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EDITOR'S NOTE



Welcome to the August edition.

Brethren, these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer will soon end, and we'll be heading back into cooler days and sweater weather. How are your Feast plans coming along? Have you decided where you will be spending **Feast of Tabernacles 2025**? Don't wait too late to start planning towards your **Best Feast Ever!!!**

This month's featured article - **What am I living for?** by Elder Horane Smith asks a serious question. Then Elder Rick Dubler's article **One Proof of the Messiah**, provides clear scriptural proof about Messiah's death and resurrection. **Mysteries From The Bible - Revealed**, gives us a list of must-read resource booklets. Then check out an Infuse Article by Mike James - **Grow by Volunteering**. Be sure to read **Brunner Hill Blessings** from Herb & Janet Jacobs, and **What is the Kingdom of God?** Enjoy our **Member Spotlight**, and some pics from **CGI Toronto & Kawartha Lakes Events**.

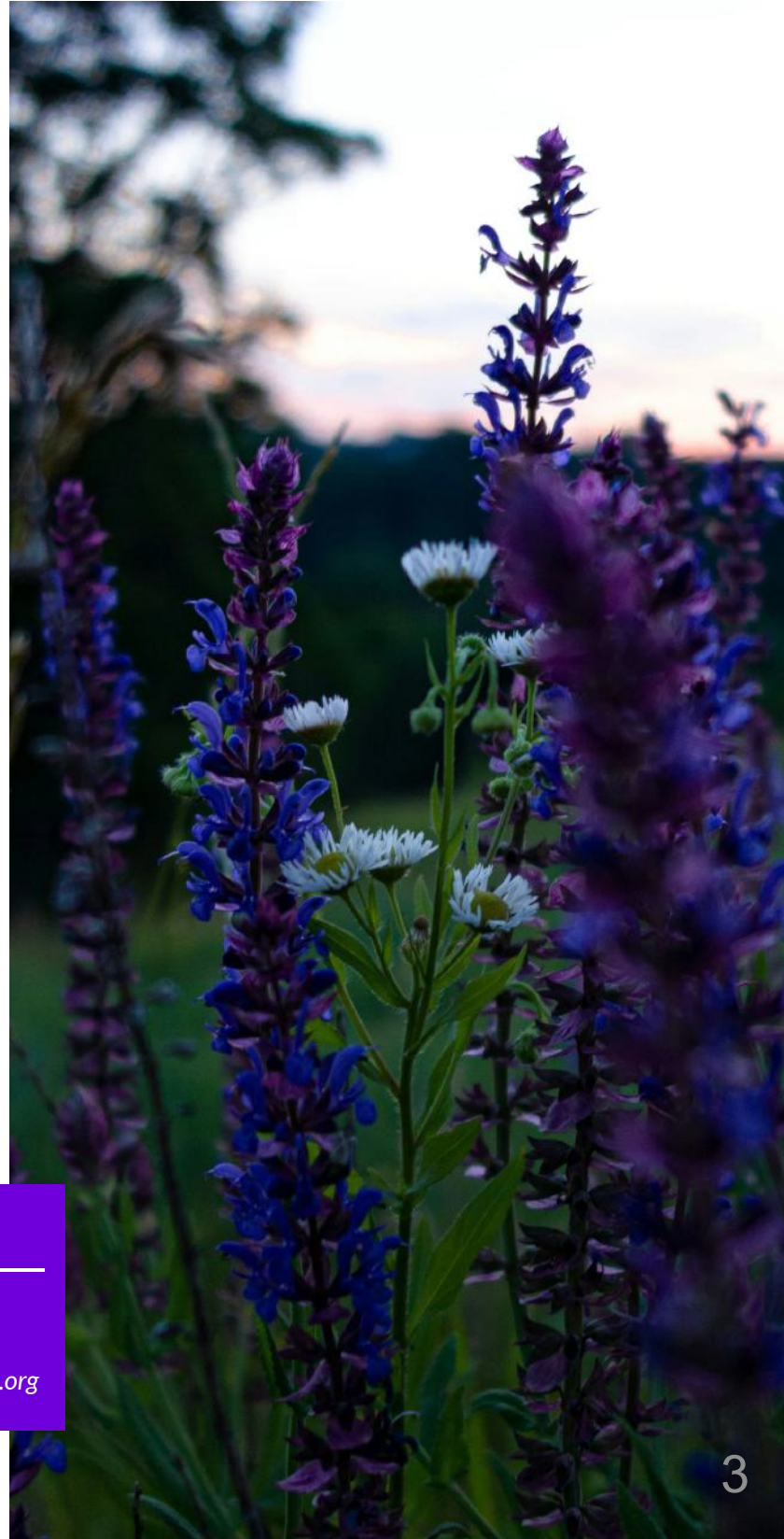
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Matthew 20:28 NKJV "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."



