# HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH



# **NEWSLETTER**

2025



# Making a difference

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# Fear not

It never ceases to amaze me how early the stores start displaying their Halloween merchandise each year. In fact, it seems to be earlier than the previous year.

To be scared or be scary is generally the goal of that day. A lot of what we are seeing around us these days is scary.



Pastor Mike Burt

Many of you have heard that the phrase, "Fear not" or "Do not be afraid," is found in the Bible 365 times. Once for every day of the year. Was that on purpose?

Was God trying to tell us something? I would very much say "YES".

It's been said that fear is the opposite of faith, and I would tend to agree with that. Our Heavenly Father would have us keep our eyes on Him. Our enemy, on the other hand, the devil, would like to keep us distracted with the insanity of this world, which will likely cause us to fear.

There is a beautiful song that says, Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look Full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace If you struggle with fear, simply concentrate more on Jesus, who has overcome the world.

John 16:33. Watch your fears vanish.

Blessings, Pastor Mike.

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# October Mission Focus

# Important Update - October 1

Normally, by now, many of you would have our October/November newsletter in hand. But as you know, Canada Post is currently on strike. That means we can't send out our newsletter the usual way.

This is a challenge for us, because we are in the middle of raising \$40,000 to purchase a school bus for the Father's House orphanage in Liberia. Right now, we're using a pickup truck to make multiple trips each day to get the kids to school—burning fuel and precious resources. A bus would be a game-changer for the 44 children we care for.



Joe Armaral
Hope for Liberia

We've made the newsletter available online: Please take a few minutes to read it—you'll see our heart and why this bus matters so much.

It's that time of year again! The children at Father's House are so excited to head back to school next week.

To help them start the year strong, we want to provide a brand-new backpack (\$10) and a new pair of shoes (\$15) for each child.

Would you consider helping us send them back to school with everything they need? Your gift makes a direct impact in their lives.

### Ways to Give:

E-Transfer (Canada): give@hopeforliberia.com

Online: hopeforliberia.com/give

Phone: 1-877-274-1970

Together, we can make sure every child walks into class with dignity, joy, and the tools they need to succeed.

We're trusting God to provide, as He always has. Just this morning, we sent funds to ensure the children continue receiving two meals a day. Would you prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift today? Every dollar will directly impact the lives of these precious children and bring hope to countless hearts in Liberia.

Thank you for standing with us.

### **GIVE TODAY:**

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#HopeForLiberia #FathersHouse #Orphans #School #Bus



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# What's up Chuck?

Sunday, October 5

**Speaker: Pastor Charlene Gauthier** 

Friday, October 24 - 7:00 PM Youth Night

Saturday, October 25 - 9:00 AM
Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 25 - 11:00 AM
Women's Breakfast

# **Sunday, October 26**

Mission's Committee Meeting (immediately after service)



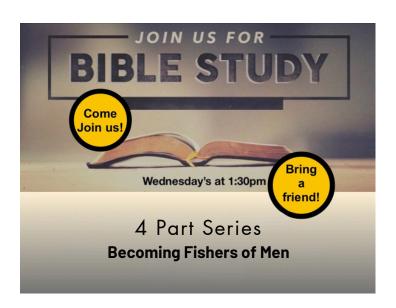


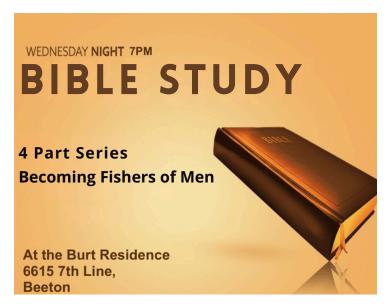
CJLF-FM is a Canadian radio station, broadcasting a Contemporary Christian music format in Barrie, Ontario.

# What's up Chuck?

### Kids Outreach - Friday October 31st (6 PM - 8 PM)

We're collecting nut-free candy and chocolate treats to share with children in our community. If you're unable to shop for treats yourself, you can still participate by making a financial contribution or donating a gift card—we'll take care of the shopping for you!



