



Proclaiming Jesus Christ, Making Disciples, Growing Healthy Churches

Elk Valley Congregational Church, Elkford, BC

On September 23rd we had a carnival for the community where we served hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, chips and pop. We had many carnival type games as well as bouncy castles. Our goal was to reach new members in the community and we were blown away with over 200 people coming through our church doors to enjoy a free family fun day. That is almost 10% of our community.

It was a great fun day and most families didn't just come to check it out and leave they stayed for the full 3 hours. We ran out of food and had to go buy more candy for the games. We also had face painting and balloon animals. It was such a blessing and God showed us how amazing He is. The church purchased a cotton candy machine, popcorn machine and snow cone machine so we can offer family fun Sundays after church next summer.

We have been hosting paint nights in the church to fellowship with community members. We had 30 people, 18 people from the community and 12 church members. Another paint night will be held in November.

Rib Night- This night brought out 6 church guys who each brought enough ribs to share with each other. It was a competition on who could make the best ribs. Pastor Frank won with the most votes with his tender delicious ribs. A great night had by all. Here are some of the pictures from our events.





Rev. Dr. David Fisher's Recent Mission Trip Report:

Dear Prayer Intercessors: I want to sincerely thank you for praying for our trip to Uganda. It was great.

Susan Thomson, Diane Southworth and myself along with a team of three Americans including Bill Henshaw, his son Caleb and associate Chad Drayton landed in Entebbe, Uganda on August 20th. We were welcomed by Bishop Girado Olukol of the Pentecostal International Outreach centre.

In 1968 at the age of 18 Bishop Girado was in prison. It was there a Canadian missionary preached and Girado accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He was one of the first evangelicals in the country. He quickly began to preach the Gospel and plant churches. In 1976, while Idi Amin was the president of Uganda, Bishop Girado was warned to stop preaching or he'd be imprisoned. He refused and went to jail.

He survived however, and would tell us that he had outlived all of his captors. His imprisonment established his integrity in the eyes of his countryman; here was a man willing to die for the faith he proclaimed!

To date he has planted approximately 200 churches throughout Uganda. Some seat a hundred or so while others are simply a group of people who meet under a tree on Sundays to hear the Gospel, pray and worship.

I had the privilege of speaking at a Conference in Tororo, Uganda, to about 150 preachers and leaders. Our group interceded, prayed for healing and deliverance, for revelation and blessing. I am especially thankful for the contribution that the intercessors made on the trip. Their support was invaluable.

We also prayed and saw emotional healing, as well as physical healing for a blind man whose sight was partially restored. We saw a young girl of around three or four, who had never walked before, take her first steps after prayer. Praise Jesus! We were able to pray deliverance prayer for nearly 300 people in total.

Along the way, Chad Drayton shared Jesus Christ with dozens of people leading many of them to Christ. In our first day there he led six people who were part of the hotel staff to the Lord! We had the opportunity to visit, speak and pray for at least 13 churches among Bishop Girado's assemblies. I personally spoke at least 14 times, including once on a Ugandan radio station. Thank you for your prayers for me. They were answered.

It amazed me to be able to preach so often, with a word tailored by the Holy Spirit for each place we went. I spoke from 5 or 10 minutes, to up to an hour and 45 minutes depending on what the situation called for. I thank God for the privilege.

We were well received and felt protected wherever we went. Not only did God's angels protect us, but we also had a high ranking government official, a Christian man, assigned as a plain clothes officer to ensure we were safe. We never identified who he was, but given the official was in charge of both the army and policing throughout the district, we knew we were secure. We believe the mission that God sent us to do was accomplished and that through it hundreds, if not thousands of people, have been blessed.

We have an invitation to go again next year but we cannot give a definite affirmative answer as we would need both the resources and the time to make it happen. But the door is open. So once again I want to thank you for your prayers. Let us rejoice in Jesus Christ our Saviour! Bishop Girado and his wife are in the Canadian T-shirts.



Chalmers Community Church, Kincardine, ON

From Pastor Brian Martin: This September, Chalmers Community Church in Kincardine, Ontario celebrated our 150th Anniversary as a church in our beautiful community.

As we met in the spring to make decisions on how we would celebrate, we decided two things: First, we would clear the preaching calendar for the month of September in order to invite previous pastors to come back and guest speak. Second, we decided that instead of having our anniversary service on Sunday morning, or even Sunday evening, we would plan something during the day on a Saturday. The rationale was as follows: (1) we want other local churches to be able to come and celebrate with us, (2) we wanted to have it family friendly, especially for those with young children, and (3) we saw it as a birthday party rather than simply a worship service.

