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# EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the May edition.

Thus far we've enjoyed a blessed Spring Holy Day Season, and should all be feeling renewed, refreshed and re-energized. Have you been counting down the **50 days to Pentecost**? Be sure to follow Elder Murray Palmatier and Pastor Gary Monks' inspirational daily posts in **Slack** during this **Feast of Weeks** leading up to the next Holy Day. Brethren there's still so much to learn. Let's spend our time constructively in the WORD and not in the madness going on around us in this lost world. Spring has finally sprung...allow your spirit to be lifted!

Our first featured article this month is **Are You Playing The Numbers Game?** by Elder Horane Smith, followed by **The Notorious Thief**, an interesting article from Burlington's webpage. Enjoy the Infuse article **The Conclusion of the Whole Matter** by Rory Ries, and then check out the **Evangelism Ministry Update** with news on upcoming campaigns in Toronto & London. Don't miss **Brunner Hill Blessings**, and view our **Member Spotlight** and some pics from the First & Last Days of Unleavened Bread joint services.

If you have an interest in providing Content for the monthly newsletter please contact me at the email below. I'd love to hear from you.

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**1 John 7:7-8 NKJV** *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."*

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The image shows the interior of a large Gothic cathedral, likely St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, filled with a large congregation of people seated in pews. The architecture is highly detailed with pointed arches, ribbed vaulting, and ornate chandeliers. Light streams in from high windows, creating a dramatic atmosphere. The text is overlaid in the upper center of the image.

# ARE YOU PLAYING THE NUMBERS GAME?

HORANE SMITH

The New Testament paints the early Church of God as “a little flock,” scattered and persecuted, but with a resilience to anything anti-Christ that adherents were more than willing to lay down their lives in defense of their beliefs. All the apostles, except John, martyred their lives for Christ, and many others did, too. That was a testimony to how far the little flock would have gone to defend their beliefs.

In the age of martyrdom, the church met in homes, underground and other secluded areas. This tells us clearly the Church was not huge back then, unlike today, when we live in the age of megachurches.

A megachurch is one that has more than 2,000 members in attendance every week. Some churches today have exceeded that number, especially those that preach a theology that reaches into your pocket, or ‘the prosperity gospel.’

There’s a common perception that if a church does not have large numbers, God cannot be working with it. Equally so, there are some Christians who will not attend small churches as they feel more at home where the crowds are huge, a big choir, a band, and loud music. “The Spirit is there,” some will say. Yet, there are others who are of the persuasion that all the megachurches must be of God as He has blessed them with the numbers. On the other hand, small churches can be viewed as lacking “the spirit,” forgotten by God, and need to do something about their numbers. They are “cold” or “lukewarm,” leaving no place for the Holy Spirit. “They need the baptism by fire..”

However, pause for a moment and compare those perceptions against the genesis of the church and throughout the years of its history and what do you get? A completely different picture. Certainly, in the time of Christ, there were fewer people living, and the church was relatively small. For sure, after Pentecost, the church was “on fire,” and the followers of Christ were turning the world “upside down,” as their zeal went beyond nearby borders. We know, too, in one instance, there were 3-thousand baptisms one day. In our modern world, where there are more people alive today, to have 3-thousand baptisms in a big city is a rare feat. Nevertheless, the first century church did that; it must have been really “on fire” for God.

Throughout the centuries, we have seen church numbers growing at a steady pace until the turn of the twenty-first century, when we start seeing some decline that had been lurking under the shadows for some time. Europe is the worst continent of all where church attendance stands below 10%, according to the latest research.

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There's an interesting scripture in **Matt. 7:13** from the mouth of Jesus Christ.

***“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”***

(my emphasis)

Is this statement by Jesus picturing a small or large church? When some people judge a church by its numbers, are they playing games with the work and the Word of God? Not every church is true; there are false ones out there and Jesus warns about the widespread deception in the end time (**Matt 24**) when ***“Satan has deceived the whole world.”***

One of the cardinal mistakes we can ever make as a Christian, nominal or otherwise, is to believe that because people are flocking to a particular church, especially if they are big, it must be preaching truth.

