

Spotlight

Appreciating Those Who Serve: Praise Teams and Choir

Praise teams are an integral part of Good Shepherd's Sunday morning worship. They are tasked with choosing songs relating to the theme, working together with the pastors in planning the worship service, practising together prior to Sunday, coming early to set up and do sound check, and leading the congregation before God's throne through music. Currently, we have five praise teams led by: Ron Peneycad, Jackie Chang, Chris Schryer, Barb Constable, and Murray and Nancy Lahn. We are also very blessed to have extremely dedicated and gifted choir members who serve our congregation by singing in a manner that glorifies God and edifies the whole church. Please give them your words of thanks and appreciation whenever God prompts you to do so.

Ascension Sunday

Jesus' ascension occurred 40 days after the resurrection, and we celebrate it, one of the earliest Christian festivals, the Sunday following Ascension Day. Jesus had spoken to his disciples about the kingdom of God, and instructed them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, who would bring them power to become Christ's witnesses to the world. After this, he was taken up in a cloud to the presence of God. Thus, Christ inaugurates the kingdom of God, he is our Advocate and Intercessor, and he gives us power through the Holy Spirit. Ascension is an essential part of the Christian story, because it marks the beginning of the Church, and anticipates Jesus' second coming.

Called to Care Directory Updates

Please contact Wendy in the church office at 416-499-4890, ex 10, or at 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

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The Week at a Glance

Monday	Elders' Meeting – 7:00 PM Prayer & Praise – 7:30 PM
Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Wednesday	Alpha 2 – 7:00 PM YG – 7:30 PM Resonance Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	Modern Parables – 7:00 PM
Saturday	Audio Training – 9:00 AM
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Focus on Financials

God is Looking for Trustworthy Managers

Isn't it amazing that an awesome, all-powerful God chooses to bring about his kingdom through [ordinary people]? Jesus trained the twelve – it's the way God works. He looks for trustworthy people – people he can entrust with more and more resources. Are you part of his team? Is he encouraging you to start small and develop? "Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10.

~Rick DeGraaf, Christian Stewardship Services

General Fund Offerings for Fiscal Year 2009– 2010

Budgeted Offerings as of May 9 TH	\$270,167.90
Actual Offerings as of May 9 TH	\$268,614.77
Budgeted Offering Deficit	\$1,553.13
<i>Stewardship Challenge Offering (included above)</i>	\$3,260

Contact Information

Pastoral Team:	Sharon Tam	Sharon@gsc.ca	x 25	Email Announcements	Announcements@gsc.ca
	Carol Smith	Carol@gsc.ca	x 32	Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@gsc.ca
	Barb Constable	Barb@gsc.ca	x 24	Pastors	PastoralTeam@gsc.ca
	Nigel Chang	Nigel@gsc.ca	x 26	Elders	Elders@gsc.ca
	Wendy Pearson	Office@gsc.ca	x 10	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@gsc.ca
				Directors	Directors@gsc.ca
				A/V concerns	AVTeam@gsc.ca
				Executive	Executive@gsc.ca
General Inquiries	Office@gsc.ca			Alpha inquiries	Alpha@gsc.ca
Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@gsc.ca			The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@gsc.ca



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

Good Shepherd Community Church

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Ascension Sunday

Welcome - Barb Constable

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach & Confession - Chris Platteel

Choral Reflection:

"Before the Throne of God Above" - Forrest

Praise

Life and Ministry of the Church - Murray Lahn

Children's Ministry - Carol Smith

Scripture Reading:

Acts 1:1-11; 2:32-36 - Nancy Lahn & Sam Proulx

Message: "Taken Up in Glory: The Meaning and Significance of the Ascension of Christ"

~ Rebecca Idestrom

Presentation of Gifts - Nigel Chang

Offertory - Krista Shugart

Doxology: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

The Apostles' Creed

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - Sharon Tam

Communion Praise

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.

