

# September

## at Sevenoaks



### We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

### We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



As I walked from my house to the garage one day in the fall, I noticed a cute little flower pushing it's way up through the concrete tiles. Despite its deprived circumstance, the plant had found a foothold, rooted itself in the dry crevice and was flourishing. Later, I noticed it was getting water from a leak in our downspout. While it's surroundings were hostile, it seemed to be thriving.

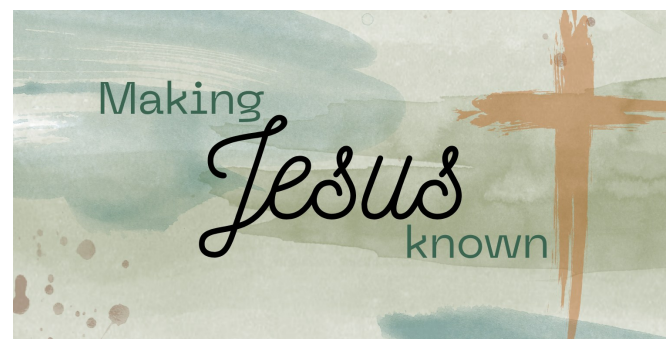
Growing in the Christian life can sometimes be difficult, but when we persevere with Jesus, barriers are surmountable. Many in our church family and those connected with them are experiencing crises that put us on our knees in prayer. Our circumstances may be unfavorable and discouragement may seem like an obstacle, yet if we press on in our relationship with Jesus, we can flourish like that lone flower.

Philippians 4:13 (Message) encourages us in that direction: "Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am." -**Pastor Jack**

### Sundays in September

*Join us for worship at 10am*

Sept 7	Missions	Costa Rica Team
Sept 14	Making Jesus Known	John 14:6
Sept 21	Making Jesus Known	Rom 10:14-15
Sept 28	Making Jesus Known	1 Pet 3:15



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Looking for support after a **divorce**?

**Join us: Mondays at 6:30pm, starting Sept 22**

Sevenoaks Alliance Church  
2575 Gladwin Rd, Abbotsford  
Community Room (Enter at back of church)  
Divorce Care for Adults - \$20 for the book  
no registration fee  
DivorceCare4Kids (children ages 5 - 12)  
runs at same time no cost

Register yourself and/or your kids  
online at: [sevenoaks.org](http://sevenoaks.org) or  
by phone (604) 853-0757

### Women's Ministry - Bible Study

We invite you to a time of fellowship and Bible study this fall, beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 - 11:00am in the Sevenoaks Chapel. Come and enjoy coffee, good company, and an inspiring message of encouragement by Renata Hamm. This will be followed by a video series studying The Lord's Prayer. No registration fee. Hope to see you there.

### Men's Ministry Breakfast

September 13, 2025 at 8am  
Tickets \$10/each  
Tickets on sale starting August 24

### Good Friends

Kicks off September 18 at 10:30.  
Lesley Gatt will be sharing her faith Journey; we will also have a testimony writing workshop, a CMA Global Missions presentation and share some refreshments together. Looking Forward to it!!

### Sevenoaks Satellite Foodbank

The team at the Sevenoaks Satellite Foodbank is looking for some donations of a few items for the month of September. If you would like to help out our Ukrainian and Neighborhood satellite foodbanks, we would be so grateful. These are some of the items you could purchase and bring

into the church office lobby and place in the donation barrel. Thank you!



Dish Soap (not dishwasher)  
Toilet Paper and Kleenex  
Hand Soap (pump or bar)  
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes  
Shampoo and Conditioner

### Fall Office Hours

- Office Closed September 1 (Labor Day)
- Fall Church office hours change Sept 2  
Monday to Thursday 8am - 4pm

### Opportunities to Serve on Sundays!

For the beginning of a new ministry year in September, we need to deepen and strengthen the teams of volunteers who help everything to come together when we gather to worship on Sunday mornings. Where are you able to serve? We are now actively looking for more folks to serve in each of the following Sunday morning ministry roles:

Hosts	Musicians
Ushers	Vocalists
Communion preparers	Camera operators
Communion servers	Sound technicians
Coffee team members	Media technicians
Info Centre Attendants	

Kids Classroom Assistants  
Kids Classroom Leaders

Contact Pastor Matt to find out where you belong on the team! [mcarter@sevenoaks.org](mailto:mcarter@sevenoaks.org)



**Kids Church** (6mths-gr6)  
**Join us Sundays at 10am**  
*Jesus, Friends and Fun!*

Welcome to a new and exciting year at Sevenoaks Kids!  
We're thrilled to grow in faith, discover more of God's love, and walk with Jesus together as we learn and celebrate all He has in store for us.

