

HEROIC GENEROSITY

*Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.
"But who am I and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*

1 chronicles 29:13,14

NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAR 20 - MAR 27, 2020



COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND NRCC GATHERINGS

Greetings NRCC Family, with recent developments in the effort to contain the COVID-19 virus and announcements this week from federal and provincial governments, **all planned events, small groups and Sunday gatherings, are cancelled until further notice.** While we are unable to physically gather together, the elders and tech team are looking to implement some new ways of engaging with one another online. Our goal is to stay connected relationally and spiritually, while keeping necessary physical distance for now. There are an abundance of online resources to support you as we journey through this together, including our [Right Now Media](#) access. Please stay tuned for updates on our website.

Let's continue to live out God's love as the church to one another and in our communities. Showing kindness and caring for the needs of others, let's reach out to encourage one another, praying daily for our neighbours, those on the front lines in healthcare and government leadership. Please check out our [Heroic Generosity page](#) for ideas as to how you might live out God's love in practical ways.

Stay safe and thank you for helping to keep all in our community, healthy.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". Galatians 6:9

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS:

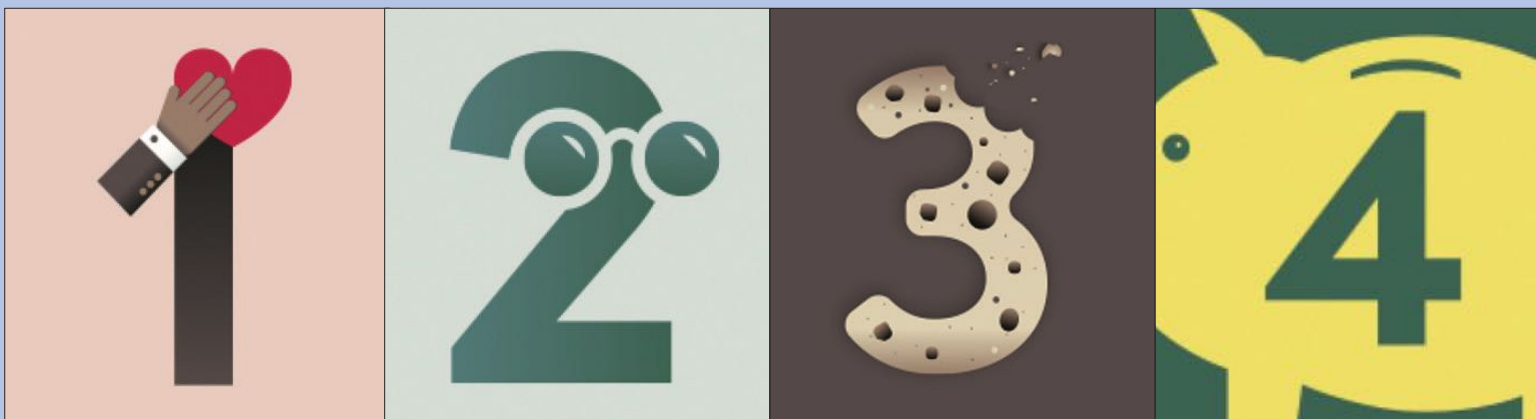
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Cali-Faith Kennedy who celebrates her birthday on March 23rd!
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Martha Lawson who celebrates her birthday on March 25th!
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Norma Barker who celebrates her birthday on March 27th!

PRAISE + PRAYER:

There are so many ways to worship God and practice our faith thru praise and prayer. Here are just a few items we can focus on today:

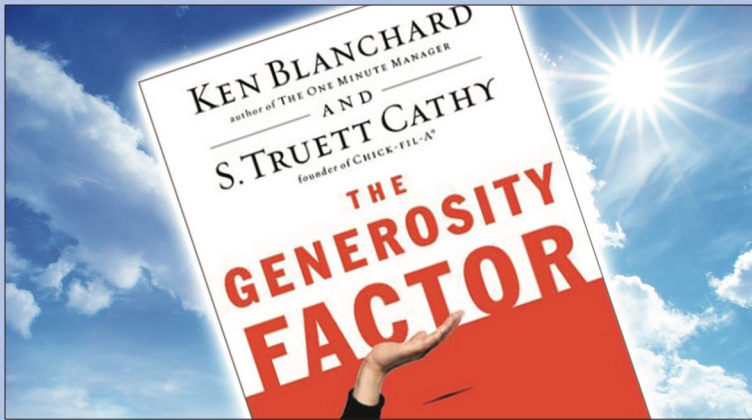
- > Praise for safe return for family and friends who were traveling during March Break.
- > Sharon Bowker's mother passed away recently. Doug & Sharon live in Sherbrooke, QC. Doug serves as the Executive Director of Grace Village - a seniors home in Sherbrooke. Please pray for the residents of Grace Village who are feeling isolated from family and friends due to the no visitor policy at this time.
- > Pray for Martha Lawson's brother Jonathan as he is struggling with post-concussion symptoms that have greatly impacted his daily life. Please continue asking God to heal him and touch his heart with His love.
- > Pray for those leading on the frontlines - our healthcare workers - Nurses, Doctors, First Responders. Charissa and Mark Redlich and Judi Guaragna are all heavily involved: Charissa and Judi leading as nurses and Mark leading in the Peel Region emergency response. Please remember them and their families during this stressful time at work and when they return home.
- > Pray for our national government leaders and those making decisions. Pray for humility as they listen and for wisdom as they act. Pray for their families as some (like our Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's wife Sophie) have family members who are sick.
- > Pray for Dan Gibson and the ministry of Regeneration Outreach in Brampton as they are setting up very needed physical support for those most vulnerable and feeling alone and excluded from society. Regen is setting up an emergency food bank to respond to the overwhelming needs as many other food banks are being impacted by lack of volunteers and supplies. Consider how you might be involved supporting Regen - physically if possible and/or financially as well.
- > Pray for our High School, College and University students who are coming to the end of their semesters - some who are graduating and wondering about how the current situation and decisions will affect them.
- > Pray for those who are ill and worried. Pray for wisdom and peace. Pray for those who are in self-isolation or are elderly and isolated from family or friends at this time. Pray for insights as to how to be the church in *"just such a time as this."*

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



HEROIC GENEROSITY CHALLENGE!

During our Lent series we're challenging one another to live out God's love in practical ways. In our current COVID-19 situation today, more than ever, we're going to have to be creative to offer an act of generosity. Be imaginative. Be kind. Be the church. Continue to be safe, continue to be generous. Thanks to our friends at 40acts - each day we're posting different ideas/actions on Instagram and on our web site to help you live generously! All you need to do is follow [NRCCLIVEOUTLOVE](#) on Instagram to get the daily update!



THE GENEROSITY FACTOR

We began a new series focusing on Generosity for the Lent season. The Generosity Factor is an excellent companion to the series and is written as a modern day parable that demonstrates the virtues of generosity. Available on Amazon.



OUR SISTER CHURCH

We believe the “church” is a people who live out God’s love as a family. That “family” is not restricted to just a local geography because we’re “related” to Christians in every part of the world! Nashville Road is also part of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ) which is a denomination made up of churches within the larger family of God here in this part of Ontario.

We’ve been given the great opportunity to stack hands with a “sister church” as a way of helping us as a larger family support and encourage each other in prayer! Our sister church is Eucharist Church in Hamilton.

Check out the [Eucharist Church of Hamilton](#) website and begin to look for how you can be praying!

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