

## SPOTLIGHT

### Ministry in Focus: Club House for Parents

This is a new ministry for everyone interested in exploring some of the issues involved in raising children. The focus of the group will be on supporting Christian parents and addressing interests that are of particular interest to them, but the group is open to anyone who is involved in caring for children (e.g. parents, grandparents, family members, caregivers, children's workers, etc.). The group will meet once a month from October through May on Wednesday evenings while kids are attending Club House. In October Robyn Allin will address the issue of Christian kids in public schools, in November Chris Schryer will talk about keeping kids safe on the internet, and in December there will be a family event centered around keeping the focus on Jesus during the holiday season. Participants will be invited to submit requests for future topics/subjects to be addressed. Each evening's format will be dessert and coffee, a half hour presentation by a guest, and time for questions and follow-up. In addition to providing helpful information to parents, this group will also provide an opportunity for parents to meet each other and develop support networks, as well as providing an opportunity for members of the congregation to share their area of expertise by contributing to the group as speakers.

### Eye on Outreach: Habitat for Humanity

World Habitat Day was designated by the United Nations this past week to reflect on the state of human settlements and the basic right to adequate shelter for all. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat. To pay tribute to this annual occasion, the Toronto Habitat affiliate held several events over the course of the week, including the Faith Leader's Build. The 7TH annual build was held on Monday, at Habitat for Humanity Toronto's Hainford Build (20 Hainford Street) where GSCC was represented by Melissa Weigel and Terri Barker (who won the title of "Hammer Queen" for finishing first in the nail-driving competition).



## The Week at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	Prayer & Praise – 7:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ladies' Bible Study – 9:30 AM Alpha I / Alpha II – 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Club House – 6:45 PM Parent Group – 7:00 PM Jr Highs & Sr Highs – 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Kaleidoscope: Ali Matthews – 8:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	College & Careers – 7:30PM
<b>Sunday</b>	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 October

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to October 4, 2009	\$4,998

### 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 32	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
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General Inquiries	Office@GSCC.ca	Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
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

### Good Shepherd Community Church

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*Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him*

Sunday, October 11, 2009

### Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome & Greeting ~ Margaret Barker

Call to Worship: Psalm 100 ~ Chris Lovatsis

Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (#559)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

~ David Schuchardt

Litany of Thanksgiving: Psalm 65

Choral Introit: "Hymn of Grateful Praise" – Carter

Children's Ministry ~ Carol Smith

Life and Ministry of the Church ~ Nigel Chang

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Message:

"Church on Fire: The Power of Prayer" ~ Sharon Tam

Reflection ~ Wes Jackson

Presenting Our Gifts ~ Rob Dean

Offering Our Praise

Doxology: "Give Thanks"

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.

### Club House for Parents

Join us this Wednesday, Oct 14<sup>TH</sup> – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM – for our new parents’ group! Following dessert and coffee, the guest speaker will be our own Robyn Allin, a retired elementary school principal. She’ll be speaking on the issues involved for Christian parents whose children attend public schools. There will be time for questions and discussion. Bring friends, grandparents, other relatives! This group is open to everyone.

### Called to Care Update

If you are new to the Good Shepherd Community and would like to publish your contact information in the called to care directory, you are welcome to contact Melissa Weigel who will create a label for you and put it on the front table in the foyer for people to pick up & stick into their directories. Please contact Melissa in the office at 416-499-4890 or at [office@gbcc.ca](mailto:office@gbcc.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.

### Tithing & Offering

We would like to encourage all who would like to tithe on a regular basis to GSCC of the options available to you outside of Sunday morning. There are two options: Pre-Authorized debit and Pre-numbered Offering Envelopes. Pre-Authorized debit is a convenient method of keeping your giving up-to-date; authorization forms are available on the Welcome Table. Simply complete the form and submit it to Melissa in the office. Pre-numbered offering envelopes offer privacy and convenience. These may be obtained by contacting Jean Miller at 416 497 5072.

### Upcoming Events at GSCC

**Kaleidoscope: Ali Matthews:**

This Friday at 8:00 PM

**International Dinner &**

**Annual Meeting Sunday:** November 8<sup>TH</sup>



### Ali Matthews Returns to Kaleidoscope this Friday at 8 PM

This Friday at 8:00 PM, Ali Matthews returns 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

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 at Sharon Fiennes-Clinton’s home. For more information, talk to Sharon Tam at [sharon@gbcc.ca](mailto:sharon@gbcc.ca).

Visit the Good Shepherd Web site at [www.gbcc.ca](http://www.gbcc.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: Thanksgiving Monday.** Praise God for the ample supply and access to food we have in this country and for the time available to spend with loved ones. Pray for those who are in need of food that they would be fed, find access to food and be able to share this holiday with others.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: GSCC’s new Club House Parent Group.** Pray for a great turnout and that those who participate will find it a time of fun and fellowship, and that it would easily become a place of support for parents and families.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Sharon Tam’s preaching ministry** as she preaches next Sunday at East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church. Pray that she may bring the Word of God to build up the body and teach of the Kingdom of God and that they may respond to the gospel with gladness.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Jesse Geddes,** 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: Ali Matthews and Rick Francis.** Pray for health and safety as they journey from Stratford to the concert on Friday, that they will be able to perform with ease and that the Spirit of God will bless those who hear their encouraging and inspirational music.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Pray for those who have lost loved ones.** Pray for God to minister healing, comfort and peace to those who are dealing with grief and loss. Also pray that they find comfort in a network of people to support and journey with them through this difficult time.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Everloving God,** your Son, Jesus Christ gave himself as living bread for the life of the world. Give us a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life.

Please notify the church office ([office@gbcc.ca](mailto:office@gbcc.ca)) if you have a prayer request.

### Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Stephen, Evelyn, Jonathan & Deborah Kudjerski*

*Rosemary Laffan*

*Murray, Nancy, Jordan, Timothy, Daniel & Bethany Lahn*