And so on Saturday September 9th, we invited our whole community to join us for bouncy castles, face painting, lunch, cake, picnic style games, live music, and of course a worship service. The response from the local community was outstanding! These are just some of the ways that we at Chalmers are trying to reach out to our local community and let them know that we are a church that cares for our community. See pictures below of the church and the event:





Caledonia Congregational Church:

Pastor Philip Noll writes, "This is a picture of my daughter Michaela taken a couple of years ago at "Light Up Night" a community event that kicks off the Christmas season in Caledonia. As a church we have participated in Light Up Night for many years in many different ways. Recently we have had an activity table in the exhibition hall where people congregate to visit vendors and have the kids' pictures taken with Santa. We do face painting, various games and give away prizes, candy, and gospel tracts. It's been a good way to connect with the community."



Emmanuel Congregational Church, Middleton, NS.

From Sweis Ubels: October was another great month of ministry with several big initiatives taking place. Our seniors had their first-ever Seniors Conference. The theme was 'Let Your Light Shine' and approximately 60 people enjoyed fellowship, food, worship and 4 great speakers, including Rev. Russell Saulnier from First Congregational Church in Halifax. It was wonderful to see interdependence in action among our tribe of churches!

Our youth, which has been re-launched by our Ministry Assistant Shauna Grimwood, had a 'youth-all-nighter' at a local camp resort. 40 youth attended and spent an incredible night playing games and learning about Jesus.

Our small group options, called Engage Groups, are in full swing. The themes vary and include 'Emotionally Healthy Spirituality', 'The 3 Colors of Your Gift', and the 'Hearing God Seminar'. Meanwhile, we are working through a

series of messages on Sunday mornings that deal with Christian Ethics. It's been a very interesting series that has led to quite a bit of discussion! Feel free to check the messages out at http://www.emmanuelchurch.ca/sermon_series.html



Pictured above is Rev. Russel Saulnier and Rev. Dr. William MacDougall at the Senior's Conference.



Chaplain's Corner: Chaplain Rev. Vikki Marrs, Good Samaritan Hillside Village & Pioneer Lodge, Salmon Arm, BC

One of the most gratifying aspects of Chaplaincy is responding to those persons who feel called to visit the stranger in a long term care environment. These are very special people who feel led to reach out and to be available to individuals who may not otherwise receive a visit. It's gratifying to see them respond to God's calling in their hearts and it's a blessing because I recently had the opportunity to teach and share with a colleague the skills and understanding required for long term care visitation and to respond to a variety of scenarios which most commonly play out in these visits.

On October 27 and 28 a group of 15 such people attended the workshop from a variety of denominations and it was clear from the start that this was a special group of people who felt deeply led to do this kind of visitation. During the course of the workshop they developed an understanding of what Pastoral Care Visiting is all about as well as learning about the basics such as guidelines and boundaries and when to make a referral etc. It always gets interesting during the exercises and role plays and most people were surprised at how challenging a visit can be. Everyone maintained a great sense of humour, and with lots of breaks and a fantastic lunch—the workshop finished well.

For those people who may feel nudged by the Spirit in that direction I would encourage you to see if anyone is running this kind of workshop and to participate. It is an opportunity to bless a stranger and to be blessed in return.

Louise Ave. Congregational Church, Saskatoon

From Steve Menshenfriend: The end of the summer and the beginning of fall has been a busy time for us at Louise Avenue Congregational Church, here in Saskatoon.

We've just finished off our sanctuary renovation project, and does it ever look great. We've refinished the ceiling, installed new flooring, and mounted a new screen and projector. Sunday mornings feel "fresh" and "new".

Now it is time to enjoy the new bonds that we've made doing all this work together, and now is the time to invite our friends and neighbors into this atmosphere of newness and grace.

It will also be important for us to remember that it is our

relationship with God and with each other that has moved us into this season of growth and goodness and not just the refurbished building. See below a picture of our new look:



Smithfield Christian Congregational Church

Chuck Acker a member at the church writes: This is a picture of the Beacon, notice the writing on the wall (it's faint to see in the picture) of (John3:16). For the 10 month period Sept to June we had just over 5,200 visits. This fall we have an avg. 45 per day. We have a food co-ordinator and numerous food suppliers for lunch time as well as 23 volunteers working lunch time and in the evenings. All income is from donations. We come under Quinte Youth For Christ and we are the only drop in centre in QYFC.



Hope Congregational Church, Rocanville, Sask.

