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# LET'S TALK

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

**Japan  
Midterm  
Mission**

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**Global  
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**Local  
Outreach  
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**...and more**

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## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

*"But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, and who is my neighbour?"*  
Luke 10:29b



An expert of the law challenged Jesus after hearing the latter part of the Great Commandment. Jesus then tells the parable of the Good Samaritan – one we are all familiar with. At the end of the parable Jesus poses a question in return to the expert of the law. "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert replies: "The one who had mercy on the man". Jesus poignantly replies: "Go and do likewise."

Jesus' responses to those who challenged him were always powerful and thought-provoking. In this case, it not only challenged the expert of the law to re-evaluate his question, but it pushed him to reconsider his world view. Jesus was shaking the very foundation of the Pharisees' perspective on life. He was driving him out of his comfort zone.

As we focus on mission this GMC, you will find it extremely encouraging and spiritually stimulating to see how God is working around the world and here in our city! For our Local Outreach Sunday, we will be looking at the different unreached people groups (UPG's) God has brought to the GTA. It may seem like an overused adage but God has really brought the world to our doorstep! For the Global Outreach Sunday, we will be hearing about the current church situation in India – a nation that has its highest out-of-country representation right here in our city!

Whether it be UPG's here in the GTA or our brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe, we need to be asking the same question the Pharisee asked, but with a different attitude. We need to really know who our neighbours are. We need to understand their perspectives on life. We have to become aware of their needs. And we must respond by practically loving them according to those needs. We must ask **"Lord, show us our neighbours through your eyes and teach us how to share you with them!"**



## VISION FOR MISSION

**We are all on a "mission" whether we are conscious about it or not.** People start embarking on their mission in life as soon as interests are developed, dreams are born, or personal passions are ignited. I still remember pretending I was an undercover agent on a mission after watching James Bond movies as a child. The pretense of being on mission brought about a sense of meaning and excitement to everything I did. My world suddenly became larger. My perspective changed. I had a purpose. I was walking around with a new identity - I was a spy! I was watching my surroundings, aware of each environment I was in, alert and ready for any situation to arise. I was eagerly listening to the directions given to me by my boss through the tiny receiver I was "wearing" in my ear. I was intent on rescuing the world from the peril it was facing that it had no idea about. These pretend games would last for different periods of time. There would be times when I was a "spy" for an entire day! (Unless I was rudely interrupted by my parents to do my chores)

**The moment you and I choose to believe and follow Jesus, we are on mission.** Mission becomes our life and our life becomes Mission. Life takes on a whole new meaning and purpose. We take on a new identity. We not only become God's children, we also become his servants - God's "agents" here on earth. With this new mission and new identity, we need to become aware of our environment - the "field" we are placed in. We need to have an action plan of how we are going to "rescue" this world we are in.

Unless you and I understand this truth, we are living only half the life that God intended us to have as his children. **Unless we accept our new identity and the mission that comes with it, we will either be living life without purpose or with the wrong one.**

My vision for us at BBC is that every single one of us understand and accept this truth. My dream is that each and every one of us take on this new identity God has given us as followers of Christ; that our perspectives change; that we become aware of our "field"; that we listen to Holy Spirit's directions, alert, ready, and prepared with a plan to bring our world to Jesus.

**On Mission with you,**  
**Joshua Bautista**

### APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> - LOCAL FOCUS



#### **SPEAKER - DAVID GARRISON**

**David Garrison** has a PhD in historical theology from the University of Chicago. He is a veteran of more than 30 years as a missionary pioneer. His writings include: *The Nonresidential Missionary* (1990), *Church Planting Movements* (2004), and *A Wind in the House of Islam* (2014). Garrison currently serves as Global Gates' executive director, and as Church Planting Consultant in the Professional Services Group of MissioNexus the largest network of evangelical missions in the world. David is the husband of Sonia and father of four grown children.

