

# IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE...

People Care About Our Community

## School & Street Cleanup

Thanks to everyone who joined our cleanup team this past Wednesday! After a couple of hours in the sun with garage bags and collection pinchers, we were able to beautify a good portion of 202A Street and the school grounds. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day!

## Youth for Christ Garage Sale

Help support the work that Danny Ferguson and his Youth for Christ team are doing in Langley by donating items for their upcoming garage sale fundraiser. If you have any sort of unwanted good that is in "saleable condition" please contact April Ferguson at 530.4822 or aprilferguson24@hotmail.com.



## Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue

On Saturday, May 30, we'll be hosting an afternoon barbecue for our church volunteers. This will be a great time of eating together, playing games, and getting to know each other better. Make sure you reserve this date on your calendar!

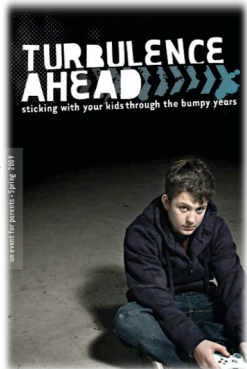


## Jericho Ridge United

We'll be playing our archivals (actually, they're our friends, but it sounds much more exciting this way) this Friday. Come watch our soccer team play North Langley at 8:45 PM at Cloverdale Athletic Park #1.

## Turbulence Ahead: Sticking With Your Kids through the Bumpy Years

Today's teen culture seems more confusing than ever. Join Mark Gregston and Focus on the Family Canada for Turbulence Ahead, an evening of Biblical wisdom and practical insights to help you be ready when your child needs you most (May 3, Broadway Church, Vancouver). You and your teen can navigate the bumpy years together! [Turbulenceahead.ca](http://Turbulenceahead.ca)



### Next Sunday:

#### Nursery:

Carly, Cristal, Jody, Jackie

#### Set-up/Take Down:

Dennis Walde's Team

#### FrontLines:

Tamara, Gary, Darryl, Michelle

S	Baby Shower at 2; WIML Forum #1 at 6
M	Ridge Runners at 7 PM
T	WIML Discussion Cycles; RidgeMen Planning Mtg at 7:30 PM
W	WIML Discussion Cycles
Th	WIML Discussion Cycles
F	Jericho Ridge United game at 8:45 PM
S	Ridge Runners at 8 AM

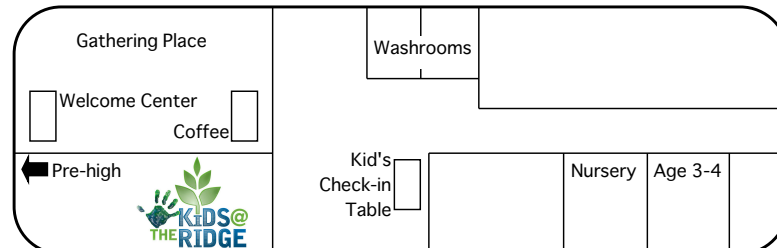
## Community Bulletin Board:

May 1-2 – BC Mennonite Brethren Annual Convention, South Abbotsford Church

May 3 – Turbulence Ahead Parenting Conference, Broadway Church

May 4 – JR United vs. South Delta Baptist, Cloverdale Park #1

## Map of RE Secondary School



## "The Bible Says Elephant"

Acts 15:1-21 Pastor Brad Summer



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## Welcome!

New to Jericho Ridge? We're so glad that you're here. Here are some practical tips and tools for navigating through a Sunday morning here at JRCC:

- Complimentary fairly-traded organic coffee is available along with hot chocolate and tea. Feel free to take it to your seat – better yet, bring your own mug next week to keep it hot and to be eco-friendly!

- **Nursery** care is provided for children from birth to age 2 in the staff room. You can take your child there anytime and our trained staff and volunteers will provide you with a pager so that we can contact you if necessary throughout the morning.

- **Kids @ the Ridge** is our program for children from age 3-grade 4. The check-in table in the foyer is the place to sign-in your children (for security) and to receive info on classes. Kids join us for the first 20 minutes of the main gathering before being dismissed.

- **PreHigh:** Twice a month, we have a small group on Sunday mornings for grades 5-7. The PreHighs have an event once a month - check the Info Sheet for details and dates (a calendar is also available online).

- **Coffee and Connection Time** is a 10 minute window (usually from 10:50-11:00) that is dedicated to getting to know each other. This is the time when you can:

- Help your child(ren) get settled into their time of singing and learning;
- Grab a coffee;
- Visit the Welcome Centre to find out more about JRCC;
- Interact with those around you.

- First time here? Please fill out a Connecting Card (located in the seat back in front of you) and place it in the offering bag or drop it off at the Welcome Centre. We'll contact you with any info that you request (no spam, or overly persistent phone calls, we promise!).