Pastor Paul Bunz writes: Hello from Hope Congregational in Rocanville. As I look out the window I see the first signs of winter taking over from the beautiful Fall weather that we have had. The snow slowly falls to ground making quite a beautiful picture out there. If this was March I may have a different attitude when it comes to snow. However we are blessed with the changing of seasons.

Our Fall programs are in full swing at Hope. Our Wednesday bible study continues to be well attended and good participation as we study the things of God and relate our lives to His Word.

Movie night happens once a month and it continues to be well received and attendance has been good. Free movie and free popcorn how much better can it get!

On Oct 14th 2017 Hope Congregational hosted Waskada and Saskatoon churches for the roundtable discussions on the future of the 4C's. These discussions will happen in all regions of the country. Our National Pastor, David Schrader did a excellent job of facilitating this meeting. Pastor David ministered from the Word the following day at our Sunday morning service. Thank you Pastor David for your presence with us it always is greatly appreciated

Nov 11 the Remembrance Day Service will be held again and Hope will be participating in this salute to our veterans.

Our church building has been touched by the changing seasons as well and it has taken on the Christmas theme. Thank you Lesa for the hard work.

We continue to serve our community with the love of Christ and are very thankful for the opportunities He gives us.

On a personnel note I and my family want to thank our church family both locally and nationally for the love and support shown us as we grieve the loss of my wife Dorothy. Your support and kindness will always be remembered. We covet your continual prayers as we grieve her loss.

God's riches blessing to you all as we labour for Him

Installation Service for Cy Mersereau at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, Port Clyde, NS:

On Sunday November 5, I had the privilege of conducting the installation service for Rev. Cy Mersereau. It was a great time of fellowship had by all. After the service I had the opportunity to dialogue with the church answering questions about their own local context for ministry and answering questions related to the CCCC. Pictured below 2nd from the

left is Rev. Cy Mersereau, Mary Williams and Billy Ross both elders at the church.



Post-Conference Roundtable Discussions.

From the National Pastor: I have just completed a cross-country trip where I met at regional church gatherings and with individual churches regarding our roundtable discussions that were to have occurred at conference this year. The input from these gatherings has been compiled and will be given to our Task Force Committee. They will process this feedback and report back to the National Board with their findings along with a strategy for the financial and spiritual health of the CCC. Pictured below are the some of churches, and people who participated in the roundtable discussions:

BC Region:

Pictured below is Cumberland Community Church's building and the representatives that met from churches on Vancouver Island.



Pictured below is Elk Valley Congregational Church's building in Elkford, BC and their representatives that met with me.



Pictured below is Valley Congregational Church's building.



(A total of nine representatives from Valley Congregational and Hedley Grace Church were in attendance but a picture was not available at publication time)

Prairie Region

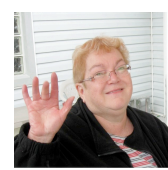
Pictured below is Burdett Community Church's building in Burdett, Alberta and their representatives that met with me.



Pictured below is Cremona Congregational Church's building in Cremona, Alberta and their representatives that met with me.



Pictured below is Congregational Christian Fellowship Church's building in Spruce Grove, AB where representatives met with me from that church and Regency Christian Fellowship in Devon, AB.



Rocanville, Saskatchewan: People gathered at Hope Congregational Christian Church's building in Rocanville, SK. from all our churches in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The church building and representatives are pictured below.



Atlantic Region:

Pictured below are representatives from the Atlantic Churches that met at the Best Western in Truro, NS.



Below is Crossroads Community Church's building in Gander, NF. and the some of the members that met with me from their church.



Central Region:

Pictured below are Central Region's representatives that met at the Best Western in Brantford.



In the picture below are people from Spiritual Rock Congregational Christian Church in St. John's, NF., meeting at the home of Pastor Zita MacCallum.



Rev. Paul Bunz, one of our National Board members, recently experienced the passing of his dear wife, Dorothy. I had the privilege to attend her memorial service in Rocanville, Saskatchewan. Dorothy was well loved and highly honored by many at the service for her kind and caring spirit. Dorothy and Paul had been foster parents for over 20 years. Several tributes by foster children and their own children, as well as from members in the community and congregation confirmed to all that Dorothy had a tremendous love and caring influence upon so many lives.

In Loving Memory of



Dorothy JoanBelle Bunz
June 13, 1942 - October 26, 2017

Chaplain Robert Legair shares this photo with all of you taken on Saturday morning at the Armory, while their unit was getting ready to head out to York Cemetery in North York, Ontario for their Remembrance Day Parade. Pictured with Robert on the right is Captain Arjeh Van der Sluis. The ceremony was outside despite the cold, but all went well.

