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NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER JAN 30 - FEB 7, 2020

### JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

> Pray for our teachers and administrators in various School Boards across Ontario. Pray for unity on staff teams and wisdom for those who share leadership responsibilities at schools during this challenging season in education.

> Ethan Lawson has returned home from South Korea! Please pray for him as he wraps up this chapter of his post-secondary education life with the School of Ministry.

> Reta Campbell continues to minister in Richmond Jamaica. Please pray for encouragement as their team has faced a few challenges in their planning.

> Please pray for Lesley Kennedy's friend Melissa who is struggling with mental health issues.

> Remember the Antignani family (Joe, Loredana, Celeste) serving on mission in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy as well as their son Joshua at school in Hamilton.

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*When you are aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please contact [Melanie](#) in the church office and let her know*

### FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

> **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Janet Body who celebrates her Birthday on February 1<sup>st</sup>

### QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

- > **FEBRUARY 5 / 9AM** Moving With Music
- > **FEBRUARY 5 / 9:15AM** KCA Kindergarten Story & Crafts
- > **FEBRUARY 11 / 7PM** Women's Connect+Grow
- > **FEBRUARY 12 / 9AM** Moving With Music
- > **FEBRUARY 12 / 7PM** LoveWorks: Talking, Marriage, Course
- > **FEBRUARY 16 / 6PM** Family Games Night
- > **FEBRUARY 22 / 5PM** Coldest Night of the Year Walk-A-Thon - Brampton
- > **FEBRUARY 25 / 6PM** NRCC Family Pancake Dinner

### SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 2ND GATHERING:

A recent Globe & Mail article estimated the demand for self-storage in the GTA (in addition to our closets, sheds and garages) is at least four square feet per person. By comparison, in the United States, the demand is five to nine square feet per person. I'll hazard a guess that much of what we might store - we don't really need any longer. *I've got several Rubbermaid Bins full of stuff that I haven't looked at in years but I just can't let go of!*

We get attached to things. We can also become attached to emotions - like anger and resentment and we store them in the "rubbermaid bins" of our hearts though they don't bring us any joy and actually rob us of peace. When they start to pile up it requires expanded storage. This Sunday we're going to look at our "grace equations" and forgiveness. Asking ourselves if we believe what's been done *for* us is greater than what's been done *to* us and if we're willing to look at what we're storing to begin the difficult but not impossible process of letting Grace flow.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE GIFT TO IMANI'S PLACE!

As a church body we support Imani's Place and it's leadership in prayer as they continue to prepare to receive the young women who they will care for and minister to. Last Sunday we received a special offering during our morning gathering of \$1645 as a gift of financial support!

Thank you Nashville Road for living out the love of God in such generosity!



### **MOVING WITH MUSIC**

**WEDNESDAY / FEBRUARY 5 / 9AM / NRCC CHAPEL**

We're MOVING again! 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!](#)



### **KINDERGARTEN STORY & CRAFT TIME**

**WEDNESDAY / FEBRUARY 5+12 / 9:15AM / KCA KINDERGARTEN**

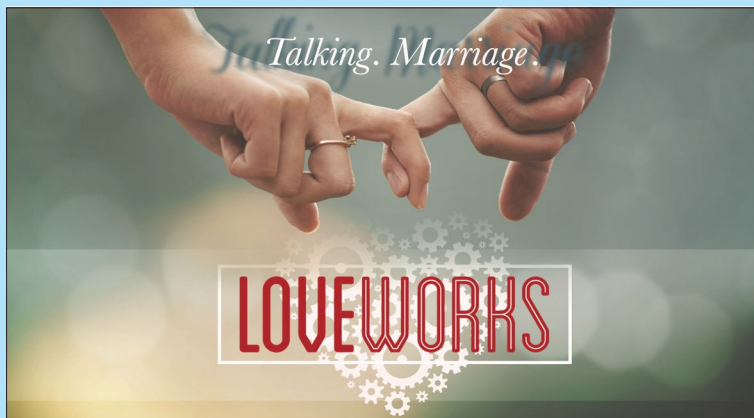
If you're a parent of a pre-schooler or know someone who is - then check out a special Story & Craft Time for Preschoolers and Parents at KCA Kindergarten!



