

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. During the offering, children from ages Preschool to Kindergarten are dismissed for Junior Church in the Board Room.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Opening Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Advent Reading & Lighting Candle
- Worship in Song
- Scripture Reading & Prayer
- Offering
- Worship in Song
- Message
- Closing Song
- Prayer & Benediction

WORSHIP TEAM:

- Rick P
- Petra P
- Simone G
- Bev S
- Leona O
- Jason U
- Ed U

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

HE IS THE SON OF MAN

Who is the Son of Man?

- _____ – *Psalm 8:4*
- The prophet _____ – *Ezekiel 2:1*
- The coming _____ – *Daniel 7:13*
- _____ – *John 3:14-15*

He entered the _____ – *Matthew 1:18*

He was conceived _____ – *Matthew 1:20*

He became the _____ – *Matthew 1:21*

PRAISE & PRAYER

- **Pray** for our shut-ins: Selma S and Lise D
- **Pray** for Paul & Tanya Gericke, and local believers, will develop facilities and establish a camping ministry in Romania and provide settings for leadership development.
- **Praise God** for the good work that two Rowandalers have been able to accomplish recently:
 - Harry S built a greenhouse during his mission trip to Hungary
 - Christoph K helping refugees in Serbia
- **Passings:**
 - **Pastor John Binder**, who served as interim pastor during an important transitional time here at Rowandale for six months in 1998-1999, passed away last week. He was a faithful servant of God in many capacities throughout his life.
 - **Bruno W**, father of Edith M, was in Concordia after having had a heart attack a few weeks earlier. He went to be with the Lord early this past Friday morning.

**1ST ADVENT
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2015**

THIS MORNING:

Today is the beginning of Advent. This is a time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Our sermon series during this time is “The Lord Is Come”. This phrase is taken from the favourite Christmas carol “Joy to the World”, written by Isaac Watts in 1719. He based his composition on the words of Psalm 98 which say “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth... for he comes to judge the earth.” Watts never intended for this to be a Christmas song and in the words there is no mention of shepherds, mangers or wise men. For some reason, the song found its way into the Christmas repertoire, and today it’s hard to imagine singing it as anything but a Christmas carol.

In the events leading up to Christ’s birth, many pronouncements were made, both by angels and men, about the baby. He was to be born “of his father David”, which speaks to his humanity; he was called the “Son of the Most High”, which refers to his divinity; his birth was predicted from earliest times, reminding us that he is a child of prophecy; and he was to be given the name Jesus, which means “Saviour”, because he would save his people from their sins. These are the four topics we will cover over the next few weeks of Advent – He is the Son of Man; He is the Son of God; He is the Promised Messiah; He is the Saviour of the World. I hope your heart will be encouraged as we remind ourselves from God’s word of the blessed coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1ST ADVENT
SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday School Breakfast - 9:30 am
 Adult Sunday School - 9:30 am
 Coffee Time - 10:30 am
 Worship - 11:00 am
 Bethsaida French
 Fellowship - 1:30 pm
 R.U.S.H. Grey Cup Party - 4:30 pm

COMING UP

Dec 3 - Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
 Dec 4 - BOOST @ 7:00 pm
 Dec 5 - Encouragement Party for
 Rob Scott from 2-4 pm
 Dec 6 - Sunday School @ 9:30 am
 - Coffee Time @ 10:30 am
 - Worship & Communion
 @ 11:00 am
 - Bethsaida French Fellowship
 @ 1:30 pm
 - Sunday Night R.U.S.H. @ 7 pm

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

NEXT WEEK A BENEVOLENT OFFERING
 WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE END OF THE
 COMMUNION SERVICE

STAMPS FOR BIBLES

Please help the Canadian Bible Society provide Bibles by collecting used stamps.

1 pound of stamps = 1 Bible

Leave ¼" border of paper around the entire stamp. Do not remove the paper from the stamp. Please place your used stamps in Martin K's mailbox (#55). Thank you!

ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

STATS FOR NOVEMBER 22ND, 2015

ATTENDANCE	248
GENERAL OFFERING	\$11,902.50
WEEKLY GOAL	\$9,305
GIVING TO DATE	\$414,336
BUDGET TO DATE	\$409,425

YOUTH STUFF

BOOST EVENT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
7:00 - 9:30 PM

Come for a great in-house evening of games, time spent together in God's word and some food. It should be a BOOST!