### MAY 5<sup>th</sup> - GLOBAL FOCUS



#### **SPEAKER - MOSES PARMAR**

**Moses Parmar** was born in a second-generation Christian family in a small town in Gujarat, India. Moses came to a saving knowledge of Christ at the age of 17, through Evangelical Students Bible study. Soon after, God called him to serve in full time ministry.

In 1983, Moses began his career with Operation Mobilization India, working as a member of the field teams in the state of Bihar. After 32 years of service in OM, Moses joined India Missions Association (IMA). As the second largest mission network in the world with 258 Indian member missions, IMA connects and enhances missions and churches to establish

Jesus worshipping fellowships among every people group within India and beyond.

Moses has a Master of Arts degree from the Asian College of Cultural Studies. He married his wife Sushma in 1991, and they live in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, with their two adult children.

# **GMC SEMINAR**

**Saturday May 4th  
10 AM until 12 PM**

#### **AVAILABLE SEMINARS:**

- 1) "How to Share your faith with your Hindu Neighbours"
- 2) "Knightsbridge Outreach - What's my role?"  
- Knightsbridge Outreach Team
- 3) "Japan Midterm Mission"  
- Scott Houle & Tanikah Roberts
- 4) "What God is doing in India Today and How to Pray for India"  
- Moses Parmar

To register email Ben at [bwilson@bramalea.org](mailto:bwilson@bramalea.org) or call the church office (905)451-6088.

The seminars are free but registration is necessary. A light lunch will be provided.



## GMC PROJECTS - \$20,000

Please use the green “GLOBAL MISSION CELEBRATION” envelope to give to GMC Projects 2019

### PRAYER GUIDE FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS (UPG) IN GTA - \$8,000



The **TIM Centre** along with **Global Gates Canada, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Christian Meetings and Conventions Association, and Lausanne Canada** are looking to reach the six million people representing over 200 nations within the GTA through the creation of a **Diaspora Prayer & Mobilization Guide**. They plan on making it **available digitally and in print**. The guide will:



- Make churches more aware of diaspora UPG's and their locations in the GTA
- To mobilize people to prayer for our city and the diaspora UPG's living among us
- To research the felt needs of these diaspora people groups and to connect them to resources
- To create a data base of people and organizations working with these diaspora UPG's in the GTA
- To connect churches and Christians to ways they can reach and serve these diaspora communities
- To share with the broader church how God is moving and blessing these diaspora UPG's
- Information leads to awareness; awareness leads to prayer; prayer leads to engagement

### KNIGHTSBRIDGE COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Apartment Furnishing Project - \$5,000

A few years ago, BBC was handed the baton to an amazing ministry Ted and Jen Brown started in the Knightsbridge community. Many years ago, Ted and Jen sensed God's call to move into one of the apartments in the Knightsbridge area and to be Jesus' hands and feet as they interacted with the families living there. They established loving relationships with many struggling new immigrant families who turned to them in times of need. As the Lord led Ted and Jen to a new ministry outside of the GTA, we inherited this "Pot of Gold." At present, we run KINS club – a weekly children's outreach program and a monthly Free Food Store for families in need. We run a VBS Camp during the summers and are currently growing the Ladies Tea Time outreach. We are currently praying and dreaming of other ministry opportunities that could be facilitated through this outreach initiative. **The apartment unit is quite bare and we want to create a more comfortable and welcoming "home" for the individuals we minister to. We hope to furnish it to better fit the ministries we hope to run through it in the coming years.**



Join us as we move forward into the world of ministry opportunities that await us as we serve our neighbours just around the corner!

### DEI: Marriage and Parenting Books Publication Project - \$7,000

DEI is planning on **publishing 2 books for the oppressed majority.**

- One will be focused on marriage and the other on parenting – both written with a biblical perspective.
- This project was actually born through a request from the community.
- This project is a response to a real need, there is nothing like it in the local culture.
- Please pray for and give towards this very strategic project.





