

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

IS LIKE ...

Baseball



NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

OCT 23 - OCT 30, 2020

SEEK FIRST:

Have you every thought of how many phrases we use regularly that are baseball related? When we do a good job it might be said we've "Hit a home run!" If we want to talk with someone we might say "Let's touch base." When something happens unexpectedly - we might say it "came out of left field" or we were "thrown a curveball." When Jesus said "Seek first - the Kingdom of God" we're pretty sure He wasn't making a reference to baseball but He did tell stories or parables that referenced everyday things familiar to his listeners, like seeds and fields and sheep and shepherds - to connect their imaginations with the Good News of His Kingdom. For the next few Sunday's we're going to look at how the familiar game of baseball might reveal some aspects of God's Kingdom, helping us make connections for engaging with it everyday. Hope you're ready and willing to "play ball!" ... see what I did there ... "play ball" ... get it!?

OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE OUT THE LOVE OF GOD:



GREAT "STACKING HANDS" OPPORTUNITY!

This Saturday we're joining together with Jennifer and Olu Jegede who lead [Inner City Outreach](#) to help make a difference by bringing God's kingdom near in a totally active way! It's a 5K run/walk/jog/crawl to help raise funds for Inner City Outreach and their ministry in the Jane & Finch community.

You can participate with the Cook's who are running in the Jane & Finch Community at 12 noon [\(SIGN UP HERE FOR THAT\)](#) OR you can participate right in your own neighbourhood and community with others.

[Check out the link here for more info!](#)



BLESSING RICHMOND JAMAICA

Reta Campbell is preparing to return to Jamaica later in the fall to serve alongside the church there as part of ROCMin to love her community in practical ways.

You can be involved by helping to provide school supplies and gently used children's toys and clothing that can be worn in a warmer climate for Reta to take with her.

There will be a container available on Sunday mornings at the Nashville Road building for you to contribute any donations.

If you're able to help and would like more info - please contact [Reta](#) for the details.

YORK REGION MODIFIED RESTRICTIONS AND NASHVILLE ROAD IN-PERSON GATHERINGS:

Please note that while York Region moved to modified Phase 2 restrictions for social gatherings on Monday October 19th - schools, daycare centers and places of worship are currently **exempt** from those restrictions. Which means we are still able to gather in person and we will continue to observe all established guidelines for room capacity, masks and physical distancing as we do. Should those gathering restrictions change to include places of worship - we will comply and communicate those changes with the Nashville Road body as quickly as possible. [Please CLICK HERE for more info.](#)



SUNDAY MORNING GATHERINGS:

IN PERSON:

We are asking people to please pre-register each week for Sunday in-person gatherings. [CLICK HERE](#) to let us know how many in your household or "bubble" will be attending with you and sitting together. *If you forget to pre-register, you will need to register at the door when you arrive.*

ONLINE:

We use ZOOM for our Sunday online gatherings. Once you request and receive the ZOOM link - it can be reused each Sunday morning without the need to request it again. [CLICK HERE](#) and we'll send it to you via email.

CELEBRATE FAMILY HAPPENINGS!

> **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Diana Payne who celebrates her Birthday on Friday October 23rd



PRAISE + PRAYER ITEMS:

Here are a few items we can focus on today to help express our faith by joining in praise and prayer:

- > Please continue praying for financial support, rest and discernment for Lisa Ogbale and peace for the young ladies at Imani's Place. [Check their website for details on their fundraising initiatives!](#)
- > Remember Olu & Jennifer Jegede who serve the Jane & Finch community thru Inner City Outreach Foundation and the I Love Jane + Finch Run on Saturday.
- > Please pray for Martha Lawson's brother Jon. He still suffers with concussion symptoms, anger and oppression. He wants to move away from the noise of Toronto but cannot make decisions enough to do this. Please pray for a settlement with his employer who has not given him any long term disability compensation as well as praying for Martha and her family as they try to help Jon.
- > Please pray for health and protection for KELC, KCA students, teachers and families. Karin Schmidt is one of our KCA teachers - please pray for her as she recovers from a femur break this summer and begins her return to teaching. Pray for LeeAnn who is stepping in to fill Karin's responsibilities in the meantime.
- > Remember Rebekah Redlich as she recovers from her appendix surgery.
- > Please pray for Esme Kennedy as she was admitted to hospital on Thursday with Gall Bladder issues.
- > Continue praying for Ava Cook's young friend Chloe who has had a recurrence of cancer. Pray for Ava and the Cook's as they show love and care for Chloe and her family and walk alongside them.
- > Please continue praying for our Black brothers and sisters and for God to lead His people to unity in wisdom and humility as a community to bring God's kingdom with God's justice near and eradicate racial injustice.
- > Remember 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. Dave Jordan is involved in essential services driving a transport truck to help keep essential goods flowing.
- > Continue praying for all areas of our government as they evaluate and seek wisdom to make ongoing decisions for our country, provinces and communities. Please remember Premier Ford and his family.
- > Pray for Dan Gibson and the leadership of Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton as they work thru administration issues on top of providing significant daily ministry into the community.

