

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried." - G. K. Chesterton

When the *London Times* asked a number of writers for essays on the topic "What's Wrong with the World?" Chesterton sent in the reply shortest and most to the point:

Dear Sirs:

I am.

*Sincerely yours,
G. K. Chesterton*

"The church of my own childhood, as well as that of my present and my future, comprises deeply flawed human beings struggling toward an unattainable ideal. We admit that we will never reach our ideal in this life, a distinctive the church claims that most other human institutions try to deny. Along with Chesterton, I've had to take my place among those who acknowledge that we are what is wrong with the world."

*- excerpt from Soul Survivor,
by Phillip Yancey*



On Holy Anger & Pure Living

*"The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, **"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"***

-John 2: 13-16

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ...Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?...Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

-1 Corinthians 3: 1,16,18,19a

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

Today at 9am we celebrate the Dedication and Blessing of

Nolan Southon
Child of Mark and Sandra Southon

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, June 10th. Please let us know by contacting the church office at (905)634-1849 or office@wsquare.ca

Fellowship Lunch | Please join us today, Sunday, March 18th, after the 11am service. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

BETTER TOGETHER | Meet the ministers Sunday April 22nd. Spiritual journeys go best when shared with others. If you are beginning your spiritual quest at Wellington Square, Reverends Katie & Orville would like to meet you. Please drop by the Chapel after the 9am or 11am service on Sun. Apr. 22nd.

Photo Directory | is now available after both the 9 and 11 a.m. services and also in the office during the week. Cost:\$3. Thank you to Penny Bailey and Joyce Pearson for their work on the photo directory and a special thank you to Linda Tolnay for her dedication and hard work on this project.

happenings cont.

Room for a student? Stephano Masaro is a 22 year old student who needs a place to stay in Burlington. He was a government sponsored refugee who came to Canada from Malawi. Stephano is studying to be a paramedic at Oxford College. He is looking to rent a room in a home. Through his minister and worship team leader, we have references available. Might you or someone you know be able to consider renting him a room for his school semester (4 months)? E-mail Orville for more info.

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 a blue pew envelope and writing Observer on the envelope with your contact information by Sunday April 15th.

JOIN the CHOIR for Easter | and learn the beautiful praise cantata, The Beautiful Christ, with songs like Beautiful One, and In Christ Alone, performed with flute, trumpet and fiddle. Practices are March 22, and 29 from 7-8pm in the Music Room. See Juanita or contact at jmaldonado@wsquare.ca to register.

Self-esteem Workshop | Run by Nikki Rosen, award winning author. Date: April 9, 16, 23, 30. Time: 10am-12pm at Wellington Square. Cost: Free. Need more information or want to reserve a spot? Email Nikki at: blueheron12345@yahoo.ca

Volunteer Drivers Needed | There are people needing a ride to and from church on a Sunday morning for the 11 a.m. service. If able to help regularly or occasionally, please contact the church office.



The Daniel Plan
by Rick Warren

It all started one day at church when Rick Warren realized his congregation was generally over weight and so was he. That was his wake up call and the following Sunday he invited his congregation of 12000 people to join him in his quest for a more healthy life. By recruiting three experts, he was able to develop the Daniel Plan, a lifestyle program based on biblical principles and 5 essential components: Food, Fitness, Focus, Faith and Friends. In one year his congregation lost 250,000 pounds.

As Rick says when you have God and a group helping you along the way you have so much more than just will power and you will be more likely to succeed.

The concepts of this book will encourage you to deepen your relationship with God and develop a community of supportive friends.



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. Thank you for supporting our Plan 2 Protect procedures.

March Themes:

- Life of Jesus
- Jesus Entry to Jerusalem

Faith @ Home Event: How to Read the Bible for gr. 2's & their parents - Sunday April 22, 2018 8:50 a.m. start



ALL YOUTH (Gr 7-12) Sun. Mar 25 - Squarebucks Board Game Cafe- 10-15-11:15am (Gr 7-12) Squarebucks has moved to Sunday mornings! Following the 9am service next week the Youth Room is all yours! Come to chill out, or ask questions about life and God, or for hangouts, video games board games or whatever you want! As always Squarebucks times comes complete with free food and snacks!

Coming Soon...

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH and up! (Gr. 9+)

Fri. Mar 30 – The Hub: Good Friday Worship Service 6-9pm

St John UC - 195 East 38th St, Hamilton

On the night of March 30th Adam and Rhonda will be leading an interactive Worship service with their team from The Hub. This event is geared towards high school youth and young adults but is open to anyone! The theme for the night is **"A Chance to Forgive"**. As we experience forgiveness from God at Easter we become keenly aware that God, in turn, calls us to **"Forgive others as we have been forgiven"**. And that's what we want to do as a community this Good Friday. We'll sing together, pray together, hear a teaching from Adam and Rhonda and we'll engage in an worship activity where we'll seek God's help to forgive someone we've struggled to forgive. Fellowship and snacks will run from 6-7pm and the service will run from 7-9pm! Come on out for what should be a great night of encountering Jesus!

