Country Hills CHURCH

September 2019

COUNTRY HILLS CONNECTIONS

Better Together

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Welcome to Country Hills Church, and welcome back to our fall ministry season! Whether you are new here or have been here a while, we hope that you will journey with us this fall to help each other follow Jesus and help others to discover Jesus

This summer I, (Jeremy) have been reminded of how sometimes what we don't know can keep us from something GREAT! One of these experiences has been running, and I've learned that starting out is better when someone goes with you. I ran a few times on my own, and then a few times with my daughter, Kaitlyn. We were able to push each other to run farther and faster. I experienced this even more when Graham Wagler invited me to run. He has been running much longer than me and so we ran twice as far as I had ever gone. Making this small change run with others helped me do far better than I could have on my own and gave me the opportunity to deepen these relationships along the way.



Fall is a great time to make small changes that can make a huge difference. Journeying with others in our spiritual lives is kind of like running

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alone vs. running with others. You can try to follow Jesus alone, but I don't think that is what Jesus planned for us. We follow Jesus better when we make the small change to do it together – one of the simplest ways to do this is by joining a Small Group.

We'd like you to make a small change for 7 weeks that can make a big difference. This fall we are trying an experiment at Country Hills during a 7-week teaching series called "People of the Way." We are connecting our Small Groups to our Sunday teaching, and connecting other programming more intentionally with our Small Groups. We know these changes won't happen by chance and that we are asking you to make time for this, but we think it's worth it. Each week your group will talk about how to apply the message from Sunday and share struggles and victories around following Jesus together. This small time of connection together takes courage, but can lead to deeper relationships, greater trust in Jesus, and more consistent obedience as a church family. This can create the atmosphere for us to more intentionally help one another follow Jesus, and invite others to follow Him too.

Please consider being a part of this 7 week journey by joining a Small Group. It's simple to join. You can fill out a Small Group interest card at church, contact Randall Benbow or visit the Small Groups page on our website.

Pastor Jeremy Shuart Pastor Randall Benbow

Are you "New-ish" to Country Hills Church?

We would love to get to know you a bit better and have you get to know more about us!

Join us on **Sunday**, **September 22** following the service for light refreshments

Contact the church office for more information and to let us know you are coming! 519-578-7275 or office@countryhillschurch.ca

nextsteps

At Country Hills we believe standing still isn't an option for a follower of Jesus. One question we should regularly be asking ourselves about our spiritual journey is "What is my next step?" We can also pay attention to how Jesus is prompting us to grow, connect, serve, and help others follow Jesus on our own and with our church family. There are so many options available, how do you know where to start?

If you are new to Country Hills we've tried to make things simple as you begin your journey with us. Below you'll find some of the best **Next Steps** to take for you and the people in your household:

- Connect with us by filling out a Welcome Card
- Come to the "Newish" get together following service on Sunday, September 22nd
- Take the Next Steps Webinar and then come to the Next Steps Q&A following service on October 6th
- Join a Small Group
- Register your kids or teens for Family Ministry and get them involved
- Volunteer

If you are not new to CHC and haven't taken any of the steps above these are still a great place to start. Another simple way to think about next steps in our journey is to consider either additional or more intentional ways that we could spiritually grow, connect with others, or serve those around you.

For ideas or more information please contact our church office by phone or email, or you can begin taking any of these steps on your own by visiting the "Next Steps" page on our website. There you'll find links beside each of the items above that will direct you to a simple way to start.

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

Contact Isabel Minaker

If unavailable contact the church office at 519-578-7275 office@countryhillschurch.ca

Sunday Morning



Sunday, September 8

"Moving Beyond a VR Faith" Jeremy Shuart James 1: 22 - 27

Sunday, September 15

"The Starting Line Again Jeremy Shuart Ephesians 2:8-10

Sunday, September 22

"Regifting Revolution" Jeremy Shuart Ephesians 2: 8 - 10

Sunday, September 29,

"The Messiah Mirror" Jeremy Shuart 2 Peter 1:2-9

Nursery and Lighthouse Children's Ministry For all ages up to Grade 6

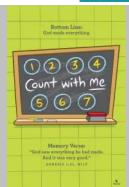
Register your children downstairs at the Guest Registration Desk or contact the church office. 519-578-7275 or office@countryhillschurch.ca

Download the Parent Cue App for ideas and conversation starters to help move your child toward a deeper faith and a better future.



This month in Lighthouse...





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Missions Update

Ride for Refuge - Saturday, October 5, 2019



On October 5th, you can make a big difference in the lives of others by giving, walking, or riding in Ride for Refuge with our Country Hills Cyclists team. Together, we are Riding' (or walking), to support Christian Horizons Global in Ethiopia.

If you have never participated in this event before, you can expect a fun day with your team and the other 100's of people from our region raising money for various charities.

You will get a lunch and a shirt, and

there are opportunities for all ages to participate. More than that you will get to be a part of something bigger If you need more information or have questions you can contact our team

leader Kara Arbon at kara.arbon@gmail.com.

supporting the cause by following this

http://ride.w-ith.us/countryhillscyclists

than yourself. If you have participated before, we hope that you can join us again and bring along a few friends. Over the past 5 years we have had the opportunity to raise thousands of dollars to help families in Ethiopia become self-sufficient and this year we hope to raise at least \$1200 more.

