

One of my favourite Christmas movies (I have like, 10 of them!) is Elf and the story of little orphan Buddy who as a baby crawls into Santa's bag and hitches a ride to the North Pole and a new life. He's raised in the company of elves and believes he is one - albeit one with incredible talents associated with his height ... he doesn't even need to stand on a chair to change the batteries in smoke detectors! While at the North Pole he learns to live by the Code of the Elves: 1) Treat Everyday Like Christmas, 2) There's Room for Everyone on the Nice List, and 3) The Best Way to Spread Christmas Cheer is Singing Loud for All to Hear. When Santa tells Buddy that he can spread Christmas cheer - he's not talking about something superficial but sharing a love and spirit that can actually change a person's life. Buddy leaves for New York to find his long lost father and when He finds him all he wants to do is love him and change his life. Does this sound at all familiar? Someone leaves their home in order to pursue those who are lost in order to love them and bring them fullness of life? Our Christmas series will look at how the Code of the Elves points us to good news of great joy for everyone (Luke 2:10) that is the real and powerful meaning of Christmas! Hope to see you on Sunday morning ... you bunch of "cotton headed ninny muggins!"

Church Calendar

December 1: Bolton Santa Claus Parade @11am

December 2: Egan's Community Candlelight Memorial -

December 5: Moving With Music - 9am

December 11: Women's Connect + Grow Christmas Potluck -6:30pm

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

December 24 Christmas Eve Gathering @ 7pm



Prayer & Praise

Praise the Lord:

"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." - Luke 2:10,11
For a great evening together last Friday as we kicked off our Christmas season with comedy and music together with friends and family!

Please pray for:

> Those in our community who have journeyed thru loss and will have the chance to gather with others to remember and reflect at the Egan's Community Candlelight Memorial on Sunday afternoon. > The KCA float preparations for the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday morning. > Neighbours who we can engage with intentionally as Christmas approaches - looking for ways to express the love and good news of Jesus! > Reta Campbell as she prepares to leave for Jamaica next week on mission. Pray for unity of passion and purpose among the churches that serve the community together. > Mark Webb as he undergoes tests and awaits results for the cause to an irregular heart beat he's been experiencing the last few weeks.

> Heather Campbell as she is coming to the end of her chemotherapy treatments.
> Healing of Sandra and Chris Augusto's son Isaiah and his heart issue.
> The Gerber's friend Bryson as he continues recovering at home.
> Ben Booth. Ben is the lead pastor at Connect Church in Bolton. Please pray for he and his family as they lead and serve that part of the body of Jesus.

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



Egan's memorial



Welcoming Our Community - Egan's Funeral Home Community Candlelight Memorial

On Sunday December 2 we have the opportunity to welcome our neighbours for a special afternoon with Egan's Funeral Home. It's the annual Community Candlelight Memorial as many from our community gather to remember loved ones no longer with us. We have the chance to show hospitality by providing refreshments afterwards. If you are able to provide some Christmas goodies - cookies, squares etc on that day - please let Melanie at the church office know. You can bring them to the church building on Sunday morning and leave them in the kitchen. As a church body we would like to practice our hospitality for our neighbours. If you are able to help with setting up chairs or are able to contribute nut free cookies or squares please contact Melanie Jordan



Santa Claus Parade - Saturday December 1st

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Well, it will as soon as the Santa Claus Parade gets here! KCA is putting in a float again this year and we're looking for as many elves as we can get to help make it a reality! This is a great way to stack hands with the KCA community as the larger NRCC body.



"Having completed our video study on 'Living Life Together' by Shauna Niequist, we will join together at Gail's home for our Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 11th at 6:30pm. Regular meetings will resume in the church building chapel following holidays on January 8th at 7pm."



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 GIGAN-TIC 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 Chris-

tian 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!





"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 <u>donate online</u>, 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!



