

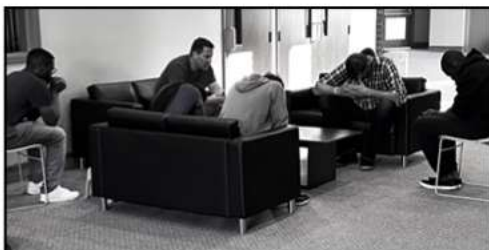


Friday Nights on the Streets

“EXCUSE ME...CAN I ASK YOU THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION?” Friday nights is not like Friday nights for so many others. Not at least for some at Knollwood Baptist Church. Each Friday a team of believers brave the streets to share Christ and the hope of forgiveness. The team meets at the church at 6:45pm for a time of prayer asking that God would give them boldness to share the gospel with anyone open to talk as they walk the streets of downtown London. After prayer they make their way downtown. Some stop and are open to talk while others are not. The thought is if God hasn't opened their ears to talk then no point trying, there's always more fish in the sea. In some cases, conversations go well and end with emails and bibles given. In one case, one individual, Justin, even came to Knollwood to hear a sermon a short time later. By the end of 2023 this little team, with a few from other churches, have shared the gospel with just over 200 people and have handed out around a thousand tracts. The team records the names of those they have witnessed to on a prayer list and is



updated each week. The night wraps up around 9pm where this team closes in prayer and lifts up all the names of those witnessed to, asking that God would reveal His Son to them. Camila Ferreira shares her experience of Friday nights, “When we go out on Friday nights I have to constantly remind myself that it's all about Him. It's His work, not mine. I get nervous and feel insecure every single time, I could not do it by myself. But I am reminded that He is with me. I remember the first time I shared. I was distributing tracts when a man asked me what it was. My words began to stumble and my thoughts were racing, but I was able to share His Word by His grace. I am very thankful to be part of the GO Team and to contribute to the advance of His Gospel message.” Prayer for protection and favour is needed for this team and the hope is that this little team will become a big team by God's grace. If you are interested in joining please reach out to Pastor Chris.



Everett Shares...

A FEW WEEKS AGO I had my yearly employee performance review where I work. So, that gave me a little one on one time with our production manager. Just a side note, it's actually in our company handbook that leaving 'religious material' like gospel tracts lying around is against company policy. Our manager has made it known that he will be retiring in a year or so. He knows that I'm a Christian, but he doesn't really understand what that means, probably because of all the religions out there that actually go against our true GOD. So I took the opportunity to say, 'You know the way we're all investing in our retirement savings? Well there's actually, in a sense, a way of investing in our eternity!' And I tried to go on from there to talk about our Saviour. Now, if you know me at all, you know that I am a shy person. I have found that after completing the Evangelism training course I am better equipped to talk to people about this most important stuff with more of the boldness and confidence the Gospel of Jesus deserves.

Once when we were out with the GO Team on a Friday night, Pastor Chris was witnessing to this muscular guy Sami. Chris was making a friendly connection with him as they both had going to the gym in common. Chris was sharing his heart for people and his heart for GOD with him, but Sami had his own cosmic beliefs and for some reason wanted nothing to do with the Word of GOD. As we were

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Evangelism Training Nights at Knollwood

Knollwood Baptist Church ran an Evangelism Class through October. The class taught the importance of the gospel and components that make up the gospel. Registration had about twenty individuals and ran over five weeks. It was a great time of learning, with lots of great questions and a free book give away. The class was designed to help equip people to navigate a gospel conversation. The class was heavy on Scripture, filled with lots of illustrations, discussion and a short video. The last night was a question/answer night and included

a roll-playing time where those who attended were able to practice what they had learned. The hope now is to keep up with what they have learned and practiced, and to encourage each other to have gospel conversations and share their gospel conversations. Nancy Fortner shares her thoughts on the training, “The Evangelism Training shows you why you should evangelize, how to do it and gives you the opportunity to grow your



faith so you can let others know the love of Jesus. You also learn you are not alone in not understanding how to share Jesus with others outside of our small groups.” The plan is to run it again. Stay tuned for when...

Knollwood Halloween Outreach Night

At the corner of Cheapside and Sterling Knollwood Baptist Church set up base camp for a special night. The plan was with friendly faces, lights, a tent, candy bags and lots of Tim Horton’s hot chocolate to be in the community to bless the community. However, the true blessing was found with the gospel tract inside each candy bag. The team handed out free hot chocolate and candy tract bags and blitzed the streets with small teams handing out more candy tract bags. When



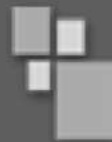
asked we shared how we were with Knollwood Baptist Church. So many thought this was a wonderful idea. The teams even went door-to-door giving these candy tract bags to those giving out candy. By the end of the night the team had given out 80 cups of hot chocolate, 200 candy tract bags and around another 200 more tracts left in peoples mailboxes.

