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*I'VE BEEN THINKING...*

... with anticipation and expectancy, about what's coming in the weeks ahead. The month of April has some of the best services planned that I have seen in years! What am I talking about?

April 2<sup>nd</sup> — guest preacher, Tony Campolo, is known as one of the most insightful and dynamic speakers in the English speaking world. He served for 10 years as Professor of Sociology on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. Tony has appeared on television programs including The Colbert Report, Nightline, Crossfire, The Charlie Rose Show, CNN News and MSNBC News.

April 9<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) worship will include music and drama from **'Jesus Christ Superstar'**, presented by a cast of Wellington Square's diverse & gifted musicians, as well as the singer\actor Frederick Bruce Owens, who played High-Priest Caiaphas in the 2000 Hollywood movie "J.C Superstar".

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## Wind Blown Believing

*"Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

John 3:7&8 (NRSV)

# 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 "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, or hand it to one of the greeters.

New Members | are being received on March 19th at both 9am and 11am services. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office, Orville or Katie.

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Two (2) Positions available at WSUC:



*Coordinator of Traditional  
Music Ministry*

*Coordinator of Contemporary  
Music Ministry*

Wellington Square United Church is currently seeking two (2) innovative, dynamic, people who can help draw people near to God and into the experience of praising God through music. While working in a team oriented church organization, the focal point of these ministries will be the traditional and contemporary components of our worshipping style that are consistent with the mission, vision and values of the Church. These part-time positions (12 hours weekly) begin as early as May 1, 2017. For more specifics about these job opportunities and our congregation, please refer to [www.wsquare.ca](http://www.wsquare.ca). Applications, including cover letter and resume will be accepted at [wsquareuc@gmail.com](mailto:wsquareuc@gmail.com) until Monday April 3, 2017.

## happenings cont.

PROPERTY | SAVE THE DATE APRIL 29TH  
Please come join the property team on Saturday morning April 29 to give the lawn a little TLC. We need people to help with dethatching, aerating, fertilizing, tree cutting, pruning, sod repair and gardening. Equipment needed include backpack blowers, fertilizer spreader and utility trailers.

Maintaining our church property is an important way to demonstrate that we also care about the people and activities that take place inside our building. Our property is often the first thing newcomers see when they visit us.

When we have a tidy, well-maintained yard, we show love for our church home.

For more information, please contact Alvin Kiers at [property@wsquare.ca](mailto:property@wsquare.ca) if you can give your time or lend your equipment.

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.

Observer Magazine | Please note that the cost of the Observer subscription is \$25 per year. If you wish to renew your subscription or start a new one, you can pay for it by using the grey Observer envelope included in your box of offering envelopes, or by using a blue pew envelope and writing Observer on the envelope with your contact information by Sunday April 16th.

The Chapel | is open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm and Sunday morning. We encourage and welcome you to take time for prayer and reflection in the Chapel this holy season.



This past Friday over 40 friends came through our doors to hear the presentation on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which was offered in collaboration with the Joseph Brant Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee. Information included an awareness and understanding of PTSD, as well as approaches to attending to people with traumatic experiences. This is a complex issue that affects people in different ways, and just as with other topics of mental health, when we have a greater understanding we are better able to support and care for others.

***"Your illness does not define you. Your strength and courage does."***

Most needed items:

- \*snacks for children's lunches
- \*salad bar toppings (pickles, beets, olives...)
- \*craft supplies for children's area
- \*empty yogurt & sour cream containers
- \*salad bar toppings
- \*twin, double, queen duvet/sheets (newer)
- \*vacuum (gently used)
- \*gently used/newer pull out couch
- \*double bed & mattress (gently used)
- \*boys clothes 2t-5, men's boots 11 and up
- \*children's rain boots (gently used)
- \*men's jeans size 36-42
- \*pull-ups for children size 5/6
- \*iced tea and lemonade crystals

For information contact: [fnc@wsquare.ca](mailto:fnc@wsquare.ca)

