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**Worship Update - Where are we going?**

Over the past year I've been preparing a vision document to help us define where we see God taking us in worship and practical ways to get there.

It's our goal and heart for our church family to actively worship God in their daily lives and to come before Him in all things, surrendering to Him. Worship is surrender. When we surrender, we allow God to move. It's important we understand what that looks like for our church, the standards we hold ourselves to as leaders and the desire we have for what our church body can achieve in and through the act of worship. Although we realize that we have no control over the response of any individual, when we plan our Sunday Service around these measures, we are doing our part in helping our church to surrender and make way for the moving of the Holy Spirit.



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**Worship Update - Where are we going? continued**

We do our best to prepare our hearts, minds and talents to give our best to our Church and God through our voices and instruments. We hold one another accountable for these things and have honest conversations about how we are doing. We realize that practice is important, not for the sake of perfection but to reduce distraction and to help our church worship. We believe that supernatural acts can occur through the power of worship. Surrender to God - worship Him and praise Him with us.

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**Our Vision**

**Expecting the Powerful Presence of God:** We do not just direct ourselves toward Him. We earnestly seek His drawing near to us according to His promise. We believe that in worship God draws near to us in power, and makes Himself known and felt for our good and for the salvation of unbelievers in our midst.

**Bible Saturated:** The content of our singing, praying, welcoming and preaching will always conform to the truth of Scripture. The content of God's Word will be evident through all we do in worship and will be the foundation of all our actions and decisions.

**Head and Heart:** Worship that aims at kindling and carrying deep, strong, real emotions toward God, but does not manipulate people's emotions by failing to appeal to clear thinking about spiritual things based on shareable evidences outside ourselves

**Authentic Communication:** Not the atmosphere of artistic or overblown performance but the atmosphere of a radically personal encounter with God's truth. Avoiding a trite, flippant, superficial, frivolous atmosphere, but instead setting an example of reverence, passion and wonder.

**Undistracted Excellence:** We will try to sing, play, pray and preach in such a way that people's attention will not be diverted from the substance by unpracticed, or ill prepared ministry nor by excessive finesse, elegance or refinement. Natural, undistracted excellence will let the truth and beauty of God shine through.

**Participation and Performance:** We encourage and anticipate a strong participation during sung worship at Country Hills. We value music that is current, timeless, singable and expresses a full range of responses to God. Sung worship provides an excellent opportunity to teach how we are able to best relate to our heavenly Father.

## Missions Update

### Ray and Kelly Marshall - Navigators , Waterloo ON

#### Missions Work here in Waterloo - How's God moving?

Ray and Kelly Marshall are fairly new to us here at CHC. We began our support to them and their ministry within this past year.

The Marshalls are part of the Navigator organization which has a strong focus not just on evangelism but on discipleship as well.

Ray and Kelly have had a heart to reach those who do not know Christ since they were first married.

They spent some time in the UK, several years in Ecuador and three years teaching English in China. They have 2 daughters who accompanied them on their early endeavors but by the time they left for China the girls were already grown and starting their own lives in Canada.

So, what's happening now, here in Waterloo? Ray and Kelly lead a ministry to Chinese students and visiting scholars who come to one of our city's Universities.

What's the big draw for Chinese students to join the group? Probably the biggest draw is that we speak English! It is a chance for them to practice their English in a safe and accepting environment.

The next draw is that we study the Bible and investigate the truth claims of Christianity. For people coming from a communist, atheist society, this is very interesting!

The Bible study is every Friday evening and it is very fruitful! Every year there are a number of Chinese who come to faith in Jesus. Then begins the process of helping them to grow in their faith and understanding of scripture. Ray and Kelly open their home for weekly studies as well as meet with students during the day if that is a better time period for them.

The Marshalls also lead an ESL cafe every Wednesday evening at Lincoln Road Chapel (the home base for this ministry). Ray also teaches ESL at the U of W every Thursday evening.

The team working with Ray and Kelly also plan special trips and parties with our Chinese friends. We have summer picnics and beach trips, Christmas and Thanksgiving parties and movie and bowling nights.

