

SPOTLIGHT

Eye on Outreach: Pregnancy Care Centre

We all have some understanding of the difficult position of an unplanned pregnancy at various life stages. These are some of the things a Pregnancy Care Centre counsellor will help clients deal with in coming to a decision of how to deal with the pregnancy:

- personal beliefs, values and practices
- assessing existing relationships and the support available
- evaluating financial and social realities
- living conditions and life circumstances
- examining feelings about becoming a mother and a parent
- exploring spiritual, religious and cultural beliefs
- considering others' reactions.

While a counsellor will remain non-judgemental, they can present Christian values and solutions and will offer assistance and support.



Prayer of St. Anselm

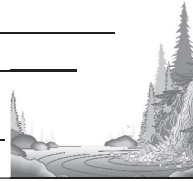
Teach me to seek thee, and reveal thyself to me, when I ask thee, for I cannot seek thee, except thou teach me, nor find thee, except thou reveal thyself. Let me seek thee in longing, let me long for thee in seeking; let me find thee in love, and love thee in finding. ... I long to understand in some degree thy truth, which my heart believes and loves. For I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand.



~ *Proslogium, Chapter I*

The Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	Summer Book Club – 7:30 PM
Wednesday	Jr. High & YG – 7:00 PM Praise & Prayer – 7:30 PM
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	Too Hot to Handle / Christianity 101 – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Financial update to end of June, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – June 30, 2009	\$239,184
Budget	\$277,800
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$84,223
Total Income July 1 – Jun 30	\$323,407
Total expenses July 1 – Jun 30	(\$324,624)
Amount expenses exceeds income at end of June	\$1,217

General fund offerings for July

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to July 19, 2009	\$14,804

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x25	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
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Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 27	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
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Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca	Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca

Pastoral Team: Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

Elders: Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

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Good Shepherd Community Church

Sunday, July 26, 2009

*Welcome - Carol Smith

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (#8)

Scripture: Psalm 14 - Chris Platteel

Prayer of Confession

*Hymn: "And Can it Be?" (#203)

*The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory - Wes Jackson

Doxology

Children's Ministry

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture:

Romans 5:6-11; John 8:48-59 - Jean Miller

Message: "Fool's Gold" - Rob Dean

Question: Does God even exist?

Theme: "When Skeptics Ask"

Passing the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Praise

Blessing & Commissioning

*Late arrivals will be seated at marked sections of the service.

Those wishing to receive prayer ministry are welcome to come to the couches at the back of the sanctuary after receiving communion.

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Life and Ministry of the Church

Welcome!

A warm welcome to those visiting or here for the very first time. Whether a long-time follower of Jesus Christ or exploring for the first time, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Welcome card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know of your visit. If there is any way we can assist you, do not hesitate to contact one of the pastoral team.



The Great Reclamation Project

Over time people using our facilities have left many items behind, both in the coat room and the kitchen. If you didn't notice, these items are on a table in the foyer today. Please stop at the table and claim items you recognize.

Questions Too Hot to Handle – Sundays at 9 AM

This class explores questions left unanswered from the sermon series, "When Skeptics Ask." Each week we'll discuss the previous Sunday's theme and any new questions arising from the sermon topics. The next question will be, "Does God Even Exist?" Come discover more about who God is and how he desires to interact with us in the world. No question is Too Hot to Handle!

Christianity 101 – Sundays at 9 AM

Christianity 101 is a 10-week exploration of the basics of the Christian journey, the importance of the sacraments and how they relate to our faith. An opportunity will be given in early September for those who wish to be baptized.

Summer Book Club – twice monthly on Tuesdays

We are reading "Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear" by Scott Bader-Saye, meeting at 7:30 PM on the following Tuesdays: July 28; August 11, 25. Copies of the book are available at the Reading Post and the reading schedule will be on the Welcome Table.

Upcoming Events – Please mark your calendars

Sixth Annual Community BBQ – Saturday,

September 12TH, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
(setup starts at 8:30 AM)

Alpha Kick-off Banquet – Tuesday,

September 22ND, 6:30 PM

Ordination Service – Sunday, September 27TH, 7:00 PM

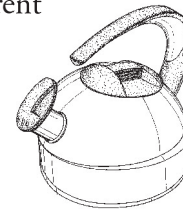


Summer at KidsLand

Kids Land will be spending SUMMER ON THE WATER. As often as weather permits, we will be outside learning about stories from the Bible that involve water and having fun with water. Please dress your children for active and WET play (clothes and footwear). Please protect your children with sunhats and sunscreen.

Coffee Makers and Kettles

If you have a working drip coffee maker or kettle you are no longer using, we would be happy to take it off your hands sometime before the fall. Our current ones have run out of steam and we're looking for a few to replace them – but just a few. If you can help us in this small way, we would be very grateful.



Staff Notes

◦ Sharon Tam will return from vacation on August 2. Please pray for a refreshing and relaxing time away. Pray also that Sharon would have the opportunity to share the Gospel with some of her relatives that she and Henry will be visiting.

Visit the Good Shepherd Web site at www.gsc.ca to listen to past messages and services or to sign up for any of our e-mails lists (announcements, prayer requests, or CVC updates).

Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY:** Jean Miller, who works behind the scenes to manage the offering envelopes and tax receipts for the congregation. Praise the Lord for her diligence and continued energy to do this essential work and for her willingness to serve.
- ♦ **TUESDAY:** Summer Book Club group, as they continue to discuss how to thoughtfully follow Christ without fear in our time. Pray for Dave Schuchardt and Rob Dean as they try to facilitate open and inviting dialogue.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY:** Christianity 101 facilitators (Sharon Tam, Rob Dean), that their walk of faith would continue to grow during this Convergence class and that their personal relationship with God be nourished and stimulated in teaching about the faith.
- ♦ **THURSDAY:** Stan Branch, one of our beloved members who is unable to attend regularly due to health issues. Thank the Lord for the blessed promise to be with us through difficult times and that thousands of saints stand as proof that he will never leave us or forsake us.
- ♦ **FRIDAY:** Tyndale University College & Seminary. Thank God for their faith and commitment to the mission of enriching students' minds, hearts and character to serve the church and the world. Pray for the students, teachers and staff as they continue to work through the summer in their pursuit of truth and excellence.
- ♦ **SATURDAY:** Civic Holiday, that we may have eyes to see and minds to understand the marvelous works of the Almighty God. Pray that we may know God through His handiwork and use His creations to His glory.
- ♦ **SUNDAY:** Christ the living bread. Thank God for giving Christ to be the life of the world. Pray for a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve continually.

Please notify the church office (office@gsc.ca) if you have a prayer request.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Grace Dai & John Zhong

Louise Daniel

Joel, Virginia & Charles De Ocampo