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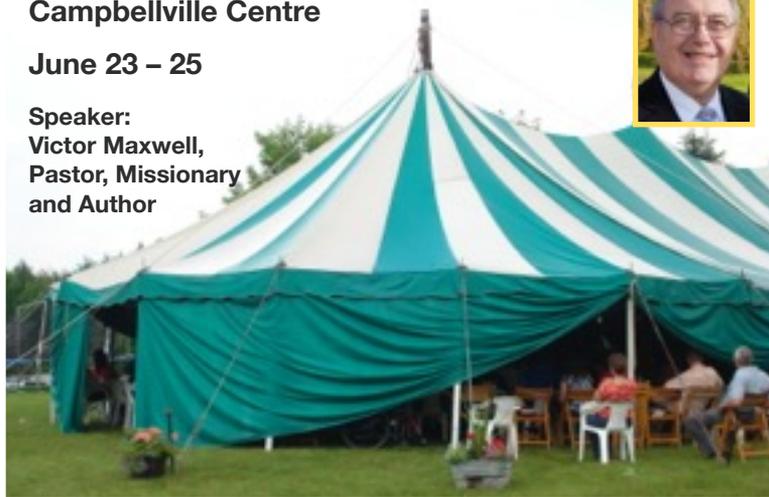


# PARTNERS IN PRAYER

2017 Thirsting for God Bible Conference  
Campbellville Centre

June 23 – 25

Speaker:  
Victor Maxwell,  
Pastor, Missionary  
and Author



Thirsting for God Bible Conferences -  
A time of great teaching, renewal and fellowship.

2017 - Celebrating 90 years of God's  
Faithfulness in Canada 

## John & Isabel Bennett



'Praying always with all prayer and supplication'.

A video clip I saw in a church where I was preaching was of a pastor in Egypt sharing that once they had 200 people praying in his church and how this continued to increase until today there are 1,200 people praying. How gatherings like this must cause great joy in the heart of God. If Jesus was so angry to see the temple being used as a market place, how He must rejoice to see 1,200 people gathering weekly to pray. The sad news is It is the church under persecution that turns out in force to pray and the church in the west where there is minimal persecution sits at ease and largely prayerless while lost souls drift to hell. Thank God He is stirring His church. We have heard of a number of prayer initiatives taking place. Preaching in a church recently the chairman commented on the previous time I had been there. He shared how God spoke to a number of them on that occasion, challenging them to get together to pray. They have been meeting ever since and God has been searching their hearts and they have been putting things right with other people and with God.

Since last writing we had a most encouraging series of Christmas outreach banquets, sno' camps and Church services. We feel so humbled when God's presence fills a church giving great freedom to declare the glorious unchanging, life changing, sin destroying Gospel. Our cry as we minister through 2017 is for the 'much more of God'.

2017 is a significant year in the life of The Faith Mission (in Canada). On the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and 1<sup>st</sup> of October we look forward to celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the work in Canada at a weekend of thanksgiving and celebration in Calvary church, Pape Avenue, Toronto. Dr. Charles Price is scheduled to be the guest speaker and we anticipate having all our Canadian staff join us for the occasion. Plans are in hand to publish a book documenting some of the great things God has done over the 90 years. In the coming months we hope to launch a revamped web site, a Youth Leadership Training course will be held March 12 – 16. Two ladies retreats will take place in Campbellville May 26 – 28 and June 2 – 4, Marjorie Bennett from N. Ireland is to speak. Victor Maxwell Pastor, Missionary and author of many books speaks at the Thirsting for God Bible conference at the Campbellville centre June 23 – 25. During July and August staff will be involved in camp and VBS ministry. Prayer will be appreciated for suitable camp counselors and summer VBS staff.



- Some dates to make note of for 2017 -

**Youth Leadership Training** March 12-16

**Ladies Retreats** - Campbellville May 26-28, June 2-4  
Speaker: Marjorie Bennett, N. Ireland as guest speaker

**Thirsting for God Bible conference** at the Campbellville centre  
June 23 – 25, Victor Maxwell, N.Ireland as guest speaker

**September 30/October 1** - 90th Anniversary Celebration Weekend  
with Dr. Charles Price as guest speaker - Toronto



### Jennifer Armitage

Thank you to everyone who prayed for the two weekend sno' camps. We had a great group of kids at both camps. We are thankful to God for providing good counsellors who gave of their best and showed real concern for the spiritual welfare of all the kids.

