



North Grenville Community Church

TO LIVE & LOVE LIKE JESUS WITH JESUS

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From the Pastor: The past year in North Grenville

It has been a year since my family and I moved here to pastor the North Grenville Community Church. We did not know much about the community before choosing to relocate. Even the facts we knew cannot compare to the experiences we've gained from actually living here. As we've come to call this area home, here are the things I've discovered about the North Grenville Community.

We have the best of rural and urban. Let me explain, moving to North Grenville felt like moving to the city. Our previous home was in a cottage community called Land of Lakes, north of highway 7. Now we're just an hour drive to Ottawa. We have since learned how rural the community perceives itself. Although there are many who make the commute to Ottawa daily or weekly for business, the community still has a country identity. I like this. Here you find the peace of the country without the feeling of being isolated and all of our necessities are at our fingertips.

Our community is growing. It seems like every week there is a new business either occupying an old building or putting up a new one. I see many houses with sold signs and new housing developments being built. It's exciting! Watching all this take place brings the hope of all kinds of possibilities in the future. I believe that we all desire to be a part of something that is alive, healthy, and growing. Seeing all this change in and around Kemptville can bring life.

Our community is united. There are many great community events from the annual youth theatre's musicals and farmer's market to Neon Night and the annual parades. As Pastor of North Grenville Community Church, I have enjoyed the privilege of getting to know many of the other church leaders. I love to see the churches work together: whether it be the Walk of the Cross, the Remembrance Day Ceremony, The RING organization, or when our Church has the opportunity to organize Fill-A-Bag with many other organizations. All of this shows harmony and support. Overall, this has been a great year. We love this community, our church family and the opportunities God is giving us. Our children love their school and all the recreational activities that they have participated in. It has been a privilege living here yet I feel like I'm just getting to know the people of North Grenville.

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About Galatians

This month Pastor Thomas is continuing his series on the Book of Galatians. This short New Testament book is just six chapters long and can be found between 2 Corinthians and Ephesians. It is a letter written by the apostle Paul to the churches he had founded during his first missionary journey through the province of Galatia, or present-day Turkey. Historians have a few theories when the letter was written, our best estimates are that Paul wrote the Galatians between 48AD and 53AD.

Paul's reason for writing is to address concerns that had developed among the believers. Legalistic Jewish-Christians were telling new Gentile

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A Year of Celebration

Psalm 145:7

They celebrate your abundant goodness.

There are many joys and events in a year worth remembering, celebrating, and giving thanks. This year we want to collect those praises and share them next Easter.

To do this, we have a jar in the lobby labelled "A Year of Celebration" to fill with the praises and celebrations of

our community over the next twelve months. Anyone can contribute a note of celebration. Whenever you have something to celebrate write it down and drop it in the jar. It can be a simple line like "enjoyed tea with a friend" or "worship was great today" to big praises like a new job, healing, or an answered prayer.

About Galatians Continued

believers that they had to keep the rituals and rules of Judaism, especially circumcision, in order to be saved.

On hearing about these false teachings Paul writes to correct the lies and remind the Galatians that we are all saved by faith in Jesus Christ.

When reading through Galatians, one way you can think about it is by dividing the letter into three parts: 1) a personal introduction 2) teaching and 3) practical living. In the introduction

(Gal 1:1-2:21) Paul gives his greeting then lays his credentials as an apostle. The teaching section (Gal 3:1-5:15) Paul reminds us that salvation is by faith alone, God's grace is for all people, the difference between the law and grace, and the freedom Jesus gives us.

In the final section (Gal 5:16-6:18) Paul tells us that we can live this free life because we now live in the Spirit. It is because of the Spirit we no longer live for self and makes our everyday actions opportunities for the fruit of the Spirit to shine through our lives.

From the Pastor Continued

I'm looking forward to many more years here and I'm excited to get to meet more people. If I could sum up my thoughts from the past year in one word, it would be **growth**.

As we look forward to this Easter season we anticipate the new life that Christ gave us through His resurrection, we can celebrate all areas of our community and the unity that we have, and how Christ may birth something new in us. After the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit gave life to the church. The church grew in numbers, as well as in their faith. As Pastor, I hope that we can dream and vision together how God might bring new life to these areas in our life again. It is our love for one another that brings both unity and community. Our love for each other comes from our trust in God. Our trust in God does not come from ourselves but from the power that God demonstrated through defeating the grave. This is why Jesus' death and resurrection mean so much to us as Christians. It is the basis for all unity that we share and through that unity our community is created.

Up & Coming Events

Saturday April 21st—Liz's Birthday Board Game Bash—1-4 PM

Join us in the lower auditorium for board games, bring your favourites or play one from Pastor Liz's collection. There will also be cake. Everyone welcome, kids too.

Friday May 25th—Mom's Night Off—6:30-9:30 PM

Moms, drop your kids off at the Church and enjoy a free night of childcare. Your kids will enjoy games, movies and snacks. More details to come.

Sunday May 27th—Guess Who is Coming to Lunch?

A twist on our traditional family Sunday lunch. Stay tuned for more details.