# GLOCAL MISSION CELEBRATION - KNIGHTSBRIDGE

## KNIGHTSBRIDGE OUTREACH

We had an exciting vision meeting for the Knightsbridge Outreach on April 7<sup>th</sup>! We gathered some people who are currently involved in KO and those who are keen about becoming part of what God is doing there. We had an extremely encouraging time as people shared the dreams and visions they had for what God still has in store for the ministry there. Some of the future ministry opportunities include:



The 5K GMC Project will transform this bare apartment into a lovingly furnished “home” for everyone to enjoy.

- Homework / tutoring club for the kids in the community
- Soccer & other sports outreach programs
- Care events for new immigrant mothers (foot spa, nail salon, etc.)
- ESL classes for new immigrant parents
- Business entrepreneurs club

And many more! If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, contact Ben Wilson at [bwilson@bramalea.org](mailto:bwilson@bramalea.org) to register for the seminar on May 4<sup>th</sup>!



## GLOCAL MISSION CELEBRATION - QUEBEC

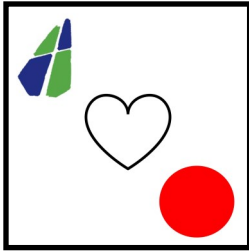
### QUEBEC CHURCH PARTNERSHIP – LAVAL CHURCH PLANT



Pastor Mark and I visited our partner church in Quebec in March to meet the Laval Church Plant team headed up by Jonathan Laval. The team was commissioned by the church on the Sunday we were there. It was so encouraging to see how our partnership with Terrebonne Mascouche is showing signs of meaningful progress for the Kingdom! Jonathan and his family have already sold their current home and are moving to Laval soon. Most of the team will move there as well. The team will start off as a Missional Community – intentionally building relationships with the communities that they live in and sharing Christ through lifestyle

evangelism. They will be gathering once a month and gradually increase their meetings as the plant develops. Please pray for the team and our neighbour province Quebec – that we might see God raise up many disciples of Christ in the years to come!





## JAPAN MIDTERM MISSION

This coming summer we will be sending two of our young adults, Scott Houle and Tanikah Roberts to Japan on a year-long mission trip to different areas of Japan. Please learn more about them below and keep them in your prayers. Also, keep up-to-date on Scott and Tanikah on Facebook @bbcjapanmidterm



### SCOTT HOULE

Hello

My name is Scott Houle. I am 23 years old. I am a member at Bramalea Baptist and have been coming to this church ever since I was a baby. One day in January 2018, I was driving to go and teach a karate class when I heard a clear and powerful voice saying "go get baptized". I said, "ok God I have to teach this class then I will go to the church and find out how." I found out, I joined the baptism/membership class and I got baptized on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. After I was baptized I wanted to follow Jesus more and more and I have been seeking him in what I do. I am currently working full time, completed a two-year diploma program in Electromechanical Engineering and I am scheduled to get my diploma in June.

I have always had a curiosity and interest in Japan and the Japanese culture since I was a child. This led me to take up martial arts. I have been doing karate for six years and recently received my black belt. I also have been studying Japanese for about a year; taking formal lessons once a week. I practice my conversational Japanese with a few Japanese friends here and with some friends I made while I was in Japan.

I joined the Japan short-term mission trip to Tsukuba last summer (2018) and it totally changed my life. Before I went on this mission trip, I didn't really know what I wanted to do with my life. I took post-secondary education because that's the thing you do here in North America but I didn't really know what I wanted to do with the education or even with my life. I just went to school because my family wanted the best for me and wanted me to do well in life. During the two weeks I was in Tsukuba I felt like I was "at home." I thoroughly enjoyed working with Pastor Takeshi and the two Chinese missionaries on staff at their church. It was

also so fulfilling and satisfying to serve the Japanese people – both believers and non-believers. I also loved the culture as well – the food, the places, the customs, the people – I had no reservations at all. I also started to feel like God wanted me in Japan.

