

## TODAY (SUNDAY)

**Comunidade Água Viva Congregação**  
*(Portuguese Congregation)*

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

(Pastor Walter Mathes)

**Steve P's Small Group**

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

(Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)

**Prayer Meeting**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

(Board Room)

**English Service**

10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

(Pastor Tim Walker)

**NURSERY/TODDLER CARE** - newborns to age 4 (turn right at bottom of stairs)

**SUNDAY KIDS' MINISTRY** -

**(Age 4-12; JK- Grade 6)**

Meeting during Sermon Time in downstairs Sunday School Room (turn left at bottom of stairs)

**FAMILY SUNDAY** 2nd Sunday of each month. A chance for families to worship together & share communion together. So don't be surprised if you see tables with playdoh & crayons once in awhile. Just enjoy the interactive time with family & friends!!

**SUNDAY CAFÉ (COMPLIMENTARY)**

After each service in foyer (a chance for visitors to connect & regular BBC'ers to catch up)



## Welcome to BBC November 19th, 2017

***"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you,  
that our God may count you worthy of his calling,  
and that by his power  
he may fulfill every good purpose of yours  
and every act prompted by your faith."  
2 Thessalonians 1:11***

## A WEEK AT A GLANCE

MON., NOV. 20TH

**College & Career Bible Study**

7:30 PM @ the Mark & Laurie V's

**Deacon Meeting**

7:30 - 9:30 AM (Board Room)

TUES., NOV. 21ST

**Prayer Meeting**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (Board Room)

**Men's Upper Room Prayer Meeting**

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Board Room)

**Spanish Bible Study & Prayer**

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (Auditorium)

WED., NOV. 22ND

**The Fridge @ the Hub (Jr/Sr High)**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Prayer Meeting @ Pastor Tim & Jackie's**

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

THURS., NOV. 23RD

**Worship Team Practice**

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

## BBC'S VISION

Our BBC Family aspires to enrich the life of our community through

**UNCONDITIONAL LOVE,  
GENEROSITY, ENCOURAGEMENT**  
in a **SPIRIT OF FREEDOM**

so that all may experience God's love, hope and life at its fullness

## BBC'S MISSION

**GIVE TO GROW**

**GROW TO GIVE**

## NEW TO BBC? PRAYER NEED?

Please ask an Usher for a Welcome Card. A great way to communicate with the Church Office

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TODAY'S SPEAKER

**Tim Walker**  
(Followers of Jesus & the World)

### LEADERSHIP TEAM/STAFF

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**Mark Venton**  
Elder of Finance & Small Groups

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Deacon of Prayer

**Alex Campbell**  
Deacon of Missions

**Nicole Forget**  
Deacon of Community Impact

**Joan Horlings**  
Deacon of Worship Support

**Chris Muncey**  
Deacon Coordinator

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Custodian

### PT NOTES

*This excerpt comes from a dialogue of a Christian son to an agnostic father. The question is asked "Why is the world so full of suffering?" Here is an edit of Dr. Greg Boyd's answer to his father, in light of a recent horrific incident (from the book "Letters from a Skeptic"):*

This is a very tough question, to the point where it's almost insensitive to even give an answer. And, indeed, under the emotional impact of this nightmare it would be perfectly understandable to be angry at God and everything else in the world. For those touched by this tragedy, rage is the only understandable immediate response. The Bible itself records the honest questions, and even angry prayers, of many 'heroes of the faith' (e.g. Job, David, Jeremiah). God isn't threatened by our anger or doubts.

It seems to me, Dad, that if God is going to give free will to His creatures, He *has* to allow for the possibility of them misusing that freedom, even if this means hurting others. To be significantly free is to be morally responsible, and to be morally responsible means being morally responsible to each other. What is the freedom to love or not love unless it is freedom to enrich or harm another? God structured things this way because the alternative would be to have a race of robots who can't genuinely love - but that's hardly worth creating, is it?

So why doesn't God intervene every time someone is going to misuse his freedom and hurt another person? The answer, I believe, is found in the nature of freedom itself. A freedom which was prevented from being exercised whenever it was going to be misused simply wouldn't be freedom.

Look at it this way: if I give Denay five dollars, can I completely control the way she spends it? If I stepped in every time she was going to spend this money unwisely (according to *my* judgment), is it really *her* money at all? Did I really *give* her anything? If the only things she can buy with *her* money are things which I decide are worthwhile, is it really *her* money at all? Is it not rather still *my* money which I am indirectly spending through her?

So too, if God really gives us freedom, it must be, at least to a large extent, *irrevocable*. He must have, within limits, a 'hands off' attitude toward it. God creates free people who can do as they please, not determined instruments who always end up doing what He pleases.

If I'm correct, the horrendous evil we see people inflicting on each other in this world is a necessary possibility if this is to be the kind of world where love is possible. Even God couldn't have it any other way.

### CHURCH EVENTS 2017



Today is **FINAL DAY** for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**. Being delivered right after service. Forgotten yours? Valley View Alliance Church, Davis Dr., Newmarket is receiving boxes today until 4:00 PM. **If you have unused boxes, drop off at BBC for use next year**

**DEACON BUDGET MEETING** tomorrow 7:30 PM in the Board Room

**UPPER ROOM MEN'S PRAYER MEETING** this Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 PM in the Board Room. All men welcome to stop by for prayer. *This will be the last meeting until the New Year*

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING** will not meet Nov. 26-Dec. 31. Resuming Jan. 7th

**DECK THE HALLS** Fri., Dec. 1st, 9:00 AM. Come on out & help decorate BBC for Christmas. Wanted - young spry people to climb ladders!!!

**CHURCH MEETING** Mon., Dec. 4th, 7:30 PM. 2018 Budget, 2017 Financial Update, Nominating Committee Report (posted on bulletin board in foyer). Everyone welcome (only members can vote)

### YOUTH EVENTS 2017

**THE FRIDGE (YOUTH)** Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. **Now meeting @ the Hub (until further notice).** 31 Frederick St., just north of Bradford Post Office. Games, worship, devotional. All Jr/Sr High students welcome! Bring your friends!

### NEWS & NEEDS



**VOJ VOICES OF JOY** Christmas Concert Sun., Nov. 26th, 3:00 PM @ Bethel CRC, Newmarket. Start the advent season with a celebration of music and song. Guest artists: The Embellished Handbell Quartet and James Brown. Refreshments will be served and a freewill offering taken

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** If you can donate a Poinsettia for our Christmas Décor please drop off at the church Nov. 28-30 during office hours (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

CHATS Presents ... **THE CAREGIVER EXPERIENCE** free information session Thurs., Nov. 30th, 1:30 PM @ Bradford United Church. For more info or to register call Christina 905-713-3373 ext. 6226 or cliorti@chats.on.ca.

**A HAND UP CHRISTMAS WISH LIST** A chance to bless a Bradford resident at Christmas. Go to ctmistries.ca to adopt an individual. Drop off wrapped gifts @ BBC by Thurs., Dec. 7th

### LOOK WHO'S CELEBRATING

**BIRTHDAY**  
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