



# North Grenville *Community Church*

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## Summer Growth

*This time of the year things are moving. Children are now out of school, families are going on vacation to the cottage or camping.*

Camps are being held across our country with all kinds of activities planned.

The children seem to shoot up like weeds during this time. When they return to school in the fall they can seem like they've grown inches or matured quickly. Likewise, plants are growing, hay is being cut, and gardens are starting to grow food. But what about the church? The church can seem to shrink as people take time to travel and visit family and friends over the summer. I heard one pastor he doesn't like calling a time away with the Lord a "retreat" but would rather call it an "advance". He stated this as he thinks the church should never be retreating but always advancing. Let

me suggest that I believe that this summer, although we might be putting our church events and programs on hold until September we can still be advancing!

### **Time away with the Lord**

The word "holidays" comes from the idea that there are "holy days". The word holy means separate or set apart. As you spend time on holidays this summer I encourage you to make sure they are holy. Just because you are away doesn't mean that the Lord isn't with you. Jesus promised to be with us wherever we go (see Matthew 28:20). So when you are at your cottage or camping,

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## Ways to Pray for Kingdom Rock

The kids camp runs July 9-13th.

- 1) Pray for the children and families that will be reached through this ministry. Pray that our camp will be a blessing to them and that they will hear from God.
- 2) Pray for the leaders and volunteers who will be working be leading and teaching these children. Pray for their strength, continued health, patience, and that they are filled with Christ love and able to show it to the children. Pray that these workers would receive an overflow of blessing from this week of service.
- 3) Pray that our church will be stronger because of this week and that our community will be positively impacted because of this ministry. Pray that God would receive glory from all that we do.



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visiting friends or family allow that time to be holy, set apart. Remember Jesus desires that you continue to **grow closer to him** even when you are away from home.

### Being on mission

The idea that the church can't grow in the summer is only based on the idea that we grow when we meet together. In some sense there is truth that we do grow when we are in community, encouraging,

correcting, teaching each other (see 2 Timothy 4:2). But I believe that the church is not only meant to gather together but we are also supposed to scatter. Jesus sends us out so that we can grow when we are sent too (see Luke 10). Believing that we are on mission puts us ready at all times to be a witness for Jesus (see 1 Peter 3:15). This preparedness helps our faith grow too, allowing Jesus to use us at any time even on vacation allows us to see our faith

blossom.

### Coming home

There is a saying that home is where the heart is. As pastor of this church I believe that our heart needs to be centred on Christ and that wherever we go we can feel His presence. But there is nothing like going away and then feeling the comfort of coming back to somewhere familiar. As you take time this summer to meet new people and visit different places be excited about sharing how God has used you when you return

home. The church can grow from being encouraged about how God met you on your holidays. The church can also grow when you bring people into the faith. We as your church look forward to hearing how God has grown you over the summer and much like how children return to school in the fall looking all grown up we expect the Lord to do the same in His church.

Pastor Thomas Eng

## Kingdom Rock Kids Camp

Welcome to Kingdom Rock, an epic 5-day Vacation Bible Camp adventure where your kids will discover how to stand strong for God. There will be songs, stories, videos, crafts, games and snacks for kids aged 4-12.

The camp will run daily July 9-13th from 8:45 AM-4 PM at North Grenville Community Church. Before and after care is available upon request from 8 AM-8:45 AM and 4 PM-5 PM. Morning and afternoon snack will be

provided. The cost for the camp is \$20/child for the first two children and \$10/child after that. Campers are asked to bring a bagged nut-free lunch. The Church is located at 2659 Concession Rd. in Kemptville, beside the hospital. Spaces are limited so advanced registration is preferred, although walk-up registrations will be accepted, space permitting. Register online at [ngccfm.ca/kids-camp](http://ngccfm.ca/kids-camp). For more information about the camp or to register your child offline, please call 613-258-4815 x 100.

## Library Corner

Vacation season is upon us. Consider bringing one of the Church library or audio books with you on your holidays.