I started to have this strong desire to just love and serve the Japanese people. Upon returning to Canada, I could not get Japan out of my mind. I believe God is calling me to go back to Japan. I shared this with Pastor Josh who is mentoring me now and he is also convinced that he sees God leading me back to Japan. I went to Urbana in St. Louis after Christmas until the New Year and it was a great experience. I loved worshipping God and learning from all the great teachers at the seminars and large group time. While I was there I felt God call to me again and he said: "go to Japan." I going back to serve in Tsukuba for one year. During this time, I will also be seeking the Lord for direction as to whether He wants me to stay even longer. My stay will be under the supervision of Pastor Takeshi Sakuma and Lord willing, I hope to return to Japan in May 2019. It has been very evident that God is leading me to Japan. He helped me with my studies and I was able to complete all the requirements to graduate. He has provided me a full-time job to pay off my student debt before I leave for Japan. God has been amazing, to say the least! Pastor Takeshi and Tsukuba Grace Chapel have also sensed that this is God's will and have welcomed me to come back and serve with them. Furthermore, God has also provided space for my accommodation during my stay there.



### PASTOR SAKUMA & FAMILY





## BBC JAPAN 2019

MIDTERM MISSION



### TANIKAH ROBERTS

My name is Tanikah Roberts. I am 21 years old. I began attending BBC in 2013. I was going through a time in my life where I felt lost and was taken in with open arms by the youth group and members of the church. In 2015 I graduated high school not sure about what exactly I wanted to do with my future in school, so I decided to take time off.

It was that year I was baptized at Youth Week which was the most pivotal point in my life, committing to follow Jesus. Also, that year I was approached about joining the 2016 STM team to Japan and I was ecstatic. I was able to go on a month-long mission trip earlier that year to Dominican Republic and that was when I knew my heart was leading towards missions. Years of my life being eager to go to Japan could not have prepared me for the experience I had. It was a real life changing trip for me. I saw God working right in front of my eyes and truly felt guided by Him. During that time, I was able to build connections I knew were genuine and that have been continued to this day.

Fast forward two years into 2018. I knew I had wanted to go again to Japan but was amid the most difficult and challenging year of my life. My parents separated early in the year which was tough on me and my family. While my dream to go back was still there I knew my head was not at all in the right place. I had made the decision not to apply but the night before applications were due God spoke to me and told me to trust Him and take that step to apply. So that is what I did, and it was the best decision of my life.

My experience in Japan last summer is not one that could be summed up in a small summary. I have always felt a heavy burden for the country of Japan and

I know I left my heart there awaiting my return. The main point was that I heard God speak to me and when I obeyed, he took care of me in ways I couldn't have expected. Showing me how he can use me in miraculous ways if I am willing. Since returning and having this weighing on my heart, I have been continuing to hear God lead me back to Japan. I've known for a while now that I do have a heart for missions but mostly that I have a heart for Japan. The people of Japan are filled with love and grace and kindness - as a Christian should be - but the biggest thing the country is missing is hope. While from the outside it may seem like a country that doesn't need to hear the Word, when you look deeper you can truly see why they need the Word of God now more than ever. As the population is rapidly declining and the struggles that come with evangelizing to one of most unreached nations in the world, I've heard a lot of people ask me why? Why not some place easier to reach? Why not somewhere closer to home? Why not a place where you speak the language?



### PASTOR & MRS. KONNO

My answer is God. God is a global multilingual powerful God and I do not doubt the things he can do through me. So I endeavor to take this big step of faith knowing that God is in control and that he has a plan. I am planning on going to Japan in late June and I am in conversation with Pastor Konno of the Yonezawa Chapel in Yamagata prefecture. This church is the founding church of the

Keisen network - a network that BBC mission is working with. They are looking forward to having me serve with them in various ministries including their church school program and outreach to the local women's college. They are also open to other outreach ministries I could serve in (youth and sports).

I have been blessed to be a part of the BBC family. I thank God, and the many pastors, leaders, and brothers and sisters who have helped me grow in my faith and walk with Jesus.

### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TOWARDS SCOTT OR TANIKAH USE ONE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW

- **Online:** BBC website ([www.bramalea.org](http://www.bramalea.org)) Click on "BBC Japan Midterm Mission." This will take you to the BBC Canada Helps page. Scroll down and go to "Apply your donation to a specific fund." Choose "Missions." Enter amount. Please type "BBC Japan Midterm Mission" and my name, your name, and your address in the message box. Continue on to your desired method of payment.

