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# Bethany Bugle

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**From Pastor Colin:** As 2015 draws to a close, we would like to wish you all God's abundant blessings this coming year. We do not know what is in store except that God will remain the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow. He will never leave us or forsake us because our Lord has died to restore us to our Heavenly Father. May the peace of Christ dwell in you richly in all times, places, and circumstances until His Kingdom comes in all its fullness.

Your fellow servants in Christ, Pastor Colin & Anita.

## Sign Update

The new sign came this past week but unfortunately it would not be installed due to a manufacturing error. The company is working on a solution and hopefully

we will have it soon. **Buildings & Grounds Committee**

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## PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING!!

Devon van Hoffen is hosting a praise and worship evening with the help of many singers and musicians. This is not a fundraising evening but a time to gather together and worship our God and to hear the work that Devon has been doing this year in Africa.

It will be held at:

ROSE CITY KIDS THEATRE in Welland.

December 28th 2015

Starting at 6 pm.

All ages are welcome. We will have refreshments available throughout the evening. Come on out and praise God for the work He is doing in your own lives as well as the lives of the most vulnerable in Africa!

## School News

### SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL—Open House and Celebration of Learning

Thriving and flourishing are two words you'll hear often these days at Smithville Christian High School. Our spiritual life theme for the year is Thrive, and our new atrium sculpture is called Flourish, and both words speak to the emphasis we are placing on making this a place where teenagers can be what God has called them to be. Want to see how it works? Come to Smithville Christian High School on Jan. 14 for our annual Open House and Celebration of Learning to interact with students and see samples of their work in every subject area. This evening is especially for students in Grades 7 and 8 and their parents -- to see what a Christian high school can offer your family -- but it's also for everyone: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours and friends. Information for prospective students from 7-7:30 p.m., followed by the open house from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The students of Smithville Christian High School look forward to welcoming you. We Believe. You Belong Here. [www.smithvillechristian.ca](http://www.smithvillechristian.ca)

**NACE—School Bus Driver Needed:** John Knox Christian School, 795 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, is in need of a temporary bus driver, for the Beamsville area, starting January 18 – March Break. If you are able and willing to help us fill this opening, please contact the school's office at [jkcs@nace.ca](mailto:jkcs@nace.ca) or 905-643-2460.



### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)



**True Women Conference:** On September 22-24, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) there will be a women's conference at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Mary Kassian. Keith and Kristyn Getty will be the worship leaders.

There are a number of women who plan to attend so we are looking into hiring a coach bus. This is early but we need to confirm the bus in January because these buses are used for "Fall Colour" tours. If you are interested in attending this conference and going by coach bus, please let Lorraine Wierenga know asap. Seating is limited to 56 people. If enough show interested another bus may be hired. Payment will hold your seat. The bus will be approximately \$90 return. For more information about the conference go to:

<http://www.truewoman16.com/>

**VOUCHERS-Order forms for 2016 have been placed in your mail slot this week. Please note that voucher for 2015 can not be used in the new year so please redeem them in the upcoming collections before the end of the year.**

## Other News

### WAR ROOM PLAYING JANUARY 09 IN WELLAND

**Rose City Kids Park Theatre will be showing WAR ROOM on Saturday, January 09, 2016 at 7:00 pm.** From the award-winning creators of **Fireproof** and **Courageous** comes

**WAR ROOM**, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan seemingly have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan's world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth's bitterness only increases. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth's newest client, Miss Clara, challenges Elizabeth to establish a prayer "war room" and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth begins to fight for her family, Tony must decide if he will make amends. As Miss Clara wisely says, "Victories don't come by accident!" A #1 movie in theaters, **WAR ROOM** is filled with more of the authentic characters loved by millions in previous Kendrick Brothers' films and a vivid reminder that prayer is a powerful weapon.

Please join us on January 09. Free will offering and refreshments will be sold! For more information please contact Sonya @ [sonya@rosecitykids.com](mailto:sonya@rosecitykids.com) YOU WONT WANT TO MISS IT! Thank you!

