



## LORD Hear Our Prayers

~ Pray for healing and restored health for: Annalise Zavitz, Diane May , Wayford Smith, Jane Walker, Barry Hannah, Gail Tanton, Katrina Trussler, Dave Stinchcombe, Joyce Smith, Max Woerlen Chris & Joseph Wirkkunen.

~Please pray for comfort for Evelyn Perry & Olive McPherson.

~Pray for those grieving: The Halls, The Cramps, The McGraths, The Whitfields, The Smiths, & Veronica King.

~Pray for our expecting mom's: Crystal Cann, Carolyn Wilcox, Teressa Azzoparde, and others who are expecting babies soon.

~ Pray for our couples that are wishing to start a family. May God place his hand on those couples, and give them strength.

~ Please pray for those who will be traveling over the next month.

### Tintern Life Group November 27, 2011

**Ice Breaker:** Have ever made a promise that you were unable or unwilling to keep? Share as much as you are comfortable sharing.

**Read: Joshua 23:12-16**

1. The following question has a simple answer but a profound message for us: How many of the Lord's promises had failed as of the time that Joshua spoke these words?
2. The Lord not only promised a good land flowing with milk and honey, He also promised many hardships under certain conditions. What choices did the Israelites have to influence the outcome of the which types of promises they would see fulfilled in their lifetimes.
3. Do you think that passages such as this one are ever misapplied in our day and time? If so, how? How does this passage apply to our Christian lives today?

**Prayer Time**

**Next Life Group** is December 11—last one for 2011. The passage will be Isaiah 9:1-7 .



**DEACONS**

Jeremy Cook    Jim Dickie    Tim Tallman  
 Adrian Vandriel    Russ Walker    Jim Whitfield  
 Roger Whitfield    Wayne Whitfield  
 Dwayne Williams

**SHEPHERDS**

Jim Book    Wayford Smith  
 John Stanley    Doug Tallman

**MINISTERS**

Noel Walker  
 Dylan Pyeatt

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## WELCOME!!

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 from birth to 2 years in Room 11 **Children between the ages of 5 and 11** are invited to participate in our Children's Program. The children are dismissed following the communion and should be picked up right after adult classes.

**Youth Classes:**

Preschool (ages 2&3)	Room 16
Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten	Room 15
Children's Program	Room 7
Girls Grade 6- 8	Room 11
Boys Grade 6- 8	Room 5
TRUTH (teens)	Portable

**Adult Class**

Auditorium

**WORSHIP TIMES**

**Sunday**

**9:45 a** Worship  
**11:15 a** Bible Classes (all ages)  
**6:00 p** Dwelling in the Word on *1st & 3rd Sunday's*

**Various** Life Groups *2nd & 4th Sunday's*

**Wednesday**

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



## Advent Conspiracy: "Worship Fully"

The Steadfast Love of the Lord #123  
 A Call To Worship ~ Doug Tallman

**Scripture** ~ John 4:21-24 ~ Gord Azzoparde

**Medley** ~ Martin Cann

*Here I Am to Worship B30*

*You Are Worthy of My Praise B17*

*Heart of Worship*

**Prayer** ~ Jeff Kennedy

**Family Time** ~ Jim Dickie

*Doxology #66*

**Communion** ~ Roger Whitfield

**Scripture** ~ Luke 2:8-20 ~ Ralph Tallman

**Medley** ~ Russ Walker

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing #1001*

*O Come All Ye Faithful #997*

*Angels We Have Heard on High #1002*

**Dismiss the kids to Children's Church**

## "Worship Fully" ~ Noel Walker

**Elder's Prayer** ~ Doug Tallman

**Life Groups Meet Today!**

## FEEDING THE FLOCK

### Definition: Advent: *n.*

1. The coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important. One thing about the birth of Jesus that is sometimes missed is the scandal of the whole thing. The story is so familiar, we could easily be convinced that a manger is a perfectly reasonable place for a baby. "Baby in a manger." It just rolls off the tongue; but it is an absolutely outrageous thing! A more appropriate response would be, "Yuck!" A manger is a feed trough, full of hay and covered with cow drool. I guarantee it was Joseph's idea: "He'll be fine! I put some new hay in there, don't worry about it."

A baby in a manger is an outrageous outcome. Particularly, considering who the baby was: God was in a manger. The idea that the creator of the universe could fully dwell (Col 1:19) in an infant's body is impossible to fully grasp. How could God allow that? Then if you think of where Jesus was born, and how? Well, then the story becomes completely absurd. There is only one outcome that would be more outrageous: God nailed to a Roman cross.

The Old Testament speaks often of God's advent, of when He would come to earth and it is always on a grand scale with broad strokes. The mountains will quake. The seas will dry up. The sky will roar and the sound of his voice. Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes,

"We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God's coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God's coming should arouse in us. We are indifferent to the message, taking only the pleasant and agreeable out of it and forgetting the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and is laying claim to us."

There is no visual display, no announcement that could have been worthy of the arrival of God in human form on earth. God who is everywhere, all at the same time, allowed himself to be here. Just here. Suddenly, the God of the Universe who sees all, took on the eyes of a newborn baby who can only see shadow and outline.

God's strength, His perfect and overwhelming power... made perfect in weakness. We can see that God is strong because He chose not to be. He chose to be very near.

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**Disaster Flooding Relief:** There is a flyer on the bulletin board outside the counseling room regarding Disaster Flooding Relief. Strathmore Church of Christ is collecting financial donations for those affected by the flooding in Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador. They'd appreciate any donations by **December 15th**. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

# Community News

## upcoming events

### november

TODAY: *Neskantaga Shoe Boxes Due*

### december

4 - TRUTH - Pancake Breakfast  
18 - Celebration of the Season  
25 - Community Christmas Dinner

### january

14 - Electronics Recycling Day  
29 - Annual General Meeting

**Holiday Schedule:** This year Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and New Years Day (Jan. 1) fall on a Sunday. In order to help families with their holiday plans we are adapting our Sunday morning worship schedule. We will have a simplified worship service at 9:45am on both days that will conclude by 11 am. Children's and Adult classes will not be held for those two weeks. Our regularly scheduled programs will resume on Sunday January 8th. Wednesday night dinners will wrap up for 2011 on Dec. 14th and will resume on Jan. 11th, 2012. Wednesday night Bible Study continues until (and including Dec. 21) No midweek service Wednesday Dec. 28. Midweek Bible Study begins again on January 4th.

### **Neskantaga Shoeboxes:**

The Neskantaga shoeboxes are due **today**. If you forgot to bring yours in, let Margaret know.

**Found Items:** The back table in the foyer is getting full. Please check to see if anything is yours.

**Community Christmas Dinner:** The Tintern Church of Christ is hosting a Christmas Dinner on Sunday December 25 at 5:00 PM. The event will take place in the Tallman Auditorium at Great Lakes Christian High School located at 4875 King St. Beamsville, ON.

The meal is intended for those in the Beamsville area who wouldn't normally be able to share in a Christmas meal with others but would like to do so (ie. Community Care Client, Migrant Worker, etc.). If you know of anyone whom we could serve in this capacity please let Dwayne Williams know that person name / contact information.

If you are able to help with the set up, food preparation, serving food on the 25th or clean up on the 25th or 26th, please contact Dwayne Williams to get your name on the list.