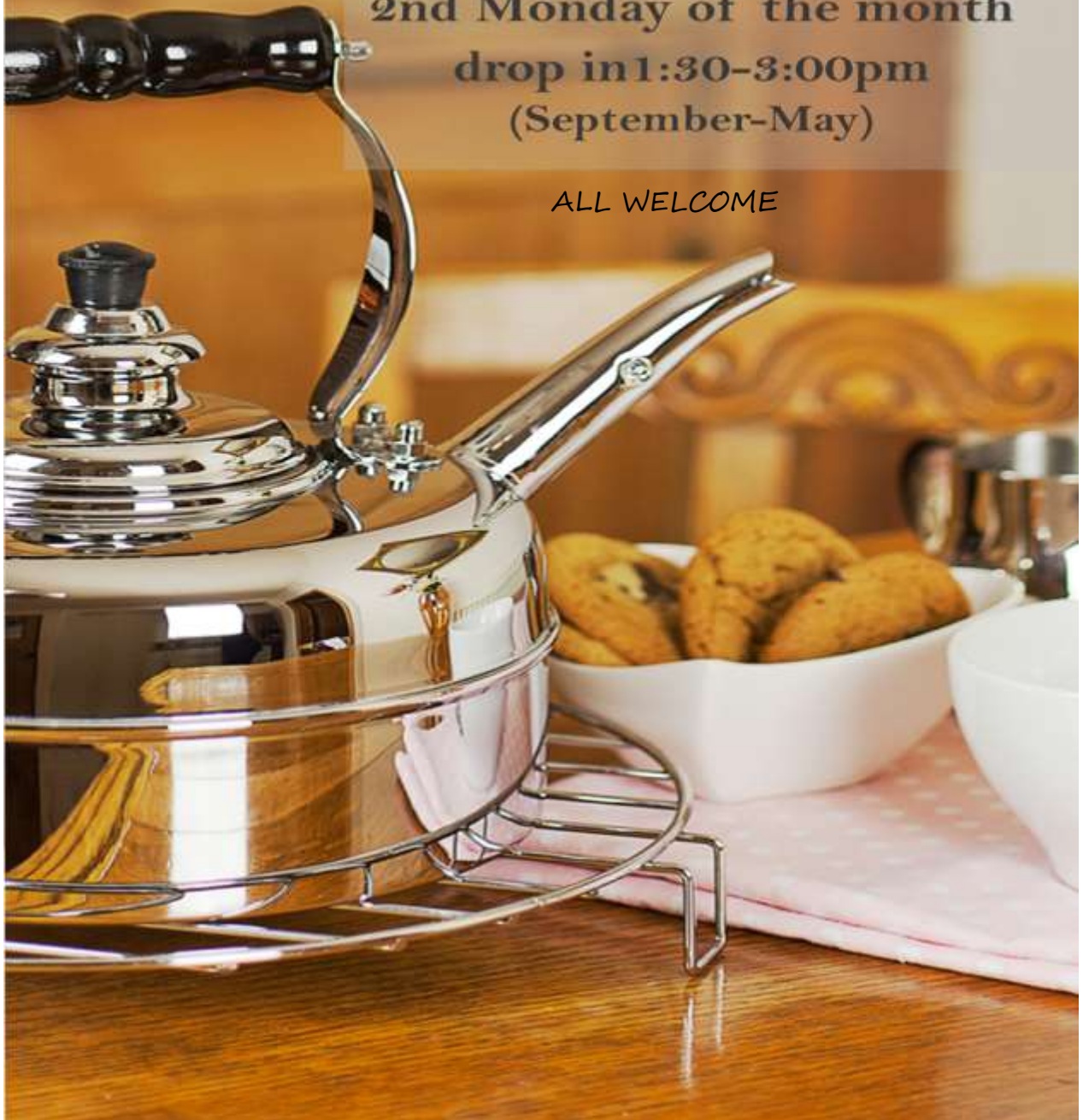
# KETTLE'S ON

2nd Monday of the month

drop in 1:30-3:00pm

(September-May)

*ALL WELCOME*





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.**

Sign-in/out procedures are important for us to follow to ensure safety for all children and leaders. Pager systems are available to provide extra comfort and ease for families.

March Themes:

We will have fun engaging, involving and **challenging kids with our lesson series 'The Miracles of Jesus,'** feeding the 5,000, Jesus heals a deaf and mute man and the miraculous catch of fish.

Family Ministry:

Lent is a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice, a time for the entire family to be more attentive to the words of Jesus and to each other. It is a time of rebirth and renewal. It is a 40-day journey with Jesus. Lent means doing something as well as giving up something.

Make a Prayer Chain - List 40 intentions or people on 40 slips of paper. Link them together into a chain. Rip one off each morning of Lent and pray for that need.

Faith at Home Event: How to read the Bible - Sunday, March 26 @ 9am. For **Grade 2's and their parents. Stay** tuned for more details.



Hi Edge/Rockpile youth,

Please keep Spencer in your prayers. Spence will be in hospital for several weeks. We pray asking God to download His healing power and strength as well as patience for a complete recovery.

What's happening for our youth?

This past Friday about 30 youth gathered for a Mandarin lunch feast!!

Mark your calendars:

**Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park** - Sat., March 18, 9-11 pm (\$20)

**Games Night at the Square** - Wed., March 22, 7-9:00

**Bowling at Roseland followed by Pizza at the Square** - Sunday, March 26, 10:30 am-1:00 pm

Bring a friend or two and parents are welcome to attend. There will be parent support chaperones with police checks at each of the upcoming events to supervise.

