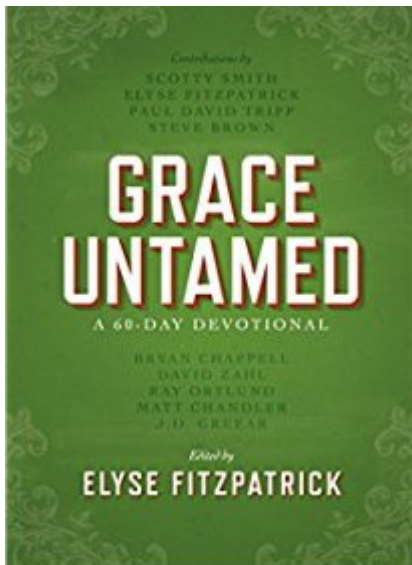




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Former US President Bill Clinton, referencing the ideology behind the 2001 terrorist attacks on NY city said - *"They, believe that because they have the truth - you either have to share that truth or you're a legitimate target. They think they have the truth, but we don't believe you can have the truth. We think every individual counts and that life is therefore a pilgrimage."* That comment sums up what the average person believes regarding the subject of truth. It makes people uncomfortable to even use the word because the idea that anybody thinks they can actually KNOW the truth is dismissed because it smacks of intolerance towards others "truths." It's unrealistic to abandon truth - society needs some beliefs in common so the real issue isn't the concept of truth but rather *the relationship we have with truth* - how we hold it or carry it. Even the phrase - "I have the truth" subtly communicates that you can control or possess it and thus have power to deploy it. Truth claims are often used to gain power over other people - that's because the natural human heart craves for something to give it and us significance.

On Sunday we'll look at how experiencing the truth of Jesus eradicates the fear and pride that can motivate our hearts and our actions. The truth of Jesus isn't wielded as a power play but rather from a transformed heart we learn to love and serve others with honest grace and humility. Paul gets at this idea in [Ephesians 4:14-25](#) and that's where we're heading on Sunday morning!



There is a great 60 Day Devotional that is fits as a nice companion to our SHIFT series! It's called Grace Untamed and features short inspiring reminders to focus our thoughts on the difference that God's grace has made and makes everyday! You can purchase it from [Amazon.ca](#) and if you have a Kindle or the Kindle app - then it's just \$2.99!

## Church Events

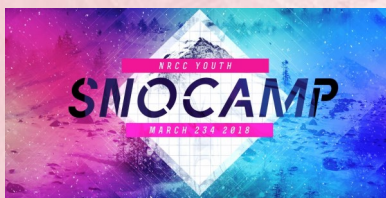
- \* Feb 4: Call to pray @ 7pm
- \* Feb 13: Women's Connect & grow @ 7pm
- \* Feb 13: Pancake supper @ 6pm
- \* Feb 18: Call to pray @ 930am
- \* Feb 18: Family games night
- \* Feb 24: Man UP
- \* Feb 27: Women's connect & grow @7pm



# Youth Winter Camp

## Youth Winter SNOCamp March 2-4, 2018:

We're excited about the possibility of heading away for a great weekend adventure with tons of other young people at Muskoka Woods! It's a great weekend to enjoy all of what Muskoka Woods has to offer while also being immersed in worship and teaching from God's word. Snocamp can be a major highlight for our year! The cost is \$155 and we'll be carpooling! We need to know how many young people are in for the SNOcamp Adventure - so please let Kelly Martin know asap so we can book our spaces!!



Proverbs 14:30

*"A heart at peace gives life to the body"*

## Happy Birthday!!

Mark Webb turned 45 this past week! Happy Birthday Mark!



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 starting on February 8th

**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 -

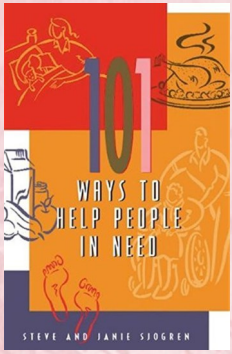
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## CONNECT CARDS:

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.







## LOVE SHOWS KINDNESS:

Paul wrote in Ephesians that walking in the way of Love - like Jesus did is a fragrant offering to God. What's your vision for kindness? Steve and Janie Sjogren have written a great little book with lots of practical ideas on how you

can show kindness when you see people's needs. You can purchase it on Amazon.ca but here's another idea of how you can love people to greatness - like Jesus has loved you:

**Breakfast Clubs** - Did you know that 1 in 5 children in Canada is at risk of starting the school day on an empty stomach due to lack of access to nutritious food? That number is actually 2.5 times greater amongst immigrants and newcomers? Many of our local schools begin each day by providing nutritious food to all their students to make sure they start the day off right. This is a great practical way of showing love and kindness to our children and young people. You can check out the [Breakfast Club web site](#) or also contact your local school to see if there's a way you can be part of their Breakfast Club team as a way of putting love into action.

## YOUTH SUNDAY GATHERING:

Beginning on Sunday February 11th and continuing thru to March 4th our youth have the opportunity to 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.

## Prayer & Praise

- > Praise the Lord for answering prayers for LeeAnn Major's father in Florida. Hugh's hip pain is gone!
- > Please pray for Mike, Charlene and Ava Cook - Mike's father Gary, passed away on Wednesday in North Bay. Pray also for Mike's mom and family as they grieve and for the peace of God that transcends understanding to be felt as the Holy Spirit comforts and strengthens.
- > Julia Kowaleski gears up to launch our Moving With Music initiative to connect and bless our neighbours on Thursday February 8th.
- > Christine Gerber has returned home from time with with her family in Trinidad for the celebration of life at the passing of her brother Willy.
- > Melanie Jordan's grandmother Mary passed away last week and the funeral was Monday. Please pray for Melanie and her family as they mourn.
- > 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.
- > Anna & David Gottardo and their 4 children( a KCA family) . David's father has passed, the funeral was on Thursday. Anna's father is still quite ill. Please pray for peace and comfort at this difficult time.
- > Giovanna Heron's father begins radiation treatment for prostate cancer in Florida





## 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! We're beginning on **Tuesday March 20th at 7pm!**

**Dates:** Tuesday evenings starting March 20th for 12 weeks

**Time:** 7-8:45pm

**Cost:** Free!

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

### **More ALPHA Info?**

For more information or details about Alpha - please check out [tryalpha.ca](http://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!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**FAMILY GAMES NIGHT:** We're getting together as a large family to celebrate Family Day 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

## 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 - even if you need to eat and run; however, we do ask for folks to sign-up at the welcome table if at all possible so we have an idea of numbers. The worship team looks forward to serving you!

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GATHERING - FEBRUARY 11TH:



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."* We're excited to have Christians Against Poverty with us next Sunday (February 11th) and to be inspired by what God is doing and hear how we can play a part!