



SENIOR'S MOMENTS

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SENIORS OF HURON PARK CHURCH

Don't put Jesus first this year

Yes, you read that correctly. Before you label me a heretic, let me explain.

I imagine that many of you are going through a similar process as me right now of setting and resetting your priorities. Personally, I love this time of year. I'm a very goal-oriented individual, and I've found that reprioritizing and recalibrating your life is an indispensable activity if you really want to actualize your potential.

And here's what it usually looks like. We start by putting Jesus at the top. Then family. Then maybe career. And so on. So our priorities look something like this:

1. Jesus/God
2. Family
3. Career

Looks good. However, **I've found that this isn't very effective when you get down to the grind of everyday life.** For example, what does it even mean to put Jesus before my family? Do I ignore my family to spend more time with Jesus? Or with your career, do you stop working to put Jesus first?

The essential problem with this approach is that it segregates the different priorities of life. You end up removing Jesus from where you spend the majority of your time and putting Him on an island by Himself. The biggest island maybe, but an island nonetheless.

I don't think this is the way it was ever supposed to work. [Colossians 1:15-20](#) repeatedly tells us that Jesus is first before and over everything. But it also says that all things were created **through** and **for** Him. That in Him all things **hold together**. That the goal of the cross was to **reconcile** all things to Himself.

So Jesus is first. He is first in order. He is first in importance. **But He is so because He is the center of everything.**

That's what He should be in your life. And consequently, the thing that is at the **center** of your life is the thing that is ultimately **first** in your life.

This year, instead of worrying about putting Jesus first in your life, what if you concentrated on making Him the center of every area of your life? Not just the top priority in front of every other priority, but the top priority in every priority?

Not Jesus, **then** my family. But Jesus **in** my family.
Not Jesus, **then** my career. But Jesus **in** my career.

We'd probably be a lot more successful in actually keeping Jesus at the top spot on our list. And we'd be much more likely to do an exponentially greater job at accomplishing our other goals and maintaining our priorities.

Steven Furtick is the Lead Pastor of Elevation Church (churchleaders.com)



DONATIONS AND HELP NEEDED FOR NEW HOPE FAMILY MINISTRIES

Clothing donations are needed for New Hope Family Ministries. We are planning on another Break Free and Relax Day as an outreach for women in our community, on Sat. Feb. 25th from 1 - 5 pm @ 24 Light St. Volunteers needed - Hair Stylists - Make up Artists - Manicurists - Massage Therapists - Clothing Organizers. Please call Linda 519-533-0555 for details.



Thank You



The residents at Caressant Care Nursing Home would like to thank those who came for the Christmas visit, communion and caroling. They want to express how much they appreciate being remembered at this time of year.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all those who extended their congratulations and best wishes to me, and to those who attended the Open House at Huron Park, on the occasion of my 80th Birthday.

Sincerely,
Fran Johnson

Thank you to the church family for your generous donations towards the Christmas hampers. Your generosity has been a wonderful blessing to the families who received the hampers.

The Deacons Board

Birthdays in January

- Jan. 2 Hannah Writh
- Jan. 4 Jim Allcock
- Jan. 7 Mary Muhtar
- Jan. 8 Don Wood
- Jan. 9 Margaret Birtch
- Jan. 12 Mark Massecar
- Jan. 13 Lisa Duivesteyn
- Jan. 15 Patricia Izzard
- Jan. 17 Andrew Muhtar
- Jan. 18 Tim Moyer
- Jan. 18 Uriah Intarachot
- Jan. 19 Nathan Dewit
- Jan. 21 Gloria Martin
- Jan. 22 Linda Todd
- Jan. 22 Donna Latford
- Jan. 24 Hannibal Muhtar
- Jan. 25 Verna Clements
- Jan. 27 Dan Andres
- Jan. 28 Diana Hiiuvain
- Jan. 28 David Guider
- Jan. 28 Joyce Henkell



