

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: Prayer and Praise

“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of...” If you believe this, and you want to see our church, our community and our world transformed by the power of God, then “Prayer and Praise” is for you! This group meets in the sanctuary every Sunday evening from 7:00 - 8:00PM to offer praise and thanksgiving to our wonderful God in prayer and song, and to intercede together. As you offer Him a sacrifice of your prayer, and one hour of your time, you’ll be participating in the most powerful activity on earth – meeting with the King of Kings!

Eye on Outreach: Mission for Advancing Theological Education and Friends Committed to Caring

M.A.T.E. was born in 1985 out of one man’s love for the Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to see Bible Schools and Seminaries better equipped with much needed books that could enrich the lives of men and women preparing for ministry.

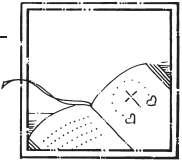
M.A.T.E. has served over 140 institutions in 41 countries over the years with theological books sent to Bible Colleges and Seminaries of developing countries, pastoral training, ladies seminars and conferences, youth and children’s ministries, as well as medical clinics.

The 4TH Saturday of each month at 7:00PM is the monthly prayer meeting. They’d love to have you. As in the past they will still welcome theological books. They have been seeking additional Board members, and office assistance too. For more information go to www.matefcc.org.

Did You Know?

- In addition to being our “Minister-at-Large,” our speaker this morning, John McAuley, is the President of the Muskoka Woods Sports Resort.
- Rob Dean is preaching this morning at Byron United Covenant Church in London, Ontario.

The Week at a Glance

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| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | Women’s Bible Study – 9:30AM Alpha – 6:30PM Marriage Course – 6:30PM Jr. High – 7:00PM |  |
| Wednesday | Club House – 6:45PM The YG – 7:30PM | |
| Thursday | Choir Rehearsal – 7:30PM | |
| Friday | Youth: THE BATTLE – 7:30–11:00PM | |
| Saturday | | |
| Sunday | Convergence – 9:00AM Worship Service – 10:30AM International Dinner – 5:30PM Annual Meeting – 7:00PM | |

Financial update to end of October 2008

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| General fund offerings July 1 – Oct 31 | \$75,353 |
| Budget | \$92,600 |
| Other income (rentals, Day Camp) | \$20,968 |
| Total Income July 1 – Oct 31 | \$96,321 |
| Total expenses July 1 – Oct 31 | (\$99,401) |
| Amount expenses exceed income at end of Oct | (\$3,080) |

General fund offerings for November

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| Our monthly budget requirement for 2008 /2009 | \$23,150 |
| Offerings to November 9, 2008 | \$22,065 |

Elders: Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx
Staff: Terri Barker - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Pastoral Associate, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children’s Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

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Sunday, November 16, 2008

Welcome & Greeting - *David Schuchardt*

Silent Prayer

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise

Prayer and Song of Confession

“Standing Steadfast in Hope” - Prayer for GSCC
- *Choral Group*

Choral Reflection:
“In the Shadow of Your Wings” - *Leavitt*

The Presentation of Gifts - *Terri Barker*

Offertory

Song of Offering: “We Are an Offering”

Children’s Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: Luke 12:13-34 - *Maureen Oulton*

Message: “Sensible Advice for Senseless Fools”
- *John McAuley*

Theme: “Reframe: Seeing the Kingdom Come”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - *Chris Platteel*

Communion Praise

Blessing

Life and Ministry of the Church

ClubHouse Leaders Meeting

After service on November 23RD, there will be a short meeting to plan our Christmas Family Night. Leaders, your "two cents worth" is important!

Matching Gift Update

Matching Gift Update as of November 9, 2008. Pledges received: \$16,395.00; actual donations received toward matching gift: \$11,450.00.

Our sincere thanks to all who have pledged and donated over and above their regular offering. Remember that the matching gift is up to \$25,000, so there is still an opportunity to provide additional pledges and donations.

Christmas Poinsettias

This year our sanctuary decorations will include red poinsettias. You may purchase one or more of these in memory of a loved one. All memorial gifts will be published on Sunday, December 21ST. To order, please fill out the poinsettia envelope, including payment in cash or cheque (payable to Good Shepherd Church) and place it in the offering plate. All orders must be received by November 30TH.



Youth : THE BATTLE

Do you enjoy a good competition amongst friends? Well, this night will involve fun, competition and the unexpected. Rules will change, new games to be tried and old games revisited. **Date:** Friday, November 21ST; **Time:** 7:30-11:00PM; **Cost:** \$5

Breath Prayer for the Week of November 16

I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
(Psalm 139:14)

Annual Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 23 at 7:00PM

The annual Meeting will be held following the International Dinner. The business of the meeting will be as follows: Approval of the audited Statement; Appointment of the Auditor for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; Election of the Board of Directors; Acceptance of the Annual Report; Report from the Board of Elders; Report from the Pastoral Relations Committee; Election of Congregational representatives on the Nominations Committee; Election of the Chair and Secretary of the congregation; any other items that may properly come before the meeting.

Christmas Hampers

Christmas is fast approaching! While Care House is no longer operating a food bank from the church, there are still families in the neighborhood who look to Good Shepherd for help at Christmas time. In response to this need, we would like to be able to continue the tradition of giving Christmas Hampers. The final assembling and distributing will take place on Wednesday, December 17TH. If you would like more information or would like to help but were unable to attend the meeting on Nov. 9TH, you can talk to Vi Lucas at 416-447-1770.



Mark Your Calendars

...for the Ali Matthews Christmas concert here at Good Shepherd on Friday, December 12. Ali gave us a memorable presentation last year, and this will be a launch concert for her new Christmas CD. Tickets are available TODAY. Plan now not to miss this excellent evening in our Kaleidoscope event series.

Visit the Good Shepherd Web site at www.gsc.ca to listen to past messages and services.

Prayer and Praise

Please Pray For:

Dearly beloved members of our Good Shepherd family who are not able to be with us regularly for health reasons: **Bob Bell, John Boddy, Stan Branch, Cathy Cooke, Jessie Geddes, Norma Jackson, Irene White, Portia Wilkinson, Al Yuill Sarah Normore** for healing and strength of body and spirit as she recovers from surgery and awaits further test results. **Joanna and Edward Kim and family** as they mourn the passing of Joanna's brother Jung Choi. **Louise Daniel and family**, as they mourn the passing of Luther Daniel, a long time member of Good Shepherd. **Bob Bell**, who has been on a waiting list for months for a single room at Bridgepoint. He needs a private room due to his infection and single rooms are few. **Debi Radin**, as she adjusts to full working days after her successful treatment for cancer. **Many of our Good Shepherd family who are mourning deaths of loved ones. Remember especially Carol Smith and Lil Brown at the one-year anniversary of the deaths of their husbands.**

We Give Thanks For:

The initial generous response to the Good Shepherd matching gift financial campaign.
An amazing Alpha weekend at Jackson's Point, where the Spirit of the Lord moved mightily.
Ev England, who has rejoined us in worship after her knee surgery

Please notify the church office (office@gsc.ca) if you have a praise item that you would like to see included in this section.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Les & Joan Howell

Ila Hunter

Mark, Susie and Owen Ibbotson