



NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER JULY 10 - JULY 17, 2020

PRAISE + PRAYER:

Here are just a few items we can focus on today to help express our faith in praise and prayer:

- > Praise the Lord for answered prayer for Celeste Antignani in Italy! The Lord opened many doors to provide an apartment to rent for her last year of High School!
- > Please pray for Lillian Graham as she is struggling with severe pain in her hip.
- > Pray for Ruth Patterson's husband Al who had knee replacement surgery recently.
- > Please pray for Joanna Elliott who fractured her ankle in a fall. Praise the Lord for a good report from the doctor that her recovery time may be much shorter than anticipated.
- > Continue praying for provision of a full-time dedicated qualified Christian "House Mother" for Imani's Place
- > Ask God for wisdom and humility to respond to His prompting with regards to racial injustice and what we are witnessing and experiencing as a community and especially for our Black brothers and sisters. Ask how we can Act Justly.
- > Pray for the Caldwell family - friends of the Redlich's and Kennedy's. Hugh is now in palliative care at home.
- > Pray for our Nashville Road leadership including the KCA team as they plan and prepare for the re-opening of the Daycare and the school in September and return of our in-person gatherings.
- > Pray for students who are looking for wisdom as they decide what the fall will look like in terms of post-secondary education. Pray for those looking for jobs to pay for school.
- > As we now engage in larger community re-openings, please remember our essential workers as they continue to serve on the front lines and also for the stress this puts on their families - our Healthcare Workers - Nurses and Doctors and our First Responders - Fire, Police and Ambulance. Charissa Redlich, Janet Body and Judi Guaragna in healthcare. Mark Redlich serves with the Region of Peel.
- > Pray for those serving on mission globally right now:
 - > Pierre & Sharon Roux in Beaufort West
 - > John & Jacky Taylor in the Ukraine
 - > Brian & Carol Foutz in Manila
 - > Brent & Lynn Austring with North American Indigenous Ministries
 - > Joe & Loredana Antignani in Italy.

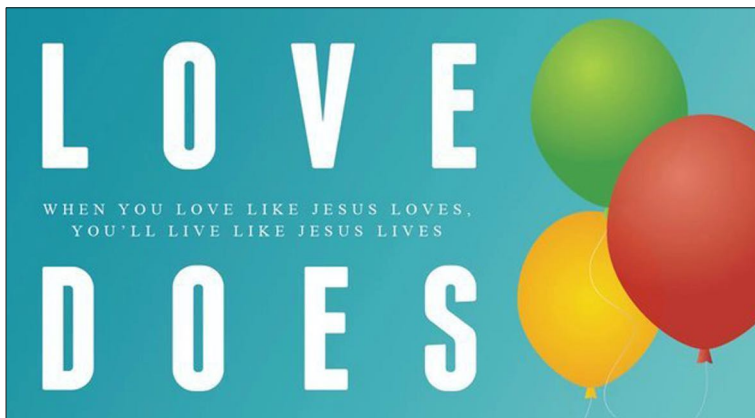
When you have an item for praise or prayer or become aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please contact [Melanie](#) in the church office and let her know or [you can click here to share a praise or prayer request from our church website](#)



**WOMEN'S CONNECT+GROW ONLINE GATHERING
TUESDAY / JULY 14 / 7PM / ZOOM**

Ladies, we're gathering online all summer to check in, encourage and support each other and there's plenty of room around the digital table for you!

To get more info or to request the Zoom room details - [click here](#) or the link onscreen at the end of our Sunday morning gathering.



NEXT SUNDAY MORNING JULY 19:

We're beginning a series called Love Does, with Bob Goff and if you haven't met him then you'll discover the whimsy of this New York Times best-selling author through his sometimes humorous, thought-provoking, meaningful words that makes faith in God simple and real.

We'll discover the paradigm shifts, musings, and stories about Love. But not simply the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Real love takes action, just like Jesus did. *Love Does*. When Love Does, life gets interesting. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude will inspire you to be secretly incredible too!



PARENTS AND KIDS TOGETHER!

With the help of RightNow Media - we're taking our KidsKonnection activities online - it's the @Home Version! If you don't have a RightNow Media account - don't worry - it's free and you can get one anytime - [just click here!](#)

So once you've got a RightNow Media account - kids can head over to our [KidsKonnection page](#) to engage and learn about Jesus together with their families!



JUSTICE AND EQUALITY RESOURCES TO CONSIDER:

As Christians we are members of one spiritual family, pursuing one God, redeemed and rescued by one Savior. But we're also from different ethnicities and cultures, and we're influenced by a world that is marked by those divisions. What is our role as followers of Christ to Act Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with our God in authentic and helpful ways?

InterVaristy Press has put together some excellent books on Faithful Justice and you can check out those resources by [clicking here.](#)



UPDATE:

As we continue our planning and preparation for a return to in-person gatherings - we have tentatively set the Sunday after Labour Day (**September 13**) as our return date.

