

In the Loop...

Hey everyone!

Every year we take a Sunday (the 30th of August) after Gatherings to share a meal and baptize people who have made a commitment to follow Jesus and are following God's instructions to share that decision with the rest of their Gathering.

Healthy families have family pride; members are not ashamed to be recognized as a part of the family. Sadly, I've met some Christians who've never publicly identified themselves with God's family - by being baptized.

Baptism is not some optional ritual, to be delayed or postponed. It signifies your inclusion in God's family. It publicly announces to the world, "I am not ashamed to be a part of God's family." Jesus commanded this beautiful act for all in his family:

For years I wondered why Jesus' Great Commission gives the same prominence to baptism as it does to the great tasks of sharing our faith and learning about God.

Why is baptism so important? Because it symbolizes one of the purposes of your life: incorporation into the **Gathering** of God's eternal community.

Baptism declares your faith, shares Christ's burial and resurrection, symbolizes your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God's family.

Your baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual truth. It represents what happened the moment God brought you into his family.

Baptism doesn't make you a member of God's family; only faith in Christ does that. Baptism shows you are part of God's family. Like a wedding ring, it is a visible reminder of an inward commitment made in your heart. It is an act of initiation, not something you put off until you are spiritually mature. The only biblical condition is that you believe.

If you haven't been baptized as an expression of your faith in Christ, now is your chance, as Jesus commanded.

The Bible says, "Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters." (Hebrews 2:11, CEV)

Let that amazing truth sink in! Because Jesus makes you holy, God is proud of you. Being included in God's family is the highest honor, the greatest privilege you and I will ever receive. Nothing else comes close. Why not pause right now and thank God that he included you?

Please speak to the pastor of your Gathering to sign up!

See you on Sunday,

Scott Wheeler
Lead Pastor
Kawartha Community Church



Kawartha Community Church exists for the purpose of helping spiritually seeking people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

A fully devoted follower of Christ is someone who loves God, loves people and serves the world.



May 2009

Upcoming events



Join us for a special 5-session
high school youth gathering!

Sundays 10:15am – 11:30am
Apr. 5, 19, May 3, 24, June 7

Learn to do Good
Seek Justice
Help the Oppressed
Defend the cause of the Orphans
Fight for the Rights of Widows
- God (Isaiah 1:17)

*We need a minimum of 6-8 people –
sign up now!*

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jr. youth

meet at
Wild, Water and Wheels
(1650 Chemond Rd)
at 6pm, ends at 9pm
bring a friend!

@ kcc Grade 6-8ish!

I'm still trying
to catch a bug

I just ate a
bugggg

Jr. Youth events
happen the last Thursday
of every month!

Thursday
May 28th

pick-up a schedule in the foyer

email - mike@kawarthachurch.com

The Blurbs

Living Waters will be having a fund raiser on May 23 in the form of a golfing at LIFTLOCK GOLFLAND. THERE WILL BE GOLF AND DINNER AWARDS AND PRIZES FOR 'LONGEST DRIVE' 'CLOSEST PIN' 'HIGHEST AND LOWEST SCORE' AND MORE A SILENT AUCTION AND DRAW FOR A SEASON GOLF PASS TO FOLLOW BEGINS AT 9 AM IF YOUR NOT INTO GOLFING THEN A STEAK DINNER FOR 25 DOLLARS BEGINS AT 2PM. THIS IS TO SUPPORT LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR LIVING WATERS PETERBOROUGH

LIVING WATERS ADDRESS THE REALITY THAT WE ARE ALL BROKEN IN OUR ABILITY TO LOVE OTHERS WELL. THE GOAL OF LIVING WATERS IS TO LAY A FOUNDATION FOR RELATIONAL AND SEXUAL WHOLENESS IN OUR LIVES RECEIPTS ISSUED UPON REQUESTS CONTACT ROY CUSICK AT CEDAR SIDE COST FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THE GOLF AND DINNER

International missions feature...

Featured Missions Project

Mission Partner:

Brian and Val Rutten,
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Partner Since: 2008



Mission Description: Brian's work in Ethiopia includes leadership training, church planting, prison ministries and missions. It also includes assisting the Ethiopian church to reach the unreached peoples of Ethiopia as well as into North Africa and the Middle East. Val

operates the ChildCARE Plus program in Ethiopia that assists over 1400 underprivileged families, most of whom have come to Christ. She also teaches regularly at the Pentecostal Training Centre and its extension schools and advises and counsels women in ministry. Brian and Val also assist several orphanage programs and rural school development programs connected to the church planting program.



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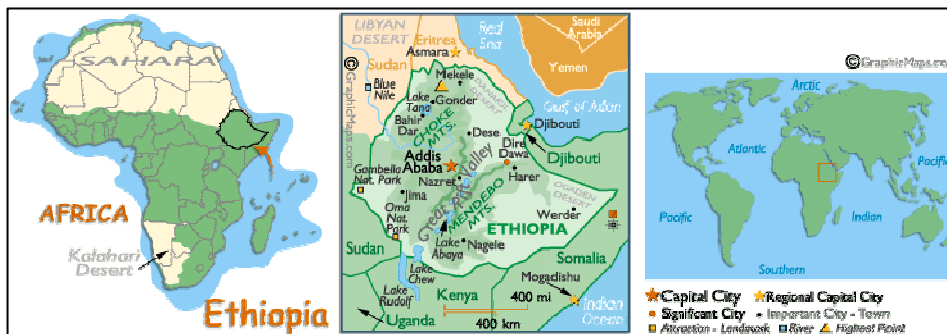
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Local Missions

Mission Partner: Brock Mission

Mission Description: The Brock Mission is a non-denominational, Christian charity governed by a volunteer board of directors. It is a local effort and not part of a provincial or national organization. It is funded, in part, by the City/County of Peterborough as a service provider but still covers more than 50% of its operating budget through the generous donations of a caring community. Brock Mission strives to provide as much service as possible to those in our community who are marginalized, in crisis and at high risk. The goal is to be there for those who might otherwise fall between the cracks with no place else to turn. Brock Mission operates a shelter for men (formerly Kingan House), a shelter for women and women with children (Cameron House) and provides a community supper program (The Open Table). These services provide short-term shelter in a stable environment with caring staff and include daily meals. Additional support services are provided to support and assist people on the street, to provide assistance to high need individuals looking for housing and to provide follow-up and after-care support to former shelter residents.



More Information: <http://www.brockmission.ca>

KCC Youth - Locks for Brock Fundraiser held at Lansdowne Place Mall, February 2008



May 2009

Rhema Open House

Rhema Christian School

Come find out why?

Results matter!



www.rhema.ca

Drop in any time during the day.



Evening Open House

April 15, May 19, June 2 from 6- 8 p.m.

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