

# Comfort

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

Our God is the God of all comfort. That is an encouraging thought, especially in times of heartache and loss. God cares and comforts—providing more than a bit of comfort—supplying, instead, all comfort. Where would we be without the Lord?

Comfort derives from two Latin words meaning, “with strength.” The Greek word translated comfort means “to come alongside to help.” Jesus used this word to refer to the Holy Spirit whom Jesus called the “Comforter” or “Helper” (Jn. 14-16). In as much as Jesus promised that the Father would send another Comforter (ἄλλος, another of the same kind, Jn. 14:16), we now enjoy the presence of three Comforters—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Who says that our faith is not a resource of great strength?

If we are willing to look for it, there is always purpose to suffering. Paul spoke of one such purpose when he said that the comfort of the Lord enables us to comfort others who are going through similar circumstances (2 Cor. 1:4). Suffering makes us useful, helpful, and able to comfort others also. It is important to know that someone understands how we feel. Jesus is such a person. He “was tempted in that which He suffered” and “is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted” (Hb. 2:18). Christians, likewise, can be a source of help and comfort to others in times of trial and hardship. Paul says that we are to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Rm. 12:15). What can we do to provide help and comfort? We can care (1 Jn. 4:19). We can remember (Hb. 13:3). We can listen (Jas. 1:19). We can accept. And, we can share (Gal 6:2). God provides comfort, but He often does so through loving relationships in the body of Christ. Is there any greater calling than to be a helper, a comforter?

## 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	
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.*

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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.*

**Michael Rice**, let’s keep him in our prayers as he seeks employment.

**Sonny Stine** had a hemorrhage July 9th and it was cauterized the next day and he was doing OK.

**Gloria Zachery** from the Amherst congregation has been dealing with jaw and back pain.

**Red Crow** Word was received July 6 that he fell while fishing and was taken to Buffalo General for observation.

**Anthony & Anna Ullrich** Both are very ill with congestive heart failure. Former member here, Cyndi Lewis and her children, take care of them daily.

**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.

(Scott Forney, Robert Horrace, Anna Brink)

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

### **Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**Jul. 21** Men’s Business Meeting

**Jul. 27** Ladies Devotional / Picnic at the Carter’s 5 PM (weather permitting, otherwise at the building)

**Jul. 28-Aug. 03** Jr. Camp Agape

**Aug. 04-Aug. 10** Sr. Camp Agape

**Aug. 04** **Potluck** Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup and to make sure the building is secure.

### **Securing the building.**

It’s important to make sure the building is secure when we leave. We of course want to lock the doors but that in itself doesn’t secure the door if it doesn’t shut all the way. Please make sure the locks are locked and the doors are shut completely and then pull on it make sure it is secure, especially the door at the top of the stairs where the elevator is. It doesn’t always close all the way. We need everyone’s help in this matter. Thanks.

## **Classes and Sermon**

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

**Sermon Topic Today:** The Journey to Spiritual Adulthood

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5:1-11

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study - will resume in Sept.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Kings



## **Serving Today**

**Announcements** Wayne Carter

**Song Leader** Rodney Jones


**Direct Communion** Michael Rice

**Serve** Wayne Carter

**Serve** Ron Cameron

**Serve** Rick Fees

**Clean Trays** Cora Parson



**Ladies** Saturday July 27 5 PM  
Ladies Devotional / Picnic at the Carter’s.  
Please bring a lawn chair for yourself.  
*In case of possible bad weather it will be held at the church building. Lawn chair no longer required.*  
Please let Sherry know by next Sunday if you plan to attend.

### **Secrets Revealed**

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Without judgment, the scales of justice could hardly be balanced. While negative consequences often follow sinful behavior, it is also the case that wicked people sometimes appear to prosper while the righteous suffer hardship. But, keep in mind that not all accounts are settled immediately.

David compared the wicked man to a “luxuriant tree in its native soil” (Psalm 37:35). In another place, the psalmist confessed that he had come close to losing his spiritual balance when he observed “the prosperity of the wicked” (Psalm 73:3). But, in both instances, confusion and doubt were swept away when perspective was broadened to include the future (Psalm 37:36; 73:17).

The Bible speaks of future judgment (Hebrews 9:27). Life would make no sense without it. Judgment is about rewarding what is good and punishing what is evil (John 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:10). Without judgment, what difference would it make in the end if we follow after what is good or follow after what is evil?

The judgment of God will be universal and comprehensive. Solomon tells us to “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 good or evil” (Eccl. 12:13-14).

We are tempted to believe that everyone has their secrets and that we can keep our words and actions from those around us. While it may appear to be working for a while, more and more, we are coming to realize that privacy is soon becoming a thing of the past. The secrets we suppress today become public knowledge tomorrow. How much better to live openly before others so that they might see Jesus living within us! This is how light shines in the midst of darkness (Mt. 5:16). There are many who prefer darkness and the false sense of security it provides (Jn. 3:19-21). However, there is coming a day when “God will judge the secrets of men” through the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 2:16). On that day, there is “no creature hidden from His sight, but all things will be open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do” (Hebrews 4:13).