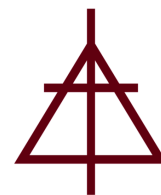




# BETHANY BUGLE



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STUDY OF

**1 Peter**

## 1st Peter Final Night Meal (for those who meet on Sunday afternoon)

Let's share a meal together on Sunday November 23rd after the final bible study. Please talk to your group leader on what you will need to bring.

## 1st Peter Final Night Dessert (for those who meet on Thursday evenings)

Let's celebrate and share a dessert buffet before the final bible study. Please talk to your group leader on what you will need to bring.

### ***Open House***

Come celebrate with Luke Smit his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**When:** Saturday, November 22, 2014

**Where:** Shalom Manor (Chapel)

**Time:** 2 – 4 PM

There are still 3 tickets available for the Getty concert on November 28th. If interested, please contact the office at 905-892-8980 or email info@bethanycrc.ca.

### **Good evening Pastors & Congregations**

It has been awhile since we have been able to send you an update on Pastor Wes & Steph. The first couple of weeks we were receiving regular updates from Wes' mom, and then when Steph was well enough to give updates, that task was moved to her. We did have conversations with her over the phone, but the physio therapy and organizing appointments for Wes made them both very tired, so the updates became few and far between.

This week we received the below letter from Pastor Wes & Steph and wanted to wait to share it with you until our congregation was able to read it. We included it in the bulletin this morning, and shared it with Smithville CRC during our combined afternoon service. We are now excited to share it with you as well...

Dear Riverside,

Steph and I want to truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, cards and prayers. The Lord has done so much for us by improving our health that we want to give you a bit of an update.

As you may know Steph and I were discharged from the Hamilton General Hospital at the end of September. Steph was discharged completely and I was sent to the Regional Brain Injury Rehab program located beside the hospital.

Steph has been a real blessing to me as she has stayed in Hamilton at the Mark Preece Family house most of this time in order to stay by my side as well as accompany me to doctor's appointments and the various rehab programs. As for her physical update Steph is out of her wheelchair and is now walking without her walker (most of the time). She continues to have pain from her pelvis injuries but with the help of her physiotherapist and her PSW she is progressing!

As for me, God has also been very gracious to me with my recovery. Since my time here in brain injury rehab I have gone from being bed ridden and using a wheelchair to using a walker and walking independent (most of the time). My broken neck (C1 and C2 fractures) is also improving. The doctors reminds me that it is a miracle that I'm walking and not quadriplegic and if the healing continues I could possibly have my neck brace removed before Christmas and potentially avoid surgery to fuse my neck back in place.

As for my double vision, we learned that this was not caused by the trauma but is due to the brain injury. The specialist looking after my eye sight was less optimistic that this will heal and correct itself, but he says time will tell. He also mentioned that surgery options will also be more clear a few months or a year down the road. Meanwhile due to my brain injury and my double vision I have lost my drivers license until both improve. However we are trusting God in all this.

When we began our journey in brain injury rehab Steph and I memorized Psalm 26:3 (For I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness -TNIV), and now as we think about the journey and progress that the Lord has carried us through we memorized Psalm 126:3 (The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy- TNIV). During this time we have definitely seen God's hand at work in numerous ways, and The Lord has indeed been good to us.

We are hoping to be discharged sometime this month. Then we will continue the rest of our recovery at home. Both Steph and I will continue to receive physiotherapy and nursing care at home, as well as work with an occupational therapist and a speech therapist (for myself) and numerous doctors and specialists. Due to doctors orders I am not able to return to work for at least one full year so that my brain is able to maximize its recovery. However Steph and I look forward to joining you for Sunday worship sometime shortly after being discharged. Until then we thank you for your continued prayers, we appreciate that so much.

With Love, Pastor Wes and Steph

## Other News

**COFFEE BREAK:** First of all we would like to thank Fran Vedder for her willingness to come out and share her card making skills with our group last Tuesday. We had a great morning and went home with some beautiful cards. Thanks for your patience Fran and your tutorial skills. :)

On this Tuesday morning we will meet here at Grace CRC for our usual Bible Study, Gails group will study lesson 8, "Guard Your Tongue" Read James 3: 1-12 Take a personal inventory of how you use your tongue. Ask God to to further reveal your strengths and weaknesses as you work through the scriptural passage. Jean and Janes groups will continue on their lessons. Coffee and refreshments will be ready at 9:15, We start promptly at 9:30. Snacks: Jean N., Marg V, & Tildy S.

