

**MINISTERS**

Noel Walker  
Dylan Pyeatt

**SHEPHERDS**

Jim Book  
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John Stanley  
Doug Tallman

**DEACONS**

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

**LORD Hear Our Prayers**

~ Pray for Brenda Kennedy she has been suffering with back pain for the past couple of weeks. Pray for continued improvement.  
~ Pray for Will Maddeaux's brain tumour is active again. Pray for him as he explores treatment options. Pray for healing and continued good health.  
~ Pray for Rick West. He heads out on the tug boats this week for a 'tour of duty' on the Atlantic. Pray for protection for him and pray for Debbie, Travis and Eric while he is away.  
~ Pray for expectant moms (Teresa, Carolyn, Crystal, and Lindsay Cramp)  
~ Pray for couples who are struggling to have children. Pray for patience and for peace.  
~ Pray for the many among us who have lost loved ones this year and those who grieve loved ones during the holiday season. Pray for comfort.  
~ Pray for Olive McPherson, Evelyn Perry, and others who are shut-in and unable to come to worship service.  
~ Pray for the fundraising efforts of the Living Water Mission Team going to Nicaragua in February, and the Truth Mission Team going to Detroit next February.  
~ Pray for healing and restored health for those who have recent surgeries.

**Community Care Items Needed:**

- \* Canned Meats / Fish
- \* Canned Vegetables
- \* Canned Stews
- \* Pasta & Sauce
- \* Cereals
- \* Juice
- \* Peanut Butter
- \* Sugar
- \* Personal Care Items
- \* Paper Products
- \* Baking Products
- \* Snack Foods
- \* Jams
- \* Soups

**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 .



**Tintern Tidings**

**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: "Spend Less"**

Call To Worship ~ Jim Book

**Scripture** ~ 2 Corinthians 8:9 ~ Tim Zavitz  
**Medley** ~ Wayne Whitfield  
*Joy to the World #1018*  
*He Paid a Debt He Did Not Owe #376*  
*Because He Lives #464*

**Family Time** ~ Lawrence Whitfield  
**Prayer** ~ Jeremy Cook

**Medley** ~ Evan Cramp  
*Away in a Manger #1017*  
*Worthy is the Lamb #234*  
*Worthy is the Lamb B13*

**Communion** ~ John Book  
**Medley** ~ Wayne Whitfield  
*Magnificant B35*

*Jesus Let Us Come to Know You #768*

**"Spend Less" ~ Noel Walker**

**Elder's Prayer** ~ Jim Book

**6:00 pm Dwelling in the Word**

*The McBay family invite you to join us after our corporate worship this morning for apple pie in memory of Rick Bear – husband, father, father in law, Papa, friend, elder, teacher and more. Rick especially liked apple pie so have a piece with us and if the spirit moves you (as it did often for Rick) you have our permission to lick your plate.*



## FEEDING THE FLOCK

### The King of Israel

The Hasmoneans were the last Jewish rulers in Israel (at least until 1948) and ruled Israel semi-independently from 140 B.C. until 63 B.C. At that time the Romans came in and took over but the situation was not settled for almost 30 years. Herod the Great recaptured Jerusalem from the Parthians in 37 B.C. and married the niece of a former Hasmonean ruler before having him beheaded, thus solidifying his claim to power. Many of the wealthy aristocrats in Jerusalem opposed his claim because he was an Idumean (a half Jew) and was a friend of the Romans. Over the first ten years of his rule he had 45 of them executed and confiscated their wealth.

It's tough taking over control from the Hasmoneans; His mother-in-law (a Hasmonean) forced him (with the help of Cleopatra) to appoint his cousin Aristobulus as High Priest even though he was only 16 years old. After the Feast of Tabernacles however, he mysteriously drowned at Herod's palace. Herod was called out on the carpet before Cleopatra's boyfriend Antony to face charges. As an insurance policy he told his uncle to kill his wife if he did not return and she resented this (go figure). Herod paid off Antony and remained King but Herod's wife must have said something when he got back because in 29 B.C. she was accused of adultery and executed. The following year he had his former mother-in-law killed and the rest of her family.

