

SPOTLIGHT

Eye on Outreach: Yonge Street Mission

As a not-for-profit Christian faith community, Yonge Street Mission acknowledges that every person is created in the image of God and has inherent value and dignity. They assist as many people as possible to experience full participation in society. They do this first by responding to basic human needs. They inspire people to achieve their full potential. They offer services, programs and networks which enable the needy to improve their lives and assist in breaking the cycle of poverty. YSM provides opportunities for people to hear and respond to the gospel, encouraging them to participate in the life of their community. YSM does all this with committed and qualified staff and volunteers and the partnerships they build with churches, individuals, agencies, governments and businesses.

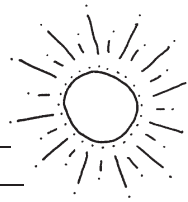


Did You Know ...

This year marks the 500TH anniversary of the birth of the great Protestant Reformer John Calvin. Recently, our own Carol Smith travelled with the Ontario Presbyterian Chorus to Geneva, the site of much of Calvin's life and ministry. Calvin has the following to say about today's sermon topic: "But we ought not to omit Jesus' descent into hell, a matter of no small moment in bringing about redemption. ... This much is certain: that it reflected the common belief of all the godly; for there is not one of the fathers who does not mention in his writings Christ's descent into hell, though their interpretations vary. ... If any persons have scruples about admitting this article into the Creed, it will soon be made plain how important it is to the sum of our redemption: if it is left out, much of the benefit of Christ's death will be lost."

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



Financial update to end of July, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – July 31, 09	\$21,759
Budget	\$25,000
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$62,490
Total Income July 1 – July 31	\$84,249
Total expenses July 1 – July 31	(\$43,956)

General fund offerings for August

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to August 23, 2009	\$15,419

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
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
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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, August 30, 2009

* **Welcome & Greeting** - *Murray Lahn*

* **Call to Worship** - *Praise Team*

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 6

* **Songs of Praise**

* **Children's Ministry** - *Carol Smith*

* **Life and Ministry of the Church**

Scripture: Acts 2:22-36 - *Maureen Oulton*

* **Message:**

"How Far Would You Go For Someone You Love?"

- *Rob Dean*

Question: "Did Jesus go to Hell?"

Theme: "When Skeptics Ask"

* **The Presentation of Gifts**

* **Offertory Hymn:** "Worship Christ the Risen King"
(#225)

* **The Apostles' Creed**

* **The Sacrament of Holy Communion** - *Sharon Tam*

* **Communion Praise**

* **Blessing & Commissioning**

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

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.

6th Annual Community BBQ – Sat Sept 12TH

Join us on Saturday, Sept 12TH for the 6TH Annual GSCC BBQ. Help us greet our neighbours, give them a hot dog and drink, and tell them what Good Shepherd is all about. The BBQ runs from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, and we need LOTS of help! Flyer delivery will be Sept 6TH after church, when we'll distribute nearly 5000 flyers and posters into this community. On the following Saturday, setup starts at 8:30 AM; we also need people to help clean up. Most of all we need people to help serve and greet. We are also looking for prizes! If you, or your company would like to donate a prize for our "Lucky Draw," please let us know. See Murray or Nancy Lahn for more details.

ACSA Food Bins

Our ongoing food donation collection in the foyer bin continues. Items to donate include any non-perishable food item (canned foods, soup, rice, pasta, etc.). While shopping at the grocery store, please consider those in the community who use the Agincourt Community Services Association food bank.

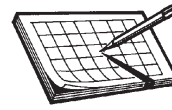
Called to Care 2009! – Ready for Pick-Up

We are happy to announce that the new Called to Care is now available on the Welcome Table. Feel free to take one copy per household, with a suggested donation of \$2. Please use it as a tool to stay connected with each other. Also please be reminded to contact Melissa in the office if any of your contact information changes.

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)



Clubhouse Kick-off – September 16TH, 2009, 6:45 PM

Alpha Kick-off Banquet – Tuesday, September 22ND, 6:30 PM

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

Alpha – Starts on Tuesday, Sept 22ND

The next Alpha Introductory Banquet will be Tues., Sept. 22ND at 6:30 PM. Bring friends, neighbours and co-workers to this wonderful meal and video, "*Is there more to life than this?*" Invite them for the ONE night. If they choose, they can sign up for the full 10-week course running Tuesday nights from 6:35 PM to 9:20 PM. See www.gsc.ca/alpha.htm for full details and a brochure (also in the foyer today). For more info, or if you plan to bring someone to the wonderful roast beef dinner, please advise Nancy Lahn or send an e-mail to Alpha@gsc.ca.

Alpha II – A Life Worth Living

For those who've taken Alpha and would like something more, we're offering the follow-up study, "*A Life Worth Living*," a study of the book of Phillipians. Alpha II runs at the same time as Alpha and is a great opportunity to have further study yourself when you bring a friend to Alpha.

New Carpet & Lighting for the Sanctuary

Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, we are able to replace the carpet and lights in the sanctuary, beginning Mon., Aug. 31ST for two weeks. On Sept. 6TH and 13TH we'll be meeting for worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at our regular 10:30 AM time; the children's program will take place in the boardroom and R4Y room.

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: Our church building.** Pray that the repairs to our sanctuary be done with care and good workmanship. Also thank the Lord for the generosity of the donor who supplied the finances to bring this project to fruition. Pray for the timeliness of the work, and that the ministries of the church will continue to run smoothly during this time.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Upcoming fall ministries.** Pray for the pastors and leaders as they plan and begin to execute the fall programs at Good Shepherd. Pray for the Lord's guidance, and sensitivity to the needs of the congregation and community. Also pray for people to be called to ministry and that the Lord grant them the faith to move to action.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Muskoka Woods.** Pray that as they close out the season, the staff would feel a sense of gratitude for what the Lord has done in their lives and those of the campers.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Cathy Cooke,** 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 he will never leave us or forsake us.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: Missionfest.** Pray for people to donate funds and keep the heartbeat of MissionFest in Toronto alive for its 15TH anniversary in 2010. Also pray for the Lord's leading in choosing speakers, exhibitors and organizations for next year's MissionFest, and favour with their new venue.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Our dear friend, Bob Bell** passed away two weeks ago. Please continue to pray for the Bell family (Angela, Nicole and Daniel) during this difficult time.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Almighty Lord,** thank you for the greatness of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Jeremy & Kathy Giesbrecht

Julie Gold

Hongmei Wang; Joe & Sunny Guo