

christians against poverty

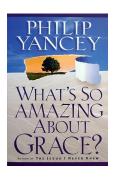
SHIFT:

We're excited to have Christians Against Poverty with us this Sunday as we consider another practical way that transformed hearts can express the life changing supernatural grace of God in everyday life! John Kirkby

founded Christians Against Poverty 1996 in response to the tremendous poverty he saw in his home city of Bradford, England. As a Christian, he believed God was calling him to use the skills gained through 17 years experience in the consumer finance industry to reach out to people suffering under the burden of debt. Armed with just a few pounds and his faith that God would provide, John set off on an incredible journey. Since then CAP has grown into a large UK charity that has given thousands of people a real answer to debt and hopelessness in the UK, and later also in Australia and New Zealand and now Canada! John says - I do believe that God has given us a 21st Century answer to one of the most pressing social needs within society today. Jesus met people's needs with love, compassion and practical help. Our desire is to simply do the same and watch the miracles unfold.

What's So Amazing About Grace?

Philip Yancey's book makes a great companion to our SHIFT series! Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He asks what grace looks like in action. How are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy? How can Christians contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear? And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, What's So Amazing About Grace?



Church Events

- Feb 13: Pancake supper @ 6pm
- * Feb 14: Lent begins
- Feb 18: Call to pray @ 930am
- Feb 18: Family games night
- Feb 24: Man UP
- Feb 27: Women's connect & grow @7pm

Pancake Dinner

Come Eat Pancakes and Learn About Fasting!

Have you ever thought about "giving something up for Lent?" NRCC's music team is super excited to be hosting a **Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13th at 6PM** here at the church building. Some traditions offer a Pancake Supper on the eve of Ash Wednesday which kicks off a season of abstaining from certain foods or practices leading up to Easter. Our vision for this supper is simply to enjoy the pleasure of one another's company along with a menu of pancakes, butter, maple syrup, whipped cream, berries, bacon and sausage. Yes – to enjoy breakfast for supper! An optional short Bible Study and discussion about the spiritual discipline of fasting will follow. And for those interested in fasting, we want to cultivate an opportunity to receive prayer support and encouragement. Attendance is open to all -



Proverbs 14:30

"A heart at peace gives life to the body"



The MOVING WITH MUSIC program is designed 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.

MOVING WITH MUSIC benefits healthy older adults as well as those dealing with (but not limited to):

> Brain Injury > Stroke > Parkinsons Disease

DETAILS:

Day: We're meeting each Thursday

Time: 9:45-10:45

Where: The Chapel at Nashville Road Community Church - 6950 Nashville Road

Cost: No charge!

For more info please contact Julia at 647-230-2066 or email -

info@juliasplacemusictherapy.com

CONNECT CARDS:

Church is a people who God's love and grace are changing! We get to be a large family! Families communicate the important stuff that's happening in their lives often around a dinner table! We'd love to



celebrate, support and pray for one another when we hear about what's happening. One way to do that is with the Connect Card. Think of it as the family dinner table in convenient card form! You can pick one up any time and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday or the Connect Card box.

YOUTH SUNDAY GATHERING:

Beginning this Sunday morning - February 11th and continuing thru to March 4th our youth will meet together and watch a 4 week video series called "Whisper" and talk about what it means to hear from God. Please speak with Diana Payne for more details.



FAMILY GAMES NIGHT:

We're getting together as a large family to celebrate Family Day Weekend and have some food and some craziness playing games! Bring your favourite board games, lots of energy and some food to share!

Date: Sunday February 18

Time: 6-9pm

Where: Main Auditorium

Prayer & Praise

- Our condolences; Gail Lister's brother Ainsley, passed away Thursday morning and Wanda Fitzell's aunt Lynn passed away on January 29th.
- Ben Adams continues in critical but stable condition at Sunnybrook following a devastating car accident in January.
- Please continue praying for strength and a deep awareness of God's presence for Gerald and Gloria Bannon as Gloria continues her treatment for cancer.
- Hugh Caldwell is currently receiving chemotherapy and these next treatments are intense with many possible side effects. Please ask God to give Hugh and his wife Sharon strength.
- Giovanna Heron's father begins radiation treatment for prostate cancer in Florida
- Please pray for LeeAnn Major's cousin, Sharon she has had a severe cranial bleed.
- Both Chris Hennig's father and mother are experiencing a rapid decline in health, he from terminal cancer and she from Alzheimer's causing much hardship for the family. Please pray that her dad will transition to hospice shortly in Alliston without difficulty and spend his remaining days in peace there. Although extremely weak, he is thankfully in very little pain. The family also needs short and long care care for her mother, hopefully near Barrie. We pray for this availability and for safety on the roads as Chris' family travels to visit both parents."



ALPHA:

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Each session looks at a different question, and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Each Alpha has:

Food:

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch-up over coffee, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. All sessions start with food, because it's a great way to connect, relax and build friendships.

Talk:

The talks are designed to be engaging and inspire conversation. Usually around 30 minutes long, they explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"

Discussion:

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas about the talk without being corrected or judged. There's no obligation to say anything; it's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective.

"Alpha is where I was able to go with people from all walks of life and come together to discuss faith. We ate together, we talked together, and we learned from each other." - Martin, Alpha Guest

We're excited to partner with Connect Church in Bolton for this next session of Alpha and you're invited to come and invite others!

Dates: Tuesday evenings starting March 20th

Time: 7-8:45pm

Cost: Free!

Location: Connect Church - 12495 Peel Regional Rd 50, Bolton, ON L7E 1M3

Our Winter Session begins on **Tuesday March 20th** and will follow on each Tuesday for 12 weeks.

More ALPHA Info?

For more information or details about Alpha - please check out tryalpha.ca or contact the church office

Interested in SERVING on the ALPHA Team?

If you are interested in serving as part of our Alpha Leadership Team - we're looking for:

- > 3 Table hosts to help welcome and make people feel comfortable and at home
- > 2 Child care helpers to make it easier for parents with young children to attend
- > 2 Food helpers to share the food preparation with the team from Connect Church.

If you'd like to volunteer - please sign up at the welcome centre or contact the church office