When you have an item for praise or prayer to share with our Nashville Road family - 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](#)



CONNECTING AROUND A PHYSICAL TABLE:

TUES / OCT 27 / 7PM / THE CHAPEL @ THE NRCC BUILDING

The ladies of Women's Connect and Grow are reflecting on their thought life as they discuss a 6 session teaching by Jennie Allen called 'Get Out of Your Head'. We gather bi-weekly from 7:00-9:00pm. If interested, please join us!

So that we can get the room set up to provide physical distancing please let Gail know in advance if you will be attending by [CLICKING HERE](#).



WE'RE MOVING AGAIN!

WEDNESDAY / OCTOBER 28 / 9AM / NRCC GYM

We're getting our MOVE ON again Wednesday mornings!

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 [Bethany](#)



HALLOWEEN MASKquerade FOR STUDENTS AGE 12-18:

SATURDAY / OCTOBER 31 / 6-9PM / TEEN RANCH, CALEDON

Looking for something for your teen to do on Halloween? Teen Ranch has just the thing - a MASKquerade! There will be a scavenger hunt, live music, extreme bingo and more - including a best MASK prize for those things we're all getting used to wearing!

It takes place at Teen Ranch on HWY 10 - South of Orangeville on Saturday October 31st from 6-9pm. Space is limited so if you're interested [CLICK HERE](#) for more info about costs and how to reserve your space!



PARENT / GUARDIAN SURVEY

Under normal circumstances our Sunday morning Kids Konnection ministry includes two Children's programs, Junior Kids Konnection for Kindergarten + grade 1 and Senior Kids Konnection for grades 2-6.

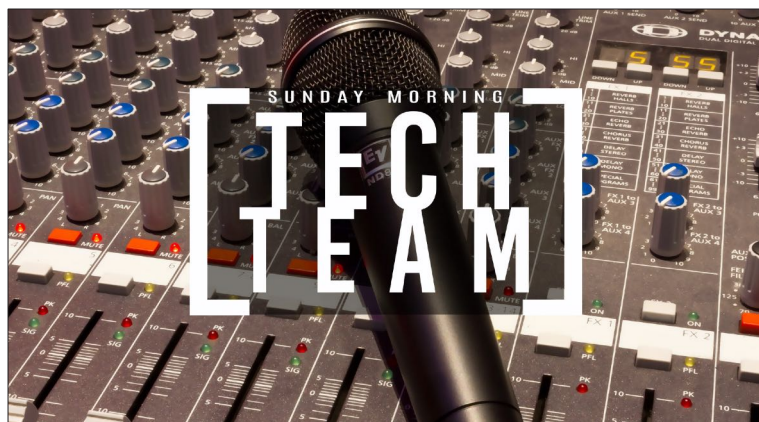
We would like to understand the feelings and intentions of our families in terms of returning to in-person Kids Konnection programming on Sunday mornings. If you have children - please take a moment to fill in this [SHORT SURVEY](#).



CHAIR CREW

It's more than simply a place where someone sits - for us, a chair represents a person and their journey with God. It reflects hospitality and our desire to gather as family to journey together.

We're looking for some people who share that vision and can help set up the auditorium for our in-person Sunday morning gatherings. It's another way to serve God and the Nashville Road body. If you are interested - please contact [Melanie](#) and let her know.



LOOKING FOR SOME TECH TEAMMATES!

Our Tech Team are awesome and integral to our gatherings - they help us connect audibly and visually both in-person and online!

A great way to get engaged as part of our community is to serve and the Tech Team needs your gifts! If you're into the techy side of things - or you're willing to learn then we've got the team for you!

Just speak to one of the Tech Team members on a Sunday morning or let [Melanie](#) know that you're interested and we'll help you get involved!



POST-SECONDARY STUDENT PRAYER CARDS

We're supporting our students who have entered or returned to post secondary studies this fall! If you're a student or a parent of a student in post-secondary studies - we're making prayer cards available so the NRCC family can join you in praying. If you would like us to make a prayer card - all you need to do is [email Dean](#) the following:

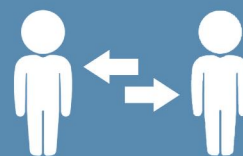
> A picture for the card > The Post-Secondary institution they are attending > Prayer needs you'd like to include

we're so happy to see you!

when we're together inside the Nashville Road Building please do your part to honour others:



masks or
face coverings
are required



keep a
6 foot
physical distance

HONOURING OTHERS

Wearing a mask is a requirement for attending indoor worship gatherings as stated by York Region's guidelines, so thank you for wearing yours on Sunday mornings. If you forget yours, don't worry we'll have extra's in case you need one.

For children - we're following the Peel District School Board guidelines and asking that all children in grade 1 and above please wear a mask. For children younger than Grade 1 - masks are recommended but not required.

COVID-19 SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL:

We encourage you to make use of the self assessment tool that the Ministry of Health has made available online to help you decide whether you should attend public gatherings. It's simple to use and you can find it here:

[SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL](#)

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