



GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR EVERYONE!



NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER NOV 29 - DEC 6, 2019

JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

- > Continue praying for Hugh Maguire who is having respiratory difficulties which are significantly limiting and impacting his daily life emotionally and physically.
- > Remember Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton in your prayers. They received word that the Region of Peel is cutting a significant amount of their funding for 2020 and more in 2021.
- > Pray for our one another as we make opportunities to connect with co-workers, friends and neighbours during the Christmas season. Pick up a "Sharing Christmas" brochure in the lobby at the building on Sunday for ideas.
- > Praise the Lord as [Imani's Place](#) Transition House is opening! Please pray as they are preparing to have the young ladies move in in the next few weeks and need support moving forward.

When you are aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please let Melanie in the church office know or email her at: melanie@nashvilleroad.ca

FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Audrey Elliott who celebrated her Birthday on November 25th

QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

- > **NOVEMBER 30 / 8:30AM** / Men's Breakfast
- > **NOVEMBER 30 / 6:30PM** / Community Christmas Kick Off
- > **DECEMBER 1 / 2PM** / Egan's Candlelight Memorial
- > **DECEMBER 4 / 9AM** / Moving With Music
- > **DECEMBER 10 / 6:30PM** / Women's Connect+Grow Christmas Potluck
- > **DECEMBER 11 / 9AM** / Moving With Music



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS KICK-OFF!

SATURDAY / NOV 30 / 6:30PM / THE NRCC BUILDING

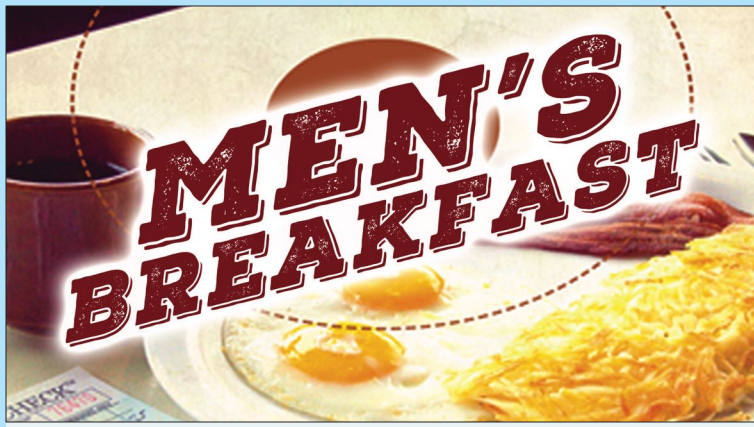
With the first snowfalls we can officially say "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!"

We're excited about Christmas and the chance to invite the whole neighbourhood to get together to kick off Christmas! There'll be outdoor festivities, Christmas goodies, lights and a great concert featuring Jacob Moon and Ali Matthews as we kick off the Christmas season! It's going to be a great event and you can still get your tickets at the door on Saturday evening!

Tickets are \$10 and are BOGO - Buy 1 Get 1 Free so it's easy to invite friends, family and neighbours to celebrate together and begin the most wonderful time of the year!

SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING DECEMBER 1

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus - God himself clothed in humanity - moving into the neighbourhood (John 1:14) to rescue and restore all things. This Good News is a word and work that brings great joy for all humanity! Real joy begins with God engaging "socially" with humanity in the flesh. Words like redemption, reconciliation, restoration and salvation are inherently social. Music is social - and we're going to look at A Christmas Playlist, encouraging and challenging us with how the truth of Jesus becomes Good News for everyone - seeing His "blessings flow far as the curse is found" - transforming lives and society!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY / NOV 30 / 8:30AM / THE NRCC KITCHEN / \$5

Each month we get together for breakfast, to experience first hand the culinary delights of the legendary Dave & Jason that's sweeping all of Bolton / Kleinburg. Following the feast, we have an informal time engaging in discussion around God's word that is relevant to the everyday lives of men, fathers and sons in our communities



EGAN'S COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

SUNDAY / DEC 1 / 2PM / NRCC MAIN AUDITORIUM

This is an open invitation to all families in our communities who have experienced the death of a loved one this past year or at anytime during their lives. Each year we welcome over 600 neighbours from our community to this Candlelight Memorial. It's an important event and reminds the families of the warmth of shared Christmases past, of the brightest of Christmases to come, and of the reality of community support!