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What am I living for?

Elder Horane Smith

There was a popular song in the 1960s by popular American singer, Percy Sledge, entitled, What am I living for?

The song was a huge hit for several reasons: during that time Mr. Sledge kept putting out hits after hits, When a man loves a woman, Take time to know her, etc.; the song had appeal, and many people could relate to the lyrics. They told a story of a man's love for a woman, as is typical of many romantic songs. Percy sledge sang back then:

What am I living for
If not for you
What am I living for
If not for you
What am I living for
If not for you
Oh, nobody else
Nobody else will do

People live their lives for many reasons. There are those who live with hope that the world will become a better place one day, while others continue to live a life of hopelessness and despair and turn to other methods of getting rid of their trials, be it the failure of a romantic relationship; marriage breakdown, financial ruin, family issues, unemployment, or the inability to fulfill simple goals of living reasonably well.

What am I living for? came at a time when suicide rates weren't as high as they were today, notably because of the rise in population, the stresses brought about by a more modern society, and a host of other factors. India and China, the two largest countries in terms of population, account for most suicides today, and understandably so due to the number of people living in dejection. The World Health Organization says, "From 2011 to 2022, over half a million lives (539,810) were lost to suicide, with 2022 showing the highest number of deaths on record." This means this question is still relevant in general terms.

What am I living for? This question is always relevant regardless of the age we live in—modern or ancient. It goes beyond the love of a man and a woman. It has a general application, especially in our day and age. And it will always be relevant in general terms until the constitution of humanity changes and this civilization is no more. It will only be then this question will be answered. The reality of our modern world is thousands of people are killing themselves because they see no hope in this life. They don't know what they are living for. Life is without a purpose. Hopelessness prevails.

What a paradox? There's advice from One who's responsible for creating human life. Who better to get that advice from than the One who created veins, capillaries, and arteries, measuring 60,000 miles in a child and 100,000 miles in an adult, not to mention the other intricate details, that allow the human body to be so beautifully designed and functional. (continued on the next page)



What am I living for?

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What is life's purpose then? Before, one can attempt to answer the question, one should be able to understand our purpose in life. The age-old questions come to mind, Why are we here and What's the purpose of life?

Life is temporary. It's evident by death since the creation of humanity. But is there something beyond this life that we should seek after? When life offers no purpose or meaningful ideal, who or where do we turn to for the answers? Science doesn't have the answers neither do governments or institutions. The answers must lie in the realm of the spiritual world—the Divine and more specifically the Omniscient God who tells us, ***"For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else."*** Isa 45.18.

Our Designer, Creator God, and Saviour, tell us that this life is not it. In other words, life doesn't end here when a person dies. If you choose to take your own life, it doesn't solve your problem. You still have a problem! Furthermore, until one cannot accept the Almighty God for who He is, and what He stands for, life will have no meaning and will offer no purpose to you, yet there's a clear purpose says your Creator. Those who follow the prescription for life i.e. we need a Saviour in the person of Jesus, the Christ, (the Messiah and Anointed One), so one must repent, be baptized and accept Him as LORD and Saviour and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, then this life is not the end. **1 Cor. 15: 19** says, ***"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." There's a purpose beyond this life for those who seek the Anointed One.*** **1 John 2: 17**, reminds us, ***"And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."***

Here's another piece of advice for those who keep asking, What Am I living for? **Matt. 11: 28**, ***"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."***

Here's more vital information for the weary and those without hope, ***"But those who hope in the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint,"*** Isa 40:18.

The Percy Sledge song has a Christian version to it. How appropriate to end this article.

