

# **One Another Serving in the Saviour**



## **OASIS**

**Fall and Winter /Spring 2010 -2011**

**Sunday evenings**

**5:45: Coffee and Fellowship**

**6:00 -7:15: Fellowship groups and youth**

## **Oasis offerings: September 26<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**Preamble:** This year for Oasis, we will have a wide selection of interesting offerings. You are highly encouraged to choose one or several of the options. Please also consider becoming a facilitator for any group that interests you!

There will be a chance to sign up to join these groups at the Ministry Fair, on **September 19<sup>th</sup>** and then again after church on **Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**. **Oasis will also begin on September 26<sup>th</sup>**. There are six Oasis sessions in the fall and eight in the winter and spring.

Attached in this booklet is also a *yearly* schedule for Oasis dates, Pastorate Sundays, and Sunday evening services as well as other special events happening on other days than Sundays. **Please mark your calendars accordingly.** A list of potential study materials will be available for perusal at the Ministry Fair on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The following are some of the already planned Oasis offerings for the fall and winter. Please read the descriptions carefully and sign up for a session that you find interesting. Perhaps you may have different suggestions for content. If you do have some new ideas, there is room at the end of this booklet for you to offer other suggestions. We would love to hear them!!

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## **Activities for kids: (all year)**

Nursery: (ages 0-3) We will watch your blessings as you enjoy OASIS!

Sing along: (ages 3 – grade one) Join us for a fun time of arts and crafts, some play centers and some singing! Leaders vary from week to week.

Kids Zone: (grade two – grade five) Join us in the fellowship hall to run off that youthful energy by doing some cooperative games!! Leaders are students from Redeemer who love our Kids Zone kids!

Momentum: (grades six – grade eight) Join Winona and Duane as they plan fun activities for your pre teens and lead them in some interesting discussion topics. The Momentum group meets at church and gets together to do social events off site during the Oasis time frame.

## *Sessions for the Fall:*

### **Lectio Divina** *(6 weeks in the fall)*

Leader: Al Wolters

"Lectio divina is a meditative way of Bible reading which emphasizes the use of the imagination. It literally means "divine reading," and has a long history in the Christian tradition, especially in monastic circles. In our sessions, after some initial information about the history and format of lectio divina, we will practise it in a communal and prayerful setting. There is no prerequisite for this, and there will be preparatory readings; all you need is an open mind and heart, and a willingness to participate in communal listening to Scripture and prayer.

### **START: Becoming a Good Samaritan** *(6 weeks in the fall)*

A world in crisis...besieged by Poverty, Pandemic Diseases, Social injustice, Racism, Inequality, and Political Oppression... how can we have impact on these problems, and become a strong voice on these issues? Why don't we get personally involved?

It could be that we have become paralyzed by the enormity of the problem. Or worse, maybe we have become so caught up in our own busy, busy, lives that our brain shuts out everything not on our "to do" list –including the Good Samaritan opportunities right in front of us!

Whatever the reason, when we are faced with the reality of committing ourselves to being the hands and feet of Christ to a hurting world, we get stopped at the most critical point on the journey... the beginning.

In six dynamic sessions, START, Becoming a Good Samaritan DVD curriculum explores the critical needs facing our world and helps Christians

understand how they can become Good Samaritans, right now, right where they live.

Hosted by John Ortberg, this curriculum features an amazing line up of teachers, thinkers, and leaders including Desmond Tutu, Eugene Peterson, Kay Warren, Rob Bell, Jim Cymbala, Gary Haugen, Jim Wallis, Matthew Sleeth, Philip Yancey, and many others.

The topics are as follows:

Session 1: Becoming a Good Samaritan

Session 2: Caring for the Sick

Session 3: Seeking Justice and Reconciliation

Session 4: Honoring the Poor

Session 5: Tending to God's Creation

Session 6: Loving the Forsaken

**Engaging Islam (7 weeks in the Fall)**

Leader: Anna Van Dijk

Islam has become an important worldview to understand and respond to. Even if you don't know a Muslim you may be asked questions about Islam, or have questions yourself. Engaging with Islam equips Christians to understand Islam and to engage effectively with Muslims and those who make comments about Islam or have questions. Its' goal is to help you to stand firm as a Christian, to defend the gospel and to address issues quickly and confidently. It not only considers Islam but examines and defends key Christian teaching.