The scriptures speak otherwise and so does the history of the church that began at the Feast of Firstfruits/Pentecost and continued being persecuted to this very day. The truth is the Church of God has always been relatively small.

For more on this subject, click [THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT](#) to read more.

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# The Notorious Thief



**W**ithout a shadow of a doubt, many people have experienced the anguish that follows the loss of something of great sentimental value; something you've cherished for many years. For example, Grandpa's old wrist watch which he used while hiding in the trenches during World War 2, or Grandma's engagement ring. Then, one day, in a twinkle, it was gone. You carelessly left your jewelry box on the bed side table, promising every day to put it back in the little hiding place where you kept it for many years.

Unfortunately, tomorrow never came. "Procrastination" had a hold on you. The days and weeks went by, then it was gone. Stolen! You want to know who had the audacity to rob you of your most valued possession and chances are, you will. I wonder who did this you may ask yourself; only to be told by a little voice that we are all familiar with; that small voice which we almost always ignore. In a whisper, the voice said, Listen! For a very long time, that thief has been dwelling in a hidden corner of your mind and his name is "Procrastination."

### **A little sleep, a little slumber**

Procrastination holds on to your thought process with such tenacity, that to you, "putting off" becomes common place. Not only is he a thief of time but a "murderer of souls." He is a snatcher of the time of your life; a robber of your God-given gifts; a thief that cripples your ability to hear the wooing of your Comforter, The Holy Spirit. He is constantly trying to lead you in the wrong direction; not to mention his unrelenting efforts in trying to make sure that you are incapacitated with all kinds of ailments, whereby you have no choice but to continue putting off, telling yourself every day, "I am so tired, I will wait until tomorrow or until I feel better." That robber never lets up. Hence, here lies the inability to pray.

Before you know it, you are completely done in. You have forgotten that you were called to perform a task and the Master is waiting. You thought that Grandpa's watch or Grandma's engagement ring was of great sentimental value? Well, how do you think Jesus feels? A Father whose love for you surpasses everything that the world has to offer; He gave up everything for you, including His own Son.

### **Laziness or procrastination**

You may think that it's just laziness and not procrastination. Could it be both? Don't be fooled. That's how it begins. It can be very subtle; therefore, to thine own self be true. Tomorrow! Tomorrow! Tomorrow! And Lo! And Behold! Tomorrow never comes. Isaiah recognizes man's tendency to procrastinate in his warning. ***"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. (Isaiah 55:6)*** (continued on the next page)



From our own experience, we know that a job we dread doing seems to erect a barrier that keeps us from even starting, leading to procrastination. Many times we fear becoming involved with even the first small steps of overcoming a character flaw to improve our conduct, so we procrastinate.

However, let's look on the bright side. It's not always a point of no return. For some people procrastination seems to be innate. It becomes the order of the day. For others, they may need a rude awakening, (as in having to learn the hard way.) If you don't mind some brain-storming, try to recall the story of the Ten Virgins. (**Matthew 25:1-13**) A person who is lazy is also a procrastinator and lacks understanding. He is ignorant of what is happening. This person may not be keeping his property in good condition and his lethargy is pulling it into a state of disorganization. It does not matter whether the laziness/procrastination is in physical or spiritual endeavours. The point here is that, little or nothing will be produced by the Procrastinate slothful person. We want to be spiritually rich. We want our relationships to be rich and to produce the right things, so to achieve this will require a good deal of effort on our parts. Secular people who do not possess the flaw of procrastination or laziness, learn these principles, put them to work in business, and they prosper as a result of it.

### **Reflection**

A wise Preacher once said: "At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought but what we built. Not what we got but what we've shared. Not our Competence but our Character and not our success but our significance. Live a life that matters. Live a life of Love." (C. Spurgeon.) Procrastination can become the deepest pit in "hell," where Satan catches more souls than the "Black Hole of Calcutta". Do not allow that Notorious Thief to penetrate the portals of your mind and make it his domain.

You may ask, how? You are an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of your testimony. (**Rev. 12:11**) No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (**Hebrews 12:11**) Be very careful, then, how you live. Not as unwise. Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is. (**Ephesians 5:15-17**) Be steadfast in ANTICIPATION and crucify PROCRASTINATION.

