

# He Offered, But They Were Not Willing

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Heaven had so much to offer the Jewish nation. The prophets of God were in its midst and delivered the precious words of the Bible to them (Rom. 3:1) for a thousand years. Even more than this was the fact that God longed to dwell among them, but they rejected Him in His holy temple. Finally, Jesus came and vividly illustrated all that God still had to offer them. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing” (Matt. 23:37)! The picture of distressed chicks finding shelter and warmth under the hen’s wings is what God wanted *so often*, but the Jews “were not willing!” If Israel had listened to the Scriptures they would have known what was found under His wings.

*There is loving kindness found under His wings.* David said, “How precious is Your loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings” (Psalm 36:7). There is no doubt *about the fact* that His loving kindness is infinite. There is no doubt *where it is found*—under His wings. The tragedy is that though He longed to give it, they “were not willing!”

*There is a place of refuge under His wings.* The heading of Psalm 57 shows that it was written when David was hiding in a cave in order to escape from the armies of angry King Saul. His prayer begins, “Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by” (Psalm 57:1). Put yourself in David’s place and sense his dire circumstances. Instead of being distressed, he saw His only hope was to hide himself under the wings of God and find refuge “until these calamities have passed by.” This same place of refuge was *so often* available for Israel but they “were not willing!”

*There is joy found under His wing.* “Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice” (Psalm 63:7). It makes no difference what happens outside His wings, those there can rejoice because of the help found there. The joy was available for Israel, but they “were not willing!”

*There is a place for YOU under His wings.* God’s nature has not changed. What He offered Israel He offers to you—and even more! He *so often* offers the shelter under His wings. Hear His invitation and find His loving kindness, His refuge and His joy. *Make sure YOU are willing!*

## 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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### 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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## 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.*

**Anna Brink** requested prayers for strength as she deals with struggles in her life.

**Linda Stine** fell recently and fractured her pelvis.

**Ruth Knepp** Let's keep her in our prayers as she recuperates.

**David Alcorn** is had tests this past week on his kidneys and stomach.

**Brenda**, Sonny & Linda Stine's daughter, had neck surgery recently and is OK.

**Jenny**, Linda Stine's niece, has been sent to Pittsburgh for cancer treatment.

**Karen Porter**, Linda & Diane's sister, recently had rectal surgery for cancer and there was more cancer than anticipated.

**Karri and son Rowan.** Let's pray for God to lead her to a place that will nurture and care for her and Rowan.

**Rebecca**, Louella Hopkins' daughter, recently had biopsies for tumors in her throat.

Louella Hopkins' former spouse is dealing with cancer and it seems to be getting worse.

**Parrish** (the truck driver that was here Sept. 8) Let's pray he gets a job driving locally instead of long distance so he can be near his children in N.C. His wife **Saida** has an addiction problem so let's pray that she gets help.

**Judy Chapman**, (an acquaintance of Mark Dailey and Carol Jones), let's pray for her as she deals with the unexpected death of her 19 year old son.

**Sterling Randal** (17 month old great grandson of a friend of Diane Mellott). They are running tests. He recently stopped using his left leg. He is in a hospital in Hamilton, ONT.

**Bryan**, Denise Garlitz' son in law, is having health issues. Was scheduled for a CAT scan this past Tuesday. He is also not working at the present time.

**Louise**, Anna Brink's sister, is having hand issues.

**Linda Lewis**, Wayne Carter's cousin in VA, is undergoing chemo.

**Emily Sestack**, Sherry Carter's cousin in DE, may be undergoing chemo again soon.

Let's pray for members affected by job strikes that it will be over soon.

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

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

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

### Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**Oct. 06 Today. Congregational Meeting.** To vote for men for trusteeship.

**Oct. 14** Columbus Day in U.S. / Thanksgiving in Canada

**Oct. 17** Prepare House to House pamphlets for mailout. 10 AM

**Oct. 20** Men's Business Meeting

**Nov. 02** Set clocks back one hour before going to bed.

**Nov. 03 Potluck** Groups 4, 5, & 6 to setup and cleanup.

### Classes and Sermon

Michael Rice will conduct the Adult Bible Class.

Ron Cameron will deliver the sermon.

**Sermon Topic Today:** The Ark Encounter

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 6:5-22

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM

Wed. PM Bible Study - Bruce Brink will conduct the class.



### Serving Today

**Announcements** Ray McArthur

**Song Leader** Charles Bennett

**Direct Communion** Rodney Jones

**Serve** Ray McArthur

**Serve** Doug Flanagan

**Serve** Rick Fees

**Clean Trays** Cora Parson

### Update Your Directory

The *Directory* that needs updating is dated Jan. 20, 2019

The latest change is Michael & Hope Rice. That change also affects the *Phone Tree* for them. Please use one of their Cell #'s for the *Phone Tree*.

Please see posting on the message board.



HOUSE to HOUSE  
HEART to HEART

Another issue of House to House / Heart to Heart has arrived and is ready to be mailed to our neighbors. We will be getting together on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM here at the church building to prepare the brochures for mailing. Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there!



Last Sunday we prayed for and talked about Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries. We also took up a special contribution to help support the work at Potter's. The total taken up was \$2,346.00 (a collection of \$2,046.00 plus \$300.00 from the church budget). Praise God for His gifts and for the giving heart He gives to so many people in the church family!