The teaching the first weekend was on the life of Gideon. It was great to see the teens listening so well and really take to heart things that they were being taught. One boy was sick and ended up spending most of Saturday in his bedroom. He said to his counsellor later that he thought God had allowed him to be sick so he would read his Bible more. After a quiet time another boy came out of the room and told us he was excited because they had a really good prayer time.

The second weekend was the junior camp with 30 enthusiastic children. In the chapel times we looked at the life of Peter. It was good to be able to encourage the kids in their walk with God, and challenge them on what it really means to say 'I will follow Jesus'. It was clear from quiet time conversations that there were those who were thinking deeply about spiritual matters.

Please continue to pray for the children of Canada, that many would find Jesus as Saviour, and for those already saved that they would know the word and be able to stand against the tactics of the enemy.

## Myron & Janet Hoover



"The Campbellville Camp Centre has been a flurry of activity...and dust and dirt...as the dining room wing of bedrooms have been renovated and dining room enlarged slightly.

A huge thank you to all

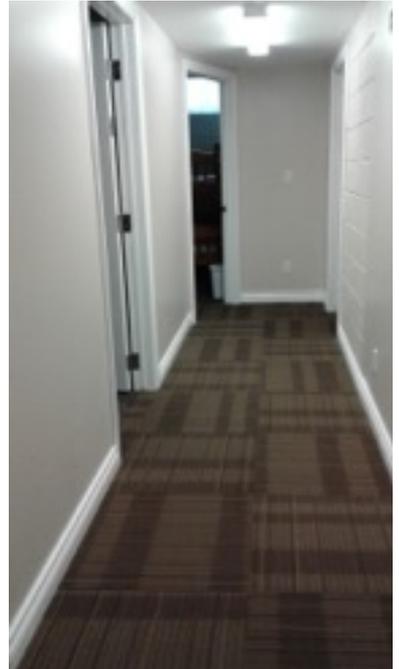
who gave their time and energy to help with this task. There are many other plans and projects that we feel the Lord has put in our heart for improved facilities that will allow for more practical use of the Camp Centre and we wait on Him for His perfect timing and provision. Tentatively we are looking at early April to commence the next big project.



Meanwhile, the Centre is booked every weekend until the end of March. In his book "Lectures in OT Theology" Dennis Kinlaw says, "When Yahweh speaks there is eternal potential, always, in that moment". As I think on those words I feel the connection with what the heart of the Camp Centre is- to provide a place where the Eternal LORD of the universe can speak into lives and that 'eternal potential' can be realized.



As you partner with us in prayer would you pray that the Centre will continue to be a place where lives are changed, that we, as caretakers, would be strengthened in His power for the work He calls us to, that the practical plans for improvement would go ahead in His time, with His provision and all that is done would further the Kingdom of God. Please also pray for the upcoming Faith Mission retreats, Leadership Camp and Hymn sing, as well as the various groups who will use the Centre."



'For the Lord will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself'. -1 Samuel 2:22



**Mark & April Hardwick**

As we continue our work in the North our goal is always to bring praise and glory to God. All that He chooses to use us for here is ultimately to make a name for Himself. What an enormous blessing that we can trust this to be true even in times when we don't understand the circumstances we find ourselves in! The North has not escaped the shift from sound Biblical doctrine to man's philosophy that bows to worldly culture. However, we are so thankful for solid men and women that God has placed in our lives here. It is encouraging to be able to meet and pray with Pastor's and elders who stand firm on the word of God.

Our Wednesday night Christianity Explored group ended in the fall, and left the ladies asking for more. We have started a Bible study in 1st Corinthians that will take us through to next summer. At the end of Christianity Explored the ladies were challenged to examine the claims of Christ and we listened as each one counted the true cost of what a life following the Lord looks like. We are thankful that we continue to see God drawing them to himself. We would value prayer as already the enemy has sought to destroy the seed that has been sown through various difficulties. The first Wednesday of each month we have continued to offer a "Mom's night out" at Living Faith Assembly in Kirkland Lake. We are also working alongside the local Brighter Futures mom's group, which is a program for at risk families. Our prayer is that as we continue to meet the practical needs of these families the Lord would open doors to speak deeper into their lives.

