

## Spotlight

### Spotlight on Missions: Prison Fellowship Canada

#### Did you know?

- 12% of the Canadian population has a criminal record
- 35,000 adults (approximately) are in jail on any one day
- 97% of the prison population is male
- 70% of female inmates have children

This year Prison Fellowship will be celebrating 30 years of prison ministry to inmates and their families. Across Canada they have 1,800 volunteers who faithfully provide support, encouragement, education, and after care to inmates and ex-offenders in 125 different organizations and institutions through book clubs; meals shared at half-way houses, pen pals, spiritual guidance and encouragement in worship services, Bible studies, and one-on-one visitation with men and women who are broken individuals longing for purpose and meaning. Henri Nouwen challenges us to “rediscover that lost brother or sister.” With the support of volunteers investing in the lives of others, we may one day be blessed to hear that a life of crime has been transformed to a life of redemption and freedom by the love of God.



### Called to Care Directory Updates

Please contact Wendy in the church office at 416-499-4890, ex 10, or at [office@gsc.ca](mailto:office@gsc.ca), with changes to your address, email or phone number. Update labels are available on the foyer table. Church directories are available through the office or from pastoral team members.

**Pastoral Team:** Nigel Chang - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable - Minister of Music, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Wendy Pearson - Church Administrator, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor  
**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

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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 Alpha and Alpha 2 – 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Club House – 6:45 PM YG – 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	30-Hour Famine begins – 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	College & Careers – 7:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	30-Hour Famine ends – 10:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM Greg Clinton's Ordination – 4:30-6:00 PM



## Focus on Financials

### The Place of Money

If you watch the latest lottery commercial – you'd think that the jackpot is the answer to all the problems we have and it promises to unleash unbelievable happiness. But money and wealth is overrated! Ask anyone permanently disabled as a result of an accident and they'll tell you that money doesn't buy back the use of their legs or their eyesight or their full intelligence. The Lord gives us the time and the skills and abilities that enable us to work and earn money. How are you able to bless people with your time, talents and use of God's creation?

~ Rick DeGraaf, Christian Stewardship Services

### General Fund Offerings for Fiscal Year 2009– 2010

Budgeted Offerings as of April 18 <sup>TH</sup>	\$255,816.31
Actual Offerings as of April 18 <sup>TH</sup>	\$247,086.20
Budgeted Offering Deficit	\$8,730.11

### Contact Information

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Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@gsc.ca				



S.H.E.P.H.E.R.D. – *Sharing Our Values*

Welcome ~ Sharon Tam

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Hymn #382: “Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer of Approach & Confession ~ Carol Smith

Passing of the Peace

Life & Ministry ~ Dave McCready

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory

Doxology: “All Things are Yours”

Children's Ministry

Scripture Litany ~ Neeta Solanki & Chris Platteel

“Be Glorified” ~ Kilpatrick

Scripture Reading: Colossian 3:12-17 ~ Henry Tam

Message:

“Living a Value of Excellence” ~ David Schuchardt

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Choral Reflection: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ~ Ellingboe

Communion Praise

Blessing & Commissioning

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

We Exist to Invite Ordinary People to Encounter Christ and Thoughtfully Follow Him in the World.

## Life and Ministry of the Church

### Elder Nomination and Election

Elders at Good Shepherd Community Church are elected for 3 year terms on a staggered schedule. Each year some Elders' terms are completed and they may seek re-election if nominated. This year, three elders are completing a 3 year term: Robyn Allin, Murray Lahn and Brian McConnell. Elder elections are held annually at the June Congregational meeting, this year on Sunday, June 6. We presently have only 9 Elders and would like to expand the group as there is much work to be done as we move forward. We invite members of GSCC to prayerfully consider nominating members of the congregation to the Board of Elders. Please find a copy of Procedures for Nomination and Election of Elders on the table in the foyer along with an Elder Nomination form. These forms must be completed by the nominator and submitted to a member of the Nominating Committee by May 9. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Robyn Allin (Chair), Sharon Clinton, Anne Jack, Jean Miller, Chris Platteel, Geri Stairs and Sharon Tam. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for our elders and thoughtful consideration of new candidates.