Click this link: [HOW TO BUILD GODLY CHARACTER](#) to read our FREE booklet

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# The Whole Matter

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.”*

**T**hese are famous words that conclude a well-known book. This book we know as Ecclesiastes, was written by one of the wisest men that ever lived. Solomon was that man and his fall is living proof of our weakness as human beings.

Solomon had it all. He was wise which was a gift from God (**1 Kings 3:12-13**). Solomon was also given riches and honour. Royal majesty had been bestowed upon Solomon (**1 Chronicles 29:25**). He was also granted great peace in the land because God had made a promise and God always keeps His promises.

Unfortunately the tragedy is Solomon sought after things that were not good for him. The world has a way of attracting us to things that are not good for us. John wrote about it in **1 John 2:16**, “*For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.*” The bright lights and the excitement the world has to offer can be very appealing to the eyes, but in the end it only brings pain and misery.

Solomon learned a valuable lesson the hard way. God had instructed Solomon to walk in His ways and to keep His statutes and commandments. Obeying God brings love, joy, and peace (**Galatians 5:22**). David, Solomon’s father, wrote how nothing shall offend those who keep the law (**Psalms 119:165**). He also said, “*Great peace have those who love your law.*” Solomon did come to repentance, however, he suffered greatly which could have been avoided had he listened to God and obeyed Him.

What was Solomon’s sin? He loved many foreign women (**1 Kings 11:1-2**). Solomon ignored God’s instructions by marrying women from other nations. When we seek after women who follow a false god or who are involved in worldly practices, we can become caught up in the world and our hearts will seek after their gods. The problem we may run into when we seek our own desires and lusts is separation from God (**Isaiah 59:2**). On the other hand, when we allow God to guide us and we lean on Him it will work out every time and the blessings are without end (**Proverbs 3:5-6**).

Solomon ended up with 700 wives and 300 concubines. We are told his wives turned his heart away from God (**1 Kings 11:3**). The tragedy behind all of this is his kingdom was

By Rory Ries

torn away from him and given to his servant (**1 Kings 11:11**). Thankfully, Solomon did repent and as you read the last chapter in Ecclesiastes you can see a major change in this man’s attitude.

What about you? Does the world look appealing to you? Is there something out there that you feel like you will do anything to get it? These are questions you have to ask yourself. Is there something out there that you are willing to give up everything for no matter what it costs? Sometimes there are things out there in the world that entice us and we feel like we can’t live without, yet in all honesty it is God we cannot live without.

God says He will provide us with everything we need (**Philippians 4:19**). We are told, “*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord*” (**Proverbs 18:22**). When we are looking for a mate we need to look to our Father to bring that person into our lives. If we try to do it on our own without His help we can find ourselves in a complete mess. “*For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding*” (**Proverbs 2:6**).

Whenever we rely on God to provide for us He will always provide something of great value. Solomon did do some marvelous works and those works were very pleasing in God’s eyes. He had the temple built and the people were blessed because of his obedience to God (**1 Kings 8:55**). He also wrote some inspiring messages that can help us with the struggles we may face. The one thing he had to still deal with, as we do, is the human nature that is in us. That human nature may cause us to struggle with doing things our way or totally submitting to doing things God’s way (**Romans 7:23**).

We fight against the fleshly lusts (**Galatians 5:17**). The challenge we have is to overcome the fleshly lusts because those lusts will keep us out of the kingdom of God (**Galatians 5:21**). It is a lifelong battle, but the rewards that are waiting for us are far greater than the losses we may have to suffer in this physical life (**Philippians 3:8-9**). There is nothing this world has to offer that compares to the inheritance that is locked up and sealed waiting for us to claim it (**1 Peter 1:4**).

“*Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*” (**Hebrews 12:1**). Solomon had his race to run and so do we. The story of Solomon’s life has been given to us as a gift so we may learn from the good things he did and from the mistakes he made. We don’t have to learn the hard way. If we apply our heart to understanding and seek Godly counsel there is nothing we cannot accomplish and overcome in this life (**Proverbs 2:1-5**).