There are two new titles by Francine Rivers in the Church library. "The Attonement Child" and "And The Shofar Blew". Both novels will engage the reader in real life drama that will challenge faith and bring you closer to God.

"The Problem of God" comes highly recommended by Joe Kupecz. A good read for the skeptic and those of strong faith.

Looking for a good read this summer? Ask Debbie Stewart or Pastor Liz for suggestions.





## Crazy Canadian Trivia...

How many of these do you know?

- The Toronto Blue Jays are the fastest AL expansion team to win the World Series
- The Royal Montreal Golf Club is the oldest golf club in North America
- While ice hockey is Canada's most prevalent sport, lacrosse is the country's first official sport.
- The canoe capital of the world is located in Peterborough, Ont.
- The Halifax Explosion in 1917 was the world's largest man-made explosion prior to Hiroshima
- The first YMCA started in 1851 in Montreal
- The term "trick or treat" was first used in Alberta
- An Ontario man invented Hawaiian pizza
- Macaroni and Cheese is the most-purchased grocery item in Canada
- New Brunswick-based McCain Foods is the world's largest manufacturer of French fries
- Montreal has the highest number of restaurants per capita in Canada
- There are almost no rats in Edmonton – or in all of Alberta for that matter
- Canada has more lakes than all other countries combined
- Manitou Lake on Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron is the world's largest lake within a lake
- Alert, Nunavut is the world's northernmost settlement
- Canada has the only walled city, Quebec City, in North America
- Canada's literacy rate is over 99%
- Canada's population density is 8.6 people per square mile, making it the ninth-most sparsely populated nation in the world
- Only eight countries are deemed to be less corrupt than Canada
- Canada has an "Apology Act" that allows apologies in court to be considered a sign of empathy, not guilt
- The world's smallest jail is in Rodney, Ont.



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

- Our Kingdom Rock Kids Camp July 9-13th
- Our Church family as they travel for vacation and to visit family and friends.
- Steven Carleton and the Arctic Hope Project as they seek to end suicide in Canada's north.
- 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 Barbara, Marcie, Mark.
- Our country and it's leadership, federally, provincially and at the municipal level,.
- 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.
- The we as a Church and a nation would have a renewed desire to seek God's face in prayer.



# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Service 10:30 AM	2	3	4 Prayer for Canada 7 PM	5	6	7
8 Sunday Service 10:30 AM	9 Kingdom Rock Kids Camp 8:45-4 PM	10 Kingdom Rock Kids Camp 8:45-4 PM	11 Kingdom Rock Kids Camp 8:45-4 PM Prayer for Canada—7 PM	12 Kingdom Rock Kids Camp 8:45-4 PM	13 Kingdom Rock Kids Camp 8:45-4 PM	14
15 Sunday Service 10:30 AM	16	17	18 Prayer for Canada 7 PM	19	20	21
22 Sunday Service 10:30 AM	23	24 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	25 Prayer for Canada 7 PM	26	27	28
29 Sunday Service 10:30 AM Sunday Prayer 6:30 PM	30	31				

## Birthdays This Month

Clayton Shearer (9th)  
Rebecca van Noppen (15th)  
Rosalind Giffen (22nd)

## Anniversaries This Month

Andrew & Mandy Boone (2nd)  
Pat & Carlyn Attwell (5th)  
David & Rebecca van Noppen (6th)  
Harry & Lila Handler (16th)  
Rob & Maureen Gummeson (19th)

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

## Groups & Studies

**Our Groups and Studies are taking a break for the summer and will start up again in the fall.**

**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](mailto:office@ngccfm.ca).

**Wednesday: Prayer for Canada at 7 PM.** Come to the Sanctuary to pray for our nation from 7 PM—8:30 PM. Check the Church Facebook page in case of cancellation.

**Sunday: Monthly Sunday Night Prayer at 6:30 PM.** Join us in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer on the last Sunday evening of the month and sometimes communion and worship. We start at about 6:30 and wrap up by 8 PM.

**For more info about our weekly activities and connection opportunities go to**  
[www.ngccfm.ca/small-groups](http://www.ngccfm.ca/small-groups)