

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR EVERYONE!



NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER DEC 6 - DEC 16, 2019

JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

- > Remember Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton in your prayers. They received word that the Region of Peel is cutting a significant amount of their funding for 2020 and more in 2021.
- > Pray for our one another as we make opportunities to connect with co-workers, friends and neighbours during the Christmas season. Pick up a "Sharing Christmas" brochure in the lobby at the building on Sunday for ideas.
- > Praise the Lord as <u>Imani's Place</u> Transition House is opening! Please pray as they are preparing to have the young ladies move in in the next few weeks and need support moving forward.
- > Pray for our students as they balance busy schedules and finish up projects and study for exams before Christmas break

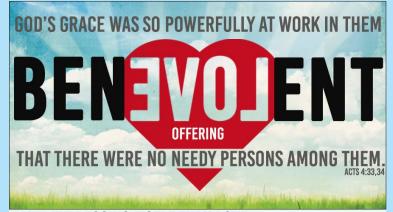
When you are aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please let Melanie in the church office know

FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

- > HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Gail Lister who celebrated her Birthday on December 2nd
- > HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Julian Boytnon who celebrates his 10th Birthday on December 7th

SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING DECEMBER 8

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus - God himself clothed in humanity - moving into the neighbourhood (John 1:14) to rescue and restore all things. This Good News is a word and work that brings great joy for all humanity! God engages "socially" with humanity in the flesh. Words like redemption, reconciliation, restoration and salvation are inherently social. Music is social - and we're going to look at the music of Christmas and how it encourages and challenges us with the truth of Jesus becoming Good News for everyone - seeing His "blessings flow far as the curse is found" - transforming lives and society!



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 on December 15th we're going to be intentional about sharing as we receive a special offering that will help us meet some significant practical needs 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 10 / 6:30PM / Women's Connect+Grow Christmas Potluck
- > DECEMBER 11 / 9AM / Moving With Music
- > DECEMBER 17 / 7PM / KCA Christmas Concert
- > DECEMBER 21 / 9AM / J-Walkers Sr Hi Youth Night
- > DECEMBER 24 / 7PM / Christmas Eve Gathering
- > DECEMBER 29 / 10:30AM / Prayer Walk at Regeneration



WOMEN'S CONNECT+GROW CHRISTMAS POTLUCKTUESDAY / DEC 10 / 6:30PM / GAIL LISTERS HOME

We're excited to continue our study together on the Book of Ruth and celebrate with our Christmas Potluck! There's always room around our table for you to connect and grow! For more information please speak with Gail Lister.

MOVING WITH MUSIC

WEDNESDAY / DEC 11 / 9AM / THE CHAPEL

Moving With Music is designed as a fun way to make you move! 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



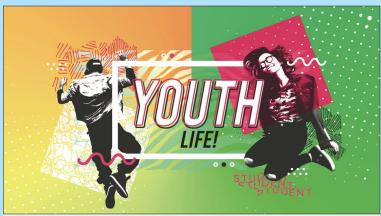
DAYCARE + SCHOOL CONCERT TUESDAY / DEC 17 / 7PM / MAIN AUDITORIUM

Always a highlight of the season is seeing our KELC and KCA Students sharing their talents as part of our Annual School Christmas Concert!

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

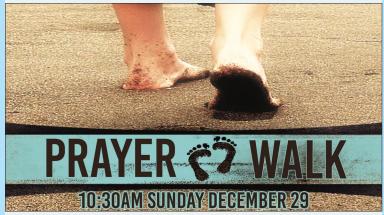
SATURDAY / DEC 21 / 6:30PM / 32 REGENTVIEW DR, BRAMPTON

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 let Wanda and Brent know



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 festivities!



PRAYER WALK AT REGENERATION IN BRAMPTONSUNDAY / 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, then walk and pray and finish up with a tour of their Thrift Store and then eat lunch as a family afterwards.



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 <u>donate online</u>, 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!



THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A GREAT WEEKEND!

NRCC enjoyed a great weekend - in spite of old man winter being a little cranky on Sunday morning! We partnered with Compassion Canada and Connect Church for our Community Christmas Kick Off on Saturday night and then hosted Egan Funeral Home's Candlelight Memorial on Sunday afternoon.

Thank you to all who helped by baking Christmas goodies, setting up chairs, doing the sound and tech, cleaning up, loaning us fire-pits for Saturday night, collecting tickets, setting up the refreshments or serving hot cider outside in the cold!

We stacked hands as a family, sacrificed our time and that's what living out the love of God is all about! On behalf of a very grateful community - thank you and may your Christmas season be merry and bright!



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