



Newsletter

The Road Church

experience God everywhere

August 31, 2017

This Sunday:

Well, it's the last weekend of summer holidays...for some this is a sad time as we say goodbye to the carefree days of summer...while perhaps others are looking forward to getting back to routines and a sense of normalcy. This weekend marks the end of one season and the beginning of another. In many ways, perhaps even more than January, September feels like the beginning of a New Year. It's the start of a new school year, a new church year...a time when we start new programs and activities...a time when we map out what the next 10 months will look like until we get to have a break and experience summer holidays again.

A New Year is a gift in and of itself, it invites us to pause and reflect, to take stock of the year now past and look ahead to what may await just around the corner. Join us this Sunday for a 'Campfire/New Year Reflection' where we'll discuss and reflect together the following questions:

- 1) What went well and why? - The places and spaces where you encountered God through our community.
- 2) Who needs to be acknowledged? After acknowledging what went well, think about the people who played a part.
- 3) What's not working? Where were/are there struggles?
- 4) What do you want for our community in this upcoming year?
- 5) How will we put this into action? How will we live out our Vision Statement?

No KiDZone or Nursery this Sunday

This Sunday there will be no KiDZone or Nursery. The nursery room however will be open for parents to use with their children. Regular KiDZone Sunday School & Nursery will be returning every Sunday starting on **September 10th**.

Small Groups at TRC

Are you interested in leading a small group at The Road Church? Do you have a love for scripture, culture, dialogue, questioning and listening? Have you been thinking, "If only I had a small group to talk about this in?" Well, here is your chance! If you are interested in leading a group please let us know and this fall we will give you information and training to help you take that on. Contact Jacqui at jacquimignault@gmail.com to move forward with this.

Composite Staff Model

We are in a time of transition at The Road Church and we have a plan! We will continue working as a team with a more diverse and structured composite staff model to best meet the needs of our community. Pick up an updated diagram at the info table this Sunday of how the staff will work together with you to continue to become "an accepting community called to experience and be God's presence everywhere."

Updated Notice from our Church Bookkeeper

We can now officially receive donations of cheques made out to The Road Church!

Calling all Golf Enthusiasts - Note date change

Golf day for the Road Church on **September 16th** at The Country Hills Golf Course. Tee off times will be after 1 pm and the price will be around \$105/person. Ladies and Gents welcome. For more info contact Peter pcupido60@gmail.com.

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.

Nursery	(No Nursery)	Welcome Team	3 - Cindy L & Rachel P
KiDZ PS/K	(No KiDZone)	Set Up Team	3 - Becky & Silas W, Lisa V & the Wong family
KiDZ Gr 1-3		Info Table	Marrian P

KiDZ Gr. 4-6		Tech Team	Keith & Lukas E
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News from Our Community at Large

Urgent Need For Hurricane Harvey Recovery

After a week of unrelenting rain, World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing to respond to catastrophic flooding in Texas from Hurricane Harvey. You can help homeowners who are struggling to return home, now and in the weeks and years to come, with your financial donation for World Renew DRS Hurricane Harvey response. Please give generously today online at worldrenew.net/donate.

Justice Film Fest presents "The Grizzly Truth"

September 12th @ 7 pm

River Park Church Auditorium (3818 14a St SW)

*Free admission

International documentary filmmaker Tom Reissmann turns his camera lens to British Columbia's grizzly bear hunt in his new film, The Grizzly Truth. Drawn by the interplay of scientific and social issues surrounding the iconic king of the forest, Reissmann objectively captures arguments made for and against grizzly bear hunting. He combines the striking imagery of British Columbia's forests and the majestic bears themselves with voices of hunters, outfitters, government officials, eco-tourism operators, and naturalists. The film dispels the half-truths and untruths in grizzlies and pulls people's attentions to the real issues at stake. See the [trailer here](#).

Employment Opportunities

Bearspaw Christian School is looking to hire a Financial and Accounts Payable Analyst, Discipleship Coordinator, and Child Development Worker. For more details visit their [website](#).

River Park Church is in need of a part time church secretary. For more information and to indicate your interest, contact the River Park Church office secretary@riverparkchurch.com