

What Are We Here For?

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J. M. Boice told an amusing story about Yogi Berra, the well known catcher for the New York Yankees in the 1950's. During a game, Hank Aaron came up to the plate to bat. Yogi Berra began his usual chattering and tried to distract Aaron. Yogi said to him, "Henry, you're holding the bat wrong. You're supposed to hold it so you can read the trademark." Aaron didn't say anything in return. When the next pitch came, he smashed it into the left-field bleachers. After rounding the bases and stepping back on home plate, Aaron looked at Yogi Berra and said, "I didn't come up here to read"

Unless we're careful, it's so easy to get distracted. We are bombarded by things trying to catch our eye. Ads constantly show up on phones, computers, and the TV. Driving exposes us to countless signs, businesses, and ads. To make matters worse, we even distract ourselves by putting too much time into our jobs, hobbies, and the like. We are so over-stimulated with distractions, it's not all that surprising that it can be a challenge to focus on what's really important.

It's past time we slow down and ask ourselves, "What are we here for?" God didn't put us here to simply chase after our own wants and desires. He didn't put us here to get distracted by all the worldly flash and chatter. Let's not lose sight as to why we are here. We are here to serve the Lord (Matthew 6:24; Galatians 1:10; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15). No matter how many distractions come our way, let's stay focused on why we are here. Let's remember and echo Joshua's famous words in our own lives, "...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Ladies' Bible Study will resume in Sept.

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.



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Condolenses

Frances, sister of former member here Tony Grana, passed away within the last few days at the age of 98.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Pat Hazlett Let's pray that she finds a place to move into.

Ruth Knepp sends her greetings to everyone. Please keep Ruth in your prayers as she recovers from a stroke. Please see Audrey for more information.

Betty Leistner is dealing with pneumonia on top of other health issues.

Laval Baptiste (age 80, Louella Hopkin's brother) has a growth on his thyroid. A recent biopsy indicates it is not cancerous.

Anthony & Anna Ullrich Both are very ill with congestive heart failure. Former member here, Cyndi Lewis (now in Texas) and her children take care of them daily and have been for the last 20 years. Word was received last Sunday that Anna passed away Saturday night Aug. 03, 2019.

Katie, an acquaintance of Barbara and Audrey, was recently diagnosed with lung and brain cancer. She is currently at Roswell.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Let's pray for the congregation in Fenwick, ONT as they do the same.

Also

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Aug. 18 Men's Business Meeting

Aug. 24 Ladies Devotional 11 AM at the church building. Hosted by Carol Jones.

Sep. 02 Labor Day

Sep. 15 Men's Business Meeting

Sep. 21 Potter Children's Home "Fall Festival" Please see posting.

Sep. 22 **Congregational Meeting.** To nominate men for trusteeship.

Sep. 29 Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Southtowns church of Christ

Sep. 29 *Day of Prayer & Giving For Children* for Potter Children's Home Please see posting.

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Matthew

Sermon Topic Today: Hiding Behind The Mask of Humility

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study - will resume in Sept.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Kings

★ Serving Today

Announcements Ray McArthur

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Michael Rice

Serve Ray McArthur

Serve Doug Flanagan

Serve Richard Wheeler

Clean Trays Joanne Morden

★ **Notice** Change in the order of service.

Starting NEXT Sunday the communion and giving will be done after the sermon.

This is being done so those counting the money don't miss any of the sermon and it will be less disruptive. Thanks

Thank You!

Thanks to those that helped with the preparation for the House to House mailout this past Wednesday.

Thanks to those that helped at camp to make it possible for the children to enjoy the camp experience.

Note from Carol Jones

There will be a Ladies Devotional Saturday Aug. 24th at the church building at 11 AM. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Ladies, if you have a glue gun (or more than one) please bring them with you. Thanks.

Ladies



Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries

Day of Prayer & Giving For Children

We will spend our lesson time on Sunday September 29th talking about serving children.

Additionally we will have a special contribution that day that will be for the Potter Children's Home.

More details to follow when the time gets closer.