# EVANGELISM

## 2026

### UPDATE



# Upcoming Events!

[gospel.cgitoronto.org](http://gospel.cgitoronto.org)

The CGI Canada National Evangelism Team  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US  
for these exciting campaigns in  
Toronto & London during May 2026

## THE CHURCH OF GOD INTERNATIONAL

CGI Toronto & London, Ontario Congregations —  
Coming Weeks in May, Preaching The Gospel Message!



May 2, 9, 23, and 30 @ 1:30 PM

Be sure to invite your family members, friends and associates to these sessions which are open to everyone — no background in faith is required, no expectation to believe anything before they walk in. They can come with questions - Come with any doubts - Come as they are. There will be a Q&A session following each presentation and refreshments will be provided. Parking is FREE!

Space is limited so please reserve a seat for each of your guest through the link below, to secure a spot. They'll receive friendly reminders before each session.

[RESERVE A SEAT](#)

CGI TORONTO PRESENTS

# IS GOD STILL RELEVANT?

DISCOVERING GOD ANEW – A 4 WEEK SERIES

WHAT IS THE TRUE GOSPEL? - MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

DO WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE OLD TESTAMENT? - MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

WHY DO I NEED GOD AND THE CHURCH? - MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE? - MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

2737 Bayview Avenue - Toronto, ON | 1:30PM

REGISTER NOW  
[gospel.cgitoronto.org](http://gospel.cgitoronto.org)



Week 1 – Saturday, May 2 @ 1:30PM

PRESENTER: KENROY ALLEN

What is the true gospel?

The word "gospel" means good news. But there are many versions of that story being told today – and not all of them agree. In this opening session, we go back to the source to ask: what did Jesus actually promise? The answer may be bigger – and more surprising – than you expect.

Week 2 – Saturday, May 9 @ 1:30PM

Do we need to follow the Old Testament?

Millions of people treat the Old Testament as ancient history – interesting perhaps, but no longer binding. But what if dismissing it means missing half the story?

We explore what the Old Testament actually is, where it came from, and why it still speaks directly to where humanity is headed.



Week 3 – Saturday, May 16 @ 1:30PM

PRESENTER: COURTNEY EDWARDS

Why do I need God and the Church?

It's a fair question. If you live ethically, treat people well, and don't need religion to tell you right from wrong – why bother? In this session, we examine what science and self-sufficiency can and cannot answer, and why the God of the Bible offers something no moral framework alone ever can.



Week 4 – Saturday, May 23 @ 1:30PM

PRESENTER: COURTNEY SCARLETT

Why do bad things happen to good people?

This is the question most people are afraid to ask out loud in church. If God is loving and all-powerful, why does suffering touch every life – including the lives of people who've done nothing to deserve it? We won't offer easy answers. But we will offer honest ones – grounded in Scripture and the life of Jesus, who didn't explain suffering from a distance but entered into it.

## EVENT DETAILS:

Church Location: 2737 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON - Tel: 416-848-8439

All sessions begin at 1:30PM - Parking is FREE!

Hosted by The Church of God International, Toronto Congregation

THE CHURCH OF GOD INTERNATIONAL  
LONDON CONGREGATION PRESENTS

# TRUTH.. OR TRADITION?

REDISCOVERING TRUTH – A 4 WEEK SERIES

THE ESSENTIAL LOVE OF GOD AND JESUS - MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

REPENTANCE - MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

WHY DON'T WE KEEP THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS? - MAY 23<sup>R<sup>D</sup></sup>

WHY DO WE KEEP GOD'S HOLY DAYS? - MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

970 Oxford St. W - London, ON | 1:30PM

REGISTER NOW  
[rediscoveringtruth.cgilondon.org](http://rediscoveringtruth.cgilondon.org)

## WHAT IS THE LOVE OF GOD & JESUS AND DO WE REALLY NEED IT?

We live in a world that threatens our very existence. Hardly has there been a time in the history of mankind when we have had peace throughout the earth, and then only for brief moments. Our present world situation, both in the Middle East and Ukraine, could easily escalate to a global conflict, World War 3. Scripture identifies the cause of these conflicts as greed, most often motivated by pride. It is the direct result of ignoring the principle of life that our loving Creator offers us that would bring about peace, harmony, and prosperity. Responding to the love of God and of His Christ is the answer to all of the world's ills, but will we respond? Yet there is hope. Scripture tells us there will be a time when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore

