

FBC



Petrolia

FIRST NEWS & NOTES

August—September 2018

View From The Pulpit

Alex Craig

Looking Unto Jesus – Hebrews 12:2 FBC August Newsletter

What power just a few simple words have. Many years ago, the Grand Trunk Railroad sponsored a contest for a phrase to put on a sign at a railroad crossing. Many entries were sent in, as there was a \$2,500.00 prize for the winning entry.

There were various phrases, some long, some not so long, but one that was very short, simple, and to – the – point. The Grand Trunk Railroad paid the prize money for the words **“Stop, Look and Listen.”**

And thanks to the creative simplicity of the winning entrant, many lives have been saved by these simple words. This is a sign that is posted for all, but now it simply reads **“Railroad Crossing.”** We are to realize the urgency of the warning simply by experience.

Today there are three more important words – words of urgency – and they are **“Looking Unto Jesus.”** They are words of salvation. They are words of encouragement. They are words of direction. They are words for daily living. So let me ask you, **“Who are You looking to?”** This sign, too, is posted for all.

“Looking Unto Jesus means to look away from other things so that you can focus all your attention on one object. It’s the picture of a lost child walking alone down a carnival midway, enthralled by the lights and sounds and smells. Her eyes flit this way and that. She doesn’t even realize that she is danger. Suddenly through the din she hears her mother’s voice. Looking up, she sees her mother calling for her to come. With her eyes now fixed on her mother, she walks straight ahead, ignoring everything else. Soon she is safe by her mother’s side.

In the same way a coach will tell his runners, “When the gun sounds, start running as hard as you can. Don’t look back. Don’t look around. Keep your eyes on the finish line and keep on running.”

Everyone is looking to someone or something. Who or what are you looking to? It may be that you are looking to some individual who seems to have all the answers. Or maybe you are looking to yourself. Maybe you are holding onto things: bank accounts, houses, careers, things.

These words, **“Looking unto Jesus,”** the Jesus of the cross, are just as critical as the ones on the white “X” at the railroad crossing.

Today, these words, **“Looking Unto Jesus,”** are more important than those at the railroad crossing

These three simple words can change your life.

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Alex is on vaca- tion from August 6—20			1	2	3	4 Terri Fisher
5 10:30 Worship Ser- vice	6	7 Brynn Blancher	8	9	10 Wayne & Connie Robertson Anniv.	11 Danny Robertson
12 10:30 Service by Teen Challenge followed by Lunch	13	14 Harald Rust	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 Worship Ser- vice	20 Bev & Earle Woolaver Anniv. 10:00 Sew Day <u>Days</u> <u>for Girls</u> Wyoming	21	22	23	24 Norm McAuslan	25
26 10:30 Worship Ser- vice Sunny Sunday Exchange	27 10:00 Sew Day <u>Days</u> <u>for Girls</u> Whoming	28	29	30	31	

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 Worship Service Judy Baker Sharon McGrail	3	4	5	6 Petrolia Fair	7 Petrolia Fair	8 Petrolia Fair
9 10:30 Worship Service Bill Baker	10 Marlie White	11	12	13	14 Earle Woolaver	15 Riley Blancher
16 10:30 Worship Service Karen Christie	17	18 Wanda Pratt	19 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	20 Mildred White	21	22
23 10:30 Worship Service	24	25	26 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10:30 Worship Service						

Looking Ahead:

10:30 a.m. each Sunday
Corporate Worship
Junior Church for children
All are Welcome

Missionfest is
November 10
Central Baptist, Sarnia



CAMP HERMOSA FAMILY CAMP 2018

There were 3 different groups of people, from our church, that arrived at Camp Hermosa for Family Camp Weekend 2018. There was the Jay Family, Jean Bradshaw with 6 great grandchildren, and Wendy Scott and I. As we left Petrolia on the night of Friday June 22, 2018 it was spitting rain but that didn't DAMPEN our spirits. Suck it up princess. Remember we're camping.

Upon arrival, we signed in and were assigned our kitchen duty for the weekend. After settling into our cabin Wendy and I headed over to the Norma Dabbs Lodge for "camp fire" in front of the fire place. It's not quite the same as a camp fire out in the open but the singing was just as beautiful worshipping our Lord. Later it was off to bed with a gentle rain sprinkling on our roof.