What am I living for
If not for you
What am I living for
If not for you
What am I living for
If not for you
Jesus and nobody else
Nobody else will do

For more on this subject click here to read our FREE booklet [THE SECOND COMING...and beyond.](#) Ω



One Proof of the Messiah

Elder Rick Dubler

It is no wonder those outside of the Christian community too often find themselves puzzled at the doctrinal disparity between different Christian factions all of whom claim to have the truth. Often times it is the result of not applying the Berean principle, i.e. to search the Scriptures daily with an open, receptive mind to see if what was being taught was in harmony with the Word of God (**Acts 17:11**). All too often, traditions are so deeply rooted that it not only prevents us from seeing the truth of the matter, but can in fact nullify the commandments of teachings of Scriptures (**Mark 7:8-9**).

The timing of the crucifixion and resurrection is one such tradition with the large majority of the Christian community believing that Jesus died on Friday afternoon (Good Friday), and was resurrected (Easter) Sunday. Others claim that Jesus rather died on a Wednesday afternoon, put in the tomb just at about sunset that day, and was resurrected Saturday (Sabbath) just at about sunset. Does it really make a difference? No doubt this discussion should in no way marginalize or diminish in any way our deepest appreciation for the sacrifice of the Son of God, but Jesus' own words would make this matter one of great importance; in fact, the timing of His death and resurrection was one of three proofs that authenticated that Jesus was in fact the real Messiah that mankind was waiting for.

Paul addresses those three proofs in **1 Corinthians 15:1-5**. The first is alluded to in Paul's statement that Jesus died "according to the Scripture." That refers to a plethora of prophecies that were fulfilled in the way Jesus died. The second proof Paul offers authenticating Jesus as the Messiah is that He died was buried and rose the third day "according to Scripture." This is what we are going to explore in this article. And the third proof is the host of individuals who personally witnessed Jesus after His resurrection, more than 500 in fact. These are three distinct irrefutable proofs showing that Jesus was and is that Messiah. We will only review one of these for now.

Let's begin by reading Jesus' own words as He was taunted by the Pharisees to give them some clear proof that He is in fact the Messiah that they have for millennia been waiting for. He gives them only one. Turn in your Bible to **Matthew 12:39-40**. Jesus makes a definitive statement that seems indisputable, and one would wonder why anyone would even question it. He says that just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, He, Jesus would be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. The sign of the prophet Jonah was the only sign Jesus was going to give them.

What is Jesus saying? This would be the sign that would prove He was the Son of God. This is so important that if He failed to fulfill that sign, then they had every right to reject Him as the Messiah. But instead of questioning their tradition of a Friday crucifixion and Sunday resurrection, theologians come up with some of the most imaginative if not incredible arguments to support their traditions. Most of those arguments are founded on the theory that any part of a day can be considered a day. But Jesus was most specific. He didn't just say three days, but three days and three nights. Those arguing for a Friday crucifixion say that any part of a day constitutes a day. Even with the application of this theory, you can at best come up with just three days and two nights.

So let's look at what Scripture has to say about what a day consists of. If we look at **Genesis 1:5**, we get a good sense of what God considered a day. We know during the creation week, we have seven days that consisted of evening and morning—that is, a day is made up of a night-time portion beginning with evening, and a day-time portion beginning with dawn. We also know from Scripture, **Leviticus 23:32**, that the days begin with evening and end with evening. That is scriptural. So now let's hear Jesus' own words. (continued on the next page)

One Proof of the Messiah cont'd

In **John 12:9**, Jesus asks a rhetorical question: “**Are there not 12 hours in the day?**” It seems at least to Jesus that a day had 12 hours of daylight, and the implication there are 12 hours comprising the night-time portion of the day. So one can conclude that a full day consists of 24 hours, 12 hours of daylight, 12 hours of night. So by that definition, Jesus had to be in the grave 72 hours, or He was a false messiah. So clearly the way of calculating a day based on biblical evidence supports a day as being 24 hours, 12 of daylight and 12 hours of night time.

Why is it that many have concluded that Jesus was crucified on Friday? It is founded on the misunderstanding that the Sabbath always refers to the weekly Sabbath, but it doesn't. Those who keep God's holy days recognize this truth.

Few understand that a Sabbath can refer to what we call Saturday, and it can also refer to a holy day. Let's look at **Leviticus 23:34, 39**. There are actually two Sabbaths to consider. The first Sabbath was just after the preparation day for the First Day of Unleavened Bread. John tells us this was a high day (**John 19:14, 31**). It is generally accepted by commentators that the high day it speaks of is the holy day, not the weekly Sabbath. If the preparation day was Wednesday when Jesus was crucified, and the holy day was Thursday, a Sabbath, not a weekly Sabbath, but rather the annual Sabbath, then we see that this would indeed fulfill the three days and three nights. Bullinger's Commentary agrees with this.