## CRC News

**FAMILY FIRE** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**MR. WEISENHEIM** - Here's a brand new adventure! A famous scientist has come to Reptarium Middle School to teach, but none of the kids can figure out what's happening in the classroom. How will the gang respectfully talk to a teacher when he is the problem? Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Find more great resources for kids and parents at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).

**WAITING IN LOVE** - As we celebrate God's gift of love to us, we also think ahead to Christ's return. Christ himself tells us what this time of waiting should look like. Join Groundwork as we study Psalm 130 and Luke 12 to learn what it looks like to wait for Christ and reflect a Christmas love all year long. Never miss an episode; subscribe for free weekly email notifications and listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**2016 JANUARY SERIES** - Coming this January for the 29th year, Calvin College presents the 2016 January Series - the award-winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekday, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on Wednesday, January 6 and continues through January 26 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. EST with topics ranging from global health, interfaith leadership, the future of Russia, a story of autism, justice in Honduras, cyber security in a shrinking world and much more. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin's campus for the daily noontime lectures; others will join the conversation by watching the live feed at 48 remote webcast sites across the continent (including 16 sites in Michigan), while others will listen online. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites and listening options visit our website at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january).

**Position Opening: Dean of the Library** - Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary invite nominations and applications of qualified individuals for the faculty position of Dean of the Hekman Library. The dean provides vision and leadership to foster student learning, promote advanced scholarship, nurture colleagues' professional growth, and create and improve services for students and faculty. An MLIS or equivalent and 5-10 years of academic library or related experience are required. Email nominations to the search committee at [humanresources@calvin.edu](mailto:humanresources@calvin.edu). Visit <https://employment.calvin.edu/> for more information or to apply.

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Resources** - January 17 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, and the CRC Office of Social Justice is pleased to offer resources for your church to honor the day - including bulletin inserts, a Power-Point presentation, and a responsive reading. We hope your congregation will join the many others commemorating the sanctity of human life in ways that are mindful of the impact abortion has on our communities and affirm the value of every human life, at all stages of development. Visit [crcna.org/life](http://crcna.org/life) for worship resources and more information. Please order the bulletin inserts by December 18 to ensure they get to your church on time.

**2016 Gathering in Canada** - The CRC in Canada is Gathering on May 6-8, 2016 at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. We are looking for a diverse cross-section of representatives from CRCs across Canada and are seeking nominations for one leader from each church (12 per classis). You need not be ordained, just "plugged in" to your local church, together with a healthy desire to see the CRC grow in Canada. If that sounds like you, please contact your clerk of council. The weekend will be a time of inspiring celebration, of sharing and worship. Visit <https://www.crcna.org/gatherings/canadian-gathering-2016> for more information.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** - EduDeo Ministries is looking for a part-time Bookkeeper (20-25 hours/week). Applicants are requested to email their resume and cover letter to [careers@edudeo.com](mailto:careers@edudeo.com) by January 13, 2016. See [www.edudeo.com](http://www.edudeo.com) for more information.

[www.crcna.org/Canada](http://www.crcna.org/Canada) - Check out the new Ministry in Canada website for the Christian Reformed Church in Canada. If you want to understand and be resourced for ministry in Canada, check out [www.crcna.org/Canada](http://www.crcna.org/Canada). You'll find audio and video content such as webinars to inform and coach your ministry leaders; ministry tools for a range of social justice issues including refugees; uniquely Canadian content run through the Canadian Aboriginal Ministries Committee and Centre for Public Dialogue; a Canadian CRC ministry directory; and links to partners of the Christian Reformed Church across Canada.

**Young Adults!** - Join others from Ontario for a weekend retreat on January 29-31, 2016 at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock. The theme is "Grounded: Faith, Scripture, Doctrine" with Steve Kooy guiding our group sessions and Colin Wouda and Ben Voskamp leading us in worship. It will be a weekend full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! For more information and to register, visit the Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!