

There is majesty in the name God.
There is personality in the name Jehovah.
There is power in the name Lord.
There is unction in the name Christ.
There is affinity in the name Immanuel.
There is intercession in the name Mediator.
There is help in the name Advocate.
But there is salvation in none other,
None under heaven given among men,
Apart from the name Jesus.

An Alexander may build an empire.
A Napoleon may change the nations of the world.
A Newton may bring about an intellectual revolution.
An Edison may create a new world for science.
A Wyatt may usher in a new era of industry.
But there is only one who can touch and transform the human heart.
And that one is Jesus.

Unknown



You Are To Name Him Jesus

"And she will have a Son, and you shall name him Jesus (meaning 'Saviour'), for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

welcome!

We're glad you're here today. We're a group of people learning what it means to be followers of Jesus. This is a place where **everyone is welcome, nobody's perfect, and** anything is possible. We welcome and encourage you to share your life with us as we journey in faith together.

What can you expect on a Sunday morning? Our worship services aim to be about 70 minutes long, with a mix of praise singing & prayer, and a time of inspiration and learning through the teaching that explores scripture, and issues of everyday life.

We believe that by working together, sharing our faith and our lives, we can accomplish much more than we could **individually. With God's help and the power of** the Holy Spirit, we believe we can transform our community and our world as the hands and feet of Jesus on earth.

If you're ready for us to get to know you, please fill out a "Welcome" card from the pew and bring it to the Connection Point in the foyer after the service. We hope you too will find a place of belonging here, and share your life and faith journey with us.

happenings

Communion Sunday Collection for the Crisis Care Fund | Today we invite you to contribute to our Crisis Care Fund - a vital resource used with prayerful discernment by your ministry team. It allows us to provide care and hope for those in our wider community as **they cope with some of life's harshest realities.** Our prayer is for a day when such a fund will have no use...and we pray, until that day arrives, you will continue to contribute generously.

New to our church? We would like to get to know you | We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card which is in the pews. Please leave it in the box marked Connect/Reconnect at the exits at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Staff Notes | Rev. Orville James will be away November 27 to December 11. Rev. Katie Southon is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

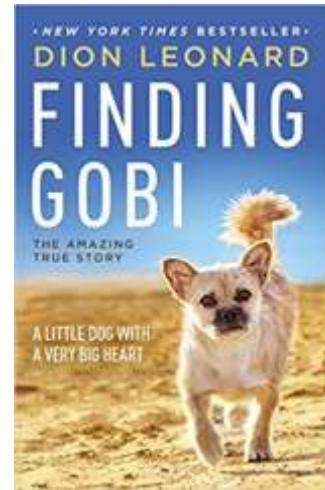
One Service @ 10am on these dates:
Next Sunday December 10th, (GraceLand will be involved in the service by participating in the celebration of Advent and Christmas).
Sunday December 24
Sunday December 31

Christmas Hours | The church will be closed on the following dates:
Monday December 25
Tuesday December 26
Monday January 1st

happenings cont.

Mitten Tree | is outside the office. We welcome any donations of mittens/gloves, hats and socks.

Music Scholarship | **If you're involved** in any music program at Wellington Square, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Contact the office for an application form or you can also find the application at www.wsquare.ca under **"Get Connected" & the Music Ministry** page. Deadline for submission is today, Sunday December 3.



Finding Gobi

An Amazing True Story by Dion Leonard
Finding Gobi is the miraculous story of how a small stray dog finds her way into the heart of Dion Leonard, an ultramarathon runner competing in China. For some strange reason the dog chooses to run with Dion through the Gobi desert and Tian Shan Mountains. Because of her determination he found his heart undergoing a change. In past races he was single minded and would not have had any inclination to share his rations or carry a dog. He decided he must take her back home to the UK but it was not an easy feat. Gobi went missing but with the help of strangers and people around the world she was found. This is a heartwarming story.

CHRISTMAS JOY, 2017



HOME AND COMMUNITY BUILDING IN MEXICO
DOT GOW'S THERAPY DOLLS
GROWING CROPS FOR FOOD GRAINS
LIFE CHANGING IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MALAWI
SUPPORTING ORPHANS IN SIERRA LEONE
MEALS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY

PLEASE JOIN US IN ST. PAUL'S HALL

Christmas Bells

HANDBELL CONCERT



Sunday December 10 • 2:00pm

Wellington Square United Church

2121 Caroline St. Burlington

Christmas Favourites • Sing Along • Refreshments

(there will be a freewill offering to support the Hand Bell Choir)



Celebrating
THE BIRTH OF
Christ

Join us for Worship

December 3

9 and 11am Communion Services

December 10th at 10am and

2pm for the Handbell Concert

December 17th at 9 and 11am and

at 4pm for Lessons and Carols

December 24th at 10am

December 31st at 10am

Christmas Eve Services

*4:30pm Fun, Interactive service for kids and
their families*

6:00pm Worship with the Band

8:00pm Worship with the Sanctuary Choir

10:00pm Candlelight and Communion



ALL YOUTH

Christmas Eve Service Prep & Practice & Pizza (Grades 7-12) Tues Dec 5, 5-7pm
Our 4:30pm Christmas Service is a fantastic tradition here at the Square and although we will still gather the afternoon of Dec 24 to put it all together we wanted to come together extra early this year on Tues Dec 5th to share the vision for the service, begin rehearsing, **preparing and have a great time doing it! We'll** also be ordering pizza to enjoy together and **we're asking those who would like to share in** this to contribute \$2 for the food.

Edge Christmas Party (High School)

Wed Nov 7, 6:30-9:30pm

Come on out to the Hickerson House at 1368 Winterberry Drive for our annual Edge Christmas Party!! We will have games food and fun all **happening! We'll be doing a snack/hors d'oeuvre** potluck so please bring an offering of food to **contribute and if you'd like participate in our** Yankee Swap gift exchange bring a wrapped but unmarked \$5 gift. If finances are an issue please contact Adam privately to find out about assistance as money will never stand in the way of our events!

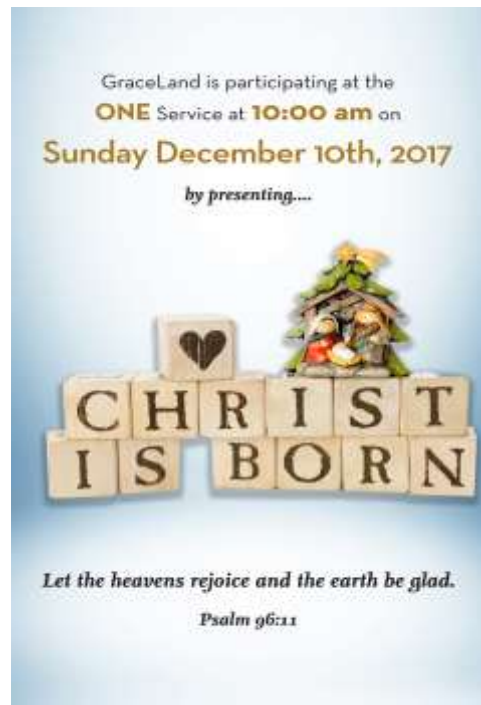
Adam Cresswell our Interim Youth Ministry Director holds for office hours by appointment Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him an e-mail if you'd like to meet: acresswell@wsquare.ca



GraceLand - a place full of God's grace...where children learn the love of Jesus and how to shine His light everyday. Sundays at 9am for Nursery to Gr. 6

Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. 2017/18 forms have been mailed to each family to complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area.

GraceLand Advent Activity Bags are available for pickup. They include an Advent calendar, activities to do each day, glue stick and candy cane during the season of Advent. If you have not received a bag, please ask **your child's GraceLand Leader for one.**





"Better Together"

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"

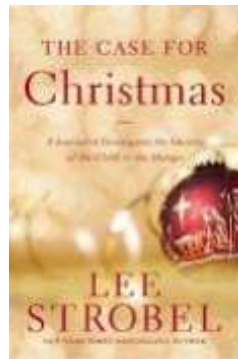
Matthew 18:20

Vision | to have every person in a healthy small group.