Whether this is your first time or you have been around for a while, we look forward to sharing some fun and connecting in with amazing youth.

Check your emails and group facebook page for further details

# SMALL groups

**"Making Rows into Circles"**

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

Matthew 18:20

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: We are offering this study Tuesdays, March 21, 28th & April 4th at 2pm or 7pm in the Pritchard Room. Sign up at the Connection Point Table. Jeff Weir, Rob DeWitte, Bruce Magwood - facilitators for 7pm. Joy Magwood - facilitator for 2pm.**

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - **"AT THE CROSSROADS"** is now available at the Connection Point. If able, please donate at loonie or toonie to help **cover the cost.** "Lent is the perfect season to consider the critical crossroads of life - losses, transitions, choices, uncertainties and disappointments - those times when faith and life intersect."

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)

THANK YOU!! to all who attended our Connection Team meeting last Sunday. For those who were unable to attend, please pick

up your handouts at the Connection Table this week.

Discipleship Café: Saturday April 29  
Time: 10am-noon (**Marg's marvelous muffins** & coffee being served at 9:45am)

Topic: EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AT EVERY LEVEL with T.D. Jakes

- how to have leadership excellence at every level
- the change begins with me
- the three moves of MOSES

Sign up at the CONNECTION POINT TABLE

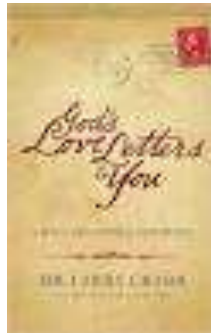
SAVE the DATE: MEET & GREET Monday, May 1st @ 7pm in the Pritchard Room (Details to follow at a later date)

JOYFUL SPIRITS - This small group meets Thursday, March 16th at 7 pm in the Pritchard Room. Discussion & DVD will be on Session 5 of **"FOLLOW"** by Andy Stanley - **"THE FINE PRINT"**. Contact: [jmagwood@wsquare.ca](mailto:jmagwood@wsquare.ca)

Kettles on Tea | Please join us on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome.

**Saturday Men's Breakfast** | Saturday Mar. 25, 8:30-10:30am. Come join us for a great breakfast and fellowship. Dee Glover will be sharing some amazing stories and experiences in short term missions, followed by open **discussion. Hosted at the Brown's (604 Woodview Rd. Burlington).** Sign up at the Connection Point table or contact Gary Brown at [gbrown@wsquare.ca](mailto:gbrown@wsquare.ca)

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



God's love letters to you: a 40-day devotional experience  
By Dr. Larry Crabb

The greatest love letters of all time did not come from the pen of a playwright or the mouth of a poet. They weren't formed on warped sheets of music or with the quills of Romantics. These letters come from the Word of the Almighty God. This devotional experience offers the chance to completely change the way you think about love.



Fire Briquettes: an Alternative to Deforestation in Malawi

Fran Gray's nephew Alex stayed on for the month of November in Malawi when the mission team returned. He lived with Rodrick Zalimba's family at the Prison Fellowship Halfway

House campus in Balaka. Rodrick is the Exec Dir and will be at WS in early June.

Together they were investigating some income generating opportunities as well as ideas to make life easier for Malawians so when they learned about this machine they made some alterations to the design (a lever instead of a twist handle to eliminate the water from the materials hence reducing the drying time) and got a local man to make one for the Halfway House.

Here is further info from Alex regarding this invention.

"Fire briquettes are a sustainable alternative to wood and charcoal burning for cooking. Currently the power situation is so desperate in Malawi, that for everyone including larger established restaurants and organizations, wood burning is the most common means of cooking. As a result deforestation is rapidly increasing. Fire briquettes use local recycled materials, such as saw dust, waste paper, and dried water hyacinth to make briquettes which are easier to carry and use than fire wood. We hope that the production of fire briquette machines will help curb deforestation by beginning a consumer trend away from fire wood and towards recycled materials."

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April 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Special Holy Week events including inter-church Breakfast, Thursday Communion, and Good Friday services, with Burlington Baptist and Port Nelson United.

April 16<sup>th</sup> (Easter) including a Sunrise service with PineLand Baptist and The Salvation Army (at Spencer Smith Park), followed by our Resurrection Celebration worship services at Wellington Square.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Part Two of the Resurrection Celebration

April 30<sup>th</sup> Wellington Squares 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with guest preacher, Rev Greg Braun, from London, Ontario, and the *GraceLand Dancers!*

I understand that every week we have opportunity to experience God, deepen our faith, build our community. Yet I have to say, for me, this might be the most impactful month of our church year. The Lord Be with Us in all these great events ahead.

*ORVILLE*