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# Bethany Bugle

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MERGE  
FAITH STORYTELLING  
NIGHT  
-FEBRUARY 12 @ 7PM-

## FAMILY DAY SKATE

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

WAINFLEET ARENA

Please bring baked goods to share with others, either to church on Sunday  
February 19th or to the arena on Family Day!

HOCKEY GAME 1:30 - 2:30

OPEN SKATE 2:30 - 3:30

THIS YEARS FAMILY DAY SKATE WILL  
BE FOR SUMMER DAY CAMP  
ALL SUMMER CAMP KIDS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO COME OUT AND  
JOIN BETHANY FOR FAMILY DAY!!



THIS IS A FREE EVENT WITH DONATION  
PROCEEDS GOING TO SUPPORT  
BETHANY SUMMER DAY CAMP



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Mental Health Network

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
www.shalemnetwork.org  
Confidential congregation-  
ally supported counselling.

**Elisha House**  
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-735-9934  
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(call or txt)

## Other News

**Dear Bethany Members:** As you all know Brian and Karina were blessed with twins. To help them with their new family of 7 we would like to bring meals for the next few months. You congregation, as well as the Heart to Heart Ministry will be helping. Below is a link you can log on to and sign up on a date that works for you. Thank you in advance for all your hospitality. If you have any questions feel free to email or call Rosie Enzlin. [rosieenzlin@gmail.com](mailto:rosieenzlin@gmail.com) / 905 380 5343  
<https://mealtrain.com/ollrz4>



**Coffee Break:** This coming Tuesday, we will again meet here at Grace CRC here in Welland. It seems like winter colds have been keeping some people away. Hope everyone will feel better and be able to join us again this week. After our usual circle gathering with devotion, singing and prayer we will separate to our different groups. Gail and Irene's group will continue with Lesson #3 question #5. of the study of "Hope". Jean's group will start Lesson #4 "Living in Hope". 1 Peter 1: 3-12. When you know something wonderful is about to happen, how does your sense of anticipation affect you? Jane's group will start Lesson #2. Leading: Pauline B., Devotion: Marg V., Kitchen: Henny S., Marg V., Wendy L., Snacks: Hilda V.L., Tildy S., Irene D., Babysitting: Anna B., Ginette B., Remember these important dates: Feb 28, Pancake Supper, April 18. Open Arms breakfast

**Dear Supporters, Elisha House** is offering a 'new' Biblical Healing Group beginning in March, 2017.

Redeeming Betrayal is to begin Thursday March 9th from 1:30-3:30pm. It will meet bi-weekly for 10 sessions (with a few date exceptions for 5 week months).

The dates would be: March 9, 23 and 30th; April 13 & 27th, May 11 & 18th; June 8, 22 & 29th.

Redeeming Betrayal Synopsis: Betrayal through sexual infidelity is life shattering. The life you've known has shifted beneath your feet – questions bombard and emotions roll. You are likely disoriented and uncertain how to move forward. This group is designed to come alongside wives seeking help to deal with sexual betrayal in marriage. We will use Brad Hambrick's True Betrayal seminars as we study, share, heal and pray together. For more information about this group go to <http://www.elishahouse.on.ca/biblicalhealing.html> or review the PDF outline here. To sign up or for more info call 905-735-9934 or email [info@elishahouse.on.ca](mailto:info@elishahouse.on.ca). If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible for planning purposes.

**Is ALCOHOL or Drug ADDICTION** devastating you or your loved ones? Visit our web site [www.familyoutreachontario.com](http://www.familyoutreachontario.com) for more information and learn more, or call us at 1-888-809-0464. Confidentiality guaranteed.

**SHALOM GARDENS**, is currently seeking applications for the position of PSW-Personal Support Worker(casual). If you are certified and interested in working in a Christian setting, caring for elderly Dutch-Canadian residents, please submit your resume Attn: Care Care Coordinator to [info@shalommanor.ca](mailto:info@shalommanor.ca) or fax 905-945-1211.

