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Truly Free - Jeremy Shuart

In May of 2015, my wife Stephanie and I travelled to Steinbach Manitoba to a "Church Renewal" Conference. What I experienced there I had not experienced anywhere else. We actually had no idea what would actually take place, but I knew God had been prompting me for a while to go.

As part of the weekend at Southland Church we attended an event called "Set Free!" There, we heard teaching about our brokenness and sin and what keeps us from not only experiencing God in all His fullness, but from walking in the freedom and power of the spirit that are ours in Christ Jesus. But more than that, we spent time actually dealing with our sin and past and brokenness. I went expecting to learn some good things about how to renew our church, and God began that process in me.

Since that time I've been a part of the church renewal movement because I want to see the church in Canada renewed, and the people I love at the church I serve SET FREE!

So, October 19 - 20 we are hosting our third Set Free Retreat... and I know what you're thinking, I'm busy... I've been to these... but I want to encourage you to come learn and experience how to be set free. This is not a one time process, but a journey. Most of us who follow Jesus continue to carry our brokenness, sin, and pain

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when that was the very reason Jesus came - to carry it for us.

You can find out more information on our website or by contacting the church office.

My heart as a pastor is that everyone be Set Free... yes that's right everyone!!! I think it's that foundational and important. So please consider participating.



Missions Update - Kara Arbon

Candy Carnival

The fall season is upon us and we are looking forward to Country Hills' Annual **Candy Carnival on Wednesday, October 31 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.**

Every year we host games and activities on Halloween night for families in our community. Last year we had well over 150 people come out and enjoy the festivities.

To volunteer for this year's carnival please contact Rebecca Vermette rebeccavermette@yahoo.com or sign up at the back of church on Sunday.

Candy Drive - please bring a nut-free candy donation on Sunday, October 7.

This is a free event so feel free to **invite friends and neighbours** and enjoy the family fun! Invitations are available on the back table.



Operation Christmas Child



It's that time of year to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child! Operation Christmas Child is an initiative run every year by Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children by providing them with a gift filled shoebox to make sure they know they are loved and not forgotten. Each shoebox is to be filled with small gifts and necessary supplies for children.

You can pick up your shoeboxes at the back of the church beginning on Sunday, November 4. Pick up a brochure along with your box for tips on what to include and what not to include. Please also include a \$10 donation for shipping. Collection Sunday will be November 18. We're also hoping to have another CHC Packing Day - so stay tuned!

If you have questions about Operation Christmas Child contact the church office or talk with Leanne Wood-Hulme about our CHC Packing Day.

CHURCH LIBRARY

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



New in the Library

Fiction

Another Way Home - Christa Parrish
I have Seen Him in the Watchfires - Cathy Gohlke
William Henry is a Fine Name - Cathy Gohlke
This Road We Travelled - Jane Kirkpatrick
Two Steps Forward - Sharon Garlough Brown
Again the Tide - Elizabeth Camden
Keturah - Lisa T. Bergen
The Masterpiece - Francine Rivers
A.D. 33 - Ted Dekker
Until We Find Home - Cathy Gohlke
Some Day Home - Lauraine Shelling

Christian Living

Galatians For You - Tim Keller
The Organic God - Margaret Feinberg
Answering Jihad - Nabeel Qureshi

DVDs for Teens and Adults

What Make You Happy - Andy Stanley (group study)
When God's People Pray - Jim Cymbala (group study)
I Can Only Imagine - Inspirational

Rainy Gaze - Jeremy Stuart

Active Faith

If you're passionate about a cause or issue, something that is deeply important to you and impacts the world we live in you probably can't understand why others don't feel it too. Maybe you have posted articles, gone to fundraisers, joined organizations, or even been involved in promotional or protest based events to get the word out. Regardless of what the "issue" is, you feel it deeply and you want others to feel it deeply too. Well I've got good news - God designed you that way. In fact this is one of the very ways He invites you to relate to Him.

A few months ago I started sharing some of the sacred pathways God builds into us to relate to Him. You can take the survey for yourself here northpoint.org/care/pathways to help identify how you tend to connect with God best.

This particular pathway is known as "Activists." You express your love for God and His world through confrontation, and you tend to fight for Godly principles and values. I encourage you to see this as a form of worship, to align yourself with topics and issues that beat close to the heart of God. Jesus is our example here, because He confronted with love, and early on in His ministry He read the following passage from Isaiah to

proclaim that He had come to fulfill this prophecy.