Please keep Dec 2, in mind as we will need as many people as to help wrap Christmas gifts for Rose City Kids.

**COME AND ENJOY A CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT** --- Crescendo, Men of Note and Men of Praise are performing together and hosting a Christmas Concert at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock on December 6, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music with us. There will be a free will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob Datema at 416-535-6262 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.

**A Christmas favorite, The Messiah** by G.F. Handel, will be presented on Sat. Dec. 13 by musicians and ensemble of ARCADY (arcady.ca) under the direction of

Ronald Beckett at the Ancaster Christian Reformed Church, 70 Garner Rd East in Ancaster. Concert time is 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 (plus service fee) and can be ordered now by calling 1-877-700-3130 or online at [www.ticketwindow.ca](http://www.ticketwindow.ca). Tickets are also available in person at the Redeemer University College Box Office. For more info call John/Anne VanderLaan at 905-648-3170.

**Elisha House** is hiring a new part-time Crisis Pregnancy Options Support Worker.

If you, or someone you know has a heart for the crisis pregnancy ministry and would be interested in this position, please email [nikki@elishahouse.on.ca](mailto:nikki@elishahouse.on.ca) or call 905-735-9934 for more information.

**To the King Male Chorus**, directed by Mendelt Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Hoff presents, "A Christmas Celebration" with special guests, Smithville High School Choir, directed by Dawne Warkentin. Join us in the old world acoustics for either of two intimate concerts on Friday, December 12 or Saturday, December 13 at St. Thomas' Church, 99 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. The concert begins at 7:30pm. \$15/person (13 years and older). Children 12 years old and under are free (tickets must be presented for children). Seating is limited, so these tickets will be only available online or in advance from a choir member. Visit [www.totheking.ca](http://www.totheking.ca) for more details or email [tickets@totheking.ca](mailto:tickets@totheking.ca).

**Christmas Concert** with the 120 voices of the Hosanna Choir, a 30 voice girls choir as well as Musical presentations by students of Calvin Christian School in Hamilton will take place this year at Ancaster CRC, 70 Garner Rd E. in Ancaster on Monday December 1 at 7:45pm.

Admission is Free! A freewill offering will take place for the CCS - Music Program.

A great evening to bring your friends and neighbours. for info call John at 905-648-3170

### **Advent and Christmas Concert.**

You are invited to attend the annual Advent and Christmas concert at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 323 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m. Participating choirs are the St. Andrew's Church Choir, the Cantata Singers under the direction of Dr. Gerzinus E. Hoekstra and the To the King Male Chorus under the direction of Mendelt D. Hoekstra. The evening includes Advent and Christmas anthems, spirituals as well as congregational carol singing, accompanied by organ and brass ensemble. A meaningful beginning to the Advent and Christmas season. There is a free-will offering and refreshments will be served after the concert.

**You are invited to be part of "All These Things Are Christmas"** a musical performance by The Robert Wood Singers & The Wood Kids under the direction of Andrew Caruthers. The choir will present seasonal & sacred Christmas music at two events. Friday, Dec 5th at Grantham United Church in St. Catharines starting 7:30 PM and Sunday, Dec 7th at Central United Church in Welland starting 2:30 PM. Tickets available from Frank Dam or Andy Van Driel and at the door. Tickets are \$15 for Adults & \$ 8 for Children 12 & under. Please visit the website for details at [www.robertwoodsingers.com](http://www.robertwoodsingers.com)

### Shalom Manor & Gardens – November Sale – Saturday, November 29th

On Saturday, November 29th, you are invited to join us for our Annual November Sale! From 10:00am-2:00pm, you are invited to Shalom Manor & Gardens (12 Bartlett Avenue in Grimsby) to take in some old and new attractants at the Sale. Our Sale was such a success last year that we are doing it again! Come on out to purchase some croquettes, plants and flowers, farm-fresh items and more. While you're here, be sure to take part in our lucky draw, vendor marketplace, boerenkool lunch, pictures with Sinterklaas and our Honour Tree. Mark it on your calendar – a day for both traditional and new enjoyment! (Please be advised that additional parking at Mountainview CRC with shuttle bus service will be provided.)