The course syllabus is as follows:

Session 1: The History of Islam

Session 2: The Books of Islam

Session 3: The Practices and Beliefs of Islam

Session 4: Test a Prophet

Session 5: Promoting Islam - Dawah

Session 6: Contend for the Faith

Session 7: Evangelism

Session 8: How to start Connecting with the Heart

## **Discovering our Humanity in the Two Adams** *(6 sessions in the Fall)*

Leader: Evelyn White and Thanh Campbell

Have you ever asked the questions, “What is my purpose in life?”, “Why am I here?”, and “Who am I?” In the Bible it says we can find our identity in Christ. But then that begs the question, “Who is Jesus Christ?” We know his names, but do we really know him? In the process of self discovery, we invite you to join us on this journey to know who Jesus is in the Divine and in His Humanity.

In this series, we will be focusing on two men both of whom are called Adam: the First Adam, the Adam of Eden “made in the image of God” and the Second Adam, Jesus Christ of Bethlehem whom Scripture says was also in the “express image of God.” By way of this study, we pray that your introspection (inner questions) will begin to be answered.

The primary “text” will be the Bible (NIV) and for background reading we will be using writings of the research scientist and theologian, Arthur Custance. Prior to each session participants will receive a series of questions to ponder and some suggested background reading with some handouts.

Sessions will be facilitated by Thanh Campbell, beginning with a short presentation by Evelyn White followed by a discussion period. The number of sessions will be determined by the progress and desire of participants in discussing questions. There is neither a set time nor agenda to cover as we seek to discover just what is our destiny (and so the origin) that God intended and intends for us.

## *Sessions for the year:*

### **Growing Relational Prayer at MFC: (14 sessions: Fall, Winter, Spring)**

Leader: Judy Cook and Harry Boer

We all hunger for closeness to God. Jesus said, "I do not leave you as orphans," but He promised us His spirit, which means the Holy Spirit is our caregiver, our comforter, and our helper. Jesus told us God is our father. These are all images of a very close relationship that God wants us to have with Him, and we, as His image bearers, want the same thing. But what does "closeness to God" really mean? How do we relate to someone we can't hug, or whose facial expressions can't confirm for us that we're loved and cherished? For many of us being loved by God is something we might accept by faith, but do not have personal experience of. If you desire to learn to relate more closely to your Father, and feel that closeness from him in return, join us.

Relational Prayer will help us learn to "see" God, hear His voice, and relate to him more personally through the power of the Holy Spirit, and through that closeness, begin to think, feel, understand, and be empowered to act more like Jesus. As we learn to open up to God together, the Holy Spirit "opens up" who God is to us. Romans 8:15b, 16 says: And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

## **Acts 29: The Mission Continues...A Course in Sharing Your Faith by Chris Kovak** *(14 sessions Fall/Winter/Spring)*

Acts 29 is a book about how to share your faith. In this series, hosted by Chris Kovak, and joined by speakers such as Bruxy Cavey, Charles Price, Joni Earkson Tada and others, you will learn how to show your faith with the words and actions of your life. Designed to help you share the good news of Jesus Christ in natural yet proven ways, Acts 29 is a workbook that includes: memorization tools, practical exercises, accountability guidelines, and discussion topics based on the presentation by the speakers.

The focus of the book is to teach us how to evangelize. To do this, we must understand the people we are talking to and how to relate to them. In order to explain the gospel, it has to be real to us and others need to see it in our lives.

## **Collective Kitchens:** *(14 sessions Fall/Winter/Spring)*

A collective kitchen is a small group of people (8-10) who pool their resources, to make healthy, low cost and delicious food in bulk that they take home to share with their families.

This kitchen could also be used as a network to help others. A part of these meals would also be set aside in the freezer for families in our congregation who are ill or who have had a baby. We could also make a meal for Alpha.

Depending on how this group flourishes, it may have many avenues to minister to our community. For example, Collective Kitchens in Guelph and the Hamilton area have experienced this as a side door ministry, reaching out to other agencies and inviting unwed mothers (from Beginnings).

## *Sessions for the Winter/Spring:*

**The Treasure Principle: Master your money** (12 sessions in the *Winter*) by Randy Alcorn.

Learn to apply liberating financial principles with Randy Alcorn. With this dynamic accompanying Bible study guide, you will discover what the treasure principle is: the secret of joyful giving.

