



### LORD Hear Our Prayers:

~ Pray for Barry's continued recovery from knee replacement surgery.  
 ~ Pray for Evelyn Perry's health challenges and her adjustment to life at the United Mennonite Home in Vineland. Please pray for Eugene as he struggles with the changes too. Pray for strength and comfort and clarity for both of them.  
 ~ Pray for Jordan & Tricia's anticipated arrival. Just a couple weeks to go!!!  
 ~ Pray for Connie and Doug Joy as the adjust to new work and hopefully a new house in the next few weeks.  
 ~ Pray for other expecting moms and dads (Angela & Chris, Heather & Phil) and for healthy babies.  
 ~ Pray for new moms & dads as they adjust to new members of their families.  
 ~ Thanks to God for safe travel for Dylan.  
 ~ Pray for the North East Church of Christ as they consider helping us with our VBS this year.  
 ~ Pray for Jesse Perry and Josh Warren who are going to Dominican Republic this month on a mission trip.  
 ~ Pray for Roger & Geoff who are leaving for Guatemala next month to dig wells with Living Water International.  
 ~ Pray for Charlotte Peirce (Audrey & Gary's granddaughter) who is scheduled for open heart surgery.  
 ~ Pray for renewed health for Rob Whitfield, Velda Warren, Jodie Cook, Lene Reeves, Stacey Tallman & Barb Simmonds.  
 ~ Pray for Bruce Love who has cancer.  
 ~ Pray for continued recovery for Grayci McIntee.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March

13: Life Groups  
 27: Life Groups

#### April

10: Life Groups  
 15: Kids Nite Out  
 17: Celebration of Spring  
 24: Life Groups

### ADDITIONAL NEWS:

Please see the flyers from the Edmonton Church of Christ, which are posted on the bulletin board outside the counseling room. They are advertising several upcoming events.

### SERVING THE CONGREGATION

March 13, 2011

Coordinator:	Lawrence Whitfield
Song Leaders:	Wayne W / Evan C
Prayer Leader:	Jeremy Cook
Scripture Reader:	Tim Z / Paul C
Lord's Supper:	John Book
Pass Emblems:	Jamie T, Brad C, Earl W, Rick W, Paul C, Harold S
Sound System:	Russ Walker
Video Projection:	Mitch Tallman
Lord's Supper to Those at home:	Dan McIntee
Elder on Duty:	Jim Book
Nursery:	Jenni MacLean & Mackenzie Ayala

# Tintern Tidings

March 6, 2011

"Developing Followers of Jesus Together"



### Welcome Guests

We extend a warm welcome to all our members and guests today! Our prayer is that you will be blessed by your time with us. **For those with young children:** a staffed nursery during worship is available for children from birth to 2 years in Room 11 **Children between the ages of 5 and 11** are invited to participate in "Big City Studio's" - an exciting time of songs and Bible stories for children of those ages. The children are dismissed following the offering and should be picked up right after adult classes. If you would like help in selecting a Bible class this morning, here is a list of our classes:

**Youth Classes:**  
 Preschool (ages 2&3) Room 16  
 Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten Room 15  
 Big City Studio's Room 7  
 Girls Grade 6- 8 Room 11  
 Boys Grade 6- 8 Room 5  
 TRUTH (teens) Room 14

**Adult Classes:**  
 Adult Class Auditorium

**WORSHIP TIMES**  
**Sunday** 9:45 a Worship  
 11:15 a Bible Classes  
 6:00 p Dwelling in the Word  
*1st & 3rd Sunday's*  
 Various Life Groups  
*2nd & 4th Sunday's*

**Wednesday**  
 7:00 p Bible Classes - all ages

## Restoring the Eternal Covenant

*A Common Love - 705*

**A Call to Worship** - Wayford Smith

**Medley of Praise** ~ Wayne Whitfield  
*A Wonderful Saviour - 508*

**Prayer:** Jeff Kennedy

*I Will Sing the Wonderous Story - 509*

**Lord's Table** - Adrian Vandriel  
**Offering**

*There is Something about That Name - 222*

**Family Time:** Lawrence Whitfield

**Medley of Praise** ~ Shaun Whitehead  
*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
*Faithful Love - 18*

*Salvation Belongs to Our God*  
*What the Lord has Done in Me*

**Scripture** ~ Ralph Tallman & Gord Azzoparde  
 Genesis 9:8-15; Isaiah 54:9-11

**Video** - Jesus of Nazareth

**Dismiss Children to Big City Studios**

## Restoring an Eternal Covenant

### Isaiah 61 ~ Noel Walker

*How Great is Our God*

**Shepherd's Prayer** - Wayford Smith

**6:00pm ~ Prayer Devotional**

**NEXT SUNDAY - March 13, 2011**  
**AM : Noel Walker LIFE GROUPS MEET**

## FEEDING THE FLOCK

### Meet the Minister



Noel & Julie Walker

## Freeing the 'Blind' From Darkness

In our text today (Isaiah 61) we have a spectacular convergence of the Old and New Testament. When Jesus begins his earthly ministry (Luke 4: 14-30) he goes to his hometown and is invited to read the Scriptures, as was commonly done during a synagogue gathering. Men from the community were invited to come up and read from whatever scrap of the Hebrew Bible they happen to have. They were then welcome to provide commentary. Jesus picks Isaiah 61, and reads the first two verses and, well it doesn't end well (we'll talk about what happens during the sermon today). Some of

you might notice that the text in Luke is not the same as the text quoted in Isaiah. Compare the two below:

### Isaiah 61: 1-2

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor ...

