

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

...about how the proper perspective makes all the difference.

I recently read interviews done with soldiers who had been involved in the D-Day invasion, as allied forces landed on the shore of Nazi occupied France in 1944.

A U.S. Marine who had landed at Omaha beach lived through the horrific battle scenes of landing craft being blown up, and soldiers cut to **pieces as they ran for cover. He said, "As I huddled on the beach, there were bodies and body parts everywhere. The sand was red, and the air was whistling with Hot metal – shells, bullets. We couldn't move and everywhere the carnage and destruction was around me. And I thought to myself, "we're going to lose. We can't get set up on shore. We're going to lose."**

They interviewed another man, this one an air reconnaissance flyer for the British. What did you see? What were you thinking?

"I was flying at 8,000 feet, and I could see the coast, I could see the Canadians pressing forward at Juno Beach, and I could see the American paratroopers who had dropped behind the lines, and they were moving back pinching the enemy against the shore, and the tanks were being unloaded in places and Allied Forces breaking through and bunkers being over-run, and enemy positions destroyed, and I thought to myself, "We're going to WIN. We're actually going to WIN!!"

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When Faith is a Fight

Genesis 32:22-31

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.

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.

Contemporary Worship Music Team Gathering | Calling all who are interested in being a part of the Worship Team for the 9am Service! We will be having a lunch gathering on September 17th from 12:30-2:30 in the Pritchard Rm. This will be a time for us to socialize, eat together, and have a conversation about our hopes for worship at Wellington Square moving forward. Come on out if you have been a part of the music, tech, or PowerPoint, or you are interested in joining any of these ministries. We will offer training on how to operate the booth to anyone who is interested in joining the Tech Team or PowerPoint Team. If you come to this gathering you **don't have to commit to any of the ministry** teams. We encourage you to join us even if **you aren't sure if you would like to be involved.** Please email Tim at twatson@wsquare.ca if you are interested in attending and include any dietary restrictions you have.

Footsteps Library



Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in **the Midst of Life's Storms**

By Tim Tebow, with A. J. Gregory

Athlete Tim Tebow is no stranger to highs and lows in his professional career, and has struggled not to let either define him. He was a college football star who won the Heisman trophy, but in the NFL had his dreams shattered as he was cut from 3 different teams. In *Shaken*, named the 2017 Christian Book of the Year, Tebow talks about what he has learned along the way, drawing confidence from being **God's child, not from achieving athletic success** and media attention. Tebow also shares practical wisdom from the pages of Scripture and moving narratives of individuals—from celebrities to cancer patients—who have impacted his life. In the last section, Tebow encourages the reader to live a life of purpose and impact that includes doing what is right and taking a stand against injustice.

Friday Community

What a blessing it was to have our friend Brian back visiting and playing Scrabble in the Hub this past Friday. So many friends from our community have been praying for his recovery and that he would be able to come back to us again. What a miracle that he has recovered from a second induced coma and intubation in less than 4 months.

Thank you to all those who stepped in to help with the meals during the busy holiday time. With your support we were able to continue to provide a healthy meal, as well as afternoon and evening fellowship to so many friends in the community. We are in need of folks who can help with the odd Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning shop. Please let me know if you are available. We are also needing folks to be a part of the afternoon Hub (between 1 and 4 pm) on some Fridays during the winter months. This would involve sharing in conversations, playing games and visiting with the folks who attend.

Needed items:

- *fruit cups, apple sauce, pudding, peanut free granola bars, individually packaged cookies and crackers, etc. for snack bags
- *yogurt & sour cream sized containers
- *school supplies for school aged children
- *thermoses for hot lunches
- *Checkers, Chinese Checkers, Chess, Candy-land, Snakes and Ladders, Monopoly
- *Cuisinart that will grate cheese, etc.
- *salad bar toppings and dressings
- *yogurt and sour cream sized containers

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



Mark your Calendars:

Rockpile (Gr. 7/8) - Wed. Sept. 13th from 7-8:30pm -We're having a PARTY!

Edge (High school) - Wed. Sept. 27th from 7-9pm - We're having a PARTY for you too!

YOUTH Mexico Mission Info/up-date Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 10:30-11:30am! Youth room.

YMCA Youth Job Connection Workshop - for Rockpile & Edge Youth, Wed. Oct 4th, 7-8:30pm. Guest speaker Vivian Pitt will join us.