- **Call BBC:** 905-451-6088 (**Credit only**) To use **debit**, you must come into the church office.

- **By cheque:** Please write the cheque to "BRAMALEA BAPTIST CHURCH". Write Japan Midterm Mission in the Memo but please DO NOT write a name on the cheque. Please simply attach a sticky note with Scott or Tanikah's name on it. You can mail the cheque to: 9050 Dixie Rd. Brampton L6S 1J3. ATTN: GEORGETTE ARANIBAR

**JEEVAN DEEP**  
SPREADING THE LIGHT  
OF CHRIST  
IN DARKNESS

### A BBC MINISTRY AMONG HINDU AND SIKH FRIENDS

*Jeevan Deep* means light of life, BBC's goal is to spread the light of Christ to our Hindu and Sikh friends in Brampton. There are about 200,000 Hindus and Sikhs in Brampton that make about 33 % of Brampton's Population. They are truly at our doorstep.

**Matthew 9:36** "when Jesus saw the crowd He was moved with compassion for them."

#### **Our God sees them with compassion. So should we!**

The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few!

**A story** – On December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we had about 22 people (including 11 students) for dinner. One of the international students later wrote to us saying, "*I felt like I am with my family and I wanted to stay there for a longer time. You made my day! My first Christmas in Canada is the best Christmas ever in my life and I will never forget this in my entire life.*"



### A Few Forthcoming Events to Remember:

#### **Easter Outreach:**

*Jeevan Deep* is preparing gift packages for your Hindu/Sikh friends, neighbours and colleagues. On April 14<sup>th</sup> come to the e-booth to collect gift packets for your Hindu/Sikh friends.

**Yesu Gyan:** a small gathering for learning about Jesus' person and his work. This will run on every fourth Saturday of the month, beginning Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Canada Day BBQ:** on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> in the BBC parking lot. Come and join us in befriending our neighbours.

**Monthly Prayer:** Join us on the third Thursday of every month in Room 2 for a prayer meeting focusing especially on this Ministry.

For more information, contact Kamilia in the church office. Phone 905-451-6088 ext. 241 or email [kbatarseh@bramalea.org](mailto:kbatarseh@bramalea.org)

**PRAY AND PARTICIPATE**

## SMALL GROUPS & FAMILY LIFE

### A SHOUT OUT FROM PASTOR NATASHA – SMALL GROUPS & FAMILY LIFE

I am so thrilled to start this new chapter as I dive deeper into ministry at BBC through assuming the role of Small Groups Pastor in addition to Family Life! Having started this ministry journey almost ten years ago by first taking on leadership of the Marriage Ministry and then Women's Ministry before ultimately acquiring the full Adult Family Ministries portfolio as Family Life Pastor, there is a sense of coming full circle as I step completely out of 'the boat' of Administration and into deeper waters. I am tremendously excited to start a season of collaboration and visioning with the Small Group and Family Life Leaders as we see what God has in store!

### IRONMEN - MEN'S MINISTRY

The Wednesday evening men's Bible study with Elder, David Lundy, ends on April 17<sup>th</sup> and does not resume until May 29<sup>th</sup> with a verse by verse study on the book of Habakkuk. However, David is teaching "Understanding Your Bible" from April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup> on Wednesday evenings--open to both men and women.

### SENIORS' LUNCHEON

Come and join us!

The Seniors' Luncheon is ending the year in grand style. The April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting takes a look at several organizations in Brampton that try to help those in need in our community. The Journey, the Perpetual Bazar, Dismas, the work in Knightsbridge and Regeneration will all be explored. The May luncheon sets its scene in Africa and explores many of the extremes of Africa and gives witness to an industry that has given self worth to so many women. Finally in the June meeting a well known dramatist brings to life the Biblical character, Mary Magdalene.

All lunches are the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am for the low cost of \$8.