Saturday May 9, 2026



PRESENTATION BY  
Rick Dubler

## THE HOPE IN REPENTANCE

Being overwhelmed with guilt and shame is never God's intention, restoration is. Shame is from the enemy but conviction is from the Lord. If we succumb to shame for our shortcomings, we will hesitate to return to God and restore relationship, but the call to repentance is freedom. An invitation to freely receive God's forgiveness and once again walk closely with Him, and be at peace with Him and ourselves with a clear conscience.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Saturday May 16, 2026



PRESENTATION BY  
Heinrich Peters

## WHY DON'T WE KEEP THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS?

Is Easter, Christmas, or Halloween biblical? How did these and other traditional Christian holidays become so entrenched in Christianity? God's people were warned not to borrow from pagan worship. "Take heed that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?--that I also may do likewise.'" (Deut.12:30). Most, if not all, of the popular Christian holidays have their roots in paganism. Early Christians kept biblical holy days.

Saturday May 23, 2026



PRESENTATION BY  
Bernard Wilson

## WHY DO WE KEEP GOD'S HOLY DAYS?

For most Christians, the God-ordained festivals or Holy Days of Leviticus 23 are Jewish, so there's no need to observe them. They were given to Israel and, therefore, and not binding on Christians, some argue.

But can that belief stand up to what God describes as "My Feasts...or the Feasts of the LORD?"

The Holy Bible shows these Holy Days are God's appointed times set aside from the very week of Creation. Not only that, but God's festivals also are woven into the story of His plan to redeem humanity from sin and offer salvation.

Saturday May 30, 2026

### Event Details:

Church Location: 970 Oxford St. W, London, ON

Tel: 416-848-8439

All sessions begin at 1:30PM - Parking is FREE!

Hosted by The Church of God International, London Congregation

# CGIC Online Ministry Education Initiative

**CGIC has commenced the Online Ministry Education Initiative.**

**The Program consists of 4 Modules:**

- Module 1: Biblical Hermeneutics (completed in March)
- Module 2: Homiletics (Preaching and Teaching)
- Module 3: Church Administration and Leadership
- Module 4: Pastoral Counseling and Care

**Duration:** 4–8 weeks total (depending on pacing.)

**Delivery Mode:** Online (Live or Hybrid)

**Weekly Time Commitment per Module:** 4 hours

- 2 hours Lecture
- 2 hours Tutorial / Practical Application

**Target Audience:** Emerging pastors, Speakers, emerging speakers, Deacons, church leaders, ministry interns.

**Program Completion:**

- Assessment based on participation, practical exercises, short assignments.

**A Certificate of Completion will be issued upon successful participation in all modules.**

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# CGIC Online Ministry Education Initiative

**ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT MODULE?**

**DON'T WAIT - REGISTER TODAY!!**



***Module 2: Biblical Homiletics Will Begin soon!***

To REGISTER, please click the link and send your Name & Telephone # to this email: [training@cgicanada.org](mailto:training@cgicanada.org)  
For more information call Tel#: 226-289-2100

## **Module 2: Homiletics (Preaching and Teaching)**

**Objective:** Develop effective, biblically faithful, and pastorally relevant preaching skills.

### **Sunday May 17, 2026 - Lecture (1 ½ Hours):**

- Theology and purpose of preaching
- Types of sermons (expository, topical, textual, narrative)
- Sermon structure and outlining
- Crafting introductions and conclusions
- Application and relevance
- Delivery fundamentals (voice, clarity, presence)

