

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: Fall Preaching Series

This Fall during Sunday morning worship, we will be embarking upon a preaching series through the book of 1 Thessalonians. The series will draw upon the giftings of the various preachers in our congregation who have served so faithfully over the past several years. The church at Thessalonica was known for its relational vitality, spiritual maturity, and acts of service. 1 Thessalonians is generally regarded to be the oldest book in the New Testament, and its emphasis is upon how Christians should live in the face of the imminent return of Jesus Christ and how we should



strengthen one another in our lives together to be of great worth as we seek to follow the Lord's leading as Good Shepherd Community Church.

Eye on Outreach – Andrea & Matthew Vaughan

With schools out, Andrea is on summer hours but the shorter days are busier with older kids. Pray for the staff as they deal with the extra numbers and more-demanding age groups. Pray for increased energy for Andrea in these busy weeks. The Centre took a trip to the beach, which was a great success. For many of the ladies and children this was their first time at the sea side. Matt's English classes have ended for the summer but will resume in September, shortly after Ramadan. Andrea will be going on a five day camping retreat for 11-18 year olds on August 13TH. Prayers for safety, energy, and the development of good relationships with the youth would be appreciated. Their recent trip to Pakistan has confirmed the Lord is calling them there. Please join with Andrea and Matthew in prayer as they seek to discern specifics surrounding timeline and location. They are currently planning to depart England next summer. Please pray for their financial support as more will be needed before leaving.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	
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

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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 Offerings to July 26, 2009	\$21,238

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x25	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Rob Dean	Rob@GSCC.ca x23	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 27	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
Melissa Weigel	Office@GSCC.ca x 22	A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
		Executive	Executive@gscc.ca
General Inquiries	Office@GSCC.ca	Youth leaders	Youth@gscc.ca x 26
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, August 2, 2009

*Welcome & Greeting - *Rob Dean*

*Song of Gathering - *Praise Team*

Opening Prayer - *Nigel Chang*

*Praise

*The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory - *Courtney Liu*

Prayers of the People - *Yvonne Watson*

Children's Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: Genesis 4 - *Gertie D'Silva*

Message - *David Schuchardt*

Question: "Where did Cain get his wife from?"
and other Genesis conundrums"
Theme: *When Skeptics Ask*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Praise

Blessing & Commissioning

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

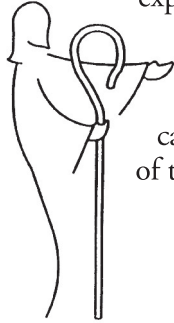
Those wishing to receive prayer ministry are welcome to come to the couches at the back of the sanctuary after receiving communion.

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.



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.

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, “Where did Cain get his wife from?” and other Genesis conundrums.” 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.

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

Safety Warning

Over the last couple of months, two young children have brought adults a pill they have found on the carpet near the washrooms. It is timely for all of us to be reminded of the care with which we need to handle medications in all settings to ensure the continued safety of our children.

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: August 11, 25. Copies of the book are available at the Reading Post. The reading schedule is on the Welcome Table.

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 Tuesday, August 4.
- Barb Constable returns from vacation Tuesday, August 4.

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: August, “the month of harvest.”** Pray that God will bless our country’s farmers with abundant crops and secure their livelihoods for the coming years.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Kidsland leaders (Carol Smith and many others).** Pray that God would give them creativity and love to be able to nurture and invest in the next generation.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Stevenson Solanki,** as he has begun custodial work for the church. Thank God for his willing heart and hardworking ethic. Pray for energy and support as he learns a new job.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Irene White,** 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: Pregnancy Care Centre,** which offers emotional and spiritual support to those facing unplanned pregnancies. Pray as they provide a safe, compassionate place for people to find help that they will obtain the required funding to continue to provide this to clients for free.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Audio/Visual Team.** Pray that God would use them to support the worship ministries as they serve in this behind-the-scenes, yet vital, way.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: The Lord of continual mercy.** Pray that He may cleanse and defend His Church. Pray for protection that the Lord govern the Church always by His goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Rob & Melissa Dean
Glenda Deigan, Monica, Christopher,
Veronica, Victoria & Vanessa Wappel
Jim, Ruta, Larisa & Luke D’Hondt*