




# Victory in Jesus!



*"When they now shoot forth,  
ye see and know of your own  
selves that summer is now  
nigh at hand."*

*Luke 21:30*

## Roddickton

Greetings in the name of Jesus from the District Canadian Headquarters church at Roddickton, NL. I would like to encourage each one who is reading this to keep looking to the Lord. *John 16:33 says, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* Troublesome times are here but thank God for the hope and security we have in Jesus. It is my prayer that the negative things that are going on around us will not affect the peace within. The peace that comes only from Jesus.

In reality the pressures of life, such as the effects of COVID, sickness, the uncertainty of the future, the loss of a job, or marriage problems, if allowed, can steal the love and joy from your life. In *Matthew 24:12*, Jesus said: *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."* This is a sign of the end times. We see it happening before our eyes. Satan is using what is happening in our world to discourage you even if these things do not personally affect you. He will use anything he can to cause you to take your eyes off of the Lord.

Sure, we are all affected by Covid, but our lives are still blessed. We have our needs met and much more beside. We still have the religious freedom to worship, albeit it may be by different means that we are accustomed to, but God has helped us to adjust. The Bible tells us in *Romans 8:28* that *"all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to them that are called according to His purpose."* Be encouraged, God has not changed, He will be the steadfast hope and security that we

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need. We can stay encouraged in these uncertain times by spending more time with God and His Word. Just like Peter, if we focus on the storm, we will become discouraged and go sinking.

Be alert to the enemy's tactics. He is changing his strategies to discourage the child of God from being faithful and true to the end. The end is in sight so let us keep moving on and stay in tune with the Master of our vessel. He will land us safely into Heaven's port when we finish our journey down here.

For the past few months, we have been enjoying in-person services in all our churches in NL. However, across the other provinces of Canada, the leaders are using whatever social media tools they can to hold services and keep the gospel alive and well. Thank God for all His faithful pastors, ministers, and workers. May God give you grace and strength to "work for the night is coming when men works no more."

Every time we come together is special, for we realize that things can change overnight. We appreciate the blessing of fellowship and worship. The Spirit of God flows from heart to heart when we come together each Sunday.

During the Easter season we were encouraged to spend more time in prayer than usual to prepare our hearts and lives for the services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning. Due to COVID restrictions, we could only have the Lord's Supper for half of our congregation on Good Friday night and the other half on Easter Sunday morning. April 2, Good Friday service was a time to reflect on the crucifixion of our Lord with Rev. Chris Hewlett exhorting us to remember the great suffering and pain to pay the price for our redemption. Taking his text from Luke 22: 39-44. Then a message by bro. Kevin Hopkins was given to encourage us to search our hearts before coming to the Table of the Lord using (1 Cor. 11:27-28). We were invited to come and spend time in prayer first, then as we felt led to come and partake of the emblems, symbolizing the body and blood of our Savior. Our hearts were blessed and

humbled to know that we were, again carrying out the instruction of Jesus in His Word. What a beautiful Spirit of God rested upon the Church. On April 4, Easter Sunday morning it was more of the same with the Word preached by Pastor Vanzel Quinlan on the Resurrection using John 21:1-10 as his text. Followed by a message by Rev. Chris Hewlett on the Lord's Supper. (1 Cor. 11:23-26). Hearts were melted and tears flowed as the other half of the congregation partook of the precious emblems. The sweet Spirit of God showed up to bless us again.

As in other years we were pleased to celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day by holding a service to honor them as well as present them with a rose. When Father's Day came, we did the same for the fathers with a family service dedicated to honoring our fathers and presenting them with a gift. Thank God for each one.

God is still moving! Since our last Newsletter we are happy to report that a young man has found his way to the Lord. Praise God! On March 28, Justin Curl prayed through to a born-again experience. We are happy to share his personal testimony:

Sunday, July 11, 2021, we had the wonderful privilege of a morning service and of holding an open-air service in the evening. God really blessed us with the perfect evening for such a service. The sun streaming down, magnificent handiwork of God



in the sky and a little breeze completed the favorable conditions for this blessed service. The Spirit of God was present as the music and singing



rang out and the message of the gospel was proclaimed.