- Want a **Bible**? We have complementary ones available at the Welcome Centre in an easy-to-read translation. Take it home as our gift to you.

- Please check out [www.jerichoridge.com](http://www.jerichoridge.com) and sign-up for our weekly e-newsletter that will keep you up-to-date with JRCC programs and events.

- Questions or comments? Please speak with someone who is wearing a nametag - they are part of our volunteer or staff teams. We hope your time with us will encourage and inspire you wherever you are at on your spiritual journey.

## Today's Gathering Includes:

Welcome

Singing Together

Aaron Rowe and Team

Family News and Upcoming Events

Coffee and Connection Time

"The Bible Says Elephant"

Acts 15:1-21 Pastor Brad

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Communion

## IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE...

### People Connect With Each Other

#### Baby Shower... TODAY!!

Come to our community baby shower this afternoon beginning at 2:00. We will be celebrating seven babies and their mothers at the Amberleigh Clubhouse (20560 66th Ave). We'll be honouring Joyce Sands (Kayla), Diane Zorn (Emma), April Ferguson (Avery), Corina Werdal (Penny), Zoe Mah (Kennedy), Kristen Bylenga (Stuart), and Deb Bonnar (Zéphyrine). Tea and snacks will be provided and each mother will receive a gift from the group. You can still buy your \$15 ticket today at the Welcome Centre. If you aren't able to attend, but would still like to bless the moms, you can still buy a ticket which contributes toward the group gift.

#### Women in Ministry Leadership Dialogue

The leadership of JRCC is committed to leading our church through a conversation and decision regarding Women in Ministry Leadership. The team has decided to initiate this process because it gives us the opportunity to choose our governance model instead of relying upon a model that was inherited by default. Furthermore, this process will strengthen our communal mission, assist us in discovering and practicing our calling and gifts, help us in our interpretation and application of the Bible, and teach us how to reason together and argue amicably. The leadership team believes that the process of this dialogue is just as important as the final decision that is made.

Because we desire the process to be collaborative and community-driven, there are numerous venues available for everyone to invest in. We will be hosting large group forums that will address the "content" aspects of our dialogue. We have also organized discussion groups that will meet weekly to talk about the content presented at the forums. We encourage everyone to get involved in these conversations and to share your questions, convictions, and rationale so that others will be spurred on for further growth.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

1. Pick up an information packet at the end of today's gathering.
2. Join us for our first forum TONIGHT! We'll be meeting at North Langley CC from 6-8 PM. Please let us know if you require childcare (which will be provided) so that we can be prepared with enough workers.
3. Signup for a discussion group at the Welcome Centre. Multiple times and meeting locations are available for you to choose from.



Join our weekly women's study group this Friday from 9:30-11 AM. The group just starting discussing John Ortberg's book called "God is Closer Than You Think." This week's group will be meeting at Meg Sumner's home.



#### Kids at the Ridge Ministry Director

JRCC is pleased to announce the hiring of Ruth Ellen Crossley for the position of Kids @ the Ridge Ministry Director. Ruth Ellen is a recent grad of TWU and she and her husband Jared are members here at Jericho and have volunteered in Children's ministry for some time. Ruth Ellen brings a passion for the arts and a genuine love for kids to the team and will be starting her half-time role with us the week of May 13.

#### Guys' Rustic Get-Away

Men, mark your calendar for our second annual Rustic Get-Away. We'll be spending the weekend at Chataway Lakes Resort (near Merritt) beginning on Thurs, June 4 – Sun, June 7. We'll have another fishing derby and perhaps a few other competitions (horseshoes anyone?). This is a great event for you to invite family members and friends.



#### RidgeMen Meeting

The Men's Rustic Get-Away is quickly approaching! If you have ideas to help the team prepare for this year's trip, please come to a planning meeting this Tuesday at 7:30 PM. We'll be meeting at Adam Drake's office (#2 – 6285 205th St). Contact Adam to let him know that you're coming and to get directions.

#### Still Looking for Grads

We'd like to celebrate the academic milestones of our students together as a church family. If you have just graduated, please contact Pastor Keith.



#### MediaShout Operator

Our Technical Ministries team is looking to add a MediaShout operator to their regular Sunday morning rotation. MediaShout operators are responsible for loading various media components onto the church computer and then operating the program during the gathering time. If you have a high capacity for details and want to join a fun-lovin' team, please speak with Aaron Gleitman.



Please note that our Saturday morning location has changed! We meet every Saturday at 8 AM at R.C. Garnett Elementary School (7096 201st St) and every Monday at 7 PM at the Jericho corner Starbucks (7150 200th St) for group runs. Contact Jodi Bueckert for more details.