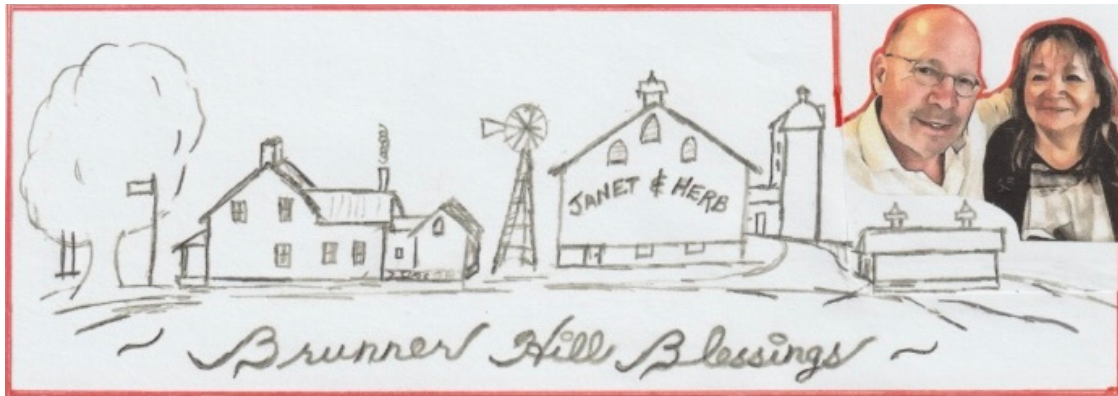
### **Sunday May 31, 2026 - Tutorial / Workshop (1 ½ Hours):**

- Sermon outline development
- Peer review of sermon manuscripts
- Practice preaching segments (5–7 minutes)
- Instructor and peer feedback

**Learning Outcome:** Students will prepare and deliver clear, biblically grounded sermons with effective application.







By Janet & Herb Jacobs

## Blessings all Week Long!

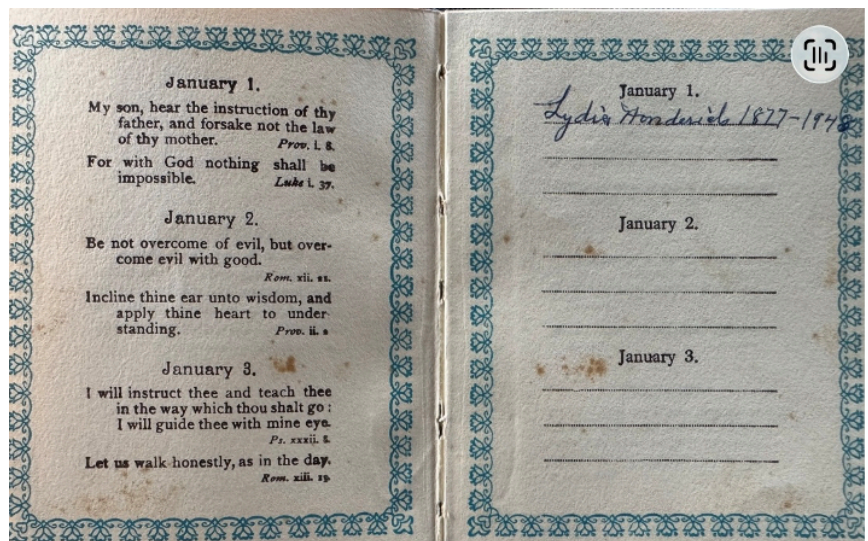
This month's article all started because of my mother's wall calendar from 1995, as it became the "new" Birthday calendar. Gone were looking through the dates in various Dusty Bibles, or the outdated Scripture Birthday Book.



our blessings in person. Also, special this year was our actual Walk with Jesus and the Disciples - day by day this year and all aligned as it happened.

One of my blessings, was that I was born on the Sabbath! Surprisingly, when you mention this, everyone's eyes light up - it is an easy search these days to find the day of the week that you were born. You have close to a one in seven chance for a Sabbath Birthdate. (Stop reading here if you would like to find yours - then, please, continue reading.)

My beautiful wife Janet and I occasionally review this calendar and add names and years for various occasions. Much to our surprise, on the first Sabbath following the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, was Rick Dubler's name and year (halfway between Psalm 90 Verse 10). This Sabbath birthday was special as we could all provide



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Also, I have come to realize that some of my blessings have come from one body in Christ-that is from Rick, who serves as our Pastor, performed our marriage vows (at the same time became my brother-in-law), but most important, Rick was the Pastor who baptized me – Praise the Lord.

