



# Rosedale Community

## CHURCH OF GOD

### CHURCH & PASTOR PROFILE

#### About Us

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Our church started out as the First Avenue Church of God in Chilliwack, B.C. in 1947. We moved to our new home here in Rosedale, B.C. as the Rosedale Community Church of God where we hold services at the Rosedale Traditional Community School every Sunday at 10:30am

#### Our Ministries

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- Praise and Worship
  - Women's Ministry
  - Small Groups
  - Prayer Ministries
  - Children Ministries
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# WHO WE ARE & WHERE WE STARTED

## OUR HISTORY & BELIEFS

Rosedale Community Church of God (RCCOG) started in Chilliwack, British Columbia in 1947 as the First Avenue Church of God and is voluntarily associated with Canadian Church of God Ministries (CCOGM). We eventually outgrew our building and the congregation moved to Rosedale in 2005, renting space in Rosedale Middle School. In 2015 the building on First Avenue was sold and a plot of land was purchased in Rosedale where we plan to eventually build a church.

The COGM movement considers itself rooted in Wesleyan-Arminian evangelicalism and also part of the Anabaptist free-church tradition. Rosedale Community Church of God embraces the spirit of the movement by concentrating on what Christians have in common, building bridges instead of walls. With roots in the "holiness movement" there has always been a strong emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers and in the body of the church. Finally, RCCOG holds to the core teachings of historic Christianity as expressed in such affirmations as the Apostles Creed.

For the official teachings of CCOGM, go to [www.ccoGM.ca/beliefs](http://www.ccoGM.ca/beliefs)

# WHERE WE ARE NOW

## Our Staff & Leadership

RCCOG currently employs one part time office administrator. Our current Board of Trustees is a team of five dedicated members who manage the business aspects of church life. The ministry programs of the church are led by team leaders who meet regularly with the lead pastor to plan, collaborate, and pray.

## Our Congregation

Our numbers are small (50 members currently) but we are a generous people, both in giving and grace. We have a strong volunteer base with many members fully engaged in ministries. During our church health assessment, we scored highest in passionate spirituality and loving relationships, which makes sense as we are a church that thrives on meaningful relationships with each other and with Jesus. Our ministry focus is our worship-filled Sunday morning services with clear, biblically sound teaching of the gospel. This has enabled our church to build a strong and resilient core of committed believers. Our team leaders have a very encouraging leadership style and there is a strong desire to ensure harmony and effectiveness in our church ministries with a clear understanding of how important it is to support the organizers and administrators through the necessary activities of keeping a healthy church.



## Our Community

RCCOG meets at a local traditional school in the small farming community of Rosedale, BC, located just east of Chilliwack in the beautiful Upper Fraser Valley. Rosedale is situated along the Fraser River and offers endless outdoor opportunities including the nearby Bridal Falls Water Park, Cheam Lake Wetlands, Bridal Falls Golf Club, and Popkum Motor Park. It's a young community where 65% of the population is between sixteen and sixty-four years old and 49% of the population identify as Christian. Rosedale is also home to the Cheam Indian Band, a First Nations Band of the Sto:Lo people, on whose traditional territory we are honored to gather and worship.

Although we're in Rosedale, we are a regional church with members coming from across the Fraser Valley. The beautiful Fraser Valley has a mix of land uses, ranging from urban and industrial centres to dairy farms, golf courses, parks, camping, recreation, and market gardens. Much of the valley is protected by the Agricultural Land Reserve and is intensely farmed. The Fraser Valley brings in over half of British Columbia's annual agricultural revenue, although it makes up but a small percentage of the province's total land area.

Part of what keeps the valley beautiful is our average annual rainfall of over 1600mm, most of which falls from October to April. We are blessed with a fairly mild climate, enjoying an average winter temperature of 4 degrees and an average summer temperature of 19. Our temperate climate and unique location makes outdoor recreation a highlight of life in the Valley. This area is known for its many hiking & biking trails, rivers, lakes, gardens, public events, and arts & culture which create a vibrant tourism industry. It is a visitor's dream and we get to live it daily!

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# OUR CURRENT MINISTRIES

We currently have five effective ministries, each led by volunteer members who work with our current Board and who welcome the opportunity to collaborate with our new pastor!



### Worship Ministry

We are a church who finds deep fulfillment in sincere and reverent worship. We currently have a dedicated worship team who work with our sound & tech crew to provide a cohesive, engaging and spiritually inspiring worship experience.



### Hospitality Ministry

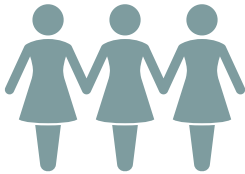
Our areas of focus are: welcome & first impressions, greeters, ushers, set-up & take-down teams, communications, security and internal care ministries such as meals, flowers, birthdays, hospital visitation etc.



### Small Group Ministry

We believe small groups are important to church health. We typically have one or two small group bible studies going at any one time, and we offer an online prayer meeting every Wednesday.

# OUR CURRENT MINISTRIES CONTINUED



## Women's Ministry

Our women's ministry includes meeting once a month for a book study and often working alongside community organizations in providing services to those in need. We also minister to the church by providing Sunday morning snacks, special treats on Father's Day, Mother's Day, assisting with care for our seniors, grieving members and those who are recovering.



## Children's Ministry

Our children's ministry is small but mighty! Our volunteers are all trained through the Plan to Protect program, and we are blessed with professional educators on this ministry team. We currently have a Junior Church, for ages 5-12, during our morning service. We have backyard bible club in the summer and would love to host a Vacation Bible School again in the future.

