

## SPOTLIGHT

### The Season of the Cross at Good Shepherd

On Ash Wednesday, the church marks an important transition, beginning the great cycle of Easter that extends from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. The season of Lent is not primarily a meditation on the suffering and cross of Christ; this is saved for Holy Week. Although Lent is frequently associated with various clichés connected with giving something up, it is better to think of Lent as a season for taking something on in the form of distinct corporate and individual spiritual disciplines that prepare the people of God for the remembrance of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection during Holy Week. (Examples of these corporate disciplines at Good Shepherd include our regular Sunday worship services during the Season of the Cross, our special Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services, and our journey together through the Scriptures with our Lenten devotional booklet, "Signs of Grace." Individual disciplines may include prayer, fasting, and setting aside time and resources for those in need.)

It is this emphasis upon participation in the life, suffering, death, resurrection, and Spirit-giving of Jesus Christ that has informed our use at Good Shepherd of the more descriptive title "The Season of the Cross" alongside the traditional title of Lent (which in Latin simply means "spring"). Historically, the season of Lent has been a time of preparation for baptism in the life of the Church. For new Christians who are baptized on Easter, Lent is a time to prepare for their new identity in Christ. For those who have been baptized, it is a time of self-examination so that they might reclaim their identity as those who have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life.

As we enter into this season of preparation and make our way towards the cross and empty tomb, we invite you to join us on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 PM for our Ash Wednesday worship service and encourage you to pick up your copy of this year's Lenten devotional booklet, "Signs of Grace" this morning in the foyer following the service (there is a suggested contribution of two dollars to help cover the cost of production).

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## The Week at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	Prayer & Praise – 7:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ladies Bible Study – 9:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Club House – 6:45 PM Ash Wednesday Service – 7:30 PM YG – 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	College & Careers – 7:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



### Financial update to the end of January

Budget July 1-January 31, 2010	175,000
General fund offerings July 1-January 31, 2010	178,814
Other income (Rentals, Day Camp)	40,661
<b>Total income</b>	<b>219,475</b>
Total expenses July 1-January 31, 2010	(224,415)
<b>Amount income exceeds expenses</b>	<b>(4,940)</b>
Special offerings	55,433
Renovation expenditures	-22,870
Projector	-11,033
<b>Total income over expenditures</b>	<b>12,817</b>

### General fund offerings for February

Our monthly budget requirement (2009/2010)	\$25,000
Offerings to February 7, 2010	\$4,297

### 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, 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

Sunday, February 14, 2010

### The Season of Epiphany

Welcome & Greeting - Sharon Fiennes-Clinton

Opening Prayer - Sharon Tam

### Songs of Praise

"Thoughtfully Following Him in the World"

- Robyn Allin

### Children's Ministry

- Carol Smith, Jackie & Nigel Chang

Life & Ministry of the Church - Barb Constable

Choral Reflection: "At the Name of Jesus" - Berry

Scripture: John 3:16-17 - Sharon-Fiennes Clinton

Hebrews 11:1-16, 32-40 - Rej Proulx

### Message:

"In the World: An Olympian Challenge"

- Craig Shugart

The Presentation of Gifts - Peter Oulton

Offertory - Wes Jackson

### Doxology

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Songs of Thanksgiving

Special Presentation

Commissioning & 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.

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

## Life and Ministry of the Church

### Hello Kelly Concert – March 5<sup>TH</sup>

Our next Kaleidoscope event, Friday, March 5<sup>TH</sup>, will feature Hello Kelly, a Canadian pop-rock band that presents its concerts for listeners who don't know who they are or what they believe, and to encourage and challenge Kelly (their audience) to define their beliefs. They will be joined by another band, To Tell, which will be a great chance for all who like this genre of music to enjoy their up-beat power tunes and gentle string ballads. Tickets are available today.



### Parenting Group – February 24<sup>TH</sup>

Understanding your spouse, your child, or your parents is an important yet sometimes seemingly impossible responsibility of every family member. Lifelong family commitment requires that we discover ways of speaking and listening so that we can be heard and understood, even if perspectives may differ. Feb 24<sup>TH</sup> is an opportunity to come together and laugh together at our misunderstandings and to seek new ways of communicating together. This discussion will be based on Deborah Tanner's book: *"You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation."* Our special guests are Henry and Sharon Tam, two people well versed in misunderstanding each other, yet committed to loving each other despite the differences. The event will begin with refreshments at 7:00 PM in the upstairs lounge. The presentation and discussion will begin at 7:15 PM.

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – April 16-18<sup>TH</sup>

Do you like to eat? Have you ever wanted to get to know other people at Good Shepherd but weren't sure how to go about it? Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is an opportunity for you to invite some people over to your home, or to go to someone's home for a potluck meal. Set aside the weekend of April 16<sup>TH</sup>–18<sup>TH</sup> now, so you can enjoy table fellowship with other brothers and sisters at GSCC. Stay tuned for more details.

### Upcoming Events: Please Mark Your Calendars

February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 24	Parenting Group
March 31 - April 4	Holy Week Services
April 4	Easter



### Eye on Outreach: Matt and Andrea Vaughan

Our work in Luton goes on, with Matt teaching English to Pakistani and Egyptian males at the moment. Andrea is on maternity leave, but still pops in to the centre to see the women there. Currently, we are planning our move to Pakistan, now that Sam is born. We're hoping to study at All Nations Christian College from September this year and to be in Pakistan early next year, God willing. This means finding funding for our studies and ongoing funding for our future work – daunting, but we trust that God will go with us as we follow his call!

### At The Reading Post

#### "Uncle Tom's Cabin"

David Schuchardt's recent message awakened an interest in several people to read "Uncle Tom's Cabin." We have acquired a few copies that are available today for \$5.00.

### Buy Two/Get One Free Sale

How can we improve on our already-great prices? Give you one book for free when you buy two others! Please stop by and check out the selection of books which cover all ages and a broad range of topics.

### Income Tax Receipts

In order to save postage expense, your receipts will be available for pick up at the back of the sanctuary the next two Sundays – February 14 and 21. Receipts not picked up after the 21<sup>ST</sup> will be mailed. Please help us with this cost-cutting by picking up your receipt.

## Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY: Family Day** – Pray for family unity, for times of relaxation and good communication for this day and in the future.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Matt and Andrea Vaughan** – Praise God for the arrival of their first-born son, Samuel. Also, pray for ongoing funding for their studies and future work as they plan to move to Pakistan.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday** – Pray as we reflect and prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Pray that God would meet us and give direction as we seek him.
- ♦ **THURSDAY:** Pray for **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: College & Careers** – Pray that our youth remain devoted and faithful in seeking God during this Lenten season.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Pastoral team (Sharon Tam, Rob Dean, Carol Smith, Barb Constable, Nigel Chang, Melissa Weigel)**. Pray that the Lord will guide them in their leadership over their specific ministries at Good Shepherd. Pray that each would be encouraged to see the work of God in their midst.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Lent** – Pray that God pours out his grace on us as we begin this Lenten season and as we reach out to others with his love.

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



### Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Henry & Sharon Tam*

*Harry Tan*

*Michael, Genevieve, Joshua & Madelyn Teodori*

### Goodbye To Melissa our Church Administrator

We are sorry to announce that our Church Administrator, who has been with us for two years, is moving on to new adventures. Melissa has done a stellar job during her time with us, and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best as God unfolds his future plans to her.