We are Blessed each Sabbath with a message that keeps us going through the week. At least it keeps Janet and I often reflecting on the sermons each week, quite often we see things or discuss things that relate back to the message. Similar way – that one Hymn from church - the one you cannot get out of your head for a couple days – what a Blessing.

Here is an overview of some of the messages that we have recently listened to. Trying to summarize these gives a true understanding of the work that goes into these sermons. We hope this helps in your walk with Christ as we now look forward to Pentecost.

**April 2, 2026 (FDOUB). “Strategies to Retain our Spiritual Health”.** We come to church to edify others. Habits can be bad and we need to break away from these. Let’s be strong and embraced that is in Jesus Christ (**2 Timothy 2:1**).

**April 4, 2026. “The Resurrection”.** What was it like when Jesus met his father after the resurrection? We have a resurrection that has opened the door for all of humanity.

**December 20, 2025. “Baptizing”.** Conditions: 1. Faith – in Jesus and what he did for us. 2. Repentance. “Commit to God for eternity – with God it is Forever”.

**November 21, 2025. “Be a Friend of Jesus”.** Do we pray to God different than we pray to Jesus? “We pray to the Father and we would be remiss not pray to and praise the One who died for us with whom we are to have a deep abiding relationship”.

**June 7, 2025. “Pure Heart”.** Matthew 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” The church gives us a purified heart.

**July 6, 2024. “Prayer in our Lives”.** Pray with Sincerity and Humility. Often, we say things without thinking.

**April 23, 2024 (FDOUB). “The One Thing”.** The one thing that will free us from our bad habits is knowing that Jesus died for us and the Love of God extends to us. Below is an older message from the **CGI website**.

**April 5, 2014. “Does God Weep”.** The bible does not say that God cries – **Jesus wept** and he said if you have seen me – you have seen the father. We often cry and feel for others and God has deep feelings for us, in order that we might have salvation.

One of Rick’s Favorite Bible Verses is **Luke 17:33 “Whoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.”**

God has Blessed our speakers to send us messages that we can grow with and we give thanks to God all week long. These are words that the Lord places on our speaker’s hearts and in turn, these words are shared with all of us and put on our Hearts.

Blessings to all our speakers,  
Janet & Herb.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



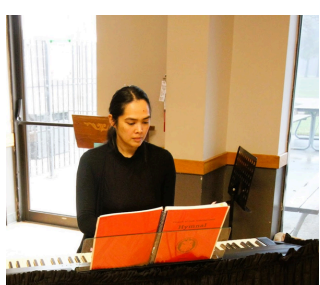
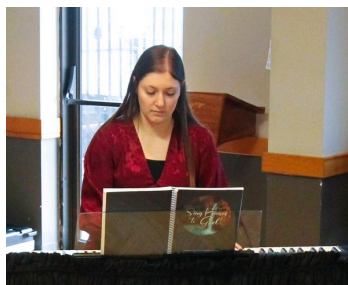
Mark and Bonita Shumlick first met at Pentecost in 2019. They have been married for five years. Bonita has been an integral part of the church since 1966 initially attending with her parents. She was baptized in 1979 at WCG, later becoming a member of the Kitchener congregation in 2006.

Mark began listening to Herbert Armstrong's teachings in 1973 and joined CGI Burlington in 2018 subsequently joining Bonita in Kitchener.

Both Mark and Bonita have been a blessing to us with their beautiful voices at various events throughout the years. They are also active members of the choir.

Mark and Bonita are successfully operating Grassy Brook Golf Course in Welland which has been around since 1996. Mark and Bonita both firmly believe that CGI is true to Christ and are grateful to the church as it is where they met.

