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*For hands are lifted up to the
throne of the LORD...
Ex. 17:16*

These past months seem to have gone by all too quickly and the summer is fast approaching! Back in late March Tim's dear sister passed away quite suddenly in Ireland and we were thankful that he was able to travel to be with his mother and family for the funeral. She had loved the Lord faithfully even in spite of many years of MS and was a constant prayer warrior for us and the work of the Mission down through the years. We miss her dearly and all those who have gone before who held up our hands in the battle! May God continue to raise up many more who will 'stand in the gap' for us and this great nation of Canada.

It is great to have ministry starting up again and to have the Centre open for our events and rentals again at full capacity. Back in April it was great to welcome over 50 people to the Camp Centre for our first Hymn Sing in almost 3 years!! What a joy it was to sing the songs of Zion and to be encouraged by the Word. Many of these folk were new to FM and the centre. In early May Tim was able

to join the Goudy's in Red Deer for their Thirsting for God conference and you will read from their report what tremendous blessing the time was and the many lives that were touched through the weekend. By the time you read this we will be in the throes of the Ladies Retreats (May 27-29 & June 3-5) which Emma will appreciate prayer for. Also on June 24-26 we look forward to recommencing our Thirsting for God Conference at Campbellville with Pastor Bob Parks as our keynote speaker. We hope you can join us for this special time! (see flyer for details)

As we prepare for the upcoming Summer Ministry of Camps and VBS, we do covet your prayers for the right staff to be in place to help run these programs and to see many young lives changed with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you know of suitable young people who would be interested in helping at camp, do get in touch. We would like to finish by sharing with you a wonderful answer to prayer that God has provided for us new Camp Managers for the Campbellville Centre: Matthew & Susan Macfarlane. Both Matthew and Susan have sensed God's call, and have been accepted to this position within the Faith Mission family. They hope to commence with us by mid-June (DV) in time for the Thirsting for God conference. Please keep them in prayer as

they move and settle into this new role and ministry, that God would enable them for the task and give them many years of fruitful service with us. Welcome Matthew, Susan and Zach!

FUTURE EVENTS AT CAMPBELLVILLE

Ladies Spring Retreats: May 27-29 / June 3-5

**Pre-Conf. Pastor's Lunch:* June 10 (RSVP)

Thirsting for God Conf.: June 24-26

Camp Training Day: June 12

Summer Camps x3: July 11-29

VBS in Exeter (Tim & Emma): Aug 15-19

Contact the Office or go to 'Ontario Events' on our website for details.

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Josiah Helping at Camp



Hymn Sing Lunch

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We both grew up in Godly homes and were taught from the Bible as early as we can remember. We each put our trust in the Lord for the forgiveness of our sins and the redemption of our souls as

young children. We later were baptized, and enjoyed the sweet fellowship of our local churches. We praise God for that!

Growing up, we both attended Sunday school, and were campers at the Faith Mission. Through high school we volunteered in the kitchen and as counsellors. We also were involved with the children and youth ministries in our home assemblies. Some examples are sports clubs, VBSs, Sunday school teaching, street ministry, and singing in nursing homes. After high school, Matthew went to college for a two and a half year woodworking program. The next summer we met while volunteering at camp. We started dating, and that Fall Susan started a one year Personal Support Worker Program. A year later we got married, and lived in Guelph. We soon moved to Hamilton, and a year later in December 2021, we were blessed with our precious baby boy, Zachary.

Now that we are married, our heart continues to be for youth ministry, building up our local church, and encouraging families. We are excited to join the Faith Mission family, and to see how God will work in this journey we have started.



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*May the Lord direct your hearts into God's
love and Christ's perseverance
2 Thessalonians 3:5*

As the last few hills of snow are slowly disappearing here in Northern Ontario, our hearts are ready for spring and the hope that comes with it! Although we have adapted to Northern winters (some of us better than others!), spring and summer bring many more opportunities to get outside and often mean fewer cancellations due to weather or illness! The area kids club and youth group will be wrapping up in May, both have seen a tremendous turnout. We continue to pray for the many families that these ministries have touched. In particular, in the youth group, there has been 2 or 3 youth who are asking many questions and become very attentive during the message time. These teens come from difficult situations and non church homes. We can absolutely see that God is working on their hearts. There are several activities planned for both groups over the summer months to maintain the connection, and we look forward to helping out with those as we are able to.