If you are retired and would enjoy an interesting program and a lovely meal, please join us. We would love to see you.



## SUMMER 2019



### VBS

Tuesday July 2-Friday July 5  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm



### DAY CAMPS

July 8 - July 26  
9:00 am - 4:15 pm



### ROKHAWAH

August 18 - August 23  
overnight camp

EARLY BIRD RATES END MAY 1 visit: [www.bbckidsministry.com](http://www.bbckidsministry.com)

## CAMP ROKHAWAH

(GRADE 1—GRADE 6 IN 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR)

**Summary:** An amazing all inclusive six day away camp for your child. Experience the joys of nature, bonfires and living in cabins just like they do in those camp movies! There are a large variety of activities and great friendships to be made. Join us as we learn, grow and explore in the beauty of the great outdoors.

Cost includes all meals, snacks, camp program, T-shirt, Tuck Shop, accommodations, and travel!!! Deposit is \$75 per child

## SONSATIONAL DAYCAMP

(JK—GRADE 5 STUDENTS IN 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR)

**Summary:** Each week includes one full day off-site trip plus an assortment of crafts, games, activities, special events and lessons that will keep your child engaged all day long! We also have a grace period for sign-in and out of 25 minutes on either end.

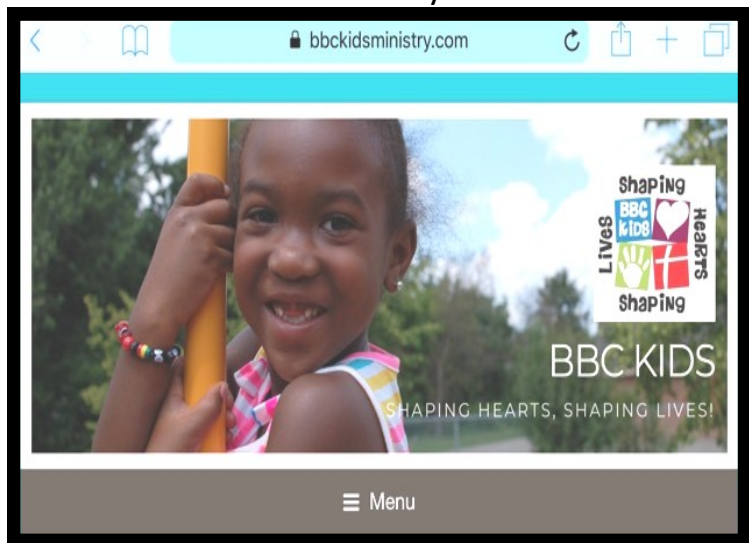
Deposit is \$25 per child per week. Sign-up for all three weeks to receive our sibling discount.

## SOCIAL MEDIA/ WEB LINKS:

**NEW:** [www.bbckidsministry.com](http://www.bbckidsministry.com)

Email us at:

[bbckids@bbckidsministry.com](mailto:bbckids@bbckidsministry.com)



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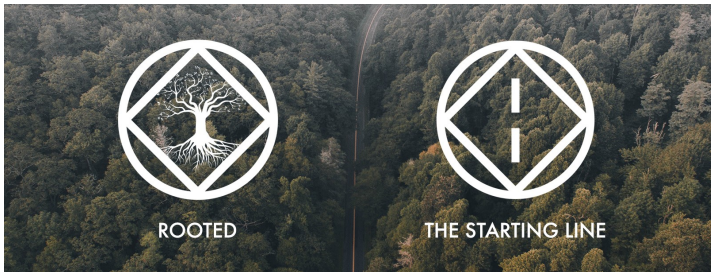


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## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



### ROOTED (Jr. High) & STARTING LINE (Sr. High)

*New Youth Interns as of March:* Sarah Saler focuses on Junior High, Adebisi King working with Senior High, Brittney Smith is with the Young Adults and Stephen Noble on communications. They are all learning to be disciples by working through the "Walking with Jesus" study and taking leadership in the ministry.



