

Thoughts on 'sola scriptura'

"For among the things that are plainly laid down in Scripture are to be found all matters that concern faith and the manner of life."

– Augustine

"a simple layman armed with Scripture is greater than the mightiest pope without it"

Martin Luther

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.

Martin Luther, 1519

*"Comfort yourself with the Word of God, the pre-**eminent consolation**."... **"Nothing helps more powerfully against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts than occupying oneself with God's Word, having conversations about it, and contemplating it."***

Martin Luther

The Anglican and the Methodist Church, uphold the doctrine of *prima scriptura*, (a variation of '**sola scriptura**') with Sacred Scripture being illumined by tradition, reason, and in Methodism, experience as well.



For the Bible Tells Me So
('sola scriptura': The Reformation's Return to Scripture)

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..."

II Timothy 3:16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12 (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 "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

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.

New Members | Have you been around Wellington Square for a while now and feeling comfortable enough to **belong? We'd love you** to officially join this congregation on Sunday, November 26th. A welcome and orientation session will be led by Joy, Katie and Orville on Monday November 20th from 7–8:30pm for anyone previously baptised and confirmed in any Christian church. Please let us know by contacting the church office at (905)634-1849 or office@wsquare.ca

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS | Order forms for Christmas flowers will be available in the foyer this Sunday. These flowers make excellent hostess gifts or thank you gifts to teachers and coaches. Maybe you want to say thank you to a neighbor who has looked in on you this past year. Perhaps you just want to add some Christmas colour to your décor. Regardless of the reason, know that all profits from sales support our various outreach projects. All orders must be in to the Church office by November 16th. Pickup is on Sun, December 3rd.



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Baptism | The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on Sunday November 19. For information, please contact the church office.

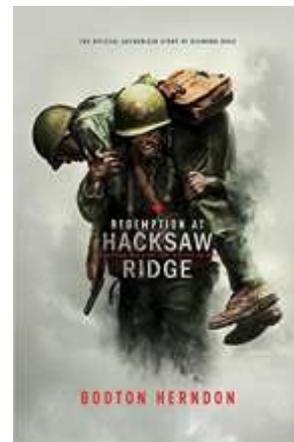
Fellowship Lunch | Please join us on Sunday November 19th, after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Decorating Committee | is looking for more help & ideas. If you have a flair for decorating and want to help with decorating for upcoming celebrations like Christmas and Easter, and are available during the day, we need you! Please email Carol Couse at ccouse@wsquare.ca

PROPERTY HELP NEEDED — NOV. 17 | We are looking for 4-6 people and gas leaf blowers to help on Friday, November 17 to blow leaves to the curb for the free city pick up. We plan to get started about 9am. Please contact Alvin Kiers by Monday, November 13th at property@wsquare.ca to confirm your help and/or equipment lending.

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

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.



Redemption at Hackshaw Ridge: the gripping story that inspired the movie

By Boston Herndon

The men of the 77th Infantry Division couldn't fathom why Private Desmond T. Doss would venture into the horrors of World War II without a single weapon to defend himself. "You're nothing but a coward!" they said. But the soft-spoken medic insisted that his mission was to heal, not kill. This page-turner will keep you riveted to your seat as you discover how Desmond Doss became the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor. Desmond's dramatic true story of integrity, redemption, and heroism will inspire you to live by the courage of your convictions. *Original book that inspired Mel Gibson's movie, Hackshaw Ridge* Story inspires faith, trust, courage, commitment, and dedication* An exciting true story of an incredible war hero.



"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).

DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ - **You won't want to miss this.** We are blessed to have PETE KUEHNI from DELIBERATE U as our guest presenter.

TOPIC: **"KINGDOM THINKIN" not "STINKIN THINKIN"!** Shifting your mindset

DATE: Saturday, November 18, 2017

TIME: 10am - noon (coffee & muffins at 9:45am). Sign up at the Connection Point table to reserve your spot.

JOYFUL SPIRITS: Next gathering will be Thurs. November 16th at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm. **Our topic from "RED LETTER CHRISTIANS" with Tony Campolo will be "ABOUT COMPASSION". Please remember to bring your bible & your smile.**

Thursday at Seven *New Series*, Book and DVD Study - Forgotten God by Francis Chan **"Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit". Please contact Bruce for more information.** bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

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).

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

Saturday Men's Breakfast | Sat. November 25 2017, 8:30-10:30am at **The Brown's, 604**

Woodview Rd. Burlington. **"Bono & Eugene Peterson: THE PSALMS"** - We will watch a short documentary about the friendship between Bono (of U2 fame) and Eugene Peterson (author of contemporary Bible translation The Message) and their common interest in the Psalms. Please contact Gary Brown gbrown@wsquare.ca or sign up at the Connection table.

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)



ALL YOUTH (Rockpile & Edge)
Tues Nov 7, 3-5pm Squarebucks - Youth Café
Drop-In in the Youth Room. Come out for free
snacks and drinks, video games, music, air
hockey and hang-out space!