Rev. Chris Hewlett presented a powerful message entitled, **"The Return of Christ."** *Luke 21:25-28, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of Heaven are shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."*

*Luke 12:37: "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching."* We should not be worried or terrified over the events that are happening in the world right now, but rather we should, with confidence await the Lord's return. The coming of Christ is at the door. We are living in serious times, and we must be on guard that we not merely get used to what is happening and slide into what our governments call the "new normal." It is easy to become complacent and lose

sight of the fact that it is fulfilment of Holy Scriptures. We need to be reminded to look to Jesus when others are looking to the world. Remember, Christ's second coming will be sudden! For those who have not accepted Him as their personal Savior it will be a great loss. You think this COVID pandemic was sudden and terrible? Well, the Coming of the Lord will be more sudden and more terrible. It will leave behind a world of trouble and evil at the hands of an Antichrist rule.

To close the service, an invitation was given, strongly exhorting the unsaved to take up their cross and follow Christ. We know there were hearts encouraged and those who were weighed in the balance and found wanting were convicted to seek God. Only eternity will reveal the results of the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Normally during the last week in July, we enjoy Youth Camp at Coles Pond, Roddickton, NL. Due to Covid restrictions this has been impossible for two years now. We are happy to report that, Lord willing, we will hold a One Day Youth Camp on July 29 for the churches in this area. May God pour out His blessings on this planned event.

Keep looking up! Something good is about to happen!

## Birchy Bay

Greetings from the saints in Birchy Bay. We trust and pray that God has kept each of you in His care as this pandemic continues. With the winter and spring behind us and summer here we can look around and see the faithfulness of God from season to season. As the flowers break through the warming soil bringing with it a new sense of hope and renewal, we too look forward to receiving new experiences from God.

We heard a wonderful message from **Psalms 62:5** entitled **"What are you expecting from God?"** It was a wonderful service, and the Holy Spirit filled our hearts with new hope and added faith that God was going to fulfill our expectations which included healings and souls being added to His Kingdom.



On Palm Sunday as we began to lift our hearts in praise, the Lord poured His blessings upon us in a wonderful way.

On April 4, we took time to remember our Lord's suffering as we each in turn partook of the Lord's Supper. Due to social distancing requirements, we were unable to greet the brethren as we normally would but as we waited together our Heavenly Father touched our lives and renewed our Spirits.

On Mother's Day and Father's Day we sang songs dedicated for each occasion as well as reading a poem or two. Each mother or father picked up a little gift on their way out after each service on their special day.

It is wonderful to be able to hear from God's Word each Sunday inspiring messages to encourage our hearts. Two in particular stands out, **"Having a Lively Hope in Christ,"** and **"Trusting God's Plan, He has an Expected End for us."** With all the uncertainties people are experiencing from day to day, it is comforting to know that God has a plan for each of us, and when things around us might seem hopeless, we, as children of God have a lively hope in Him.

As this summer progresses, should our Lord tarry, please be assured we pray for you dear saints. As the alert levels are lifted, hopefully that soon, all the saints of God will be able to once again assemble and worship God in His sanctuary.

## Winnipeg

***Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Psalm 103:1***

The above chapter of the Bible summarizes God's benefits toward our congregation from the beginning of this year especially during this unusual time. We give God all the glory.

In this edition of the Newsletter, we will be featuring short testimonies of victories from few of our brethren to praise the name of the Lord.

I'm thankful to God for His goodness over us. As a child born in the gospel, I delayed seeking my Christian graces early in life. God caught my attention through music and helped me to surrender to the Lord who saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire.



I'm so grateful to God for giving me Christian parents and today when I look back, I can say boldly that God helped my parents to bring us children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

God blessed me with a beautiful jewel, God-fearing jewel as a help meet and thereafter, he blessed us with children.

Since I surrendered to the Lord, He's proved Himself mighty in my life. He's been our healer, protector, provider. He's been with me all the way. I have had the privilege of passing through different situations in life but in all, God has proved Himself mighty.