Saturday morning we woke up to enjoy breakfast for 8:30. There was no rain that morning, until later, and then only for a bit. We were able to spend the day doing what we wanted. The pool was open, we could hike down to the beach by the many stairs, attend movie night, play board games and/or work in the craft cabin. Even just talking and hanging with family was an option for some. My daughter, Jessica, was able to join us, after lunch, for the remainder of the weekend. Later that night, since it wasn't raining we attended praise and worship at Vespers. What a serene place to worship our God.

The next morning we woke up to the sound of rain on our roof. We were getting used to this "rain on our roof" thing. During breakfast Lee Bradshaw arrived to help Jean transport the gang home. After breakfast we enjoyed our Praise and Worship in the Norman Dabbs Lodge and our singing was able to "drown" out the rain on the roof.

The rest of the morning was packing and cleaning up and finishing off with lunch. With full stomachs and tired little ones (and big ones also) we headed home and said our goodbyes for another year.

Submitted by Donna McAuslan



First Ladies News

By Donna McAuslan



What a beautiful hot spring day was the last day of May 2018.

Wyn Craig opened her home to the Bible Study ladies. This morning, the group consisted of Wanda, Sarah, Jean, Donna, Betty, Gail, Sharon and Carol. We continued our Bible Study “He Chose The Nails”.

Great discussion ensued followed by lunch. Now when I say lunch it was delicious. What an array of delights we had in store for our group. Thanks again Wyn for your hospitality.

Great frank discussion, fellowship and of course food.

LADIES OUTING TO LONDON

The day was hot and hazy as we drove to London for our Ladies Outing on June 1, 2018. That’s alright we had air conditioning and lots of friendly chatter. (Not conversations full of HOT AIR though). There were 2 vehicles transporting Elsie, Bev, Helga, Christa, Helen, Wanda, Mary, Donna and Gail. We enjoyed the leisurely drive through the country side as we stayed away from the 402 highway. This was much better scenery.

We reached London and pulled up to the front of the store CREATION BOOKSTORE on Oxford St. The ladies dispersed to search through the store for Christian literature, CDs, Knick knacks and other merchandise. With purchases in hand, we headed out to the parking lot to tuck away our treasures into trunks and off again to the next adventure at BIRDY’S NEST on Clarke Sideroad.

As we entered this next stop we were WOWED by the display of various items. Our eyes wondered all over the place and it was difficult to stay focused for too long as something else grabbed our attention. Gail even commented that it was way better then the commercials on T.V. We meandered throughout the store and some of us found unique items to purchase.

Off once again for our last stop of lunch at the MALIBU on Dundas St. There were a few lunch specials and most of us chose one of these. Our plates came and certainly lots of food for us to devour.

With full stomachs and some of us maybe could catch a nap in the car, we headed for home. What a beautiful day all around. Excellent weather, warm friendships and wonderful shopping experiences.

Until next time.

MISSIONFEST

November 10, 2018

Location

Central Baptist – Sarnia ON

Project

"Going into all the world"...

Verdun, Quebec

Lahu, Myanmar

CHURCH PLANTING

Verdun – Assist Pastor David Rowley with Evangelism, Outreach, Chairs, Sound equipment and a larger meeting place - \$ 18,000.00

Lahu – Assist Conrad and Fiona Kwok along with Pastor Duodu to study the needs of evangelism, training and set a yearly plan to work with a local partner and report the progress to CBM - \$ 16,600.00

COMBINED GOAL — \$ 34,600.00

Dinner – 5:00 PM, Program – 6:30 PM

Highlights from our Deacons

1. A grant application was approved to request \$1,000.00 towards Outreach Committee projects and it was received from the Trinity Fund
2. Gwen Jay was selected to attend Camp Hermosa paid for by a Church Sponsor. The church agreed to pay \$50.00 to anyone from the Church wishing to attend Camp.
3. Alec Craig will be on vacation from August 6th to 20th. The Deacon's will look after the service on Aug 12th and 19th. Team Challenge will be speaking on Sunday August 12th followed by lunch at the church and Wayne Robertson will be speaking on Missions as well as an update Sunday August 19th.
4. Helen and Lloyd have been helping with rides for out Albany Friends.



*Thankful for the Past
Rejoicing in the Present
Preparing for the Future*

Our Church's 150th Anniversary is only 4 years away!

Jean Bradshaw and Wanda Pratt are collecting pictures and stories they hope to share in an expanded book to celebrate this occasion. Please let them know if you have pictures and/or stories to include.

Your next newsletter will be in your inbox or mailbox September 30.

Please have your info to Wanda by September 23

The next newsletter will cover August and September
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The church's web site is: <http://firstbaptistpetrolia.ca/>

The church's new email is
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