

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: Convergence

This morning, the Fall session of Convergence kicked off with an amazing breakfast, wonderful discussion groups, and interesting topics. Convergence is about the people of God coming together to share in fellowship, being built up in faith, and being equipped to live fully integrated lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Fall session runs for 12 weeks and features courses that are: on the Bible (“Romans: Coming to Grips with God’s Gospel of Grace”), on current issues (“The Scandal of Evangelical Politics”), youth-specific (“Bridging the Generation Gap: Understanding Your Parents”), and seeker-oriented (“Christianity 101”). Coffee and tea will be served weekly. It’s not too late to join a class – all are welcome. Pick up a Convergence brochure from the Welcome Table and speak to a course facilitator or one of the pastors for more information.

Thoughtfully Responding to the Spread of H1N1

“Do not fear!” This phrase repeatedly resounds throughout the Bible (Psalm 56:4, Isaiah, 43:5, Luke 12:32, Rev. 1:17, etc.), calling God’s people to be a people who do not live under the controlling grip of fear. In light of this exhortation, it is important that we as a Church do not allow fear to dictate our response to recent pronouncements in the media about the H1N1 virus (swine flu). This does not excuse us, though, from taking thoughtful and compassionate measures to prevent the spread of illness. Therefore as part of GSCC’s response, hand-sanitizing stations will be set-up throughout the building. Please take the opportunity to sanitize your hands upon arriving and leaving and as often as needed during your time in the building. Please also be mindful of following proper handwashing techniques to prevent the spread of any germs.

Ordination

Ordination is an historic practice through which the Church has set apart leaders by invoking the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands. In ordination the candidate is set apart for particular ministry or service in the congregation (many Protestant traditions speak of ordination being to the ministry of word and sacrament). Ordination should not be confused with baptism, through which each Christian is set apart for Christian ministry or service.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	Prayer & Praise – 7:30 PM
Tuesday	Ladies’ Bible Study – 9:30 AM Alpha I / Alpha II – 6:30 PM Marriage Course – 6:30 PM
Wednesday	Club House – 6:45 PM Jr Highs & Sr Highs – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM

Financial update to end of August, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – August 31, 09	\$45,604
Budget \$50,000	
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$65,889
Total Income July 1 – Aug 31	\$111,494
Total expenses July 1 – Aug 31	(\$79,718)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of August	\$ 31,776

General fund offerings for September

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to September 20, 2009	\$14,792

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x 25	Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca
Rob Dean	Rob@GSCC.ca x 23	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 27	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Nigel Chang	Nigel@GSCC.ca x 26	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
Melissa Weigel	Office@GSCC.ca x 22	A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
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Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca

Pastoral Team: Nigel Chang - Youth Pastor, 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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Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Sunday, September 27, 2009

Welcome & Greeting - *Sharon Fiennes-Clinton*

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession - *Chris Platteel*

Litany of the Word

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs - *Praise Team*

The Presentation of Gifts - *Carol Smith*

Offertory - *Daniel & Tim Lahn*

Song of Offering

Children’s Ministry

Life and Ministry of the Church

Choral Reflection: “Ancient Words” – *Deshazo*

Scripture:

Acts 17:1-9 - *Rob Dean*

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 - *Peter Oulton*

Message:

“Church on Fire: God’s Word at Work”

- *Rebecca Idestrom*

Responding to God’s Word

Responding in Song

Blessing & Commissioning



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.

Alpha I, Alpha II & the Marriage Course – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

With a huge turnout at the Alpha Banquet last week, this week we are thrilled to begin the 10-week series, *“Is there more to life than this?”* Tuesdays, 6:35–9:20 PM. If you have already taken the Alpha course and would like something more, join us for the follow-up study, *“A life worth living,”* which studies the book of Phillipians. Alpha II runs at the same time as Alpha and is a great opportunity to further study when you bring a friend to Alpha. Also running again this fall will be the Marriage Course, which looks at how couples can build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. For more information on these programs, please see the brochures on the Welcome Table, speak to Nancy Lahn or send an email to Alpha@gsc.ca or Marriage@gsc.ca.



The Dead Sea Scrolls at the ROM

For only \$26, experience a once-in-a-lifetime happening on Thursday, Oct 29TH (6 or 8 PM) as Dr. Lawrence Schiffman, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University, comes to explain Israel at the Time of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Groups of 10 or more pay only \$23 per ticket. Sign up in the foyer if you are interested in trying to form a group of 10 to go together. As well, Dr. Craig Evans, world renowned Scrolls Scholar and New Testament Scholar, with Dr. Todd Johnson, Tom Davis, Glenn Packiam and Dr. Dorothy Peters, will be presenting a special seminar on the Dead Sea Scrolls on Saturday, October 31ST, from 9 AM – 12 PM (\$65 per ticket). Sign up in the foyer if you are interested.

Upcoming Events at GSCC

Sharon Tam's Ordination: TONIGHT,
7:00 PM
Convergence: Every Sunday, 9:00 AM
Kaleidoscope: Ali Matthews
Friday, October 16TH, 8:00 PM



Becoming a Contagious Christian

Becoming a contagious Christian is a 6-week evangelism training experience that will equip you to share your faith in a personal and natural style that fits you. Come and join us every other Sunday afternoon from 2-4 PM. Our first session will start next Sunday, Oct 4TH at 4:00pm at Sharon Fiennes-Clinton's place. For more information, talk to Sharon Tam at sharon@gsc.ca.

Called to Care Update

All who are interested in being in our Called to Care directory or needing to update their contact information are invited to contact Melissa in the office at 416-499-4890 or at office@gsc.ca with your new information. Please check the Welcome Table from time to time to pick up labels with new/updated info which can be added to your Called to Care. There are currently 3 updates available for your directories.

Prayer & Praise – changed to Mondays

Prayer & Praise has been changed to Monday nights at 7:30 PM from now on. We apologize for any confusion and anticipate this to be the final change.

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible Study has resumed on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. We're continuing 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.

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: Alpha Ministry.** Thank the Lord for such an encouraging turnout for the Alpha Banquet. Pray that those who came out would decide to continue with the 10-week series. Pray that both Alpha and Alpha II will be a real time of growth for all who are participating or helping.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Marty Fisher,** Allan Vander-Spek's Aunt. Thank the Lord that she is progressing after her surgery this past summer. Praise God for the continuous healing and her increasing mobility. Pray that she will gain her muscle strength again and can once again walk without a cane.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Children's Ministry.** Pray for Cathie Proulx, Sarah Schuchardt, and all the Club House leaders. Pray that God would give them new vision for the fall and that the children would meet Jesus and experience his love for them each week through these leaders.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Porzia Wilkinson,** 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: Food Banks at Agincourt Community Services Association.** Please pray that we can gather a huge donation of food to give to the ACSA food bank as Thanksgiving approaches. Pray that their program be fruitful in effectively dealing with hunger in our community.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Convergence.** Pray for the leaders as they prepare for another session of teaching (Henry Tam, Peter Oulton, Nigel Chang, David Schuchardt, Rob Dean, Nancy Lahn, Pauline Peneycad). Pray that they would be equipped in facilitating meaningful discussion with the participants.
- ♦ **SUNDAY:** Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and set us free from the chains of sin. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Anne Jack

Wes & Norma Jackson

Joan Fagnandan