

## SCHOOL FOR BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

(Lay Pastors Training Program) Our **mission statement** is: To equip those presently serving in bi-vocational ministry and those who seek to prepare for such ministry within the CBOQ.\*The program seeks to provide affordable training for bi-vocational pastors of smaller churches and those serving in other specialized church or parachurch ministries. \*It fulfills the academic requirement leading toward level 2 or 3B accreditation with CBOQ. \*It is a two year program consisting of 8 courses. Tuition is \$500 per semester and includes meals and billeted accommodation when required. Financial assistance available. \***Courses** reflect a balance between biblical/theological studies and pastoral practice. All courses are taught by ordained and accredited CBOQ pastors. \***Current School locations:** Kitchener, Montreal and Ottawa. A minimum of 5 students are required for a new school start up. \***Application Deadline:** Aug 15 available on line. All applicants are to be recommended by their pastor and /or church board and approved by the LPTP executive \*If you feel called to further your theological training for ministry please contact the program Administrator, Evelyn Bell at [laypastors@gmail.com](mailto:laypastors@gmail.com). Check out our website at [www.laypastor.ca](http://www.laypastor.ca) hought

## EDDYSTONE - Julie McKenzie

"Let's just praise the Lord!". May 3 - Ron Shutt, of the Gideons, took part in our worship service. May 7 - we hosted the local Diner's Club, serving them a full turkey dinner. After a well attended and productive session, our Ladies' group is now on summer hiatus, (meetings to resume in Sept.). May 31 - our Pastor, Rev. Thompson, and many of our congregation, conducted the afternoon service at Streamway Villa, Cobourg. Our Prayer and Bible Study group, for the months of June and July, will be meeting on WEDNESDAYS, at 1:30, instead of Tues. June 21 - Decoration Day Service, at 11:00, followed by a light luncheon. Our annual Strawberry Supper will take place Friday, JULY 3, with settings at 4:30 and 6:00. Sept. 27 - a service of celebration, at 11:00. for our 158th Anniversary. The guest speaker will be Rev. Eric Clayson, and "Reflections Trio" will be singing for us. "Let's just lift our hearts to heaven and praise the Lord."

## VICTORIA AVENUE, BELLEVILLE - Ruth Webber

We were saddened recently by retirement and resignation announcements. After eleven year of ministry at our church, our pastor, Rev. Miriam Urhstrom, feels led to retire to care for a health situation in their home. We all regret that she is leaving, but support her fully in her prayerful decision. Our Music Director, Nancy Edgett, has resigned as she is being led into full time ministry, hopefully in the Belleville area. Our love and prayers go with these two as they follow God's guidance. \*Nancy and another talented member, Linda Minty, spearheaded a musical evening recently. "The Good Shepherd" based on Psalm 23. Incorporated Biblical imagery with flute violin and cello music provided by special guests. We also enjoyed a sing-along of timeless old hymns. \*Pastor Miriam and two of our young women were on a Mission trip to the Dominican Republic in April.\*Our Men's Fellowship and Baptist Women's groups are winding down for the summer season, however the Weekly Prayer Group and Conn-X Bible Study are ongoing.

Next newsletter due Sept.2nd [wdchurchlady@aol.com](mailto:wdchurchlady@aol.com)  
The newsletter will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.

**TVA FALL RALLY Sat/ Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> @ Edmison Heights  
Peterborough**

## TRENTVALLEY ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES

### NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

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## CAMP BURBALAC - Nancy Boadway (Registrar)

Opening day is Friday, June 26th, 2015. Call the camp at 1-705-654-4094 to make your reservation on beautiful Big Cedar Lake at Camp Burbalac (tents and trailers) Day passes can also be purchased. Outdoor worship services take place Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Sunday morning visits are free. Enjoy the beach, famous diving rock, fishing, swimming or relaxing. Some events we have planned are: Sat. July 18 - Ribfest; Sat. Aug. 1 - Water Regatta; Sun. Aug. 2 - Pancake Lunch; Sat. Aug. 15 - Corn Roast & Square Dance. Visit [www.burbalac.org](http://www.burbalac.org)