### Luke 4: 18-19

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the  
prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Why are they different? One reason is that the text on the left is an English translation of a 2000 year old Hebrew copy (1Qsa) found in the caves of Qumran near the Dead Sea (thank-you Bedouin shepherd boy). This very same scroll can be browsed by going to this website: [http://www.imj.org.il/shrine\\_center/isaiah\\_scrolling/index.html](http://www.imj.org.il/shrine_center/isaiah_scrolling/index.html). The one on the right comes from an English translation of a Greek copy of the New Testament that was made in about 320 AD. Luke likely wrote the original by referring to the Greek translation of Isaiah found in the Septuagint (copied in about 350 BC).

When a blind person was healed, the Hebrew word used to describe that is literally, "his eyes were opened." Similarly a deaf person would have their, "ears opened," if they were healed. It's the same word in verse 1 when Isaiah says that the Messiah will provide, "release from darkness for the prisoners." It literally says, 'he will open [prisons is assumed] for those who are bound in darkness.' The Hebrew reader would assume that Isaiah means this both literally and figuratively. That's why the Greek translation reads both: freedom from prison, freedom from blindness.

What is most significant here is that Jesus uses this text to kick off his earthly ministry. Isaiah 61 (for more than one reason) summarizes everything that Jesus came to do. He literally opens the eyes of the blind and he also releases people who are spiritually blind – captives in prisons of their own making. That's why all the gospel writers deliberately included stories about healing blind people. They all knew it was more than just restoring function to their eyes. Jesus was helping them truly see. John caught the significance when he told the story in John 9 about the man born blind. After healing the man Jesus says, "For judgement I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." (John 9: 39)

Through the Spirit of Jesus (the Holy Spirit) we are convicted of the presence of sin in our lives (John 16: 8). There is a spiritual healing going on as we see reality for the first time: we realize that we constantly sin and slander the glorious creator of the Universe. But at the same time, Jesus removes our sin (1 John 2: 2) and wraps us in the gift of his righteousness (Rom. 5: 17). We are doubly healed.

## GATHER OUR HEARTS >>

**PRAYER DEVOTIONAL TONIGHT:** On Feb 20th a group of us met for a prayer devotional. We resolved to pray 2 weeks for the spiritual growth of our congregation. Please join us in that prayer and pray that God may cause great growth in the members of our community. Pray for more faith, love and compassion. Tonight we will gather again to talk about how it has gone and how we can continue or struggle in prayer for the congregation.

**Also tonight at Beamsville Church of Christ:** Andy & Emily McKenzie, Terral & Brian McBay, Mike Nollert, Caley (Cramp) Horseman and Becky Kennedy will be planning worship. We are invited to be their guest for worship and share in appetizers and desserts afterwards.

**A WAVES Fundraiser :** Hear Freedom's Ring With Michael Toby – Canadian Tenor **Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 3 p.m.** Tallman Auditorium, Great Lakes Christian High School, 4875 King Street, Beamsville, Ontario. Come celebrate Southern Ontario's history in a musical journey along the Underground Railroad with tenor, Michael Toby. Discover the hidden meanings behind some of the world's most beloved spirituals. Musical clips of Michael Toby are available on Youtube. Tickets for the concert may be reserved, then picked up at the door, call: 905-563-5374, Ext. 210

## GROW OUR SOULS >>

### MID-WEEK

**Wednesday Nite Bite**, 6pm. All are invited, RSVP by Tuesday . **Cost:** \$2

**Wednesday Night Classes for ALL ages.** Dylan is teaching on *The Patriarchs*. Noel is teaching "Gospel in Life" .

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please sign up to register or contact Carolyn Wilcox by TODAY to join in our next Beth Moore Bible study: **David: Seeking a Heart Like His**, starting Feb 8 through April 19 from 6:30p-8:30p.

## GIVE OUR LIVES >>

### CHURCH:

#### FAMILY MEMBER'S BULLETIN BOARD:

As a help for our new members (and those of us with poor memories) we are putting our FAMILY PHOTO bulleting board back up and we need your help. Please bring an up to date picture and leave it in Margaret's mailbox (or email a digital one to Margaret at [gm.ayala5@gmail.com](mailto:gm.ayala5@gmail.com)). If you have nothing at all then come to church on a Sunday in March dressed up and picture ready and we will have one of our photographers take one for you. It is very helpful for people to be able to connect a name with a face (particularly of the children). Your help with this important ministry is greatly appreciated.

### COMMUNITY:

**Salvation Army Truck :** Thursday Evenings from 7 pm - 11 pm. See the sign-up list in the South hall or talk to Dylan Pyeatt [dpyeatt@gmail.com](mailto:dpyeatt@gmail.com).