

**FIRST BAPTIST, OSHAWA - Glenn Wyper**

We welcome the Reverend Bruce Burgess as our interim pastor. On Sunday, April 9th the joint choirs of Maranatha Christian Reformed Church of Bowmanville and First Baptist Church presented our Easter Concert for 2017. Cory Kuipers, our organist, led the choir. Charles Gerard played the piano. Jory Hewson, who was also a choir member, was the reader. It was an uplifting and worshipful evening. Following the concert, in the lower auditorium everyone met together for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

**CAMPBELLFORD BAPTIST - Jennifer Pounder**

Our Church had a wonderful Lenten Lesson series with the Rev. George Budd, each Wednesday at noon from Ash Wednesday to April 12th. This was our 19th year and we are looking forward to our 20th year in 2018. Campbellford Baptist Busy Bees yard sale will be starting up again. This runs from mid May to mid October every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We praise God for the many dedicated volunteers that are there faithfully every week supporting this outreach of our church. Money raised through this yard sale benefits our church, Campbellford Memorial Hospital, as well as many mission oriented projects. Our community-wide DVBS will take place in our church building from July 24th to July 28th. We have been blessed to share so much with our community, and to work along side them to bring hope and love all who are touched by our community, whether they live here or visit during the cottage season. God is good all the time.

God be in my head,  
and in my understanding;

God be in my mine,  
eyes and in my looking;

God be in my mouth,  
and in my speaking;

God be in my heart,  
and in my thinking;

God be at mine end,  
and at my departing.

(Old English Prayer)

**TVA Baptist Women Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Omeme Baptist**

**Speaker: Karen Bellamy "Come Thirsty & Drink"**

**9 a.m. Registration, Coffee & Muffins**

**Next newsletter info due June 15/17**

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**BUR-BA-LAC - Judy Anderson**

Campers are eagerly awaiting the opening of camp Burbalac on Thursday, June 29. Bookings are coming in quite steadily and if you are planning a stay longer than a week do not delay in booking. Weekend and shorter bookings can be made as of May 1. Please contact registrar Dave Green at 705 654 9933 This summer Camp is offering free camping to any TVA youth group (except for the Aug. long weekend. A maximum of 20 campers plus chaperones are allowed on the group site. Any TVA church wishing to have a special baptismal service is offered the use of the camp free of charge for the day. Call the registrar to book these events. Plans are in the works for a variety of upgrades to the camp this summer. In the next couple of years it will be necessary to start upgrading the septic systems so that we can maintain our environmental responsibilities. Check out the website [www.burbalac.org](http://www.burbalac.org) and Facebook for information and updates. The Board thanks everyone for their financial and prayer support over the winter. Please pray for a safe camping season and that BBL will continue to be a place of rest, relaxation and re-creation for campers. Come and enjoy this special corner of God's creation this summer!

**CALVARY BAPTIST, COBOURG - Karen Bellamy**

This winter we appreciated Pastor Clarke's sermon series, "Message to the Seven Churches" and our weekly home groups, prayer meetings and Sunday classes continued as usual. Our H.O.P.E. fund supported the CBOQ Ministers' Fellowship Fund.\*Our Feb. 26 service featured "Song of the King", a wonderful dramatic presentation by Created to Create, a creative arts program run by Northumberland Youth Unlimited. After our monthly soup lunch, we held our annual general meeting. We are grateful to God for the diligent efforts and generosity of our members who have supported the health and smooth running of our church this past year.\*On Feb.

28<sup>th</sup> we began the season of Lent with our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper where we enjoyed great food and fellowship.\*On Apr. 9 we welcomed Rev. Bill and Judy Ball, who represent the Slavic Gospel Association throughout Canada. Bill described SGA's outreach projects in Russia and globally. They provide needed support to missionaries, youth workers, rehab directors, camp leaders, teachers and orphanage volunteers, as well as providing church sponsored refugee assistance. The SGA will be our next H.O.P.E. fund focus.\*Our Easter weekend celebrations began with our own Pastor Clarke preaching at three well attended Good Friday community services held at the Best Western in Cobourg. Easter Sunday began at the break of dawn with a community sunrise service at Cobourg beach followed by breakfast at the church. Our worship service culminated in a moving testimony and baptism.\*We are looking forward to Pastor Clarke's new eight-week sermon series based on Warner Wallace's "Cold Case Christianity".

