

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry Focus: Community Barbecue

For the past 6 years Good Shepherd has been hosting a free Community BBQ in our parking lot. The BBQ is totally free and includes hot dogs, drinks, face painting, music, an inflatable party bouncer, games and the highlight – a “Lucky Draw” where guests submit their names and contact information in order to get a chance to win one of nearly 300 prizes graciously donated by the local businesses. While the guests are awaiting the prize draws, Good Shepherd folks mingle and talk to them and introduce them to the ministries and programs at Good Shepherd, like the Alpha Course, Club House, Youth Groups, College & Careers, and a host of others. From this event we typically have gotten 40 or so people attending the Fall Alpha and have had many other ministries get other attendees as well.

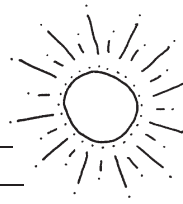
The first year (2004) we served 900 hot dogs and drinks. This has steadily grown to 1,500 last year and this year we have planned for 1,800. All this comes about through the delivery of nearly 5,000 flyers and posters to the homes and businesses in the area as well as other advertising. We cannot do this event without the help of a great number of individuals and we hope that you will be one who helps us again this year.

Eye on Outreach: 2009 Prayer Walk

This year approximately 20 people walked in our community and prayed for the homes, the people in them, and the neighbourhood around them. We walked the streets in a ¾ mile radius of the church and prayed for 685 homes and delivered 475 cards informing them of our prayers. We have prayed that basic needs will be met and that the people would come to know Christ or strengthen an already existing relationship. We also prayed that we as a congregation at Good Shepherd would be open to loving and serving our surrounding community in new and helpful ways as the Lord leads. Remember to continue to pray for the people in our neighbourhood as you come

The Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	Jr. High YG – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Welcome Team meeting – 7:30 PM The YG – 7:30 PM
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Community BBQ – 11:30 AM
Sunday	Too Hot to Handle / Christianity 101 – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Staff Vacations

Carol Smith will be on holidays for the next two weeks. She will be traveling and staying with Rosemary Laffan's family in England.

Rob Dean is away this weekend visiting relatives with Melissa in Iowa.

General fund offerings for August

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to August 30, 2009	\$19,068

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
Melissa Weigel	Office@GSCC.ca x 22	A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
		Executive	Executive@gsccl.ca
General Inquiries	Office@GSCC.ca	Youth leaders	Youth@gsccl.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

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Sunday, September 6, 2009

* **Welcome & Greeting** - *Dave McCready*

Call to Worship

* **Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer of Approach and Confession - *Sharon Tam*

* **Praise**

* **The Presentation of Gifts**

* **Offertory** - *Barb Constable & Margaret Rowe*

* **Doxology**

* **Commissioning Our New Youth Pastor**

* **Children's Ministry** - *Sarah Schuchardt*

* **Life and Ministry of the Church**

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:1-10 - *Henny Platteel*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

* **Message:**

“Church on Fire: The Macedonian Adventure”

- *Chris Platteel*

*“My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”*

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

The Ministry of Prayer

Blessing & Commissioning

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



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.

Club House Kick-off Carnival – Sept. 16 at 6:45

On Wednesday, September 16TH from 6:45 - 8:15 PM, Club House will be back to their usual fun to kick off the new Club House year. There will be games, popcorn, and balloons! This is the day to bring friends and let them see how much fun Club House is! This is an “Information Night” for parents. All are welcome to try it out for a few weeks before registering.



Called to Care Telephone Tree

The GSCC Prayer network is keeping many of our congregation informed about recent happenings and urgent prayer needs. For those who do not have email, a telephone network is being set up by Chris Platteel to ensure non-email members are informed of urgent news that happens during the week. Please add your name and telephone number to the Telephone Contact List on the table in the foyer. Also please contact Chris (416-298-3332 or cplatteel@gmail.com) if you are willing to participate in the network and call 3 to 5 church members.

Children’s Program During Sanctuary Renovation

Please be advised that KidsLand will continue for the two weeks of sanctuary renovations. They will be meeting upstairs in the Nursery, R4Y room and Sharon Tam’s office both today, September 6TH, and next Sunday, September 13TH.

6th Annual Community BBQ – THIS Sat, Sept 12TH

Join us on Saturday for the 6TH Annual GSCC BBQ. Help 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 is TODAY after church**, when we’ll distribute nearly 5000 flyers and posters into this community. On Saturday, setup starts at 8:30 AM; we also need people for clean up. Mostly we need people to help serve and greet. We’re also looking for prizes! If you or your company can donate a prize for our “Lucky Draw,” please let us know. See Murray or Nancy Lahn for more details.

Women’s Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 15TH at 9:30 AM. We’ll continue our study of Paul’s letters to Timothy and Titus. There’s a sharing and intercessory prayer time, ending around 11:00 AM. We welcome newcomers. Contact Jean Miller at 416-497-5072 for info.

Alpha – Starts on Tuesday, Sept 22ND

The next 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. They can choose to sign up for the full 10-week course, Tuesday nights from 6:35 PM to 9:20 PM. See www.gsc.ca/alpha.htm for details and brochure (also in the foyer today). 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.

Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY: Pastoral Team vacations.** Pray for safety and good health for Carol Smith and Rob and Melissa Dean as they travel to England and Iowa respectively.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Yonge Street Mission.** Pray for their urgent need for volunteers such as people to mentor youth entering into post-secondary education, people to drive seniors to day programs, help for the YSM church, security guards and collection drive volunteers. Pray the Lord would answer their needs.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Youth Pastor.** Praise God for providing Good Shepherd with a youth pastor to join us as we head into the fall season. Thank the Lord for his provision and timing, and for the gift of faith to go forward in finding a great match.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Norma Jackson,** 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: Community BBQ.** Pray that we have a fun, warm day of serving our community together. Pray for a huge turnout, and that we would have happy hearts to serve those around us and warmth in sharing who we are to others. Pray that the love of Christ be evident to all who come, eat, and learn more about us.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Bless the Lord** for a generous act of kindness and charity. Praise God for this wonderful surprise of a donation to renovate our sanctuary (lights and carpeting) and make it a comfortable and beautiful worship space.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Praise God** who makes us hunger and thirst for the right. Through Jesus, the Christ, the bread of life, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Jeff, Elaine, Rebecca, Aimee & Adam Hammond
Dorothy Hartling
John Harvey