Adam Cresswell our Interim Youth Ministry Director holds office hours by appointment Tuesdays 3-5pm. Feel free to send him an e-mail if you'd like to meet: acresswell@wsquare.ca



Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018 at Burlington Baptist

7:00pm Service with Communion, shared with friends from Burlington Baptist, Port Nelson and Wellington Square

Good Friday

March 30, 2018

9:00am at Wellington Square

Contemporary Service with Children's Ministry

11:00am at Burlington Baptist

Guest Preacher Rev. Jean Stairs

combined choirs of Burlington Baptist, Port Nelson, and Wellington Square



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018 at Wellington Square

7:30am Sunrise Service at the lake at the west end of Spencer Smith Park

9:00am Resurrection Celebration and Contemporary Worship Service

11:00am Resurrection Celebration and Traditional Worship Service



Forgiveness

THE FREEDOM TO LET GO



IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

Advocate for Peace and Forgiveness
Survivor of the Rwandan genocide

Discipleship Café

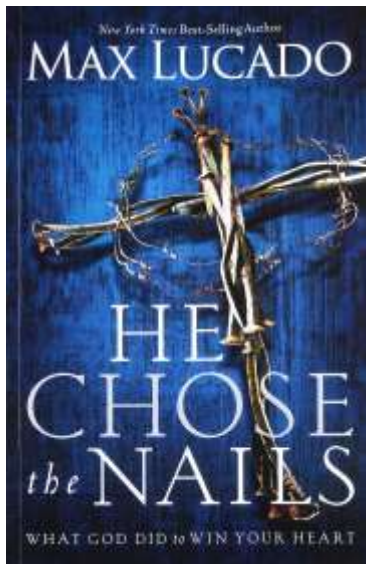
Saturday March 24, 2018

10am-noon

(coffee & muffins @ 9:45am)

Please RSVP Joy Magwood

jmagwood@wsquare.ca to reserve a seat



Lenten Study

Last session: Tues.

Mar 20th 2-3:30pm

Contact: jmagwood@wsquare.ca

Flower Sale
Seeds and bulbs

Sunday March 18-April 8

Please visit the order table in the foyer after service
Sunday March 18 and 25
Order forms to be returned Sunday April 8
Order pickup late April

Holy Week, 2018

Following a rich tradition, once again this year the congregations of Port Nelson United Church, Wellington Square United Church, and Burlington Baptist Church will mark Holy Week together. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us as we make our way to Jerusalem in the company of Christ, and as we journey into darkness... and beyond.



Palm Sunday, March 25 - 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service - "A Journey into Darkness"

- a service in word and song, performed by
Hamilton Schola Cantorum, William Renwick, Director

Hosted by: **Port Nelson United Church,**
3132 South Drive, Burlington.



Maundy Thursday, March 29 - 7:00 p.m.

Communion Service - "A Night to Remember"

- a service of hymns, music, Scripture, prayer, and the Lord's Supper.
- an informal time of refreshment will follow

Hosted by: **Burlington Baptist Church,**
2225 New Street, Burlington



Good Friday, March 30 - 11:00 a.m.

Commemoration Service - "Why the Cross?"

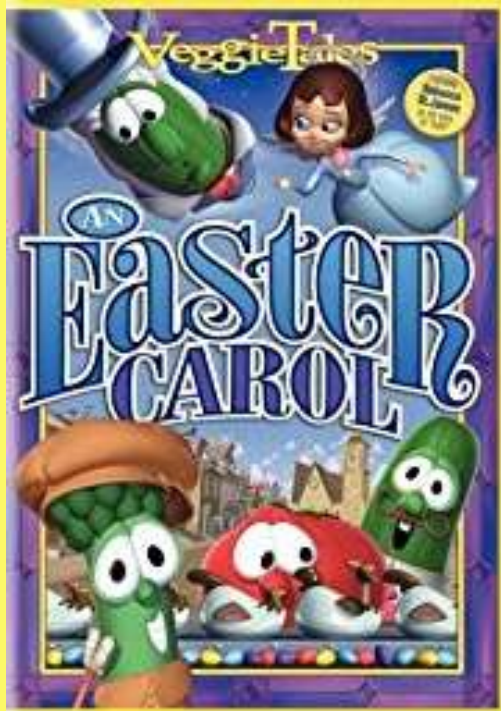
- guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jean Stairs
- special music provided by Christopher Bee, soloist,
and a combined choir.

