

COMMUNITY LIFE@BBC

Newsletter to Cell Group Leaders and Cell Groups at BBC – Fall 2008

COMMUNITY SUNDAY January 25th

We are planning another COMMUNITY SUNDAY for the new year – Sunday January 25th. Our previous Community Sundays have been well received and have been great opportunities to connect with one another.

January 25th will be another opportunity for our congregation to identify and identify with their Community. I would like all – Community Shepherds, Cluster Shepherds, and Cell Shepherds to set this day aside and plan to be a part to make this day a success.

The plan is to sit in our 11 Communities in the auditorium that day. The seating plan will be the same as we have done previously for Sunday at 11 am. Since we will only have 1 service this time around this will actually be the first Sunday we will gather all together at the same time.

We will again have the signs identifying the various Communities and have the colored t-shirts to identify the Shepherds in that Community.

More details will come in January – but plan now by: 1/ making sure your Cell Group knows what Community you are in. 2/ planning to be a part that day to make it a success.

GET CONNECTED LUNCH January 25th

On the same day as the Community Sunday we will also have a Get Connected Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this Get Connected event is to connect to a Cell Group any who are not presently connected, but wish to be.

We will promote this in advance and ask people to tell us of their desire to be a part of this Get Connected Lunch. The goal will be to connect people by Community at the lunch and form a number of brand

new Cell Groups right then and there. We will utilize a plug-and-play curriculum (“REGROUP” DVD and guide) to facilitate this process.

So what can you do?

- Pray for this event and that many would get connected into a Cell Group that day
- If you are a CLUSTER SHEPHERD – I would ask that you come to this lunch – why? – to help connect people into new or existing Cells
- If you are a CELL SHEPHERD who is looking for additional people for your small group let your Cluster Shepherd know of your desire to have additional people and they can seek to connect people into your Cell for you on that day.



A CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR CITY

What could happen if every area in Brampton were being prayed for on a daily basis? What if we were to pray for God’s protection and that God would reign in our city? What might God do in Brampton?

These are the kinds of questions being asked by one of our Cell Group Leaders – Patti Watts. God has given her a burden for Brampton and for praying daily for our communities.

Patti shared in a recent “Let’s Talk” – *“God has opened my eyes to see the responsibility He has given to the Church. ... I believe God spoke to me,*

giving me His vision to “take the city of Brampton for Christ, then go”.

I want to encourage Communities, Clusters and Cells to get behind this vision and direction.

What can we do?

Some like Patti have committed to walking in a specific area of the city regularly and praying as they go. Others have committed to driving and praying in a specific area. Others may want to pray regularly from their homes, but for a specific area of the city. It would be great if a Cell Group would adopt the Community they are associated with and then divide it up to pray regularly for that area.

Patti is willing to try and coordinate this effort for us. She has a large map of Brampton to mark down the areas that are being prayed for. She is willing to visit your Cell Group and share the vision. She has made up prayer sheets with suggested requests and Scripture readings to facilitate the process.

The goal is to have the whole city of Brampton covered in prayer regularly and then see what God will do. We all know there is a spiritual battle going on in our city, in the people of the city and even in our churches and our lives.

We must pray.

We must pray for salvation. Pray that God would soften people’s hearts. We must stand against the lies of Satan and pray that God would reveal His truth to the people on our streets.

We need to also pray for a wall of protection around our city – against crime, immorality, and false teachings.

In the book - Prayer Evangelism, by Ed Siloso, he challenges – *“We have no problem believing that it is possible to change the spiritual climate inside a home, in a church building or even at a stadium during a crusade. However, we do have a problem believing that the same climate we enjoy in church can and should be enjoyed all over the city. Yet this is promised in 1 Timothy 2:1-9, where Paul tells us that if we pray for everybody, everywhere, we will be able to live quiet and tranquil lives in all godliness and honesty. ... For far too long, we have left control of the spiritual climate in our cities in the hands of the devil. ... But what if the Church in the city was able to take control of the spiritual thermostat away from the devil and set it to a comfortable 70 F?”*

To commit to getting on board praying for our city or for more info - contact:

- Patti Watts – pattiwatts@hotmail.com
or - 905-843-9455
- or - Pastor Stephen Semple at -
stephensemple@bramaleabaptist.org
or 905-451-6088, ext 223.

COMMUNITY LIFE NEWS AND NOTES

- **SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH – MINISTRY LEADERS GATHERING**

A follow-up to the Ministry Leaders Gathering in September. Besides a general session for all ministry leaders we will also have a time to gather as Community Life Shepherds. This is an important meeting for all Shepherds to attend – Cell Shepherds, Cluster Shepherds, and Community Shepherds.

- **COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM**

Sam Scott and Gladys Lawrence and their Cell Groups are putting together teams of people who will visit and take communion to people once a month to people in our congregation who are shut in and cannot attend the Communion time at the building. We are looking for:

- 1/ Names of people you know from BBC who are shut in – send them to Milly at milly@bramaleabaptist.org
- 2/ People who want to be a part of this ministry – talk to your Cell Groups – encourage anyone interested to contact Sam Scott – 905-791-0519 or s.scott0519@rogers.com
- 3/ If someone from your Cell is shut in – let us know and we can facilitate your Cell in taking communion to them.

- **NEW COMMUNITY SHEPHERD FOR BRK**

We welcome Manir Din as the new Community Shepherd for Brampton Kennedy Community.

- **NEW CELL GROUP IN BCC**

Steve and Margo Semple have started a new Cell Group that will be associated with the Bramalea City Centre Community.