



The Canal Chronicles

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Church By The Canal
*A Place Where People
Connect!*

It's really happening . . .

Prayer Items:

We still need our charitable status

The salvation of many in Thorold and area

That more students and families would connect with CBTC

Office space in the downtown of Thorold

Leaders for our small groups in New Year

For creative ways of reaching into Thorold

On October 24th of this year we saw what we had prayed for and hoped for happen; Church by the Canal was launched.

The day began with us getting to the school to find out we had no power, we were a bit skeptical as to what would happen, but God proved strong once again and just 5 minutes before we were to start the power came on.

We had over 100 guests come on that day, 42 were from the Niagara community and from Brock University. We felt humbled and excited.

Since then we have seen God lead 65 visitors our way; a number have

stayed; many Brock students come every week and it has been a great getting to know each of them.

God has also provided a small bus for us to pick up a few students at the University who need a drive.

Many of the students are getting involved and have become a big part of the church.

Much is happening at The Canal, every week we are meeting new people; God is building His church.

We have been hearing the stories of many of those who are coming and again



Our launch Sunday 10-24-10 We had over 100 people attend

we feel humbled at what God is doing in the lives of so many.

Church by the Canal is becoming home for many and there is lots more room but our prayer is to see many people in the community of Thorold and the areas that border the canal open their hearts to Jesus and begin walking daily with Him.

Special points of interest:

- * We are averaging 45 each Sunday
- * We are having our 1st baptism on January 2nd
- * We have grown from 12 core members to 40
- * Many students from Brock University are getting connected

Church by the Canal is coming to town!

We are thrilled with the potential of having a church office right in the downtown core of Thorold.

One of our desires is to be more visible with our community and having this office would make that

more of a reality.

This office would give us the space we need to store our equipment and to do the necessary administrative work that needs to get done from week to week.

It would also give us the opportunity to reach out into the business sector and the High School that is right around the corner.

Lets pray that this office or one like it becomes ours in the New Year.

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CHURCH By The CANAL
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Mission

Our mission is to connect with people in relationships so they will encounter the good news of Jesus.

Vision

Our Vision is to connect with the people of Thorold and the surrounding areas so they will encounter God, embrace each other and engage in the world

- We want people to encounter God through the good news
- We want people to embrace each other in community through small groups
- We want people to engage in blessing and serving the world locally and globally

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Its been an incredible year for me, Bonnie and our family; it has been a year of great change and new things but overall it has been good; we have tried to stay faithful to our family, each other and to the work God has lead us to.

We want to take this time and thank so many for your faithfulness to us as a family and to Church by the Canal. Without so many praying, giving financially or just sending us letters of encouragement and love we know we would be struggling.

We have now been in St Catharines living and serving for the last 5 months, its hard to believe that the Niagara region is now our home. It is becoming more like home and feeling more like home everyday.

Its been good living so close to our

oldest daughter Ashlee who lives with her husband in Port Colbourne. They have been helping us at the church in



worship every month.

Our youngest daughter Brie-Anna is working in St Catharines and she is

helping us out weekly at the church also. She is hoping to go to a local hair school in February.

Jacob our youngest is attending High School and is fitting in well; he was on the school football team and they won the championship.

Our oldest son and his wife are doing well, we don't get to see them as much but we are so proud of both of them. They are serving faithfully in their local church they attend in Hamilton.

Matthew is studying at Heritage Bible College; he is in his first year and is loving it. I'm not sure he will ever want to move back home!

Well there is so much more we could say but we want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Allan, Bonnie and Family