**Shalom Manor Long Term Care Home**—a Christian long-term care home has urgent openings for PSW's. Please submit your resume to the Director of Care, 12 Bartlett Ave., Grimsby, ON L3M 4N5. Fax: 905-945-1211 email: info@shalommanor.ca



**Smithville District Christian High School** Smithville, Ontario  
*Belong. Believe. Succeed.*

## School News

### Smithville Christian High School Membership Meeting

The Fall Membership Meeting will be taking place on Thursday, November 20 at Smithville Christian High School. New families are invited to arrive at 6:45 for a reception and orientation. There will be a time for coffee and interaction with fellow members from 7:45 – 8:00. Meeting highlights include election of new board members, and an update on the 'In Motion Campaign.' Make sure you come out to hear how God is blessing our school and society!

### Redeemer University College

Redeemer University College Theatre Arts Department presents the Pulitzer Prize winning play *Harvey*. Find out what happens when Elwood P. Dowd starts to introduce his friend Harvey, an invisible six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, to guests at a society party. Performances run from November 18 – 22, with a Lunch and Show package on Tuesday, November 18 and a Dinner and Show package on Saturday, November 22. For tickets and more information, visit [www.redeemer.ca/harvey](http://www.redeemer.ca/harvey), or call the Box Office at 905.648.2139 x4211.

Redeemer's Campus Visit Day Program is an ideal way to get to know Redeemer and all that it has to offer students—and their parents!—as they prepare for university. There is an overnight option for all of our Visit Days, and many have a focus on a particular program or discipline. Visit [myredeemer.ca/visit](http://myredeemer.ca/visit) for more information. Want to come but can't make those dates? Contact us for information on other days, or to set up a personalized visit.

Redeemer University College has immediate openings for two positions: Director of Creative Services and the Office Manager for the Centre for Christian Scholarship. To learn more, visit the Employment Opportunities page at [www.redeemer.ca/hr](http://www.redeemer.ca/hr).



#### CADET BOWLING

Cadets and parents are invited for a night of bowling on Thursday Dec.4th at the Kingsway Bowling in Welland starting at 7:15 pm. The cost per game will be \$4.25 inc. the shoes.

Please meet at church by 6:45 for rides to Welland.

#### CROQUETTES AND STROOPWAFELS

Once again in time for Christmas our Cadet Club is selling Croquettes and Stroopwafels.

Please look for order forms in your mail slots soon

Thank you for your support.



# CRC Denomination

**FREE WEBINAR** - Join us on Nov. 19 for "Listening Prayer" presented by Mary Sterenberg. In this webinar you'll learn how to recognize the voice of God and what comprises "listening prayer" while we explore some of the many ways God speaks in scripture and still speaks today. For more details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars)

**GROUNDWORK** - God's Glory in the Tough Places: We often let circumstances determine behavior: we're happy when times are good but unhappy in tough times. Unhappiness can prevent us from seeing blessings. In Exodus, the Israelites grumble and complain against God. God's initial reactions are surprising. Join the Groundwork conversation each week: subscribe for free weekly emails at [ListenToGroundwork.com](http://ListenToGroundwork.com) or visit [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) to find a local radio station or listen now.

**KIDS CORNER** - Facing Giants: Liz and Lucille are drawn into a super adventure story with two caped crime fighters. Giant challenges abound as

Liz and Lucille work to accomplish their own mission. Can the story of a little boy and five stones help everyone get the job done? Follow the Kids Corner adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Find more great resources for kids and parents at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).

**Position Opening** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a position opening for an Interim Editor in Chief of The Banner. This position is part-time and anticipated to be a 1 year appointment, summer of 2015 - summer 2016. For additional information or to indicate your interest in being considered for this position please send an email to Rev. Joel Boot at [dma@crcna.org](mailto:dma@crcna.org) by December 1, 2014.

**TEACH OVERSEAS** - Students in Kyrgyzstan would love to learn how to speak English and World Missions is now giving them an opportunity to do so. Love working with students? Looking for international travel? Want to make a difference in the lives of young people? Then check out this teaching

opportunity! For further details see [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org)

**World Renew ONTARIO Youth Team** - World Renew is sending a 2015 March Break team of youth to help alleviate hunger in Nicaragua. Team members will work alongside Nicaraguan community leaders building relationships, bridging culture, helping with different projects, and growing in their faith and leadership skills. Does this sound like the challenge you're looking for? If so, please contact [ibusiman@worldrenew.net](mailto:ibusiman@worldrenew.net) for additional details.

**PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?** - Are you also interested in food security, agriculture, health and nutrition? Here's an awesome opportunity to come alongside WORLD RENEW staff in Niger for 18 months! See your BA degree come alive with hands-on experience as you bless others. A grant to support the volunteer's expenses is available! Further details can be found at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

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