



GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR EVERYONE!



NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER DEC 13 - DEC 20, 2019

JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

> Dan Gibson who serves as the chaplain for Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton. The pastoral needs he bears are always significant and are particularly heightened during the Christmas season.

> Praise the Lord as [Imani's Place](#) Transition House is opening! Please pray as they are preparing to have the young ladies move in in the next few weeks and as they look for volunteer support.

> Pray for our students as they balance their schedules and finish up projects and study for exams before Christmas break.

> Pray for Isaiah and the entire Augusto family. Please follow along on [Sandra's blog](#) for ways we can be praying for this family on their journey.

When you are aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please let [Melanie](#) in the church office know

FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

> **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Autumn Hennig who celebrates her 4th Birthday on December 13th

> **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Grace Kennedy who celebrates her 18th Birthday on December 16th

> **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Dean & Lesley Kennedy who celebrate their 25th Anniversary on December 17th

SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING DECEMBER 15

Society's understanding of Justice has become pretty warped as we read of rationalizations that try to establish one set of laws for the influential and another set for everyone else. This Sunday our Christmas Playlist will take us to the lyrics of "O Come O Come Emmanuel" and we'll look at the "Branch of Jesse" - the unique king who would govern in true justice without impartiality. God with us means at last righteousness and peace kiss and the result will be a society unlike anything we've experienced!

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BENEVOLENT

OFFERING

THAT THERE WERE NO NEEDY PERSONS AMONG THEM.

ACTS 4:33,34

FAITH EXPRESSING ITSELF THRU LOVE

SUNDAY / DEC 15 / 10:30AM / MORNING GATHERING

In Acts 4 we read that the people of Jesus - Christians, were "one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had" and that "God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them." (vs 32, 33)

That's what happens when God's grace is at work in our hearts - His love is lived out and needs are met - it's humanity the way God intended it - and it's also awesome!

During our Sunday morning gathering this week we're going to be intentional about sharing as we receive a special offering that will help us meet some significant practical needs in people's lives that we're aware of at this time of year. Please pray and prepare to give as God's Spirit prompts you.

QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

> **DECEMBER 17 / 7PM** / KCA Christmas Concert

> **DECEMBER 18 / 9AM** / Moving With Music

> **DECEMBER 21 / 6:30PM** / J-Walkers Sr Hi Youth Night

> **DECEMBER 24 / 7PM** / Christmas Eve Gathering

> **DECEMBER 29 / 10:30AM** / Prayer Walk at Regeneration

> **FEBRUARY 22 / 5PM** / Coldest Night of the Year Walkathon

KELC/KCA CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

DAYCARE + SCHOOL CONCERT

TUESDAY / DEC 17 / 7PM / MAIN AUDITORIUM

Always a highlight of the season is seeing our KELC and KCA Students sharing their talents as part of our Annual School Christmas Concert! It will be a great evening of Christmas celebration!

MOVING WITH MUSIC

WEDNESDAY / DEC 18 / 9AM / THE CHAPEL

One more chance to get your MOVE on before we break for Christmas! Each session uses music and rhythm exercises that help maintain walking, balance and general movement. All exercises are adaptable so participants can work at their own level. For more information please contact [Julia](#)



J-WALKERS SR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT

SATURDAY / DEC 21 / 6:30PM / 32 REGENTVIEW DR, BRAMPTON

If you're in grades 9-12 then there's always room for you and on December 21st we're gathering for a little Christmas celebratin'! That means Christmas goodies and a great time! If you're planning on joining the fun - please RSVP and let [Wanda and Brent](#) know

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS UNITE!



SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS

SUNDAY / DEC 22 / 10:30AM / MAIN AUDITORIUM

Don't call it ugly if someone you love knit it for you - instead call it "an inspired choice" and go with it! Have some fun, wear yours (or make one) and enjoy the safety in numbers on December 22nd as we take a big goofy picture of us all at our Sunday morning gathering!



CHRISTMAS EVE GATHERING

TUESDAY / DEC 24 / 7-8PM / MAIN AUDITORIUM

We're gathering to celebrate the birth of Jesus, sing carols, enjoy hot cider and the company of family and friends! We'll keep it to 1 hour and we hope you'll include us all as part of your Christmas Eve celebrations!



