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# Bethany Bugle

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This prayer was shared on the website: [www.iamautismparent.com](http://www.iamautismparent.com)

## A Prayer of St. Francis (adapted) for Autism by Tim Tucker

Lord, let thy peace fill me up until I overflow;  
that where people cannot speak, I may be their advocate;  
that where anyone is rejected, I may extend my arms in welcome;  
that where parents are heavy burdened, I may offer a word of comfort;  
that where our children struggle, I may lift them up and cheer;  
that where some see disability, I may reveal to them extraordinary gifts;  
that where others judge, I may share with them my deep gladness;  
and that where any are overlooked, I may help the lights of all to shine.  
O Giver of These Gifts,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be reassured as to reassure;  
to be praised, as to praise;  
to be accepted, as to accept;  
for it is in all our uncertainty that we are inspired to hope;  
it is in great challenges that we discover our greatest joys,  
and it is in our community of wanderers that we find the way home. Amen.



Our Bethany Good Friday gathering is going to be a bit different this year. The congregation and any others who wish to, are invited to attend a Stations of the Cross Prayer Journey. Groups will gather in the Fellowship Hall to be lead through a physical walk-through the church, participating in an interactive telling of the story of Jesus' Passion. The walk will end in the Sanctuary for a time of Lord's Supper, singing, prayer, reading, and reflection. Please come between **5:30 and 6pm** to be facilitated through the Prayer Journey walk. **The evening is intended to be Family-friendly, and therefore neither Babysit or Sunday School will be provided.**

**VISION TEAM UPDATE:** The Vision Team met this past week to gather together into one document the ministry plan that has arisen from the congregation's Discover Weekend. We will soon be presenting this to Council for their reflections and input. Continue to uphold this process in prayer as we continually seek the Lord's Spirit to guide His Church each step of the way. Together in His service: Hilbert Bokma (chair), Hans Dam (Council liaison), Christine VanGeest (recorder), Karen Bylsma, Harry Hielema, Cynthia Nauta, Steve Van Hoorn, James Vander Veen and Pastor Colin.

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## School News

### Christian Education Week at Niagara Association for Christian Education (NACE)

**Covenant Christian School** (6470 Reg. Rd. 14,

Smithville) celebrates Christian Education Week April 10 - 13<sup>th</sup> with the following events:

- We are **welcoming our pastors** on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Our **Grandparents/Seniors Day** is Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be presenting our program "*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*" at 9:30 a.m. for you to enjoy. Coffee will be ready at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served after you visit with your grandchildren, around noon.
- Our **Open House** is Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon (from 2:15 to 3:15) for parents, friends and others who are interested in seeing our school in action.
- Covenant will be presenting its **Spring Program** "*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*" in the Covenant Christian School gym, on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This event will feature all our students acting and singing as they tell the classic C.S. Lewis story with adventures in Narnia, and a poignant framing of the story of Christ's sacrifice just in time for Holy Week. Admission is \$5, and everyone is welcome! Ticket proceeds will defer the costs of production and for the NACE Bursary.

Questions? Call Mrs. Wendy Colyn at Covenant Christian at 905-957-7796.



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Mental Health Network

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Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
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Confidential congregation-  
ally supported counselling.

**Elisha House**  
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

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**Join our Annual Bursary Campaign** – Smithville Christian High School has begun its Annual Bursary Campaign which will enable bursary funding for 3 out of every 10 students in our school. We are grateful to all those who attended and helped with the Ignite! Bursary Bash which launched the campaign and which told many stories about the kingdom vision of Christian education. Our goal this spring is to raise \$200,000 in donations and giving commitments. You will find information about the campaign and its impact on our school in your mailbox. We ask that you spend some time reading through the information and praying about the campaign or watching the video at <https://youtu.be/Mb73qzmFvLg> (also available on our website at [www.smithvillechristian.ca](http://www.smithvillechristian.ca)). If you are able to participate financially, please return materials to the school or process your commitment on-line through our website. We ask that you respond by April 21, 2017. Thank you for the amazing support that allows our school to open its doors to so many families each year.

**Apply for a Bursary** – If you'd like to know more about how you can apply for bursary funding, please contact the school at [office@smithvillechristian.ca](mailto:office@smithvillechristian.ca) or download the bursary application form from our website. Smithville Christian High School – a place where students Belong, Believe and Succeed.