**Parenting Is Heart Work** (8 weeks in the winter/spring)

Learn what it means to touch a child's heart. This practical, biblical resource will change the way parents view their role. You will learn how to help children make long-term changes. Many times parents have to change the way they parent in order for children to change the way they live.

Participants have either option: they can watch 8 DVD's or read and study the book, Parenting is Heart Work, and both explore practical heart-work strategies in family life for parents of children ages 2-18. Each video contains a dramatic sketch between a teenage daughter and her dad. Dr. Turansky also tells a Bible story in each video making special application of the scriptures to parenting. Practical stories, step-by-step strategies, humor, and a lot of illustrations make each 35-minute segment powerful for parent training in a variety of settings.

The topics are as follows:

Session 1: Teaching Kids to Listen and Follow Instructions

Session 2: Reaching Deep into a Child's Heart

Session 3: Correction Ideas that Touch the Heart

Session 4: A Toolbox of Consequences

Session 5: Ending Discipline Times with Impact

Session 6: Teaching Children to Accept No as an Answer

Session 7: Attitude: A Window into a Child's Heart

Session 8: How to start Connecting with the Heart

**Fellowship in Song** *(14 weeks in the Fall/Winter/Spring)*

Leaders: Alice Wolters and Marja Fledderus

An hour of worshipful singing of familiar and unfamiliar hymns and choruses based on a biblical theme or passage, or on a specific season or event of the church year. The music will be selected mainly from three sources: Psalter Hymnal, 'Sing!' and 'A New Creation and Singing the New Testament'. There will be lots of opportunity to sing in parts and to learn new songs.

Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join.

**Art in Worship:** *(8 weeks in the winter/spring) Tentatively*

Join the visual arts team as they lead us through banner making... more information to come.

## **Schedule: (including Pastorate Sundays/OASIS/Evening Services)**

<b><u>Dates ( Sundays, otherwise noted)</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday Mornings</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday evenings</u></b>
September 5 <sup>th</sup>		Mt Hamilton combined
September 12	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening, new proposal
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Fair	Re- New 1, speaker Mohammed
September 26 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 1 (fall )
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
October 10 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
Monday, October 11 <sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Litany	
October 17 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 2 (fall)
October 24 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 3 (fall)
October 31 <sup>st</sup>		2:30 Reformation day service
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	Beginnings celebration service
November 14 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 4 (fall)
November 21 <sup>st</sup>		Re-New 2
November 28 <sup>th</sup> - Advent 1		Oasis 5
December 5 <sup>th</sup> - Advent 2	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
Saturday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>		2000 Candles Production
December 12 <sup>th</sup> - Advent 3		Oasis 6 (fall session ends)
December 19 <sup>th</sup> - Advent 4		No evening
Friday , December 24 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas eve service
Saturday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas day service	
December 26 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
Friday, Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>		New Years Eve service
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>		No evening
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
<b>Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup></b>		Youth Unlimited production
January 16 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 7 (winter)
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Re- new 3
January 30 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 8 (winter)

February 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
February 13 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 9 (winter)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>		Re-New 4
February 27 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis 10 (winter)
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
March 13 <sup>th</sup> Lent 1		Oasis 11 ( spring)
March 20 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2		Re-New 5
March 27 <sup>th</sup> Lent 3		Oasis 12 (spring0
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> –Lent 4	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
April 10 <sup>th</sup> Lent 5		Oasis 13 (spring)
April 17 - Lent 6 Palm Sunday		Oasis 14 (spring) - end of Oasis
Friday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> Good Friday		
April 24 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday		No evening
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday – Redeemer</b>	No evening
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mother’s Day	No evening
May 15 <sup>th</sup>		Re-New 6
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Victoria Day weekend	No evening
May 29 <sup>th</sup>		Re-New 7
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
June 12 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost		No evening
June 19 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
June 26 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
July 10 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
July 17 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
July 24 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
July 31 <sup>st</sup>		No evening
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening
August 14 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
August 21 <sup>st</sup>		No evening
August 28 <sup>th</sup>		No evening
September 4 <sup>th</sup> Labor Day		No evening
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pastorate Sunday</b>	No evening

**Other suggestion for topics:**

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**Would you prayerfully consider becoming a facilitator for an Oasis group , if so which group ?**

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**Submit this page to Helen Van Beilen .... Thanks**