## CAMPBELLFORD BAPTIST - Deanna Russell

\*A Men's breakfast on a recent Saturday morning which encouraged many. \*May 22, 2015 - **Amazing Race - Campbellford Edition** - the youth, 25 strong, in 3 teams sent out into community with a variety of fun activities, being a faith building and an 'interacting with community' time with a few prizes too!\*A 'Laugh Your Way To A Better Marriage' event, the last week in May, enticed many couples to join the instructive and interactive fun. \* 'Slice Of Life', a high school group which gathers to pray, understand the Word, encourage and build up one another, meets at a weekly lunchtime, at the high school - May through the end of the school year. \* Other happenings: The **Sunday School picnic** is planned for June 28 at the Lion's Club Picnic Park in Campbellford. \*The **Baptist Busy Bees**, the indoor/outdoor yard sale is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., until Thanksgiving. The sale, which earns money to help missions and community, began busily and is expected to continue in the same way.\* **Vacation Bible School** is coming soon with 'Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power'. Planning, organizing & gathering helpers & leaders is underway to be

ready for the children from Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31. \*Looking ahead we have: The Rev. Ian and Eveline Dixon and the Rev Clarke Dixon visiting our church on Sunday evening, October 4th for a musical evening. \*Also, our 131st church anniversary will be celebrated on October 18th with the Rev. Mel and Susan Finlay as our guest speakers; Mel and Susan are the directors of Nation at Prayer. In the evening, the Rock of Ages will be our special musical group. \* In the midst of and through all the events planned at God is calling us to seek Him. We are praying for a move of His Spirit across Campbellford, Trent Hills, Northumberland County... all across this land. Is God asking you and your church to do the same? **1<sup>st</sup> BAPTIST, Oshawa - Glenn Wyper**

On Sunday May 3rd we welcomed for an evening of the Gospel in music, the Ontario Presbyterian Chorus, who are celebrating 25 years of ministry, led by Alastair McCallum. The accompanists were Mina Park and Helen Peacock. The Gospel in music was presented in a variety of musical styles from Psalm 98 to well-known hymns such as "Crown Him with Many Crowns"; from Charles Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer" to spirituals such as "Down by the Riverside." Hidido Niesen, a former member of First Baptist Church, but who no longer lives in Oshawa, sang "The Holy City." Followed by refreshments. **CALVARY BAPTIST, COBOURG - Karen Bellamy**

On April we were blessed by the musical gifts of the Dixon family as we 'raised the roof' at another well-attended Spring Sing. We also enjoyed our handbell choir, soloist and refreshments. \*Monthly ladies meetings continued & in April guest speaker Jane Lang from the Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre joined them. There was also a collection of much-needed household and toiletry items for the women and children who use the Centre. \*This spring we welcomed to our community a new Bibles for Missions Thrift Store. Bibles for Missions is partnered with Bible League Canada whose goal is to connect people around the world to God's word. The store is now open for business. \*In May Northumberland Youth for Christ welcomed new executive director Tony Posthumus. NYFC were offered our basement space for their weekly drop-in. We look forward to serving NYFC & area youth through this partnership. We're also praying for the success of the NYFC summer program, Created to Create, a creative arts day camp where young people can realize their creative potential and learn about the One who created

them. NYFC has also been a recipient of our H.O.P.E. project donations. H.O.P.E. donations also went towards needs such as CBM's relief work in Nepal, the CBOQ Fellowship Fund and Beginnings Family Services. We also took part in Beginnings Baby Bottle Drive held between Mother's Day and Father's Day.\*Monthly soup lunch continue to be a popular & welcome time of fellowship and we appreciate the hard work of the volunteers.\* We also had a special four-week series on Spiritual Warfare. Our two home groups have enjoyed weekly fellowship and recently studied the books of Daniel and Joel.\*Our Wednesday prayer meetings continue to pray through the church directory and local ministries, community and global needs.\*We are very happy to report that after years of efforts & prayer we have raised over \$65,000 towards the needed repairs to our tower. We have secured the construction contract.\*At the end of June we look forward to kicking off the summer with our annual family barbecue at which we will also host missionary Jeff Carter. We also thank our choir for our year of musical blessing.

