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FIRST NEWS & NOTES

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View From The Pulpit

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The Utensils God Uses - 2 Timothy 2:20-21

These verses in 2 Timothy 2:20-21 present to us a parable in the form of a word-picture. The picture is of a large house in which there are many articles or utensils, and of the master of the house who uses them. The **"large house"** represents the professing Church, and the Master of the house is the Lord Himself.

What are the utensils? They are Christians whom the Lord wants to use in His service. In the New Testament Christians are represented as saints, believers, lights, soldiers, disciples. Christians are also represented as **'utensils'**. The emphasis of this passage is usefulness in the service of God.

1. The Utensils Are There In Order That They May Be Used

The utensils in a large house, whether they belong in the kitchen or the dining-room, whether they are utensils of gold, silver, wood or clay, **are there to be used**. Christians are in the Church for the same purpose; **we are saved to serve**. The Lord calls us not only to come to Him but also to go for Him. **God wants to use us**.

Sometimes when we are about to start some form of Christian service we pray, **'Lord, help me'**, but we should really pray **'Lord, use me'**, because it is not we who are doing the work with the Lord's help, but the Lord who is doing the work through us.

2. The Utensils Are Really Needed By the Master

Can you imagine any large household without utensils for washing and cooking, eating and drinking? Such utensils are absolutely necessary, and it's the same in the Church where the Lord is Master. He needs utensils to perform His great purposes in the Church and in the world.

We are the utensils in which and through God wants to pour the miracle of His grace so that the needs of men and women may be met. **So the Lord has a very real need for you**. He wants to use you just where He has placed you - in the home, the office, the factory, wherever it may be.

3. The Utensils Are For Different Purposes

Some are of gold or silver or wood or clay. They're all different because they are for different purposes. This applies in any household. It's an encouragement to notice that the Lord uses a great many ordinary utensils, but he doesn't only use ordinary utensils. **Some are extraordinary**. He does call some wise, influential and noble people into His service. We rejoice that the Lord uses a great variety of people.

4. The Utensils That God Uses Must Be Available

There are three words or phrases to notice here in **verse 21**: (1) **"made holy"**. **"Useful to the Master"** **"prepared to do any good work"**, meaning - **"ready for anything"**

5. The Utensils That God Uses Must Be Clean

We must have clean hearts to worship Him, clean hands to work for Him, clean feet to walk for Him, and clean lips to speak for Him. **The utensil is not to be honoured, but the utensil is to bring honour to the Lord**.

The church's new web site is: <http://firstbaptistpetrolia.ca/>

The church's new email is fbcpetrolia@gmail.com

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

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October 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Communion Service 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Sunday School	2	3 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	4 Scott Dillon 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	5	6	7 Phil Kazek
8 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Sunday School	9	10 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	11 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	12	13	14 Connie Robertson
15 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Sunday School Soup Luncheon	16	17 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	18 Ron Pratt 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	19 Lauren Kazek	20	21
22 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Sunday School	23 Karen Douglas	24 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	25 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	26	27 7:00 p.m. Chess Club	28
29 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Sunday School	30 7:00 p.m. Me Time (puzzles, word find, cross words)	31 Bob & Sally Dillon Anniversary 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting				

Mt Brydges Baptist Church



Where Christ is cherished, family is loved, and everyone is family.

Is our October Prayer Partner.

Pastor Dave Adams leads this group of believers

They have an interesting Web Page:
<http://mtbrydgesbaptist.ca/index.asp>



Looking Ahead:

10:30 a.m. each Sunday
Corporate Worship
And Sunday School for children
All are Welcome

9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Adult Sunday School

October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study of Acts and Prayer Meeting

