

NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER - APRIL 26 - MAY 3, 2019

JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

- > Praise the Lord for a great Easter weekend as a body joining with Connect Church for Good Friday, reflecting and celebrating one in spirit and purpose.
- > Remember Judy Garagnua's brother Philip in prayer as he is struggling with depression and anxiety. Pray for wisdom for Judy as she looks for ways to minister to him.
- > Pray for wisdom for doctors and strength for Rob & Tina Woodley as they await test results for their son William related to his brain lesion.
- > Continue prayers for Sandra & Chris Augusto's young son Isaiah has pulmonary hypertension. Keep up to date with how to pray for Isaiah and the Augusto family by reading Sandra's blog
- > Remember Martha Lawson's brother Jonathan in prayer as he continues to deal with the serious effects from a concusion.
- > The Antignani family are preparing to return on Mission to Italy in July. Please pray for Celeste as she studies for exams in September to re-enter the Italian school system.
- > Pray for Darryl Dash and his wife Charlene as they pastor <u>Liberty Grace Church</u> in Toronto. They are looking for a new gathering place and need to make that transition by October.

If you are aware of items for praise or needs that we as a community can join together in prayer - please let

Melanie in the church office know or email her at:

QUICK LOOK CALENDAR

- > APR 28 / 6PM / Potluck + Annual General Meeting
- > APR 30 / 7PM / Womens Connect+Grow
- > MAY 1 / 9AM / Moving With Music
- > MAY 1+2 / 7PM / KCA's Production of Seussical Jr
- > MAY 11 / 9AM / Unleashed To Serve Seminar Part 2

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH GATHERING

Jesus tells a story of a father with 2 sons ... maybe you've heard it? The younger son demands his inheritance while his dad is still alive (essentially saying "I wish you were dead") receives it and then proceeds to blow it all by making bad decision after bad decision ... you know the biblical equivalent of buying non-refundable box seats to the second round of the NHL playoffs in Toronto ... ah but I digress.

Jesus called it "wild living" and eventually the younger son decides to head back home and while he's still a long way off in the distance his father, whom he embarassed, dishonoured and disgraced - see's him coming and is filled with

How would you fill in that blank? If you were the father or even the older brother what would you be "filled with" upon seeing this guy coming down the road?

How we fill in that blank might actually reveal a lot about our understanding of the New that Jesus unleashed and the New Covenant that Jesus invited us to enter into with one another.

This Sunday we'll look at our responses to uncleanness, wrongdoings, hurts, and sin as we celebrate communion - remembering Jesus actions, our New hope and thus our New Covenant response - to be filled with

Looking forward to gathering with one another then!

If you have items for the eNews including birthday's and anniversaries to add to the Family Happenings please contact Melanie at the church office by Wednesday each week.

She can be reached via email at: melanie@nashvilleroad.ca



POTLUCK + ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday / Apr 28 / 6pm / The Chapel

We're going to break bread together and share some snapshots of the past ministry season and envision what lies ahead in this next season for us as a people - one in spirit and living out the love of God! The Annual Report will be available for pick up on Sunday April 21st.

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to bring along a main dish, salad or desert for the potluck.

AFFIRMATION OF ELDERS

As part of our AGM we have the opportunity to affirm those who will serve in leadership as Elders for a three year term. Please prayerfully consider Charlene and Dean.

CHARLENE COOK

Charlene has agreed to let her name stand for consideration as an elder. She lives in Bolton with her husband Michael and their daughter Ava. Charlene is a high school teacher with the Peel District School Board and is currently employed at Humberview Secondary School as a Drama and History teacher. Charlene has served in a variety of capacities at NRCC. She is currently leading a small group with her husband Michael. She enjoys Sunday morning worship, directing plays and playing basketball.

DEAN KENNEDY

Dean and his wife Lesley have 4 great kids - Travis, Leah, Grace and Cali-Faith and a "part-lab part-moron" dog named Daisy. Before coming on staff at NRCC, Dean served as a pastor with Oakridge Bible Chapel in Oakville and prior to that with Bramalea Baptist Church. Dean loves movies, adventure, authenticity and bringing God's Kingdom near. As well as sharing in the teaching ministry, he works closely with the elders to engage us on mission as we live out the love of God. Dean has agreed to let his name stand for consideration for another term as an elder.



