

Order of Service –
Sept. 2, 2018, 10:00am

Pre service Song – Big House

Welcome/Announcements

DVD - In the Belly of the Whale

Praise Songs:

- Superhero
- Every Move I Make
- Your love is Deep

Scripture Reading – Romans 8:37-39

Worship Song/Offering – Grace to Grace

Message – Amazing Grace!
(Jonah is not the hero of the story, God is!)

Worship Song – Amazing Grace

Prayers together

Closing Song – Humble Thyself

Exit Song - Big House



God's Amazing Grace!

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.**

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

Staff Notes | Rev. Katie Southon will be away until 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.



Footsteps Library Summer Loan Period

Summer is almost at an end and so is Footsteps Library summer loan period. As a reminder, please remember to return your borrowed items to the drop box outside of the Chapel on September 9th.

PARENTS & WEE ONES
Drop-in

Drop-in' morning for parents and their wee ones.

**Tuesdays
9:30 am**

Share a morning together, support one another and hang out over coffee/tea with your children.

Meeting place - GraceLand Toddler room Nursery is available if needed.

For more details, please contact Heather Mackey at hmackey@wsquare.ca

The graphic is a promotional poster for a "Parents & Wee Ones Drop-in" event. It features a blue border and a white background. The top left section contains the event title in a mix of red and black fonts, with "Drop-in" in a cursive script. Below the title is a photograph of several children and adults sitting around a small table in a playroom. The right side of the graphic has a red background with white text describing the event as a "Drop-in' morning for parents and their wee ones" and specifying the time as "Tuesdays 9:30 am". At the bottom, there is a white section with black text providing details about the event, including the meeting place and contact information for Heather Mackey.



"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."
(NIV)

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



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

"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)

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.

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

An Excerpt from Neil T. Anderson's book – The Bondage Breaker

This is what Neil says in regards to forgiveness.

Bitterness vs. Forgiveness

We need to forgive others so Satan cannot take advantage of us (2 Corinthians 2: 10-11). We are commanded to get rid of all bitterness in our lives and forgive others as we have been forgiven. (Ephesians 4: 31-32)

Often we hold things against ourselves, punishing ourselves for wrong choices we've made in the past. Forgiving yourself is accepting the truth that God has already forgiven you in Christ. If God forgives you, you can forgive yourself!

Sometimes we have thoughts against God. Obviously, God has never done anything wrong so we **don't have to forgive Him. Sometimes we harbor angry thoughts against Him because He did not** do what we wanted Him to do. Those feelings of anger or resentment can become a wall between us and Him, so we must let them go.

What forgiveness is and what it is not

Forgiveness is not forgetting.

People who want to forget all that was done to them will find they cannot do it. Don't put off forgiving those who have hurt you, hoping the pain will go away one day. Once you choose to forgive someone, then Christ can come and begin to heal you of your hurts. But the healing cannot begin until you first forgive.

Forgiveness is a choice, a decision of your will. Since God requires you to forgive, it is something you can do. Sometimes it is very hard to forgive someone because we naturally want revenge for the things we have suffered. Forgiveness seems to go against our sense of what is right and fair. So we hold on to our anger punishing people over and over again in our minds. But we are told by God never to take our own revenge. (Romans 12:19). Let him or her off the hook because as long as you refuse to forgive someone, you are still hooked to that person. You are still chained to the **past, bound up in your bitterness. By forgiving, you let that person off "your hook" but he or she is not off God's hook. Trust God to deal with them fairly and justly.....something you simply** cannot do. You cannot turn back the clock and change the past but you can be free of it. You can stop the pain by forgiving.

Forgive others for your sake so you can be free. Forgiveness is mainly a matter of obedience to God. God wants you to be free and there is no other way.

Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sins.

You are going to live with those consequences anyway, so the only choice you have is whether **you will do so in the "bondage of bitterness" or in the "freedom of forgiveness"**.

Suffering can seem unfair but it is simply a harsh reality of life that we all have to face. Jesus knows how you feel, He died on the Cross to pay the debt for all of our sins.

Do not wait for the other person to ask for your forgiveness.

Remember Jesus did not wait for those who crucified him to apologize for their actions.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing". (Luke 23:34)

Forgive from your heart.

If your forgiveness doesn't touch the emotional core of your life, it will be incomplete. Don't bury your pain. Let God bring your emotions to the surface so He can heal them.

Forgiveness is "choosing" not to hold someone's sin against them anymore.

We must let go of the past and choose to reject any thoughts of revenge. In addition, Joan Hunter, teaches to separate the sin from the person and put their sin on the Cross of Jesus, to **be remembered no more and to pray a prayer of blessing on them. We also don't allow sin to continue.** Take a stand against sin while continuing to exercise grace and forgiveness. If you need help setting wise limits and boundaries, speak to a trusted friend, counselor or Minister.

Don't wait until you "feel" like forgiving.

You will never get there. Make the hard choice to forgive even if you don't feel like it.

Once you choose to forgive, satan will have lost his power over you in that area and God's healing touch will be free to move. Freedom is what you will gain right now and your feelings will be healed in time, sometimes sooner than you think.

Here is a prayer to help you:

Lord, I choose to forgive_____

For_____ (what they did or failed to do)

Because it made me feel_____ (share the painful feelings).

Conclude your forgiveness of that person by saying the following prayer out loud.

Lord, I chose not to hold onto my resentment. I thank You for setting me free from the bondage of my bitterness. I relinquish my right to seek revenge and I ask You to heal

my damaged emotions. I now ask You to "bless" those who have hurt me. In Jesus Name.

Amen. You can also forgive people who have passed on already and instead of blessing them, you ask the Lord to have mercy on them. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.



Friday Community

As we reflect on the loss of our friend Brian and prepare for his celebration of life this week, we are reminded of how important our community is to folks who consider us to be their family. Brian was a very closed person, but over the years he opened up more to those he trusted. His relationships grew as he spent time sitting one on one and sharing life, laughs and games in a smaller and more intimate setting in the afternoon Hub of Kindness and Purpose. As Philip Yancey, a well known Christian author states, "The best ministry I can offer is a long-term relationship. I hope that over months and years people can learn to trust me as someone who can handle their secrets. I hope that gradually they can learn to trust God. Eye contact may be more important than food or money. They need to connect in some way with another human being, someone who sees them as a person of worth."

Most Needed Items:

- *snacks for children's lunch bags
- *yogurt/sour cream/black take out containers for take home food
- *crafts for children's area
- *lemonade & iced tea crystals
- *salad bar toppings/salad dressings
- *wool for afternoon Hub
- *bike locks and youth helmets
- *backpacks and school supplies
- *curtain rods, panel curtains and hardware
- *gently used running shoes of all sizes

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



reaching out

The Singing Strummers are an Outreach group that has been going for over 32 years. They perform in nursing homes, retirement homes, recovery groups and churches, among others; a focus is on reaching folks who are not readily able to get to entertainment venues.

The Singing Strummers are a nine person guitar/banjo band with harmonizing vocalists. They sing and play both religious and secular music and play songs that are familiar and encourage audiences to sing and sometimes dance along.

Listed with Halton Community Services, this is a Wellington Square small group that brings enjoyment through music to many people in our community.

For more information please contact Ruth Urbasik at 905-335-4110 or rurbasik@sympatico.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. 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

A BIG Thank you to all the volunteers that gave of their time and servant hearts to plant **faith seeds in children...spreading God's** Amazing Grace and Love.



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!**

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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