

Trulls Road Trumpet



Trulls Road Free Methodist Church, 2301 Trulls Road, Courtice, ON
(An update from the desk of Pastor Brian)

August 26, 2016 Edition

Fall Kick Off 2016 Save the Dates

Sunday, September 18
5 PM Fall Family Kick Off

Saturday, October 15
7 PM The 'Complete' Celebration

September 18

After a fabulous summer, let's plan to kick things off on the 3rd Sunday of September with a time of praise and worship as Pastor Brian digs into Ephesians chapter 2 in a new series entitled "Being Built Together". Then at 5:00 pm we'll start with our own Food Truck Extravaganza happening in the parking lot. (Early birds welcome anytime after 4:30). Look for discounted deals on poutine, pulled pork, burgers, dawgs, fries and ice cream. (Not necessarily in that order...!)

As well, Eric the Juggler is back from our Grand Opening Celebration with another show. Eric will do some entertaining for all of us and then continue on with the children and youth while the adults move into the Sanctuary for two important presentations in the life and ministry of Trulls Road Church.

FIRST, we will cast some vision and present more specific plans about Christmas in Courtice as our focus for the fall of 2016. Imagine having hundreds of people walk through the story of the birth of Jesus. We wish to share more of the details about this outreach initiative and encourage your involvement and prayer support.

SECOND, we will introduce the plans to pay down the existing mortgage on our facility and what a grand celebration that will be when the last dollar is paid off! The Official Board is keen to see the whole church family participate in order to make it a manageable level of commitment for all. Our theme for this campaign following on the heels of the Journey to the Promise Land campaign of 2013 is 'Complete'. It's like a puzzle ready to be completed – when done, it's a beautiful thing!

October 15

An inspirational 'Complete' Celebration event is planned for the evening of October 15 with special guest artist, Jason Hildebrand of Toronto (www.jasonhildebrand.com). Jason will be performing his original play on the Life of David. Nursery care up to grade 3 will be provided. This is a night to celebrate in light of what God has done over the last 42 years at 2301 Trulls Road. In the spirit of our 2016 Verse for the Year, let's share in our joy and give thanks as we launch this new campaign. Following the presentation we will enjoy some delicious and creative refreshments together in the gym.



Mortgage Report from Dave Hefford, Official Board Treasurer

Our three year Journey to the Promise Land Giving Campaign is coming to an end. To date we have received over \$950,000 from campaign pledges and over \$200,000 more from other sources. We are truly blessed and we thank all who have made it possible to come this far. The campaign started in October 2013 and ends in October this year. While some people agreed to participate in the campaign extension for 2017, it has been decided to wind down this portion of the campaign and release people from those pledge commitments made for 2017. **This does not mean that our financial needs have been met!** At the end of October when the campaign ends, our remaining mortgage principal will be approximately \$775,000 and our ongoing monthly obligation is \$11,841. To meet this



challenge we will introduce a new giving campaign. This campaign will cover the remainder of our debt and offer a fun way to encourage everyone to participate over the next few years. Final statements for people participating in the Promise Land campaign will be available by the end of September. Anyone making regular donations to the building fund is urged to continue as we make the transition to the new campaign. Join us on September 18 as we kick off another exciting year moving higher, deeper and wider in our beautiful new facility.

A Note from Pastor Brian

This Trulls Road Trumpet along with the announcement card included which you can hang on your fridge at home is a warm invitation to attend some special events – let me encourage you to book these dates in so we can celebrate together as a church family as we head into the fall of 2016. Here are a few thoughts I'd like to also share.



This new campaign will establish another historic event in the life of Trulls Road Free Methodist Church. I want to offer my deep appreciation to everyone here at Trulls – not only to those who have contributed to the Journey to the Promise Land campaign these last three years, but to all of you, your very presence here in serving, sharing and caring has been so vital regardless of any financial contribution. As the Bible indicates, we all matter to God and all contribute to the body of Christ here on earth. How blessed we are to be at this stage, moving into the final leg of seeing the original vision of the founding members and leaders at Trulls fulfilled by paying off the remaining mortgage. I am very excited as we head towards the future and the things that are in store. Surely we are developing all three aspects of our vision – UP with our Heavenly Father, IN with each others as believers and OUT as we seek to connect and relate to those hurting around us.

This fall holds such potential for us. Would you please pray along with me for God to show up in dynamic ways as we move towards Christmas in Courtice? Also, we are doing some groundwork to strengthen our equipping and training dimensions for ministry and anticipating some awesome leadership and faith development. Please plan your calendars this fall to join in on the special events and free up time to help prepare for Christmas in Courtice. Thanks so much and let's enjoy this season at Trulls with a sense of God's hand of blessing upon us.

Finally – let me take a moment to encourage you to pray for the process of electing a new Bishop for the Free Methodist Church in Canada. Bishop Keith has been such a significant leader over these many years and as we are a part of the Free Methodist movement in Canada, let's join our hearts in prayer for the next leader that God has in store for us. This is a very critical time in the deliberation of the search team. Lord, guide them faithfully with your discernment and grace.

Christmas in Courtice Dates: December 9 & 10

2016 Verse for the Year – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Always be joyful. Pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus."