



# HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

2025



*Beautiful December*

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Making a difference

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A Star Why are famous people called stars? Famous people are called "stars" because there was a historical marketing practice that began in the 1820s and has roots in the cultural association of exceptional people with celestial bodies.

The term was first widely applied to actors to promote their tours and make them stand out as exceptional talents, much like stars are in the night sky. This association also draws from a long-standing cultural tradition that links the celestial with the exceptional human.

I enjoy the night skies of northern Ontario. The Milky Way and constellations are sights to behold. I can't name or locate most of them - I just enjoy taking it all in. One aspect of Christmas is the sighting of THE STAR and it led them to the Messiah Stars were depended on more back then.

Navigating at night was done by the stars. Where do you look when things are dark around you? There was a musical production in the 70's called Jesus Christ Superstar. Initially unable to get backing for a stage production, the composers released the score as a 1970 concept album, an immediate success which led to its Broadway stage debut in 1971. By 1980, the musical had grossed more than \$237 million worldwide.

Running over eight years in London between 1972 and 1980, the show held the record for longest-running West End musical until 1989 Jesus was not a star by today's definition - He did not earn the millions of dollars (but he does own the cattle on a thousand hills) or live in a mansion (but now sits on the throne on the right-hand of God the Father in heaven) but He was an influencer, He did get worldwide attention.

The Hollywood stars of today will eventually loose their brightness, they will die just like you and I. Their opinions are no more important than yours or mine. Let the Star guide you to Jesus - it's all about Him. He is the Brightest Star.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike.

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**Pastor Mike Burt**



# December Mission Focus

## Reflections

Throughout this year, we have been blessed with the privilege of supporting missions that reach both across our nation and into communities around the world.

Each opportunity has been a reminder of God's calling to serve beyond ourselves, extending His love and provision to those in need.

From local initiatives that strengthen families here at home to global efforts that bring hope and encouragement abroad, our shared commitment has allowed us to be part of a greater story of compassion, generosity, and faith in action, reminding us that God's love knows no boundaries.

*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*

**Hebrews 6:10**

### January



**Gorge & Jacintha Melo - Azores Islands, Portugal**

Working with families that profess some form of religion but do not understand how to have a genuine relationship with the Lord.

### February



**Hope for Liberia - Joe Amaral**

Building an orphanage and a protection wall for the displaced children of Liberia.

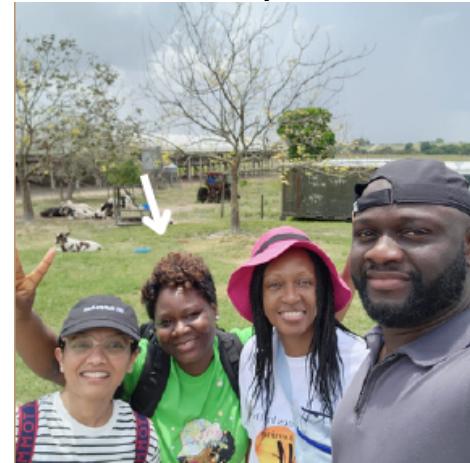
### March



**Pastor Scott Couper  
Mission Canada Urban Worker  
Peterborough, ON**

With 30 years of pastoral ministry in PAOC churches, Scott has stepped into a new season and calling as a "Street Level Advocate" in Peterborough's city core, where a population of over 80,000 reports more than 300 homeless individuals (Peterborough Social Services, July 2021).

### May



**Famata Odjiko in Belize**

Walking the streets of Belize, healing, witnessing and changing the lives of the people through the power of Jesus.

# December Mission Focus

## June



**Gorge & Jacintha Melo -  
Azores Islands, Portugal**

From new people being added to the Kingdom, to the growth of our children's ministry, to the purchase of a new ministry van, to the completion of a 3-year renovation project, we are truly seeing the reward of the Lord!

## September



**Hope for Liberia -  
Joe Amaral**

The children at Father's House Orphanage were so excited to head back to school. Thanks to your generosity, new backpacks and shoes were provided for them, along with the joy of knowing they were loved and equipped to succeed in the year ahead.

## July



**Hope for Liberia -  
Joe Amaral**

We are beyond excited to share that the final \$10,000 needed to complete the church in Kartoe Town has officially been raised!

## October



**Hope for Liberia -  
Joe Amaral**

We are 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.

## August



**Michel & Louise Charbonneau  
Latin America & the Caribbean**

(Michael passed away on December 13, 2024)

Our vision is to witness more young people and children come to Christ while also providing them access to education to give them hope for a brighter future.

