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*So teach us to number our days that  
we may gain a heart of wisdom  
Psalm 90:12*

As we have entered into a new year and already much is past, we have been reminded of our constant need of the Lord's wisdom and guidance as we navigate the way before us. How faithful the Lord has been to us in the Mission over another year and we are looking to Him for all that lies ahead of us!

We were encouraged as we began the year with our Day of Prayer seeking God for the work and for a move of His Spirit in our day. This was a precious time together with friends and supporters. By the time you read this we will have finished our Winter Camps here at Campbellville for kids and youth. It is great to be back as it has been 3 years since our last Sno' Camps! New kids are coming along and those who do not know the Lord! What a blessing to be able to reach these young people with the Gospel and see lives transformed and impacted for Christ. We will be back for our Youth Leadership Training over March Break; this year the theme is "DEVELOP: becoming disciple-making disciples". If you know of youth 14+ who want to grow in their faith and develop as leaders, please contact our

office to apply or online. We have seen many over the years trained up and now have become leaders in their churches and organizations. All glory to God!

Renovations have been completed at the Campbellville Centre in time for Sno' Camps and Men's Retreat which is a real blessing and we trust to others who will enjoy our facilities! Our thanks to the Macfarlane's and volunteers who have made this possible and the support of God's people. (See pictures of the work). As FM staff we are looking forward to traveling to Falkland, BC April 17 th to 20 th to join with all our workers across Canada for 3 days of staff meetings. Pray that this time will be refreshing and renewing for all our workers as we seek God together for the work of the Mission and what He has called us to. Just before this, the Hardwick Family will be transitioning from Northern to Western Ontario to take up FM work in the Clinton area. We are excited for all God has in store for them in this new area but also the work in the North that the Board would know clearly God's direction and how we can continue to keep that connection there. (See Hardwick news for more details).

For some time now the Board have been in discussion with Conan & Julana Arndt and Emmanuel

Baptist Church, Vernon regarding a possible Satellite church in Falkland which Emmanuel would be establishing. After much prayer and deliberation, it has been agreed that Conan will remain a full-time worker with FM based at the camp, but has been seconded to Emmanuel as the part-time pastor of the Falkland satellite church. Please pray for all those involved and ultimately that the Gospel will continue to go forward in the Okanagan and many lives won for Christ as a result.

We are excited for the future as we see doors opening for the Gospel, communities opening for new workers and hearts opening to the good news of Jesus Christ! But we cannot go alone and heavily rely on those who will “hold up our hands” in this battle in both financial support and prayer! Thank you again for ‘standing in the gap’ and praying for us; what a blessing our ‘partners in prayer’ are to us! We hope to see you soon at one of our events... come join us!!

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**March Break YLT:** Mar 12-15

**Hymn Sing:** April 5

**United Staff Meetings:** April 17-20

**Ladies Retreats:** May 26-28 & June 2-4  
(Speaker: Catherine Campbell)

**Camp Training Day:** June 11

**Thirsting for God Conference:** June 23-25

**Summer Camps:** Jul 10 (For 3 Weeks)

*For all events RSVP to the head office or online under ‘Ontario Events’.*

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## *Christmas in the Country Banquet*





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We had our first Christmas in the Country banquets in November since joining the Mission and we enjoyed seeing many of you out. There were many saved and unsaved in attendance and the gospel was clearly preached each night. We were so thankful for all the staff and volunteers who helped out. Following the banquets, we enjoyed our staff meetings with the Ontario and Quebec staff. Sadly a few people were sick and had to miss out.

Beginning in December, we started renovating the apartment wing in the Centre. The outside walls needed more insulation and the flooring needed to be redone. We were able to reuse the old trim and doors (after MUCH sanding, staining and finishing!!) to keep the same warm homey feel. With the renovations complete, the whole apartment looks refreshed and feels much warmer. We want to thank all the people who helped in this project; we definitely could not have done it alone!

We will have finished our Sno' Camps by the time this is distributed, but we are looking forward to cooking for camp again and seeing all the familiar faces and meeting new ones too. We have always enjoyed the camp seasons as counselors and a kitchen helper, but we are excited for our first snow camps as camp managers. It's always a really special time with the young people.

