

A graphic featuring a white clock face with a hand pointing to the 12 o'clock position. The text "RAISED TO Life!" is overlaid on the clock. "RAISED" is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, "TO" is in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, and "Life!" is in a large, orange, cursive font.

RAISED

TO

Life!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

NASHVILLE ROAD  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

For a moment I want you to consider yourself an angel (*okay for some of us - that will take longer than a moment to consider ... but work with me!*) and you've been given the assignment in heaven to decide what the first miracle of the Messiah on earth will be. So you meet with the other angels on the committee to work out the details of this event. "It's got to be HUGE" you say ... "Attention grabbing! Undeniably monumental." agrees another. Lots of great ideas are being floated around the boardroom cloud - "I say we go HUGE - raise the dead - a whole cemetery even," says one. Another suggests wiping out all disease on the planet and the unanimous reply from around the room is "Awesome!" and it's settled - an undeniably huge inaugural statement that the Son of God - Saviour of the world has arrived is now planned! It's recorded in the minutes for reference and the meeting is adjourned in celebration! Only Jesus doesn't get the memo because the lead off hitter miracle happens when he turns six jugs of water into six jugs of wine because he's at a wedding and they've run out. Huh!? What is up with that?! Check it out in [John 2:1-11](#). This Sunday we continue looking at this living hope that Christians are raised with Jesus into because of His resurrection! We're looking at the reality that God is *with us* daily in very practical ways and yet also *for us* and His provision of needs points to a larger grace that limbers up our souls to live out His love with abundance to others!

## Magnify!

At the Sunday April 22nd morning gathering we're going to have an opportunity to hear from the Nashville Road body about what God has been doing in our lives! We love the chance to glorify Him and share! We'll be hearing from several people who've travelled geographically, who'll share about what God has shown them but we know that journey's are more than about geography and so we'd also like to give others a chance to share about what God has been showing and speaking to them perhaps right here at home. So this gives us a week to think how God has been speaking to you over these last few weeks and months so as to consider joining in the sharing at the gathering next Sunday!

## Church Events

- April 17: Alpha at 7pm Connect Church.
- April 24: Women's Connect
- April 24: Alpha
- April 28: Man UP
- April 29: NRCC Annual General Meeting 7pm
- May 2, 3: KCA's production of Alice in Wonderland Jr!
- May 16@ 7am: Mayor's Prayer breakfast!

## Community Service Hours

If you are a high school student looking to build on your 40 hours of Community Service needed for graduation - we're looking for 2 students who would be willing to help with Childcare at Alpha. We meet each Tuesday from 6:45-8:45 beginning March 20th and if you are able to help on a semi regular basis for any of the 12 weeks of the Winter Session - then it's a great way to build your hours or add more. Hint: Community Involvement Hours look great on scholarship applications! Please speak to Dean, Giovanna or sign up on the Alpha Helper sheet at the Welcome Desk

## Alpha Food Help

As part of the Alpha program we are partnering with our friends at Connect Church to cook alternate weeks. We are seeking individuals who would be comfortable in

either making salads, baking desserts or cookies or helping with the assembly of a main course for approximately 20 guests. "Many hands make light work" is the saying

and if enough people participated it would be a great blessing and help make the food prep manageable for all. A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who have stacked hands to make Alpha food possible so far! You have provided us a banquet of amazing food!

If you think you might be able to assist us at all by contributing to a Tuesday Alpha meal - please check out the list on the Welcome Center or speak with Di or Giovanna after this Sunday's gathering and we'll point you in the right direction! Thanks!

## Be on the look out!!

We are looking for a beautiful artwork banner of the manger and star that we display on the wall of the lobby at Christmas! Somehow it has been moved from where it was stored! If you recall seeing it recently (*other than when it was displayed at Christmas!!*) please speak with Dean or Martha! Thank you!

## Youth Event WonderJam!

On June 16th, Canada's Wonderland will be holding a fantastic Christian music festival featuring— TobyMac, For King & Country, The Colour and more! Please let Kelly Martin know if you are interested in going and we'll look into group rate for tickets! You can check out all the details at [Wonder Jam 2018](#)

## Caledon Mayer's Prayer Breakfast- Wednesday, May 16 @ 7am

Caledon is one of many communities across Canada that hosts a Prayer Breakfast. We're excited to be able to gather together with churches from across Caledon in unity to pray for those who serve in government, leadership, and community services. The free breakfast is a great blessing and is open to all who would like to attend! Please let Dean know if you are interested in attending so we can let organizers know our NRCC numbers by April 30th!

## Family Happenings!!

> Congratulations to Leah Kennedy on her engagement last Sunday to Harrison Hoole! Yay! When you see her please give her \$5 to pass along to her parents ... and keep it coming!

> Congratulations to Chris and LeeAnn Major who celebrated their 36th Wedding Anniversary on April 10th!



We'll be taking a break for a few weeks but looking forward to reconnecting and "moving" together again on May 2nd

# Praise & Prayer

- \* Harold Barker has been transferred to the rehab floor! We continue to thank God for his growing strength. Please continue to pray for Harold as he recovers and pray for his wife Norma as she continues to be by his side.
- \* Marlea Burgess continues to recover from her concussion symptoms sustained in a car accident.
- \* Cassandra Silva's grandfather passed away on Tuesday morning and the funeral was held on Thursday.
- \* The mother of a very good friend of John Laux (his college roommate) passed away last week and John and Kathryn traveled to Owen Sound on Tuesday for the funeral.
- \* Please remember to pray for our staff of teachers at Kleinburg Early Learning Center (KELC) each day they encounter all the joys and challenges of loving and caring for little ones in daycare.
- \* Please remember other brothers and sisters in prayer who gather as part of God's body in other church locations:
- \* Ben Adams - the young man severely injured in a car accident early in January. He is now in Orangeville Hospital and still unresponsive. Given this long coma the doctor is not optimistic about a positive outcome. As you can imagine this news has been very difficult for his wife - Natalie, his children and family. Ben's parents know and love Jesus and have asked for the body to continue asking God to intervene THE Great Physician, in whom is our hope.

# Alpha

Our Spring Alpha adventure session continues on Tuesday evenings, exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Each week we begin with a warm welcome and food, then we watch a video talk and finish with open conversation around the table - a chance to share thoughts and ideas about the video we've just watched without being corrected or judged. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

*"Alpha is where I was able to go with people from all walks of life and come together to discuss faith. We ate together, we talked together, and we learned from each other."*-  
Martin, Alpha Guest

We're excited to partner with Connect Church in Bolton for this session of Alpha and you're invited to come and invite others! It's not too late to be part. We meet each Tuesday at Connect Church - 12495 HWY 50 in Bolton from 7-8:45 and it doesn't cost anything. So feel free to join this week if you'd like and invite someone to come with you. Limited childcare space is available.

For more information or details about Alpha - please check out [tryalpha.ca](http://tryalpha.ca) or the [Nashville web site](#) or contact the NRCC church office