### Dates to Remember:

*May 3<sup>rd</sup>:* Junior High Rooted Master chef

*May 10<sup>th</sup>:* Senior High Starting Line Master chef

*June 21<sup>st</sup>:* Junior & Senior High Graduation Banquet (6:30 – 9:00 pm. Cost is \$5. In the Lower Auditorium)

*June 26-30:* Youth "REMIX" Urban Mission Trip

*August 6-11:* Youth Summer Mission week is set aside for the youth to be on mission in our community. Keep this week open and stay tuned for details.

### Young Adults

Our Young Adults have engaged in so many ways this last season. Things are really exciting with all that is happening in the Young Adults Ministry.

-Launch Pad Lunches have brought together our young adult community to "launch" them out into mission experiences, small group Bible studies, worship and service.

-Five Small groups for young adults are always welcoming new members.

### Dates to remember

*Young Adult Lunch:* 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month (May 5<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Room 2)

*May 26<sup>th</sup>:* Young Adult Area Wide Worship Night



## BBC BUILDS

The new building project has been a way for us as a church to follow our mission statement, which is to be a community of people seeking to exalt God, embrace one another, equip for service and extend His Kingdom. We recognized the need for an innovative space where people could connect and the community could be involved in various activities and athletics. By adding a gymnasium, kitchen and additional gathering spaces this will allow many opportunities for God to extend his Kingdom.

Thanks to your prayers and generous support, we were able to raise \$2.0 million towards our building project. With the 2019 winter behind us, we will be seeing more progress with the construction. God willing, the plan is to have the new extension completed by late summer of 2019.

Your continued support through prayer and finances will be much appreciated as we look to add equipment and resources to equip these spaces.

Thank you,

**The Build Team**





### STEPHEN MINISTRY

***Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care for You!***

We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention. That's what Stephen Ministers are for. Stephen Ministers are members of Bramalea Baptist Church who have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you for as long as your need persists. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, contact one of our Stephen Leaders listed below. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.



***To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:***

**Pastor Shirley Thomas**  
Phone: 905-451-6088 ext. 227  
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**Vashti Mapp** – Email: [evmapp@yahoo.ca](mailto:evmapp@yahoo.ca)  
**Antonietta Barile** – Email: [abarile@cogeco.ca](mailto:abarile@cogeco.ca)  
**Sherri Fish** – Email: [rfish0423@rogers.com](mailto:rfish0423@rogers.com)

### Testimonies of Stephen Ministry in Action

*The care and support I received from my Stephen Minister was every bit as important to my recovery as the excellent medical care I received from the doctors and nurses. This is truly a life-giving ministry. - T*

*When you first hear the word cancer, you wonder if you're going to die. My Stephen Minister couldn't fix or change that. But she let me share my fears, anxieties, and concerns with her. I knew I could always count on her—I wasn't alone. - M*

*I've heard the phrase "the peace of God that passes all understanding" many times in church. My Stephen Minister has helped me experience that peace in a very real, very heartfelt way. - A*

*My Stephen Minister was there during the darkest of times—patiently listening and trying to understand my pain. Looking back, I can clearly see how my Stephen Minister kept me connected to God when I was falling away. - N*

### Grief Resolution Testimony

*Sometimes our life is taken in a direction which is unexpected and painful. The resulting grief causes many emotions and negative actions. The grief resolution process allowed me to document my life events, emotions related to those events, and build an action statement which enabled me to let go of regrets and anger, and to recognize emotional truth. The Facilitator enabled me to work through the process, accommodating my need for additional time to sort through my thoughts and feelings. Truly, a weight is lifted when grief is resolved in this way. Many physical effects of the grief were also resolved. When there is unsettled loss in your life, the grief resolution process is a good way to bring purposefulness and wholeness back into your life. - Name withheld*

**If you or anyone you know is suffering from unresolved grief or loss, please contact Pastor Shirley Thomas at the office to make an appointment.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### UNDERSTANDING YOUR BIBLE

**Wednesdays**  
**6:45 pm**  
**Apr 24<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Do you have difficulties reading the Bible? Do you want to dive more into God's Word? Then join us for this excellent course taught by Dr. David Lundy.