Mark's calendar fills up quickly with preaching engagements and we are blessed to be able to fellowship with many believers in our district. The need for labourers in the North is very real, a number of churches are currently without pastors. The search process can be discouraging so we seek to offer encouragement in the waiting.

In March we will be returning to Quebec to help Robin and Debra Perron with Youth Leadership Training. Mark is looking forward to preaching in Dalesville Baptist church on March 5th and at Chomedy Baptist Church on March 12th. We also look forward to doing some visiting during the second part of our week there.





**Laura-Anne Drake**

Thank you for all your prayer support this past quarter.

We continue to be encouraged as we see the churches in the area coming together, with the desire to share the Gospel with the marginalized. As a result, many churches are coming alongside the Morningstar Mission in downtown Napanee. The Morningstar is a Mission which focuses on low-income families, people with mental and physical disabilities etc. and has a desire to reach that demographic. It's a safe place where they can come and get a meal, have Christian counselling and fellowship, as well as attend a church service, among other programs. We ourselves, are excited to come alongside the director of the Morningstar to run a Christianity Explored course, starting in late March. This is an evangelism program which goes through the book of Mark and examines who Jesus is, what He has done and what that means for us.



**Margaret Roberts**

We would greatly appreciate prayer as we seek to reach this group with the Gospel, and that there would be fruit as a result.

We continue to run our weekly kids and youth programs in Wilton and Odessa and would appreciate prayer for stillness in the lesson time. Several children's Bibles were donated to the church in Wilton, and given to the kids club. One boy was so excited that, when his mom came to pick him up, he eagerly asked if she would read him a Bible story before bed! This was greatly encouraging! Please pray that the children and families would be transformed by the power of God's Word!



**Youth Group Activity**

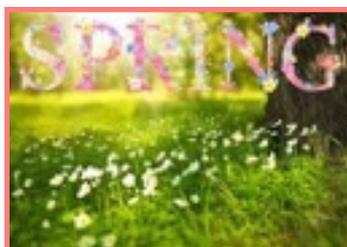
## Graham & Melodie Ghent



"To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.' While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word." Acts 10:43, 44

Reading this the other day made me drop down and pray that this would happen on all who hear the Word!! Without the Spirit falling we can preach all we want to but not one heart would turn. Pray with us that opportunities would continue to arise to preach the unaltered and life changing gospel of Jesus. We look forward with anticipation of the Spirit truly ministering at the Men's Retreats, to all who would hear at the Irish Nite (March 11) and to the youth who will gather at the camp centre for Youth Leadership Training over March Break. Melodie is leading a ladies Bible study at Garside and would appreciate prayer. We

continue to do much work at Boston Baptist and are excited about the vision and purpose going forward. In May we will be involved in leading a week long evangelistic campaign in Hamilton with the Hamilton Challenge (April 30 - May 6). Street preaching, ESL, prayer walk, university campus conversations, and many more types of evangelism will be featured. We also continue to network with churches about their effective gospel efforts to the communities around them. Please pray for doors to open and for a great burden for souls to come upon the Church.





**REVIVAL** – Pastor Jacques Nadeau,  
Newcastle Baptist church, Ontario (pages 8-10)

According to a sidebar in Christian History Magazine, spiritual awakenings or revivals, whether in biblical history or in Church history, often manifest very similar patterns that are strikingly the same. Usually, the following spiritual elements are always present: first, awakenings

are often preceded by a time of spiritual depression, moral apathy, and gross sin, in which a majority of nominal Christians are hardly any different from the members of secular society, and the Churches seem to be asleep; second, an individual, or a small group of God's people, become so conscious of their sin and of their backslidden condition that they vow to forsake anything, and everything, that's displeasing to God in their lives, or that they know would grieve the Holy Spirit; third, as some believers begin to yearn for a manifestation of God's divine Presence and power, a leader or leaders arise, with great spiritual insight into the causes and remedies of the problem, and a new awareness of the holy and pure character of God begins to consume and grip the people of God, and it fills them with a holy fear of God, and with a passion to live the kinds of lives that are pleasing in His sight; fourth, the awakening of believers begins to occur; many Christians begin to understand and take part in a much more real and deeper spiritual life, and sinners are often converted to the Lord Jesus Christ because of the very strong sense of the Presence of the Spirit of God among His people; and fifth, an awakening or revival is often the very means that God uses to prepare and strengthen His people for the days of evil that are fast approaching them. Stephen Olford once said: "A revival is an invasion from Heaven that brings us a conscious awareness of God." Robert Coleman once said: "Revival is that sovereign work of God in which He visits His own people, restoring and releasing them into the fullness of His blessing." James A. Stewart once said: "Revival is the people of God living in the power of an un-grieved and unquenched Holy Spirit." And Brian Edwards once said: "In revival, the minds of the people are concentrated upon the things of eternity, and there's an awareness that nothing else really matters." I have become convinced, beyond any shadow of doubt, that a time of revival and spiritual renewal among the people of God is what the Church in North America, in this current day, so desperately needs. We need to be living in the power of an un-grieved and unquenched Holy Spirit; our faces need to grow pale, and we need to drop down to our knees and fall prostrate to the floor, as one believer goes to another believer, and confesses wrong feelings towards one another, and as the sins of pride, and anger, and bitterness, and envy, and jealousy, and lust, and hatred, and greed, and impurity, and dissension, and division, and strife, and rivalries, are not only openly confessed ...