### **WOMENS CONNECT+GROW**

**TUESDAY / FEBRUARY 11 / 7PM / NRCC CHAPEL**

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



### **LOVEWORKS: TALKING. MARRIAGE.**

**WEDNESDAYS / FEBRUARY 12 - MARCH 4 / 7PM / NRCC CHAPEL**

Marriage is two stories coming together. Everyone grew up with a certain setting and everyone's setting is different; the joining of two stories is the joining of two settings. And the more you know about the setting of your partner's story, the better your collective story will be. What are the key scenes in your story that have shaped who you are?

There's a stream under the surface of our relationships and our desire is to help couples get to the stream by creating space for critical conversations so we can better understand one another. Then we'll be better informed on the surface issues that inevitably come up in every intimate relationship.

Whether you're beginning your marriage journey or have been married for a long time - this 4 week interactive video series is excellent for all couples who want to be intentional about having those critical conversations and have a "talking marriage."

Donald Miller wrote - *"I no longer believe love works like a fairy tale but like farming. Most of it is just getting up early and tilling the soil and then praying for rain. But if we do the work, we just might wake up one day to find an endless field of crops rolling into the horizon. In my opinion, that's even better than a miracle. I'd rather earn the money than win the lottery because there's no joy in a reward unless it comes at the end of a story."*

Why not take the month of February for some LoveWorks and have 4 "Date Nights" - February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm to spend some time together with other couples, talking marriage!

Check out the details on the web site or speak to Dean or Lesley Kennedy for more information.





## **FAMILY GAMES NIGHT**

**SUNDAY / FEBRUARY 16 / 6PM / NRCC MAIN AUDITORIUM**

Have you played Exploding Kittens, Blokus, 5 Second Rule? If not then this is your chance! Join in the fun as a larger Nashville Road family and celebrate Family Day with an evening of food, fun and games!

Bring along your favourite game to play and [sign up online](#) or at the Welcome Desk to let us know what part of the meal you're bringing to share (salad, main dish or dessert) as part of the potluck dinner! Get ready to connect around tables and get to know one another just a little bit better!



## **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!**

**SATURDAY / FEB 22 / 5PM / 1 THEATRE LANE, BRAMPTON**

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! [Check out all the details here!](#)



## **PANCAKE DINNER**

**TUESDAY / FEBRUARY 25 / 6PM / NRCC MAIN AUDITORIUM**

We're excited to be hosting our 3rd Pancake Dinner at the NRCC building on the eve of Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent during which leads up to Easter.

We're looking to enjoy 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! Attendance is open to all - even if you need to eat and run; however, we do ask for folks to [sign-up online](#) or at the Welcome Desk so we have an idea of numbers. We look forward to being together!



## **WOMENS WELLNESS RETREAT - JAMAICA**

Join like-minded ladies in a weekend away in support of your health and wellness goals! Located in the beautiful Tapioca Village resort in St Mary Jamaica - you'll enjoy a safe and supportive space to work on your roadmap to wellness! Enjoy interactive workshops, optional physical and restful activities while enjoying the beauty that the hills of St Mary, Jamaica have to offer! For more information please contact [Andrea Wilson](#) or check out the [Womens Wellness Retreat](#) website for the details.



### **VOLUNTEERING AT IMANI'S PLACE**

A woman named Lisa had a vision to house, mentor and support young women who find themselves vulnerable, homeless and at risk for exploitation. Imani's Place now offers young women ages 16-25 who are at risk to become homeless or are currently homeless the opportunity to move towards an independent and positive future in order to fulfill your personal potential.

We recognize young women need a wide range of support to help rebuild their life. We are able to help young women by providing a safe and secure place to regulate while providing life skills and a range of wrap around supports, including counseling, employment educational and spiritual and therapeutic supports as well as outreach services and in a family friendly atmosphere and model.

We are actively seeking qualified volunteers to help serve. If you are interested in learning more - please speak with [Marisa Parise](#) for all the details and to pick up a volunteer application.

XO  
marriage conference

**February 14th & 15th**

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### **MARRIAGE CONFERENCE AT CONNECT CHURCH**

XO Conference is a two-day experience that provides expert marriage advice and practical teachings to help couples navigate their marriage journey. You'll hear from Christian marriage experts like Jimmy Evans, Dave and Ashley Willis, and many other leading speakers about the secrets to a healthy, thriving marriage.

XO is the world's largest marriage conference with thousands attending live sites and tens of thousands joining in online from hosts sites around the world. Connect Church in Bolton is one of the host sites for this years Conference. [Check out the details at Connect Church](#)

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