Important Dates

- Dec. 26-Jan. 1 Pastor Phil holidays
- Dec. 26-Jan. 8 Pastor Steve holidays
- Jan. 9 Men's Shuffleboard resumes
- Jan. 11 Insights small group resumes
- Back-to-2 small groups resume
- Jan. 13 G! Group Chick Flickers
- Jan. 15 Baby shower for Tania Klingenberg (3:00 p.m.)
- Jan. 15 School Daze small group resumes
- Jan. 27 G! Group Cuisine Queens
- Jan. 29 G! Group Lit 'n Latte



BOARDTALK

To help you be better informed about Board matters as well as some of the associated needs and costs, we will be sharing some of our agenda items each month. The following are some of the most recent items:

- The heavy rains during November brought attention to the fact that much of the caulking around windows, flashing and joints between roof and wall has deteriorated to the point of needing replacing. In the spring we will be gathering quotes for the removal and replacement of caulking in all of these areas.
- After being made aware of the need for coat hangers in the washrooms the board has authorized the purchase of 4 floor stand coat hangers for the men's and women's washrooms.
- The Park Program, in its present form, has seen a decline in attendance over the last few years. The Board and the Elders are endeavouring to determine if a more effective alternative needs to be pursued. The options currently being discussed are:
 1. Partnering with major community events by bringing the message of the Gospel in song and word to significant planned community celebrations such as Canada Day, Victoria Day, Street Festival, CowaPalooza, ...
 2. Focusing on three or four main Sunday evenings that are well marketed and invite major Christian music ministries
 3. Continue to conduct Sunday evening programs over 8 weeks but focus more on "Hot Topic" messages that are well publicised and use more praise and worship style of music through Praise Bands and small groups
 4. Suspend the Park Program for a year and review alternatives

The challenge in each of these considerations is finding people who are willing to work at planning them and making them happen. The leadership feels that there is an urgent need in continuing to bring the Gospel to the community in a public forum, regardless of whatever form that may take. We would welcome anyone who shares this passion, along with a desire to make it a reality to speak to any of the leadership. Please pray that God would give clarity as to what direction, if any, the Park Program objective is to take.

- As the Pastoral Search Committee begins reviewing resumes the Board is attempting to discern if we are able to support a full time position as apposed to a part time position. The current reality of being under budget by approximately \$45,000 in giving's makes it difficult to be confident that the Church is able to support an additional \$25,000 that would be required to cover a full time position over a full year. Both the Elders and Board feel that a full time Pastor of Youth, Children and Young Family Development is needed to continue building on the current growth in these current demographics and ministries. Please pray that God will give clear direction in this matter and also provide the financial resources required to meet this need.
- The Elders and Deacons recognized and celebrated over 18 examples, in the past few months, of God stories where God has been working in the lives of our people, their family members and our community. It is exciting to see our congregants and their families responding to God as He speaks to their hearts. God truly is reaching into our lives and allowing us in turn to reach out to our family and community with the life changing Gospel that is transforming lives and minds. More can and needs to be done to minister to our own as well as our community. Agencies in our community are approaching us, asking us to help meet needs that no one else is but, we need willing workers/servants to step forward with the desire to serve God. Please pray that as God provides opportunities to us to reach out, that He will also burden harvest workers to accomplish the task that He is revealing to us.

On behalf of the Board

Wendell Johnson
Chairman of the Board



December 2011

Dear Friends,

The wise men of old understood the message the stars were indicating: the Messiah had been born. They went in search of Him, and when they found Him they worshipped Him. Are we seeking Him, and when we find Him, are we worshipping Him?

At this time of year, we likely have all seen and heard Christmas carols, appreciated the lights, the sweets, the nostalgia of years gone by. But have we really taken time to sit in awe of Him and worship Him from our inmost being? Our service for Him must spring from hearts of worship.

How wonderful it is to find team-mates that also fervently worship Him. This year a lady named Alexandra helped me to put on the Christmas play. Many unsaved attended to hear the message. Pray as Alexandra has taken over my Sunday School class and as we find ways to build into the lives of adolescents together.

Mario (son of Carla and Jorge) is 15 and growing in the Lord. His family faces financial hardships. He continues to fellowship in his local church and is a witness to his family who at one time attended church but have since dropped out. We have helped Mario become involved in a new school and he has a new beginning. Pray for continued spiritual and emotional growth.