... to Jesus Christ, but also, sincerely forsaken and renounced. We need to become so conscious of our sin, and so aware of the holy and pure character of our God, and of the call of the gospel, and of the Cross, that we would vow to forsake “anything and everything” that’s displeasing to God, and that would violate His holy will, as revealed to us, in Holy Scripture. Samuel Stevenson said it so well when he penned the words to the following poem:

“A city full of Churches, great preachers, lettered men;  
Grand music, choirs and organs, if all these fail, what then?  
Good workers, eager, earnest, who labor hour by hour;  
But where, O where, my brother, is God’s almighty power?”

Poem by:  
Samuel  
Stevenson

**“Refinement, education, they want the very best;”  
Their plans and schemes are perfect, they give themselves no rest.  
They get the best of talent, they try their uttermost,  
But what they need, my dear brother, is God the Holy Ghost.”**

“We may spend time and money, and preach from wisdom’s lore,”  
But education only, will keep God’s people poor.  
God wants not worldly wisdom, He seeks no smile to win;  
But what is needed, oh my brother, is that we deal with sin.”

**“It is the Holy Spirit, that quickeneth the soul.  
God will not take man worship, nor bow to man’s control.  
No human innovation, no skill or worldly art,  
Can give a true repentance, or break the sinner’s heart.**

We may have human wisdom, grand singing, great success.  
There may be fine equipment, but these things do not bless.  
God wants a pure, clean vessel, anointed lips and true;  
A man filled with His Spirit, to speak His message through.”

**“Great God revive us truly, and keep us every day,  
That men may all acknowledge, “We live just as we pray.”  
The Lord’s hand is not shortened, He still delights to bless,  
If we depart from evil, and all our sins confess!”**

We need revival; we so desperately need a visitation from God. In the fourteen years that I have been the pastor of Newcastle Fellowship Baptist Church, this has been, and continues to be, the cry of my heart: "Father, make us a people of prayer, purity and passion!" The Faith Mission has almost yearly come alongside us, in this great unrelenting burden of our souls, as we have hosted many "Thirsting For God" Bible conferences, and as we have sought the Lord together for the transforming work of His Spirit, in our nation, in such a way that we have never known it before. I count it a privilege to link arms with men like John Bennett, and all the staff of the Faith Mission, as we continue to pursue our God for a mighty outpouring of His grace and power that will literally shake the foundations of His Church! As Stephen Olford said: "A revival is an invasion from Heaven that brings us a conscious awareness of God." Invade us, Father, with Your divine Presence, as we humbly bow our knees before you, and turn our faces, and not our backs, to Your divine will!



### ***Upcoming Events at Falkland Centre, BC***

**Marriage Retreat** ~ March 3 - 5

**Men's Retreat** ~ April 21 - 22 Guest speaker: Martin Terrin

**The Haven 55+ Retreat** ~ June 7 - 9

**Summer Camps Leadership Training** ~ June 29 - July 1

**Teen Camp** ~ July 2 - 7

**Discovery Camps** ~ July 16 - 21 and 23 - 28

**Squirt Camp** ~ August 14 - 16

**Extreme Teen Camp** ~ August 17 - 19



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## Jeff & Jani Goudy

*"...and walking in the fear of the Lord,  
and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost,  
were multiplied." Acts 9:31b*