#### **EDMISON HEIGHTS, PETERBOROUGH - Gil Plumley**

Our *Edmison Food For Kids* program continues to thrive \* some of our volunteers now work on the school premises alongside their staff & volunteers. Although we cannot openly speak about Jesus within the confines of the school setting, opportunities abound to prayerfully interact with the children, teachers and volunteer staff as we seek to bless them through this ministry & build relationships that extend beyond the school walls & into the community. ❖ Ken Gill, our new Community Initiatives Pastor is actively working with the leaders of *Northcrest Youth* to provide spiritual counsel, accountability & general oversight of this ministry. He also steers the planning and organization of various youth and college & career functions as well as other community outreach events. To this end a bake sale, car wash, yard sale & barbeque fundraiser was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> with proceeds split between *Edmison Food For Kids* & *Northcrest Youth*. ❖ Seven new people were into church membership at our March annual meeting. We welcome their commitment to join with us in faith and fellowship. ❖ We were also delighted to witness four baptisms in the month of May including two of our Junior Church youth. ❖ We will soon launch *Celebrate Recovery* at Edmison Heights as we reach out to those struggling with substance abuse issues with this Christ-centred adult rehab program. Pastor Chris & Ken will also work with staff of the new

*Canadian Health Recovery Centre* in Peterborough to provide spiritual counsel & make weekly Bible teaching.

#### **LAKEFIELD BAPTIST - Joanne Anderson**

Here in Lakefield we are grateful for the beauty in our community; in nature and the beauty found in belonging to a loving church family. We hosted the Women's TVA Spring Celebration and enjoyed the warm fellowship we shared with 70 wonderful women from our Trent Valley churches. It was so encouraging to hear Faith Holwyn's story and learn about the Groups of Hope program. A very successful fundraiser dinner for CBM's "She Matters" campaign was held in May thanks to Lori Stranaghan, her daughter Samantha and the Mission Outreach committee. The 13 week "Griefshare" program ended in May. Special bonds were formed in the group. Another course begins on Sept 14, 2015. I would strongly recommend this program for anyone going through a period of grief. Contact the church or Judi and Brent Ross for more information. On Sunday May 24 some of the churches in Lakefield came together for a "Pentecost in the Park" service. The service included the commissioning of a multi-church mission team who recently traveled to Guatemala. It was a beautiful day. The Guatemala team has returned and by all accounts the trip was a great experience for all involved. The Friday night Youth Group is having a pool party at the Rosborough's this week to celebrate the end of a year. The group will reunite in September. Two of our young adults, Shafawn Davis and James Pinn are getting married on August 15. They are members of our worship team and the Here We Stand worship band. We have been blessed to watch them become the terrific people they are and see their relationship blossom over the years. As a church family we will celebrate their loving commitment to each other over "Ice Cream Sundaes on Saturday" (June 27). Our church picnic will be held on July 5 at the home of Dave and Bernadette Green. A day camp for our little ones is being held at the church from July 13-17. Thanks to Carolyn Vanderheide for organizing this event. A parenting seminar on the topic of our social media driven culture will be held at the church Nov 5, 2015. Paul Robertson will speak to Pastors and youth at lunch and parents from 7-9 p.m. For more information please contact the church. Enjoy your summer.