A few years ago, I witnessed God's mighty power to protect and heal. One evening, while returning home after Bible study at a branch church in Nigeria, we were just a few minutes away from home when armed robbers attacked us. The situation was so tensed – our vehicle was taken away with a few items, my parents were shot and became unconscious, but God spared our lives. Indeed, ***"The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them."*** The saints of God prayed with us. God miraculously restored and healed my parents.

God has blessed me beyond my imagination. Please join me in prayer that God will hold my hands and keep us in faith till we see Him at the end of our lives. Praise the Lord with me.



Janet Oladunni

I want to thank God for the privilege to be born and raised in this glorious gospel. I thank God because he cornered me up while I was going astray and brought me back to Himself.

I thank God for salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ever since then God has been good to me. In this gospel God chose a marriage partner for me and has blessed our marriage with two beautiful children.

I want to thank God for the power of the blood of Jesus to deliver. My boy was exposed to Covid-19 virus on two different occasions within one week. We received an email from the health sector and because of his health we were so concerned and worried as a family because all the people he was with at that time were seriously sick. But God proved His mighty power in his life. May His name be praised for ever. Please pray for me that this God who has done this for me, will help me continue to serve Him and see Him in glory.



Peter Oyeniji

I thank God for this opportunity to be raised in a Christian home where mum and dad taught us the way of the Lord. However, in my late-teen years I felt my upbringing was strict and was not interesting and I sought to go the way of the world.

At age 17, I was on my way to university, and it was there that the devil got hold of me. I got mixed up with the wrong crowd and it was a downward slope from there. I partied, smoked, took alcohol and samples of drugs. At some point I stopped coming home regularly for holidays. Despite all of this, I knew I had parents that were praying for me because on several occasions I was delivered from death even while still in my sinful ways.

The words of an old hymn, "Sin will cost you far more than you want to pay." Sin costed me my education. I was kicked out of the university in my final year after wasting my parent's money and my time. I was not doing well academically, and I had joined a gang in the university. After been kicked out of the school, I did not know what to do. I could not go back home to tell my parents. I ran away from home, and I thought I could figure out life myself. It did not take long before I realized I could not go too far without God.

The mercy of God called out to me once more. This time it was a place far away from home and church. I remembered whispering a prayer out of desperation to God saying, if He could help me get my life together, I will give Him a chance and God was faithful. In a small room where I was by myself,



I got down on my knees and Heaven came down and glory filled my soul because God wonderfully saved me. I will never forget the year, 2009 because it was the year everything became new for me. My life has never been the same since. God later

sanctified me and filled me with His Spirit. God gave me another opportunity to go back to the university and within a short time He saw me through in obtaining my education. Almost immediately after I finished my bachelor's degree, God opened a way for me to move to Canada where I settled. He provided for me a young Christian lady in this church as a wife. He has blessed us with two wonderful boys. Oh, how I just love the Lord! My desire is to be in His service and to be around God's children. I know one day I will see Him face to face and I will be able to praise Him evermore. I praise God for His mercies!

## South Brook

**G**reetings to all the saints. Since our last newsletter we have been holding one church service on Sunday morning due to government



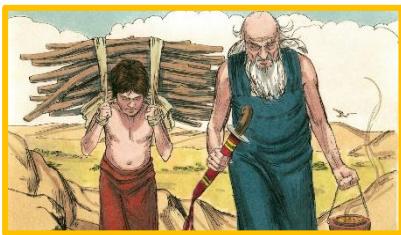
regulations, but we thank God for our Spirit filled meetings. The power of God is just the same today, and we are enjoying it to the fullest.

On Mother's Day, May 9, we had special singing and placing of a red a rose on our moms who are living and placing a white rose on the Bible in memory of mothers who are passed on.

On June 20, we dedicated our morning service to our fathers. Our greatest father of all is our Heavenly Father who gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank God that He is a loving Saviour and Father to us all. Our prayer today is that souls will accept God's Son as their Saviour. Let us hold fast, keep the faith and He will see us through this pandemic. God bless, stay safe.