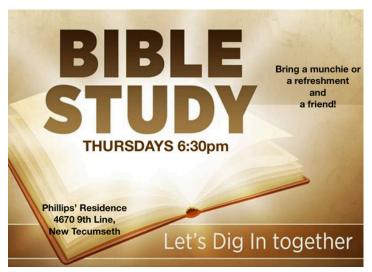


### **Bible Study Titles**

October 8 - Becoming fishers of men Fishing in the right places

October 15 - Becoming fishers of men Mending the nets

October 22 - Becoming fishers of men. The call to be fishers of men







# OCTOBER 2025

SAT	4	11	18	Men's Breakfast (9:00 AM) Women's Breakfast (11:00 AM)	
FRI	3 Prayer Meeting (11:00 AM)	10 Prayer Meeting (11:00 AM)	17 Prayer Meeting (11:00 AM)	Prayer Meeting (11:00 AM) Youth Night (7:00 PM)	Kids Outreach 6 pm - 8 pm
THU	2	ര	16	23	30
WED	1 Bible Study (1:30 PM)	8 Bible Study (1:30 PM) Burt's Bible Study (7:00 PM)	15 Bible Study (1:30 PM) Burt's Bible Study (7:00 PM)	Bible Study (1:30 PM) Burt's Bible Study (7:00 PM)	29
TUE		<b>7</b> Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>14</b> Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>28</b> Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
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NOS		<b>S</b> Communion  Speaker: Pastor Charlene Gauthier	<b>12</b> Mission's Meeting (after service)	19	26

# **Christian History**

# The story of Johnathan Goforth

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of host" (Zechariah 4:6)

These words of Zechariah were the motto of Johnathan Goforth, and his life illustrated the truth. One of eleven Children, Goforth was born on a farm in London, Ontario, in 1859. His spiritual pilgrimage began at the age of eighteen, as he struggled to complete high school. A Presbyterian pastor named Lachlan Cameron visited the school regularly to hold bible studies. Goforth got a liking for the pastor and decided to visit his church. On his third visit, Goforth felt as if the pastor was preaching directly to him. At the end of the sermon, Goforth bowed his head and yielded himself to Christ.

Sometime later, when visiting his brother Will's farm fifteen miles away, Will's father-in-law gave Goforth a copy of The Memoirs of Robert Murray M'Cheyne. On the ride home in his horse and buggy, he started reading the story of the Church of Scotland pastor and soul winner. He became so engrossed in it that he tethered his horse to a tree and read until the sun was about to set. Captivated by M'Cheyne's burden for evangelism, Goforth resolved to lead the unsaved to the Saviour.

While still in high school, Goforth heard a missionary to the far east express his heartbreak that he had not been able to find any young men to carry on the work he had begun. Goforth heard the Lord asking, "Who will go for us and whom shall we send?" and he answered, "Here I am; send me." That hour marked the beginning of Jonathan Goforth's missionary career.

While attending Knox College in Toronto, he spent a significant amount of time visiting the city's slums. It was during his mission work in Toronto that he met Rosalind Bell-Smith, whom everyone knew as Rose, a member of a wealthy Episcopalian family and, more importantly, a born-again Christian.

Upon meeting him, Rose noticed the shabbiness of his clothes but couldn't help being taken by the shining purpose in his eyes. A few days later, she was able to sneak a peek at his well-worn Bible and found it filled with notes from cover to cover. She decided that this was the man she wanted to marry. Jonathan felt the same way, and they were married in October 1884. Four months later, they sailed for China.

In China, Jonathan, Rose and their growing family travelled from place to place doing evangelistic work. His ministry was truly blessed by God, and many hundreds came to know Christ through his preaching. But the hardships of missionary life cost them dearly five of their eleven children died in China.

Goforth went to Korea to see firsthand the results of the revival of 1907 that occurred there. He returned to China with some Koreans who participated, and together they brought the revival to China.

When nearly seventy years old, Goforth pioneered a new work in Manchuria and, in a short period of time, won thousands to Christ and trained over seventy evangelists to carry on the work. Even after going blind, he stayed on ministering for another year.

Returning to Canada in 1934, Goforth was much in demand as a speaker. Although in his mid-seventies and now blind, he spoke at 481 meetings in eighteen months.

His last Sunday in Toronto, he spoke four times. Then, on October 7, 1936, he travelled forty miles to give what would be his final address. The next morning, Rose woke early, thinking Johnathan was still asleep, but when she realized he had passed into the land that is fairer than day.

