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**Five 'lessons learned' to guide you in
2018**

1. Change is hard at the beginning, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end. (*And without change, there is no progress!*)
2. The more devoted you become to serving others, the more your life begins to build itself.
3. **Transform your fitness and you'll transform your life;** ie. Exercising for 20 minutes first thing in the morning is a game changer.
4. Spend the first 90 minutes of your day on real work versus fake work. (*Another game-changing tactic*).
5. Learn for an hour a day, no matter what. **That's not a waste of valuable time. It's a brilliant use of your time.**

RE-START: The Power of
Your Schedule

*"Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the **most of the time...**"*

-Ephesians 5:15-16a

"For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful..."

-2 Peter 1:5-8

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.

Footsteps Library | the library will re-open today, Sunday January 7, 2018.

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2018 are now available for pickup in the foyer on Sunday, or from the office during the week. *Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2017 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

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

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us on Sunday, January 21st, after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Daily Bible Readings | The Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2018 is now available. Please pick up a copy from the Brochure Stand in the foyer or the office.

Port Nelson United Church | Ceremonial Groundbreaking Service: Sunday January 14, 10:30am Celebration Service & Introductions. 11:30am Groundbreaking. Please RSVP office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com or 905-637-5631.

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.



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

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.

January Theme: The Armour of God

Planting Faith Seeds in children is an honour and privilege. A special thank you to all of our GraceLand leaders and helpers for their faithful devotion and servant hearts shared in this ministry. Lovely pic of our nursery below!



We're kicking off 2018 with a TON of events:

ALL YOUTH – Squarebucks (Gr. 7-12)

Tuesday Jan 9 – 4:00-6:00pm

Our Tuesday drop-in café complete with free snacks and drinks is back at a new time! Come to the youth room to hang with Adam eat, chill, do homework or play video games!

ALL YOUTH – Star Wars: The Last Jedi (Gr. 7-12) Silver City Burlington - 1250 Brant St

Tuesday Jan 9 - TIME TBD (6-9pm ish)

Let's go to a Galaxy Far Far Away! We will meet

and get picked up at the Brant St. SilverCity. Stay tuned to the Facebook groups for the specific timing. (showtimes are not yet available at the publishing of this column). Cost is \$10, contact Adam if financial assistance is needed!

ROCKPILE – Star Wars Bible Study!!!

(Gr. 7-8) Wednesday Jan 10 – 7:30-9:00pm

Yes you read that right! Bible Study with a Star Wars theme is coming to Rockpile! Even if you **can't come to the Last Jedi the night before don't worry! We'll be looking at how the larger story of the whole Star Wars series connects to our lives as followers of Christ! Find out what it means to be a "Jedi of Jesus". Adam WILL be bringing his lightsabers.**

ALL YOUTH – Rubber Chicken Night (Gr. 7-12) Sunday Jan 14 7:30-9:30pm

It's BACK! Next Sunday night bring your friends and come on out for a giant game of Rubber Chicken that will take place all over the church! Picture Hide and Seek Tag in the dark mixed with a scavenger hunt while being chased by villainous henchmen!



"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).

"THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS"

by Lee Strobel. A few copies are still available at our CONNECTION TABLE. If able, please contribute a loonie or a toonie to help cover the cost.



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 for taking the time to fill out the card, **please accept a copy of "THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS" which you will find in the CONNECT/RE-CONNECT box where we kindly ask you to leave your completed card.** If you need assistance, please feel free to ask one of our greeters.

IDEAS for NEW SMALL GROUPS in 2018: Please contact Joy at the CONNECTION TABLE or jmagwood@wsquare.ca

ADVENT CONSPIRACY -

I would like to thank those who made the commitment to attend our small group study for ADVENT & a very special thank-you to Gary & Alison Brown, Dee Glover & Ana Walber for facilitating. From this study, we are reminded, Christmas can still change the world. My prayer for us all this Christmas is that we all try to:

- WORSHIP FULLY - BECAUSE CHRISTMAS BEGINS & ENDS WITH JESUS
- SPEND LESS - AND FREE RESOURCES FOR THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER
- GIVE MORE - OF OUR PRESENCE: OUR HANDS, OUR WORDS, OUR TIME, OUR HEARTS
- LOVE ALL - THE POOR, THE FORGOTTEN, THE MARGINALIZED, THE SICK, IN WAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Christmas Blessings, Joy

Monday Men: Our next meeting will be Monday January 8th, 11:30am in the McMillan Rm.

JOYFUL SPIRITS: We will resume our study **"THE RED LETTERS" (The words of JESUS for today's world) on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7pm** in the Pritchard Rm.

Kettles on Tea | Please join us on Monday Jan 8th from 1:30-3pm in the Pritchard Room for our afternoon tea. All are welcome.

Saturday Men's Breakfast | Come join us on Sat Jan 27, 9-10:30am at Gary's place. Noel Henderson will be sharing his experiences with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Sign up at the Connection Point or contact Gary Brown at gbrown@wsquare.ca



Friday Community

It is always fun to celebrate with friends during **the holidays**. **One gentleman asked, "Why are you always here? When everything else is closed you stay open and invite people in."** We want to be there consistently and during those times that folks need a place to come. It is important to welcome friends in regardless of the weather or time of year. Our hope is that as we move into 2018, that folks will feel welcomed, supported and cared for in a safe and loving space. We hope you will take this time to reflect on the blessings that we have received, those friends who have impacted our lives, and to ponder how **we can continue to show God's love to those in our amazing community and beyond.**

Blessings of goodness:

*beautiful washing machine and dryer for a single mom with 5 children

*donation of over 250 delicious edible goodies **for our New Year's dinner**

*monthly donation of Voortman's cookies to share in our Friday afternoon Hub and with our Sunday congregation

Most Needed Items:

*decaf coffee

*hotel sized shampoo, body wash, etc.

***snacks for children's lunch bags (pudding, fruit cups, cookies, crackers & cheese...)**

*yogurt and sour cream sized containers

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

*larger gently used winter coats & boots

*tool kits for new families

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Beginning January 2018 RE-**START...**

In real life, we don't always get it right the first time. What if you could try something again? Exploring areas of life that sometimes call for a 'do-over'

- The Power of Your Schedule: *can change your life for the better*
- Restart Relationships: *insights if you're single or married*
- Restart your Finances: *planning to make money behave*
- Contentment in All Circumstances