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FIRST NEWS & NOTES

April 2017

An Easter Reflection - I Corinthians 1:17-24

The most powerful message in the Christian's arsenal of beliefs is the cross of Jesus Christ. Contemporary thought tells us that modern people are no longer interested in hearing the message of the cross. They are more interested in positive thinking, in self esteem, or current events.

We are being told that if we are going to make the gospel relevant, and attract people to the church, we are going to have to leave this concept of the cross, the idea of blood, sacrifice, atonement, and substitution.

When the message of the old rugged cross is despised by the world, many today have the tendency to try to dress it up in such a fashion that it is no longer offensive, taking all aspects of substitution and atonement out of it.

There will always be people who will mock the cross of Christ, saying, "We want nothing to do with a crucified Saviour." There will always be people who will laugh at the cross, thinking they are too intellectually superior to believe in such superstitious drivel.

The preaching of the cross is void of its power if we divorce it from the teaching of man's sinfulness and God's anger toward that sin. The power of the cross is seen in how it reconciles us to God.

The most powerful display of wisdom and might in all the world is that God turned His anger away from sinners like us and displayed that wrath upon His own Son that we might be reconciled to Him.

Haven't you felt the power of the cross as you have sung great hymns about Christ's passion and death? Haven't you felt the power of the cross as you have read Isaiah 53 and Matthew 27:27-61 (the scourging, mocking, and crucifixion of Christ)?

Every Christian can say, "Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me. To those who are saved, God makes the cross of Jesus the most powerful and attractive force in the world.

Let us never be ashamed of its message.

Alex Craig



PRAYER POINTS

Continued prayer for the deacons and church officials and leaders as they work hard to keep us going during this time. Prayer for our new officials who took office Jan 1.

Continued prayers for Pastor Phil and his family.

Those of our congregation who are ill or in a nursing home. They would probably appreciate a visit as well.

Those who are grieving, Connie Van Den Hoven, Clinton Baptist Church

April 2017



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9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Worship

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10:00 a.m. Ladies
Bible Study

Jamie Blancher

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9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Worship

Diane O'Dell

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10:00 a.m. Ladies
Bible Study

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11:00 a.m.
Good Friday Service

United Church

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16 Easter

9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Worship

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Easter
Monday

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10:00 a.m. Ladies
Bible Study

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Earth Day

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9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Worship
Deadline for May Newsletter
items
Mt. Brydges 150 Anniversary
Food Bank Snday

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Donna McAuslan

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10:00 a.m. Ladies
Bible Study

Rebecca Rust
Megan Douglas
Jessica McAuslan

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George McPhee
Carol Rankin

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9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Worship

May 1

Rebecca McAuslan

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Muriel Coutts

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10:00 a.m. Ladies
Bible Study

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9:30 a.m.
Ladies Spring Rally
At Wyoming Baptist
\$10.00 for Lunch

Looking Ahead:

Each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study
All are Welcome

9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. each Sunday
Corporate Worship
All are Welcome

April 14
Good Friday

April 16
Easter Sunday

CBWOQ Women's Conference and AGM
Friday April 28 (7 p.m. start) – Saturday April 29 (ends
at 4:40 p.m.)

(registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday)
<https://baptistwomen.com/>
Scholarships are available

April 30: Coffee after church-
Contact Deb Woolsey

May 6
Ladies Spring Rally
9:30 a.m. Wyoming Baptist
\$10.00 for Lunch

The Next newsletter will be in your inbox by
April 30. Deadline for info is April 23
wjpratt10@outlook.com.

Assembly 2017

June 8—10, 2017
Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale,
6750 Mississauga Rd



THE PREGNANCY OPTIONS & SUPPORT CENTRE

Life is Beautiful

Gala

Semi-Formal

DANTE CLUB

1330 LONDON RD, SARNIA

APRIL 21ST @ 6:30PM

GREET GUESTS AT 6PM

THEME

NIGHT AT THE VILLA

QUESTIONS

(519) 383-7115

11AM— 4 p.m. Mon—Thurs

Please contact Sara Rust if you wish to go.



“Straight From the Heart” by James Douglas

Early in January of 2016, Pastor Phil Kazek of First Baptist Church, Petrolia, Ontario, approached me and stated the Holy Spirit had told him I should write my autobiography. He had told me several times during the period I had known him that I did not think like most people and was gifted with a prolific mind. I’m still not sure whether this branding was a blessing or a criticism. In turn, he then went on to explain what a prolific mind was. His definition was fairly simple and basically insinuated that when I saw an apple I have a tendency to look beyond the apple and all sorts of ideas, stories, etc., would pop up into my mind. In other words, I’m not normal because my mind tends to run all over the place like a chicken with its head cut off. I like chickens so I’m ok with this definition.

