

SPOTLIGHT

Eye on Outreach: Alpha

The Alpha programs are now well underway with both Alpha and Alpha II courses running this fall. At our Banquet night, on Sept 22ND, we had nearly 100 people in Fellowship Hall for a wonderful roast beef dinner! It was a great time of meeting and getting to know many of our neighbours and listening to their stories. After dinner, we watched the first video in the Alpha course together, following which the guests had the opportunity to sign-up for the full 10-week course. We are pleased to say that we have two small groups for Alpha and one for Alpha II. This past Tuesday we had approximately 75 people return, which is our best showing yet.

Continue to pray for the guests in the courses as they seek to learn more about Christianity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. For many, this is their first encounter with Christ and it is indeed a joy to walk with them as they wrestle with questions of faith and begin to come to an understanding of who Jesus is and what that means for their lives.



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.

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
Wednesday	Club House – 6:45 PM Jr Highs & Sr Highs – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	
Saturday	College & Careers – 7:30PM
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 27, 2009	\$18,640

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, October 4, 2009

Welcome & Greeting - *Natalie Nash*

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship - *Sharon Tam*

Hymn: “Jesus Shall Reign” (#231)

Opening Prayer - *Jane Clarke*

An Update From the Front Lines - *Margaret Rowe*

The Presentation of Gifts

Lament:

“Couldn’t Hear Nobody Pray” - *Krista Shugart*

Children’s Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 2:17 - 3:10 - *Sam Proulx & Nancy Lahn*

Message:

“Church on Fire: In More Ways Than One”

- *Rob Dean*

Choral Affirmation: “If God Be For Us” - *McCormick*

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Praise

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 and Alpha II – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

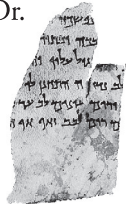
The 10-week Alpha series, *“Is there more to life than this?”* is now running on Tuesdays from 6:35–9:20 PM. If you have already taken the Alpha course and would like something more, join us for the follow-up study, *“A life worth living,”* which studies the book of Phillipians. Alpha II runs at the same time as Alpha and is a great opportunity to further study when you bring a friend to Alpha. For more information, please see the brochures on the Welcome Table, speak to Nancy Lahn or send an email to Alpha@gsc.ca.

Called to Care Update

Please contact Melissa in the office at 416-499-4890 or at office@gsc.ca if you have 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 three updates available for your directories.

The Dead Sea Scrolls at the ROM – Oct. 29TH & 31ST

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

Kaleidoscope: Ali Matthews: Friday,
October 16TH, 8:00 PM
**International Dinner &
Annual Meeting Sunday:** November 8TH



Ali Matthews Returns to Kaleidoscope! – Oct. 16TH

Friday, October 16TH, Ali Matthews will be returning to Good Shepherd to present a concert with her guitar accompanist extraordinaire, Rick Francis. Together, they create a captivating sound in a variety of musical styles. Ali has delighted our audiences with her previous appearances and we anticipate another fantastic evening. This would be a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to join you for our first Kaleidoscope event of the season. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, with a special household rate of \$40.

Convergence – Sunday Mornings at 9 AM

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 is served. It’s not too late to join a class – all are welcome. Pick up a brochure from the Welcome Table and speak to a course facilitator or one of the pastors for more information.

Becoming a Contagious Christian – BEGINS TODAY

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 begins today at 4:00 PM at Sharon Fiennes-Clinton’s home. For more information, talk to Sharon Tam at sharon@gsc.ca.

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:** Melissa Weigel & Terri Barker, who are volunteering on behalf of GSCC in a home build for Habitat for Humanity in Scarborough. Thank the Lord for the donations we have raised for this project. Also pray for the construction team for their safety.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Sharon Tam’s Ordination.** Praise God that we, the church, celebrated in God’s call on Sharon Tam’s life through ordaining her for ministry. Pray that she will serve the church as a shepherd, led by the Holy Spirit, with humility, grace and love. Thank God for her energy and passion for Christ and her willingness to serve His church.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Linda Baartse,** Executive Director of the Pregnancy Care Centre, as she and her family mourn the loss of Linda’s husband, James. Pray for comfort and peace during this difficult time.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Ila Hunter,** 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: College & Careers.** Pray for Nigel Chang and the student executive leaders (Julie, John, Tim and Jordan) as they jump into fall programming. Pray that the group this year would have a wonderful season learning and having fun.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: October is Breast Cancer awareness month.** Pray for advancement of medicine and research in preventing breast cancer and further education on the issue in Canada. Also pray that the sovereign Lord would intervene in the lives of those who have been touched by this disease.
- ♦ **SUNDAY:** God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, nourish in us all goodness and graft in our hearts love for your name and tender mercy.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Ruth Jameson

Julie, Jeremiah & Simon Julien-Lee

Edward, Joanna, Michelle & Andrew Kim