

" I A M "

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WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM ?

NASHVILLE ROAD
COMMUNITY **CHURCH**
A PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING OUT THE LOVE OF GOD

Do you remember the first verb you learned in French? If you were like most - it was "être." Je suis, tu es, Il est, elle est, nous sommes, vous êtes, ils sont elles sont. Do you remember what it meant? It's the verb To Be. I am, you are, she is, we are etc. They're the most important words to learn because they are words of existence. I am here right now, I have being. That verb also allows one to state things that are true about situation or ability. I am hungry or I am an excellent golfer. When someone makes an "I Am" statement, the listener can then evaluate to see whether it's true ... and they would then easily see that I am not an excellent golfer! Jesus makes key "I Am" statements and our new Sunday morning teaching series will look at their significance and then in light of those claims ask ourselves the most significant question Jesus ever asked - "Who do you say that I am?" On Sunday - we'll start with Jesus' mic drop/record scratch claim in [John 8:31-58](#) - "before Abraham was - I am."

A Special Thank you to NRCC

Dear NRCC,

Words can scarcely express the deep gratitude Harold and I are feeling as Harold prepares to come home. We have been borne through this time by your prayers, inquires, phone calls, cards and visits. Pastoral visits by Pastor Dean, Christine and Giovanna have been so encouraging. Thank you to those who gave rides. We shall not soon forget all these kindnesses,. We look forward to this next period of recovery, knowing that in God's hands, all things are possible. " To God be the glory."

Harold and Norma Barker.

Dear NRCC Family,

On behalf of the students, staff and KCA family, I would like to thank you for the support, encouragement and help with our Alice In Wonderland musical last week. It was an amazing adventure for our school family, and it was very special to share it with so many of you.

A special thank you, music and tech teams, for being so patient with us as we moved equipment on and off the stage.

We can take two important messages from Alice and her Wonderland. Firstly, our world often seems upside down and mixed up; however, God remains in control of all things. Secondly, like Alice, we were encouraged to ask ourselves, "Who am I?" Thankfully, we can confidently respond...I am a beloved child of God. What wonderful messages to share!

Thanks so much,

LeeAnn

Church Events

- ♦ May 16: Caledon Mayor's Prayer Breakfast - 7am
- ♦ May 22: Women's connect and grow @ Gail's home
- ♦ May 26: Man Up Breakfast - 8:30am
- ♦ May 27 @ 10 am Call to Pray
- ♦ May 28 @ 1030am Young at heart



WE'VE ALL BEEN BORNE BY A MOTHER

Every one of us has been borne by a mother. Did you catch that "e" at the end of borne? The word borne means to be carried by, supported, nurtured. Things that mothers do for us. Synonyms are also endured, braved and tolerated ... also true of what mothers do for us sometimes!

We understand that Mothers come in many shapes and forms. You find them in classrooms as teachers. Some are foster, adoptive mothers, or stepmothers. Some yearn to have a child of their own, but for whatever reason cannot. Many are single and long for a family of their own. Many care for the children of others as caregivers. Some are aunts, sisters, grandmothers or friends — all willingly and selflessly helping those around them.

If we look at our lives we have all been blessed in some way by women who have given their lives and their love to "mother" us in some way. It is the nurturing, compassion, love, and caring that makes all women "mothers" in some way and in some way a reflection of the practical love of God. Whether they love children, neighbours, husbands, other moms, dogs, cats or anything else that will allow itself to be loved!

'Mother' defined is "To watch over, nourish, and protect maternally." That is it exactly. If you "watch over, nourish, and protect maternally", consider yourself a mother, or one who mothers!

Our prayer is that whatever kind of mom you are to someone - you know the difference you have made and continue to make! We pray for

> Moms who do laundry, clean the house and prepare meals for everyone - that you experience sanity in the middle of the craziness!