We have our two weekends of Men's Retreats, Feb 17-18, and Feb 24-25. We also have a few catered rental groups sprinkled in between our Faith Mission events.

During March break we will be running our Youth Leadership Training (YLT) again at the Centre. We are praying for God to be preparing and laying it on the hearts of young people to come for a time of challenge and encouragement. Both of us have benefited from these times in the past and know it can be a wonderful time with God. We are also very excited for our staff meetings out at the BC Camp Centre! We are looking forward to meeting all the west workers in person who are so faithfully serving God. It will be a delightful time and we are looking forward to the increased unity and vision after our time there. This will be a busy Spring but God is definitely able to handle that and strengthen us for His work.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Work Bee @ Campbellville**  
Saturday, May 20th (9:30am to 4:30pm)

*Contact Matt & Susan for details.*



*Renovations Before and After*





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*Let all that you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14*

God is always at work! Ministry here in Québec may seem slow but God is working, and He is faithful and good! Doors for ministry are opening back up and we would appreciate prayer for wisdom. We don't want to be busy serving in our own strength or for the sake of being busy, but we want a confidence that the ministry we are doing is of the Lord and He has called us to it. We really feel that this is a season of really seeking the Lord for His vision for this area and we wait, knowing that He will answer!

Debra continues teaching in our church's Sunday school once a month, in French. She has also started another weekly Bible study with the young woman she has been mentoring. We are already looking ahead to see how we can continue ministering to the kids in our area before the summer begins. For instance, we could potentially offer something over the March break. Please pray that God would be leading and guiding us throughout all the preparations.

Rob's preaching has slowed down a little bit over the holiday season but has started to pick up again, particularly in our home church. Our pas-

tor is a chaplain at a prison in Laval and he asked Rob to partner with him by teaching a short session on theology during a service that is held monthly for the inmates. Rob gladly accepted! Please pray that hearts would be softened and that the inmates who attend would accept God's amazing gift of salvation! Rob also continues to serve in practical ways, including shoveling snow for our 94-year-old neighbour who is not a believer. We pray he will see the power of the gospel in action and that this will give Rob additional opportunities to share Christ with him.

Please pray that God would help us to continue to grow in Christ so that whether we are preaching, discipling, counseling, or helping in practical ways, the gospel would constantly be going forth in power and love.

*Rob Speaking at Christmas in the Country Banquet*





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*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.*

*Hebrews 13:2*

None of us may have had the opportunity as Abraham did in having angels over for dinner but when we worship with our families, we do join in with the angels in singing and worshipping God. Looking back on the past few months and the opportunities before us, it seems there is a growing interest in understanding and incorporating family worship. The spiritual discipline of worshipping God through reading Scripture, praying and singing together has benefits not only for the immediate family but also for the stranger.

What is really interesting is how practicing family worship enables us to naturally engage in evangelism. Our neighbour, one night, stopped by to say hi and mentioned that she was alone for the evening; so, we invited her for dinner. Because we practice family worship, we naturally carried on our usual routine. This meant she was able to hear the gospel in the story of the lost sheep in Luke 15, and was able to hear our prayers for her and her family among other things. This has also been the case for our children's friends, who on account of the neighbourhood outreach and frequent interac-

tions, their parents have grown comfortable with allowing their children over to play. One particular family made it clear they are not religious but they are willing to allow their children to explore what we believe. By taking more steps to open our doors to strangers, they too have had an opportunity to hear one of Jesus' evangelistic parables. Our hope is that even that little seed will germinate in time.

We are thankful for a church in Scarborough that called Sam back Feb 11-12 for their church retreat to equip their congregation with biblical and practical ways to establish habits of worship in their homes. As for evangelism outside the home, Sam conducted an evangelism training seminar for young adults at Grandview Church in Kitchener on Jan 27-28. They learned, then went out on the Saturday and practiced calling and pointing people to Jesus. We trust the Holy Spirit will produce good fruit with it all.

