



Happy Mother's Day

We've all been borne by a mother!

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CELEBRATING ALL WHO 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 definitely do for us. Synonyms are also *endured, braved and tolerated* ... also true of what mothers do for us sometimes!

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!

In these extraordinarily challenging days our prayer is that in whatever capacity you give to "mother" others - you have refreshed strength throughout your moments and days and a renewed confidence that the giving of what you believe to be ordinary - has and will continue to make an extraordinary difference! We thank God for all the lovely, imperfect and sacrificial Moms who bless, love, care and carry us and for making Himself known through them.



RECORD A SHORT MESSAGE TO BLESS MOMS!

We're putting together a video for Mother's Day on Sunday and we'd love to have your voice included! You can share a favourite memory of your mom, what you love most about your mom or a simple "Thanks mom!" or "I love you mom!" Just click the mic below and head over to our NRCC Recording Studio to record a short word of encouragement for the mom or mom's in your life!

If you have a picture of your mom please send it to [Dean](#) and we'll do our best to include them all in the video!

CLICK THE MIC
TO RECORD
YOUR MESSAGE



FAMILY HAPPENINGS!

> **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO** Marisa Parise who celebrates her birthday on Friday May 15th!



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 the Lord for His provision of food that NRCC was able to share with those in need thru Regeneration in Brampton and also for provision of financial support over and above regular offerings for our Benevolent Fund
- > Praise the Lord for how He is answering prayers for Todd's mother Barbara Anne. Still in critical condition in hospital but has shown improvement. Todd is a colleague of Christine Calzato at the fire station.
- > Praise the Lord for what is happening in the lives of the young women at Imani's Place who are being cared for during this pandemic. Please continue praying for Bailey who is one of the young ladies there as she was admitted to hospital recently. Pray also for discernment for Marisa as she meets with Community & Social Services with regards to financial aid for Imani's Place. Pray also for listening ears and softened & understanding hearts to consider the support they need. Pray also for a full-time dedicated qualified Christian "house Mother"
- > Pray for all levels of government leadership as they continue serving and making decisions during this extraordinary season
- > Pray for Connect church and their pastor Ben Booth as he and the other leaders guide and shepherd the body there
- > Please continue praying for Bob, Janice and Lindsey Elliott for wisdom as they continue adapting to life after the fire and make decisions in the days ahead.
- > Please pray for Marlea Burgess - she is struggling with significant back pain in the midst of an MS flare up.
- > Pray for parents who are trying to balance working from home while helping their kids with their distance learning. Continue praying for teachers who are learning how they can help students from a distance.
- > Pray for relationships that are under strain during this season - whether that be parent/child relationships in the home, marriages or relationships that are affected by self-isolation requirements.
- > Pray for those who are facing increased financial struggles as a result of loss of job or income due to the pandemic. Pray for others who are working long hours keeping their businesses running and supporting their employees.
- > Continue praying for those going to work each day during this crisis. Ask God for eyes to see how you might be able to encourage those who work in seen or unseen jobs to keep essential services and supplies moving. Please remember them as they go to work each day and also for the stress this puts on their families. Pray for workers like truck and bus drivers, grocery store workers and sanitation personnel. Please remember our Healthcare Workers - Nurses and Doctors and our First Responders - Fire, Police and Ambulance. Charissa Redlich, Janet Body and Judi Guaragna are on the frontlines in healthcare. Mark Redlich serves at the Region of Peel helping lead the Region's response during this crisis.
- > Pray for those serving on mission globally during this health crisis:
 - > 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](#)



ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING

TUESDAY / MAY 12 / 7PM / ZOOM

We're going to gather for a short time on Tuesday evening on ZOOM to pray together. We'll be praying for needs in our world, in our community, in our homes and in our lives. You can be part of the gathering by praying out loud or silently.

If you are interested - please [click here](#) and we'll share the specific ZOOM information with you so you can join in.

Oh, and if you're unfamiliar with Zoom Videoconferencing - you can check out [Zoom 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 [KidsKonnection page](#) to engage and be ready during our Kids Konnection moment during our Sunday morning online gathering!



LIVIN' OUT GOD'S LOVE!