September 30 5:00 p.m.
Camp Hermosa Fund Raising Banquet and
Auction

Westview Church in London

October 15

Soup Luncheon after worship service
To benefit our Missionfest Project

NABWU Assembly
Oct 19—22 in Toronto

October 28

Free for All at Wyoming Baptist

Nov 4

Ladies Fall Day Apart
Details on page 6

November 7

Baptist Day of Prayer
Details to follow

November 11

Missionfest will be at Forest Baptist
See Harald Rust for tickets

Middlesex Lambton
Huron Association

MISSIONFEST

November 11, 2017

Location

Forest Baptist Church



"Guardians of Hope" goal \$ 25,000.00

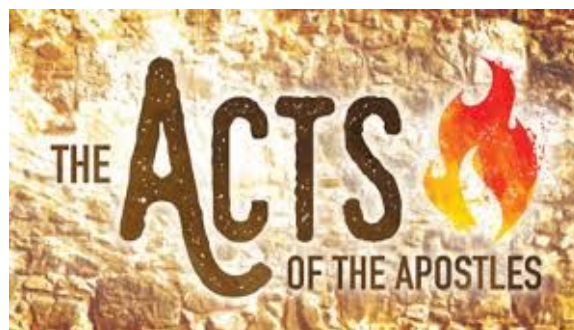
Providing help with AIDS, general health and agriculture
"We are Jesus hands and feet"

Any amount raised **over** the \$ 25000.00 will be used to purchase badly needed vehicles for various missions

Dinner – 5:00 PM, Program – 6:30 PM

Each Tuesday evening is Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7:00 with Alex Craig.

The group is studying ACTS



Please watch our web page <http://firstbaptistpetrolia.ca/> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Petrolia-> for more information as it becomes available.



October 15

After worship

Check with Helga Mursall
about Soup & Dessert Donations
Proceeds to Missionfest Project

Ladies Adventure to Chatham

October 28

Check with Donna McAuslan

For more info



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Hours
Tuesday - Friday: 9am - 5:30pm
Saturday: 9am - 5pm
CLOSED Sunday & Monday



September 25 was the first “Me Time” sponsored by the Outreach Team.

A nice number of people tried out this new event, taking time to listen to beautiful old hymns, colouring, doing Sudoku, and visiting over coffee, tea and lovely snacks.

Plans are to have these “Me Time” events monthly on the last Monday of the month.

Another special event planned by this group is the Sunny Sunday Exchange.

Once a month after service, we will enjoy coffee and conversation so we can get to know one another better.



Free for All - fall and winter clothing give away will be Sat October 28 from 9:00-1:00 at Wyoming Baptist.

Watch for Details:

There will be a ladies Christmas Party again this year.

Wyn Craig, Carol Rankin and Karen Douglas have agreed to host it.

**Ladies' Fall Day Apart 2017
Focusing On Prayer**

**Come Thirsty,
Drink Deeply**



**Guest Speaker
Shirley Gleadall, First Oneida**

**Special Music
Melissa Spicer, Arkona**

on

November 4, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration/Refreshments 9:15 a.m.

at

**First Baptist Church,
Strathroy**

20 Centre Street, W., Strathroy

Registration \$25

Further Information: k.tucker@rogers.com 519-434-8948

(Includes lunch **if** registered with Karen Tucker by October 27th)

YOUNG MOTHERS ASK ABOUT CHILD CARE SUBSIDY FOR THIS DAY

All ladies are welcome to take in this inspiring day together.

We will arrange car pools when we know how many would like to go.

Please fill out this form (or one at the back of the church and get them to Wanda with payment. Lunch is included.

If Child care is required, it is available.

Come and enjoy!

**Middlesex-Lambton-Huron Baptist Women's
Fall Rally**

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Register by October 27, 2017 to receive lunch

9:30 am: Registration at First Baptist Church, 20 Centre Street, Strathroy

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Home Church: _____

Special Needs/Diet: _____

☐ I would like further information about a child care subsidy for the day.

Please return forms and a cheque for \$25.00/ea. made payable to **Middlesex-Lambton-Huron Baptist Women**, by October 27, 2017. Send to: **K. Tucker, 91 Iroquois Avenue, London, ON N6C 2K7. (P: 519-434-8948) - \$20.00 after Oct.27.**

Thank you

Karen M. Tucker

Karen M. Tucker, Day Apart Coordinator