Please consider joining our team or



New in the Library this month

The 49th Mystic - Ted Dekker (suspense)

The Mark of the King - Jocelyn Green (novel)

Saving Amelie - Cathy Gohlke (novel) Where We Belong - Lynn Austin (novel)

Chosen People - Robert Whitlow (suspense)

Eye of the Oracle - Bryan Davis (teen fiction)

Girl, Wash Your Face - Rachel Hollis (women's issues)

Series: If I Run - Terri Blackstock If I Run If I'm found If I Live

Student Ministries This Month

Country Hills Youth Ministry Gr. 7 - Gr. 12

Country Hills Youth Ministry aims to provide a fun and safe environment for students to engage with their faith, build lasting relationships and serve our community.

We meet most Wednesday night's from September to June, and have occasional special events for more information, contact Pastor Mike at mwasyluk@countryhillschurch.ca or via call or text at 519.722.2387

Wednesday, September 11 - Youth Kick Off

Doors open at 6:45 pm

Parent pick up by 9:00 pm

Looking forward to meeting our brand new gr. 7's, catching up with friends after the summer, and hearing about all of the exciting things we will be doing as a group this year at Wednesday Night Youth!

Wednesday, September 18 - Youth Parents Meeting 7:15 pm

If you have kids in grades 7 - 12 this meeting is for you! Come and hear about what we have planned for your students this year. We will meet while your students are enjoying a regular night of youth.

SAVE THE DATE! Youth Group Lock In Friday, October 18 2019 7:00pm to Saturday, October 19 6:00pm

This is going to be a fun event with lots of food, games and surprises! Cost: \$35

Lighthouse Pro Gr. 5 & 6

Lighthouse Pro is a Country Hills Ministry for students in Grades 5-6. We meet once per month for social actives to hang out and get to know each other better. We'd love to have your student join us! For more information, contact Pastor Mike at mwasyluk@countryhillschurch.ca or via call or text at 519.722.2387

Friday, September 13 - Sports and Games Night

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Church

Friday, October 4 - Shantz Family Farm

1544 Bleams Rd, RR#2 Petersburg 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Meet at the farm for a fun night of pumpkin picking and a campfire!

Fall at a Glance

Sunday, September 8 **Next Steps Sunday**

September

10:00 am

Wednesday, September 11 Youth Kickoff

6:45 - 9:00pm

Thursday, September 12 **Forever Young Lunch**

12:00pm Cost: \$10.00

Friday, September 13 Lighthouse Pro Grade 5&6

Sports and Games Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, September 14 **Young Adults Social**

Malt and Barley 1187 Fischer Hallman Rd. Kitchener 7:00pm

Sunday, September 15 **Prayer and Worship Gathering** 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 18 **Youth Parents Meeting** 7:15 pm

Sunday, September 22 "New - ish" 11:30 am

Sunday, September 29 **Grade 1 Bible Presentation** 10:00 am

October

Friday, October 4 Youth and Lighthouse Pro

Pumpkin Picking and Campfire Shantz Family Farm 1154 Bleams Rd, RR#2 Petersburg Pumpkin Picking and Campfire 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 5 **Ride for Refuge**

Koinonia Christian Fellowship

Sunday, October 6 **Next Steps Q&A**

1:30 am

Tuesday, October 8 **Anxiety and Depression Seminar** 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 10 **Forever Young**

12:00 pm Cost: \$10.00

Sunday, October 13

Thanksgiving Candy Carnival Candy Drive

Friday, October 18 7:00pm to Saturday October 19 6:00 pm Youth Lock - in Cost: \$35

Sunday, October 20 **Baptism Information Class** 11:30 am

Thursday, October 31 **Candy Carnival** 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Featured Events

Forever Young

for those who are older in age and forever young

> Thursday, September 12 12:00 pm

Marie Fretz will be sharing with us. Cost for lunch: \$10.00

Please contact the church office to let us know if you are coming.

Prayer and Worship Gathering

Sunday, September 15 6:00 pm

We look forward to gathering as a church family for a time of Prayer and Worship as we begin our teaching and small Group Series: "People of the Way"

Child care provided.

Anxiety & Depression Workshop

Tuesday, October 8 8:00 pm

Stress, anxiety and depression affect millions of Canadians. Michael Glugosh is the managing director of the Mountainview Clinic for stress and anxiety and has been helping people over come their struggles with stress, anxiety and depression for 23 years. At this seminar, Michael will be teaching the life changing skills of cognitive behavioral therapy.

Young Adults Social

Saturday, September 14 7:00 pm

at the Malt and Barley 1187 Fischer - Hallman Rd, Kitchener

Come for an informal night to hang out and spend some time together. For more information contact: Pastor Mike mikewasyluk@countryhillschurch.ca Or text 519.722.2387

Candy Carnival

Thursday, October 31 6:30 - 8:30 pm

We are looking forward to a great night together as we dress up, have fun, and serve the community around us. We need people to help run games, hand out candy, and visit with those in attendance.

If you can help please contact the church office.

We also need lots of candy to hand out at the carnival. Please bring candy donations to the church.

