

NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1 - 8, 2019

### JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

- > Praise the Lord Heather Campbell has completed her series of 16 Chemotherapy treatments!
- > Addison Aspilla's mother Cora is still in the ICU but doing much better. She has been diagnosed with Anca Vasculitis disease. It's a rare autoimmune disease that has no cure, but can be managed. All signs point to a slow recovery.
- > Marisa Parise will be heading for the next leg of her mission to Laos Asia shortly with "Freeing the Children Mission". Please pray for her as she prepares for the next portion of her time in Asia where she will be out of contact with friends and family.
- > Sandra & Chris Augusto continue are awaiting tests results for Isaiah to determine when his heart surgery will be. Please pray for strength for them in particular for Isaiah's big brother Ezra as he tries to understand all that is happening. Keep up to date with how to pray for Isaiah and the Augusto family in Sandra's blog
- > Martha Lawson's brother Jonathan is struggling with the effects of a serious concussion. Please pray for wise doctors, support groups and the love of Jesus to minister powerfully to Jonathan.
- > Reta Campbell continues ministering alongside other church ministries in Jamaica and will be home soon!
- > Please pray for our Provincial government leadership as they wrestle with decisions. One area in particular for our prayers is in the area of funding for students with autism. Please read the attached letter for how this is impacting our KCA students and their families and how you can help.
- > Ryan Jordan is heading to Europe with his school from March 6-15th. Pray for journeying mercies on this adventure!.
- > Also remember all families traveling during March Break.

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:

melanie@nashvilleroad.ca

# **SUNDAY MARCH 3RD GATHERING**

I am pretty uncomfortable in the kitchen so if I'm called upon to make anything then I desperately rely on cooking directions ... pro's might call them "recipes!" I follow them very precisely - even measuring the water for Kraft Dinner - which my family thinks is weird! I figure someone went to the trouble of writing directions for a reason so I should pay attention to what they say. I appreciate when someone cuts thru lots of information to tell me "this really matters" - then I can remove the clutter and focus.

To be honest - Christianity can be confusing. It would be great if someone could cut thru all the perspectives, inspiration and information on a relationship with God and say "what it all comes down to is this ... this really matters." Thankfully Paul - someone who had spent the majority of his life sorting thru a myriad of the 600+ Old Covenant commands for relating to God - cuts thru it all and tells us New Covenant people that "the only thing that matters is ..." This Sunday we continue our Re: New series looking at what Paul says ultimately matters in how we relate to God. Looking forward to reNEWing life together as we gather!

## **QUICK LOOK CALENDAR**

- > MAR 2 / 8:30AM / Men's Breakfast
- > MAR 5 / 6PM / Pancake Dinner
- > MAR 5 / 7PM / Women's Connect + Grow
- > MAR 6 / 9:30AM / Moving with Music
- > MAR 19 / 7PM / Women's Connect + Grow
- > MAR 23 / 9AM / Unleashed to Serve seminar
- > MAR 23 / 6:30PM / J-Walkers Sr Hi Youth Nite

# **FAMILY HAPPENINGS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - To Adaijah Wilson who celebrated her birthday this past week!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - To Lee Sutherland who celebrates on March 2!

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Ryan Jordan who passed his G1!

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

#### SATURDAY / MAR 2 / 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 of challenge from God's word that is relevant to the everyday lives of men, fathers and sons in our communities.



### "PANCAKE TUESDAY" DINNER

## TUESDAY / MAR 5 / 6PM / THE NRCC MAIN AUDITORIUM

Some traditions offer a Pancake Supper on the eve of Ash Wednesday which kicks off a season of abstaining from certain foods or practices leading up to Easter. Our vision for this supper is simply to enjoy the pleasure of one another's company along with a menu of pancakes, butter, maple syrup, whipped cream, berries, bacon and sausage. All you need to do is sign up at the Welcome Desk and get ready to enjoy breakfast for supper!



# **WOMEN'S CONNECT + GROW**TUESDAY / MAR 5 / 7PM / THE CHAPEL

Ladies, we're connecting 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 MUSIC**

#### WEDNESDAY / MAR 6 / 9:30AM / THE CHAPEL

It's time to get your MOVE on and 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. All exercises are adaptable so participants can work at their own level!

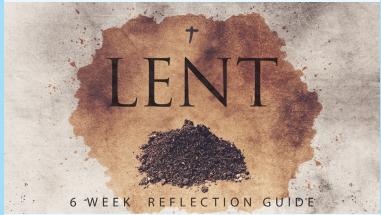
Please contact Julia at 647-230-2066 or email: info@juliasplacemusictherapy.com



# UNLEASHED TO SERVE SEMINAR SATURDAY / MAR 23 / 9AM-3PM / THE CHAPEL

We all have dreams and aspirations. We all have gifts and talents. So let's engage with energy and action to unleash our uniqueness in God's Kingdom together! We're having a one day seminar to help you define your dreams and aspirations; explore your gifts and passion; set goals based on values; and choose an accountability team to help put them in action! Speak to Andrea Wilson for more info.

## **COST: \$10 INCLUDES LUNCH**



#### **LENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDES AVAILABLE**

For those who wish to prepare for Easter we have free devotional guides available at the Welcome Desk beginning Sunday.