So how do we prove that in fact that First Day of Unleavened Bread, the 15th of Nisan, was a Wednesday? We can by putting together the various Gospel accounts to find solid ground to substantiate this assertion. We do that by comparing **Mark 16** and **Luke 23**; we will be able to piecemeal things so as to be able to prove that there were indeed two Sabbaths, an annual holy day and a weekly Sabbath.

So we turn to **Mark 15:45–16:1**. Here we see that after they observed Joseph laying the body of Jesus in the tomb, they rested for the Sabbath, and we read here when the Sabbath was past, they bought all of the necessary things to embalm Jesus. We know for sure that this Sabbath was a high day from **John 19:14** and **31**. The answer is unavoidable; they rested on the holy day, waiting until that Sabbath (high day) was past, then they bought the oil and sweet spices the following day, which was Friday, and then rested on the weekly Sabbath as identified in Luke.

When we look at **Luke 23:52–56**, we can see that the women here watched as Joseph of Arimathea laid Jesus' body in the tomb. This was at the very end of the preparation day that is just before the first holy day of Unleavened Bread. Then they purchased the spices and ointments— that was after the annual Sabbath as we read in **Mark 15**, and they then rested on the weekly Sabbath as pointed out here in **Luke 23**.

When we look carefully at this, we see that there were in fact two Sabbaths, one an annual holy day Sabbath, and secondly a weekly Sabbath. And so we see that in fact Jesus was in the tomb three days and three nights, even as the prophet Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, showing indeed that Jesus was and is our true Messiah.

Traditions can be either good or bad, but when they nullify the teachings of God, and in this case the very validation of Jesus as the Messiah, then we need to eradicate such traditions. We as God's people, who claim to be defenders of the truth, or as Jude writes, we are those who contend for the faith once delivered, rightly dividing the Word of God so as never needing to be ashamed. Brethren, to this you and I were called. And it is a high calling.

For further details, be sure to read our FREE booklet - **The Three Days and Three Nights**, by clicking here: <https://www.cgi.org/three-days?rq=three%20days>.

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Mysteries From The Bible – Revealed!



As you read your Bible & hear good sermons ... your pool of knowledge grows ... The Bible describes several things as “**mysteries**” – knowledge or Truth that many people don't know! Here are some examples of these Mysteries ... along with ANSWERS ... some simple booklets or articles you can explore so that **You will understand** some Mysteries that most people in the world DO NOT understand! These mysteries will no longer be a puzzle to you! Simply click on the booklet or the highlighted title to read...



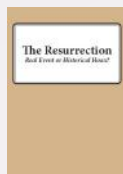
1. **Job 11:7** “Can you discover the depths of **God**? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?
'Who, What, is God?'



2. **Daniel 4:9** ‘O Belshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and **no mystery baffles you**, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.
'Can You Understand Bible Prophecy?'



3. **Matthew 13:11** Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted to know the **mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been granted.
'What is The Kingdom Of God?'



4. **1 Corinthians 15:51-53** Behold, I tell you a **mystery**; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.
'The Resurrection - Real Event of Historical Hoax?'



5. **Ephesians 6:19** & pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the **mystery of the gospel**
'What is the real Gospel Truth?'



6. **Colossians 4:3** praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the **mystery of Christ**, for which I have also been imprisoned;
'Christ Our Passover'



7. **Deuteronomy 29:29** "The **secret things** belong to the Lord our God, but the **things revealed belong to us** and to our sons forever, that we may **observe all the words of this law**. Ω
'The Ten Commandments'



grow by volunteering

By Elder Mike James

infuse
(Fall 2007)

We read in Matthew 25:31-46 that helping others is essential to living a Christian life. Jesus said those who do not care for the downtrodden could face expulsion from His kingdom. The types of people He expects us to care for include the poor, destitute, sick, strangers, and prisoners.

Many people shy away from these types of people in our society today. One of the things Jesus is telling us in Matthew 25 is that all humans have the potential to become part of the family of God. God will not exclude anyone who repents and follows Him. Therefore we need to be cognizant of this fact and treat all our brothers and sisters equally. But volunteering to help with these types of people can also teach us things that can build our character.

Hopefully we are all volunteering in our communities in some way. If not read Matthew 25; James 1:27; and Galatians 6:9-10 for some motivation.

