

**wellington
square**



August 26, 2018

The Last Kiss

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

*...In last week's sermon, I floated a trial balloon with the idea that W. Square might consider sponsoring another refugee family. **The Baroody's, refugees from Syria, came 2-1\2 years ago, and are becoming well settled in Canada. As I was researching that sermon, I talked with our music director Juanita who works as an Immigration Consultant with many desperate cases. She wrote me this story:***

As Canadians, it is difficult to believe that in some places in the world, human rights abuses are a daily occurrence and that some governments do not have the capacity to protect their citizens.

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Canada takes the decision to grant Refugee status very seriously as it makes a political statement about the country of origin and, diplomatically, could affect international trade agreements and border crossing.

This is the story of Jose, his wife Sandra and their two boys, Jose Jr and William.

Jose was employed as security services officer to the Municipality of San Salvador in El Salvador. He was assigned to guard the Mayor of San Salvador. On his way home from work one night, he was approached by a band of men on motorcycles asking that Jose provide them with access to the Mayor as well as information regarding his schedule and public appearances. Jose approached his Supervisor and explained his dilemma; the Supervisor responded that he did not want to hear about it or get involved. Threats began to Jose's wife and two boys so Jose made the decision to take his eldest son, then 12, and cross Central America by bus and by hitchhiking, sneak into the United States and head for the Canadian border. There he made an Port of Entry claim and 6 months later was granted refugee status. He got a work permit and began working as a painter. He then made application to sponsor his wife, and their youngest son, William, 10 years of age. Three months after the application was submitted, Mom was walking William to school and William was hit by a bus while crossing a busy intersection. William died in his mother's arms on a busy street in downtown El Salvador.

As their Authorized Representative, I will never forget the call from Jose. This mild mannered ever polite man with a fervent faith and love of God, was sobbing and gasping on the telephone as he tried to tell me what had occurred. In any other circumstance, a parent who received such tragic news would book a flight home to be there with his wife and mourn the loss of their son together. But, you see, refugees cannot return to their country of origin so Mum was left alone to grieve the loss of her son, and wait another 18 months for application processing. Though Jose and his older son have traveled individually to meet their Mother and wife in Guatemala for weeks at a time; the pain and loss at the end of each visit is heartbreaking as Sandra returns home to El Salvador and bear the grief alone.

Unfortunately, there are many stories like this one; please pray for refugees all over the world.

My thanks to Juanita for sharing from her professional experiences. Can our church consider sponsoring another refugee family? I believe we can, and I hope we will.

Grace & Peace to you all - ORVILLE

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 or at the Connection Point table. As a THANK-YOU for taking the time to fill out **the card, please accept a copy of "CASE FOR CHRIST". If you need assistance, please feel free to ask one of our greeters.**

ONE Service at 10am on this date:
Sunday September 2nd (Labour Day weekend)

New Finance Office Hours | Karen Dobson will be now be in the office on Wednesdays, all day.

Ribfest Security Volunteers Needed | Over the past 10 years your donation of time has allowed us to raise over \$25,000 to support various WS Outreach projects. Volunteers are required for August 31st to Sept 3rd. (Friday to Monday). All shifts are about 4 hours in length. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer before and after the 9:00 a.m. service. No prior experience required. We're not looking for Ribo-Cops just Hambassadors!

Staff Notes | Rev. Katie Southon will be away from Monday Aug - Monday Sept 3. Rev. Tom Chire is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

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.

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GROW YOUR FAITH

Sunday September 16

St. Paul's Hall after each service

A fantastic opportunity to meet and chat with our group leaders.

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health

Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership with: *Friday*night
Community

Friday Night Speaker Series

Friday September 7, 7pm

(Pritchard Room)

Being Done with Being Down

Presented by: Denis Olivier

CMHA Halton Region Branch Mental Health and Addictions Educator



"Disciples Making Disciples"

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matt. 18:20

Acts 2: 42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2018 – A two day opportunity for world class leadership training! You will find a unique blend of inspirational & practical skills that you can apply

immediately. A few of the key presenters are: Craig Groeschel – (Co-founder & Senior Pastor, Life church), T.D. Jakes (Founder & Senior Pastor, The Potter's House), John Maxwell (Leadership Expert, Best Selling Author, coach), & Danielle Strickland (Pastor, Author, Justice Advocate)

WHEN: Thursday, October 18, 2018 & Friday, October 19, 2018

WHERE: Compass Point Church, Burlington

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: If we get our registration in before September 18 & have a group of 10, we will qualify for the Early Bird special. Sign up at the Connection Point table or contact jmagwood@wsquare.ca

WOW book club | meets Mon. September 24th at 7pm. The book we are reading and discussing is **"Forgiveness: A Gift From My Grandparents"** by Mark Sakamoto. \$15 donation for supper. We would love to have you join us. Please contact wow@wsquare.ca for more information.