Mission | To live out the GREAT COMMANDMENT (Matt. 22: 37-39) and the GREAT COMMISSION (Matt. 28: 19-20).

NOW AVAILABLE: "THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS" by

Lee Strobel. A wonderful little book that investigates the facts behind Luke 2:8-18. Copies available at the CONNECTION TABLE. If able, please contribute a loonie or a toonie to help cover the cost.



NEW TO OUR CHURCH: We encourage you to fill out our WELCOME CARD that is in the pews. Please leave it in the CONNECT/ RECONNECT box located at each entrance to our sanctuary or bring it to our CONNECTION POINT table after worship service. As a THANK-YOU, we would like you to receive the little book by Andy Stanley "How Good is Good Enough?"

...Jesus Calling devotional is now available again at the Connection Point Table (\$11).

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY: "ADVENT CONSPIRACY" – "CAN CHRISTMAS CHANGE THE WORLD?" A DVD study that shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple, but powerful, countercultural concepts.

WHEN: Tuesdays, December 5 & 12th @ 2-3:30pm in the Pritchard Room

Team Facilitators:

Joy Magwood & Ana Walber

OR

Tuesdays, December 5 & 12th @ 7-8:30pm in the Pritchard Room

Team Facilitators: Dee Glover, Gary & Alison Brown. Sign up at the Connection Point Table or Contact jmagwood@wsquare.ca or garybrown@wsquare.ca.

If you wish to have a book to follow along with this DVD study, there are a limited number available for \$15.



Joyful Spirits: Our CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will be Thursday, December 14th at 6pm in the PRITCHARD ROOM. POTLUCK: Please bring your favourite dish.

THURSDAY AT 7: *New Series* Advent Conspiracy - "Can Christmas Still Change The World". Book and DVD study starting Nov 30th. Please contact Bruce for more information. bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

GROUP LEADERS: If you would like to use the SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT TOOL for members of your group, copies are available at the CONNECTION POINT or please see Joy.

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular check-ups....Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it." 2 Corinthians 13:5 (The Message)



When we take the time to get to know one another on a more intimate level, relationships grow stronger and people feel supported and cared for. When we listen to the stories we are able to feel greater empathy which then changes how we see that person. With closer relationships, friends are able to better support one another, including outside of Friday evening. It is amazing to hear about folks generously passing on tickets to a game or show, purchasing a pair of new winter boots for a man without a home, and providing some extra support to families at Christmas. Not only can we impact lives by generously giving of our time and resources, but the biggest growth comes when our hearts begins to change. Thank you to the Wellington Square Alpha youth group that helped to prepare, serve and clean up from our meal. They were also able to **put together Santa's goodie bags and decorate the Christmas trees.**

Most Needed Items:

***\$5 Tim's gift cards**

*hotel sized shampoo, body wash, etc.

*holiday candy for Christmas tables

***snacks for children's lunch bags**

*yogurt and sour cream sized containers for take home food

*salad bar toppings (beets, olives, pickles..)

*peanut free store made desserts

*gently used, clean winter coats

*gently used winter boots, hats & gloves

*tool kits for new families (hammer, screw drivers, measuring tape, etc.)

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



CHRISTMAS JOY

As you may have noticed, we have changed our name and our logo. We have moved from "Outreach" to "Reaching Out" because "Reaching Out" seems to be a more active way to describe what we are trying to accomplish, as we continually seek ways to make a difference. Today and next Sunday December **10th, we invite you to visit us in St. Paul's Hall** to learn more about our various initiatives, both here and in other countries. We have had a busy and successful year and we encourage you to pick up a newsletter to read about our recent mission trip to Mexico, the irrigation project in Malawi, sponsorship of orphans in Sierra Leone, our contributions to alleviating hunger through Canadian Food Grains Bank and the long standing Dot Gow group who continue to sew therapy dolls for children in the hospital. Your generosity makes these missions possible; hope **to see you in St. Paul's Hall today and next Sunday December 10th**, to see the progress that is being made and how your ongoing support makes such a difference in the lives of so many people.

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