> Moms who work outside of the home - that you experience increased energy and balance for all things

> Moms of children with special needs - that your energy is replenished daily and you see the joy in the eyes of your children that your practical love is bringing

single Moms - that your hope and strength would renew each day and you know that God is with you and you're not alone

expectant Moms - as you prepare and nurture the amazing life growing inside you

> Moms who are struggling to have a baby - that you experience the love of God in the midst of this intense and uncertain time

> Moms whose own mothers have passed or whose memories are not always pleasant - that you know the presence of our God who is near and His love reflected in those He has brought into your life to nurture and carry you now

May this day be a day of honour, blessing and fond memories. We thank God for all the lovely, imperfect and sacrificial Moms who bless, love, care and carry us and for making Himself known to us through them.

Alpha Food Help

As part of the Alpha program we are partnering with our friends at Connect Church to cook alternate weeks. We are seeking individuals who would be comfortable in either making salads, baking desserts or cookies or helping with the assembly of a main course for approximately 20 guests. "Many hands make light work" is the saying and if enough people participated it would be a great blessing and help make the food prep manageable for all. A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who have stacked hands to make Alpha food possible so far! You have provided us a banquet of amazing food!

If you think you might be able to assist us at all by contributing to a Tuesday Alpha meal - please check out the list on the Welcome Center or speak with Di or Giovanna after this Sunday's gathering and we'll point you in the right direction! Thanks!

Women's connect & Grow

Ladies, if you're looking for an opportunity to connect with others and pursue growth in your spiritual walk, then we'd like to invite you to join us as we tend to the care and cure of the soul through companionship, Scripture, and prayer! We are currently discussing Stormie Omartian's book The Power of a Praying Woman. We gather every other Tuesday at 7pm. If you are interested, please speak with Gail Lister. **For the month of May (8, 22) and June our gathering will take place at Gail's home.**

Caledon Mayer's Prayer Breakfast- Wednesday, May 16 @ 7am

Caledon is one of many communities across Canada that hosts a Prayer Breakfast. We're excited to be able to gather together with churches from across Caledon in unity to pray for those who serve in government, leadership, and community services. The free breakfast is a great blessing and is open to all who would like to attend! If you are interested in attending please sign up at the Welcome Centre so we can let organizers know our NRCC numbers.

Young at Heart

are having a Coffee Hour Monday, May 28 at 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Come and join us for fellowship, coffee & muffins

Family Happenings!!

- > Happy Birthday to Joe Guaragna who celebrated his birthday on Thursday evening with dinner and a trip to the theatre!
- > Congratulations to Ahsan Gill who graduated from Sheridan College in Marketing Administration!! Way to go Ahsan!
- > Happy Birthday to Marisa Parise as she celebrates the occasion on May 15th!



We're looking forward to being together on Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the Chapel.

Praise & Prayer

- ◆ Thanking God for a great Alpha Away Day last Saturday! Thank you for your prayers as we spent the day focusing on the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit! Please continue praying for those in this session of Alpha as they continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus!
- ◆ Harold Barker continues to make great progress as he rehabs at Brampton Civic.
- ◆ Marlea Burgess continues to recover from her concussion symptoms sustained in a car accident.
- ◆ Please pray for our College & University students as they look for summer employment.
- ◆ Andre Oulette will be having surgery on May 22nd on his wrist at Sunnybrook. Continue praying for Andre as he approaches this surgery.
- ◆ Please pray for the Henein family (KCA) Christine Henein, has found out that her brother in India has a heart condition and will be going to the Mayo clinic in Minnesota for treatment. Please pray that the transition will be event free and the doctor's will be able to treat him successfully.

Alpha

Our Spring Alpha adventure session continues on Tuesday evenings, exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Each week we begin with a warm welcome and food, then we watch a video talk and finish with open conversation around the table - a chance to share thoughts and ideas about the video we've just watched without being corrected or judged. 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.

"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 session of Alpha and you're invited to come and invite others! It's not too late to be part. We meet each Tuesday at Connect Church - 12495 HWY 50 in Bolton from 7-8:45 and it doesn't cost anything. So feel free to join this week if you'd like and invite someone to come with you. Limited childcare space is available.

For more information or details about Alpha - please check out tryalpha.ca or the [Nashville web site](#) or contact the NRCC church office