But what is our motivation when we volunteer? Are we volunteering because we have been directed to do so by our school, family, or church? Regardless of our motivation, participating can help create motivation for you. There have been times when I did not feel like participating in volunteer activity, but I carried through on my commitment. I remember one day in particular when I had promised to play sports with physically and mentally challenged kids and teens. I remember getting there and feeling like it was the last place I wanted to be on that particular day. I was just not motivated and not feeling enthused. But as I started to interact with the challenged athletes I noticed their positive attitudes. They were laughing and smiling and truly enjoying themselves.

I looked at some of them in wheelchairs, suffering from Down's syndrome, autism, retardation, and a host of other issues. My attitude began to alter as I worked with them. They didn't seem to care they had all these "issues." It helped me realize how insignificant my problems were. I believe this is one of the reasons God wants us to work with the seemingly less fortunate.

It helps us learn about our attitudes and mindset, and it also motivates us to change those attitudes. Those of you who do volunteer, is it always the same type of service that you perform? For example, if you always serve at a soup kitchen why not write a letter to a prisoner?

For some, there may be a fear of dealing with someone in prison or jail. We may have a perception that people in prison are bad or dangerous. This is true in some cases, but there are many people in prison or jail because of mistakes and bad choices. Some are there because of mistakes by the justice system. Remember that Jesus mentioned prisoners as one of the categories of people we need to deal with. What might we learn by communicating with them? One thing we could learn is how easily one mistake can impact the rest of your life.

I had the experience of visiting and writing to someone in prison that was interested in our church. The reason he was in prison was because of assaulting two individuals with a baseball bat. The incident occurred after the two individuals in a bar assaulted him. The easy lesson to learn from this is mixing alcohol with anger and the costs that are incurred. Talking to this man helped me learn other things about prison life from someone on the inside.

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Once again, as with the physically and mentally challenged, I became aware of how easy I had it. It also helped me not take for granted all the little things in life a prisoner misses out on.

In Matthew 8:3; Mark 1:42; and Luke 5:13 we read of Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Those with leprosy were outcasts in the society in which Jesus lived. We see in this example Jesus did not abide by societal norms when it came to helping others.

In today's society some would look at AIDS/ HIV victims as outcasts. When the disease was first breaking onto the scene there were many in society who wanted to keep these individuals away from others because of their fear of the disease.

Would you be able to visit with a person with AIDS if necessary? Or are you afraid? I had to answer this question a few years ago when the daughter of someone in the Church came down with AIDS. The disease was contracted through the use of drugs. I had to overcome a little fear going into this situation because of the impact the media had on me years before.

Once again the experience helped alter my perception as I listened to someone suffering more than I ever had. I was also profoundly altered during visits to a sick friend who was dying of colon cancer. As I watched him wither away I realized how important each day is in our life. How we need to be doing the things God wants us committed to now.

I have learned much from putting myself in uncomfortable situations in trying to help others. I am far from being a complete individual, but each of these experiences has helped me get closer to God and realize more fully who He wants me to be.

Those of you who do volunteer, try to expand your volunteer efforts and helping experiences beyond what you feel comfortable with. Those of you who don't volunteer, start now and you will find that these experiences will teach you things you can't learn in any other way. Ω



- Host an exchange student
- Visit a Jail
- Social Services
- YMCA**
- Read aloud to a group of children
- Visit a convalescent home*
- Boys and Girls Club
- Record yourself reading a story for the blind
- Foster Parent
- Rescue animals
- Drug & Alcohol rehab.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Volunteer at a hospital



By Janet & Herb Jacobs

Texas and Ontario.



Growing up, our family did not throw things away!