The story gets even more murky from here. In total, Herod the Great had ten wives at various times and had at least three of his own sons executed. By 6 B.C. he was gravely ill and made his son Herod Antipas the Tetrarch over Galilee, his son Phillip the Tetrarch of Trachonitis and his son Archelaus king of the rest. This is when the magi from the east arrived.

Hearing of a new king born in Judea would have put Herod the Great on edge and it appeared that his illness had compromised his mind somewhat. His order in 4 B.C. to kill all the children in Bethlehem, two years old and younger is completely consistent with his governing style up to that point; He was absolutely ruthless. Herod the Great died that same year.

Archelaus began his rule as king by ordering troops into the temple court to quell an uprising and as a result more than 3 000 pilgrims died in the ensuing chaos. This would have been front page news as Joseph and Mary were returning from Egypt. It is no wonder that Joseph didn't want to return to Archelaus's territory in Judea, despite the fact that was where Joseph's family was from. They settled in Nazareth (Antipas's territory) in order to keep a low profile.

Matthew mentions this (Matt 2: 1-18) not just because it provides interesting historical background but because the birth of Jesus is a claim to power. Herod was right that Jesus would not come into the world and leave it unchanged. He was not going to stay a baby in a manger forever. Jesus came to be King. We make a great mistake at Christmas time if we keep Jesus in a manger. It is a profound expression of grace and love that God sent a son to the earth; don't miss that! But Matthew makes it clear here that Jesus comes as King. The Kings of the east bow down and worship him and every King will lay down their crown at his feet (Rev 4: 9-11). The baby we worship is King Jesus and nothing else can rule where Jesus is. He is Lord of all.



### Living Water Mission Trip

Our mission team to Leon, Nicaragua is complete! Representing our congregation next year are Kathleen Manson, Patsy Vandriel, Lacy May, Katie Whitfield, Richard Zila, Matt Walker, Geoff Taylor, Caleb Perry and Roger Perry. They have raised more than \$4 000 of the \$18 000 they need to raise. Any restricted donations you make to Living Water International will go toward our support of this mission project. In February 2012 our team will go down to Leon Nicaragua and drill a fresh water well for a village in Nicaragua. Contact Roger Perry if you have any questions. Be generous and please pray for our team as they prepare for their trip.

## Community News

### Give out lives >>>>

**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 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.

### Gather our hearts >>>>

**GLCHS Christmas Concert:** The Great Lakes Christian High School Music Department presents "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas". It will be held in the GLCHS Auditorium on December 16 @ 7pm. Admission is \$5.

### Celebration of the Season:

Invitations for the Celebration of the Season are in mailboxes and extras are available on the back table. Please be sure to invite friends and family to this special event (Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm). Our Grades 6-8 class is organizing with the help of Don Rose and friends. It is wonderful time of fellowship and celebration. We hope you can be there for that.

**Waterloo 20s Weekend:** It is the 6th annual 20's weekend on January 13 - 15. Greg Whitfield will be the speaker, presenting "Lessons from Luke" On the Saturday evening Bruce Kuhn ([www.brucekuhn.com](http://www.brucekuhn.com)) is giving a performance of his stage play "Luke" at the University of Waterloo. Cost for the retreat is \$30 and the cost of tickets for Bruce Kuhn is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

### BABY NEWS:

Evan and Lindsay Cramp are thrilled to announce they are expecting their second child in July 2012

## upcoming events

### december

16 - Christmas Concert @ GL  
18 - Celebration of the Season  
25 - Community Christmas Dinner

### january

13-15 - Waterloo 20's Weekend  
14 - Electronics Recycling Day  
29 - Annual General Meeting