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CAMPBELLFORD BAPTIST – Dawn Conium

We are thankful to God for several discipleship and outreach opportunities that took place during this summer. First: Our annual Vacation Bible School (July 24 to July 28) brought in 120 children, from grades SK to 6. It was apparent by the volume of their singing and the smiles on their faces that the children were enjoying this year's theme, "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose". Their week was full of wonderful teaching moments, making new friends, and sharing God Sightings. Our Family BBQ Night brought out enthusiastic parents, grandparents, and neighbours; over 200 in total attended, who came to see and hear all that their kids were experiencing at VBS. We praise God for this ministry. Second: A men's small group met in July to pray together and discuss Robert Munger's book, "My Heart, Christ's Home". This book helped men in our church share their Christian experience and how to encourage each other in our daily faith life. By the time you receive this newsletter, the congregation of the Campbellford Baptist Church will have had a time of sharing (Sept. 17th, at 6:00 pm) with their Missionary Partners from Kenya, Aaron and Erica Kenny, who are on a brief home assignment. The Busy Bee volunteers were not deterred despite all the rain this summer, and our gigantic yard sale experienced remarkable attendance and contributions. Thank you! We praise the Lord for all our blessings and the

opportunity to bless others! Our closing date this year is Saturday, October 7, Thanksgiving weekend. Our Christmas Yard Sale will be open from 9 am to 4 pm, Thursday, October 19, Fri, Oct. 20 and Sat. Oct. 21, as well as the following Thurs. Oct. 26, Fri. Oct. 27, and Sat. Oct. 28. See you there, and Merry Christmas!

We changed the date for our 133rd Anniversary Service, which will now be celebrated on Oct. 22, 2017. Rev. Tim McCoy, Executive Minister of CBOQ, will be our guest preacher during our morning service at 9:45 am, and the gospel group, "Raw Gospel" at our evening service at 6 pm.

WHITBY BAPTIST – Mair Greaves

As we enter the Fall season, we are reminded of the enormous privilege we have in serving God in each of our churches and communities. Summer allows camp, cottage, community events and vacation. Our Pastors have returned renewed and refreshed. Youth activities in the ROCK and RISE Groups, and our College and Careers group CORE have resumed. Young people grow up and move on and we continue to pray for God's leading and protection in their lives. There are 16 WBC students at College or University this year. Two of our young people, Ben Cohen and Nick Wensink, were baptized on Sept 3 and received into church membership. Thanks to Nick for volunteering at Camp Kwasind and Camp Oneida and to Claire Watson who volunteered at Kwasind. Two members of W. B. Women are attending the NABWU conference in October in Toronto. Those who attend from other countries are being gifted with Canadiana quilted articles from W. B. Women. TVA Baptist Women Fall Wrap takes place October 15, and the TVA Church Fall Rally is October 28. Women4Women annual retreat is October 21, 22 at

Kempfenfelt Conference Centre in Innisfil with Susan Packer as theme speaker – ‘I can see clearly now’. Our Men’s Golf Tournament and Dinner took place Sept 16. Bible studies continued through the summer and monthly breakfasts have resumed. Intercessory Prayer group meets twice monthly lead by Melinda Crawford. Our church BBQ was held Sept 10 after the morning service. For those in forest fire, earthquake and hurricane areas, Christians have been in the front lines providing shelter, food and support. Our building is used by several community organizations. Many members offer assistance in our Food Bank, seeing increased visits from local residents.

VICTORIA AVENUE BAPTIST – Ruth Webber

We had a wonderful summer of ongoing activities celebrating our community and church family. One of our long time members, Carol Soble passed in June at age 94 in Kingston. She was the mother of Rev. Dr. Wayne (Jean) of Kingston, Rev. Dale (Susan) of Peterborough and Mrs. Elsie James (Dr. Harold) of Ottawa, sister of Rodney Burr (Ellen) and Pauline Dempsey. Our sympathy is extended to all her extended family. One of our young members, Peter, also died and we are grieving with the McEathrons’ and his young family. We are anticipating many new and innovative activities over the fall season. Night Light continues to be our local mission as they use our facilities for their outreach to the needy in our city. Our minister, Richard Smith, is holding two Bible Studies on Thursdays - one at the Adult Fellowship and also in the evening. We anticipate a blessed fall season as we learn more about God’s will for our church and personal life.

Uxbridge Baptist Church - Julia Ott

Our hearts are thankful for our Summer Interns Justin and Brittany, and their involvement in many aspects of ministry, especially leading VBS at UBC and at a sister church in Newmarket. *The Youth and Young Adults met and enjoyed fellowship around bonfires in various homes. *Our Prime Timers kept connected with biweekly outdoor lunchtime gatherings. *Celebrate Recovery continued throughout the summer.*We welcome back Pastor Dale and Linda from a well-deserved sabbatical and we look forward to hearing his messages on First Things. *We also anticipate the 20th anniversary of Kids Fest which returns with the theme of Back2Basics. *Our next two Redemptions will be Sun. Sept. 24 and Sun. Oct. 29.