Looking ahead, we will be meeting on Friday, December 11th for another in-house evening and then Friday, December 18th will be our Christmas Party where we will celebrate the birth of Christ together with food, fun, time in God's word and our gift exchange (\$10 limit), along with one of your favourite Christmas snacks to share!

**COLLEGE &
CAREER**

NEXT R.U.S.H!
TODAY AT 4:30 PM

Come and watch the Grey Cup game together at the S's place! Please bring a snack to share with everyone. Pop and pizza will be provided. Please RSVP with Pastor Ben so he will know how much pizza to get. Starts at 4:30 pm. (For those who don't want to watch the game, there will be board games and a hot tub so bring a bathing suit and towel!)

Looking ahead to December 6th & 20th, from 7-9 pm, we will be meeting in the Prayer Room to do a Video Bible study to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. Come on out and bring a friend!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
"CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!"
DECEMBER 13TH @ 6:00 PM

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to share in the celebration of Christ's birth. After the program we will enjoy fellowship and refreshments downstairs. If you can bring some baking to share, it would be greatly appreciated!

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS

Every year, thousands of inmates in correctional institutions across Canada apply to Prison Fellowship Canada (PFC)'s Angel Tree Christmas (ATX) program in hopes that their child will receive a gift on their behalf at Christmas. Prison Fellowship envisions that each of these children be connected with a local church community who through the love of Jesus can support and care for their family in the difficulties that abound when a parent is incarcerated. Next Sunday, Freda Klassen from Prison Fellowship will be coming to Rowandale to promote this ministry. Please talk to Pastor Jonathan if you are interested in sponsoring a child with a gift this Christmas.

IN HONOUR OF ROB S

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
FROM 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to a "Come and Go" afternoon here at Rowandale for an opportunity to reminisce and share great memories with Rob and Karen. Refreshments will be served.

CUSTODIAN HIRED

We are pleased to announce that effective December 1st Toby and Karin L will be the custodians for Rowandale Baptist Church.



MONDAY - read Matthew 1:18-21
 In this passage Joseph learns that his fiancée, Mary, is pregnant. The angel tells him the baby's name will be Jesus. Why is that name significant? How did Mary become pregnant without a man? What does this tell us about Jesus?

TUESDAY - read Daniel 7:13-22
 Who is the one called "son of man"? What does this title say about him? What is the ultimate destiny of this one? What in this passage might cause fear in us? What in this passage is encouraging for us?

WEDNESDAY - read Isaiah 11:1-10
 Who is the "root of Jesse"? What does this name mean? What do vs. 2-3 tell us about him? This passage is a description of the coming kingdom of God. How many things are different about it from the world today? Try to imagine what v. 10 will look like when that day comes.

THURSDAY - read John 1:35-51
 This passage describes Jesus' first followers. How many are identified in this passage? Why were they so eager to follow him? How many of these disciples came to Jesus because someone else told them about him? Why did Jesus refer to himself as "Son of Man" in v. 51?

FRIDAY - read John 3:1-16
 Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night? (Many have pondered the meaning of "water and Spirit" in v. 5. Check out Ezekiel 36:25-27 for some insight on this.) What two things does Jesus reveal about the Son of Man in vs. 13-15?

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



MARK JONES
LIVING CHURCH
OHIO

Mark is the lead pastor who drives the vision and teaching for Living Church. He lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Andrea, and their four children. The mission of Living Church is to make disciples who know Christ, live Christ, and make Christ known through the vision of multiplying home church communities, known as Living Communities. Pray for these Living Communities in which Living Church shares together in the study and teaching of the Scriptures, shares life together as disciples of Jesus, and shares in the mission of Jesus making new disciples and multiplying new living communities locally, nationally, and globally. Pray for Mark, the deepening of his relationships with Jesus, his wife, and kids. Pray for building of trust with their local township community leaders. For more information, visit www.living-church.com

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MINITONAS, MB
STEVEN (MARY ANN) BLACK
PASTOR