

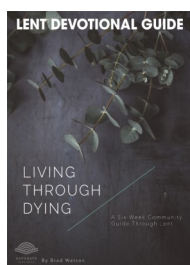


NASHVILLE ROAD
COMMUNITY **CHURCH**

This Sunday we continue our series on the marks of a heart that is being transformed by the supernatural grace of God and we're looking at what our culture often refers to as the most important of all virtues - Tolerance. We hear regularly a universal call for tolerance and brotherhood. But what does Tolerance look like? How can we practically live with people whose values, beliefs and opinions are so different than our own that they unnerve, offend and even frustrate? Magician/Comedian Penn Jillette said *"Tolerance is you saying something crazy and me smiling and saying, 'That's nice.'" Is that really what tolerance is all about ... shrugging your shoulders and moving on? Is there a connection between love, grace and tolerance? In [1 Corinthians 8](#) and [Romans 14, 15](#) Paul writes to Christians, calling them to express practical grace with one another that goes beyond tolerance, something that involves cost and sacrifice and that requires greater resources than human effort can accomplish. Hope to see you Sunday!*

LENT DEVOTIONAL:

Lent and the celebration of Easter focus our lives on the wonderful love of God in the gospel. Lent is a forty-day season of fasting, praying, scripture reading, and reflection on the Good News. The



death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the very heart of Christianity. The gospel in a nutshell is that God has acted in history to conquer evil and reconcile sinners to himself through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is first and foremost about the gospel making its way deeper into our lives. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate the death (Good Friday) and resurrection (Easter Sunday) of

Jesus. It's this very preparation and repentance—aimed at grasping the intense significance of the crucifixion—that give us a deep and powerful longing for the resurrection, the joy of Easter. For those who are observing Lent we have a short devotional that is available at the Welcome Center that you may find helpful. It is designed for small groups but can be excellent for individual use as well.

Church Events

- * Feb 24: Man UP
- * Feb 27: Women's connect & grow @7pm
- * March 20: Alpha 7:45 @ Connect Church

Quote:

"It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love." - Billy Graham

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ryan Jordan, turns 15 on the 23rd!! Happy birthday buddy!

Community Volunteer Hours:

If you are a high school student looking to build on your 40 hours of Community Service needed for graduation - we're looking for 2 students who would be willing to help with Childcare at Alpha. We meet each Tuesday from 6:45-8:45 beginning March 20th and if you are able to help on a semi regular basis for any of the 12 weeks of the Winter Session - then it's a great way to build your hours or add more. Hint: *Community Involvement Hours look great on scholarship applications!* Please speak to Dean, Giovanna or sign up on the Alpha Helper sheet at the Welcome Desk

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT:

A great time was had by all as we celebrated being a large family! We ate, engaged around Codenames, witnessed Exploding Kittens, played Penny Hockey, Catan, Blokus, Beanboozled and Pit! There was great chili, dessert, conversation and laughter and we also learned how quickly Dave and Martha Lawson can navigate around Exploding Kittens! Do not mess with them!



YOUTH SUNDAY GATHERING:

Continuing this Sunday morning - February 25th and continuing thru to March 11th 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.



MOVING WITH MUSIC:



We've been MOVING WITH MUSIC for the last few weeks and it's been great!. 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: Wednesday mornings

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

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@juliaplacemusictherapy.com

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Christians against Poverty (CAP):

People living in poverty have a life expectancy that is 21 years less than the national average. Today, there are people in our community whose lives are being devastated as a result of debt. They may be struggling to feed their families, suicidal, depressed and alone. On Sunday, February 11th, we heard of the ministry of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and also the opportunity that we have as NRCC to partner with CAP and demonstrate God's Love in action and bring hope and salvation to some of the most marginalized people in our community. If you are interested in being involved with CAP and being trained - please speak to Dean or contact dean@nashvilleroad.ca



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