What a privilege it has been to watch God at work through the ministry of His Holy Spirit. There is not enough room to share all that we have seen and heard these last three months. We have witnessed Christians being delivered from strongholds that have held them captive for years as they surrender to Him and trust in His promises. We have seen people come under the powerful conviction of His Spirit in the area of bitterness and be set free as they forgive those who have hurt them. One woman experienced this during a meeting and left the room in tears, when she returned, she shared with the group that when she forgave and surrendered to God it was like "wave after wave of the Holy Spirit washing over her" and we all saw the peace and freedom written all over her face. During another meeting, an ex-pastor came forward and wept as he told of how thankful he was to God for using the message to help him to forgive. He said that by God's grace he was going back home to serve the Lord in ministry once again. In the area of prayer, we thank God for the good work that He is doing in hearts and lives. One pastor shared with tears how thankful he is for the pastors prayer groups and what a difference these are making in his own life and in the whole area. Many have shared that God is doing something special in Central Alberta and there is a great sense of anticipation as we continue to pray and wait on Him. We sincerely thank you for partnering with us in prayer and ask that you would continue to remember the work here. Please continue to pray for God to do a work, "That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth." Psalm 83:18

'His delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever he does prospers'.. Psalm 1:2-3



**Robin and Debra Perron**

On a daily basis we are reminded of God's faithfulness and grace in our lives and we are thankful. God is so good and we consider ourselves incredibly privileged to share God's Word with others. Recently with various youth groups we have been looking at the topic of discipleship and what it means to follow Christ. The majority of youth are from Christian homes but we see such value in challenging them in their walk with Christ, or challenging them that they might know for sure whether they truly are saved. Each week we take a passage from the Gospels, consider Jesus' words and actions and consider what this means for us if we are to follow Christ. Over a number of weeks we presented various challenges that disciples face and what it will cost them to follow Jesus. We have been encouraged by the attentiveness of the youth. Many have been asking questions and really considering God's Word in their own lives.

In early March we will be hosting a Youth Leadership Training in Quebec. We are trusting that God will bring the young people of His choosing to the event. We are praying that God would prepare the hearts of the speakers and the youth and that these would be precious days with an awareness of the presence of God working in our midst. We are hoping that a number of our youth as well as youth from other areas and churches will attend. We long to see young people like the tree in Psalm 1 that is producing fruit for the glory of God.



## Andrew & Melissa Porter



We have just completed two weekends of snow camps. The first weekend the camp was filled with kids ages 12-14. They listened attentively to the chapel sessions and had many good questions. The second weekend was full of kids ages 8-11. There was a big snowfall throughout the weekend, which made camp extra fun. The speaker was a girl who had previously

served as crew, junior counsellor and senior counsellor and returned to speak for the chapel sessions. What a blessing to see such spiritual growth and to hear from families how their kids have been blessed and challenged through the camp. We see campers and counsellors return, who have grown in their faith and their walk with Christ. God's word brings fruit. Sadly, there are also kids who outwardly remain unchanged. It reminds us to depend on Christ for our every need. Plans are already underway for summer camps and we ask that you join with us in praying for God to provide the necessary staff.



We continue with the kids club in Lavington. What a great group of kids who come each week. They have been soaking in God's word. Thank you for praying for us and our family. The associate pastor of our church got a call to serve at another church. We have taken over the leadership on an interim basis, of the kid's ministry which he oversaw. About fifty kids attend, most from the surrounding community. Pray on for that work also.



## Kevin & Janice Evans

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"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!" Habakkuk 3:17-18

Sometimes life seems like a roller coaster, with many ups and downs. In ministry, there are times of great blessing and wonder at the goodness of God and His miraculous work in lives of children and adults alike. And then there are dryer times of discouragement, illness, fatigue, lack of faith as we wait for God's provision, and disappointment as we watch helplessly as youth walk away from their Savior. In these times it is still a joy to serve our loving, Sovereign LORD. He gives peace and joy no matter what the circumstances, as He has a perfect plan and purpose in it all. His way is best, and He teaches us much as we learn to lean on Him and fervently pray about everything.

At the Falkland Camp Centre we have much to praise God for: faithful volunteers, full schedule of rental groups, young staff eager to learn from God's Word, strength and energy to serve as a unified team, and the joy of witnessing God at work. We also carry the burden of struggling youth, neighbors who need the LORD, and our lack of faith at times. Thank you for partnering in prayer with us. What a mighty God we serve!!





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