Hosted by: **Burlington Baptist Church,**
2225 New Street, Burlington



For more information, contact:

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On Good Friday, March 30 at the 9am service, GraceLand will be watching An Easter Carol!! Inspired by Dickens' Christmas classic, this very special VeggieTales film explains why millions of Christians around the world celebrate Easter past, present and future.





"Making rows into circles"

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

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).

LENTEN STUDY: "HE CHOSE the NAILS" - "The Child in the Cradle

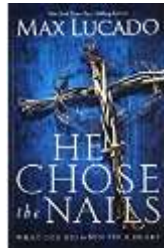
Became the KING on the **Cross**" - Please sign up at the CONNECTION POINT

"GROUP LINK" or

jmagwood@wsquare.ca

TIME: 2-3:30pm, Tuesdays

Dates: Last session Mar 20.



Please Note: during this Sacred Season of the Year, the chapel is open for Lenten meditation & Prayer. Pray individually or with a group of friends!! Prayer suggestions are available in the chapel.

WOW Book Club: Mon Mar 26 at 7pm at the home of Laurie Tindale (4124 Apple Valley Lane). The book is "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware. All women welcome, please rsvp by Mar 21 or for more information contact:wow@wsquare.ca.

Thursday at Seven: Lenten Series - **"HE CHOSE THE NAILS - What God Did to Win Your Heart"** by Max Lucado. DVD and scripture study guide. Please contact Bruce: bmagwood@TORRLANE.ca

JOYFUL SPIRITS: Our next gathering will be Thursday April 19th at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm. We will be viewing the PASSION TALK SERIES by LOUIE GIGLIO... **"HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"**. Contact: jmagwood@wsquare.ca

DISCIPLESHIP CAFÉ: Saturday, March 24th
TIME: 10am-noon (coffee & muffins @ 9:45am) WHERE: Pritchard Rm
TOPIC: **"FORGIVENESS"** Immaculee Ilibagiza is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsi, including her entire family except for one brother. She survived by huddling silently in a 3 by 4 foot bathroom for 91 days. Despite the unimaginable suffering, she is now an advocate for peace & forgiveness & is best-selling author of **"LEFT TO TELL"**. Come & hear her story. Please RSVP to Joy Magwood jmagwood@wsquare.ca

WORSHIP NIGHT: Experience Classic Worship Songs by the writers Paul Baloche & Brian Doerksen, Come Now Is The Time To **Worship, Above All, Refiner's Fire, Micah Six Eight & Many More!** We have purchased a block of tickets & 2 tickets are still available! Contact: jmagwood@wsquare.ca
WHEN: Friday, April 27th, 2018
TIME: 7-10pm
WHERE: Oakville - Harvest Bible Chapel.

JESUS CALLING devotional available at the Connection Point \$11



Friday Community

As we reflect back on International Women's Day and celebrate the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women around the world, we remember that some of our friends have and continue to experience great gender and other inequalities. We have been praying for one family from Nigeria who we were able to help by providing furniture and other household items. They have come from a situation where females are not only treated with inequality, but are harmed for being women. This family, as well as another who is an important part of our community have recently learned that they have not been granted permission to stay in Canada and are trying for one last appeal.

When folks come in our doors they sometimes come with greater burdens than any of us can imagine. It might be wondering where they will get enough to feed their children, where they will sleep that night or how they can access the help they need for a physical or mental challenge. Having a community of folks who care, support and pray for one another can make the burden lighter. We are thankful for the heroes in our community who persevere through the many challenges they face, as well as our amazing teams who walk beside friends week after week **and show God's love through their kindness and compassion.**

Blessings of goodness:

*huge donation of baking ingredients and equipment from Murray at the Bent Scoop

Most Needed Items:

*Easter treats for Good Friday dinner

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



reaching out

2018 is the 35th Anniversary Year for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). An appropriate time for us to go "farming". CFGB has a "farm". Stretching across Canada, and planted by community growing projects, this "farm" totalled 16,000 acres, in 2017! Proceeds from the sale of the "farm" crops are sent to the CFGB, to assist those in great need. We are joining the "farm" movement, by participating in a local (Alberton) Community Growing Project, called Seeds of Life. We will grow 10 acres at a cost of \$4,000 (\$400/acre), and use the proceeds to support the CFGB, as other farmers are doing. The Pancake Supper proceeds (\$465) have bought us 1.6 acres. Purchasing product from this Veseys catalogue, will provide more "seed" money for the "farm". You grow flowers to help Foodgrains grow grain. Everyone benefits, right? Will you help start the "farm"?

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