

In the Loop...

New Beginnings

Hey everyone!

Fall is a great time to start new things. We have been pleased to see God at work at our church in each of our lives and in every Gathering. It was encouraging seeing those ten people make a commitment to be baptized last week. And we have been getting a great response from you all about giving yourself to a volunteer role at KCC. The lists are filling up and things are coming together well in every way at KCC. We have been able to support Missions through giving as well and have seen several people head out on short-term missions.

We wanted to introduce you to our two latest Gatherings. Our first is our youth group is adopting a Gathering logo and working toward becoming a Gathering as part of our long term strategy to reach new generations at KCC. Tony and his leadership team has been working hard to build a core group and this fall they will be offering meetings on Wednesday nights and some Sunday mornings (see attached).

Our second project will be to launch a Sunday night Gathering at another location in 2010. We will be sharing more details on this in the months to come but right now, covet your prayers, as we move forward (see attached info).

See you on Sunday,

Scott Wheeler
Lead Pastor
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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.

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Baptism 2009

Baptism Sunday

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:

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

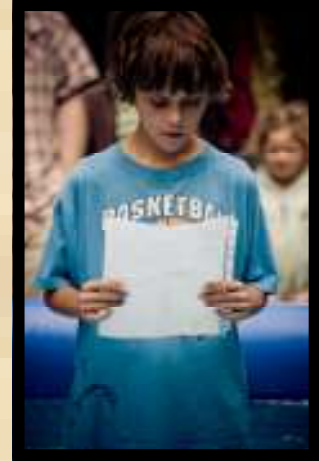
Baptism declares your faith, shares Christ's burial and resurrection, symbolizes your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God's family.

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.



Baptism 2009



Youth Gathering

Hey Everyone:

Thanks to you who joined us for mini golf and Wendy's last Wednesday. We had a blast meeting new friends & hanging with old friends, but we missed the vacationers!

Over the summer you probably heard me talk about our new gathering name and logo. Well, the start of school is a great time to launch stuff so I've attached a promo card to this email for you. As of now the high school youth group at KCC will be known as the [ElmView Gathering!](#)

Every successful organization has a mission statement. KCC's mission statement guides what our church does and what we shoot for and ElmView has one too:

KCC's E L M V I E W GATHERING exists for the purposes of teaching teens how Jesus views them and the world; helping teens understand how their views on life and on God affect them as individuals and those around them; and giving teens practical opportunities to live out Jesus' views in their daily lives.

It is our prayer that through hanging out, having fun, learning and growing together our mission statement will be fulfilled in your lives.

Speaking of hanging out; we've got a sweet [Launch Event](#) planned for [Wed. Sept. 9th](#)! We'll meet at the Ephgrave's (3839 Wallace Point Rd.) from 7pm – 9pm. Here are two things I can tell you right now:

§ if you have a digital camera that can record video, or a digital video camera – bring it (and the transfer cable)!

§ you'll need \$5.00 (exact amount – even if you're coming with a friend or bro or sis)

Stay tuned for more details; you're not going to want to miss this!!

Oh, and there's some more news – we've created a facebook group! Next time you're on facebook, do a search for ElmView and then submit a request to join group! We're going to keep the group and the blog (youth.kawarthachurch.com) updated on a regular basis. Plus, the facebook group will give you opportunities to share your vids, pics and thoughts! Stay tuned to the blog for design updates as well.

Hoping you had an awesome summer and are feeling settled as you get ready for school next week.

Praying for ya!!

Tony (and Michele)

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Billboard

Room for Rent

We are renting a newly renovated, large basement bedroom in our south-east home. Includes the following:

- private washroom and shower
- mini-fridge, microwave, toaster oven, kettle
- shared laundry
- shared use of family kitchen
- free wi-fi internet
- heat, hydro, central air conditioning
- bus-stop within walking distance

on-site parking

We are looking for a female student, non-smoker, no pets please. First and last required, \$425 for 8 month lease or \$400 for 12 month lease. We have three small children and a cat. Available immediately. Please email tony@kawarthachurch.com to arrange viewing.



ELMVIEW high school youth GATHERING

Sept. - Dec. 2009

Wednesday Events | every fourth Wednesday starting Wed. Sept. 23rd

7pm - 9pm - check out youth.kawarthachurch.com for location details...

Wed. Sept. 23

Wed. Oct. 21

Wed. Nov. 18

Wed. Dec. 16

Sunday Gatherings | every fourth Sunday starting Sun. Oct. 4th

fleming college - room #431 - 10:15am to 11:30am

Sun. Oct. 4

Sun. Nov. 1

Sun. Nov. 29

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Mission's trips

Redwood gathering,

Muakwa Buanji!! (African greeting) Well, it's great to be back on the Continent safely! Thank you so much for all of your prayers while I was away. There were times when I definitely felt them! While in Africa, my team and I were very involved with children that have been affected by the AIDS epidemic. We stayed right beside an AIDS orphanage, so we were in constant contact with almost 50 children. The first week that we were there, we served as camp counsellors for 300 AIDS orphans who may have never heard the Word of God before. We shared Bible stories with them, helped them do crafts, and just got to know them and love them. It was absolutely amazing to see how fast they opened up their hearts to us, and how fast we became attached to them! It warmed my heart to see their smiling faces and feel their arms wrap around my waist. But on the other hand, it also broke my heart because I know how much these children have had to endure. The second week we were there, we were able to help build homes for the children, and serve them and the Lord by doing some hard work!! No doubt we were very tired by the end of the day, but it was very worth it.

The most memorable and rewarding experience I had while in Africa was during Bible Camp, when my group had the opportunity to show the children love by washing their feet. Most of the children do not own shoes, so this was a very hard thing to do. Their feet were so dirty and scared and even my hardest scrubbing could not get all the dirt off. This moved me to tears, because I touched with my own hands the poverty of these poor children. I realized at that moment just how very blessed I have been in my own life, and that these children have next to nothing. Yet, these children were the happiest children I have ever seen. They constantly have smiles on their faces, and I found myself learning from them.

I know that this would not have been possible without your generous donation. I want to thank you so much for what you have done, in not only the lives of hundreds of orphans, but also in my own. God bless,

Jodi de Haan

PS. It means so much to know that I have the support of my church family!! Thank you so much!



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Tues. evenings 7:30 - 9:30

Starts Tues. Sept. 22nd

(11 weeks)

\$35/individual

\$45/married couple

Contact Pastor Dave Loucks
(Redwood) to sign up.

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Introducing our newest Gathering: The Maple Heights Gathering.



In 2010 Kawartha Community Church will be launching our first Sunday night gathering and are looking for 30 people to join and become a part of the launch team. New Gatherings are a lot of work and a lot of fun. Come with your sleeves rolled up. :)

Launching January 17th, 2010

Location: Rhema Christian School—Located on the corner of Television and Parkhill Road.

Time of Gathering: 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sunday nights

Child care will be provided up to age 8.

Format: Maple Heights would provide an opportunity to explore and grow in an interactive setting. We would endeavour to create a warm and intriguing setting using music, media and discussion around today's issues and scripture's timeless values.

Basic service format:

- Opening video/ quote show
- Welcome
- Coffee time
- Video clip
- Teaching
- Table talk/ Q & A
- Worship and response time
- Close

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