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** Wow ladies we are drawing to a close to our Coffee Break season. It seems to have flown by. In the next few weeks we will have our last lesson on the book "Hope"., a celebration for Easter morning and our annual pancake breakfast at Open Arms. They might already be lining up outside the door for that. Gail and Irene will be finishing lesson 7 question 4. Jean and Henny's group will complete lesson 8. Since Jne's is a bit behind, we will stay longer on this coming Tuesday to finish the last two lessons. Bring a snack or light lunch for the longer lesson time if you want to. Leading: Gail, Snacks: Gail K., Tildy S., Marike V.D., Kitchen: Alice B., Betty V.V., Tina V.T. Babysitting: Henny S., Anita W.,

**NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS DINNER:** You are warmly invited to attend the Niagara Christian Gleaners dinner, to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Great Lakes Christian High School, 4875 King St., Beamsville, ON.. We are excited and pleased to be able to share with you, how the Lord is leading and opening doors to begin a new Gleaners location, modeled after the Ontario Christian Gleaners in Cambridge. Please join us and find out how you can help in this amazing work! Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. Contact Christine Smit at 905-957-4811 / [christine\\_smit@hotmail.com](mailto:christine_smit@hotmail.com) to reserve your seat(s) or sponsor a table of 8. Seats will be by donation. The cost of \$24.00 per person will be deducted from the amount donated as per CRA guidelines. Please join us for good food, fellowship, and enjoy a presentation highlighting the current plans. You will learn how the Gleaners assists mission organizations and how you can help by financially supporting this work, assisting with in-kind help. We hope to engage all ages, teenagers to seniors, volunteering in bringing a meal to those who are hungry! "For truly I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward" Mark 9:41

Please reserve by April 17. Momentum Choir, a choir comprised of more than 60 adults who live with a disability, is collaborating with Chorus Niagara for an unforgettable afternoon of music. Please join Momentum and Chorus Niagara on Sunday, April 9 at 4 p.m. at Calvary Church on 89 Scott St. in St. Catharines. Tickets are available at the door or online at [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca)

**Family Outreach Ontario Special Event**—Family Outreach Ontario invites you to an information evening on Friday, April 28 at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church (95 Oak St, Simcoe)). We have a guest speaker lined up that I'm sure you will want to hear: Judy Tomzcak, author of, "When the Light at the End of the Tunnel Is Another Train". She has an amazing story to tell that will be of particular interest to anyone who has suffered because of a family member's addiction. She reminds us that alcoholism and drug addictions are a family disease... they affect not only the addict. Please plan to attend and tell others about it as well. It will be an evening you will be sure to remember. 7:00 - Doors open, Refreshments/Meet & Greet; 7:30 - 9:15 Presentation, followed by refreshments/opportunity for talk with John Kowtecky or Family Outreach members. You may not think that ALCOHOL or DRUG ADDICTION is a problem in your home. Statistics tell us that 1 out of 7 people abuse alcohol or drugs. Learn more. We can help. Phone 1-888-809-0464. Confidentiality guaranteed.

**EASTER CELEBRATION CONCERT:** Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join them for an Easter Celebration Concert featuring with the Stratford Concert Choir, with organist Ian Sadler and soprano Catherine Sadler. The Stratford Concert Choir is a 90+ voice community choir committed to the presentation of the best of the classical choral repertoire. The concert will take place on Saturday April 8th, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for audience participation. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the McNally House Hospice. Concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. East in Grimsby. Tickets: \$15 each, or \$35 per family (w/children 15 & under.) Available at The Dutch Shop in Grimsby, or at the door on the evening of the concert.

**8th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT** – April 15, 2017, DV—Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir - Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the 150 voice Hosanna Choir & 40 voice Mattaniah Christian Male Choir (both of Dundas) concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at First Ontario Concert Hall (formerly known as Hamilton Place) on Saturday, April 15 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Naomi Van Manen (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Elizabeth Eccelston (Oboe), Jaco van Houselt (Tenor), and Liselotte Rokyta (Panflute). Tickets are available for \$27, and can be obtained through a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com) or online at The Hosanna Choir

**MALE CHORAL FESTIVAL:** Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join them for a Male Choral Festival featuring The Crusaders, The Ambassadors and To the King Male Chorus. The concert will take place on Saturday April 22nd, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the evening will benefit The FORT [www.thefortyouthcentre.com](http://www.thefortyouthcentre.com) Concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. East in Grimsby. Tickets: \$15 each, or \$35 per family (w/children 15 & under.) Available at The Dutch Shop in Grimsby, or at the door on the evening of the concert.