



Weekly Newsletter for December 23rd - December 30th 2016



OH COME LET US ADORE HIM - CHRISTMAS EVE:

A time for hot apple cider, gathering with family, music, singing carols, communion, candlelight and a simple retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus as we celebrate the gift of love and grace at Christmas! If you are able to bring along some cookies or squares to share together please bring them to the kitchen when you arrive on Christmas Eve.

Date: Saturday December 24th

Time: 6:30 - Hot Cider and Christmas Goodies
7pm - Christmas Eve Celebration

CHRISTMAS SEASON GATHERING REMINDER:

Christmas is a special time for families and we're enjoying our gatherings as a church family! Looking ahead in our church calendar at this really busy time - we're going to celebrate our Christmas gathering on Christmas Eve as we've been doing for a number of years! In order to be sensitive to the needs and traditions of all our families we won't be gathering again as a body the next morning on December 25th. We feel it's important to give space for families to be together on that morning or to travel to be with extended family. We will then look forward to gathering again on **Sunday January 1st** to celebrate the New Year's morning together at 11am!

OFFERING:

We look forward to Christmas Eve as our NRCC family celebration of Christmas! Although we won't receive a formal offering as we would on a Sunday gathering - we will make a box available for those who wish to contribute as they would on a Sunday morning.

JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAISE + PRAYER:



THANKING GOD:

- > For His provision for NRCC as a body over this past year! His blessings are too many to count and always exceed what we ask or think!
- > For our worship team members who use their musical gifts to glorify God and bless us each week! Also thanking God for Dave Lawson who gives key leadership to the team!

PLEASE PRAY:

- > John and Jacky Taylor, missionaries in Odessa, Ukraine, have asked us to pray for the Chekhovsky family in the aftermath of a devastating fire that claimed the lives of Anya and her five young children. Only Viktor, the father, survived. Please pray for Viktor and his church family and friends as they grieve, including the

grandparents.

- > For Sean Greenwood's daughter Sierra. She continues to experience headaches and pain in her eyes. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors as they discern what the issue is. Pray for her healing and for 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 Lee Doering. She has been hospitalized with pneumonia. The doctors have said she will need to be in hospital for 3-5 days. Please pray for strength and encouragement for her and her husband Kent as Lee naturally desires to be home with him for Christmas
- > For Deborah Vereecke (one of our KCA teachers) as she recovers from a fall she took at the school on Monday.

UPCOMING EVENTS + GATHERINGS:



SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 1ST GATHERING:

We're looking forward to gathering again as a church body on New Years morning at 11am! We'll enjoy a relaxed gathering including a continental breakfast and devotional time with the kids and a chance to look ahead as a body in 2017, following Jesus together!

Date: Sunday January 1st, 2017

Time: 11am

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

Click on the graphic to open a link to The Exchange web site

SERVING ONE ANOTHER:



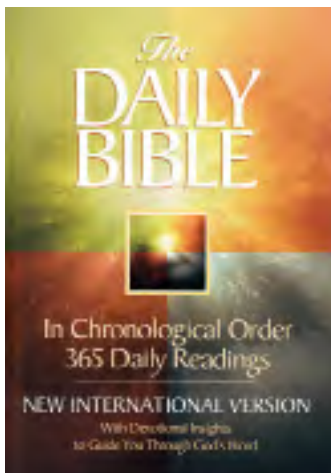
The church is a people who ... form a body together with Jesus as the head. Jesus teaches us to serve and God who gives gifts so that we can serve humbly and practically. There are lots of great ways to use gifts you have and serve the body of Nashville Road Community Church:

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Offering envelope sets for 2017, are available. Please contact Melanie if you would like to pick yours up.

If you do not currently have a set of numbered envelopes but would like to contribute financially as part of the body of NRCC there is a sign-up sheet available in the lobby. Numbered envelopes identify donors in our donation records system. Thank you for your joyful support of the mission that God has invited us to be part of as the Nashville Road body.

BIBLE READING 2017:



READING THRU THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:

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 in a wholistic way.
- 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.

Reading Gods Word can become a fresh, inviting and enriching experience!

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KCA CONNECTION!

Name: Deborah Vereecke Home Church: Churchill Baptist Church

How long have you been at KCA? Starting year 14!

What grade do you teach? French - Grades 1-8

Tell us about your class:

My class changes every 40 minutes - lots of new faces to remember names! We have a magic line at the door. After you cross the line, you have to speak French!

How can we pray for you:

For strength and enabling to teach. For growing change in my own life to be more like Jesus and to shine for him