Our summer schedule filled up very quickly this year, and it is a little overwhelming to look at on paper, if we're honest, but we know that our family will

be incredibly blessed by serving so many different churches! God is always our strength, and something special happens in our hearts when we glance at a calendar and know it's full of opportunities to share His love with so many different kids! As always, we pray that the message would permeate the families that these kids represent and lives would be truly changed by the gospel message this summer! Mark's summer preaching schedule has also filled up, and on top of that, he will be joining the Arndts' and Evans in BC to speak at their college and career camp mid-August. Our family will be facing a big change at the end of August as our oldest daughter Danya leaves for college in Ottawa. We definitely value your prayers for her as she steps into this next chapter of her life and for us as we say goodbye!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Youth Event, Living Faith, Kirkland Lake:

Jul 2 / Aug 12-14

VBS, Good Shepherd Church, Englehart: Jul 4-8

Tween Camp, Campbellville: Jul 11-15

VBS, Greenwood Baptist Church, North Bay:

Jul 18-22

VBS, Crossings Community Church, Kirkland Lake:

Jul 25-29

BC College & Career Camp Retreat: Aug 18-21



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*By this everyone will know that you are my
disciples, if you love one another.
Proverbs 16:9*

The Bible says that it is not the way we love the people of the world that will let people know we are Jesus' followers, rather it is our love for our fellow believer that is going to show the world who we belong to and serve.

We are so thankful that things are opening up again, providing us with more opportunities to show the love of Christ. We have been able to do much more visiting and seek to be an encouragement to various individuals and families who have found themselves in the midst of challenging times. We just desire to love them like Jesus and offer prayerful support.

We are also so very thankful for the continued contact we have been able to have with several of our youth who are now college age. One of our former youths is really struggling and doubting her faith and we were able to chat with her. Another youth just returned from a discipleship training program with YWAM and desires to go back again to study the Bible. God has brought

another youth back into our lives and is even living only 5 minutes down the road from us. This young man once made a profession but lost his way, but now is coming to church with us and we pray that God would bring him to a place of repentance and full surrender. Debra continues to mentor one of our former youths, which has been a blessing. We are encouraged by what God is doing in their lives!

Now we are getting ready for summer ministry. With 3 small children we do not feel able to fill every week of the summer, but we have 3 full weeks booked, all of which are in English. We would appreciate prayer as we would like to pursue the possibility of a Vacation Bible Camp right in our area. This would be a French ministry and we are hoping to speak to various churches and see if we can work together for the sake of the gospel. We are still praying about where we might host the camp and for the right people to help us organize the week. Please pray that God would provide the necessary help we need to bring it all together for the sake of His kingdom and glory.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

English Kids Camp, Camp des Iles,
Lachute, QC: Jul 3-8

Teen Camp, Campbellville, ON: Jul 24-29

A.M. Calvary Baptist VBC, Chateauguay, QC
& P.M. Franklin Church of the Nazarene,
Ormstown, QC: Aug 8-12



Youth Leadership Training

JESUS STANDING BY

By Pastor David Guzik

But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"
(Acts 7:55-56)

This dramatic description tells the last few moments in the life of Stephen, the first martyr of the early church. As he exposed the sin of the important men of the council, they were convicted and filled with anger against him.

This didn't bother Stephen because he was full of the Holy Spirit. What a contrast to the behavior of the council! Now we understand why Stephen showed such courage, wisdom, and power in preaching – he was full of the Holy Spirit. I like how J.B. Phillips translated this: *Stephen, filled through all his being with the Holy Spirit*. This is how we should be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then we read that Stephen saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. It is difficult to describe exactly what Stephen saw. We can't say for certain if this was a personal vision or if some sort of "window to heaven" was opened.

We do notice that Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. There are several other descriptions of Jesus *sitting* in heaven at the right hand of God the Father (as in Matthew 26:64 and Colossians 3:1).

We can suppose that Jesus was standing here in solidarity with Stephen at this moment of crisis. Jesus reacts when His people suffer. Some of the ancient Greeks thought that one of the qualities of the gods was what they called *apathia* – they were "apathetic," not caring about the problems of earth. That's not the God of the Bible, perfectly represented in Jesus Christ. Jesus noted the great suffering of Stephen.

We might also consider that Jesus stood to give a standing ovation to Stephen, whose fate made him unique among believers. Among all the followers of Jesus, Stephen was the first martyr. There were many to follow, but only one could be first, and that was Stephen.

This reminds us of what Jesus said in Matthew 10:32: "*Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven*". Jesus also stood in support of Stephen, assuring that though he was found guilty and punished on earth, Stephen was found righteous and rewarded in heaven. Jesus did for Stephen exactly what He promised in Matthew 10:32.

