

**GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS**  
LUKE 2:1-16

God works through \_\_\_\_\_ – *Luke 2:1-3*

- Biblical principle – *Proverbs 21:1*

God works through \_\_\_\_\_ – *Luke 2:4-5*

- Biblical principle – *Philippians 2:13*

God works through His \_\_\_\_\_

– *Luke 2:9-10*

- Biblical principle – *Hebrews 1:14*

God works through His \_\_\_\_\_ – *Luke 2:28-32*

- Biblical principle – *Romans 8:14*

**PRAISE & PRAYER**

- **Pray** for our shut-ins: Lise D and Lynda D
- **Pray** for Paul & Tanya Gericke, and local believers who will develop facilities and establish a camping ministry in Romania and provide settings for leadership development.
- **Pray** for all the individuals whose lives have been touched by the ministry of our church this Christmas season, that their hearts and eyes would be open to see God and receive His grace in their lives.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**THIS MORNING:**

Every true Christian wants to be faithful in doing God's will. Sometimes we know clearly what God's will is. Other times, not so clearly. The Bible tells us that God's thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways. Much of what He does is a mystery to us. If you've ever worked for a craftsman or a builder you know what I mean. The summer that I was seventeen, I worked for a house builder. One day we were building a staircase. He had me cutting this piece of wood this way and another piece another way. I was wondering how all these pieces were going to fit together. Then, when all was ready, he started assembling them and the whole staircase came together in a beautiful display of workmanship. What was a mystery to me for a number of hours, made sense when all the pieces came together.

The same is true when it comes to the Christmas story. Mary and Joseph must have wondered a lot about all the things that were happening to them, but in the end, God's plan worked and mankind had a Saviour born into the world who would save them from their sins. Remember, God uses means to accomplish His will. He works with what and who is available to Him. If you want to be part of His plan, you must be available – and trust that the craftsman knows what He is doing.

**welcome to**  
**ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH**



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*Equipping and enabling disciples to make disciples*

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a **Visitor** we ask you to sign a Guest Card and drop it in the offering plate so we can acknowledge your visit. Join us to Worship at 11:00 am.

A **staffed nursery** is provided for children from 6 months to age two. There is no Junior Church today.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

- Opening Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Worship in Song
- Scripture & Prayer
- Offering
- Worship in Song
- Message
- Closing Song
- Prayer & Benediction

**WORSHIP TEAM:**

- Lilly R
- Bev S
- Leona O
- Gary T

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- Worship - 11:00 am
- Bethsaida French
- Fellowship - 1:30 pm

**COMING UP**

- Dec 27 - Sr High at "Rogue One" @12:30 pm
- Dec 29 - Jr High Tobogganing @ 1 pm
- Jan 1 - Worship @ 11:00 am
- Bethsaida French
- Fellowship @ 1:30 pm
- Pastor Jon returns from internship program

- Senior Pastor:** Rev. Mark Woods
- Assoc. Pastor:** Rev. Jonathan Kroeker
- Youth Pastor:** Ben Clouston
- Office Administrator:** Bev Sheridan



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

The SENIOR HIGH will be going to see the movie "Rogue One" at the Polo Park movie theatre, meeting there to line up for the movie at 12:30 pm (movie starts at 1:10 pm). Cost is \$9.50.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

The JUNIOR HIGH will be going tobogganing at the hill behind Kildonan-East Collegiate. Drop off at 1:00 pm, pick up at 3:30 pm at the C's House.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

During the Christmas Break the MBYM will be going to SkyZone. Drop off time is 6:00 pm at Rowandale, pick up 9:45 pm. Cost is \$15.00. Waivers must be filled out. For more details see Pastor Ben.



**YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Will resume on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. All are welcome!

**YOUNG ADULT EVENT**

We are planning to go to SkyZone on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. More details still to be confirmed.

The Children's Program "**STAR LIGHT CHRISTMAS**" can now be viewed online. Go to our church website and click on the Children's Ministry graphic and it will take you to the Children's Ministry page where you can find the "Starlight" link! Click on it and enjoy!

**PLEASE NOTE**

There is NO Sunday School, Coffee Time or Junior Church next Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. All will resume on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.



FEBRUARY 10-12, 2017

Mark your calendars now for this fun weekend out at Camp Nutimik with our Rowandale Church family!

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**

The Sunday School is looking for a few people who would be interested in subbing in on occasion for our regular teachers. If you are interested please see BONNIE R or NANCY P. All teachers must be approved by Council and have taken the Child Protection Training Course which will be offered again in the New Year.

**CHILD PROTECTION PLAN**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>

There will be a Child Protection Plan training session on January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Anyone involved in the Children and Youth Ministry must take the CPP training each year. If you missed out on the September session, this is your opportunity to get caught up. Please speak to Nancy P or Pastor Jon for more details.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Please note the Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**"GOD'S NOT DEAD 2"**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

6:00 PM

Mark your calendars now!

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**



LUKE MILLER

VINTAGE CHURCH

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Vintage Church held their first official Sunday service on September 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. Both Pastor Miller and Regional Minister Ken Solberg are helping to guide this new church plant that aims to uphold the values and biblical teachings of the early church to create a community of authentic followers of Jesus in today's culture. They are committed to living the Gospel on a day-to-day basis. Pray for their impact on Regina as they seek to be Christ in their community. You can find them online at [www.vintagechurch.ca](http://www.vintagechurch.ca).

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

THANK GOD THAT HE BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US AND THAT WE BEHELD HIS GLORY FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. PROCLAIM THIS GOSPEL MESSAGE TO ALL YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH SO THAT THEY TOO MAY SURRENDER TO IMMANUEL.

**ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH**

STATS FOR DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

ATTENDANCE .....	242
OFFERING .....	\$10,138.00
WEEKLY GOAL .....	\$9,760
GIVING TO DATE .....	\$452,305
BUDGET TO DATE .....	\$468,480