We had a wonderful time serving at Junior Sno' Camp and Sam anticipates serving and fellowshiping with the men at Men's Retreat (Feb 24-25). We see the Lord softening hearts and giving opportunities in our home to share Christ; so please pray that we will be more intentional about inviting neighbours and strangers around our dinner table. We are also praying for more prayer groups to come together in our district this year.

# THE ACTIVITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*By Rev. John Stott*

We must not imagine that the Holy Spirit either came into existence or began to be active on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is God. He is eternal and has always been at work. Let me try to summarize the varied activity of the Holy Spirit, as revealed in the pages of Scripture, under four headings.

## 1. HIS ACTIVITY IN THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

The Holy Spirit is first mentioned in the second verse of the Bible, namely, Gen 1:2, where the Revised Standard Version reads: 'The Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.' The Hebrew verb here has sometimes been translated 'was brooding' because in Deut. 32:11 it is used again of an eagle fluttering over its young. So the Spirit nursed the primeval chaos as a mother bird its chicks, and when God spoke His word of creative command, the Spirit communicated to it light, order, beauty and form. 'By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth' (Psalm 33:6, RSV).

## 2. HIS ACTIVITY IN THE REVELATION OF GOD.

One of the particular activities of the Holy Spirit selected for inclusion in the Nicene Creed is that He 'spoke by the prophets.' The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. It is He who searches the depths of God and knows the thoughts of God. It is He therefore who possesses a unique competence to disclose the secrets of God. What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered in to the mind of man. God has revealed through

His Spirit. So the Spirit has spoken through a succession of prophets in the Old Testament and of apostles in the New, men who were the chosen organs and vehicles of His revelation. He spoke through them; they were His mouthpiece (2 Peter 1:21; 1 Peter 1:11).

This special process of inspiration and revelation was not confined to the Old Testament. It is claimed of the New Testament writers also. Jesus Himself predicted this. 'The Comforter,' He said, 'which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you' (John 14:26). The fulfillment of these promises is to be found in the New Testament Gospels, Epistles and Revelation. So the apostle Paul could claim that, in declaring to others what he had received from God, he spoke 'not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches' (1 Cor. 2:13).

## 3. HIS ACTIVITY IN THE SALVATION OF MEN.

The purpose of God has not just been to create bodies and enlighten minds, but to save souls. And in the wonderful process we call 'salvation' the Holy Spirit has a gracious indispensable part to play, for although the Father planned our salvation and the Son wrought it out through His life, death and resurrection, it is the Spirit who brings it to us and makes it our own.

At every stage in the outworking of our salvation the Holy Spirit is active. To begin with He reproves us of sin. He then bears witness to Christ, opening our eyes to see His truth and sufficiency, for 'no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost' (1 Cor. 12:3).



Next, He effects the new birth, so that every person who is born again, or born from above, is in the language of Christ 'born of the Spirit.' He thus imparts life to a dead soul, for He is 'the Spirit of life' or, in the words of the Nicene Creed, 'the Lord and Giver of life.'

Dwelling now within us, He pours into our hearts God's love for us, making us conscious of our filial relationship to God, bearing witness with our spirit that we are sons of God, until we cry 'Abba Father.' Moreover, His indwelling presence is a sanctifying presence. He is the 'Holy Spirit.' All unholiness grieves and distresses Him. He longs to make us Holy.

Finally, His indwelling is the 'earnest' (that is, the pledge of guarantee) of our final, heavenly inheritance, and on the resurrection morning He who dwells with us will quicken our mortal bodies (Rom 8:11).

#### 4. HIS ACTIVITY IN THE EDIFICATION OF THE CHURCH.

There is a tendency among evangelical believers to over-individualize the work of the Holy Spirit. We may indeed rejoice in His gracious tenancy of our bodies as His temple and our hearts as His home, but, as we have seen, He has also been active in the creation of the world and in the revelation of God, and He is active in the edification of the Church.