We will continue to monitor government health guidelines and advice to make sure this plan makes sense as we get closer to September. If needed, we can adjust that date to make sure it provides a safe return for our Nashville Road Community.

Until then we will continue to gather online under a digital roof through July and August and ask for your prayers for wisdom as we move forward.

Thank you to all who completed the survey and shared your thoughts and ideas on our return to in-person gatherings! Your input and insights are so valuable!



TOGETHER!

Nashville Road is a people who! Our desire has been to practice being family and ensure no one feels isolated or alone even as we wisely practice physical distancing. As we work towards a return to in-person gatherings under the same physical roof - we'll continue to gather at 10:30 Sunday mornings under a *digital roof* thru our phones, computers and TV's!

Our gathering “place” is our NRCC TOGETHER space that gives us the opportunity to engage together from our own living rooms around our city and connect, sing, pray, chat and encourage one another to live out God’s love as good neighbours in our communities.

You can check out the interface anytime. If you’re new to that - there’s no need to sign up or login to be part of the gathering and there’s some basic “how-to” info on the next page in order to take advantage of our online time together. We go live on Sunday morning at 10:30. So stay in your PJ’s if you want, grab some coffee, gather your fam, and click the button below and be NRCC Together!



SHARING OUR OFFERING

The heart of Nashville Road Community Church has always been to show the hope found in Jesus by living out His love to everyone. Generosity is an act of worship that expresses our gratitude, faith and love for others. We are grateful for how God provides for Nashville Road through your generosity of time, talent and finances!

We want to make it easy for you to be generous, should you choose to support the mission of NRCC financially.

Check out [the GIVE tab on the NRCC website](#) for info on the options for giving online as well as thru regular envelope donations.



BASIC TECH INFO FOR OUR SUNDAY ONLINE GATHERINGS

We're excited to have a space to gather together on Sunday mornings under a digital roof!

Since most of us are new to this experience - we've put some basic info on our website that will be helpful if you want to get familiar with what the interface looks like as well as the resources that are available like chat, online bible, live prayer etc.

[Just click here](#) and you can head over to our website where you can get a visual tour of the interface and other helpful info if needed.

SUNDAY CHURCH ONLINE GATHERING UPDATE:

As we continue to learn about our online church environment we want to keep you updated with info so that we can all enjoy as seamless a gathering as possible!

10:30 GATHERING STARTS:

A standard looping video will play until our Sunday video feed begins *automatically* at 10:30 with a 1 minute countdown. If for some reason the Sunday video doesn't begin automatically then clicking the *REFRESH* button should fix any lag. *Oh - and you'll also have to click the **UNMUTE** button on the main view screen to have sound!*

ARRIVING AFTER 10:30:

If you're unable to begin the gathering at 10:30 and arrive later - think about it like you're coming into the gym from the lobby at 10:40 and joining the gathering live. To do that - just hit **REFRESH** and you can join the gathering in progress - which allows you to be in sync with wherever the gathering is at that point in time. Whereas if you press play and "start" the gathering from the beginning manually at another time, say at 10:40 - then you'll be 10 minutes behind and you'll be slightly out of sync and so will your comments in the chat window.

Also if at any point you need to PAUSE then hit RERESH when you return and you'll stay in sync with the gathering in real time. We'll try to put some cues in the CHAT WINDOW as to where we are in the gathering to help keep you in sync!

WATCHING OR REWATCHING THE GATHERING AT ANOTHER TIME:

If you're unable to join us live at 10:30 and/or want to watch the gathering video later - we post that video on our Nashville Road website immediately following the end of the live gathering. You will not be able to access it from the Sunday morning location - but it can easily be accessed on the [NRCC website Online Gathering page](#).



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

We're all working to pull together during this challenging season. To emerge with our communities strong and intact, we need to ensure that what makes them special — the coffee shop down the road, the local car dealership, our neighborhood music teachers and other instructors — are able to stay afloat. When you need to place an order for a service, supplies or perhaps a takeout meal - please consider supporting local businesses and restaurants where it's possible. You could even purchase gift cards on their website to bless others. Then consider giving that business a shout out on social media to let others know too!

AN UPDATE FROM JOE & LOREDANA ANTIGNANI IN ITALY:



Greetings from San Giovanni Rotondo!

We thank you at Nashville Rd Community Church for your care and prayer.

