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*But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.*

## Why Thanksgiving?



I was walking Matthew to school one morning this past week when he asked me, "Daddy,

why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? I know why we celebrate Christmas and Easter, but why Thanksgiving?"

I realize that Matthew is the second generation in our family to be raised off the farm. My father was raised on a farm and I was raised in King Township, surrounded by fields and farms. Life on a farm reminds us daily that God is our provider. We rely on his goodness to care for the seeds in the ground and the cattle in the field, to bring favourable weather and to grant us the strength to harvest. We plant the seed and pray.

Life in the suburbs fosters the delusion of sanitized self-sufficiency. I go to work, I make money, I go to the grocery store where I purchase food that bears little or no resemblance to its original state. I'm even perturbed when my grocery store doesn't carry my chosen brand of pickles.

So, I explained to my little suburbanized boy, "Matthew, Thanksgiving is celebrated in the fall because that is when the fields are harvested. We take a day to give thanks to God for his provision; for his tender and practical care." Matthew thought about it for a moment and said, "Oh. O. K." Then he ran off to join in a game of basketball.

I turned around to walk home and carry on with my workday. Walking home, I began to wonder what my life would look like if I truly believed that everything I have comes

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from my loving heavenly Father. I suppose I would be more thankful.

That thankfulness would displace any sense of entitlement. I would probably worry less and trust more.

James wrote to Christians spread throughout the Roman Empire reminding them,

“Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.” James 1: 16-18 ESV

Every good thing comes from our good God whose goodness never changes. But to what end?

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves.”

James 1: 19-22 ESV

When we truly understand the goodness of God we become good listeners, gracious, slow to anger and meek. Our thankfulness results in joyful obedience to God’s word. Here’s how the logic goes: if God is good, if his goodness is inclined towards

me, giving me good things, then I find myself truly thankful, and I want to follow His word.

You can’t be truly thankful until you see God as your provider. As long as you are a ‘self-made’ man or woman you will never find the joys of thanksgiving. Take time this weekend to recognize the goodness of the Lord; look to him as your provider and your sustainer. He has graced you with another breath, with food to eat, and the joy of friends and family.

Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? Because “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.”

Happy Thanksgiving.

*Ray David Glenn*

### ***School of Discipleship***

***Sundays, 9:00 am***

**Spiritual Disciplines:** Oryce Shantz

October 7, 14

**The Created and the Creator:**

Jerry Saloum, October 21, 28

**Evangelism:** Nathan Betts

November 4, 11

**Finding Purpose:** Kathy Powell

November 18, 25

**Prayer:** Don George

November 30, December 2

*Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it!*

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank each one of you in my church family for remembering me in your fasting and in prayer during and following my recent surgery. Our Lord answered your prayers for a successful surgery especially in respect to my lung problem. I was very much aware of His Presence as He carried me " when there was only one set of footprints in the sand". I continue daily in His healing power.

Thank you also for your cards, flowers, visits and phone calls. You, the people of our St. George's church family, truly are a loving and caring community of believers. I give all praise and glory and thanksgiving to Our Lord and Savior for His healing touch in my life. I also give Him thanks for including me in the group of believers you are who make up our fellowship.

Betty Pristol "

### ***St. Matthew's House***

I hope to return to St. Matthew's House in early October. I plan to make a trial day to determine if I am physically ready to return.

Food is still a high priority in their needs.

Clothing is not being accepted at this time as much of the food bank has been dismantled because of black mold. I have made alternate arrangements with Mission Services. They are only three blocks away from the food bank and are a very much larger organization who serve the same community. I will ask Donna to put a notice in the bulletin when I can start to bring clothes.

Yours in Christ,

**Betty Pristol**

### ***PRAYER CHAIN***

***Call Donna Denison at 1 519 885 2267 and a team will pray, in confidence, for your needs.***

***We "ought always to pray and not lose heart."***



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## ***Our mission partners write***

### **From the Hendersons, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Angola**

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Colossians 3:23

#### **Reaching beyond our hospital community**

Patients come to the CEML hospital from all of Angola, but our work ranges beyond the local area in other ways also. Audrey gave a Bible to one of our nurses, who passed it on to her son for whom she was concerned; he had recently moved to Luanda to study. The nurse later showed Audrey some Scripture verses he had sent her by text message and reported joyfully that he is reading regularly.

#### **Health Care**

One of many motorcycle accident victims suffered a serious leg fracture, and the local hospital simply put a cast over the open wound and protruding bone. Five months later our surgeons have aligned the bones properly and secured them with rods and screws. Since CEML receives no public funds, we must charge modest fees in order to break even. Public health care is largely “free” but patients may face unofficial charges!

Audrey has enjoyed helping some moms with breastfeeding, a big factor in reducing early deaths. One Thai wife was very grateful for help on how to care for a newborn, as her family was so far away.

Hyperglycemia is common but often not treated in a timely way; we have even admitted patients in diabetic coma. Audrey adapted some Canadian Diabetic Association diets to Angolan foods. Some diabetics have been told honey and brown sugar are OK for them!

#### **Imports**

We have put “the truck” to good use importing thousands of dollars of equipment for the hospital from Namibia and Norm has guided the process for other goods from South Africa and North America. Currently he is working on paperwork for \$45,000 of donated equipment as well as personal goods for a new missionary couple. Malaria is a problem even in dry season, so the mosquito nets we brought for the wards and the outpatient village are a real help. (Audrey also sprayed the hospital washrooms where mosquitoes thrive.)