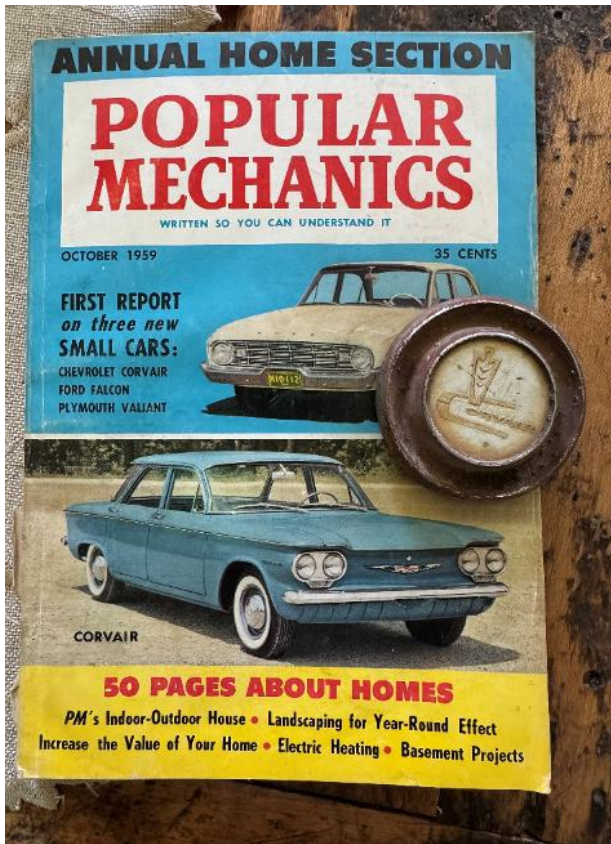
Growing up, we gave stuff away - and often good stuff, and I did not always like it!

However, it felt good, I did like to see the appreciation on the face of

others, as they may have received something they truly valued - whether it be garden stuff, collectibles, antiques, food, books, my valued outgrown toys (but not the toy tractors - there was a clear understanding there), etc.

One good example of my own, really started a few years ago when I, (Herb

writing this to the Church of God International Canada), re-found this old Corvair horn button (at least that is what it is according to Alyson Dubler). This horn button had been around for a few decades and has been moved a few times from drawer to box, to basket, likely back to same drawer, but never made it to a permanent wall display. I asked my beautiful wife Janet about the find. Janet mentioned that Elizabeth & Andy Alexander from Central Texas Church of God, may have an interest in the Corvair cars. (Corvair was and still is an amazing air cooled, rear engine car produced by Chevrolet between 1959 and 1969). Not sure where we picked up the button as kids, but it did not get thrown out.



Also, several decades ago, Joe Roth, one of my father's friends (we actually called him Brother Joe) gave us a few boxes of Popular Mechanics and Mechanix Illustrated magazines from the 50's and 60's, thinking we might

like them. Although a bit outdated at the time, those magazines gave us lots of knowledge on technology and lots of "ideas." When you pick up one of these, you can "look back" and you can "look ahead" of what really has happened. I find reading these old books very similar to reading the Bible - you can "look back" and you can "look ahead" to Jesus' return.

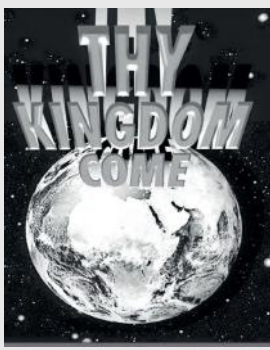
This past winter, Janet and I were going through a few of these old books, and we found a nice 1959 edition of Popular Mechanics with a Corvair on the cover. What a find we thought, especially since a lot of these books were in bad shape. I think Brother Joe had stored these in the garage. We are all to help our neighbours and brother Joe would give us a lot of stuff as well - see, it all evens out. And imagine the great feeling as a friend to be called "brother" - all the time!

The **Holy Bible** tells us of a Great Commandment from **Matthew 22:39** "**And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**"

Well, the book and horn button were safe, ready for a visit some year. Then, in June, this Year of our Lord 2025, we were blessed to see Elizabeth & Andy Alexander from Texas, come to Ontario, visiting with our congregation, as well as daughter Alyson Dubler family.

Janet and I invited the Alexander's for a farm tour, and we all compared our wonderful worlds of Texas and Ontario. Maybe next visit, we can trade Case tractors and Corvairs (stories) or better yet, enhance our blessed Church of God friendship between Texas and Ontario.

Blessings until next time,
Janet & Herb.



WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

The Kingdom of God is the family of God ruling as the government of God. It is a future world-ruling government to be set up on earth by Christ at His return, with Jesus as King and the resurrected spirit-composed saints in positions of co-rulership with Him.

The Kingdom of God—referred to as a “mystery” in the New Testament—was first preached and explained by Christ, then by His church; it shall be established on earth for a thousand years following Christ’s return, and shall be completely fulfilled when New Jerusalem and God the Father come down out of heaven to dwell on the New Earth. (See: **Mark 4:11; Revelation 5:10; 20:4; 21:1–3, 7, 10.**)

The Gospel of the Kingdom is the Good News message preached by Christ and by His church about God’s coming Kingdom, the restoration of His government on earth, and how mankind can enter that Kingdom and government. It includes the message of what Jesus has done, is doing, and shall do—and ultimately is the message of the entire Old and New Testaments.