## Toronto

The first quarter of 2021 ended with a comprehensive reinforcement on what God's plan for the salvation of the fallen man is and how in various ways He unveils His plan to us. *"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."* Isaiah 28:10. We learned how God had instructed Abraham to embark on a three days' journey to a place that God Himself had chosen, to



sacrifice His promised Son given to Him by God Himself. When His son asked why they

had everything for the sacrifice except for the lamb, Abraham responded that the Lord Himself will provide a lamb. God did indeed provide a substitute that redeemed Isaac from the impending death; in a similar manner God provided Jesus Christ a Lamb without spot as a substitute to save all who believe on Him.

As we continue to adapt to online mode of church service, the Toronto church was able to leverage more on technology. We began to have breakout

sessions for the Primary Pals and Answer classes. This allowed us time to have devotional services which ushered a period of refreshing as other ministers of God joined our virtual services from different locations. We benefit greatly from the gifting of ministration via virtual presence of ministers of God and Pastors that join our service and shared the heart of God with us to edify the whole church as provided in *Ephesians 4:11-12*. *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."*

We had sermons from brethren such as Rev. Christopher Hewlett from our headquarters church at Roddickton, Pastor Kirby Hewlett from Kitchener, Rev. Marjorie Reid from Fort McMurray, Bro. Samson Jimaza from Winnipeg, Bro. Benjamin Daramola from Edmonton and brother Edet Ibok in Nigeria. What a wonderful time we had before the Lord.

## Bide Arm

*Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* As we look back over the past months it would be easy to find things that are frustrating and difficult to deal with. But thankfully we can look beyond the circumstances of our world, knowing, that God is in control and be thankful unto Him. Amidst the challenges of dealing with a world pandemic, we are thankful that our church is still open, and we can come together as believers to worship God and encourage one another. God has been faithful to meet with us as we gather in His name.

On March 21, 2021, we lost a dear saint that has been faithful to this church for many years. After some time in the hospital with health issues, sister Patsy Randell went to her Heavenly home, the place she had been longing for. Her presence in our church will be surely missed. We have the hope of

meeting her again, as some of her last words were, "See you there."

Last year we couldn't hold some of our church functions due to the fact that we were closed and limited by government regulations. This year with the easing of restrictions, we have been able to get back to a little more normalcy.

During the Easter season we were blessed to be partakers of the Lord's supper. This is always a special time as we reflect upon the sufferings of Christ and remember what He endured for our salvation.

Sunday, May 9, was Mother's Day, and our service was held in honour of Mothers. There was a presentation of white and red roses, also all ladies received a red rose in memory of sister Patsy Randell. The youngest mother and oldest mother

well the youngest and oldest father were presented with a gift. At the end of the service, muffins and gift cards were given to the fathers.

We want to do as God's Word says, to give thanks in everything. It is easy to be distracted by what is happening in our world. We can look beyond that and see how God has been with us and kept us through these challenging times and we give thanks unto Him.

## Calgary

God's eyes are upon His children in our Calgary, Alberta church even throughout the pandemic.

We are grateful to God almighty for all the blessings and His goodness to the church in Calgary.

It has been a memorable year for us all, not withstanding the effect of the pandemic across the globe. For our church here in Calgary, it has been a challenging time for us as we have been worshipping via zoom since mid-March 2020. Fortunately, we were able to have our face-to-face worship for a couple of months in the fall of 2020 before switching back to zoom services again. One outstanding testimony is the presence of God that has been evident in our services even during the zoom meetings. Our services over zoom every Sunday at 11:00 am for Primary pals and 11:30 am for adults have remained refreshing. A particular highlight is seeing the elementary Sunday school children excitedly greet one another, respond to questions, and engage with the lesson. The teachers make commendable efforts in keeping the lessons interactive with pictures and songs.