### Summer Adventure Day Camp – July 19-23, 26-30

It's springtime again; a time when thoughts turn to warmer weather, hope and DAY CAMP?!? That's right, folks, now is the time to consider registering for this year's Summer Adventure Day Camp. The dates are: July 19-23 and July 26-30. Visit [GSCC.ca](http://GSCC.ca) and click on the link for the Day Camp page to get all the information.



### The Ordination of Greg Clinton

Please join with Greg, Sharon and Kayleigh Fiennes-Clinton, May 2 at 4:30 PM, at St. James Anglican Cathedral (65 Church St., Toronto) as Greg is ordained as a deacon in the Anglican church.

### Value of the Week: Excellence

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:17*

We value giving God our best. As stewards using all that we have been given by God to make maximum impact for the kingdom, we are not afraid to try new ideas to bring about change. We will continually obtain feedback and evaluate ourselves and our ministries in order to prayerfully prune our activities to maximize our effectiveness.

### Child Dedication or Infant Baptism

*"Children are a heritage from the Lord."*

Anyone wishing to have a child dedication (or infant baptism) on Mother's Day – Sunday, May 9<sup>TH</sup> – is welcome to fill out the form in the foyer and submit it to the office by next Sunday, May 2<sup>ND</sup>.



### Audio System Training

Want to help with Sunday morning worship by learning how to operate our sanctuary Audio System? Then set aside Saturday, May 15<sup>TH</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for our next training session. All experience levels are welcome. For more details, please contact Murray or Jordan Lahn.

### Upcoming Events – Please Mark your Calendars

April 28-30	30-Hour Famine (Youth Group)
May 5	How to Talk to Children about Grief (Parenting Group)
May 9	Elder Nominations Due
May 15	Audio System Training
May 16	Praise Team Appreciation Luncheon
May 23	Global Day of Prayer – 6:30 PM
June 4-6	Youth/College and Career Retreat
June 6	Congregational Meeting
June 13	Congregational BBQ Day Camp Volunteer Training
June 27	Pet Celebration – 2:00 PM

## Prayer

**Sunday:** Praise the Lord that Sarah Normore, Steve Kudjerski, and Sharon Fiennes-Clinton are now all home from the hospital. Sarah and Sharon are still very tired, but happy to be out of the hospital. Steve has even started to go back to work this week. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

**Monday:** Two of our church family have recently had or are going to have surgery. Please pray for Maureen Geddes, who had gallbladder surgery on Thursday, and Chris Platteel as he goes for hernia surgery this afternoon.

**Tuesday:** Pray for God's comfort and everlasting love to lift up Harvey and Danny Schneider, Lucia Robinson, and Nigel Chang who have all lost loved ones recently.

**Wednesday:** Please pray for our beloved seniors, many of whom have had serious falls in the last month or so, that God's angels would protect them and watch over them daily.

**Thursday:** Praise God for the Alpha weekend, and continue to pray that those who have yet to come to know Christ would open their hearts to his forgiveness and leadership.

**Friday:** Please pray for a family friend of Jessie Lovatt, whose four-year-old son has Tuberos Sclerosis. He has tumors on his brain which are causing language/learning delays, epilepsy and aggressive behaviors. Please pray for healing and for comfort and strength for his family.

**Saturday:** Pray for unity, wisdom, and grace for the Board of Elders as they lead the church and deal with the numerous issues that arise from day to day. Pray that God would raise up godly men and women who are willing to serve and join this team and that he would confirm this calling through the congregation.



### Our Families in Prayer This Week

*John & Marie Boddy*

*Stan, Shirley & Natalya Branch*

*Lil Brown*