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## WHERE WE WANT TO GO >>>

- 1.) We see the need for a comprehensive discipleship plan which includes equipping leaders to build up our existing men's, youth and missions ministries.
- 2.) We see the need for developing a vision for the church through long term, big picture strategic planning which includes the future of our property. (The church purchased three acres of property in the Rosedale community. We now hold a clear title on this land.)

# OUR LEAD PASTOR'S PASSION



## INTIMACY WITH JESUS

In John 15:9-17 Jesus called his disciples his friends. At Rosedale Community Church of God, we seek a pastor who is a close and intimate friend of Jesus, loving and learning from him constantly. Our lead pastor hears the voice of Jesus, the great Shepherd, through diligent prayer. Our leader understands that spiritual leadership requires abiding in Jesus' love through regular spiritual practices. As a friend of Jesus, our pastor has heard a personal and profound call: "I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16).

## LOVING GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

When Jesus is asked about the greatest of God's commands (Matthew 22:33-40), he answers that there are actually two: "love God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself." Since the mission of RCCOG is to "love God in the community and the world," our lead pastor must be passionate to see that mission framed around our neighbours and neighbourhoods. To inspire and activate our love for all people, our pastor will listen and learn about our congregation and then challenge us to love like Jesus did: extravagantly, sacrificially, generously,

## LEADING THE CHURCH

The Bible instructs a pastor to oversee and pay careful attention to "all the flock" (Acts 20:28). At RCCOG we believe that to be a spiritually healthy, vibrant congregation our members must feel engaged in the mission. To feel engaged, not just involved, leads to a sense of belonging. Belonging leads to believing and spiritual growth. Our new lead pastor is fascinated by this connection and also by the incredible range of gifts and abilities represented in our congregation (Ephesians 4:4-16). Inviting members to use those abilities across a wide range of ministry roles will make our new pastor's heart sing. Reflecting the current age-range of our congregation, our leader is passionate about communicating the story of God in the context of intergenerational Sunday worship.

# OUR LEAD PASTOR WILL



## MODEL CHRIST-LIKE LEADERSHIP

Just as Jesus modeled a highly relational ministry by gathering disciples, we want our lead pastor to follow Jesus' pattern of engagement with people in the basic structures of everyday life—walking with them, eating with them, listening, teaching, correcting, comforting, challenging, and more. Similarly, our lead pastor's character must be rooted in the life and teaching of Jesus, including the qualities of humility (not biased towards the bold and the beautiful), solidarity (identifies with the poor and stigmatized), compassion (shows mercy), integrity (no compromise with worldly systems of power), and sacrifice (a life of service to others).

## CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

At Rosedale Community Church of God, our greatest desire and highest calling is to grow in our love and commitment to Jesus' way (Mark 12:30-31). To facilitate that growth our lead pastor must focus on: prayer, listening to the Spirit and engaging in intercession; study, so that they can preach and teach the Scriptures rightly; listening to the people in their care, giving wise counsel and spiritual direction. We want a pastor who leads through preaching and worship: Biblical sermons that connect God's purpose and plan to every disciple, whatever their stage on the spiritual journey, and worship services that inspire every member—men, women, and children—to make all of life an act of worship (Romans 12:1-2)

## KEEP US FOCUSED ON FIRST THINGS

The church's calling is to bless others and bring them to Jesus (Gen. 22:18; Matt. 28:19-20). Our senior pastor must lead by a courageous and compelling vision that inspires us to "love God in our community." This requires discerning our cultural context in B.C.'s Fraser Valley, deepening our relationship First Nations neighbours, and collaborating with our community partners in Rosedale. With a single-minded focus on that vision, our lead pastor will take risks, innovate in ministry, and engage our church's gifts and abilities for the sake of God's mission (Matthew 25:14-30; Rev. 21:5)



# RCCOG LEAD PASTOR

A pastor's role is ultimately one of leadership. The main responsibilities will be to faithfully teach the word of God, minister to spiritual needs, provide biblical leadership, and direct the ministry of the church.

## ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepare and deliver sermons with relevance and accuracy.
- Oversee the ministries of the church by working with lay-leaders and ministry teams.
- Lead in the ordinances of the church such as Communion, Baptism, Baby Dedication etc.
- Extend care to the bereaved, the elderly, and the sick through visitation and prayer.
- Officiate at weddings and funerals as needed.
- Provide leadership and vision for the church, directing plans for ministry.
- Grow the spiritual health and gifts of the church family, by recognizing and engaging the congregation.
- Draw new believers into Christian faith through preaching, worship services, social activities, and community events.
- Cooperate with denominational leaders, participate in the local ministerial group, and community leaders in matters of mutual interest and concern, being sure to represent the church with integrity at all times.
- Be accountable to the Board of Trustees for accomplishing the mission of the church.
- Commit to a minimum of 20 hours towards annual professional development.
- Able to be credentialed by the Canadian Church of God Ministries.

## YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

- A bachelor's degree in an applicable field such as Theological studies, Pastoral studies, Biblical Studies, or Pastoral Counseling, is preferred.
- Sufficient pastoral experience to guide the congregation through life's challenges according to the teaching of the church would be an asset.
- Preference will be given to Canadian Residents.

## OUR OFFER

- Compensation Package commensurate with education and experience
- Paid Vacation
- Extended Health coverage under the Church Worker's Benefit Plan
- Training and Travel budget for Church of God Functions and Professional Development

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