



Sunday Morning December 16h - The Code of the Elves:

For many people, Christmas is the least wonderful time of the year. What does authentic community look like when many of us carry burdens of regret, grief or despair? How do we look after one another in such times? And how does the way we care for one another speak to a watching world? Is it enough to follow Buddy's advice to "sing loud for all to hear" or is there more to it? As we dive into this question, we'll meet a compassionate creator who will risk almost everything to spread a message of healing, hope and redemption to a people in despair. We'll confront Elf's "elephant in the room", encounter more of its "accidental gospel" and explore the meaning of "embodied cognition" and how it might apply to us. "O ye beneath life's crushing load / Whose forms are bending low / Who toil along the climbing way / With painful steps and slow / Look now, for glad and golden hours / Come swiftly on the wing!"

Church Calendar

December 18 @ 7pm: KCA Christmas concert

December 19: moving with music

December 22: J-Walkers Youth Nite - 6:30pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Gathering @ 7pm



Prayer & Praise

Praise the Lord:

> Reta Campbell arrived in Jamaica this week and is looking forward to connecting with the other church ministries in her area to work together to support children and families. Please pray for unity and passion to serve together as the larger body of Jesus.

Please pray for:

> Marisa Parise will be heading to Asia on Mission in Laos Asia in March to assist in "freeing the children mission". Please pray for her as she prepares. Marisa is collecting the following to fill 1 large suitcase to take with her to give away: tooth brushes & toothpaste > a selection of Tylenol, both regular & extra strength > Aspirin, Aleve, Gravol, Immodium, Advil, > as well as cold versions of Tylenol and Advil (sealed bottles)

Please speak to Marisa to hear more about what she's going to be doing and ways you can pray for her and add support and encourage to her while she's away.

> Bryson (friend of the Gerber family) as doctors are trying to diagnose what is wrong with his heart which is a very high 120 bpm even while resting which has resulted in him not being able to walk for more than 15 minutes at a time and needing lots of rest.

> Neighbours who we are engaging with intentionally as Christmas approaches - looking for ways to express the love and good news of Jesus!

> Mark Webb is awaiting test results for the cause to an irregular heart beat he's been experiencing the last few weeks. He had another episode on Wednesday evening while at work requiring time at the hospital.

> Heather Campbell as she is coming to the end of her chemotherapy treatments.
> Sandra and Chris Augusto's son Isaiah has been at Sick kids with heart complications caused by a cold. His oxygen levels need to be above 90 for him to go home. Praise the Lord that Isaiah's fever has been gone for about 24 hours and his chest sounds clear.

If you are aware of items for praise or needs we as a community can join in prayer together - please let Melanie in the church office know or email

melanie@nashvilleroad.ca

A people who.....

Share:

In Acts 4 we read that the followers 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 - His love is lived out and needs are met - it's Family the way God intended it - and it's also awesome! On **December 16th** during our Sunday morning gathering we're going to be intentional about sharing as we receive a special offering towards our Benevolent Fund that will help us meet some needs within the NRCC body that are heightened at this time of year. Please pray and prepare to give as God leads you.



Upcoming events



Following Christmas holidays, we will resume our bi-weekly meetings January 8th in the chapel of the NRCC building at 7pm. At that time we will begin a study from the RightNow Media Library on a Book of the Bible. Please keep watch for the announcement as to which one. Ladies, if you have not yet joined us, but are interested in learning more about the group, please chat with Gail Lister or anyone you know who currently attends.



Calling All Nashville Singers:
We're looking for anyone who would be interested in being part of this year's Nashville Christmas Singers! We will have 4 practices and will sing 5 or 6 songs on Dec 23 and 24. All are welcome regardless of skill level! Please speak to Dave Lawson for more information!