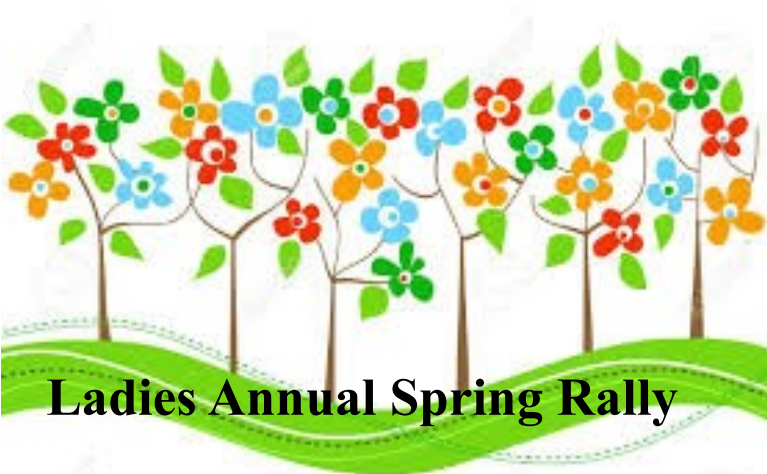
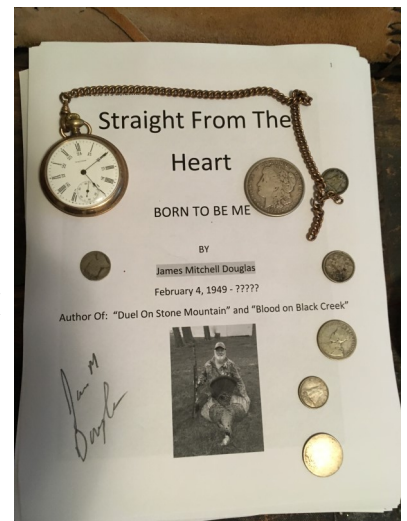
I respected Pastor Phil very much so I took his request very seriously for two reasons. The first, as I have already conveyed, revolved around the fact I truly believed the Lord had spoken and told him to relay the message on to me. Secondly, Phil knew my inner heart extremely well for obvious reasons.

My story starts with my first memory and basically goes through life as I lived it. If anyone asked me to change its basic content, I would have to refuse for two reasons. Primarily, it is straight from the heart and is therefore accurate and honest. In addition, I made it a point not to hurt or blame anyone for my mistakes. Such thinking in my life story would simply be running from the truth because when all is said and done we make the final choices. When our spirit leaves our body God will not buy into the blame game.

Phil also told me my story would serve the purpose of helping other people. I doubt there could be much positive benefit in reading a story that was filled with a pack of lies. Another request was that he wanted it finished by the following Christmas. I delivered the manuscript to him on Dec. 24, 2016. And yes.....there were tears in my eyes when it was handed over to him. I kept my word because, as I said before, who would dare to defy a request from the Holy Spirit? It had to get done and I wrote it among showers of tears, heart ache, love, joy and all the emotions that we have to go through in a life. This is not a poor me story. It is a walk to victory.

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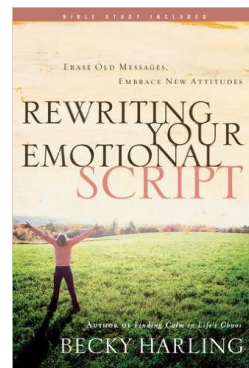
“Straight From the Heart” *****125 000 words 340+ pages Dedicated to: “Pastor Phil Kazek”



Spring Rally will be Sat May 6th at Wyoming Baptist,,9:30 registration, will finish just after lunch--which will be \$10 , if people want lunch they need to pre-register with Karen tucker by April 25th. Charlene Root will speak on the CBWOQ missions trip to Rwanda and on delivering the 'Days for Girls' sanitary kits. Each church represented will be asked to either give 'dues' or a freewill offering-these funds help the executive with the spring and fall meetings. The rally will have an African flare to it, so if anyone wants to dress accordingly or use accessories-that would be nice.

<https://www.daysforgirls.org>

Ladies.....if you are available on Wednesday mornings, First Baptist fellowship room is the place to be! We gather at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for our Bible Study, prayer, support, and 'sisterhood-in-Christ' time. If you can even 'pop in' from time to time, we offer you a warm welcome! You don't have to be a member of this Church to attend.....friends are always welcome. A new Study will be commencing in March.....see Cheryl, Wanda, or Sara for more information!!



Women who have gone through hard times often carry years of emotional baggage that keeps them in bondage to a time, event, or person. Using the blessings in the Beatitudes, Becky Harling shows how to erase negative emotional messages of the past. Learn how to rewrite your emotional script by adopting the positive attitudes of the Beatitudes.

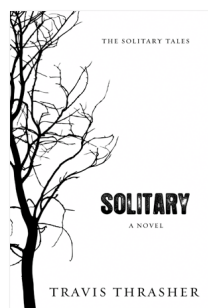
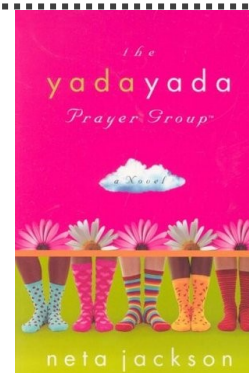


Adult Sunday School Class – (“12 week study on Bible Warfare. Presenting and defending our faith in a fallen world.”) Basically deals with absolutes we must know, attitude, presentation, foundation of a bullet proof defense, spiritual battles, coaching new Christians (once you commit you are in for the long haul), prayer, mentoring is not lecturing, the temptation of drowning in theology, extending Grace, follow Jesus and not men, don’t panic and run, etc. Hopefully at the

end of 12 weeks class we will have tools to enable us to stand fast regardless of the situation. In other words there’s a big difference between knowledge and putting that knowledge to work.

I read some interesting book over the winter. They are going in the church library to share. Wanda

Yadayada Prayer Group by Neta Jackson is a fun read with a serious message. A group of 12 women from various backgrounds and cultures were thrown together at a Women’s conference to pray. They decided to continue after the conference and the situations faced by each of them over the next few months were prayed over as the women came to know each other better. (Just realized it is a series of 7 books— have to look for them—these ladies are awesome)



The Solitary Tales Collection by Travis Thrasher is actually 4 books geared for young people. It follows Chris, a teen whose parents have just split as he and his mom move to Solitary, North Carolina. The people Chris meets in this town challenge him to choose who to follow. A warning here - spiritual themes for both dark and Christian. I only have the first and last books of the series – Solitary and Hurt and they will be in the church library.

The church’s new email is fbcpetrolia@auracom.com.

If you need spiritual help during this time, please contact one of the deacons:

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