# **Christian History**

# The story of Johnathan Goforth cont'd

A few weeks earlier, he had said that he rejoiced to know that the first face he would see upon dying would be his Saviour's, and now he saw him face-to-face.

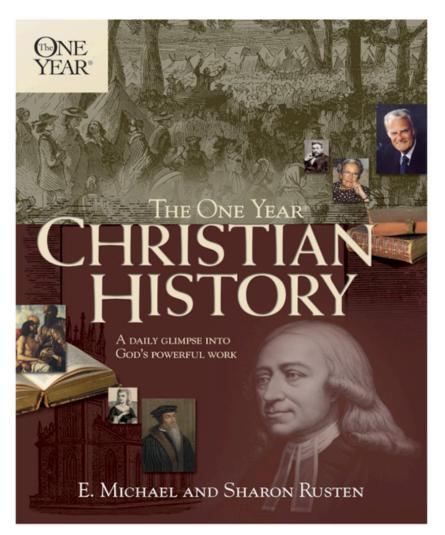
### Reflection

God took a Canadian farm boy and, by His Spirit, made him one of the most productive missionaries of all time. His secret was that he was wholly committed to God and trusted that he would work through him by his Spirit. What can we learn from Jonathan Goforth's life?



When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8



What happened on this date in church history? From ancient Rome to the twenty-first century, from peasants to presidents, from missionaries to martyrs, this book shows how God does extraordinary things through ordinary people every day of the year. Each story appears on the day and month that it occurred and includes questions for reflection and a related Scripture verse.

Available on Amazon



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# Reviewing Your Story



God loves stories. His word is full of them. The Bible contains biographical portraits of all kinds of people, many of whom watch with wonder and Thanksgiving as God reclaimed their stories. Joseph summed it up for us when he told his brothers, "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." That's Genesis 50:20. That's the 50/20 vision you need if you're going to see God and work in your own story. Jot down the answers to these questions as we apply these truths to ourselves.

1.On any given d a nagging feelir	-	look back at various ev	ents with regret,	a sense of guilt, or		
Never		A few times		constantly through the day		
Write a short prayer acknowledging any unconfessed sin and asking for God's forgiveness. Remember that nothing from your past can keep you from the love of God.						
2. On any given da	ay, how often do I	think of someone who	mistreated me?			
Never		A few times		constantly through the day		

# Reviewing Your Story

Write a short prayer of something that was me	complete trust in God's plan. Ask him to bring about His purpose from ant for evil against you.
3. Do I believe that Gid	will forgive me fully and totally through the blood of Jesus?
Yes	○ No
4. Do I believe He can h	elp me forgive those who have hurt me?
Yes	○ No
5. Do I believe He can u	se all things for good?
Yes	○ No
6. What do I need to do principle into action?	to cultivate a 50/20 vision? How can I take the next step in putting this
	I make that will put me more squarely on the path of God's perfect will my story and use it for his glory?

# October Bible Reading Plan

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	<b>JOHN</b>	JAMES	ECCLES.	<b>JEREMIAH</b>
1.	1:1-18	1:1-11	1	<u> </u>
2.	1:19-28	1:12-18	2:1-16	3-4
3.	1:29-34	1:19-27	2:17-26	<u> </u>
4.	1:35-42	2:1-13	3:1-15	7-9
5.	1:43-51	2:14-26	3:16-22	10-11
6.	2:1-11	3:1-12	4	12-13
7.	2:12:25	3:13-18	5	14-15
8.	3:1-15	4:1-10	6	<u> </u>
9.	3:16-21	4:11-17	7:1-14	19-22
10.	3:22-36	5:1-6	7:15-29	23-25
11.	4:1-14	5:7-12	8	26-29
12.	4:15-26	5:13-20	9	30-31
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13.	4:27-42	1:1-9	<u> </u>	32-34
14.	4:43-54	1:10-16	<u> </u>	35-38
15.	5:1-15	1:17-25	<u> </u>	39-43
			<b>♦</b> SONGS OF SOL.	
16.	5:16-30	2:1-8	<u> </u>	44-46
17.	5:31-47	2:9-17	2	47-48
18.	6:1-15	2:18-25	<u> </u>	<u>49</u>
19.	6:16-24	3:1-7	4:1-17	<u> </u>
20.	6:25-40	3:8-12	4:8-16	<u> </u>
21.	6:41-59	3:13-22	5	<u>52</u>
				<b>▶</b> LAMENTATION
22.	6:60-71	4:1-11	<u> </u>	1
23.	7:1-13	4:12-19	7	2
24.		<u> </u>	8:1-7	3
25.	7:25-36	5:8-14	8:8-14	4-5