Rockpile (Grades 7/8)
Wed Nov 8, 7:30-9:00pm –Youth Room

Youth Alpha & Youth Confirmation!!
Sun Nov 12, 10:30am - 1pm Youth Room
If you are in gr. 7 & up and interested in Youth
Confirmation and or Youth Alpha, we are
excited to have you come on board to explore
life, faith and meaning together.
Starting Sunday, Nov 5th and continuing Nov
12th, 19th and Sunday, Dec 3rd from 10:30am
- 1pm (Youth Room) we will meet together for
a video teaching, good conversation and food
(Lunch). A Youth retreat for Youth Alpha will
be from Fri. Nov. 24th at 2:30pm to Sat. Nov.
25th at 9pm and then a couple more sessions
in the New Year (Jan. 2018) will be added to
complete Youth Confirmation before our
ONE 10am Youth Confirmation Service on Sun.
Feb 4, 2018. Got questions? Contact Heather
Mackey and/or Shelley and Greg Buxton-
Forman.

Adam Cresswell our new Interim Youth
Ministry Director also holds office hours
Tuesdays 3-5pm during Squarebucks!
Feel free to send him a message if you'd like
to meet: acresswell@wsquare.ca

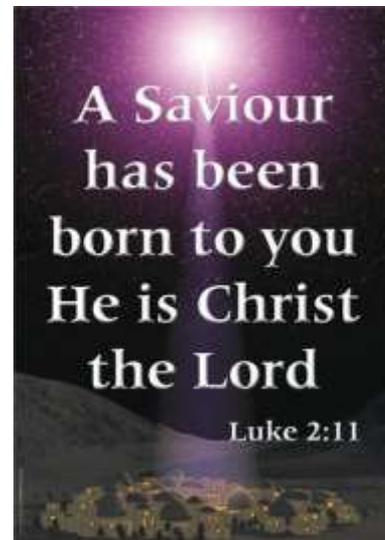


GraceLand - a place full of God's
grace...where children learn the love of Jesus
and how to shine His light everyday. Sundays at
9am for Nur to Gr. 6

Nov Theme: Obey God

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.

Christmas in November: Children and
leaders will be taking some time during
GraceLand to creatively work on their special
Christmas Scripture Verse as a class each
Sunday in November. Their creativity will be
recorded on Sunday, Nov. 26th, edited and
then ready to show for our Special ONE 10am
Dec. 10th Christmas service involving all of
GraceLand.



Kingdom Thinkin...

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Discipleship Café

Guest Presenter

Pete Kuehni

Saturday November 18

Pritchard Room

9:45am - noon





Regardless of the holiday, it is always fun to celebrate with friends and family at the Friday Night Community. Some folks come carrying a heavy burden and appreciate an opportunity to laugh and enjoy the company of others. These challenges might include job loss, leaving an abusive relationship, struggling with a debilitating mental illness, or feeling great loneliness. One of the gentlemen was so excited to celebrate his birthday with his friends at Friday Night Community that he brought his own cake to share at this table. Regardless of why we come in the doors, we are all looking for the **same thing...to be accepted and cared for.**

As the weather gets colder we are in need of clean and gently used winter coats of all sizes, gently used boots, as well as hats and gloves. We are also looking for small bookcases, smaller dressers, a small desk (less than 2 feet in **width**), **2 boy's bed frames and kitchen storage units** for a mom with 4 kids who is new to the country.

Most Needed Items:

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

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

*curtains and rods

*kitchen storage cabinet

*small desk, bookcases, bed frames

*gently used, clean winter coats

*gently used winter boots

*gently used/new hats and gloves

*store bought desserts (peanut free)

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



The Angels Are Coming
Angel Wings

What is Angel Wings?
Angel Wings is Wellington Square's local Outreach project that has been in action for many years. We sponsor children and their families in need within Burlington.....our "Angels". When you sponsor an Angel you make your Angel selection from the posted list in St. Paul's Hall and buy them a selection of gifts from their Christmas Wish List. If you choose to donate cash, the money is used to buy food vouchers for the families that we support. This year we are supporting 90 Angels in the Burlington area. Thank you for your support of this wonderful program.

What Local Groups do we support?

- **Halton Women's Place**
- Burlington Teens from ROCK (Reach Out For Kids)
- Families through our Ministerial Team

Angel Wings kickoff is
Next Sunday
November 12, 2017

**SHOW GOD'S LOVE
SHOW THAT WE CARE ABOUT
OUR COMMUNITY**

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What We Believe

We believe Jesus is the center and meaning of life, revealing to the world what God is like.

We believe the local church is Jesus' creation, toward a sane and stable world.

We believe the Bible is the divinely **inspired record of humanity's authentic** spiritual experiences with God, and the primary authority in matters of faith and practice.

We believe Scripture, tradition, reason and experience are all part of determining **our community's direction and values.**

We believe God's Holy Spirit is available and active in our world, our church and our lives, leading us in unity and propelling us with divine power.

We believe Jesus Christ can bring real change in the human heart through grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We believe each Christ follower has spiritual gifts that give true meaning to living and strengthen our shared ministry.

We accept an openness in theological belief, acknowledging different points of view within the same community of believers.

We believe faith and good works belong together, as a personal relationship with God leads to involvement in Christian service and witness to the world.