Many millions have died for Jesus since the time of Stephen, but they are a small percentage of all the disciples of Jesus through

history. Most of us are not called to die the death of martyrs. Yet as God gives us the courage and the strength day by day, we can live the life of a martyr. In our own way, we can confess Jesus and see Him confess us before His Father in heaven.

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“Lord, I can’t do this!” These words have passed through our lips during these past unusual three months. It’s not common for us to come so close to death, broken marriages, and heavy crisis in such a short time. As those words were breathed out from a trembling body, we know Christ has not only chosen us to believe but also to suffer for Him (Phil 1:29). We know our burden is only a fraction of those whom we’ve been walking with who are grieving the loss of their spouse, child, or life. Yet, Christ’ promise of strength in weakness proves true. Being thankful is not something we naturally tend to associate with burdens, helping, and weakness; and yet, we are thankful. We are thankful that God allowed us to experience the reality of the following scriptures. He provided grace in the right portion and time as He said in 2 Cor. 12:9, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. We’re thankful He enabled us to lighten others’ load that seemed beyond our capacity as he commanded us to in Gal. 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” We’re also thankful that God opened our hearts to sympathize as He encouraged in Rom. 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep”. God has filled our hearts with compassion, a renewed sense of worship, patience, and dependence. We have seen the mysterious hand of providence as

the Lord worked in some of these situations to work out things for good. P.B Power writes, “Let us learn [the] value of bringing our afflicted ones to the feet of Christ, feeling we can do no more than that. We must not “cast them off,” but “cast them down” at the feet of Jesus. And having done this, we must not yield to desponding feelings of helplessness. We are now really nearer to being helped than ever we were before.”

As we trust Christ through this season, we continue to trust Him with our ongoing ministry. Sam continues to regularly help Hagersville Baptist with pulpit supply. We visited River’s Edge Haven of Hope in Dunnville early this year on a homeschool outing. There is a great need for male counselor-mentors, Sam might consider volunteering once a month. Nicholette and the children continue to focus on directly ministering to our community. We look forward to being involved in Youth Leadership Training, as well as the Ladies Retreat for Nicholette in May and June. We also look forward to the Thirsting for God conference in June, and assisting at a FM summer Camp in July. With the warmer weather upon us, we anticipate re-engaging door-to-door outreach and street evangelism in Caledonia and Hamilton. As always, thank you for partnering with us in prayer.



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*For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Psalm 108:4*

Wow! What an amazing winter we have had. We continue to do ministry in Falkland and watch God do incredible things! Kids club has now concluded for the season and the kids were left wanting more. It was exciting to have the group continue to grow even at the end. Youth Group has grown and is now at 42 kids! It has been such a neat experience to watch God work in these kids. There are many who are seeking the Lord and many who are clearly searching and trying to understand what the gospel has to do with them. We have been blessed to have so many moments of good conversation. Julana started a Playgroup in Falkland for kids and caregivers to simply come to the church and play and visit. There have been about 80 different people through the doors! We are again in awe of the way God has helped us connect in the community.

Our monthly services in the community have also been going very well and we are thankful for God’s grace as we continue to prepare for the

church there. We are hoping this will be operating fully by September. Camp is around the corner and our spring staff have arrived! We have officially entered into the season that we had to so abruptly end last summer due to the forest fires. It feels very good to be back and look back on God’s provision and love throughout this year. Our camps are looking to be fairly full this summer and we are excited for our brand-new Young Adults retreat! Thank you so much for your prayers and support as we minister here in the areas that God has called us to.



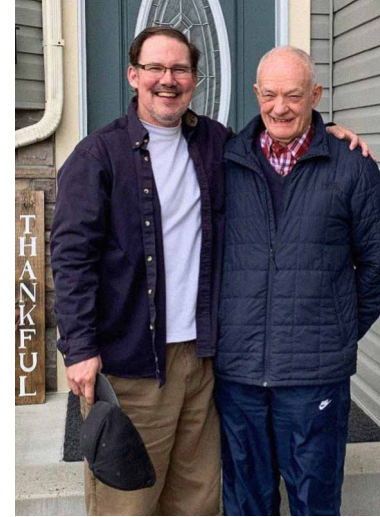
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*These all continued with one accord
in prayer and supplication...
Acts 1:14a*

We can't thank the Lord enough for the many prayer groups that He has raised up here in Central Alberta and for how many people are praying for revival. 2 Chron. 7:14 has become a key verse and heart cry for our area and many people are longing for a fresh touch from God in their own hearts, their families, their churches, our province and our nation. We also thank Him for the unity and oneness in these groups. So many times, as we come together to pray, God moves powerfully in hearts and we sense His presence. It has been wonderful to hear testimonies of people joining the prayer groups because of the change they saw in others and how we get to see God touch their lives as well. One prayer request we pray in these meetings is for God to be "obviously present and actively in charge". It has also been such a blessing to hear what God is doing in some of the churches of those who are praying. We are also seeing struggles and trials in churches and we would ask you to pray for hearts that have become bitter, that God would melt them and bring love and unity.

