

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
Message
Communion
Closing Song
Prayer & Benediction

WORSHIP TEAM:

Mic M
Rick P
Monica U
Ana T
Jonathan M

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

HE IS THE SON OF GOD

_____ by the prophets – *Isaiah 9:6*

_____ by the angel – *Luke 1:32*

_____ by his enemies – *Luke 4:40-41*

_____ by his disciples – *Acts 9:18-20*

PRAISE & PRAYER

- **Pray for** our shut-ins: George U and Lynda D
- **Pray for** Randy and Shelly Schmor who work in Milwaukee as directors of our NAB Gateway Teams which help churches send short-term teams to various mission fields around the world.
- **Pray for** those in our city who are experiencing hardship during this Christmas season - whether financial, family or emotional - and consider how we might be used to bring healing and comfort to them.
- **Pray for** the Scott family that God's grace would sustain every one of them during this time of illness and trial.

2ND ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2015

THIS MORNING:

Every so often someone crosses the stage of history and displays abilities so amazing, so astounding that the rest of us are left to stare wide-eyed in wonder at what this person has been able to accomplish. Such was the artist and inventor Michelangelo around the year 1500. It boggles the mind that one man could produce world class art and architecture in such prodigious amounts and as early in life as he was able to. In the late 1800s Albert Einstein turned the science world on its head with his theories and pronouncements that opened up whole new vistas of scientific thought for us. In the world of sports, in the 1980s a young athlete by the name of Wayne Gretzky set records in the hockey world that may never be eclipsed. He blew past standards that star players before him had spent years to achieve and made it look like child's play.

In the same way, two thousand years ago, a child was born in Bethlehem with the title that would never and could never be conferred upon any other human – that being the “Son of God”. The angel Gabriel carried a message to a young girl named Mary that she would bear a son in spite of the fact that she was a virgin, and that the son she would bear would be called the Son of God. That meant one thing: that her child would be divine – deity in human form. This was universe shattering news. God was about to invade the realm of humanity. What would he look like? What would he act like? How would he relate to the rest of us? That's part of the most amazing story in all of history – the story of Christmas.

2ND ADVENT
SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:30 am
 Coffee Time - 10:30 am
 Worship - 11:00 am
 Bethsaida French Fellowship - 1:30 pm

COMING UP

Dec 8 - Church Prayer Day
 Prayer Meeting @ 7:00 pm
 Dec 11 - BOOST @ 7:00 pm
 Dec 12 - Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal 11 am - 1 pm
 Dec 13 - Sunday School @ 9:30 am
 - Coffee Time @ 10:30 am
 - Worship & Communion @ 11:00 am
 - Bethsaida French Fellowship @ 1:30 pm
 - Children's Christmas Program @ 6 pm

BAPTISM

A Baptism is planned for January 31st. If you would like to be baptised, please speak to one of the pastors.

THANK YOU!

The W Family would like to thank you for your many prayers and support in the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Bruno W. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed.

ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
 STATS FOR NOVEMBER 29TH, 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 11TH

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, 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!

DECEMBER 20TH AT 7:00 PM

The next R.U.S.H! will be on December 20th, from 7-9 pm, where 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!

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!

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 Angel Tree Christmas 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. Today Freda K from Prison Fellowship will be here to promote this ministry. Complete details for sponsoring a child/children are available at the table in the lobby. See Andrea Koebel for instructions.

CHURCH PRAYER DAY

Tuesday, December 8th is Rowandale Church Prayer Day. We would ask that you take time out of your day to pray specifically for Rowandale. The Prayer Meeting will take place at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Room.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY AFTER THE COMMUNION SERVICE



MONDAY - read Luke 1:26-38

Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary. Consider the amazing elements of this account: she was a young woman of no reputation; she lived in a small, insignificant village in Galilee; she was totally unprepared for this. But note that v. 38 reveals the attitude that the Lord blesses (James 4:6)

TUESDAY - read Matthew 4:1-11

Early in Jesus' ministry Satan tried to trip him up with these temptations. Consider how each temptation would affect Jesus. Consider what it would have meant if Jesus had given in to one of them.

WEDNESDAY - read Matt. 14:22-33

We are like Peter when we make decisions to do something daring. Then when things go wrong, we are filled with doubt. What was it that convinced the disciples of Jesus' deity in v. 33?

THURSDAY - read Matt. 27:32-43

Jesus is the only person who was born for the purpose of dying a very specific death. As he poured out his life, he was doing what only the Son of God could do for us. Note the way the mockers used that title to try to torment him during his last hours of life on earth.

FRIDAY - read John 20:24-31

Jesus experiences victory over death because of who he is - the Son of God. Note Thomas' confession of faith in v. 28. What did it take for Thomas to believe? Note Jesus' response in v. 29. Note the purpose of John's book in v. 31 and what happens to someone who believes.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



GEOFF HARTT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HISPANICS FOR CHRIST (HFC)

Hispanics for Christ exists to plant Spanish-speaking language churches and to train leaders for those churches. They provide vision casting, strategic planning, and coaching for church planters in the Americas. They currently have church planters in the United States, Mexico, Paraguay, and Argentina, and are currently initiating new works and partnerships. Pray for new partnerships with NAB churches and financial support to expand their work. Praise God for recent productive relationships between the mission field and local North American churches, NAB Women's Ministry, and Gateway Teams, which illustrates the work of HFC - initiating and resourcing networks that result in new churches. For more information, visit <http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/geoff-hartt/>

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

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