We have experienced God's keeping power, divine healing, job provisions, promotions, answers to prayers and the greatest miracle of all – conversion of sinners to God's children. Within this period of online services, we have had a brother testify of God's salvation and sanctification and a boy in our elementary class whom the Lord visited and saved his soul. What a joy to know that God's eye is continuously upon us and meets us wherever we are



were recognized and presented with a gift. At the end of the service all ladies received a rose and a muffin decorated with the letter "M."

June 20 was Fathers Day, and we held a service to celebrate Fathers. During the service there was the presentation of white and blue roses. The youngest father in our church prayed for us in that service. As



when we call upon Him with honest and open hearts.

A few months ago, one of the grandparents that visited from overseas had an operation and God intervened and made it a success. Many more of our members have testified of God's healing power, especially in this difficult time. By God's grace, none of our members was lost in this pandemic rather we had additions of two babies that were born. While many people lost their jobs due to the pandemic, God answered our prayers and some of our brethren were offered job opportunities – our God is indeed gracious. This resonates with the verse in the scripture, *Job 22:29*, where it highlights that when others say that there is casting down, you shall say that there is lifting up because God is faithful to those that trust in Him.

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was a blessing and an opportunity to reflect on all of God's goodness to us as a church. As a 3-days event, Friday to Sunday, we were glad to have these as face-to-face meetings. Ranging from the opening services, the youth meetings, the music concert, the children's program and the Sunday morning and evening



services, God made this event a success and a blessing. We are grateful for the pioneers of the work here in Calgary and pray that God's work will continue to prosper here in Calgary and beyond.



In addition, our first-ever virtual Easter concert was a huge success as God came through for us and fine-tuned our efforts. With lots of inspiring music, instrumentals and solos, God used our choir members and a few brethren outside of Calgary to revive His work. Please check this out on YouTube and be blessed if you are yet to watch it. Our virtual Mother's Day and Father's Day services were blessed and quite remarkable and we thank God for the Sunday school children's virtual presentations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn6Kly738x0&t=823s>



We are happy to report that the situation is increasingly getting better with regards to restrictions. Lord willing, we look forward to resuming our face-to-face meetings soon.

We may not know what tomorrow will bring but we rest assured that God who took us this far will certainly be with us through it all. Just like Calgary brethren, we enjoin everyone to continue to, *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6)."*



## Englee

Since the last newsletter God has been real good to us here at Englee. Church services continue to be Spirit filled. *II Chronicles 5:14 says, "So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the lord had filled the house of God."* Sometimes the presence of the Lord has been so real in the sanctuary that the minister has been unable to bring the message. Instead, the service has been a time to worship, praise and pray. We are so thankful for God's Holy Spirit.

Easter time was another opportunity for the church to be together and reflect on the suffering of Jesus and how He rose again to bring us salvations plan. There is power, wonderful working power in the blood of the Lamb. Easter Sunday morning, we were blessed to congregate together in Father's house for a time of worship. Once again, we had the opportunity to take part in the ordinance service. To feel the unity and oneness as saints came forward to partake in the Lord's supper was a blessing to all.

Mother's Day service was a time to recognize the special individuals in our lives we call MOM. Each mother was given a rose and a tote bag in appreciation for all they do.



Not be excluded, Father's Day was another moment for us to set aside a time to show dads that we appreciate them for their contribution to families too. Fathers were given a pen set.



It is good to see that things are moving towards a more normal way of life. It has been sad to see the threat of Covid bring so much heartache into peoples lives. The past year or so has been difficult for all. It is finally nice to be able to make seniors home visits again. Many of these dear individuals have been enduring so much loneliness in the last

months. Visitation has been limited. Thankfully, our senior homes now permit clergy visitation. A little while ago I had the privilege to do visitation at Shirley's Haven, one of the homes near here. Upon leaving one of the rooms a member of the staff approached me. She asked if I had some time to spare. I responded with a yes. My heart was touched deeply with her reply. She asked if I could come back in an

hour and have church service with the residents of the home. The lady told me the seniors were hungry for a gospel meeting. They wanted to, once again, be able to sing some old-fashioned hymns and hear from the Word. To say I was overwhelmed would put it mildly. An hour later I was sitting in an auditorium filled with wonderful seniors, who were following Covid restrictions of course. As I began to play the keyboard they began to sing and clap their hands. "Amazing Grace" and "Sweet By and By" never sounded any better. Hymns were sung, prayers were prayed along with a message from the Word. I left uplifted and blessed. Let's keep our shut-ins, seniors and sick in our prayers during these testing times.