Luke 4:18-19 (NLT) 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."

Peter was like this too - feisty and deep. God transformed him through Jesus from a guy who was willing to fight with a sword to protect those he loved, to a man willing to stand up and preach to thousands with tenderhearted boldness.

You have a place and a purpose in the body of Christ, and without "activists" our evangelism, social justice, and how we engage our changing culture with truth and grace would suffer. This is an act of worship, so worship God through more than just songs and work towards shifting the church and the world in line with God's heart.



Student Ministry

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

JR High - Grade 7 – 8 **High School** - Grade 9 – 12

Off-Site Wednesday, October 3

JR. High - Pumpkin Picking at Shantz Family Farm

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Drop off / pick up at the farm

Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.



SR. High - Bonfire & Games at the Kooistra's

6:45 - 8:45 pm



Wednesday, October 10, 17 and 24

Youth Alpha

7-9 pm at the church



Wednesday, October 31

Candy Carnival - come help out! Meet at the church at 5:30 pm. Event starts at 6:30 pm and runs until 8:30 pm.



Special Events

Sr. High Fall Retreat at Clarksburg Retreat Centre

October 12 - 14

Meet at church, 6:15 pm on Friday / Pickup at church at 3:30 pm on Sunday. Give money to Alyssa or Shauna.



Lighthouse Pro Events (Grade 5 & 6)

Saturday, October 13 - Shantz Pumpkin Farm

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Meet at the Shantz Farm ready to help out and enjoy the corn maze and campfire. Bring a snack to share. Invite a friend.

Please sign up with Gina Cowan if you're interested in attending.



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



Live Deep

Sunday, October 7

"Spiritual Health", Jeremy Shuart
 Thanksgiving Sunday
 Candy Drive
 Communion

Sunday, October 14

"Multiplication", Jeremy Shuart

Sunday, October 21

"Community", Jeremy Shuart

Sunday, October 28

Christian Horizons Global
 Dwayne Miley

Prayer Chain

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

Contact the church office
 519-578-7275
office@countryhillchurch.ca

October Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 2

Prayer and Worship Gathering
7 pm

Thursday, October 4

Men's bible Study
7 - 8:15 pm

Sunday, October 7

Thanksgiving Sunday
Candy Drive

Wednesday, October 10

Baptism Class
6:45 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 11

Forever Young
12 pm

Saturday, October 13

Men's Breakfast at Omega
7:30 am

October 12 - 14

High School Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 13

Men's Breakfast at Omega
7:30 am

Saturday, October 13

Lighthouse Pro - Shantz Farm
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Monday, October 15

Men's Floor Hockey begins
7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 16

Photography Group
7 pm

Thursday, October 18

Men's Bible Study
7 - 8:15 pm

October 19 and 20

Set Free Retreat

Sunday, October 21

Guitar Workshop
12 - 1:30 pm

Sunday, October 21

Young Adult Event
6:30 pm

Monday, October 22

Men's Floor Hockey
7:30 pm

Monday, October 29

Men's Floor Hockey
7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 31

Candy Carnival
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Guitar Workshop

Sunday, October 21, 12 - 1:30 pm

Open to all those who play guitar!

Contact Krissy Werner

kwerner@countryhillchurch.ca

Set Free Retreat

October 19 - 20

Friday 6 - 9 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 7 pm

Meals and snacks included!

Cost

\$50 person / \$80 couple

\$35 student/senior

Forever Young

Thursday, October 11, 12 pm

Autumn has arrived and we're anticipating a great start to our season. Chris will have a wonderful harvest/Oktoberfest meal for us, at a cost of \$10.00.

Heather Gross will be presenting "Made in God's Image", about her involvement in prison ministry at our local women's prison.

Be sure to join us!

Contact Lucille Waito

Men's Floor Hockey

Fall Kick-off October 15, 7:30 pm

Come out on Monday nights - no wooden sticks to be used, only plastic sticks. Also no black tape to be used on sticks please. Proper rubber soled shoes must be worn at all times.

Contact Dan Gooding

Young Adults Event

Sunday, October 21, 6:30 pm

Campfire & Hayride

Shantz Family Farm

1544 Bleams Road, Petersburg

Bring \$2 and some munchies, we'll do the rest.

Contact Jeremy Shuart

Candy Carnival

October 31, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ways you can participate:

- Donate to our Candy Drive
- Volunteer at the event
- Attend the event
- Invite friends / family to attend
- Pray

Pick up some invitations on the back table today!