

Changing Seasons

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With shorter days and colder temperatures, we are reminded that there is a purpose for every season (Eccl. 3:1-8). Yes, there is a time and a season for every event under heaven. Wisdom's course is found in knowing the season and carrying out its corresponding responsibility.

Following the Flood, one of the promises made to Noah is found in Genesis 8:22, where we read: "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease." The changing seasons provide a time for planting and a time for harvesting what has been planted. There is a time when we eagerly anticipate the coming of spring and a time when we look forward to an occasional white blanket of snow. As each succeeding season gives way to the next, we marvel at the glory and wisdom of God's creative design!

Be assured also that there are seasons of life, each with unique opportunities, which must be grasped while they are present. Children are young but for a season and we need to seize the day and bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Otherwise, a new season will arise and they will be unprepared to meet its challenges. While we have opportunity, we must provide example and instruction to help our children handle the changing seasons of life. The value of a person's life is not measured by material possessions or other such artificial standards, but by the treasures which we have stored up in heaven (Mt. 6:19-21). One of the best gifts we can pass on to the next generation is a positive outlook in facing each new season.

Our last change of season will be when we pass from this life into the next. Although that change is closer for some than others, we never know just when it will come to pass. However, death is not the end, as some suppose. It is a new beginning. Just as the dormancy of winter gives way to the vibrancy of spring, so also there are better things ahead for the child of God! The Bible says, "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Hb. 9:28). The changing season from "life" to "after life" will not be a pleasant transition unless we have made proper preparation. The same author who told us that there is a time for every event under heaven also penned these words: "The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil" (Eccl. 12:13-14).

The changing season remind us that life is headed toward judgment and we will be held accountable for how we have used the opportunities provided with each passing season. May God help us toward a heavenly vision and an eager anticipation of that day when we will live in an unchanging season of endless glory.

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	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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

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Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”

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

Maria Swindlehurst is asking for prayers as she deals with ongoing health issues.

Pat Hazlett has been dealing with bronchitis.

Frank Marsden has been dealing with a kidney stone.

Cyndi Paden Lewis, a former member here, had her usual checkup Dec. 17th with her oncologist. After an X-Ray review the Dr. said there is a small change in the upper left lung but not enough to freak out about yet but she is asking for prayers at this time that the chemo meds will continue to work and that this finding doesn't mean the cancer is getting worse. The Dr. will revisit things again in February. She appreciates our prayers.

Georgia Smith, a neighbor of Maria Swindlehurst, is dealing with breast cancer.

Nick, Bruce Brink's cousin is having a problem dealing with the loss of his father in Sept. Let's pray for God to help him and his family and loved ones. Let's also pray for Bruce to be able to say the right things to help them.

Laura, a friend of Nancy Schul, has undergone a new treatment at Roswell with much improved results and was able to have lung surgery Dec. 11th.

Louise, Anna Brink's sister, is dealing with some health issues.

Ruth Knepp's daughter in law is dealing with a blood clot in her leg.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at **Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries**.

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)*

Jan. 07 Ladie's Bible Class resumes at 10 AM sharp.

Jan. 19 Men's Business Meeting

Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 02 **Potluck** Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.

Weekly Budget \$1,843

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,325

Attendance Last Sunday 42

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Class Matthew

Sermon Topic Today: Simple Strategies For Reflecting Jesus:
Zip It, Nip It, Clip It

Scripture Reading: John 8:1-11

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class will resume Jan 7 @ 10 AM

Wed. PM Bible Class 2nd Kings

★ **Serving Today**

Announcements Mark Dailey

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Bruce Brink

Serve Mark Dailey

Serve Ron Cameron

Serve Zach Hansen

Clean Trays Audrey Dailey

Notice

Starting TODAY

(as has been announced in the bulletin for the last two weeks)
the entrance doors will be locked right after Bible Class begins.

More I Learned From My Child

via House to House / Heart to Heart

- Garbage bags don't make good parachutes.
- Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
- The fire department in San Diego has at least a 5 minute response time.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earth worms dizzy.
- It will however make cats dizzy.
- Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
- Quiet doesn't necessarily mean don't worry.
- A 4 year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a four year old. Duplos will not.
- No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you can't walk on water.
- Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
- A good sense of humor will get you through most problems in life (unfortunately, mostly in retrospect).