## School News

**You are invited to Ignite!** Smithville Christian High School's bursary bash on March 3, 2017. Doors open at 6, dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Sponsor a table for \$200 or come for \$25 a person. Join the launch of our annual bursary campaign – opening our doors and igniting kingdom passion in tomorrow's leaders. Reserve by calling 905.957.3255 or email [office@smithvillechristian.ca](mailto:office@smithvillechristian.ca)

## Concerts

### 8th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – April 15, 2017, DV

#### Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the 130 voice Hosanna Choir & 40 voice Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, April 15 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Naomi Van Manen (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Elizabeth Eccelston (Oboe), Jaco van Houselt (Tenor), and Liselotte Rokyta (Panflute). Tickets are available at \$17 & \$27, and can be obtained through a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at [hdenholander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenholander@yahoo.com) or online at [www.hosanna-choir.org](http://www.hosanna-choir.org)

**Momentum Choir** is a highly disciplined, professionally facilitated performance choir comprised of adults who live with a disability. Momentum's passion for music is infectious. As soon as the music starts, disability takes a back seat. In their 10<sup>th</sup> season, Momentum has packed concert halls, experienced high accolades and has left audiences with a greater appreciation for the human spirit. For the third time, Momentum is thrilled to be collaborating with McMaster University Choirs under the direction of Dr. Rachel Rensink-Hoff.

This concert will take place on Saturday, February 11 at 7pm at Meadowlands Fellowship Church at 211 Stonehenge Drive in Ancaster. Tickets can be purchased at the door or on [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca). If you have any questions, please call 905.941.8280 or email [info@momentumchoir.ca](mailto:info@momentumchoir.ca)

## Pelham Syrian Refugee Committee Report

It has been one year since we began our initiative to sponsor a Syrian Refugee family and we continue to wait for notification of their approval and an arrival date. We have been matched with a family of four and have received an application number. We have raised \$36,758.55, which is invested in an interest bearing account until the funds are required.. All the preliminary work has been done but at the moment the committee has not been meeting since there is little we can do until we are given an arrival date.

The family is currently in Lebanon and the last time I was able to communicate with the applicant was December 15. They were having some problems with their Internet connection and we had been out of touch for some time. In their note they said they are "not very welcomed guests in Lebanon and it is hard to live in such circumstances." They also said they knew that the processes take time but did not expect that it would be this long and I have to say, neither did we.

We continue to contact our United Church Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) for help but they have not been able to get any information from the government. We have also been working with the Mayor of Pelham who has contacts in the Federal Government, hoping to get a meeting so we can move the application forward. We have reached out to another contact with the Federal Liberal Government with the help of Jim Bradley and provided information for them to see if they can track down any reason for the delay. Our next step is to try to meet with our local MP and ask for his assistance.

While it is little comfort, we are not the only group in this situation. There are many sponsors still waiting for their families. We remain committed and will continue to do everything possible to ensure our family's application gets approved as soon as possible. If any of you have any political contacts and think you may be able to help please contact either myself, Rhonda Baker or Keith Rae.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyn Taylor & Rhonda Baker, Co-Chairs

### **To Joey, With Love: playing at Rose City Kids**

**Saturday February 18 7:00 pm -8:30 pm**

**Sunday February 19 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**(Recommended ages 12 and up)**

**Free will offering (refreshments will be provided)**

This movie tells the story of the incredible Joey Feek and her amazing life. Filmed while battling cancer Joey and her family/friends show you that it's not just physically healthy people who live healthy lives. Take a little time to laugh, smile and cry with this amazing woman's journey and the goodbyes of her loving family when she decides to let the Lord lead her home.

Tender and beautifully written, directed and produced this true life story is unforgettable. Beautifully illustrates the love between two people and the unconditional love of God.

The film will inspire you to love deeper and grab every opportunity in every moment.

A gentle reminder that we all need, life is short. No one is promised tomorrow and the simple joys in life are the things that are right in front of us.

For more information please contact Sonya (289 687 5727) or [sonya@rosecitykids.com](mailto:sonya@rosecitykids.com)

## CRC News

From Back to God Ministries International

THREE TOES WILLY - Liz discovers a superhero in a most unlikely place. Can you guess who he is? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Make someone smile with Kids Corner Valentine Cards available to download at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

WALKING IN FAITH - What can we learn about how God works by studying a humble, yet fiercely loyal woman who lived in the days of the Old Testament? Join the conversation on Ruth 1 to discover how God will advance his plan to redeem and restore the world, and be encouraged to keep walking in faith. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRCNA International Position Opening - Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM), an agency of the CRCNA, has a full-time opening for a Transformational Network Coordinator/Director in West Africa. The purpose of this position is to foster relationships and develop trust between the leadership of partner churches, holistic mission networks and learning clusters that desire to engage youth, renew the church and transform communities in Nigeria. It also works to intentionally identify, connect, equip and encourage Nigerian leadership in cultivating holistic ministry and impacting society. A detailed description is available at [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs); for consideration complete an online application, attaching a current cover letter and resume by February 24, 2017.