#### 2024–2025 School Year

It's that time again! All kids who join us at Sevenoaks Kids need to be registered for the new school year. You can register using the QR code, online on the church website or at the registration desk in the Hillcrest entrance.



Thinking about getting involved with Sevenoaks Kids? We'd love to have you on the team! There are so many ways to serve as we encourage kids and their families to walk with Jesus and experience His love.

#### September @ Sevenoaks Kids



Each season - fall, winter, spring, and summer - brings something unique and wonderful. From leaves changing colors to flowers blooming or animals hibernating, the changing seasons remind us

that no matter what, God is with us through it all. In this 4-week series through the Psalms, kids will discover how we can respond to God in every season of life.

#### Introducing Joyful Bites



We're building on the much-loved *Holey Donut* tradition with something fresh—Joyful Bites! Once a month, our Children's Ministry will celebrate a National Food Day. Some events will bring us together in the gym

after the service, while others will be special moments for the kids in their program. If you're a part of our kids' ministry – you won't want to miss these!

This month we are celebrating National Cream Filled Donut Day!



For all youth and young adults events, contact Pastor Zach for information or to register.  
[zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org](mailto:zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org)

#### Youth

##### Fall Kickoff

Wednesday, September 10 6:30pm

##### Invite Night

Wednesday, September 17 6:30pm

##### Sunday Morning Gathering

Sunday, September 21 10am

##### Special Event

Wednesday, September 24

#### Young Adults

##### Bethany Verwoerd's Farewell Party

Tuesday, September 2 6:30pm

##### The Chosen - Viewing & Discussion

Tuesday, September 9/23/30

#### Costa Rica

Thank you to everyone in the church family for praying for us and supporting this trip financially! We surpassed our stretch goal of \$24,200 by a good margin!





## September at a Glance

For Children, Youth & Young Adults events, see page 3.

For event details, look inside or visit [sevenoaks.org](http://sevenoaks.org)

September 1	Office Closed (Labor Day)
September 7	Missions Sunday: Costa Rica Report
September 7	Communion, Cookies & Coffee
September 8	Ukrainian Community Food Bank
September 13	Men's Breakfast
September 17	Women's Bible Study Start
September 18	Good Friends Start
September 22	Neighborhood Satellite Food Bank
September 30	Office Closed (Truth & Reconciliation Day)

## Every Week at Sevenoaks

Sun	Life Change	8:45am	Rm 105/107
	Prayer	9am	Rm 103
Mon	ARMinistry	7pm	Chapel
Wed	AM Prayer	7:15am	Rm 101
	PM Prayer	7pm	Rm 101
Sat	Men's Prayer	8am	Rm 101

## Coming in October

October 11	Men's Bible Study
October 13	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
October 24	Fall Fair
TBA	Worship Night

Prayer Chain requests call/text 604 855 3156



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**Lead Pastor**  
**Pastor to Seniors**  
**Executive-Worship Pastor**  
**Pastor to Children**  
**Pastor to Youth & Young Adults**

## Pastoral Staff

Jamie Fox  
Jack Campbell  
Matthew Carter  
Carmen Fischer  
Zachary Meisenheimer

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

*Cheerful sacrificial giving is part of our life in Christ, an act of worship to the living God and an expression of trust in Him. Your generosity helps us fulfil our shared vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known.*

*(As of June 22, 2025)*

*Year-to-Date General Fund Income*

*Actual Income: \$554,935*

*Required Per Budget: \$653,543*

*Deficit: \$98,607*

*Deficit as of Dec 31, 2024 \$24,037*

### Options for Giving

For those who worship with us in person on Sunday mornings, offering boxes can be found in the Chapel lobby and at the Information Centre.

To learn about secure options for giving online, come and speak to us in the Information Centre or visit our website.

**[www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give](http://www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give)**

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