It is an exciting work in which to be involved.

*This group, lead by Ray and Kelly, is always looking for new team members. If this is a mission you might enjoy exploring, please contact Isabel Minaker.*



## Rainy Gaze - Jeremy Shuart

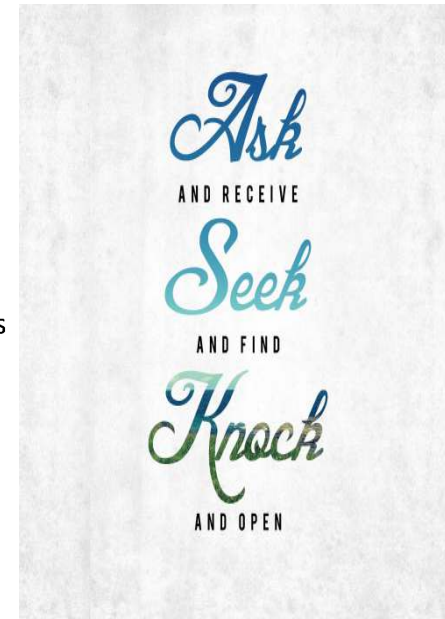
### Intellectually Speaking

Discovering the background and context of a parable, grasping a theological concept, or learning how to answer questions about our faith to seekers are all examples of how intellectuals connect with God and serve others.

Over the past year on and off I have been writing about sacred pathways. These are different ways we interact with God. If you're wondering what your sacred pathways might be you can take the survey for yourself here [www.northpoint.org/care/pathways](http://www.northpoint.org/care/pathways)

The final sacred pathway in our series is that of the intellectual. Intellectuals love God with their mind and their hearts as they learn, study, debate, and discover. Sometimes intellectuals end up working as apologists, professors, authors, and theologians. If you like to connect your mind to your faith, feel closer to God as you do, and prefer not to check your brains at the door then this is likely one of your sacred pathways.

Intellectuals don't have to be the smartest person in the room, they simply tend to connect with God deeply as they learn and discover. With open hearts and minds they drink deep as they scratch beneath the surface of teaching, concepts, and passages that others take at face value.



If this is you then I want to encourage you to keep exploring, learning, and digging. What you find fascinating others may find dry, but don't let this discourage you. I'll leave you with some words Jesus said that apply as well to intellectuals.

*"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." - Jesus (Luke 11:9-10 NLT)*

## Student Ministry JR High - Gr. 7 – 8 High School - Gr. 9 – 12

Junior High and High School students meet  
Wednesday evenings 7 - 9 pm at the church

### June 5, 2019 - Being an inviting group

We believe that welcoming new people into our group is important, but sometimes it's hard to know what to do. This week we'll talk about what it looks like to be a youth group that's open and inviting to new people!

### June 12, 2019 - Last Wednesday Night until September

Come to youth for one final Wednesday night until September. We'll talk about our year, the things we learned and our hopes for the future. We'll also play a couple of awesome games, eat some food and take So. Many. Selfies. See you there!

## Lighthouse Pro Events (Grade 5 & 6)

### Friday, June 14 - Family Picnic

6:30-8:30pm

Bring your family to McLennan Park to celebrate a great year of faith, fun and friendship! POTLUCK - Bring a dish to share with other families!

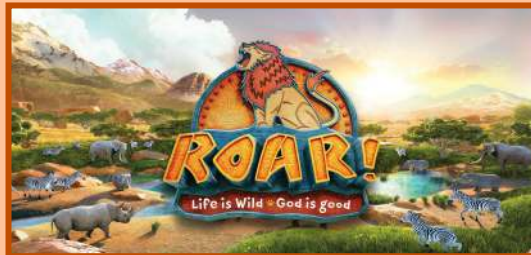
## Vacation Bible Camp - Help Needed!

**ROAR** Vacation Bible Camp is **July 8- 12**.

We are still in need of volunteers to help make VBC an amazing time for the kids from our Church and the community. Please consider getting involved.