In the fall, I began teaching moral education at the junior high school in Venda do Pinheiro. Ten girls attend the class, and they put on a Christmas play at their school. Eight of the girls watched the Billy Graham DVD with me. Pray as I continue to accompany them through our weekly classes and outings, that they would be saved and learn to walk with the Lord and impact their school.

Praise God for an opening to another school where I can teach moral education. Pray for wisdom as I plan special activities to reach adolescents in this very needy school.

Praise God for the nine unsaved ladies that study English with me on Tuesday evenings in the town of Arruda. Four of them watched the Billy Graham DVD with me and showed spiritual interest. Pray for ways to follow them up. Pray also for my student Diana who studied English with me this fall in the town of Samora Correia. She received a Bible and indicated interest in knowing how to read it.

Thanks to all of you who have supported me financially and in prayer. Keep praying. God is answering. May God bless each of you in your special place of ministry, work and worship in the year to come.

Miriam Tyers

2 Corinthians 8:6

Quotable quotes

Daring to do what is right, not what fancy may tell you,
Valiantly grasping occasions and not cravenly
doubting—

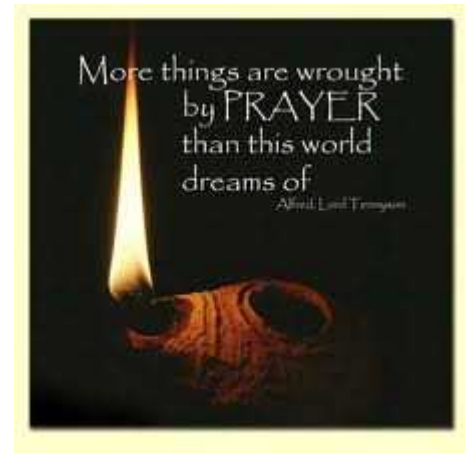
Freedom comes only through deeds,
not through thoughts taking wing.

Faint not nor fear, but go out to the storm and the
action,

trusting in God whose commandment you faithfully
follow;

freedom, exultant, will welcome your spirit with joy.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Stages on the Road to Freedom)



Hello Church Family:

The following is an information item from Lauralee Hall who is looking for people to be on a prayer team for the Church Family Retreat.

Anyone interested in joining the Prayer Team for next spring's Church Family Retreat @ MBC is asked to contact Lauralee Hall at a.l.hall5@bell.net or by phone at [\(519\)539-8096](tel:5195398096). Looking for people willing to pray for prayer items emailed directly to them. The prayer team will come together for prayer on Jan. 24th (Tues), Feb. 29th, March 21st, April 18th and May 23rd (these dates are all Wednesdays) from 7:30-8:30pm at the church.

I am pleased to inform my friends and associates at Huron Park Church that I have had my knee operation. I went into surgery at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and was in my room by 7:00 p.m. Therapy began on Friday morning before breakfast, however, since I hadn't had anything to eat since midnight on Wednesday, I declined to go at that time! The breakfast crew was already waiting in the halls and I was soon on my way to therapy which went very well. The therapist was pleased that I was able to reach the maximum degree of knee bend (110 degrees) on my first session. I had similar results at Saturday morning's therapy and the therapist told me I was ready to leave. At noon hour the doctor informed me I HAD to go home!! After a couple of hours of paper work and instructions, I made my way home with Rita driving. Thanks for all your prayers.

Blessings, Charlie



CHRISTMAS 2011

Tuesday, December 13th

Dear faithful friends and family;

*Two months ago today, I arrived back in Bolivia for another term of service. To my surprise, I was met at the airport here in Trinidad by the members of our church congregation singing a "Welcome" chorus. I think they were glad to see me!!!
Pray for me as I adjust to the extreme heat and all that is involved with living in a tropical climate.*

Our new church plant "NEW LIFE IN CHRIST" has been going through a difficult time, due to misunderstandings, frustrations and immaturity. Thankfully however, through much prayer, we are experiencing a season of forgiveness, restoration and refreshing.