As a church body we would like to practice hospitality for our neighbours. If you are able to help by contributing nut free cookies or squares please bring them this Sunday morning and leave them in the kitchen.

MOVING WITH MUSIC

WEDNESDAY / DEC 4 / 9AM / THE CHAPEL

MOVING WITH MUSIC is designed as a fun way to make you move! Each session uses music and rhythm exercises that help maintain walking, balance and general movement. All exercises are adaptable so participants can work at their own level. For more information please contact [Julia!](#)



THERMAL SOCKS NEEDED!

Julian Boynton is leading an initiative to help make a difference in the lives of Brampton's homeless at [Regeneration Outreach Community](#) and you can be a difference maker! We're looking for Thermal Socks to help meet a very practical need to bring warmth this winter.

Julian will have a "sock box" in the church building lobby for you to contribute your thermal sock gifts.

On behalf of Julian and the guests at Regeneration - thank you! Your generosity makes a tremendous difference!



FAITH EXPRESSING ITSELF THRU LOVE

SUNDAY / DEC 15 / 10:30AM / MORNING GATHERING

In Acts 4 we read that the People of Jesus - Christians, were *"one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had"* and that *"God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them."* (vs 32, 33)

That's what happens when God's grace is at work in our hearts - His love is lived out and needs are met - it's humanity the way God intended it - and it's also awesome!

During our Sunday morning gathering on December 15th we're going to be intentional about sharing as we receive a special offering that will help us meet some significant practical needs that we're aware of at this time of year. Please pray and prepare to give as God's Spirit prompts you.



LIVIN' OUT THE LOVE AT CHRISTMAS!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son ..."
To say that Jesus is the reason for the season is correct but it actually misses a significant point - Mankind is the reason Jesus came. God loved the world so much that He gave at great cost to those who mattered most! As people of Jesus - we get to live out that same love each day in practical ways. This is a season where perhaps we become more aware of the ongoing needs of many in our community and the many organizations that provide resources to those in need and that is a good thing.

As a people who are living out the love of God - we are servants and are part of this community to make it better than it could be without the body of Christ in its midst. As you consider different options for enacting your serve please consider how you can support the needs that the Caledon Community Services Santa Fund help to meet:

There are 213 individuals and families and 199 children in Caledon that live below the poverty line who need your support. They don't know if they will have heat or food, let alone dinner and gifts on Christmas morning. "We sometimes have to choose between paying the rent and paying the heating bill" says one CCS client.

For 36 years, beginning in 1982 the Santa Fund has assisted families and children in Caledon to have a joyful holiday season and make the months ahead brighter. Over the years, thousands of Caledon families have turned to CCS for support that would not have been possible without YOU.

As always, CCS' Santa Fund will distribute donations of food and new toys this holiday season. Even more importantly, CCS will provide things like home heating, medical prescriptions, emergency expenses and counseling to 213+ Caledon families, including over 199 children. There are 1,300 low income families in Caledon according to Peel Data Centre, this means there are almost 1,100 families in need that can benefit from our help!

You can [donate online](#), visit the Santa Fund Workshop located at The Exchange at 55 Healey Road, Bolton or contact Santa's Helpers at (905) 584-2300 ext 236, they'll be pleased to help you!



AN OUTWARD SPIN ON AN AWESOME TRADITION!

Advent is almost here and perhaps you grew up looking forward to the Advent Calendar where each day you counted down the days until Christmas by either moving a little star on a calendar or opening up a little pocket or box to reveal a tiny gift. It's a fun way to count down the days until Christmas. *There's a 24 days of Tea Calendar from David's Tea if you're interested!*

Here's the spin on that - it's a *Reverse Advent Calendar* and the idea is the opposite of what we normally do. Instead of taking something out the idea is to put something aside in a box each day for 24 days of Advent and then give the basket to a local food pantry after it is filled on Christmas Eve. The Exchange, right in Bolton is a great place to donate your basket! Here's some ideas for how you might fill your basket:

R E V E R S E ADVENT CALENDAR

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans



NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A few weeks back we spent some time praying for our post-secondary students. We also wrote notes to encourage and remind our students that they aren't alone! Here's how one student used our notes to decorate their dorm room for some visual encouragement!

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