Saturday June 2nd—Annual Church Yard Sale—8 AM-2 PM

Clean out your closets and perhaps pick up a great find. More information to follow.

Sunday June 3rd - Annual Society Meeting & Service of Celebration

Come and celebrate what God has been doing in this local Church over the past year.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	2	3 Prayer—11 AM	4 Fuel Night 5:30-8 PM	5	6	7
8 Church@ 10:30	9 Men's Group 7:30 PM	10 Prayer—11 AM	11	12	13	14
15 Church@ 10:30	16 Men's Group 7:30 PM	17 Prayer—11 AM	18 Fuel Night 5:30-8 PM	19	20	21 Liz's Birthday Board Game Bash 1-4 PM
22 Church@ 10:30 Bayfield Manor Service 2:30 PM	23 Men's Group 7:30 PM	24 Prayer—11 AM My One Word-1:30 PM Board Meeting-7:30 PM	25	26	27 Ladies Springarama Retreat Weekend	28 Ladies Springarama Retreat Weekend
29 Church@ 10:30	30 Men's Group 7:30 PM					

Birthdays This Month

Elijah Boone (5th)

Wally de Vries (5th)

June Vienneau (7th)

Randy Giffen (13th)

Hope van Noppen (16th)

Macy Eng (20th)

Pastor Liz (26th)

Shirley Osmachenko (27th)

Brook-Lyn Denny (29th)

If we missed mentioning your birthday or anniversary please let us know by calling the office at 258-4815

Groups & Studies

Monday: Monday Night Men's Group 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. The guys meet weekly as men, studying the word and sharing our lives in prayer and friendship. For more information contact Joe Kupecz, or the Church office at 613-258-4815 x 100.

Tuesday : Prayer 11AM in the Sanctuary. Join us for a time of prayer. Prayer time is informal and you can come and go as needed, but generally wraps up by 12 PM. If you have a prayer request you can fill in a Connect Card and put it in the prayer baskets at the front of the church or call the Church office at 613-258-4815 x 100 or email at office@ngccfm.ca.

Wednesday : Ladies Bible Study 10 AM @ Church Have questions about the sermon or want to dig deeper in to God's word? Facilitated by Debbie Stewart .

Wednesday : Fuel Night, @ Church. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. Programming for Kids, Youth and Adults starts at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join in. If you plan on coming for dinner please let us know by calling the Church office at 613-258-4815 x 100 so that we can have enough food for everyone.

For more info about our weekly activities and connection opportunities go to www.ngccfm.ca/small-groups

Karis Book Club

“Eating and reading are two pleasures that combine admirably.”

— [C.S. Lewis](#)

I completely agree with C.S. Lewis, my only addition is that both books and food are better when shared with friends. It is that reason that we are starting a book club, the Karis Book Club. Karis is from Greek, meaning grace. The books we look at are going to have themes of grace, redemption, and faith.

Karis Book Club is for women interested in reading and discussing Christian books. We plan to start meeting in May.

Our first book will be the Lineage of Grace, a collection of novellas by Francine Rivers.

About Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers

This compilation of the five books in the best-selling A Lineage of Grace series shares the stories of the five unlikely women who changed eternity. Tamar, betrayed by the men who controlled her future, she fought for her right to believe in a loving God. Rahab, a woman with a past to whom God gave a future. Ruth, who gave up everything, expecting nothing, and God honored her. Bathsheba, her beauty stirred the passion of a king, her pain moved the heart of God. Mary, all eternity had been waiting for this moment and she responded in simple obedience to God's call. Each was faced with extraordinary—even scandalous—challenges, each took great personal risk to fulfill her calling, and each was destined to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

Our Reading Plan

May - Unveiled: The Story of Tamar

June - Unashamed: The story of Rahab

September - Unshaken, The story of Ruth

October - Unspoken, The story of Bathsheba

November - Unafraid, The story of Mary

Fill out an interest card today to join the club

-Pastor Liz



The prayer chain can be initiated by calling the Church at 613-258-4815 x 100 or emailing office@ngccfm.ca. The prayer team meets at the Church on Tuesdays at 11 AM.

- The Kerith Debt Freedom Centre as it ministers to our community. Please pray for our coaches as well as the clients they serve.
- Christian refugee families in the middle east who are being persecuted.
- That God would continue to provide for the needs of the Church.
- Those who struggle with addictions and their families.
- Those in our Church family, and community that struggle with health issues, especially our seniors.
- Those who are battling cancer; 14 year old Tanner, and Trudy Arnaud's sister Barbara, May Louise's daughter Marcie, Linda Moore's cousin's husband Mark who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Our country and it's leadership, federally, provincially and at the municipal level
- Please pray that Linda Moore's doctors will be able to develop a method to do the needed knee surgery that will not result in a lifetime of pain for Linda.
- Please pray for our denomination the Free Methodist Church in Canada, that we can be united as a movement across Canada, and for those who lead us at Ministry Centre.
- Praise that Kevin & Joely's friend Rod is awake, breathing on his own, sipping water and even briefly standing following a surgery to repair a ruptured aorta on Tuesday.