

▶ SERMON NOTES



NOV 24, 2019

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**"WHEN EVERYTHING IS NEW"
REVELATION 21:1-4**

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▶ MRBC UPDATES

- ▶ **OH WHAT FUN: SAVE THE DATE**//December 14th. Come out for some fun that's FREE and for EVERYONE! Check out the Candlelight Cafe while you enjoy some jazzy sounds and then head downstairs to play Bingo and Family Feud. Spread Christmas cheer by singing some karaoke carols or decorate cookies and Christmas cards. Need some quiet time? Grab a bag of popcorn and stretch out to enjoy a classic movie in the theatre. Kids of all ages will love our bouncy castles and getting photos taken with their favourite cartoon characters! Invite your friends and neighbours, we're excited to see you there!
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** December 24th at 5pm. Come celebrate with us as we reflect on our Saviour's birth on our saviour's birth at our candlelight service. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family as well. Invites are available at the Next Steps Center.
- ▶ **SENIOR'S HYMN SING:** December 20th from 1-3pm. Invite a friend and come out for a lovely afternoon as we celebrate the joy and hope we have in Jesus. Enjoy a cup of coffee and some Christmas treats.
- ▶ **MAPLE RIDGE CONCERT BAND:** MRBC is excited to be hosting this group of talented musicians on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30pm. This event is a great night to bring your friends and family out to as you kick off your Christmas! Tickets available at the door.
- ▶ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers needed! We are looking for help on Thursday nights for discipleship ministry in the new year. Are you willing to help with Alpha (as host or leader)? Hospitality in the lobby (greeting, coffee bar)? A supportive role for classes / groups that are meeting? Do you have a heart for prayer ministry? If you're interested in any of the above, please contact Pastor Gary at the office or by emailing gary@ridgebaptist.ca to find out more.
- ▶ **RIDGEKIDS:** We are growing! Every Sunday we are adding more kids to our Ridgekids ministry. We need more Grade 1-4 small group teachers and assistants to help our Ridgekids learn about Jesus. We'd love you to join our volunteer staff team and help impact the next generation of MRBC'ers. Training provided! Contact anna@ridgebaptist.ca for more info.
- ▶ **COSTUMES:** Do you have extra kids costumes? We would love to use them to set up a dress up corner in our preschool rooms! Email anna@ridgbaptist.ca if you would like to donate your gently used Halloween costume.
- ▶ **LET'S GET OUR...LEGO!?:** Would you like to bless our youth and kids ministry this Christmas? We are looking for donations of LEGO. LEGO is a great tool to use as a teaching aid. We use LEGO to help kids who are hands on learners understand the story (for example, when Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem). Lego is a great tool, and if you can bless us by donating either used or new Lego sets, we would appreciate it!

▶ MINISTRY FOCUS

- ▶ **WORSHIP:** Have you ever wondered why we sing on a Sunday morning? If you're new to church it probably seems pretty strange because there's almost nowhere else you WOULD go on a Sunday morning to stand up and sing with hundreds of other people. We sing for three really important reasons. Psalm 96:2-3 says, "Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" First, we sing to bless the Lord our God. That is we honour Him and we thank Him for what He's done. Second, we remind one another of His salvation. And third, we declare His glory and His marvellous works. So for these reasons, we love to sing. We want to use the musical gifts God gives us to honour Him and lift Him high. Let's sing together!

▶ PRAYER REQUESTS

▶ Financial Update:

Giving:	Jan 1 – Oct 31 2019	\$855,885
Expenses:	Jan 1 – Oct 31 2019	\$867,830

- ▶ Please be in prayer for our church and for the following individuals/families:

- Chin Family
- Christianne Morton
- Carol Ann Thibodeau
- Helen Reitsma
- Joy Elcheshen
- Margaret Levitt
- Gil Gresham
- Wick Family

▶ PRAYER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	9:30am	Pre-Service Prayer
TUESDAY	6:00am 7:00am	Men's Prayer Men's Prayer
WEDNESDAY	7:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Women's Prayer Adult Prayer Church-wide Prayer