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

Life and Ministry of the Church

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, June 6, 7:00 PM



Join us at 6:30 PM for dessert and coffee/tea. The Congregational Meeting

will begin at 7:00 PM. The budget that covers July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 will be presented for approval. We will also elect Elders. Those being presented as candidates for Elder for the first time will share a brief testimony. Our representatives on the Condominium Board are also elected at this meeting. Your attendance at this meeting is very important. Childcare will be available if signed up in advance. For planning purposes, it's important to know how many children will require care. A sign-up sheet is available on the welcome table.

Global Day of Prayer – Sunday, May 23, at 6:30 PM

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers... When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (Acts 1:14; 2:1)

Historically, Pentecost is the day when the early Christians gathered together to pray. This year, the Warden Corridor Churches are joining together to pray for unity, for our city, and for the world. Join us at GracePoint Baptist Church at 3143 Sheppard Ave East (Sheppard and Pharmacy) at 6:30pm as we join with hundreds of thousands of Christians from around the globe to pray for God's Kingdom to come and his will to be done right here on this earth as it is in heaven. For more information, go to www.globaldayofprayer.com.

Two Infant Change Tables Needed

Children's Ministries is in need of two gently used infant change tables for use on the lower level. If you have one you could donate, please speak to Carol Smith (416-854-2521, csmith@gsc.ca). We can provide pick up if you need it. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of our children.



Modern Parables: Living in the Kingdom of God

A six-week series on the parables will be starting this Friday, May 21st, at 7:00 PM at Henry & Sharon's home (4 Oldborough Circle). All are welcome to join. This week we will be studying the parable called *Hidden Treasure*, using a high-quality movie that really makes the Biblical story come alive. If you're interested in joining this group, please speak to Sharon Tam (sharon@gsc.ca) or Lei Shi (leishi_hope@hotmail.com) for details, directions, or a ride.



Financial Update

As the Board of Elders has identified, we need an additional \$10,000 in General Givings between now and the end of June to cover our 2009/2010 giving deficit. We also anticipate the need to increase our offerings in 2010/2011 ministry year by approximately \$35,000 and would like to bring those additional givings in by October 31, 2010. This will validate the Congregation's commitment to the increase and prevent cash flow issues throughout the summer months. The Board of Directors and the Board of Elders, who are asking you to meet this challenge, have committed to lead the way by providing \$10K of what is required. To join the Boards in meeting this commitment to raise an additional \$45K between now and October 31st, please designate your special giving as "2010 Stewardship Challenge" so we know your intentions. May God bless us as we demonstrate our gratitude for His blessings through our tithes and offerings.

Upcoming Events – Please Mark your Calendars

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

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-mail lists (announcements, prayer requests, or CVC updates).

Prayer

SUNDAY: Praise you, Father, for providing us with Christ, our Pascal Lamb, who died and rose that we might have eternal life and ascended into heaven so we can experience God's presence and power. May we watch and wait for Jesus' return, preparing for the coming of your kingdom, and labouring in life mindful of our citizenship in heaven.

MONDAY: Lord, we pray for Lori and Kasi McAuley in Romania, and Ambrose Liu in North Africa. Give them a great experience of who you are and an understanding of how you are working in the world. Help them to have a positive impact on your kingdom and your church.

TUESDAY: Lord, bless the pastoral team and the ministry leaders of GSCC with health and good spirits. Fill them with energy and optimism as they work out your plans for our church and the community.

WEDNESDAY: Thank you, Lord, for Canada, where we live in relative safety under the rule of law and order. Thank you for the strength of our economy; help us to be mindful and prayerful of those who are struggling.

THURSDAY: We praise you, Lord, for the changing of the seasons. As we enjoy the warmer days of spring may your Holy Spirit refresh and strengthen our relationship with you and with others.

FRIDAY: Father, use us for your purposes. How can we help? What can we do? Where can we go? Give us eyes to see as you see. We truly desire to be your servants in the world!

SATURDAY: Lord, we pray for the nation of Afghanistan, one of the least reached countries in the world, where, after over two decades of war there is still no end in sight. We pray for just, fair and honourable government leaders. Strengthen and protect the few local believers and give them clarity of witness whenever opportunity arises.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Barb Constable

Cathy Cooke

Ruth Currie

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