#### **VICTORIA AVENUE - Belleville - Ruth Webber**

We have had a wonderful and busy late winter and spring with regular lunches and activities. The highlight of the winter was Family Day with a tour of the sugar bush and Cilli supper at a member's farm on a beautiful snow free day. The Thursday Adult Bible Studies are ongoing and are conducted by our minister. The Men's Breakfast Fellowship meets monthly. Our Easter celebrations started with a Maundy Thursday Service Meditation and communion. Good Friday was at Orchard View in Trenton. Easter Sunday started with the Sunrise Service followed by a well attended Breakfast at the church. The Easter Resurrection Celebration with wonderful music, congregational, choir and Pastor Richard singing "The Holy City was very uplifting and challenging. We are anticipating the Induction of our minister, Pastor Richard Smith, on April 30<sup>th</sup> and anticipate a wonderful afternoon service with word and music.

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

Praise the Lord for our great nation and our freedom to practice our faith. After a refreshing Easter Service and wonderful choral music we just want to rejoice in the day God has made.\*We have a busy church calendar with lots of opportunities to praise the Lord. Movie night at LBC is on April 29, 7 pm. The movie shown will be War Room. Our Mission Circle women would like to extend a

welcome to ladies of your churches to a dinner at 6 pm on May 9. Cassie Landon will share with us about her mission trip to Haiti. Please call the church office (705-652-8056) to let us know you plan to attend. We are looking forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pentecost in the Park service on June 4. We enjoy a joint service with the other churches in the Village. On June 7 at 7 pm we will be hosting an evening with singer/songwriter Cheryl Bear. This concert is intended to raise awareness of Indigenous Women's issues in Canada and the work of CBM's She Matters. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! We would love to share this evening with you!\*We have 3 camps taking shape for the summer; a village camp, a faith camp and a basketball camp. Pastor Ben and his wife Carolyn are very instrumental in the growth of our youth ministry. Senior's lunches continue to be enjoyed with a time of fellowship and lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month. Please feel free to join us for lunch anytime!

#### **WHITBY BAPTIST - Mair Greaves**

See, the winter is passed; the rains have come and gone; flowers appear on the earth...(Song of Solomon).\*Our Elders are actively seeking ways to enlarge our vision for mission and ministry in a changing world. Our Church Board under Moderator Cindy Campbell is working toward new and improved communications. Men's Ministry is promoting a workshop on Wills and Estate Planning. Jeff and Susan Packer are offering counselling services to parents, couples and those who struggle with major life change. Our RISE and ROCK groups attended Avalanche and Blizzard youth events. Each of our 12 university and college students has been a 'focus for prayer individual' weekly, and each family in our church is part of that prayer initiative. Melinda Crawford is our Intercessory Prayer leader, and provides leadership at sessions every other Monday evening, and prayer items in Weekly Update.\*Our Women support CBWOQ and CBM financially and prayerfully. We have appreciated interactive meetings planned by our members. Support for the Pregnancy Help Centre was renewed when a staff member came to encourage our involvement. Women 4 Women are actively planning and promoting the annual October Retreat at Kempenfelt Centre. Erla Wilson was celebrated on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in March.

Our Food Bank provides for many needs weekly and an Easter Brunch was provided for 30 members of those families on Easter weekend. Potted plants which were donated for Easter services were delivered to shut-ins. A Pot Luck Breakfast was held prior to our service Easter Sunday. \*REVIVE is a city-wide event at Calvary Baptist in Oshawa in April to further explore our involvement in Set Free Durham - a ministry to those affected by human trafficking. The Whitby Korean Disciples Church that meets in our building will be introduced to the April TVA Rally for the purpose of seeking membership. There will be a motion to accept them as part of the TVA on the proviso they are approved for membership within CBOQ. We welcome Melissa Hutchins to our staff. Her efficient administrative work is already being recognized.

#### **UXBRIDGE BAPTIST - Julia Ott**

On Good Friday, Jodi Greenstreet performed a re-enactment of the life and death of Jesus as seen through the eyes of His disciple John, and that evening, the community came to watch the movie Risen. \*On Easter Sunday, our Kidz and Adult Choirs blessed and led us in worship and Pastor Dale presented the compelling evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus.\*Two events on April 22 and 23, High Tea at UBC and the Heart for the People Event highlight and raise funds for the Heart to Heart spring outreach to families in Pikangikum, Fort Hope, Weagamow, and Curve Lake Nations.\*The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Uxbridge Prayer Breakfast will occur May 24<sup>th</sup> with speakers Susan and Mel Finlay, National Directors for Nation at Prayer, and music provided by Grace Constable and friends.\*Due to changes in school start times, local churches in the area have been invited to participate as volunteers in a breakfast program. We look forward to this opportunity to assist and connect with students in a tangible way.\*Over the next few weeks, Pastor Dale will bring us messages of hope, that God can help us deal with the hurts, habits and hang-ups that many struggle with, as we anticipate the launch of the Celebrate Recovery program here in June.\*On June 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary and welcome Executive Director of CBOQ Tim McCoy as our guest speaker.