Here we are one month into phase two and it is ever so evident that the virus has indeed left its' mark. Many are afraid of the future and the expected return of the virus in the fall. Regarding the possibility of meeting together once again, Ente Morale, the Italy Brethren property management association has chosen to be prudent keeping the church buildings closed. The youth are further discouraged and rarely connect online, some have even walked away. We hope and pray that this is only temporary. The government had given the Ok to open the all religious institutions and churches on the 18 th of May. Other denominations have opened up taking on all the necessary precautions which has proven to be a good move as new infections and deaths continued to decline significantly. The members of the church in Salerno are attending another church so they are able to bring their whole families to worship together which they believe is of vital importance. They asked to me to try to contact the board members of Ente Morale so as to sensibilise them to the fact that the hardship the virus itself has caused, together with churches remaining closed, is contributing towards the faith of some growing cold, and on the other hand, for others, there is a great desire to meet and worship our Lord together.

San Giovanni Rotondo:

We then had received the ok to open the doors of the church on the 28 th of June, having to sign release forms that entail the leaders assuming responsibility, with vigorous conditions, in securing the necessary precautions that would keep the building safe, especially for the elderly, The youth had suffered the lock-down the most as the ministry of education was not sure how far to push the students to keep up with their schedule. We are troubled to share with you that those tragedies with the teenagers in Salerno were linked to the in-family friction regarding the teenagers' lack of desire to study. Many took it very hard, and were pushed to their limits. We saw this first hand as it transpired with our daughter Celeste.

I am personally carrying on with the before lock-down objective to set up an attractive basketball court in the parking lot of the church. All school gyms have been closed to all sports due to the extra required for forming new classrooms. This means there are often 10-15 kids nevertheless playing basket with the old non regulation height hoop. When I shared with them that soon we will be adding a new hoop they said to not to worry that they just like to hang out. We will still carry through with the project.

Two of the three ladies who live on our floor have both presented themselves at our door during this period and shared with Loredana their battle with anxiety and panic attacks. They used reasons for coming to our door that turned out to be only secondary as they were quick to share their problems as we believe they are searching for hope. They know we are believers. The young lady on the 3 rd floor that I mentioned in our last update that gave her life to the Lord just before the lock-down has a difficult marriage, but we believe the Lord is working in her husband's heart. Much going on in our apartment complex. In San Giovanni Rotondo, before the lock-down, we had three families that were very open to the Gospel. We believe that this crisis will produce a further searching for the truth.

Salerno:

The tragedies that occurred in Salerno during the lock-down left their mark on its citizens. This seaside city that was known for its' vibrant outdoor lifestyle and city living was brought to a halt. This was very painful for them, and created a spirit of introspection in the people that we noticed when we were finally permitted to travel outside our region on the 3 rd of June and to visit the believers in Salerno. Two dear families that we know in Salerno that are not yet believers sought us out eagerly and wanted us to spend all of our time with them. Something is going on in their hearts and we are able to talk about the truths in the Word openly and share who Jesus really is. Please pray, as both families will be organizing a trip to come and visit us in San Giovanni Rotondo. We came to know one of the families though Joshua as one of their boys was a good friend of his. They love Joshua, and their daughter has also become one of Celeste's best friends. After years of sowing in Salerno and letting the seed slowly germinate, there seems to be indications of sprouting. Please pray. As of late these families insist every time we arrive that we eat and spend time together with them. The members of the church in Salerno understand completely as it seems that the evangelistic aspect of our ministry, in Salerno, is still alive. We will just go with it as the Lord leads.

Praise items:

Things are moving along as we had prayerfully planned before our arrival to Italy, in San Giovanni Rotondo and Salerno:

- > Celeste completed her new school program year in an academically very difficult high school where she had not done her first three years. She virtually did the impossible in her new program, lacking 3 years of Latin, Physics, Chemistry, and had to also get up on her Math. She took some courses to catch up the best she could before school began, and then at yearend pulled it off and passed. We are proud of her
- > The ministry opportunities are vast in these two cities, so there is never a dull moment
- > For the openness to the gospel as of late in Salerno.
- > Joshua is doing well in Hamilton, making a lot of new friends.
- > For the churches and individuals that have committed to fellowship, and to pray for the work in Italy. Thank you!

Prayer items:

- > For the youth, in San Giovanni and Salerno. The youth of southern Italy already live with great uncertainties having one of the highest unemployment rates in Europe, now things have only worsened.
- > That the church can apply itself to understand what the youth are really going through in this “post” pandemic period in southern Italy. Patience, tolerance and love, and just let them be themselves expressing their generation as they should.
- > That we become more creative regarding developing outreach opportunities. Seminars, dinner evenings, BBBQ (basketball barbeque), Foosball/ping pong tournaments.
- > Pray for those friends and contacts listening to the word.
- > For those families in Salerno that had lost their teenage sons during the lockdown. We will be visiting the area soon.
- > The two families in Salerno that are dear friends of ours. That the Word may speak to their hearts.
- > Also for the families in San Giovanni Rotondo that have expressed interest.
- > For the leaders in both churches, that they may not lose heart, look to the Lord, and by His grace press on.

Thank you again for your prayers.

In His wonderful name, Christ Jesus,

Joe, Loredana and Celeste Antignani

Haggai 1:14

14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God,



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