Contact Gina to find out how you can help [gcowan@countryhillchurch.ca](mailto:gcowan@countryhillchurch.ca)

**We need your help!** There is a lot of set up that needs to be done before VBC starts. Even if you are not able to be at VBC, please consider joining us on **Saturday, July 6 at 9 am** to help us set up.



## Communication Form

We want to keep in touch and help you get / stay connected here at CHC. **Please complete, tear off, and drop this card in the offering basket or give it to one of our ushers or Pastor Jeremy at the conclusion of the service.**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Children \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- I am updating information
- I would like a family mailbox
- I would like offering envelopes
- I would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving
- I would like to be contacted by a pastor
- I would like to be added to the church directory
- I give consent to receive electronic communication from the church (email)
- I agree to allow my name and/or photo and those of my family to be used in publications distributed within the church or on its website.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Due to privacy considerations, we cannot include any family in the church directory who has not given us written authorization to do so.

## Upcoming Sermons



### Sunday, June 2

"Seeds"

THRIVE Celebration Sunday

1 Corinthians 9:6 - 8

### Sunday, June 9

"Power Up, Raise Your Game"

Graduation Celebration

Picnic in the Park

### Sunday, June 16

"Hope's Alive"

1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 17

Father's Day

### Sunday, June 23

"Completed Hope"

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 28

### Sunday, June 30

Our summer schedule begins.

Children grade 2-6 will be joining us in the service.

## Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is available to receive prayer requests and/or for you to join.

Contact

Isabel Minaker

If unavailable contact the church

office 519-578-7275

[office@countryhillchurch.ca](mailto:office@countryhillchurch.ca)

## June Calendar of Events

### Sunday, June 2

Thrive Celebration Sunday

### Tuesday, June 4

Outdoor Prayer Experience

6:30 pm

Huron Natural Area

### Saturday, June 8

Men's Breakfast

7:30 am

Omega Restaurant

### Sunday, June 9

Picnic in the Park

11:30 am

Windale Park

### Tuesday, June 11

Protection Plan

In Person Training

7:00 pm

### Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

### July:

#### Saturday, July 6

9:00 am

Vacation Bible Camp set up day

#### July 8 - 12

**ROAR** Vacation Bible Camp

9 am - noon

## Outdoor Prayer Experience

### Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm

Meet at Huron Natural Area:  
801 Trillium Drive, Kitchener

This is a great event for all ages. There will be prayer guides with activities for families and individuals to help you to connect with God in His creation.

If it rains, we will meet at the church.

## Graduation Celebration Picnic in the Park

### Sunday, June 9

We are celebrating all of our graduates this Sunday!

Following the service, bring a picnic lunch and meet us at **Windale Park** following the service.

There will be some games and activities planned as we spend an afternoon together in our neighbourhood park!



## Men's Breakfast

### Saturday, June 8 at 7:30 am

Did you know that the men of Country Hills Church (all ages and stages) meet once a month to share breakfast, prayer and fellowship together?

Join us at:

Omega Restaurant  
685 Fischer-Hallman Rd  
Kitchener

## Protection Plan Training

### Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00 pm

If you:

- Volunteer with children or youth at CHC
- Are serving at Vacation Bible Camp
- Are a small group leader or host
- Are considering volunteering with children or youth at CHC
- Have not attended an in person training event since 2018

If any of these apply to you, you **NEED** to attend this event.

Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting the church office **519-578-7275** or **office@countryhillschurch.ca** or by signing up on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

# CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



## New in the Library

### Fiction

Liberator (Dragons of Starlight) - Bryan Davis

Circles of Seven (Dragons in Our Midst: 3) - Bryan Davis

Tears of a Dragon (Dragons in Our Midst: 4)

Face of Betrayal - (Triple Threat novel) - Lis Wiehl

The Bride of Ivy Green (Tales from Ivy Hill: 3) - Julie Klassen

### Christian Living

Love at Last Sight: 30 Days to Grow and Deepen Your Closest Relationships - Kerry & Chris Shook

Love Talk: Speak Each Other's Language Like You Never Have Before - Les & Leslie Parrott

Costly Grace - Jon Walker