We are so thankful that these last few months have only brought us, as a church, closer to the Lord and closer to one another in prayer. God bless you all.

## Ottawa

*Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, who He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Psalm 107:1-2.* This being the key text of a sermon preached by brother Niyi Oduwale on "Giving God Thanks," we were encouraged as children of God, with all that has transpired in the last few months to continually give thanks for God alone is to be praised. It is with this heart of thanksgiving once again we bring our report from the Ottawa branch.

God indeed has been very good to us, revealing to us through various teachings that He is interested in not only our spiritual lives but every single aspect/area of our lives. He is our protector, provider and healer and we have evidence of His wonderful works in our midst. Praise be to His Holy name.

With our services still online due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic, God has blessed us with different ministers from across the world – past and present – to encourage us with His Word. A look back at one of the sermons by Late Rev. T.A. Ogunaike, *“God’s Promises Cannot Fail”* is an assurance that all promises laid out in the Bible for us cannot fail just as *“According to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he hath promised by the hand of Moses his servant” for His people Israel (I Kings 8:56)*. All these promises are sure to be fulfilled in our lives if we fully trust God and His will for us to “Go Forward” by Rev. Isaac Adigun, in what he has called us to be or to do, whether it is in line with our plan or not. We were also reminded that we are not alone in our “furnace – any troubling situation we feel we are going through”, the fourth man who was present in the furnace with the three Hebrew children is always here for us. All He requires from us is the conviction, confidence, and commitment present in the lives of the three Hebrew children. (The Fourth Man in the Furnace – sermon by brother Tony Ademuyiwa).

Glaring are the signs of the last days and strong/direct are God’s messages to us. In a sermon by brother Toyin Emitola we were encouraged to ensure our relationship with God is firm. God first started His relationship with us by sending His own Son to die for our sins and only if we repent from those sins and accept Jesus Christ into our lives can we have a relationship with God. The world we are living in is just a passage through to our eternal home. This can be achieved if we seek our foundational experiences – salvation, sanctification, and baptism of the Holy Spirit and continually live in God’s will. We want to be able to say like Paul in //

*Timothy 4:7 that we have “fought a good fight, have finished our course, and have kept the faith”* (Finishing Strong – sermon by brother Tobi Shobukola).

As the restrictions are being slowly eased, we covet prayers for our growing church that the Lord will continue to increase our numbers and provide us a physical place of worship. We are also praying for many blessings to be received at the ongoing Portland special meetings for those present and online. May God bless us all!

## Langley

*“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1*

We continue to be amazed at the wonderful grace of Jesus. This grace is generous and free and is manifested to us in the form divine favor and love. The saints in Langley certainly do attest to this glorious experience and fact throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since March of 2020, we have not held an in-person Sunday service. Rather, we have been blessed through technology to join with the saints through the offerings from Pullman, WA, Seattle, WA, and Portland, OR. As well, we have consistently held our own zoom meetings that have been supported well by local church members and the broader Apostolic Faith community worldwide. We thank God for the fellowship of the brethren.

By the grace of God, we have been able to continue participating in the Sunday school curriculum, hold regular services and our monthly young people’s meeting, through virtual means. God’s presence has been experienced and our faith has been sustained and strengthened. The Lord is apt to lead His dear children along.

On July 11, 2021, nearly 1 year and 4 months since our last in person Sunday service, we resumed our meetings in accordance with BC Health Officials recommendations. Oh, what joy it was to say, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our gathering was sweet and such a blessing to all who attended including those who joined us through virtual means. We assembled and sang gospel hymns that lifted our hearts and souls in adoration to our God. The testimonies of the saints were such that gave honour and praise to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob for His bountiful blessings and providential care through this recent challenging global period. Testimonies that told of God's deliverance from contracting the Covid-19 virus! Praise God!