We need to take to heart the apostle Paul's advice, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

There is now a renewed vision to move forward, desiring to be a lighthouse in this community, reaching adults, young people and children with the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel.

As you know we continue to meet in our home. We have our eyes on a suitable property, it is a good size...1840 square meters, it is a corner lot on the edge of three

"barrios" and in the rainy season it doesn't flood!!

The owner has offered the land to us at \$45,000.00..half the actual market price.

We have been saving for a year now and have \$5000.00 deposited in the bank.

If you would like to help us...your gifts can be sent to SIM CANADA, marked..

NEW CHURCH PROJECT, TRINIDAD # BO 91526 Lesley Kayser

In my next letter, I will update you on our progressPhilippians 4:19

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support.

*Last Sunday I spoke at a ladies meeting, a gathering of 100 women from several churches. We reflected on the Christmas carol.."Thou didst't leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown, when Thou camest to earth for me...But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for Thy Holy Nativity.
O come to my heart Lord Jesus---there is room in my heart for Thee."*

All the folk of the NEW LIFE IN CHRIST congregation, join me in sending our warmest wishes for a joyous Christmas and God's richest blessings in the New Year.

May there be room in all our hearts for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In HIS love

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Cuthbert Christmas Greeting 2011

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)

As Elaine and I look back over this past year, we would like to join with the angel and the company of the heavenly host to praise God in the highest heaven, not only for the peace He has brought to His children through the Messiah but also for His presence, wisdom, provision and direction over this past year.

- ★ For the establishment of new Gospel-centered communities in two boroughs of Montreal, the downtown core of Sherbrooke and the municipality of Bécancour.
- ★ For SOLA, a major SEMBEQ conference on the Gospel held downtown Montreal and attended by over 800 participants, many being young people.
- ★ For the encouraging media coverage we have received focused on the Montreal plants.
- ★ For young men & women showing interest in being involved in church planting.
- ★ For missionaries God is sending us from English Canada and the USA to help us in the task.
- ★ For the many evangelistic efforts throughout the year, specific events and ongoing relationships which are bearing fruit!
- ★ For the 31 people baptized last week at Axe21 in downtown Sherbrooke, after many months of sowing the seed.
- ★ For the three people who came to the Lord through the witness of members of our own small group this year and the baptism of the son and girlfriend of one of our members.
- ★ For your faithful support of our ministry over this past year. We are truly grateful!

For these and many other divine interventions, some for which we are not even aware, we praise God and give him all the Glory! You, our partners in ministry, have every reason to rejoice with us at this very special time of the year!

Your missionaries in Montreal & beyond,

Terry & Elaine Cuthbert

The
Best
Time of the Year



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Thank you for praying with us for the funds needed to pay for this car which is truly an essential tool for ministry.

If you would like to contribute to this project, you can send your gifts to:

"BOLDUC CAR FUND"

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Or donate online at:
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THANK YOU !!

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«Nous avons tous rendez-vous avec la lumière»



"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." Matthew 4:16

Lately, while driving on route 370 in Noisy-le-Grand, I saw this quote on a few huge publicity signs: "Each one of us has a rendezvous with the light." Quite a strange advertisement... It intrigued me so much that once at home, I researched it on internet. I discovered that it was the slogan chosen by the Jewish Lubovich community for their Hannukah 2011 celebrations.

I find this slogan quite intriguing for us as Christians. Christmas is a time of remembering that the true light of the world has come to earth

in the person of the lowly babe born in Bethlehem, far from the crowds and the spotlights... The incarnation of the Son of God is an invitation offered to every human being to a life-changing 'rendezvous' with the Light. Peace, forgiveness and reconciliation are offered freely in Christ, the light of the world.

MEN'S SUPPER

Last Fall, on November 11, about forty men gathered at the "Casa Mia" restaurant in Claye-Souilly, to listen to our illustrious Canadian missionary, Guy Leduc. He was guest speaker for the evening, developing the theme: "2012, fiction or reality?" We received good feedback on the evening from our guests. Our neighbour was among the guests invited, as well as two people we had met last summer when the

JBEQ team was in Noisy. Our prayer is that these seeds planted may grow and produce spiritual fruit in the hearts of those who received it.

