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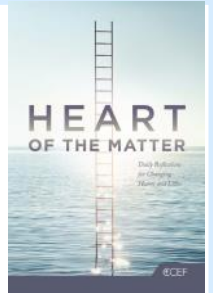
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Daily Devotionals



With the New Year upon us, what better way to start the new year than with a great resource of daily devotionals. Available in the office are two devotionals that will take you right through the year: *Saving Grace* by C. John Miller and *Heart of the Matter*— various authors. If you would like to pick one of these up, stop by the office and purchase one. The cost is \$20 each.



Ministry Funding Report

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: November 30, 2015

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$402,781.94	\$356,687.64
Bethany Expenses	\$402,781.94	\$361,717.52
Collected for Classis	\$13,251.81	\$12,338.10
Collected for CRC	\$54,153.44	\$50,387.60
2 nd Offering last two weeks (Dec. 13th & 20th)		
Deacons.....		\$236.00
Friendship.....		\$40.00
Shalom Manor.....		\$671.00
World Renew.....		\$545.00

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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

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 or 905-643-2460.

REDEEMER UNIVERSTIY COLLEGE

The author of several poetry collections, Poet Robyn Sarah will do a reading of her work at Redeemer University College (Room 210) on January 21 from 4:30 p.m-5:30 p.m. In addition to a reading, Sarah will sign books and interact in a question-and-answer session. The Redeemer University College Theatre Arts Department presents Cotton Patch Gospel January 26-30, 2016. Using the Gospels of Matthew and John, Cotton Patch Gospel re-imagines the story of Christ's life in a small town in Georgia. For tickets, call Redeemer's Box Office at 905-648-2139 ext. 4211, or visit TicketWindow.ca. Also available are a Lunch & Theatre package on Tuesday, January 26, and a Dinner & Theatre package on Saturday, January 30. Come for a Campus Visit Day at Redeemer. Tour the campus, sit in on classes, and experience our community. You'll also learn about our academic programs, the application process, and financing your education. The next scheduled days are February 3 and 26, but you are welcome to drop by at any time. For more information, contact our Campus Visit Coordinators by email (campusvisit@redeemer.ca) or by phone at 905-648-2139 x4417.



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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/>

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 YOU WONT WANT TO MISS IT! Thank you!

Coffee Break: Well ladies we are all ready to get back to our regular meeting of Coffee Break. We will continue our study of the book of Acts. Henny's group will be starting Lesson #9 "Saul's Conversion" In this study we will consider God's miraculous work in Saul's conversion and the effect on the whole church. Read Acts 9: 1-31 Janes group will be starting lesson #8. Gail and Irene will continue lesson #8: question # 8. Snacks: Jane S., Marijke V.D., Ginnette B., Anita W. See you at Grace CRC.

From Back to God Ministries International

CRC News

MR. RELIABLE - Here's a brand new adventure! Grandpa Anole's old truck Mr. Reliable seems to be having too many troubles. Can Slick Nick Basilisk and the gang convince

Grandpa that it's time to buy a brand new Cicada ZR 500? Stay tuned to the end to find out Slick Nick's secret. Can he be trusted? Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Find more great resources for kids and parents at kidscorner.net.

This month's offer includes a 2016 KC calendar.

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S LAW - As New Testament Christians we sometimes struggle with the place of God's Old Testament law in our lives. Join Groundwork as we discuss Deuteronomy 1 and 4 to study Moses' farewell to Israel and the gift of God's law. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Calvin College

2016 FESTIVAL OF FAITH & WRITING - Registration is now open for the 2016 Festival of Faith & Writing: April 14-16, 2016 at Calvin College. Visit festival.calvin.edu for more information and registration, or call 616-526-6770. Featured speakers include Nadia Bolz-Webber, Christian Wiman, Makoto Fujimura, Tobias Wolff, Zadie Smith, and many more!

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.

From CRC Communications

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on January 19 for "10 Steps Toward Intergenerational Youth Ministry", a free, one-hour webinar presented by Syd Hielema and Lesli van Milligen. They'll share ten specific practices that will serve both youth ministry and the intergenerational church in strengthening their faith formation work. For details and registration visit crcna.org/webinars

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