HARMONY ROAD, Oshawa – Pastor Dave

We have had a packed summer. VBS program in July and our first Sports Camp in partnership with Scripture Union Canada in August. These camps help us further into our community with the good news of Jesus Christ. We have completed our sermon series “Before I Go” as we looked into the instruction Jesus gave to people. We also completed a series called “Take Your Stand” that walked us through the armour of God listed in Ephesians 6. And we are currently in a study of Jonah called “The Reluctant Follower” before we focus on The Reformation in October to acknowledge the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We saw great impact with our VBS program where approximately 100 children attendance and we were able to hand out several Bibles to students. Our first sports camp had 32 children, the majority of which came from our community. It was a great first year as students learned sports skills and heard the Gospel message daily. We are

delighted to celebrate our church and Sunday school Anniversary in November with Cristian Santiago as our guest speaker. Cristian is the founder of The Lighthouse Project (now called Impact DR) that we have partnered with for 8 youth compassion experiences since 2005. We are planning our second Young Adult DR Experience for May 2018. We just had our Fall Community Fair in September. We are launching an evening study group for The Story, a narrative of the whole Bible written by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee with video and small group discussion. In 31 weeks, our people will have read the story of the Bible. 1 child dedication in August and 5 Baptisms in June helped us to remember to always be thankful to God for renewed life and dedication to Him. This has been very encouraging while many of our older congregants seem to be struggling with health issues. Our two summer students were kept busy with our summer camps and various ministries. We are in a construction zone as the closed High School across is being torn down. Approximately 200 town homes will be built. What a great opportunity to reach out in with the love of God! We continue to see God's hand involved in transforming the minds and hearts of His people as we strive to serve Him in this community.

MURRAY STREET, PETERBOROUGH – Catherine Allen

Our new minister Brad Peters and his family joined us August 1st. We're so delighted to welcome them and look forward to their time with us. On Sept. 10 we had a BBQ on our side lawn. It was a beautiful day and was a great opportunity for us to get to know them better. We also welcomed people who happened to be passing by. This is the kind of outreach that Brad hopes we will continue. Our various groups have started again after the summer break. All the fixing and painting Fred

Allison has done over the past year has our lower level looking clean and fresh. Thank you, Fred. Our OASIS (Older Adults Still In Service) will be touring the countryside in early October to see God's handiwork. We're blessed with the fall colours. Our Baptist Women have undertaken making mats from plastic milk bags. They will be used as packing material so there will be no charge for shipping them overseas.

CALVARY BAPTIST, COBOURG – Karen Bellamy

Calvary had a good summer, with many of our members traveling and spending time with friends and family. In August, four members of our congregation did pulpit supply while the Dixons enjoyed a well-deserved rest. We are now resuming our regular activities: small group Bible studies, Sunday morning classes, Sun. school, choir, ladies' meetings and our monthly Sun. Soup Lunches. Pastor Clarke has now begun a sermon series from Romans. Our H.O.P.E. project for this month is supporting the Slavic Gospel Association. We have been blessed to be able to donate our retired choir gowns to a Caribbean Christian school where they have been gratefully received. Several of our ladies are looking forward to the upcoming annual Elim retreat. We are also looking forward to Baptist Women's Sunday when we will host Ms. Anne Woolger, the founding Director of Matthew House Refugee Reception Services, Toronto, as our guest speaker.

LAKEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH – Joanne Anderson

We are praising God for this new fall season. Fall programming includes: Seniors' Lunch, Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer Meeting, Junior and Senior Youth Group, and Home Groups. We had a child dedication on Sept 3rd – Isabella, daughter of Bill & Rebecca Moore-Clark. We will have an infant dedication on Oct. 8th – Josephine, daughter of Rodney and Meaghan Wilson. We had a fabulous student

intern this summer - Liam Rosborough. We have a part-time Outreach worker, thanks to CBOW Missional Grant - Carolyn Vanderheide. She is settling in to her new role and helping us set goals and reach out to the village in loving, creative ways. We are also in the process of planning for a renovation project. We hope to make the front entrance and washrooms wheel chair accessible, restructure our classroom/office space and make the sanctuary more multi-purpose while maintaining a sense of reverence for worship. On Sept 18th we were pleased to have Erika Kenny as our guest speaker celebrating CBM Sunday. Erika challenged us to "be the light in the darkness." Matthew 5:14

PRAYER FOR RECHARGING THE MOBILE

As I charge my mobile battery may God recharge my soul:

The current of God's love flowing through me
healing, restoring, renewing...

As the ions return to their source, I to Jesus return.

Plug me into your kin-don, your way of life –
loving, forgiving, truthful.

As I sit waiting by my mobile connect my life to you.

God's spirit in my thoughts.
Help me to listen to your love,
your prompting, deep within.

Chris Polhill, England

UPCOMING EVENTS

TVB Women's Meeting Sat. Oct. 15th 9 a.m.

@ Gilmour Memorial, Peterborough

TVAB Churches at. Oct 28th @ Murray St.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Mon. Nov. 6th 1:30 p.m. @ Park St. Peterborough

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