



Sunday Morning December 23rd - The Code of the Elves: Ultimate Code Keeper

Buddy the Elf lives by the Code of the Elves - *Treat Everyday Like Christmas, There's Room for Everyone on the Nice List and The Best Way to Spread Christmas Cheer is Singing Loud for All to Hear!* Buddy helped point us towards the deeper truths of Christmas that can powerfully impact our lives daily - not just during the holiday season. This Sunday we'll finish our Christmas season looking at codes and covenants and celebrating "the oath" that binds Christians. Looking forward to gathering together!

Christmas Eve Gathering:

A time for gathering as family and sing carols around a simple retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus as we celebrate the gift of love and grace at Christmas! Come early at 6:30 and enjoy hot cider and Christmas goodies before the celebration begins at 7pm

IMPORTANT:

2019 offering Envelopes are now available for pick up this Sunday in the church foyer.

Church Calendar

December 22: J-Walkers Sr Hi Christmas Party - 6:30pm

December 24: Christmas Eve gathering - 7pm (Hot Cider and Goodies at 6:30)

December 30: Sunday morning gathering



Prayer & Praise

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> *Luke 2:10, 11 - "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

> KELC + KCA had a great evening full of joy and music at our Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening!

Praise the Lord! Isaiah Augusto has been released from the hospital, and will be able to spend Christmas at home with his family!

> 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.

> Safety in travel for many who will be visiting family and friends over holidays.

> 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.

> Joyce Romeo is having significant surgery on January 9th at Mount Sinai. She will be having cancer surgery requiring her leg to be amputated. Please pray for Joyce and her husband Rocco as they prepare themselves and their family for this surgery.

> Heather Campbell as she is coming to the end of her chemotherapy treatments.

> 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, Graval, Immodium, Advil, > as well as cold versions of Tylenol and Advil (sealed bottles please). 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.

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 of Christians in the early church - "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!

Last Sunday we received a special offering for our Benevolent fund and the NRCC body exemplified the reality of Acts 4! We want to praise the Lord for His blessing and thank you for your gracious and kind sacrificial generosity! It was a very encouraging response and we will be disbursing those funds to help bless and meet the heightened needs of families in our midst at this time of year!



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



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 resources you'll see is a series of short 5 Minute Devotional videos for the whole family called - 5 Minute Family Devotionals and a great one that's all about Christmas!

Family Happenings

Some belated Happy Birthday's we missed last week - Happy Birthday to Celeste Antignani celebrated her 16th birthday on December 12th and Autumn Hennig celebrated her Birthday last week as well! When you see them this week - please wish them a belated Happy Birthday and you can give them 5 bucks!

Happy Birthday to Dave Hennig! Dave celebrates his birthday December 21.

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 Staffords 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!

