



Newsletter

# The Road Church

*experience God everywhere*

*June 22, 2017*

### **This Sunday:**

Our identity – who we are and where we belong – is important to our self-understanding and the way in which we engage the world around us. This Sunday we're going to unpack some of Paul's message in his letter to the [Romans \(6:1-14\)](#) which in its essence points us to our identity as individuals and as a community of God followers.

Paul seems to suggest that our identity encompasses a tension between our old and new way of being. Who we once were and who we are meant to be now. And yet, these lines are often blurred. Creating an identity crisis as we try in live into this tension.

### **June 25th Town Hall Meeting**

What's up at The Road Church? We have a plan for the coming months and we want to tell you about it! Join us for a town hall meeting right after church on **June 25th** to find out more. There will be opportunity for questions and dialogue.

### **New Church Name Info**

We are excited to have a new name – The Road Church. The new name is based on the input from the congregation earlier this year of key words and phrases that reflect our community, as well as the survey on short-listed possible names. The Leadership Team along with Brandon and Nicole reached consensus on The Road Church as our new name as we felt it best reflected who we are as community and our vision (tag line) of Experiencing God Everywhere.

As [the story of the Emmaus Road in Luke](#) demonstrates there are many times in our

own journeys that we are met by Jesus without even realizing he is with us – he’s always with us on the road even when we don’t know it! A new name also reflects that we are now one church community – we no longer need to use the awkward mashed up name. As the Ephesians verse from our first anniversary states - we [‘were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together both outwardly and inwardly’](#).

"The Road Church: Experience God Everywhere" as our new name is a recognition of our journey forward together as a church community.

We are planning to develop a new logo as soon as possible and we are going to start using the new name in our material, including in a new future website (we already have a domain name secured!). If you have any questions or comments about our new name or the future logo, please get in touch with either Brandon Harris, Nicole Wilson or Jeff Loomis.

### **Children's Ministry News**

This Sunday will be our last regularly scheduled KiDZone class (and we will be having a special edition of *K/SS* to present our grade 6 grads!) There will be two KiDZone Sundays this summer, as well as coloring activities available for kids when there are regular services. The nursery will be running as usual.

A big thanks to all our volunteers who give their time & energy to our youngest church members! If you would like to be involved in kids ministries this fall you can contact Amber [info@newhopechurch.ca](mailto:info@newhopechurch.ca).

### **Thefts at the Village**

Please take care to keep all your valuables with you when you are at church. The Village has had some thefts happen recently and one of our members had valuables stolen out of her purse. The building is open to the public during church so anyone can walk in. This is also a good safety reminder for parents to make sure children understand they must wait in their KiDZ class until they have been signed out. Thanks.

### Stampede Breakfast

The Stampede Breakfast will be on **July 16th** and we need volunteers! Please contact Melonie M. [mel.dean@telus.net](mailto:mel.dean@telus.net) to see how you can help.

### 16th Annual Church Campout

Mark your calendars as the annual church campout will be on the Labour Day long weekend, **September 1st-4th**. There are brochures at the info table with details on accommodations, meals, and prices. Register with Melonie M. [mel.dean@telus.net](mailto:mel.dean@telus.net) soon to reserve your spot!

<b>Nursery</b>	Alyda S, Annie & Samantha V	<b>Welcome Team</b>	1 -Christine & Martin L
<b>KiDZ PS/K</b>	Rachel P & Melissa P	<b>Set Up Team</b>	1 -Tim B & Paul S, Ed & Sharon K
<b>KiDZ Grades 1-3</b>	Jeff L & Lauren W	<b>Info Table</b>	Rosalind W
<b>KiDZ Grades 4-6</b>	Juliette W	<b>Tech Team</b>	1 - Phil B, Jason D & Michelle F