Our service ended in our traditional manner of kneeling before God in corporate prayer, rather than at the altar benches, we knelt in our respective seats. Hearing the voices of our brothers and sisters in prayer is a joy we cannot express into words, not to mention the volume of prayer we are confident reverberated through the halls of Heaven!

Please do continue to pray for us here in BC as Covid-19 circumstances still has left some uncertainty and not all our congregants are in a position to return physically. We continue to pray for each one. There are needs throughout the Body of Christ worldwide of which God knows, sees and will provide for each one in Jesus' name!

## Kitchener

**Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm 27:14**

Since the beginning of 2021 until July 11, because of COVID 19 restrictions we were literally in lockdown and were not able to hold services at our church. Instead, every Sunday afternoon we've been having our Sunday school and Sunday evening worship services on ZOOM. We are thankful during those times that God has blessed our Sunday school and the Spirit of God has wonderfully blessed our worship services.

Thank God for prayers that have been answered. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we received the great news that Leona Burton had prayed through to salvation

at home. It was no coincidence that her mom was there at that time to pray with her. Praise the Lord.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> we got a call from Elvis Wilcox that he wanted to go to the church to be saved. It was a wonderful prayer service as he prayed through to victory. It certainly was a great time of rejoicing!

Brother Chad opened the Easter Sunday singspiration, by playing the trumpet "*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*" followed by the choir singing "*Thank You Jesus for the Blood.*" The brothers had a closing song "*The Old Rugged Cross.*"

The Mother's Day singspiration - the choir opened with the song. "*Momma & God.*" We then presented a slide show of mothers who have gone on to their reward and a slideshow of mothers who are still with us. The children concluded the service with a singing – "*Happy Mother's Day.*"

On Father's Day the choir opened the singspiration with "*Family Bible.*" Then there was a slideshow of fathers who had passed and another of fathers present. The children ended by singing "*Happy Father's Day.*"

Our Sunday school has been an inspiration and are always excited to do their part. We thank God for the enthusiasm of our Sunday school leaders who help motivate our children.

As we anticipate the Lord's soon return let's continue to wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

## Fort McMurray

**A**s we navigate 2021 uncertainly seems to be accepted as normal but we are thrilled to know the author of certainty, Jesus. Jesus has been and will always be with those who trust in Him we know for certain; He is coming soon!

God has been faithful to our Sunday school. Since ringing in the new year our theme has been "*For with God nothing shall be impossible*" **Luke 1:37**. We have been blessed to hear this passage again and



again. We hear testimonies to affirm God's precious Word. This spring our kids were blessed with a special delivery; a rock inscribed with our theme verse.!



Our children are so faithful to join us online; we sing, pray, learn memory verses, enjoy our lesson just to name a few things. We may not be inside the same building or even the same country but just as our theme verse tells us... "For with God nothing shall be impossible." We are certain God has been with us. In May and June our children blessed their parents with recorded videos for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The common thread- expressing their love and appreciation for parents.



We continue to meet with our children through the summer months and look forward to our coming fall season. It is so exciting to be with our kids.



Sunday evenings feel as an extension of the wonderful time we share with our kids. God has been good to us and He has shown that He is not limited by technology. The Spirit has been with us as no distance separates us.

I am reminded of *Romans 8:35* "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

*Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"* This is

reassurance from God, His love know no boundary, what a comfort to His children!

Our evening services have been blessed with visitors from the east and west coast of Canada and the United States. We have enjoyed wonderful times of prayer, fellowship, singing, testimonies of God's faithfulness, the preaching of His Word. All this as we continue to meet from a physical distance. God is ever faithful to His children; we are so blessed that no matter what means we use to praise His name, He is in our midst.

We long to meet in person again but come what may we will look forward and proclaim with confidence! *Romans 8:38-39* "For I am persuaded, that neither death, or life, nor angels, nor principalities, no powers, no things present, no things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

May God richly bless you, while we await the return of Jesus!



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