Olamide Adebisi recounts her time, “The handing over of the packs allowed me to have chats with people either by the walkway or in their houses, however, a particular

elderly woman stood out. She had the impression we were kids from the neighbourhood “tricking or treating” when we knocked on her door, so she felt disappointed when she saw the faces of adults. However, when we told her we were a group from a nearby church handing out candies as a blessing to those who have been blessing kids, her face lightened up beaming with smiles. She told us that she had been lonely all day and she

was glad we stopped by to have a conversation with her. It was apparent a seed was sowed in her heart as she kept asking questions and wanted to keep talking during the discussion.” This was a great community event where the church came together and served the community with the gospel and bathed it all in prayer.





10 Reasons to Use Tracts

1. They share the gospel and plant a seed.
2. They can go places you cannot go and places you can. Often, they may be passed on and on to others.
3. It can help break the ice and make conversation starters.
4. It doesn't take much to hand them out.
5. Easy to store and keep handy.
6. You can leave them in random spots.
7. Usually inexpensive or create your own.
8. They allow the reader to refer to it again for Bible references and follow up.
9. They can be sent in the mail with your letters, bills, packages.
10. They can often do the witnessing when we can't.

Ryan Witnesses to a Sikh

I had the chance to speak to a man named Indranil at work. We were on break and started talking about post-secondary studies and how they were going. He said specifically "God" several times in reference to his studies and the challenges he was facing, and I saw that he was wearing a Kara, a steel bracelet worn by Sikhs, so I started asking him about God and what he believed. After listening to him, I was able to share the gospel with him. By God's grace neither of our breaks ended soon, so we were able to go through a more detailed conversation. First, about the law and our sin and how because of it we deserve punishment in hell. But also of the good news that Jesus came to take that punishment in our place and that he must repent and trust in Christ to be saved. He came back a couple days later and had more questions, this time around Adam and Eve in the garden. It seemed he was thinking these things over which was great to see. He is no longer where I work so prayers for him are appreciated.

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leaving the conversation with Sami I showed him a picture of my mechanics V12 BMW, the same brand of car that Sami had parked there. He was excited to see such a rare machine and that seemed to lighten him up a bit. At that point he was willing to accept a copy of our more lengthy gospel tract and he promised to read it. That tract definitely contains the Word of GOD in it! The thought of sharing our faith can seem very daunting and the lies from the enemy are endless. But, when you step out it's amazing the inspiration and wonderful little miracles you will experience. Last week when I was at the dentist, I had a brief conversation with an old order Mennonite lady and her daughter in the waiting room. I've noticed that when someone tells Pastor Chris that they're a Christian, he's sincerely interested in finding out if there's a genuine soul saving conversion going on there. So, with these lovely modest people I was afraid that they might be putting their faith in abstaining from modern conveniences to keep them pure and to save their souls. They told me about how they're able to include Jesus in most aspects of their life and not be influenced by secular lifestyles. People sometimes talk about a situation being so serious that it's a matter of life and death. As true followers of Jesus, we're aware of an infinitely more serious condition. The matter of eternity with Jesus, or an eternity in the punishment known to us as Hell. We really need to love people enough to warn them about this reality. Pastor Chris offers a very helpful course from time to time to learn about sharing our faith with others and exploring effective ways of doing this. We have found that usually the most effective way of enlightening people is to talk to them about how we are all imperfect sinful people that owe a debt of death and punishment as a result of our fallen nature. We can never cohabitate with our loving perfect just God unless justice is served and this debt is perfectly and completely paid in full. When people understand this, they are more likely to be in a place where they are interested in relief from this seemingly hopeless condition. At this point they might be open to hearing about the great news of what Jesus has done for us.



So What is the Gospel?

The gospel is our hope in life and death. It is the message that can change one's eternal destiny. Mark Dever expresses it concisely and may be worth memorizing. He says, "The good news is that the one and only God, who is holy, made us in his image to know him. But we sinned and cut ourselves off from him. In his great love, God became a man in Jesus, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross, thus fulfilling the law himself and taking on himself the punishment for the sins of all those who would ever turn and trust in him. He rose again from the dead, showing that God accepted Christ's sacrifice and that God's wrath against us had been exhausted. He now calls us to repent of our sins and to trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. If we repent of our sins and trust in Christ, we are born again into a new life, and eternal life with God." The question you must ask yourself is have *you* done this? This life is a drop in the bucket against eternity. If you have not repented and put your faith in Jesus Christ for your salvation why wait. Get right with God today.

Christmas Hampers Outreach

This was about food and food. What? That's correct, food and *spiritual* food. This year Knollwood Baptist Church came together and provided 50 families in the community food and true food. Each family received about hundred dollars in food and gift cards. But as important as that is for those in need the real need was found in the spiritual food that was given. Each hamper also contained a bible, a gospel tract and church information. This is fifty more families who may have never heard the gospel, may have never considered the things of God before. Families who may never show up to church. God graciously used Knollwood by her

coming together and making sure that the gospel went to them. Please pray that God would use this for his glory, that seeds were planted and ultimately that a great harvest of believers would come from this small act of faithfulness.



Famous Christian Quotes

"How do I defend the Bible? The same way I would defend a lion...I simply open the cage and let him out!" - Charles Spurgeon

"Faith in the sovereignty of God's government and grace is the only thing that can sustain it [evangelism], for it is the only thing that can give us the resilience that we need if we are to evangelize boldly and persistently, and not be daunted by temporary setbacks." - J.I. Packer

Romans 10:14-15 "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"