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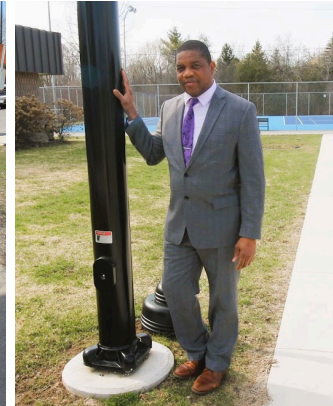
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# May Sabbath Service

## Toronto

May 2 - Kenroy Allen  
May 9 - Horane Smith  
May 16 - Courtney Edwards  
May 23 - Courtney Scarlett  
May 24 - PENTECOST  
May 30 - Bernard Wilson

## Kitchener

May 2- Rick Dubler  
May 9 - Bernard Wilson  
May 16 - Kenroy Allen  
May 23 - Adam Dubler  
May 24 - PENTECOST  
May 30 - Carlos de la Cruz/John Reiner

## Kawartha Lakes

May 2- Horane Smith  
May 9 - Taped Sermon  
May 16 - Stephan Willshaw  
May 23 - Taped Sermon  
May 24 - PENTECOST -  
Stephan Willshaw  
May 30 - Jim French

## Oshawa

May 4 - Taped Sermon  
May 11 - Jim French  
May 18 - Taped Sermon  
May 23 - Taped Sermon  
May 24 - PENTECOST -  
May 30 - Larry Arnborg

## Burlington

May 2 - Adrian Davis  
May 9 - Jan Kowalczyk  
May 16 - Adrian Davis  
May 23 - Adrian Davis  
May 24 - PENTECOST  
May 30 - Jan Kowalczyk

## London


May 2 - Bernard Wilson  
May 9 - Rick Dubler  
May 16 - Horane Smith  
May 23 - Bernard Wilson  
May 24 - PENTECOST  
May 30 - Horane Smith

## Ottawa

May 2 - Jim French  
May 9 - Taped Sermon  
May 16 - David Townson  
May 23 - Jim French  
May 24 - PENTECOST -  
Jim French  
May 30 - Taped Sermon

**PLEASE NOTE: PENTECOST -  
Sunday, May 24 @ 1:30 PM  
(Puslinch Community Centre)**

For more info - see the  
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@ [Cgicanada.org](http://Cgicanada.org)



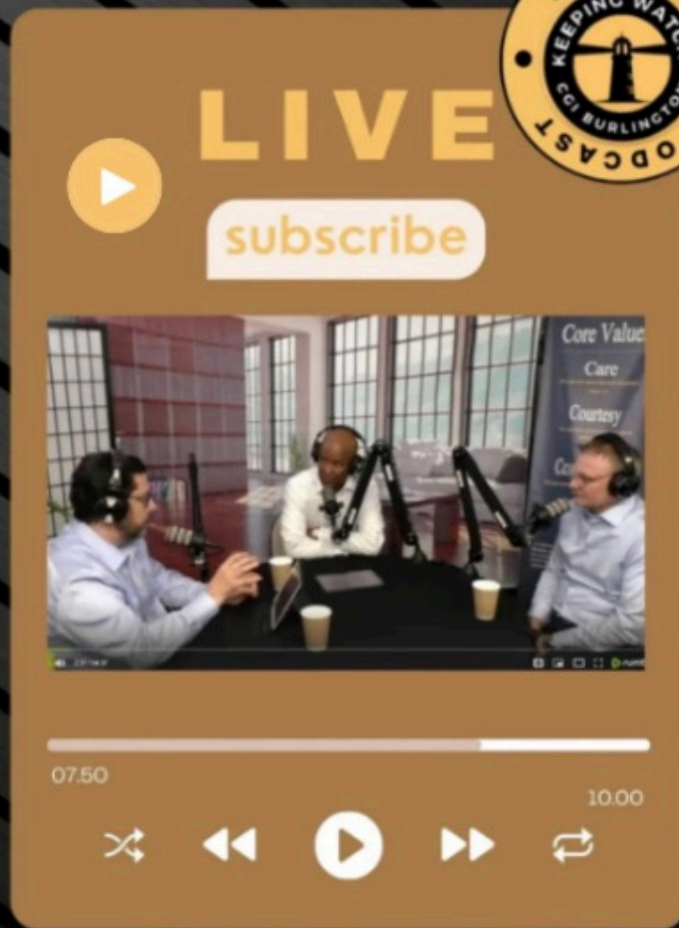


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