The primary purpose and commission of the church is to **“Go ye therefore, and teach [make disciples of] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”** (See: **Matthew 3:2; 24:14; 28:19–20; Mark 1:15; Luke 24:47.**)

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm Shanieka, and I've been part of the CGI Toronto family for the past 12 years. I'm blessed to share life with my husband Courtney and our three amazing children – Seraphina, Isabella, and Jeremiah.

I work as a Public Health Nurse and have a heart for holistic health and wellness. Running, exploring new cultures, and connecting with people around the world are some of the things that bring me joy.

I also enjoy learning about all things dermatology with special interest in skin care.

One of the ways I stay grounded in my faith is through praise and worship—it helps me keep my eyes on God no matter what season I'm in. Praise dancing, in particular, is one of my favourite expressions of worship.

I'm truly looking forward to Feast 2025 and all that God has in store for us as a church family.

Happy Sabbath,
Shanieka

Heads Up!!!

Feast of Tabernacles at Collingwood 2025

Variety Show & Hobby Share

Hey performers - Welcome Singers, Instrumentalists, Dancers, Skits,
Reciters of poems...

Calling Hobby Enthusiasts to Share - Reserve a table in advance!

Welcome!

Start planning to participate and get in touch!

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Tel: 613-834-5091

Pics from CGI Toronto's 'Each One Bring One Swap & Potluck' event

On Saturday July 12, 2025, CGI Toronto Congregation hosted their 'Each One Bring One Swap & Potluck' event. Members were encouraged to invite family members and friends to join them for Sabbath Service. Following the service members and guests enjoyed a delicious potluck and fellowship, and were also able to select items they wanted from the abundance of new or slightly used clothing, household and outdoor items donated. There were 56 members in attendance, 10 guests and 13 joined us online for Service. It was a blessed Sabbath enjoyed by all!



Enjoy some pictures from CGI Toronto's Youth Sabbath Service July 26, 2025



Some more pictures from CGI Toronto's Youth Sabbath Service



CGI Kawartha Lakes Congregation SOCIAL

On Sunday, July 27, many from the Kawartha Lakes congregation held a social gathering in Peterborough.

We met at the Canoe Museum and toured this new facility located on Little Lake. The unique collection houses the world's largest collection of unique canoes and kayaks. Although they have over 600 significant canoes in their collection, only a few hundred are on display at any one time.

Some of the canoes are VERY ancient – others newer but specially built. Two newer models were Pierre E. Trudeau's canoe, and the beautiful inlaid canoe which Canada presented to Charles and Diana as a wedding gift. Several of us played a fun scavenger hunt and were gifted with little Canoe Museum pins!

Afterward, we enjoyed unique blends of fresh coffee and pastries in the café. Then – on we went to the famous Lift Locks on the Trent Severn waterway. Here we picnicked in the park under the “welcome” shade of a tree beside the water and watched various boats cruise by, enter into the lift locks and go UP to the next level of the river. Quite a sight to see!

What a gorgeous sunny day we had enjoying the sights, sounds, nature – and best of all ----- the fellowship with one another!



Submitted by Sandee Willshaw

Pics from CGI Toronto's Annual Picnic at G. Ross Lord Park - July 27, 2025



Pics from CGI Toronto's Annual Picnic at G. Ross Lord Park cont'd



CGI TORONTO FAMILY & FRIEND'S DAY



The Church of God International, Toronto Congregation will be hosting another 'Family & Friend's Day' on September 6, 2025, starting at 1:30pm.

Members are encouraged to invite their family members and friends to this enlightening presentation. All are welcome to join us as our presenter delves into another profound topic...

"Do All Roads Lead To The Same God?"

Presenter: Elder Bernard Wilson

Don't miss this opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and find answers to this thought provoking question. There will be a potluck and fellowship following the presentation.

REMEMBER - Parking is FREE!



The presentation will be held at:
2737 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON
(Trinity Presbyterian Church premises,
corner of Bayview Ave. & Truman Road
1 block south on Hwy. 401 at Bayview Ave.)



AUGUST SABBATH SERVICES

Toronto

Aug. 2 - Kenroy Allen
Aug. 9 - Victor Paron
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