

Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity.

*Simone Weil*

Money is one venue for generosity. Kindness is an even more valuable currency.

*Alan Cohen*

**That's what I consider true generosity. You give your all and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing.**

*Simone de Beauvoir*

The world asks, "What does a man own?"  
Christ asks: "How does he use it?"

*Andrew Murray*

*(continued on back page)*



Five Habits for Living Well:

**LIVING GENEROUSLY**

# 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, **no-body'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 "Connect" 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

New to our church? We would like to get to know you | Please fill out a connection card in the pews and bring it to the Connection Point Table in the foyer,

Today at 9 am we celebrate the Baptism and Blessing of Georgia Mary-Alice Armstrong, child of Victor Armstrong and Jennifer George.

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2017 are now available for pickup in the office. *Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2016 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

Fellowship Lunches 2017:

February 19th	March 19th
April 23rd	May 28th
October 15th	November 19th

Nut-Free Scent-Free | Please note that at Wellington Square we do our best to be a nut-free and scent-free safe space for everyone. Thank you for your contributions to this effort.

Circle of Friends | meets at noon hour on Wednesdays at Burlington Baptist Church. Socially-isolated older adults meet with volunteers for a hot meal, get to know other older adults, have some fun and receive information about our community. Volunteers are needed to drive these folks to the meetings. Please call Mae Radford at 905 333-4065 or email at [maeradford@gmail.com](mailto:maeradford@gmail.com)

## happenings cont.

Annual General Meeting | Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday February 22nd. Coffee at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm.

Community Garden Initiative |  
**A 'community garden' is a powerful tool to help** to build our families and neighbourhoods. Community gardens have ecological, social, nutritional and economic benefits. For us at Wellington Square, a garden would improve community relationships and community building. Those who do not have access to a growing space of their own could benefit from enjoying fresh food that they plant and tend to themselves. Food knowledge would increase as people gain an understanding of growing, harvesting and cooking. Those who participate in its care would have an increase in their physical activity level and improved mental health, as they work towards a goal and take pride in the end results. A community garden at Wellington Square would be a valuable place and space for people to get to know one another and build a sense of community and belonging.

We are looking for folks interested in the planning, implementing or care for a Community Garden here at Wellington Square. We would also benefit from connections for purchasing materials for a garden.

For more information please contact:  
llunski@wsquare.ca



What fun it is to look back and see pictures of important friendships, holiday celebrations and other special memories. So blessed to have amazing photographers who capture the spirit of Friday Night Community every week. Friends always ask for and love to get a printed copy to bring home, or to see themselves up on the screen in the lobby. This is one way to remember friends who care and a community of support, when going through life's challenges.

Most needed items:

**\*snacks for children's lunches**

- \*salad bar toppings
- \*lemonade & ice tea crystals
- \*larger sizes of adult winter boots
- \*twin, double, queen duvet/sheets (newer)
- \*gently used/newer pull out couch
- \*gently used book cases (tall or short)
- \*twin bed frame for 8 year old girl
- \*desk (gently used) for 14 year old girl
- \*desk light
- \*boys clothes 2t-5, boots 11, coat size 10
- \*adult winter coats sizes 3x & 4x
- \*men's underwear and long underwear sizes XL and larger**
- \*men's track pants size 3xl-5xl**
- \*womens' boots size 6,8, men's size 10,11**
- \*men's running shoes size 10**

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca

## Board Nominee Bios

Greg Buxton-Forman



Shelley and I are excited to have found our church family and fellowship at Wellington Square. I was first introduced to Wellington Square by Peter and Rene Kraus (my amazing in-laws) in 2009 when I was still living in Toronto. In August 2012, Shelley and I were blessed to have Katie marry us. Two years ago we moved to Burlington, allowing us to continue our faith journey and invest in the amazing community at Wellington Square. Since joining, we have been fortunate to be involved in **some of the smalls groups, including the "Guardrails" series, "Staying in Love" series and the current Alpha course.** We are also a part of the incredible Graceland team, where I help with the Grade 4 and Grade 5 Class and Shelley helps with the Grade 1 and Grade 2 Class. The Graceland leaders and children have truly enriched our lives.

Originally from South Africa, my family and I immigrated and settled in Oakville in 1996 braving the freezing Canadian winters. I obtained my Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University followed by my Chartered Accountant designation while working at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in Toronto. I recently returned to PwC as a Senior Manager in the Audit and Assurance practice in Oakville after a few years working in industry at various private and public companies. I am passionate about all sports including tennis, rugby, golf, hockey (Leafs, not Red Wings), basketball and ultimate frisbee.