If you have items for the eNews please contact Melanie at the church office by Wednesday each week. She can be reached via email at:

melanie@nashvilleroad.ca

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The KCA's boys' basketball team brought home a first place Champion penant from their North Toronto Christian School tournament last week. The boys played relentlessly and came away with four wins and one loss. Many thanks go out to teacher, Shawn Greenwood, as well as parent volunteer, Dr. Anil Gupta. Our KCA girls also played an excellent tournament. They may not have won a penant but they certainly won the respect of other teams and their coaches!

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!**

Thank you to everyone who supported Regeneration Outreach Community on the Coldest Night of the Year! it was an amazing time to stand (and walk) together to live out the love of God in a really practical way and join with the greater faith community! Please put **Saturday February 22, 2020** on your calendars for next years Coldest Night of the Year walk!













# A PEOPLE WHO ... ROAD RALLY SATURDAY / JUNE 1 / 9AM / CALEDON MEALS ON WHEELS

Caledon Meals on Wheels is holding a fun, interactive, community Road Rally fundraiser tentatively scheduled to take place on Saturday June 1, 2019 from 9AM- Noon. Journey through the picturesque Headwaters Region making stops to enjoy delicious snacks and collect passport stamps. Then assemble back at a centralized location to enjoy interactive health and wellness activities, a barbeque, entertainment and a chance to win prizes.

We are inviting members of local car clubs, as well as nutrition, health and wellness enthusiasts to participate in planning this community event. Do you know someone who may be interested in being a part of the team that helps to create our inaugural Road Rally? The committee assists with planning the following - Road Rally Route - Games & Activities - Barbeque - Entertainment - Prize Acquisition - Recruiting participants - Marketing & Promotion

Committee meetings take place in the evenings 1 to 2 times a month, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evenings. If you are interested, please contact Deirdre at (905) 857-7651 ext. 27 or check out <u>Caledon Meals on Wheels</u>





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February 25, 2019

Dear KELC and KCA Parents and NRCC family;

FAMILY is one of the core values of our school. We talk it. We teach it. We live it each day. We treasure our school family. We celebrate together. We work together. When a member of our family is hurting, we hurt together.

Six families in our school are faced with what seems to be an insurmountable struggle. The Ontario government's recent decision to overhaul funding for children with autism will have a life-altering impact on approximately 40,000 Ontario children and youth. Six of these children are our precious Kleinburg Christian Academy students.

KCA's journey alongside families with children with autism began four years ago. I was approached by a family whose child had been unsuccessful in his local publicly funded school. He had significant learning, social and emotional needs that could not be met in a large class with a part time educational assistant shared between several students. His parents were looking for a nurturing school environment that would allow him to be integrated into a class of his peers when possible, and during the school day, allow therapists on-site to engage him in behavioural therapy and direct instruction outside of the classroom. Kleinburg Christian Academy began a unique and collaborative partnership with Shining Through Centre For Children With Autism, effectively providing a learning environment which allowed this young man to thrive.

In the last four years, word has spread of KCA's and Shining Through's successful partnership, and many parents of autistic children have sought us out for enrolment at KCA. We currently have six active and much-loved students with autism, their parents and their therapists, as members of our school family. Three more children await enrolment.

Our autistic children's remarkable success comes with a lot of work and at great cost. Some families pay out of pocket for behavioural therapy, at a cost of \$60-80,000 per year. Some have partial funding, while others have full funding under the current model. With the new funding formula, families with children under (6) years of age would receive up to \$20,000 per year until they turn six. Families with children over six years of age would be capped at \$5,000 per year, on a sliding scale based on family income. This funding model will not begin to provide the level of therapy and care required. Families are faced with a heartbreaking decision...discontinue therapy and return to a publicly funded school with little support, or attempt to retain therapy and pay out of pocket and/or incur significant debt. As parents, we are willing to sacrifice greatly for our children, but this is too much to ask of families.

Therapists, parents and concerned citizens are actively voicing their concerns to the provincial government in a two-fold approach in advance of the April 1 initiation of the new funding model.

Firstly, immediate concerns are being expressed regarding many children whose funding for behavioural therapy is exhausted/nearly exhausted under the new model. Families without the means to privately fund therapy and/or private education will find their children severely under-supported in publicly funded classrooms.

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There is significant concern for the quality of care for the autistic children, the quality of teaching for all children in the classroom, and in general, concern for the amount of stress that would be placed on an already strained educational system.

Secondly, therapists and parents in support of the Now or Then movement are asking government to consider the fact that not addressing autistic children's therapy and support needs now will put a very significant strain on society in the future. Children who do not acquire the necessary social, emotional and educational skills to help them integrate into society successfully and productively as adults, create the need for specialized care when parents can no longer care for their adult autistic children. Research states that one child in sixty-eight (68) is autistic. This is a statistic that we as Canadian parents and government cannot ignore.

Please take some time to educate yourself on the pending legislation, and on behalf of the KCA families who face very uncertain and distressing times, please consider contacting your MPP or the Premier's office directly, or sign a petition voicing your concerns regarding this legislation. Copies are available in our school office as well as at the NRCC Welcome Desk.

For the love of Family,

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Mrs. Major

Principal, Kleinburg Christian Academy