SUMMER TEAMS: THE SEQUEL

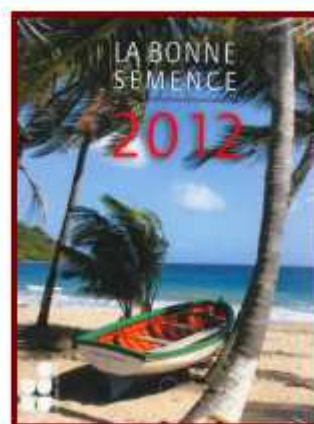
As we mentioned earlier, we made many contacts last summer with the JBEQ team. Out of these many, we kept in very good contact with two in particular. Two university students who are interested in going a step further with the Lord. V.A. has come to our church three times and to our house group twice since July. As for I.S.G., he has begun a Bible study with me and another Christian student. He has a real thirst for God. We're meeting weekly with him. Each of these men has received a Bible calendar. Thank

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OPERATION CALENDERS 2012

This year about twenty people from the church participated in our yearly distribution. Over 5,000 calendar offers were distributed in 13 neighborhoods of Noisy-le-Grand. So far, 54 people have requested a Bible calendar. It's exciting to see mounting enthusiasm for this project. There are also 9 Christians who have offered to hand-deliver the calendars to various homes.

Many of the people who request the calendar have been doing so for the last three or four years! We hope that as they read the daily Scripture meditation, many will meet their Saviour!





Merry Christmas
from ...



Pierre + Jeanine



Joel



Matthew



Anne-Sophie

you for praying for these students, that the Lord would reveal His glorious salvation in Christ to them.

OUR HOUSE GROUP

For the last few months, Pierre's house group has been asking the question: « What does it mean to be a witness in my daily life? ». In just over a year, three different groups have participated in this study. In September, since many in the church had already been in the group, there were few people signed up. A few weeks ago however, three newcomers joined the two or three already in the group, bringing the total up to about seven or eight! The new additions to the group are university students for the most part who have recently begun attending the Noisy church. These students have such zeal for the Lord, it's extremely refreshing and encouraging not only for us but for the whole church. Thank you Lord, for such an unexpected blessing!

A GROWING FAMILY

About a month ago, L-A B., a young lady who had attended our house group got baptised. Her testimony was excellent and very moving. One young man in particular was deeply touched and has since begun a Bible study with me. In the upcoming weeks, L.D. and I will be doing the « Master and his disciple » study together. L.D. is from a Catholic family and admits he doesn't know much about the Bible. He says that ever since childhood he's wanted to know God. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit would reveal the work of Jesus at the cross for him and apply it to his heart.



Lately at church we've had to add extra chairs during the service for lack of space. Our meeting room seems to be getting smaller and smaller! We would like to knock down some more walls and rent the office space around the room we are renting at the moment. On December 18th, as you see in the above picture, we celebrated our Christmas service and the room was packed. The service was followed by a French-Caribbean Christmas meal and there were about 85 of us present! We had many guests from outside the church. Thank you for praying for our guests as well as for our need for more space. Thank the Lord for problems like this!

... and finally, THE BOLDUCS

Yesterday Jeanine started holidays and today Anne-Sophie has her last day of school before 2 weeks of holidays. Tomorrow will be Matt's turn and in one week Joel will be on the plane on his way home for the holidays! He'll be with us till January 3rd. Then on January 10th, Pierre's brother, Guy will arrive for a few weeks with us. We're spoiled to be able to visit with so much of our family! On Christmas Jeanine's sister and her family will be with us and between Christmas and New Year's we're hoping to visit Jeanine's dad, who is doing much better, by the way! Please hold us up in prayer for these visits. The Lord is at work in our families and we need to hold up our loved ones in prayer... So many of our family members are still strangers to the love and forgiveness of God in Christ.

*Jeanine, Joel, Matthew, Anne-Sophie and I wish you a wonderful holiday season,
in perfect peace and untold love that only Jesus gives.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pierre and Jeanine