(a) *The Church depends on the Spirit for its Fellowship.* – Christian fellowship is different in kind from all other human associations. It cannot be compared with regimental comradeship or good-natured neighbourliness. Christian fellowship is the fellowship of the Spirit. It depends not on the possession of a common inter-

est (like a society of stamp collectors), nor on the possession of a common foe (like soldiers in wartime), but on the possession of a common indwelling friend, the Holy Spirit Himself. 'By one Spirit were we all baptized into one body' (1 Cor. 12:13). So, the body of Christ is one because it is animated by one Spirit. One longs to see more of this fellowship of the Spirit arising spontaneously amongst Christian people everywhere.

(b) *The Church depends on the Spirit for its Witness.* – 'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses...' (Acts 1:8, RSV). The early Church dramatically exemplified this truth. Their witness was bold. They were filled with the Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness. Their witness was also effective, because the Holy Spirit confirmed their weak testimony with His power. Multitudes believed, as the rivers of living water flowed from the disciples to the world around. Moreover, the Holy Spirit called special men to special tasks, and endowed them with special gifts. Others were called to leave their homes and go abroad as missionaries. Yet others were equipped with spiritual gifts to be exercised within the congregation, gifts of teaching, healing, organizing, and helping in practical ways. The gifts were many and various, but one and the self-same Spirit distributes to every man individually as He wills (1 Cor 12:11). And the same Spirit apportions His gifts for the same reason, namely the edification of the Church, the building up of Christ's body to spiritual maturity.

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*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you  
should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*  
*Psalms 32:8*

The Lord used this Psalm in 2011 to begin our call to join the Faith Mission, and again and again, over the years that we have served in Northern Ontario, He has shown us the truth of it as we have sought to follow His leading. We are so thankful that over the past few months, as we prayed and looked to Him for direction in this next step, His will has again been made clear. We are confidently stepping out in faith, knowing that He will continue to teach and counsel us. We have loved our time in Northern Ontario, and there are definitely mixed feelings as we make preparations to move. Although we are excited to see what God has in store for our family in Huron County, we are sad to say goodbye to many amazing friends who have been like family to us. As we look back over all that God has done during our time in King Kirkland, we praise Him for allowing us to work alongside Him and for the many ways he has changed and grown us! As we wrap up our ministry in the North, it is incredible to see how He is providing for the details that we have been praying for. As some of you know, April began a kids club at a church in Englehart this Fall. The kids have been so enthusiastic and we weren't sure what would happen when

we left. We praise God that the Pastor's daughter, who is getting her degree in early childhood education, has agreed to take the group over! This glimpse of how God will continue to provide for the ministries He has begun here was such an encouragement to us.

Looking ahead these days can feel a little overwhelming. We are continuing our weekly schedule of Tuesday night kid's club, Wednesday night Alpha and Thursday night youth group. Mark continues to preach most Sundays across our area. In late February Mark will be heading to Campbellville for men's retreat, and we will head down again in March for Youth Leadership Training. Amidst all of this, we pack and finalize the logistical details of moving. Needless to say, we are taking this spring one day at a time, and we certainly value all of your prayers for our family as we navigate it all. In particular, we would love prayer for provision and the many emotions that come with saying goodbye and beginning in a new place. Thank you all so much for your prayers, love and support for our family.

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*Engelhart Kid's Club,  
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*New Mission House in Clinton,  
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*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall  
continually be in my mouth..  
Psalm 34:1*

We are so thankful for the faithfulness of God! We are continuing to see growth in the ministries in Falkland. We are meeting new kids at youth group every few weeks and love watching them seek after the Lord! The monthly worship services in Falkland have been wonderful! It is amazing to be able to worship God together in our community and build relationships with other believers in the area. We look forward to the start of this church plant in the near future. We are gearing up for camp and have all of our Spring Staff in place. It is exciting to prepare and plan for another summer of camp! We are so thankful for your prayers and support. We continue to depend on the Lord for strength and wisdom and trust that He will sustain us!