We were so thankful to have had Pastor and Mrs. Peasley along with Tim staying with us and helping out with the Thirsting for God Conference back in early May. God used the messages and these godly people in wonderful ways during those meetings. Many hearts were touched, encouraged and changed by the power of God's Word and the working of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Harold shared how Gypsy Smith drew a circle and knelt down in the circle and prayed, "Lord, revive everyone in this circle". Several people shared how they were going home to pray the same thing, and then to pray for the churches and for the community. They were convicted with the challenge of "start the work in me".



Thirsting for God Conference



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Thank you all for your continued prayers. It has been exciting to see a new faces at Wilton Kids club over these last few months. Two families are new and another one returned who previously attended regularly before the Covid 19 Pandemic.

As I wrote about in the last PIP, Pastor Dave from Verona Free Methodist and I started a Junior youth (Grades 5-6) to go along with the existing Senior Youth (Grades 7-12) program. We had two girls attend Junior youth sporadically. We did have some great discussions at lesson time. Senior Youth had two regulars and a few other teens that would attend on occasion. Please pray for us as we evaluate ministry for the Fall.

It has been a privilege to help restart Kingston Youth Network since the New Year. We are a group of like-minded youth leaders from all different denominations across the greater Kingston area. It has been wonderful meeting with like minded people to pray and talk about youth ministry. We also had our first Merge event where we "Merged" our youth groups into one for the night. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we had a smaller number than anticipated but it was still a success! Joey Molloy spoke on Unity and what that can look like amongst our youth in their schools. The Praise and power worship band from Queens University and St. Law-

rence College led worship and the students spent time praying together for their schools. It was neat to see the students all praying with each other. We also plan on continuing the relationship with praise and power band, their passion for Christ and to serve Him through music was very evident. Thank you for your prayers!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Camp Cherith (Lanark) Day Camp : Jul 4-8

Tween Camp Campbellville: Jul 11-15

Discovery Camp Campbellville: Jul 18-22

Teen Camp Campbellville: Jul 25-29

Roblin Wesleyan Teen camp: Jul 31-Aug 5

Cole Lake Free Methodist VBS : Aug 15-19

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church VBS:
Aug 22-26



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*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout
aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Psalm 95:1*

Grumbling or Gratitude? We tend to swing from one extreme to the other, but it is so easy to grumble, when really, we have much to be thankful for! Our pastor recently shared the phrase "When I'm grumblin', I'm stumblin'!". It's a catchy saying that has been on our minds a lot, reminding us to count our blessings rather than to focus on the little irritations around us. Grumbling truly takes us down quickly, usually dragging others with us, while a grateful heart attracts others to Jesus.

One of our BLESSINGS continues to be our growing number of faithful volunteers. We cannot manage the entire camp property alone, so God keeps sending us gifted, generous, joy filled people to help in a variety of ways. From gardening & landscaping, to renovations of many kinds, to food prep & kitchen help, to lawn & tree management, to projects like building a beautiful, spacious, fenced-in garden, and so much more... we are VERY GRATEFUL!!!

Recently, a man showed up asking for volunteer

work for a few days, and was a huge help. He opened up to Kevin with some of his struggles and searching, and asked the question, "What situations in your life brought you to believe in God?" It was incredible to gather around, as a group of volunteers each answered his question with impactful testimonies. Please pray for him, and others God brings to the camp, that they would truly meet with God.

We have a very full summer schedule of kid's camps, church retreats, and family reunions. Please pray for people of all ages to genuinely meet with Jesus. And pray for us and our volunteers, as there are groups here every single day the entire summer. May we serve with joy and gratitude, and bring glory to Jesus!

FUTURE EVENTS AT FALKLAND

Staff Training: Jun 29 - Jul 3

Teen Camp: Jul 3-8

Junior 1: Jul 17-22

Family Camp: Jul 22-24

Junior 2: Jul 24-29

Squirt Camp: Aug 8

Extreme Camp (ages 14-17): Aug 10-13

Young Adults Retreat: Aug 19-21

One Day Ladies Retreats: Sept 24 / Oct 1



Kingston Youth Network



Youth Leadership Training



Campbellville Board Room



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