It would be an honour to serve as a member of the Board and I am looking forward to becoming more involved in the Wellington Square family!

Tony Wilson

Wellington Square became our church home in August 1999, when it was recommended to us by difference folks in London ON as "the place to check out" when we relocated. We vividly remember the reception received that first Sunday and didn't bother looking anywhere else. Our two sons fell in love with the place instantly and enjoyed active participation in the Youth Group during the early 2000's. My wife Janet, became active with Footsteps Library in 2001 and is still active as a volunteer in that ministry today. I retired 4 years ago after an enjoyable 25 year career in Student Transportation, 18 of those years in the lead Finance role, the last 7 in a VP-Operations role. Today I stay active in various volunteer roles driving one day a week for the Red Cross Meals on Wheels program and staying close to my Finance roots as Treasurer for both Ministry in Motion and Cruxifusion, the latter a registered charity whose focus is to support, inspire, and connect Christ-centered leaders and congregations in the United Church of Canada. I have also been active within Wellington Square most of the 16 years in various roles serving on the Stewardship Team from 2004 to 2014. I've led small groups in Financial Peace University and the CAP Money course for 6+ years. I have also volunteered behind the scenes providing the Board and Finance Team with an analysis of Wellington Square givings patterns and trends for 7 years now and will continue to do so in the future. I am blessed to be considered a candidate for service on the Wellington Square Board and will serve to the best of my ability in whatever fashion God and the Board chooses to use me.





GraceLand provides a FUN, SAFE and FRIENDLY place where we learn about God's love and how to shine His light every-day. **Nursery to Grade 6. Sunday's at 9am.**

January to February Themes:  
We are teaching children about the Ten Commandments God gave to His people to obey and follow. Unpacking these scripture commandments in relevant ways helps children understand how to live a life of freedom, love and safe keeping.

Creative Art Ministries:  
Dancers, choir etc. will start up in February, 10:30 - 11 am. For more details contact Heather Mackey.



## Confirmation

We will be providing an opportunity for our young people to make a profession of faith on June 4th. Leading up to this day we will meet together to explore and enrich our faith in **preparation for this important milestone. We'd** love to have the names of any young people (Grade 7 and up) considering Confirmation this year.

## An Opportunity for Young Adults

**I'm looking to gather a group of young adults** (late high school to mid-twenties) to work through a new small group curriculum on vocational discernment – faithfully figuring out the direction for our lives. This group will explore resources for making big life decisions (career, relationships, and more). Please contact me for more information.

## Website and Facebook

Please visit the youth ministry page on our website ([www.wsquare.ca/youth](http://www.wsquare.ca/youth)) to see updates **about what's happening for young people** (Grades 7 - 12). You will also find links there to join our Facebook groups where we post reminders for upcoming events.

If you have any questions, or would just like to **connect, please contact me. I'd love to hear** from you!

Spence

# Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership  
with:

*Friday* night  
COMMUNITY

**Friday February 3, 2017**  
**Friday Night Speakers Series**

*Anne Swift*

*Alzheimer Society*

*Alzheimer Society presents information on support programs for  
both consumers and support partners / caregivers and  
description of Alzheimer and dementia disorders.*

**FRIDAY February 3, 2017**

**PRITCHARD ROOM, WELLINGTON SQ. UNITED CHURCH  
2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON**

**Speaker at 7PM to 8:30PM**

**Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome**

*Sponsored by:*

*Friday* night  
COMMUNITY



**JOSEPH BRANT  
HOSPITAL**  
Mental Health Consumer  
Advisory Committee



Footsteps Library



Things I Wish I'd Known Before We  
Became Parents  
by Gary Chapman

Gary Chapman has helped millions prepare for marriage. Now let him prepare you for kids. In this book, Gary shares what he wishes he and his wife had known before having kids. For example: children affect your time, your money, and your marriage--and that's just the beginning. With his trademark warmth, he offers practical advice on everything from potty training to the importance of apologizing to your child to keeping your marriage strong....all the while celebrating the great joy that children bring.





### "Making Rows into Circles"

*For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"*

Matthew 18:20

Vision | to grow a prosperous, vibrant ministry together that glorifies God and equips His people to live out the great commandment and the great commission.

Mission | to create a loving, kind atmosphere **where God's people are cared for** and the marks of discipleship are lived out.

Dot Gow | meets every Thursday, 9:30am-2pm in the Pritchard Room. Newcomers are most welcome!