PRAYER WALK

10:30AM SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

PRAYER WALK AT REGENERATION IN BRAMPTON

SUNDAY / DEC 29 / 10:30AM / 156 MAIN ST NORTH BRAMPTON

We're going to end the year together and pray thru the downtown core of Brampton at Regeneration Outreach. We'll meet at Regen, walk and pray finishing up with a tour of the Thrift Store and then eat lunch as a family.



LIVIN' OUT THE LOVE AT CHRISTMAS!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son ..."
To say that Jesus is the reason for the season is correct but it actually misses a significant point - Mankind is the reason Jesus came. God loved the world so much that He gave at great cost to those who mattered most! As people of Jesus - we get to live out that same love each day in practical ways. This is a season where perhaps we become more aware of the ongoing needs of many in our community and the many organizations that provide resources to those in need and that is a good thing.

As a people who are living out the love of God - we are servants and are part of this community to make it better than it could be without the body of Christ in its midst. As you consider different options for enacting your serve please consider how you can support the needs that the Caledon Community Services Santa Fund help to meet:

There are 213 individuals and families and 199 children in Caledon that live below the poverty line who need your support. They don't know if they will have heat or food, let alone dinner and gifts on Christmas morning. "We sometimes have to choose between paying the rent and paying the heating bill" says one CCS client.

For 36 years, beginning in 1982 the Santa Fund has assisted families and children in Caledon to have a joyful holiday season and make the months ahead brighter. Over the years, thousands of Caledon families have turned to CCS for support that would not have been possible without YOU.

As always, CCS' Santa Fund will distribute donations of food and new toys this holiday season. Even more importantly, CCS will provide things like home heating, medical prescriptions, emergency expenses and counseling to 213+ Caledon families, including over 199 children. There are 1,300 low income families in Caledon according to Peel Data Centre, this means there are almost 1,100 families in need that can benefit from our help!

You can [donate online](#), visit the Santa Fund Workshop located at The Exchange at 55 Healey Road, Bolton or contact Santa's Helpers at (905) 584-2300 ext 236, they'll be pleased to help you!



THERMAL SOCKS NEEDED!

Julian Boynton is leading an initiative to help make a difference in the lives of Brampton's homeless at [Regeneration Outreach Community](#) and you can be a difference maker! We're looking for Thermal Socks to help meet a very practical need to bring warmth this winter.

Julian will have a "sock box" in the church building lobby for you to contribute your thermal sock gifts.

On behalf of Julian and the guests at Regeneration - thank you! Your generosity makes a tremendous difference!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!

The Coldest Night of the Year is on Saturday, February 22, 2020. CNOY is a family-friendly national walk-a-thon that's a great and fun way to live out the love of God! Our walking supports Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton and raises funds that help to serve hungry, homeless and hurting people in our community and in 136 communities across Canada! Stay tuned for more info and lets plan to walk together!



VOLUNTEERING AT IMANI'S PLACE!

It started with a woman named Lisa who had a vision to house, mentor and support young women who find themselves vulnerable, homeless and at risk for exploitation.

Imani's Place is now open and offers young women ages 16-25 who are at risk to become homeless or are currently homeless and disadvantaged the opportunity to move towards an independent and positive future in order to fulfill your personal potential.

We recognize young women need a wide range of support to help rebuild their life. We are able to help young women

by providing a safe and secure place to regulate while providing life skills and a range of wrap around supports, including counseling, employment educational and spiritual and therapeutic supports as well as outreach services and in a family friendly atmosphere and model.

We are actively seeking qualified volunteers to help serve. If you are interested in learning more - please speak with [Marisa Parise](#) for all the details and to pick up a volunteer application.



WOMENS CONNECT+GROW CHRISTMAS SHINDIG!

What's a "shindig" you ask? I dunno but it's got to involve fun! Which it certainly was for all the ladies who got together at Gail & Doug Listers to eat dinner and celebrate Christmas together on Tuesday! Thanks for opening your home to us Gail & Doug! Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

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