## November



**Mission Trip to Israel -  
Marilyn Dubach**

The Feast of Tabernacles is one of the commanded feasts of the Lord. They are to build temporary shelters to remind them of how they camped out in the desert 3000 years ago, escaping from Egypt and how God lived with them.

# What's up Chuck?



# What's up Chuck?



**COATS  
for  
Kids**

**And Anyone in Need**

Now accepting donations of brand new coats.  
We are blessed so that we can bless!

## Ways to donate:

- Drop off a new coat at Hillside Community Church
- Send a cash donation by
- E-transfer, indicating Coats for Kids to info@hillsidecommunity.ca
- We also accept gift cards for clothing stores that sell coats.



**SOUND TECHNICIAN NEEDED**

Do you love music?  
Would you like to help out with our  
Sound?  
We are looking to build our Team.  
No experience necessary.  
We will train.  
Come and have a chat with Pr. Charlene

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# Christian History

## GOD PROMISED GOOD THINGS TO COME.

ZECHARIAH, a priest and prophet, was born in Babylonia and returned to Jerusalem in 538 B.C. He began prophesying in the late fall of 520 B.C. and received eight visions from God on February 15, 519 B.C.

A year and a half later, the exiles who returned from Babylon and settled in the city of Bethel sent a delegation to Jerusalem, wanting to know whether they should continue to fast each summer as they had in Babylonia on the anniversary of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar.

On December 7, 518 B.C., God gave the answer to their question to Zechariah:

"Say to all your people and your priests, 'During those seventy years of exile, when you fasted and mourned in the summer and at the festival in early autumn, was it really for me that you were fasting? And even now in your holy festivals, you don't think about me but only of pleasing yourselves.

Isn't this the same message the Lord proclaimed through the prophets years ago, when Jerusalem and the towns of Judah were bustling with people, and the Negev and the foothills of Judah were populated areas?'

"This is what the Lord Almighty says: Judge fairly and honestly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners, and poor people. And do not make evil plans to harm each other.

"Your ancestors would not listen to this message. They turned stubbornly away and put their fingers in their ears to keep from hearing. They made their hearts as hard as stone, so they could not hear the law or the messages that the Lord Almighty had sent them by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. That is why the Lord Almighty was so angry with them.

"Since they refused to listen when I called to them, I would not listen when they called to me, says the Lord Almighty. I scattered them as with a whirlwind among the distant nations, where they lived as strangers. Then another message came to me from the Lord. . . . "Now the Lord says: I am returning to Mount Zion, and I will live in Jerusalem.

### THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM

Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City; the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain....

"All this may seem impossible to you now, a small and discouraged remnant of God's people. But do you think this is impossible for me, the Lord Almighty? . . . You can be sure that I will rescue my people from the east and from the west. I will bring them home again to live safely in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be faithful and just toward them as their God." (Zechariah 7:5-8:8)

# Christian History

Then finally, came the specific answer to the question of the delegation from Bethel:

"This is what the Lord Almighty says: The traditional fasts and times of mourning you have kept in early summer, midsummer, autumn, and winter are now ended. They will become festivals of joy and celebration for the people of Judah. . . .

"People from nations and cities around the world will travel to Jerusalem.... People from many nations, even powerful nations, will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord Almighty and to ask the Lord to bless them." (8:19-22)