# Praise Reports

Roslyn - Successful surgery ~ Wyatt and Everleigh - released from hospital ~ Oliver - Cancer in remission ~ Jennifer Healey - Healthy Baby ~ Joshua - Turning life around (New believer) ~ Ezekiel - 100% Healthy ~ Carla - Lumps Shrinking ~ Sharon & Lisa - Protected from accident/death ~ Lisa - Healed ~ Sherry Humbal detached retina healed ~ Les Smith - Condition Improving ~ Bernie & Diane's grandson, Dalton - Healed ~ Marilyn's friend's daughter - Healed ~ Paul Burston - Healed ~ Lisa - Cancer free

# Prayer Requests

### **Pray for Peace**

Israel, Ukraine, Haiti

# **Employment**

Matt Mercer -

# Pray for Healing

Sharon Passareo, Joyce Enever, Kobi Upper, Scott Nicholson's sister Darlene, Claudine's mother Veronica, Leslie Train, Hayden, Dave Clark, Pat Abernathy, Jessica Parker, Ross & Sharon, Diane Lavigne, Francis, Mike & Linda Zulauf, Ethel, Rose Gauthier, Joyce Marshal, Mike & Leta Larkin, Melissa Temple, Rick Temple, Liz Richards, Yury Villamizar, Martina, Harold, Joanne, Morgan

### Grief

Linder Crawford & Family,

# Prayer for healing

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the ongoing struggles of your people. We ask for your enduring strength and grace to sustain them in their journey. Grant them patience and faith as they navigate this difficult path. Please use this experience to draw them closer to you and deepen their trust in your plan.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

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# **Emergency Numbers**

For spiritual and emotional emergencies, please refer to the applicable number. Available 24/7.

<u>Emergency</u>	Contact Numbers
Need rest and peace	Matthew 11:28-30
Worried	Matthew 6:19-24
Lonely and fearful	Psalm 23
Peace of mind	John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-8
Disappointed in people	Psalm 27
Grow bitter or critical	1 Corinthians 13
Have sinned	Psalm 51, 1John 1
Discouraged	Psalm 24
Need healing	Psalm 41
Feeling sorrowful	John 14, Psalm 41
In danger	Psalm 91
Need courage	Joshua 1:1-9

Schedules can change at any time.

You can check our website regularly for updates, schedule changes, and event locations.

www.hillsidecommunity.ca/announcements

# Weekly Schedule

### **Sundays**

Worship Service - 10:30 AM Sunday School - 11:00 AM

### **Tuesdays**

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 PM

### **Wednesdays**

Bible Study - Hillside - 1:30 PM

Bible Study - Burt's Residence 6615 7<sup>th</sup> Line, Beeton

### **Thursdays**

Matthew 5-7, Romans 12

Bible Study- 1:30 PM Phillips Residence 4670 9<sup>th</sup> Line, New Tecumseth

### <u>Fridays</u>

Prayer Meeting - 11:00 AM

### <u>Saturday</u>

Young Adults Meeting - 6:30 PM Phillips Residence 4670 9<sup>th</sup> Line, New Tecumseth

# Monthly Events

Men's Breakfast

Once per month

Ladies Meet

Once per month

Mission's Sunday

Every Last Sunday of the month

# Financials

September 2025		Year to Date (July. 25)		\$-19,674.37	
		Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
	Tithes	\$5,614.43	\$3,378.00	\$2,421.38	\$ 3,085.85
	Missions	\$130.00	\$290.00	\$95.00	\$ 208.90
	Deposit	\$5,794.43	\$4,774.00	\$2,516.38	\$ 3,387.00
Deposited i			in September	\$16,471.81	

A full printout of the financials are available, ask an usher for assistance.

You can place your Tithes & offerings and other donations in the dropbox, located at the back of the sanctuary.

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