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# Bethany Bugle

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Written by a Bethany Member

ABUSE is a word no one wants to really hear—people become uncomfortable, heads turn away, the subject gets changed quickly, people do not want to hear, see, or listen, or the worst people know there is something wrong but ignore it or don't acknowledge it...it not my business...don't know if it's real...no that can't be true.

God's heart breaks.

For those who are physically, mentally, emotionally, sexually abused learn to hide, to cover up, make everything look good, but inside they become isolated, fearful, emotionless, self-blame, loner, watchful, hopeless, angry, and bitter.

God heart breaks.

For those who have been abused feel it is there fault, the statement "if only I.." If only I didn't go to that party I wouldn't have been raped, if only I listen, moved faster, work harder I wouldn't be yelled at, beaten. If only I could just be what my husband wants me to be I would not be beaten, yelled at, ignored, isolated. They lose their ability to speak, to put into words to what has happened or is happening to them, it doesn't seem real and if I do tell will they blame me (what did you do) or worst will they listen. It is not your fault, God's heart breaks for the injustice and HIS anger is against those who are abusers. They will be accountable some day for what they do or done. Justice is His. Do not let fear control your life. Speak the words to someone you trust and if they won't listen, talk with your pastor, or care giver from this church. There are people who will listen and get you the help you need to start your road to being what God wants you to be. You do not need to carry the weight of your abuse alone there are people in this church who will walk with you to recovery and safety. I know... I have been where you are now someone heard me and walked with me through my counselling. My abuse no longer controls my life I control it.

I BELONG TO GOD, IAM GOD'S BELOVED

*If you are in need of support or want to talk to someone, contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Caregiver Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.*



**shalem**

Mental Health Network

CONTACT INFORMATION  
Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
www.shalemnetwork.org

We're on the web!  
www.bethanycrc.ca

Elisha House  
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Friday September 18, 2015

5:30pm Punch & Hors d'Oeuvres - 6:30pm Dinner

John Michael's Banquet & Conference Centre, Thorold

changing hearts  
Saving lives



*Create in me a clean heart O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10*

No tickets or cost...free will offering fundraiser  
Seats are limited

reserve early:

Email info@elishahouse.on.ca or Phone 905-735-9934  
Please include first and last names of those attending.

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT THIS EVENING WILL DIRECTLY HELP US CONTINUE TO OFFER CRISIS PREGNANCY OPTIONS AND BIBLICAL COUNSELLING TO WOMEN, MEN AND FAMILIES IN WELLAND AND SURROUNDING AREA. JOIN US AND CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING.

## GET INVOLVED— Spiritual Gift Survey

For those of you who have not returned your Spiritual Gift Survey, this is a reminder to please return your completed form as soon as possible. You can place them in the Administrators mail slot. Thanks!



DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Ancaster, Ontario  
October 17, 2015

Save the Date!

This year's Day of Encouragement is on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Hamilton, plan to attend. The theme for this year's Day of Encouragement is "GO" based on Matthew 28:19. There will be workshops to interest everyone, based on 5 themes; Becoming Disciples, Church Life, Grace in Action, Making Connections, and Youth Tracks. Visit the website at [dayofencouragement.ca](http://dayofencouragement.ca) to see a list of workshops, service sites and chat rooms available.

The Deacons will cover the cost of registration.

## School News

### REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

All are invited to play in the 20th Annual Redeemer Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 12. Connect with old friends and meet other alumni and friends of Redeemer University College. Proceeds support the Alumni Award Fund, providing student leadership awards. Take advantage of early-bird and young alumni pricing when registering at [redeemer.ca/alumnigolf](http://redeemer.ca/alumnigolf).

## CRC Announcements

### From Back to God Ministries International

**FAMILY FIRE** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT** - What do a broken window, \$300, and a mysterious note have in common? Help Liz figure it out in this episode of Kids Corner. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Be sure to download this special song, "Leap of Faith," at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).

**THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH and THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS:** - When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we state that we believe in "the holy catholic church, the communion of saints." This week we'll explore what this means by digging into Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 2 and Acts 2. Tune in and join us each week: subscribe for free weekly email notifications at [ListenToGroundwork.com](http://ListenToGroundwork.com) or visit [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) to find a local radio station or listen now.

### From Other

**LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR - IN CONCERT ANCASTER AND**

**GUELPH:** Wed. Sept. 16, 7:30 pm in Rehoboth United Reformed Church, 77 Glancaster Rd, Ancaster and Thurs. Sept. 17, 7:30 pm, St. George Anglican Church, 99 Woolwich St. Guelph. To order tickets online go to [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) or contact Tjitske Van Reenen: 905-522-0001 or 905-520-0207. Adult \$20, Youth to 14 \$10, under 10 free.

**From Safe Church Ministry Abuse Awareness Sunday** - September 27 - Please join Safe Church Ministry and congregations across the U.S. and Canada in promoting abuse awareness on Sunday, September 27. The reality of abuse must come out of hiding and be exposed to the light. We, as the Body of Christ, can play an active role in addressing it. Resources and support are available from Safe Church Ministry by visiting: [www.crcna.org/safechurch](http://www.crcna.org/safechurch)

### From ServiceLink

**GOOD SOIL CAMPAIGN** - With elections this fall, it is an excit-

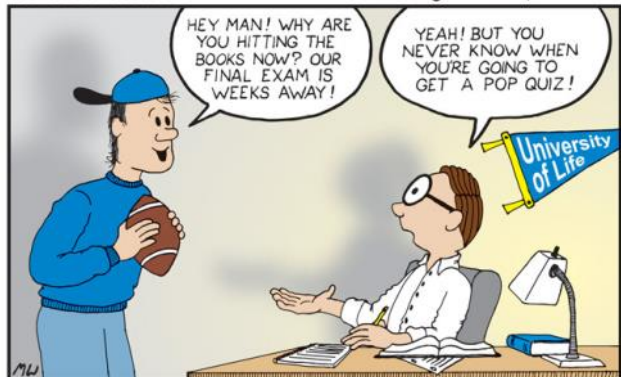
ing time to engage in advocacy. World Renew has joined the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in an effort to mobilize Canadians and have them petition our government to increase foreign aid support for small-scale farmers in the developing world. Join our campaign by writing or meeting with your electoral candidates about this important cause. To volunteer as a WR advocate for the Good Soil Campaign (<http://worldrenew.net/goodsoil>), check [worldrenew.net/gvp](http://worldrenew.net/gvp) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**KENYA PRAYER SAFARI** - Do you have a heart for missions and the missionaries who serve in Africa? Make plans to join World Missions Kenya Prayer Safari in February 2016 to strengthen, spiritually encourage and refresh Christian missionary workers in various missions settings. Additional details can be found at [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE LOCATED ON BULLETIN BOARD BY THE BACK STAIRS**

### STUDY TIME

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

- 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 NIV