REGENERATION FOOD DONATION:

We were able to deliver another food donation over the last two weeks to Regeneration's Emergency Food Bank in Brampton for which they were very grateful!

BENEVOLENT FUND:

We received great support towards our Benevolent Fund during the last week which helps us towards meeting some needs within the body that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

Thank you for "BEING" the church and showing God's love in such sacrificial and very practical ways!



WOMEN'S CONNECT+GROW ONLINE GATHERING! TUESDAY / MAY 19 / 7PM / ZOOM

Ladies we're gathering online 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 - [click here](#)



IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DO!

HEADS UP! It's getting time for a haircut and Dean needs a new do! You can help! Just head over to our Instagram page at [NRCCLIVEOUTLOVE](#) and find the post to take a screen shot of the second photo and have fun with an app filter to give him an updated look!

You can DM your results to NRCCLIVEOUTLOVE or post it on our [Nashville Road group Facebook page](#) and we'll pick out the best and the winner gets a Starbucks gift card! *We're gonna leave this open for 1 more week!*



CONTINUING TOGETHER!

It's been 7 week's since we began our online journey! Our desire has been to practice bring family and ensure no one feels isolated or alone even as we wisely practice physical distancing. During this season though we're not under the same *physical roof* - we're excited to gather under a *digital roof* thru our phones, computers and TV's!

Sunday mornings at 10:30 we continue to join together online to worship God! Our gathering "place" is our NRCC TOGETHER space! It 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!

There are other ways to stay connected as the NRCC family throughout the week - like Instagram and Facebook. If you're not already connected on those social media platforms - [just click here](#) to head over to our website where those links are posted to help you connect.

And if you missed gathering live at 10:30 - we'll also post the video from that gathering there immediately afterwards.



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!

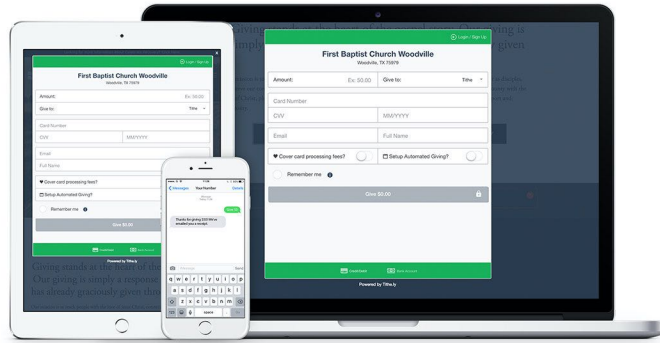
Since most of us are new to this experience - we've put some basic info on our website that will be helpful if you want to get familiar with what the interface looks like as well as the resources that are available like chat, online bible, live prayer etc.

[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 ONLINE TECHNICAL UPDATE:

As you probably know from time to time the internet is ... *not co-operative* and you may experience some glitches with our video and audio on Sunday mornings. Often clicking the REFRESH button will solve those issues but occasionally you might experience a difficulty seeing the video feed at all. If that happens to you - please continue to refresh the screen until you see the video. In cases of high internet volume on the platform some people may be directed automatically to a kind of "overflow room" where you'll still be able to experience the Nashville Road gathering but the chat and live prayer features will not be available. While we don't expect that to be a regular occurrence, we do want you to be aware just in case you do experience it.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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!

As a church we offer ourselves to serve, and there is never pressure or expectation to give, however we know that it's natural to want to give to a church when you can see how your gifts are being used to benefit the community you live in, so we want to make it easy for you to be generous, should you choose to support the mission of NRCC financially.

We now have the ability to give financial offerings thru a partnership with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) - an organization recommended by our CBOQ denomination. There are two new ways to give your offering in addition to regular envelopes:



Mobile Giving

You have the option to give from your mobile device via Tithe.ly. Just download the Tithe.ly app for [iPhone / iPad](#) or for [Android](#)



Online Giving

Once you create a Tithe.ly account - [you can give directly from this link to Tithe.ly](#)
You also have the option of setting up an automatic recurring gift if you prefer.



Envelope Giving

We have personalized offering envelopes available at the NRCC building. During this season while we aren't gathering at the building you can still mail an envelope to the church building address.

[Click here to go to the GIVE page on our website](#) for more details, links and a helpful "how-to" video.



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