*Youth Work in Falkland, BC*







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*Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

*2 Cor. 5:17*

These past few months it has been wonderful to watch people's lives changed by the Lord. So many stories that we would love to tell- but God knows. We have watched people who have been prayed for repenting and coming to Christ, being filled with peace and joy, and begin following God. Now, those same people are praying for others and attending church and prayer meetings. They are sharing their testimonies and people are seeing the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We are witnessing the fruit of prayer and the power of the gospel. God is so good and Jesus is reigning in hearts. We continue to pray for full families to come to a saving knowledge of Christ. All of this encourages us to keep sowing seeds, to keep praying and sharing the great news of the gospel. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes" Rom. 1:16a. We have been reminded recently of the simplicity of our calling; to share

and to live the gospel by His strength and by the power of His Spirit. The simplicity and beauty of the gospel message- repent, turn to God with all of your heart and trust fully and only in His son Jesus Christ for salvation. What a wonderful God we serve!



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Thank you all for your faithful prayers. I am happy to report that Wilton Kids club has now grown to 17 children! It was amazing to see them raise \$280 to purchase chickens through Samaritans purse. Many of the children did household chores and gave their allowances and tooth money towards the project. I have printed pictures of Chickens off the internet and arranged them on a bulletin board and each of the children were able to name a chicken. This board will serve as a visible reminder of their hard work and generosity. It also reminds us to pray for the families who will receive them.

Kingston Youth network is continuing to grow and thrive. We now have 12 different churches and organizations represented within the group. It has been great to see the enthusiasm amongst the youth leaders to be a part of this and support each other. Our Christmas youth event went very well with two new youth groups joining us. Please continue to pray for us as we reach out to a few different churches inviting their youth leaders to join us. Continue to pray that we would demonstrate Trinitarian unity to the church in the Kingston area, and of course these teens would have real relationships with Jesus.

A local youth pastor and I are working towards getting Napanee Area Christian youth (NACY)

off the ground again. This is the same concept as Kingston Youth Network. We met before the covid 19 pandemic but have not gotten together since. There are a few new youth leaders in the area and now feel it's the right time to restart the network, to pray together and support each other. We also want to organize a few joint youth events over this next year. Most of our youth groups go to one of two schools. These group events help them recognize other kids who go to church and let them know they are not alone. The youth of Napanee area desperately need Jesus. Verona Junior Youth has started again. There are a few attendees, but they listen well during Bible time and are enjoying the cooking and activities we have been doing. Please pray for more teens. This is a very needy area.





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*Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.  
Colossians 1:10*

We continually reflect on the joy we share in serving Jesus at the Falkland camp centre. 2023 is booked almost as fully as 2020 was, before most was canceled due to Covid. It's thrilling to prepare the place where people come to meet with God, and see how they enjoy the facilities, food, and fellowship. We are also excited to see so many new churches book a variety of retreats.

This winter, we've had 5 different churches have youth retreats here, and 3 different churches have men's retreats. This Spring/summer, 5 churches have already booked Family Camps.

Summer camp registrations are pouring in, and our Spring Staff are in place. We are working hard to find volunteers to help in the kitchen for many, many full weekends/weeks of camps and retreats. In December, the main lodge got a bit of a face lift with new carpet in the entrance, halls, and meeting room, as well as new tables, light-

weight and easier to move and store. During the winter, we've appreciated volunteers building sound baffles for the gym. Julana & Janice took on a new venture, providing hot lunches to Falkland School twice a month. What an excellent way to build relationships in the community and serve others. In May, the new pool liner will be installed. Since September we have employed a young lady part time, and what a blessing!!! She lightens our load in cleaning, office work, food prep, dishes, and helping with youth & kids club. We appreciate your prayers, your support, and all your volunteer help!!! God is so good!!

### **FUTURE EVENTS - FALKLAND**

**Faith Mission Staff Meetings in BC:** April 17-20  
**Marriage Enrichment Retreat:** April 28-30  
**Falkland Spring Banquet:** May 4  
**Kelowna Spring Banquet :** May 10  
**Family Day:** June 11  
**Staff Training:** July 5-9  
**Teen Camp:** July 9-14  
**Junior 1:** July 16-21  
**Junior 2:** July 23-28  
**Squirt Camp:** August 8  
**Extreme Camp:** Aug 9-12  
**Young Adults:** Aug 18-20



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