Youth Alpha & Youth Confirmation!! If you are in gr. 7 & up and interested in Youth Alpha and/or Youth Confirmation, we are excited to have you come on board to explore life, faith and meaning together. Starting Sunday, Oct. 29th and continuing every Sunday until Nov. 19th from 10:30am - 1pm (Youth Room) we will meet together for a video teaching, good conversation and food. A Youth retreat will wrap up Youth Alpha from Fri. Nov. 23rd to Sun. Nov. 25th and then a couple more sessions in the New Year (Jan. 2018) will be added to complete Youth Confirmation before our Youth Service in February. Got questions? Contact Heather Mackey and/or Shelley and Greg Buxton-Forman.



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

September Theme:
Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Faith @ Home Parent Sheets are available for pick-up in your child's class. They include GraceLand's theme, scripture and life application summary along with activities and prayers for the whole family.

Participant forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. If you have yet to fill out a 2017 form, please take one from the GraceLand reception or from our web wsquare.ca, fill out and return to us. We will be sending a notice out by November 2017 for 2018 Child/Youth Participant forms.

Creative Art Ministry - in SK & up? Is your child interested in dance and singing? Stay tuned for our Creative Arts program happening in October.

GraceLand Youth Band - If you are in Gr. 6 & up and can play an instrument and would like to be a part of our Youth Band that leads praise songs to kids on Sundays, please come to our band practice on Sunday Sept 24th at 10:30 am **St. Paul's Hall stage.**



"Better Together"

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

Matthew 18:20

If you are not already participating in group life, here are the benefits of being in a healthy small group:

- You will feel more connected to our church, to people & God
- You will spend more time in the Bible & better understand it
- You will receive support from other believers
- You will be encouraged to find ways to serve using your gifts
- You will grow in spiritual maturity

CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS | TODAY
Please meet with Joy in the Pritchard Room, at 10:30am for our FALL VISION CASTING!!!

SMALL GROUP FAIR | Sunday, September 17th in **St. Paul's hall between services**. An opportunity to meet our group leaders, ask questions & get connected

CONNECTION TEAM (9am & 11am) & SMALL GROUP LEADERS (HOSTS), you are cordially invited to an APPRECIATION CELEBRATION at TORRY LANE FARM (the Magwoods). Pot Luck. Thursday, September 21, 2017 @ 6pm. Please RSVP to Joy. jmagwood@wsquare.ca

DOT GOW | starts Thurs September 14, 9:30-2pm in the Pritchard room. All are welcome!

Joyful Spirits | Start Date: Thurs Sept 28th
Time: 7pm, Pritchard Rm. This season we will be studying "THE RED LETTERS" (the words of JESUS for today's world) by Tony Campolo. Do we value the words of Jesus? Do we live his Words? Through a series of six video conversations, Tony Campolo & host Colin McCartney discuss the radical but clear teachings of Jesus. This group meets monthly. Sign up at the Connection Point after service or contact Joy.

In Receiving Christ's Hope, the 3rd study in the Jesus Calling study series, we will explore the promises God makes in His Word as they relate to finding your hope and security in Him. As you put aside your own plans and allow **God's love to seep into your being, you will** experience the hope and peace of God. This study includes devotional readings, Bible study questions and additional discussion and music in a small group setting. Tuesdays, starting Sept 19, 7-9pm, in the McMillan room. Group hosts: Sue Zwicker and Lyn Kasprzyk.

WOW Book Club | **Mon Sept 25 at 7pm, "The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor" by Sally Armstrong**. At the home of Wendy Sikora. 2130 Deerwood Dr. For information contact wow@wsquare.ca

Thursday at Seven | *New Series*, Book and DVD Study - *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan
"Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit". Please contact
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Perspective.

"I had nearly lost confidence; my faith **was almost gone...until I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood...**" (Psalm 73:2, 17)

Life can seem confusing and disheartening at times. But something happens in church – **we get God's perspective** – the big picture, the long view.

Over my sabbatical weeks away I was able to worship in 7 United Churches, 2 Anglican, 2 Free Methodist, and an Evangelical Missionary congregation. A diverse mix: from small & rural, to large, vibrant, metropolitan. There was always a God-**moment for me... something** the preacher said that clicked, a line that was sung that inspired me, a whispered prayer that moved me. Something happened in church.

So welcome! ...and welcome back! May the Holy One raise you up to see all of life clearly and accurately from the divine perspective. The Lord be with you.

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