:

- > For Bolton Alliance Church as they minister each week to their community - in particular their pastor Jeff Enns and their leadership team.
- > For Reta Campbell and her sister in Jamaica and the opportunity to work with several churches to serve the community. Pray for unity as they come together.
- > For Sean Greenwood's daughter Sierra. Sean is one of our teachers at KCA. Sierra had been experiencing headaches and blurry vision. After undergoing tests the doctors have diagnosed fluid in her brain and she received a spinal tap on Thursday evening. Please pray for her recovery and also for Sean and his wife Julianne on this journey.
- > 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.

## 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:

### 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 provide weekend meals from November 26 to December 12 specifically the weekends of December 3-4 and 10-11. Thank you to Marisa and Betty-Ann who have volunteered so far! If you are able to help to love on the Slades - please speak with Doug Bowker.

## UPCOMING EVENTS + GATHERINGS:



It's been exciting to learn together what it means to listen for and hear God's voice! This week is our last of the 4 week sessions! Looking forward to seeing you at 10am Sunday!



We're gathering this Sunday evening at 7pm in the Fireside Room to pray for our world, country, community, neighbours, family, friends and one another!



### KCA CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Celebrate the reason for the season with the KCA bands, choirs, timbrels and drama to help focus our hearts on the connection between the infant Jesus we envision sleeping peacefully in a manger and Jesus Redeemer, Counselor, Mighty God and Coming King!

**Date:** Tuesday December 13th

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** The Auditorium at Nashville Road Community Church



### YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! That means it's time for our Young At Heart Christmas Turkey Dinner! A great time will be had by all as we enjoy a delicious meal and a great speaker! Pastor Steve Barker will be with us!

**Date:** Wednesday December 14th **Time:** Arrival at 11:30pm and lunch at 12noon

**Location:** The Chapel at Nashville Road Community Church

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## SALT + LIGHT:



### SHARING CHRISTMAS:

Christmas gives the followers of Jesus great opportunities to be "with" our neighbours and friends in unique ways! At Nashville Road we're committed to sharing God's love with the world around us as a family on God's mission! Our desire is that the people around us each day come to know how much God loves each of us! We've put a little booklet together in the hope that it helps us as we make the time to be "with" our neighbours and grow relationships that bring the reality of God's love and His presence close to people. Our aim is not to get them to church but rather to introduce them to the love of God in Jesus. Pick up a "Sharing Christmas With My Neighbours" booklet at the lobby Welcome Centre.



### 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

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Keep  
Christ  
in  
Christmas

### LAWN SIGNS:

A number of years ago a campaign was started to challenge the secularization of Christmas and to encourage Christians to refocus themselves and communities on the real meaning of Christmas. Perhaps you've seen the signs around town on lawns or in windows. If you would like a sign - please speak to Marisa Parise for more information or sign up at the Welcome Center in the church building lobby.

## SALT + LIGHT:



### FAMILY DAY AT THE EXCHANGE:

Ah the smell of Christmas baking! The Exchange is calling Families together this Saturday to it's kitchen for a chance to bake cookies to give to someone special this Christmas season!

Invite some friends for an afternoon together! Kids are welcome to be part of the fun!

**Date:** Saturday December 10th

**Time:** 1-4pm

**Location:** The Exchange - 55 Healey Road, Bolton

## BIBLE READING 2017:

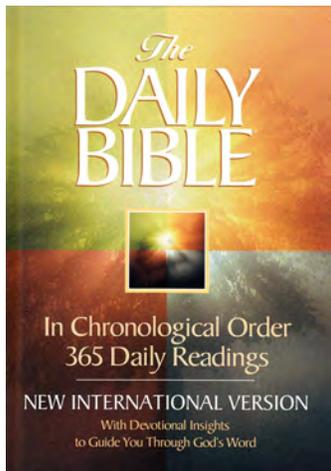
### READING THRU THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:

Have you ever read thru the bible? 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 like never before.
- 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.

Studying Gods Word can become a fresh, inviting, enriching experience for every reader.

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## KCA CONNECTION!

Name: *Andy Alblas*

Home Church: *Crosspoint CRC in Brampton*

How long have you been at KCA? *This is my 1st year teaching at KCA and 20th year of teaching overall*

What grade do you teach? *I teach Grade 6 this year!*

Tell us about your class:

*I have 14 students overall - 9 boys and 5 girls. They are all very active and love life!*

How can we pray for you:

*For me personally, my wife and I have a newborn son - Josiah and also for wisdom at work.*

## SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING:



Okay ... so gift exchanges. The “potluck” of the holiday season (*except you can’t generally see what’s inside whereas at a potluck - you get to discern!*) Have you ever given a gift that you knew exceeded the spending limit but felt it appropriate because probably everyone goes a little over and you’ll most likely receive a similar excellent gift? Then you receive your gift and (no judgements here!) but it’s a Tim’s card for the exact limit amount. I like Tim’s as much as the next person and though grateful, I do have the little thought inside that says “come on, that’s not fair!” I worked hard for your gift and you stopped at the gift card stand at Petro Canada on your way to the party! Okay, I admit - I’ve been that guy too. But seriously - do you ever feel let down if you believe your gift eclipsed what was asked for and you receive less than expected? If you’ve been that guy then you’ll probably understand a little of the reaction of the older son

character in Act II of the story Jesus is telling in Luke 15. Let’s continue “Unwrapping Christmas” a little more this Sunday as we look at the desire we all have to receive the gift of peace.

## HAPPENING AROUND THE BUILDING:

### ACTIVITY AT THE NRCC PROPERTY LINE:

The activity you have seen along the NRCC building’s west property line is the next step in a major Trans Canada Pipeline natural gas line extension that will be constructed along the west side of our neighbour’s property. The construction you see on our neighbour’s side of our property line will be the access road for the construction crews, for the central construction staging area behind and to the west of the neighbour’s property.

## QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

### CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION:

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> - 7pm**

*A time for hot apple cider, family, carols and celebration of the gift of love and grace at Christmas!*

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