

SPOTLIGHT

Renewed Ministry at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd has long been a welcoming church, and we have continued to practise this ministry informally. Recently we have renewed our efforts in this area, being very intentional about welcoming everyone who comes to our worship services, whether newcomers or “regulars,” and creating an hospitable environment. After initiating the ministry over the summer, we embarked on a full-fledged Welcome Team ministry in September. We desire that everyone is greeted with a genuinely warm and friendly welcome, allowing them to feel the love and acceptance of God through the Good Shepherd family. We are grateful for the faithful, sincere service of those on the Welcome Teams, and if you would like to serve in this capacity, please speak to Don Marshall or Barb Constable.



Annual Meeting – Sunday Nov 8TH

On November 8TH we enjoyed a great time of fellowship over some FANTASTIC food at our international dinner. We followed up with our 29TH Annual Meeting at which we elected Dave McCready, Wes Jackson and Vi Lucas to the Board of Directors, Maureen Oulton as the Chair of the Congregation and Anne Jack as the Secretary of the Congregation. We reviewed and accepted the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2008-2009 and reappointed Nethercott and Company as our auditors for the fiscal year 2009-2010. We received the ministry reports for the year including the possibility for a prize to be won (as indicated in one of the reports). We were given an update on the Board of Elders and a pastoral update by Sharon Tam. Finally, a petition was circulated asking that GSCC be recognized as an independent religious organization. This will allow Rob Dean and Sharon Tam to become licensed by the Province of Ontario to perform marriages.

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 Parenting Group – 7:00 PM Jr Highs & Sr Highs – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	
Saturday	College & Career – 7:30 PM
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM Ministry Fair – 12:30 PM



Financial update to end of October

General fund offerings July 1 – Oct 31, 09	\$82,089
Budget	\$100,000
Other income (Rentals, Day Camp)	\$79,141
Total Income July 1 – Oct 31, 09	\$161,230
Total expenses July 1 – Oct 31, 09	(\$156,637)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of October	\$4,593

General fund offerings for November

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to November 8, 2009	\$8,198

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
Melissa Weigel	Office@GSCC.ca x 22	A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
		Executive	Executive@gscC.ca
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

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Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Sunday, November 15, 2009

Welcome - *Rob Dean*

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship - *Praise Team*

Prayer of Approach and Confession - *Barb Constable*

Songs of Praise [*Praise Team*]

The Presentation of Gifts - *Rej Proulx*

Offertory - *Debi Radin and Katherine Quinton*

Song of Offering

Children's Ministry

Choral Reflection:

“They Who Wait Upon the Lord” - *Nygard*

Scripture: **1 Thessalonians 5:12-22**

Message: “How Do I Keep My Spirits Up When I Sometimes Feel So Down?” - *Sharon Tam*

Commissioning of Directors

Passing the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Praise

Life & Ministry of the Church

Commissioning and Blessing

** Following communion, a prayer team will be present at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to receive the ministry of prayer.*



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.

Sale Today at the Reading Post

The Reading Post will be having a special sale today after the service! Buy one book and get the other book half price. Come see what is available after worship.

ACSA Food Bins

In an effort to partner with Agincourt Community Services Association to alleviate hunger in the community, we are housing an ongoing food donation bin in the foyer. Once full, it will be sent to ACSA and made available for more donations. 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 ASCA food bank.

Interested in Baptism or Membership?

Baptizo – “to dip or to plunge.” Have you ever wanted to plunge deeper in your experience with God? Do you have a yearning to dive completely into the love and grace of your Heavenly Father? If you are interested in finding out more about baptism and/or membership, one of the pastors would love to talk with you. Please see their contact information on the back page of the bulletin.

Christmas Kaleidoscope – December 4

Glen Soderholm and friends will present *A Moveable Feast Christmas* here at Good Shepherd on Friday December 4TH at 8:00 PM. Plan now to attend and to bring friends and family. If you would like to bring someone but cannot underwrite the cost yourself, please speak to Barb Constable about a “scholarship ticket.” Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$40 per household.

Upcoming Events

November 22: **Ministry Fair** – 12:30 PM
December 4: **Kaleidoscope: A Moveable Feast with Glen Soderholm** – 8:00 PM
December 11: **Youth All Nighter**
December 13: **Grief and Healing Service** – 7:00 PM
December 24: **Christmas Eve Service** – 7:30 PM

Praise and Prayer – Mondays at 7:30 PM

You are invited to join us Mondays at 7:30 PM for a time of praising God and a time of praying for individual needs and the ministries of this church. All are welcome. No experience necessary; if you are just learning to pray, you are welcome. God is not only pleased by our efforts to communicate with Him, He longs for that connection even more than we know. The Scripture reminds us, ‘*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*’ Jeremiah 33:3.

Parenting Group – This Wednesday

Everyone is invited this Wednesday from 7-8 PM in the Board Room, when we will consider the issue of keeping our children safe on the Internet. We begin with dessert and coffee followed by guest speaker, Chris Schryer. The Internet is a place filled with wonderful things for our children, but also many dangers. With over a decade of experience in web development, Chris brings a wealth of knowledge regarding safe use of a variety of web-based applications, from social networking (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to community games (WebKinz, World of Warcraft, etc.) to safe browsing of the Web. Chris is married, and the proud father of Ben (15 months old).

Ministry Fair – Next Sunday

You are invited to attend a Ministry Fair after our worship time next Sunday. Many of the ministries here at GSCC will have displays to introduce you to their work and to how you might make a contribution. A light snack will be available to munch on while you visit. Plan on joining us in Fellowship Hall for an interesting time together.

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

- ♦ **SUNDAY: Communion Visitations.** Pray that God would bless those who are not able to participate in regular worship through those who are making visits this next week. Pray that they would be encouraged, comforted and richly blessed this week and ongoing.
- ♦ **MONDAY: Board of Elders.** Pray that as a group they would be centered on the Trinity shown in the love of the Father, the grace revealed in the person of Christ and the unity of the Spirit.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Rob Dean,** who will be preaching at Tyndale chapel today. Pray that the Holy Spirit would anoint his preparation and that his words would challenge and encourage the students and faculty to go deeper in their walk with the Lord.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Parenting Group.** Pray that the Lord would be present in the midst of these meetings and all those who are unfamiliar with the faith may experience the rich blessing of fellowship and conversation in the presence of the Lord.
- ♦ **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: Rej Reimer and his ministry in Vietnam.** Praise God for bringing approx. 300,000 Hmong people to faith. Pray also for God to meet the need of theological trainers to teach these new believers.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Welcome Teams.** Praise God for their wonderful presence on Sunday mornings to bless and warm the hearts of all who come to the church. Thank God for their ministry of hospitality, kindness and cheer every week.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Gord & Kay MacGilchrist
Eric, Cathy Zhang & Linda Mao
Donald & May Marshall*