We're collecting new water-proof mittens to bless needy children at [Madoc Drive Public School](#) in Brampton where Lesley Kennedy serves as the Principal. Many of the school families there are recent newcomers to Canada and are without proper clothing for the cold weather and many others can't afford some of those basic needs in winter. Since we're aware of the need - we're going to do what we can to help! If you can provide new or slightly used winter gloves please bring them to the Nashville Road church building anytime on or before Sunday December 16th and we'll make sure they get onto the right hands!!



Regeneration Outreach is a ministry in Brampton that continually strives to provide dignity for those in need, as an expression of Christian love in action. They serve those living in extreme poverty and homelessness by meeting their physical and spiritual needs. One of our Nashville Road family - Dan Gibson, serves there as Chaplain. We can also stack hands and help extend God's kingdom in tangible ways by providing new and gently used clothing. Presently they are in big time need of - men's pants, t-shirts, shoes, belts and hats. Also any sort of jackets, back packs or bags are always very helpful. New socks and underwear are always in need. If you bring these items to the church building we'll be happy to pass them along to Dan for Regeneration. Please check out the [Regeneration website](#) for all the info on this great ministry!



Our church's bible study library is digital and GIGANTIC and offered as a FREE GIFT to you! It's called RightNow Media and with it you can instantly stream great biblical teaching to your TV, computer, tablet or smartphone! Enjoy great resources for everyone from kids to young adult and beyond from over 350 leading Christian publishers and ministries! Nashville Road is excited to provide this awesome tool as a free gift! It doesn't cost you anything! [CLICK HERE](#) and to head to the NRCC website where you can read about all the great resources and then sign up for free - no strings attached! One of the great new resources you'll see is a whole series of short videos for the whole family called the [Real God Series](#) Chip Ingram shares that our distorted view of God is at the root of all of our issues. This series has something for each family member as we explore the attributes of God!

Family Happenings

- > Happy Birthday to Grace Kennedy who celebrates her 17th birthday on December 16th!
- > Happy Anniversary to Dean & Lesley Kennedy who are celebrating their 24th Anniversary on December 17th.
- > Happy Birthday to Andrea Wilson who is celebrating her birthday on December 21st!

Caledon
MEALS ON WHEELS

Be the Spark to Light another's Life!

For some citizens the holiday season can be a lonely time. We seek to bring them a festive spark and a little joy... and our friends at Tim Hortons are leading the way.

Bolton Tim Hortons locations are once again launching their Match our Meals campaign in support of Caledon Meals on Wheels.

For every dollar donated, Tim Hortons will match it, up to \$7,500

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 31, 2018

Funds cover the cost of nutritious meals delivered throughout the year to those who cannot afford it.

Tim Hortons MATCH OUR MEALS PROGRAM \$7500

If you are interested in supporting this campaign, contact Caledon Meals on Wheels or visit our website, and mention that you are interested in donating to MATCH OUR MEALS.

TEL (905) 857-7651 EMAIL info@cmow.org WEBSITE www.cmow.org
10 McEwan Drive, Unit #1, Bolton, Ontario L7E 1H1

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son ..." To say that Jesus is the reason for the season sounds right 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 **Caledon Meals on Wheels** and **The Caledon Community Services Santa Fund** help to meet:

From November 15 –December 31 2018, the Stafford's at both Bolton Tim Hortons locations are once again launching their Match our Meals campaign in support of Caledon Meals on Wheels. Funds cover the cost of hot or frozen meal delivery throughout the year for those who cannot afford it themselves. For every dollar donated, Tim Hortons will match it, up to \$7,500.

"It is hard to imagine that there are individuals in our community who are unable to afford a nutritious meal, but they exist and I think we have a responsibility to help where we can." - Liz Stafford

If you are interested in supporting this campaign please contact the Caledon Meals on Wheels office directly at (905) 857-7651 and state that you are interested in the Match Our Meals campaign. Every dollar donated is matched by Tim Hortons' Bolton. Then share this message with a friend....and be the spark that lights another's life!



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 dreary 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 your help!

You can [donate online](#), visit our new 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!

