

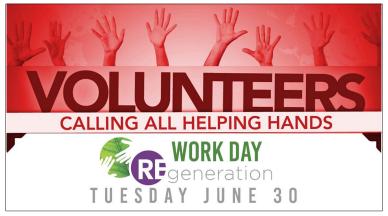
NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER JUNE 26 - JULY 3, 2020

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 Barbara Ann is home from the hospital and doing much better! Praise God for how Barbara Ann's son Todd has been impacted by the prayers of others for her healing.
- > Please pray for Lillian Graham as she is struggling with severe pain in her hip.
- > Please continue praying for Martha Lawson's friend Brenda in recovery at home after her kidney transplant and also for her son Daniel serving in the Canadian Forces overseas.
- > Pray for Ruth Patterson's husband Al who had knee replacement surgery on Thursday.
- > Please pray for Joanna Elliott who fractured her ankle in a fall this past week.
- > 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 school in the fall and return of our in-person gatherings.
- > Pray for teachers and administrators as they finish the school year and refresh and refocus over the summer for the beginning of a new school year.
- > 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 <u>Melanie</u> in the church office and let her know or <u>you can click here to share a praise or prayer request from our church website</u>



HELP NEEDED!

Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton is a lifeline to many of the vulnerable and marginalized in our community both before and during the Pandemic.

They are now gearing up for a **Grand Re-Opening for Regen's Thrift Store on Tuesday July 7th!**

They are in CRUNCH TIME and need our help with various cleaning and reorganizing opportunities.

So on <u>Tuesday June 30th from 10am-5pm</u> can you stack hands with others from Nashville Road and help them get ready? There is so much to do to prepare for the return of those in the community who rely on the Thrift Store.

The Thrift Store is located at:

253 Queen St East in Brampton

They have health and safety practices in place regarding physical distancing and will supply all masks and gloves needed for each volunteer.

If you can give an hour or 2 or even more on Tuesday your help will be a great blessing to Regen and the community!

To sign up - <u>just click here</u> and add your name to the list or the link onscreen at the end of our Sunday morning gathering this week!

Thanks for living out the love of God in another practical way!





WOMEN'S CONNECT+GROW ONLINE GATHERINGTUESDAY / JUNE 30 / 7PM / ZOOM

Ladies, we're gathering online again this week 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 - <u>click here</u> or the link onscreen at the end of our Sunday morning gathering.



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.

PARENTS AND KIDS TOGETHER!

We're excited to have a space where kids can learn about Jesus together with their families! 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 - head over to our <u>KidsKonnection page</u> to engage and be ready during our Kids Konnection moment during our Sunday morning online gathering!



We know that this has been a challenging season for all students as they, their families and teachers have transitioned to distance learning. Some students are making big changes in the fall - many are moving from primary to middle or from middle to high school or high school to college or university or to seeking employment are taking a big step and even with the amazing efforts of teachers and schools - the circumstances are just not the same as they were anticipating to help them close one chapter and begin another adventure. So what we'd like to do is stand with them as a one big family and take some time this Sunday - June 28 during our gathering, to speak words of blessing into their lives. Words that will ADD STRENGTH to them.

So here's what we'd like to ask you to do and everyone can play a part!

Mom's and Dad's: If your daughter or son is in grade 5 going into grade 6 or grade 8 going into grade 9 next year or beginning a job or going to College or University in the fall or Graduating from College or University can you send us their picture? And if you've have some kind of grad picture - awesome. Send it to Dean

<u>Secondly the entire Nashville Road family:</u> We want to hear your words of encouragement and wisdom. So we've put a little guide below that will help you think about and share some thoughts and blessings - it can be something you've learned on your Journey - some advice someone gave you when you graduated or it can be a a favourite verse or something God showed you as you stepped into a new adventure from one school to another or to a new stage in your life.

Then you can submit those thoughts in one of 3 ways:

a) You can go to the **NRCC Soundstage** and record an audio message/blessing

or

b) You can submit your message/blessing on a video and email it to **Dean.**

or

c) You can write your message/blessing and email it to **Dean**

To help guide your thoughts a bit - here are a few "fill in the blanks" questions you might consider answering as you shape what you'd like to share with our students. You don't have to answer them all but one or two may stand out to you:

1) Allow yourself to	
2) Never fear	
3) May you always	
4) Have the courage to	
5) Something God taught me was _	
6) A favourite hible verse was	

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PICTURES OF GRADS, and AUDIO, VIDEO or WRITTEN
MESSAGE IS:
FRIDAY JUNE 26 AT 8PM



It has been encouraging to hear the announcement this week from our Provincial government, to allow the re-opening of places of worship! While we look forward to returning to gathering under the same physical roof as soon as possible - we want to engage a safe and phased return with the same emphasis on care and concern for our community that we practiced when we halted our physical gatherings at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis.

Each church body has their own unique situations and Nashville Road's uniqueness includes serving our community through both a school and a Day Care Center. So our planning to return to gathering together, must include a wise approach that reflects our commitment to the health and safety of all who enter our building.

For the time being we will continue to gather online under a digital roof, even as we develop our return plan – taking into consideration our own specific needs as a body <u>and</u> making sure all the Provincial, Municipal and various community needs are fully met. At this point our timeline for returning to meet in person will be based on when we can do so safely and allow the full body of NRCC to gather together.

As we ask for your patience we also will ask for your input and engagement to make sure we understand your feelings and expectations regarding a wise return to meeting again in person. As we continue planning for the reopening of the Nashville Road building we want to hear from the NRCC body. We have a very short but important survey that will give us all the chance to share how we're feeling as we continue to prepare for a return to in-person gatherings.

NASHVILLE ROAD RETURN TO IN-PERSON GATHERINGS SURVEY

While we work on that plan we will be intentional regarding:

DIRECTION: We will communicate consistently and provide guided leadership as we formulate plans and prepare to reopen.

PROTECTION: We will provide sound governance, management and implement wise procedures in consultation with our Regional Health Care professionals to ensure the continued health and safety for our community upon that return.

REFLECTION: We know that God has been working in and through all of us over this challenging season. So we are asking each of us to reflect on what God is inviting us to now and challenging us to consider as we return to a gathered church body.

We very much look forward to returning to gathered celebrations as the Nashville Road body! As we live out the love of God - we continue to pray for our community: for those who are sick, for those who have lost loved ones and for all those front-line workers who are serving so faithfully.



TOGETHER!

Nashville Road is a people who! Our desire has been to practice bring 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!



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!

CHAT:

The chat function is available at 10:15am for those who arrive a little earlier and remains open for roughly 30 minutes after the Sunday video feed is finished.

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.**







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 <u>the GIVE tab on the NRCC website</u> 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.

<u>Just click here</u> and you can head over to our website where you can get a visual tour of the interface and other helpful info if needed.

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!



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