PRAYERS at the BEACH | Celebrating our 24th year meeting with the Lord in nature.

Where: Go to the Beach Strip Pump House; To the left of it, you will see a playground; To the left of the playground, you will see a picnic table. WE MEET THERE!

When: Friday mornings from 9am-10am
From July 6th to August 31, 2018

Please bring your own lawn chair. Whether you are a seasoned intercessor or just learning to pray, you are welcome to join us. For further information contact Penny Bailey through the church office at 905-634-1849.

"CIRCLE UP" - coming soon a new 4 week DVD study for those interested in forming new groups or having a refresher on why we need groups. Go to www.anthology.com to view sessions or see Joy for more info.

JOYFUL SPIRITS - Meets every third Thursday of the month (September to June)

START DATE: Thurs. September 20, 2018

TIME: 7pm

WHERE: Pritchard Room

NEW STUDY: WHO IS THIS MAN??? THE UNPREDICTABLE IMPACT OF THE INESCAPABLE JESUS

CONTACT: jmagwood@wsquare.ca or sign up at the CONNECTION TABLE (study guide \$10)

GROUPLINK-(formerly called Small Group Fair)

When: September 16, 2018

Where: **St. Paul's Hall**

Time: after each service

Purpose: This is an opportunity to meet our group hosts & explore opportunities to get connected.

JESUS CALLING DEVOTIONAL - now available again at our CONNECTION POINT. (\$11)



Friday Community

We come together as a community of friendship, fun and faith. We support one another and celebrate with some while grieving with others. This past Friday we were blessed to watch a reunion of brother and sister who had been estranged for some time, and made Friday Night Community their safe space to reunite. At the same time we learned about the loss of our friend Brian Russel, who had many health struggles over the last few years. He so looked forward to his weekly afternoon of Scrabble with the ladies in the Hub. We at Friday Night Community and Open Doors at St. **Christopher's were Brian's friends, family and support.** He will be greatly missed.

Just a note that we are looking for volunteers to help with **security at this year's Rotary Ribfest.** The volunteer hours that you put forth will actually translate into a financial donation for the Friday Night Community, and last year this contributed towards the purchase of our kitchen air conditioner.

Most Needed Items:

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

- *lemonade & iced tea crystals
- *salad bar toppings/salad dressings
- *wool for afternoon Hub
- *bike locks and youth helmets
- *backpacks and school supplies



reaching out

Calling in Blanket Squares for Malawi Children:

To all who are participating in this on going project please drop off your knitted or crocheted 8 inch squares to the church office TODAY. We have the opportunity to send them directly to Malawi with Emmanuel International Canada's Richard McGowan in early Sept.

Many thanks, Zikomo! for participating! Spread the word!!

For further information please contact Frannie Gray through the church office.





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. Nur to Gr. 6

Mission: to provide a fun, safe and friendly place where we learn about and experience God's love.

Vision: to equip kids to learn the ways of Jesus and be excited to shine His light every day.

Values:

LOVE God and others, including yourselves

EXPERIENCE the Good News of Jesus

ATTRACT all children with God's grace

REMAIN rooted in God's Word

NURTURE strong Christian friendships

What is GraceLand learning over the summer? The BIG 10
(The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20)

Why Minister to Children?

According to Jesus, the great people are the people who receive little children in his name. If we are like Jesus, we will always welcome them; we will pray for them, bless them and teach them.

Summer Kid's Bible Camp

Some spots still open. Register now.



The Hub + Welly Young Adults - Rob Bell: Holy Shift Tour *Date: Sun Aug 26 – 7pm – Danforth Music Hall Toronto*

Tonight we head into Toronto to see Rob Bell speak on



YVR – Youth Volunteer Roster

Info Meeting – Sept 16 10:45 MacMillan Rm

After a great year in 2017/2018 our Wellington Square youth program is gearing up to grow in BIG ways! We are looking to build a brand-new **Youth Volunteer Team** to be part of exciting new programming for the coming school year! We need rides to events, snacks for youth group, or people ready to play volleyball with us! Interested in finding out more? Contact our director of Youth Ministries Adam Cresswell or come to our info meeting on Sunday Sept 16!

#BackFieldFest *Date: Sat Sept 15 – Sun Sept 16 - Calvary United St Jacobs - \$10*
Edge - Grade 9 and up

Our High School youth group returns with an overnight **"pitch & praise"** event at Calvary United in Waterloo. E-mail Adam for your youth's permission form and let us know if you're an adult who could also come as we need extra chaperones!



In the Belly of the Whale

Summer Kid's Camp

**Mon. August. 27 -
Thurs. August. 30
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

\$30
per child per week

*No refunds after July 1st.
Financial assistance is available.*

SK to Grade 5

(Must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2018)

Register Online at wsquare.ca

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