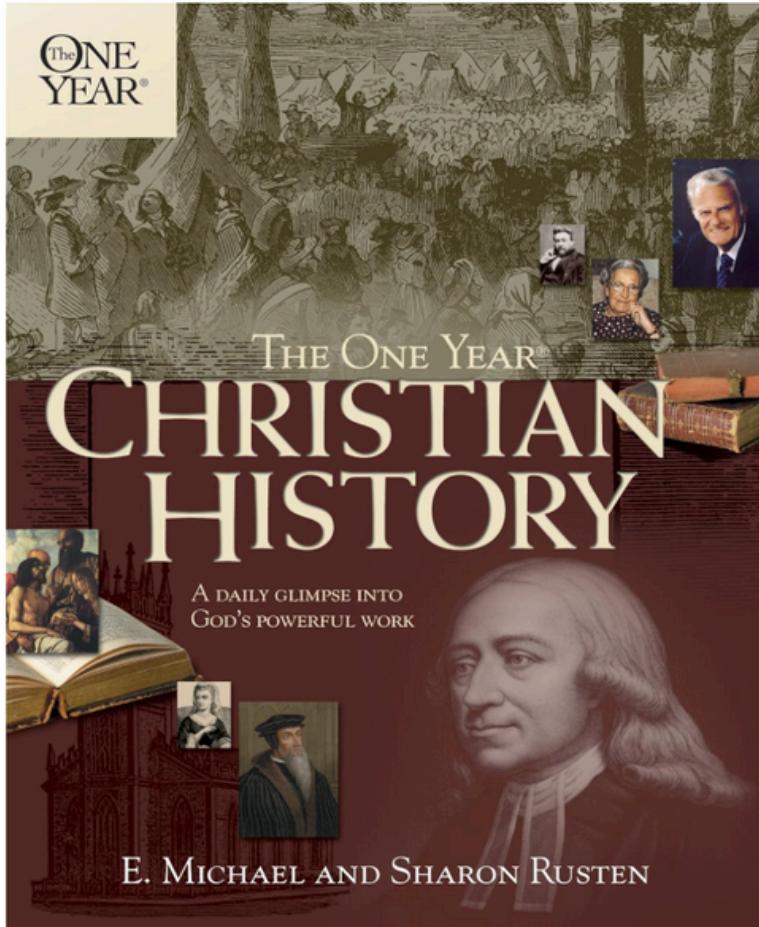
## Reflection

*In your opinion, are these final promises of powerful nations coming to Jerusalem to seek the Lord something that has already happened or events that will occur following the second coming of Christ during the Millennium? What can you apply to your life from these words of God through the prophet Zechariah?*



*In the last days, the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem will become the most important place on earth. People from all over the world will go there to worship.*

MICAH 4:1



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



Scan to Purchase

# December Bible Reading Plan

|     | ► JOHN                            | ► REVELATION                     | ► JOB                             | ► HOSEA                        |
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| 3.  | <input type="checkbox"/> 14:22-31 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-17  | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-26    | <input type="checkbox"/> 7-8   |
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# 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

### Pray for Healing

Yves - Cancer surgery

Ruth Stamper - John Graham -

Alvin Tran - Joyce Enever - Kobi Upper -

Scott Nicholson's sister, Darlene - Claudine's mother, Veronica -

Leslie Train - Hayden -

Dave Clark - Pat Abernathy - Jessica Parker - Russ & Sharon -

Diane Lavigne - Francis -

Mike & Linda Zulauf - Ethel - Rose Gauthier - Joyce Marshal -

Mike & Leta Larkin -

Melissa Temple - Rick Temple - Liz Richards - Martina - Harold -

Joanne - Morgan

### Other

Chester - Stouffer

### 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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Sizes range from S - 3XL (Adult)

11 OZ MUGS AVAILABLE



**GET YOUR HILLSIDE T-SHIRT TODAY.**

Sizes range from S - 3XL (Adult)

All proceeds will be donated to the Hillside Missions Committee.

Contact Pastor Charlene to place your order.

[cgauthier3@gmail.com](mailto:cgauthier3@gmail.com)

# Emergency Numbers

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

| <u>Emergency</u>              | <u>Contact Numbers</u>        |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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, 1 John 1            |
| Discouraged .....             | Psalm 24                      |
| Need healing .....            | Psalm 41                      |
| Feeling sorrowful .....       | John 14, Psalm 41             |
| In danger .....               | Psalm 91                      |
| Need courage .....            | Joshua 1:1-9                  |
| Need Guidance .....           | Matthew 5-7, Romans 12        |

Schedules can change at any time.

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

[www.hillsidecommunity.ca/announcements](http://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  
7:00 PM  
6615 7<sup>th</sup> Line, Beeton

### Thursdays

Bible Study - 6:30 PM  
Phillips Residence  
4670 9<sup>th</sup> Line, New  
Tecumseth

### Fridays

Prayer Meeting - 11:00 AM

### Saturday

Young Adults Meeting - 6:00 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

## November 2025

Year to Date (Sept. 25)

\$-6,723.40

|                       | Nov. 2     | Nov. 9     | Nov. 16    | Nov. 30     |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Tithes                | \$3,214.46 | \$2,378.00 | \$3,873.56 | \$ 1,941.00 |
| Missions              | \$1,005.00 | \$1,113.00 | \$215.00   | \$ 20.00    |
| Deposit               | \$4,339.46 | \$3,491.00 | \$5,184.56 | \$ 2,846.00 |
| Deposited in November |            |            |            | \$15,861.02 |

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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