

FBC



FIRST NEWS & NOTES

April—May 2020

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Pastor Alex Craig

It's a real test to be content in the unprecedented times we are living in. Due to the Coronavirus, life as we know it has been turned pretty well upside down. Stores have been closed, events have been cancelled, and we've been urged to stay inside. Is it possible to be content, even in times such as this?

We can answer that question with a resounding "Yes." Paul writes in 1 Timothy 6:6-8

6 "True godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7 After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."

People building kingdoms to themselves miss the point. The real treasure they should be pursuing is contentment. **And you can't have contentment if it is about you!** Contentment is being satisfied with God's provision for our lives. It's recognizing that everything else is just STUFF.

It's the ability to enjoy what IS instead of always feeling restless about what you might be "missing."

Contentment starts by recognizing who we are in Christ. Nothing material can add to our status in the Kingdom of God. We cannot be more valuable than we already are as children of the King!

When we're truly content, we're satisfied not only with what we have, but also with who we are, and how God is using us in the body of Christ. It's the realization that God in His wisdom has placed us right where He wants us to be. It's trusting that God knows what He is doing.

We would enjoy life more if we changed our focus from what we don't have to what we DO have. Contentment is a wonderful goal.

Contentment is focusing on the blessing of what IS instead of feeling deprived by what ISN'T. Doesn't that sound like a delightful place to be?

Author Tim Hansel calls the Four Commandments for Contentment

1. Thou Shalt Live Here and Now.
2. Thou Shalt Not Hurry.
3. Thou Shalt Not Take Thyself too Seriously.
4. Thou Shalt Be Grateful.

We've been redeemed and made a child of God through the blood of Christ. That's something for which to be content and grateful.

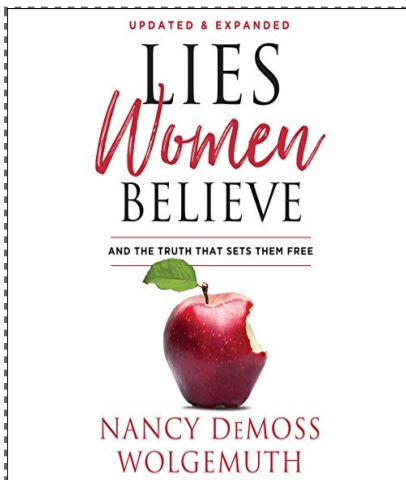
As over the next while we struggle with the impact of the coronavirus, may it open our eyes to how much we have, and helps us to discover a little of what it means to be content.

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9 <i>Diane O'Dell</i>	10 <i>11:00 Good Friday service. St. Pauls</i>	11
12 <i>Easter</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Donna McAuslan</i>	25 <i>Sara Rust</i>
26 <i>Rebecca Rust</i> <i>Jessica McAuslan</i>	27	28 <i>George McPhee</i> <i>Carol Rankin</i>	29	30		

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> <i>Rebecca McAuslan</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Muriel Coutts</i>
<i>3</i> <i>Church</i> <i>Anniversary</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Robert Dillon</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Wendy Loosley</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Betty McPhee</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Gail Burgess</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
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Ladies Bible Study

In the ladies Bible Study we have been studying the book “Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free” by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. So far we have looked at what we believe about God, ourselves, and sin. The book contains familiar truths and Scriptures. We already know what the Bible says, but do we always live as though we know it is true?

This morning I was reading Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Satan came to Jesus at a time of physical weakness - after he had fasted for 40 days. Jesus quoted Scripture pertinent to the temptation. **“It is written, ‘Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that**

comes from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4) For each temptation Jesus quoted pertinent Scripture. The Word of God is the best weapon we have to fight against the enticing lies of the devil.

As we spend more time at home in the coming days, let’s meditate on Scripture. We can find and memorize some pertinent verses that clarify truth in areas where our thoughts might not align with the Word of God. Then the truth will be readily available to combat those tempting thoughts.

When we do meet again at the ladies Bible Study we will be looking at our **priorities**, and how they line up with what God says in His Word. These changing times are good for evaluating what is really important in our lives.

All ladies will be welcome at 10:00 Wednesdays.

Property Committee

As far as the Property Committee is concerned there is really very little to comment on at this time. We have had the two toilets in the ladies room downstairs replaced. The Narthex is nearly completed but we need to wait for warmer weather to finish it. We want to varnish the woodwork before the new floor is put down and it is still too cool in that area of the building to do either one of these jobs

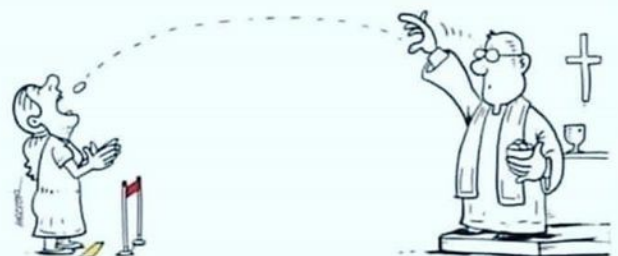


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The next newsletter will be in your mailbox/inbox by May 31. Please have all info and pictures to Wanda by May 24.

We love input by you. If you write poems or tell jokes, please submit them.

Next sunday:



As of March 23, we have not heard of this being cancelled.

Please contact Wanda if you are interested in going. 519-882-1872

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Fellowship Committee

It's been our privilege to host a Pot Luck lunch for the congregation and also lunch for the Petrolia Ministerial.

It is an extra blessing to be able to purchase a new gas stove and it is now installed and working great.

Unfortunately the Friendship Dinner for Far East Broadcasting Canada was cancelled. As much of the purchased food as possible has been frozen and we will use it as soon as possible for a church dinner.

We appreciate the ladies who have offered their help when needed.

Thank you to our willing workers: Debbie, Jan, Vangie and Marie.

With Blessings - Wyn

During this time of isolation, we don't have any upcoming events at church. However, we need each other and can still stay in touch by phone and email to encourage and help each other.

We do look forward to a bright new time when this crisis has passed. What a celebration that will be!

MISSIONFEST COMMITTEE

(advance notice—More details to follow)

Missionfest is being planned for Saturday November 7th. The host church is to be announced. The project this year is noted below:

Working with our partner in Bolivia, the Bolivian Baptist Union (UBB), CBM is supporting local churches as they proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel in word and deed. We are inviting the Middlesex Lambton Huron Association to join with us in this important work by supporting ministry to vulnerable children, church planting, and pastoring pastors.

Vulnerable Children (\$18,000). Jireh is a program that focuses on the social, physical and emotional needs of vulnerable children and teens in the populous city of Cochabamba. Working with the Sinai Baptist Church, the staff members work within the community to identify vulnerable youth and invite them and their families to join the Jireh program. Prior to joining the program, many of the children are not in school and instead work selling items on the streets. Jireh participants receive assistance with nutritious meals, school uniforms and learning materials, education regarding proper hygiene, while teaching them about the Bible and offering social support as part of program.

Church Planting (\$10,000). The UBB is passionate about sharing the Gospel in communities across their country. To this end they have identified this priority and have embarked on an exciting new church planting and discipleship initiative. Drawing on resources from partner groups throughout Latin America and embracing multiplier discipleship, they are inviting their churches to each consider planting a new church and emphasizing that each believer should be mentoring a new Christian.

Pastoring of Pastors (\$7,000). Our partner has recognized the unique challenges that pastors face, especially in isolated rural areas. There is a need for community, spiritual care, mutual support and accountability, and encouragement if pastors are going to serve well and lead their churches towards fruitful ministry. This initiative provides this care and support so that local church ministry can flourish.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$35,000