For more information, contact Kamilia at the church office @ 905-451-6088 ext. 241

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 16	Raptors Playoffs Event	7:30 PM
Apr 18	Seniors' Luncheon	10:00 AM
Apr 18	South Asian Prayer Meeting	
Apr 19	Good Friday Service	10:00 AM
Apr 21	Easter Sunday	
Apr 24	Understanding Your Bible	9:15 AM
Apr 28	GMC Sunday Local Focus	
May 1	Summer Camps Early Bird Deadline	
May 3	Master Chef Rooted Junior High	6:30 PM
May 5	GMC Sunday Global Focus	
May 9	Scott Houle Departs for Japan	
May 10	Master Chef Starting Line Senior High	6:30 PM
May 12	Happy Mother's Day	
May 16	Seniors' Luncheon	10:00 AM
May 17	No Youth (Long Weekend)	
May 20	Victoria Day	
<b>May 26</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE BEGINS</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
May 31	Games Night Rooted & Starting Line	6:30 PM
June 14	Creativity Night Rooted & Starting Line	6:30 PM
June 16	Tanikah Roberts Departs for Japan	
June 17	Happy Father's Day	
June 21	Year End Banquet Rooted & Starting Line	6:30 PM
June 26-30	REMIX Toronto Youth Urban Mission Trip	
July 1	Happy Canada Day	

## FAMILY MATTERS

### Thank you

Thank you so much for praying for me over these past 10 months. I am praising the Lord that my treatments are all behind me, except for several follow up appointments. Your faithful prayers have been answered. God graciously gave me peace and helped me through this journey. It is wonderful to belong to the family of God and have this wonderful support.

God bless you, *Heather Campbell*

### Our Condolences

- To Antonietta Barile & family on the passing of her father, Francesco Colanardi on March 28
- To Dovelin Hawthorne & family on the passing of his mother, Joyce Elizabeth Hawthorne on March 30
- To Patrick Hyman & family on the passing of his mother, Pansy Vernon on April 4

Wish to share any family news for praise or prayer in our quarterly newsletter?

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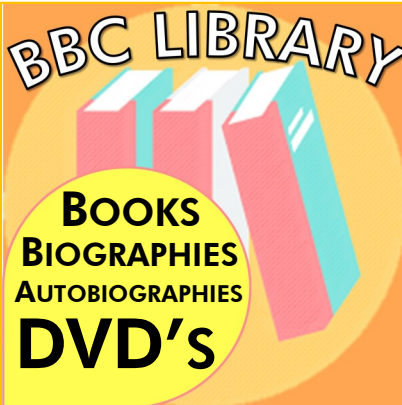
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- Books: fiction and non-fiction

We are located between the Coffee Station and the Connect Café.

Prepare your hearts for Easter and our Global Missions Conference

### EASTER

*Beauty of the Cross* – Chester, Tim  
*Contemplating the Cross* – Rhodes, Tricia McCary  
*Cries from the Cross* – Lutzer, Erwin  
*Final Week of Jesus* – Lucado, Max  
*Story of Easter* – Read and Share with your Children

### MISSIONS

*Across the Street and Around the World* – Marie, Jeannie  
*Gift of Pain* – Brand, Paul & Yancey, Philip  
*Let the Nations be Glad* – Piper, John  
*Around the World with LOGOS* – Story of an extraordinary ship - children

### NEW ITEMS

#### FICTION

*Persian Gamble* – Rosenberg, Joel  
*To the Moon and Back, Baxter Family Collection #4* – Kingsbury, Karen  
 New books by Irene Hannon  
*Imagination Station #22 & #23* – Junior Fiction

#### NON-FICTION

*Book of Signs* – Jeremiah, David  
*Caregiving – Hope for the Heart Series* – Hunt, June  
*Cloud by Day, A Fire by Night* – Tozer, A.W  
*When A Nation Forgets God* – Lutzer, Erwin

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