Monday Men | Lunch and discussion on topics that influence Christianity. Mondays 12noon-1:30@WS Contact: Ross Patterson rosspat@wsquare.ca

Kettles on Tea | Please join us Monday Feb. 13 from 1:30-3:00pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome.

Joyful Spirits | Our next gathering is Thurs. February 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Pritchard Room. Please be prepared to discuss Session **#4 of Andy Stanley's "Follow"**.

Contact: Joy Magwood  
jmagwood@wsquare.ca

Thursday at Seven | *New Series*, Book Study - *Is This The End?* by Dr. David Jeremiah. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

Lenten Study | **"THE BAD BOYS OF EASTER"** **"In the days and weeks preceding** the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, three men found their way into the story. Each refused to abandon his quest for control and surrender to the Savior of the world. In this 3-part series, Andy Stanley uncovers the stories and how **you fit in."** **This will** be a three week study on Tuesdays offered both evening & in the afternoon. Start date: March 21st. Watch bulletin for sign up details.



### SAVE the DATES:

(Details to follow at a later date)

MEET & GREET Monday, May 1st @ 7pm in the Pritchard Room

DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ Saturday, May 6th @ 10am - noon in the Pritchard Room

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

Small Groups | If you would like to start a small group or have an idea for a small group, please contact Joy. jmagwood@wsquare.ca

For a complete listing of small groups this winter, see the brochure in the foyer or go to [www.wsquare.ca](http://www.wsquare.ca)





Wellington Square United Church  
Presents:

## A Mind-Meld Trivia Night!

Help us raise money for our African  
Outreach Programs.

Date: Saturday, February 4th, 6:30  
p.m.

Teams of Six  
Bring you own Snacks

Tickets: \$20 each or \$100 per Team,  
available at the Church Office

Door Prizes, Team and Individual  
Prizes!

For more information contact:  
Dee Glover  
kdeeglover@bell.net or  
(905) 639-3623



### Malawi Mission

Welcome back to Helen and Paul Jones of Emmanuel International, in Malawi. The Jones have faithfully led the E.I, Malawi organization for 30 years.

EI Malawi is built on the Biblical command to care for the least of the least. They are dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people through their programs and sustainable solutions that provide clean water, empower communities, and train church leaders, endeavoring to change lives, for now and eternity.

EI Malawi has grown from a handful of people passionate to serve God to well over 150 national staff from various professional backgrounds - agriculture, administration, community nutrition, education, finance, public health, and theology. Together they work to serve God and the communities in various Relief and Development Projects and Church Link Programs.

Since 2006, Wellington Square has partnered with E.I. in various ways including prayerful and financial support for a number of projects: clean water, irrigation, food relief, seeds, fertilizer, church registration, Bibles, mosquito nets, Village Savings and Loans. EI also facilitates our donations to our other Malawian partners, **PS Moses 'Word of Grace Church' and Prison Fellowship.**

During 4 of 5 missions the teams have visited with the Jones, met EI staff, visited communities and projects learning from and encouraging each other.  
So Welcome, and *Zikomo Kwambiri* (Thank you very much) Helen and Paul.

905-634-1849

office@wsquare.ca    www.wsquare.ca

2121 Caroline St, Burlington ON L7R 1L7

Office Hours: Mon to Wed 9am-4pm,  
Thurs 10am-3pm, Fri 10am-2pm



Children/Family Ministry (GraceLand)

Heather Mackey (ext. 21)

*hmackey@wsquare.ca*

Youth Ministry

Spencer Edwards (ext. 11)

*sedwards@wsquare.ca*

Adult Faith Ministry

Joy Magwood (ext. 23)

*jmagwood@wsquare.ca*

Friday Night Community Coordinator

Lisa Lunski (ext. 0) *llunski@wsquare.ca*

Music Ministry at 11am

Juanita Maldonado (ext. 20)

*jmaldonado@wsquare.ca*

Administration

Catherine Wagg (ext. 15)

*cwagg@wsquare.ca*

Jennifer Erbiceanu (ext.10)

*office@wsquare.ca*

Outreach Missions Coordinator

Karen Guyatt (ext. 0) *kguyatt@wsquare.ca*

Finance

Karen Dobson (ext. 16) in Wednesdays

*treasurer@wsquare.ca*

Custodian Team

Randy Taylor (ext. 12) / Raul Gutierrez

Ministerial Team

Rev. Dr. Orville James (ext. 19)

*ojames@wsquare.ca*

Rev. Katie Southon (ext. 14)

*ksouthon@wsquare.ca*

Rev. Tom Chire (*Voluntary*)

(continued from front page)

Next Week...

Feb 5th The Most Important  
Commandment of All