Holy Land Learning Tour: August 8-18 - Spend 11 days exploring the sites you've read about in the Bible, and meeting the people who are ministering, living, and struggling in this part of the world today. Visit [crwm.org/HolyLand](http://crwm.org/HolyLand) for more information to apply.

Promotions Assistant in Haiti - Missionaries in Haiti are looking for a promotions assistant to cultivate relationships with partners and assist with creating informative stories through various media forms. Visit [crwm.org/career](http://crwm.org/career) for a full position description or to apply.

Teach English in Asia or Lithuania this Summer - Missionaries in an undisclosed Asian country and at LCC International University in Lithuania are looking for volunteers to help with summer English programs for young children (Asia) and high school aged students (Lithuania). Visit [crwm.org/Summer2017](http://crwm.org/Summer2017) for more information or to apply.

CAMP SHALOM SUMMER STAFF - Are you looking for a meaningful summer job? Camp Shalom is now accepting summer staff applications. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2017 to apply. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply or for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 11th.

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR - Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. Libertas Male Choir directed by Martin Mans and accompanied by Andre Knevel will present a concert at Rehoboth Canadian Reformed Church, 1225 Dundas St. Burlington, ON L7R 3X4. Adults: \$20; Youth (14 and under) \$10; Children under 10, free. Order tickets online at [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com); email: [info@libertasvoices.com](mailto:info@libertasvoices.com); phone: 905-522-0001. Tickets also available at the door.

Shalem Mental Health Foundation - The Shalem Mental Health Foundation is looking for a Development Director who will develop and implement a comprehensive development program. Rooted in a Christian perspective, the Foundation's vision is that all people and communities are able to access meaningful, relevant and effective support for their mental health and wellbeing, regardless of their financial circumstances. The Foundation engages in fundraising and in asset management. For information, go to <http://shalemfoundation.org/leadership/staff>

The CRC Campus Ministry at Western University - is looking to connect with former students, parents of students, and any others who would like to stay updated on our activities. Subscribe to our newsletter by emailing [mwagenman@uwo.ca](mailto:mwagenman@uwo.ca).

Volunteers Needed - Christian Horizons Family Retreat - The Retreat is taking place at Elim Lodge in Peterborough August 27 - September 1, 2017. Short-Term Missionaries are needed to partner with families impacted by disability to ensure that all are richly blessed through opportunities for worship, Bible study, crafts, games, water sports and more! STMs will be assigned to a particular family to assist them with some of their needs throughout each day of the retreat. They also help with the child and youth programs and may assist in other retreat duties based on their individual skills. It is spiritually enriching and tons of fun! For information or to apply, please go to [christian-horizons.org](http://christian-horizons.org) and click "What We Do" and select the "Family Retreats" tab or email Chantal Huinink at [chuinink@christian-horizons.org](mailto:chuinink@christian-horizons.org) or 519-650-0966 ext. 3327.

Widening the Circle workshop - Join us March 2, 9am-5pm, at 294 James St. N. in Hamilton, Ontario for Widening the Circle: Opening to Diversity & Undoing Racism - An interactive faith-based workshop designed to heighten awareness and facilitate dialogue about the causes and effects of racism in Canada. Participants will also explore steps to wholeness and action steps towards diversity and inclusion. Cost: \$25 per person (includes manual and refreshments; cheques or cash accepted on site). Register by February 20, 2017 at <http://bit.ly/2kGNXAr>. Questions? Contact Bernadette at [barthur@crcna.org](mailto:barthur@crcna.org).

International Volunteering for Young Adults - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in volunteering internationally? World Renew GVP has 4-to 5-week travel opportunities in Uganda and Honduras in 2017! You will live in a local community and use your gifts and skills to help explore God's specific purpose for your life. Find out more at [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net) or call Iona at 800-730-3490