### HARMONY ROAD, OSHAWA – Pastor Dave

It has been a very busy few months at Harmony. Our spiritual leaders have committed this year to prayer including setting aside a concentrated prayer time with the pastors before services. We had a day of prayer, celebration and input for leaders and spouses to keep the mind and heart of God always before us. Our sermon series on Elijah wrapped up in March and we have just finished a series on Holy Spirit with a focus on spiritual gifts, challenging our people to discover their gift(s) and implement them in serving the Lord. Youth ministry has been in high gear with Avalanche, Blizzard retreats and the Compassion Experience Team of 14 going to the Dominican Republic to serve God during the March break under the leadership of Wanda, the Compassion Coordinator, who is from HRBC. Thank you to the TVA for your support through the Short Term Mission Grant that helps make this vision a reality for our students. What a blessing it is to see God continually transforming the community of Los Alcarrazos, D.R.! The desire to serve on Compassion Experiences is growing among youth and adults alike at Harmony. Where the Lord leads, we will serve. Jennifer Lau came to kick off our partnership with Canadian Baptist Ministries in the "She Matters" campaign to help protect women against gender bias around the world. Worship ministry continues to grow and we had a group going to the David Festival April 11 featuring Brian Doerksen to help equip our worship teams. Hosting the TVA Spring Rally was a blessing to our people and we also had a visit from missionaries John and Marian VanderMeer and they updated us on their ongoing ministry to the Congo. Much upgrading to our existing Sunday School set up was done through the addition of flat screens in classrooms and we are currently looking to address accessibility concerns for those with physical challenges. Plans are gearing up for our VBS in July and we have the joy of hiring a Summer Student who will help with many ministries over the course of the next few months. We are beginning to focus on mentoring among our people to grow disciples and connect people to God. And, God has continued to strengthen our service to 2 retirement homes, 2 Bibles for Missions Thrift Stores and the local hospital. All this is to say that ministry for the Lord is very busy at times, but rewarding at all times! We move on

"being confident of this, that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." – Phil 1:6

### UXBRIDGE – Julia Ott

Elijah "traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God." <sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night." He had just seen God's authoritative display of power over the elements of the sacrifice, yet now Elijah was on the run. Pastor Dale has been reminding us how very soon we can forget the greatness of our God and how closely we need to listen for His voice.\* Adelle Lauchlan is our new Pastor's Sec. Business Admin. and we are blessed to have her minister among us. \*We welcome our interns, Norah, Brittany and Esther, under the guidance of Pastor Kathy, who begin their ministry to church and community members of all ages and stages, assisting with our UBC VBS and that of a sister church in Newmarket. Our summer activity bulletin board shows that much fun is already in the works. \*Our youth had a successful year under the capable, thoughtful and enthusiastic direction of Ian and Lindsay McIntosh as Intern Youth Directors and we are grateful to them. \*Congratulations to Bev Ott, recently retired from the UBC office, who welcomed a new grandbaby girl.\*Congratulations also go to our former pastor Murray and Karen Stovell on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebrated in May. \*Over the Mothers' Day week, thirty three women blessed the First Nations communities of Fort Hope, Pikangikum, Weagamow and Curve Lake with inspiring events to minister to the social, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of women and children.\* At their report, we were touched by their stories, encouraged by the relationships being built, and motivated by their hopes for future ministry.\* Over the fall, winter and spring sessions, UBC hosted about 50 ladies for the North Durham class of Community Bible Study International, with life transforming in-depth Bible studies of Deuteronomy, Job and Daniel. \* Prime Timers wrapped up a great year enjoying dinner at the Mandarin and in the fall season, will be hosting a bus trip to St. Jacob's Market. Come for the food and fellowship!\* On Anniversary Sunday, Jeff Carter shared about his continuing work training youth in Eastern and Western Europe, reminding us to pray for the changing needs of the

region and for our brothers and sisters there. \*Have a restful and refreshing summer!

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST, BELLEVILLE – Elaine Dickens

We are thankful that a carload of ladies from the church was able to attend the Lenten lessons in Campbellford on each Wed. the season. Rev. George Budd is an excellent teacher & we are looking forward to having him come as our anniversary speaker on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The ladies provided a great lunch Fellowship with other believers from various churches enhanced the time as well.\*Our Missions Comm. has been actively promoting missions in various areas and they recently hosted an evening with Jeremy & Katrina Veenstra who presented their North India Mission trip. We learned that they are going to make this a lifelong commitment. They are in need of financial support as well as prayer support.\*On June 6<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual yard & bake sale, as well as a carwash, from which the proceeds went to support missions. A Little more than a thousand dollars was raised.\* At the TVA Spring Rally, April 18<sup>th</sup>, our pastor was presented with his graduation certificate from the Lay Pastors Training Program. Since then Brian Craig, the Director of Leadership Development has asked pastor Ray to champion the establishment of a school within the TVA.