

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:

Evelyn T
Simone G
Bev S
Donna J
Reno G
Gary T
Jonathan K

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

HE IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

Your need for a Saviour:

- sinful _____ - *Romans 5:12,14*

- fallen _____ - *Romans 8:20-21*

Your benefit from the Saviour:

- cancels the _____ of sin - *Romans 8:1-2*

- defeats the _____ of sin - *Romans 7:15-20, 24-25*

- obliterates the _____ of sin - *Romans 8:21*

Your response to the Saviour:

- _____ in him - *Romans 10:9*

- _____ him to others - *Romans 10:14-15*

PRAISE & PRAYER

- **Pray for** our shut-ins: Lloyd M and Selma S
- **Pray for** Ron & Jeannie Seck who are based in Hungary, Central Europe. Their gifts of faith, leadership, preaching and hospitality are used to develop Roma (Gypsy) Christian communities.
- **Pray for** the S family as they continue to deal with Rob's illness through this Christmas season, that God's peace and joy would truly be with them and give them comfort and hope.
- **Pray that** we will all be able to have opportunity to share God's love with people who are in need during this Christmas season.

4TH ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2015

THIS MORNING:

Have you ever noticed how many times the topic of salvation comes up in Christmas carols? Most often the songs are about the events surrounding Jesus' birth, but consider these words: "Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth"; "Radiance beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace"; "Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled"; "Bless all the dear children In Thy tender care, And take us to heaven To live with Thee there"; "...our heavenly Lord, That hath made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind has bought"; "Remember Christ, our Saviour Was born on Christmas day To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray"; and the list goes on.

In fact, the salvation of mankind is THE reason that Jesus came into this world. This was made abundantly clear to Mary and Joseph when the angel predicted his birth to them and told them that they were to name him "Jesus", because "He will save his people from their sins". "Jesus" is the Greek form of "Joshua", which means "Saviour". We need help to save us from many things throughout our lives - whether financial difficulty, health problems, relationship issues, car accidents, or just a tight spot we got ourselves into. But there's one thing that no one can save you from - except for Jesus - and that is your sin. That's why he came, and that's why we celebrate his birth.

**4TH ADVENT
SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday School -	9:30 am
Coffee Time -	10:30 am
Worship -	11:00 am
Bethsaida French Fellowship -	1:30 pm
Sunday Night R.U.S.H! -	7:00 pm

COMING UP

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30 pm
Dec 27 - Worship @ 11:00 am - Bethsaida French Fellowship @ 1:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE

There is NO Sunday School or Coffee Time next Sunday, December 27th. Sunday School for all ages and Coffee Time will resume on January 10th.

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 DECEMBER 13TH, 2015

ATTENDANCE	252
GENERAL OFFERING	\$13,549.65
WEEKLY GOAL	\$9,305
GIVING TO DATE	\$446,926
BUDGET TO DATE	\$437,340

**YOUTH STUFF
NEXT BOOST**

The Next BOOST will be on Friday, January 8th - more details to come. Looking ahead, January 15-17th is the Junior High Retreat at Oz and Anita P's cottage. Come for a weekend filled with fun, fellowship, food, and time together in God's word. Registration forms are on the table in the lobby. Please have your registration forms in to Pastor Ben by January 3rd, 2016. This event is for Junior High Students only. Youth Quake for Senior High Students is February 12-14th - see Pastor Ben for full details.

**COLLEGE &
CAREER
R.U.S.H!**

TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM

R.U.S.H! will be meeting tonight in the Prayer Room from 7-9:30 where we will do a Video Bible Study to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. Come on out and bring a friend!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Is now available for viewing on Youtube. Please go to this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00lO5pMtx4Y> This is Len U's private Youtube channel.

BAPTISM

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



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
6:30 PM

Please join us for the celebration of Christ's birth. Note there will be no Junior Church during the Christmas Eve Service.

**NEW ADULT ELECTIVE
IN JANUARY**

Starting January 10th we will be going through a study on Spiritual Gifts upstairs in the Boardroom on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. This class will provide the opportunity to deepen your understanding of what the Bible teaches about spiritual gifts, and also give practical steps to discover how God has gifted you to serve others.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Meaghan S and Edward H on their recent engagement! They are planning to be married this summer.



FEBRUARY 5-7, 2016

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



The promise of a Saviour was something Israel looked forward to for centuries. At last, with the birth of Jesus, this promise was about to be fulfilled! The Old Testament speaks about a saviour in different ways:

MONDAY - read Psalm 18:1-5, 46-49
David was running away from Saul who wanted to kill him and he cried out to God who saved him from a situation of very real and present danger.

TUESDAY - read Psalm 42:1-11
In this passage David is depressed but he puts his hope in God who alone can rescue him from his blues.

WEDNESDAY - read Isaiah 9:1-7
Israel is in spiritual darkness, but also is suffering from oppression. God will provide a saviour who will deliver them both spiritually and nationally.

THURSDAY - read Luke 1:67-89
Notice how many times the concept of salvation appears in this passage and how it is talked about.

CHRISTMAS DAY - read Luke 2:1-20
Compare the announcement of the angel about the Saviour with the responses of the shepherds to the news. Do we respond the same way?



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



**PAUL & TANYA GERICKE
NAB MISSIONARIES
ROMANIA**

The Gericke's have been in Romania almost a full year now. Their work to establish Camp Falcon Rock continues. Many outreach opportunities and teams are partnering with them to begin ministry in Romania. Praise God for the VBS programs this past summer. They saw God plant seeds, harvest fruit, and open their eyes to a huge vision and potential for what He may do through Camp Falcon Rock in the years to come. Pray for Paul and Tanya as they continue building relationships and following up on the seeds planted over the summer. Pray for the work they are embarking on regarding paperwork, permits, and strategic development of the camp facility. For more information, visit <http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/paul-tanya-gericke/>

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Pray that as we gather as ministries of the Northern Plains Region to celebrate the coming of Jesus to be born on this earth to save us we will worship our God for His greatness, grace, love and salvation for His creation. Pray for lives to be changed as the Gospel is presented!