GRANDPARENTS MORNING + CHRISTIAN BOOK FAIR Tuesday / Apr 30 / 9am - 12pm / KCA

We would love to invite our dear Young At Heart friends to join us. You'll start the morning with visits to our classrooms between 9:00 and 10:00, followed by a browse in our Christian Book Fair. We're treating to tea/coffee and baked treats, followed by class performances of music and arts in the gym. You'll be on your way with a smile and hug by noon. Allow your friends at KCA to honour you on this special morning.

The Book Fair continues until 6pm. Stop by for some excellent shopping!



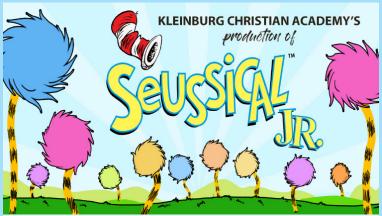
WOMEN'S CONNECT + GROW TUESDAY / APR 30 / 7PM / KCA STAFFROOM

Ladies, we connect every other Tuesday evening for a couple of hours to share and grow! Currently we are discussing J.D. Greear's video teaching on the book of Ephesians! There's always room around the table to connect and grow together! If you're interested, please speak with Gail Lister or leave your contact information with the church office.

MOVING WITH MUSICWEDNESDAY / MAY 1 / 9AM / THE CHAPEL

Isn't it time to get your MOVE on? The MOVING WITH MUSIC program is designed to do just that! Each session uses music and rhythm exercises that help maintain walking, balance and general movement.

For more info please contact Julia at 647-230-2066 or email: info@iuliasplacemusictherapy.com



KCA'S PRODUCTION OF SEUSSICAL JR WED + THUR / MAY 1 + 2 / 7PM / NRCC MAIN AUDITORIUM / \$15

You'll want to save the dates for this now! Get ready to be transported by our KCA students from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus as the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the "Whos." Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care. Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial but ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!



UNLEASHED TO SERVE SEMINAR - PART 2 SATURDAY / MAY 11 / 9AM-2PM / THE CHAPEL / \$10

Our Journey to unleash our uniqueness in God's Kingdom continues with Part 2! Another one day engaging seminar incuding lunch to help you: *Revisit* your wildest dreams and actions taken; *Explore* holistic success in 5 key life areas; *Create* daily routines and habits to move you towards your wildest dreams and *Evaluate* the effectiveness of the steps you've already taken.

Please contact Andrea Wilson for the Part 1 module.



HOSPITALITY TEAMSUNDAY MORNINGS / 10AM

When we see or hear the word "Hospitality" most of us probably think of entertaining or hosting friends or family for dinner or maybe of the service that a hotel provides. But the original word hospitality is a compound word that contains two incredibly powerful concepts that include "brotherly love" and "alien or stranger". So instead of simply being understood as "entertaining guests" the word becomes "one who loves strangers/immigrants like you would your own brother." Practicing authentic Hospitality is an expression of the Good News of how Jesus has radically reshaped us and brings us together as One family! Nashville Road Community church is a people who are living out the love of God and whether we gather in our homes or at the church building we want to express the kind of authentic hospitality that includes a genuine welcome but goes beyond what our culture settles for. As Jesus says - it goes the extra mile!.

So - we're recognizing, raising up, and releasing a team of people to express that kind of family hospitality - right now for when we gather on Sunday mornings! Imagine walking into the building and you, your family and friends feeling instantly and genuinely welcomed, comfortable and at home! We want that to be an ever increasing reality as we live out the love of God! Practically speaking we're looking for people who can give a lead in being near the doors intentionally greeting people when they arrive and helping them get comfortable as well as others whose hospitality will take the form of preparing and serving coffee, tea and goodies.

If you are interested in serving on this team - please contact <u>Sharon Hunter</u> for more info and thank you for considering expressing your identity as a family of missionary servants living out the love of God!

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