#### **Maintenance**

Norm gets calls to help out when staff members have difficulty with the blood chemistry machines in the lab, when the sterilizer breaks down and even when the blood pressure machine stops working. Often there are parts required from overseas, and sometimes we can have our visitors bring these. In between, he works to improve the communications and IT system. He recently worked with Brent, a MAF pilot here, to install a new wireless link on a high tower that now con-

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nects CEML with the city below.

One of the water tanks at the hospital developed a leak, so one afternoon “the truck” joined in the fun, winching the new tank up to the top of the water tower.

### **Visitors**

Norm coordinates visitors to the hospital, helping with visas, advising what to expect, meeting them at the airport and helping with many little details. Many medical and other students have been inspired and challenged by visiting CEML – we expect during 2012 to have welcomed about 40 from the USA, Canada, and 5 other countries. Additional effort has gone into helping two recently-arrived doctor families settle in for long term assignments.

With our love – appreciating YOUR role in allowing us to serve Jesus here,

***Norm and Audrey Henderson***

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***From the Herreras, our Mission Partners with OM in Italy, Thamara writes....***

Ramon and I have been working teaching Spanish and English in order to make ends meet, even though the support we have received has been a true blessing, the Lord has provided. He is indeed faithful.

We use the classroom as a place to speak about Jesus as much as we are led to, finding it easier to bring Him up as the people we teach get to know us better. This has become part of our ministry, the Lord always surprises us since His ways are always different from what we thought they would be. Ramon continues to preach in an Evangelical Church, where he is "on call".

He had to go this summer to Venezuela to be with his mother who had surgery for cancer. She is doing well and we are thankful he was able to be with her for ten days.

We are trying to work towards building a bridge between the Catholics and the Evangelicals. We don't know how this is going to happen yet. Please pray for that.

The children are about to start school. Maria has two math tests, oral and written, that she must pass. Please pray for this. Jose is starting his last year of middle school and Ezekiel is going into grade 3.



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As for me, please pray that I would be able to drive here because I have been taking the bus but the places I have to go to teach are not reachable by bus all the time. Even though I appreciate the walks sometimes it takes me too long from one place to another.

OM is doing well. We have received more volunteers. Please pray that there will be a good understanding among all of us. It is somehow difficult sometimes because there are many cultures involved, but thank God, the Holy Spirit is always present.

It brings me joy to pray for those at St. George's church who have been so good to us. You have no idea how much I love you. The Lord gives us a sense of family; He plants in our hearts a love that we would not be able to feel on our own. I thank Him and praise Him for this. Where would we be without Him?

With love from Italy,  
***Thamara (and Ramon)***

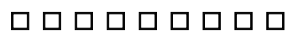


***From the Kovacs, serving with The Navigators at McMaster University***

Darci and Chris are beginning their 11th year of ministry with the Navigators on the McMaster campus in Hamilton. With a staff of 4, a student executive of 9 and several volunteers from the community they are praying that God will use their combined gifts and enthusiasm to bring many to Himself this school year.

Already they have had an Executive Planning Brunch at the Kovacs, a table at Clubfest where many students stopped by looking for information on their group, a Welcome Back BBQ to reconnect with old friends, and a Chilean BBQ to get to know people and welcome new students into the community.

Their regular Thursday night meetings began September 13th and they will be studying 1 Corinthians 13 this term. Various small groups will also begin the end of September. The annual Fall Retreat will be at Circle Square Ranch the weekend of September 29th, with Gil Clelland from Sanctuary London as the speaker. Plans are already underway for the Veritas Forum in January 2013. Please pray for these upcoming events as the Kovacs seek to make new contacts with incoming students on campus.



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## The School of Discipleship

We are launching The School of Discipleship in October, a new adult education initiative. The school will meet weekly on **Sunday mornings at 9-10am at Crossroads**. Each semester will be split into 5 courses, each 2 sessions in length. With a focus on practical theology and application, the teaching will cover life topics and will let the gospel instruct us on how to be Christ-like parents, spouses, co-workers, friends, etc. Childcare will be provided for those who need it. You can register for individual or multiple courses and find out more information on our website – <http://www.stgeorgesonline.com/school/>. Please consider taking part in this new initiative and may we learn to "*walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*" Col 1:10

## 3 Colours

You may remember our 3 Colours initiative last year (based on the Wordless Book) that we used primarily with our children. It was a simple and easy way of sharing the gospel message through the use of colour. We have taken this initiative one step farther by developing a 3 Colours video. The video was animated by Blair Kitchen a member of St. George's. It is primarily an evangelistic video and it is intended as a tool for you to share the gospel message with those in your sphere of influence.

The video can be found at [www.3colours.ca](http://www.3colours.ca). We need your help to share this. We are asking you to share this video as widely as you can. Share it on facebook and twitter on a regular basis. Use the URL as part of your email signature. Be creative. Think of different ways of getting the word out. We would like to create a buzz. People who view the video have an option to 'find out more about 3 Colours'. This leads to a second page which simply explains Christianity and the 3 Colours message and gives the viewer the opportunity to contact our church for follow-up information.

Please pray that the Lord would use this simple video as a catalyst to bring many into His kingdom. Please share the URL [www.3colours.ca](http://www.3colours.ca) as much as possible.

If you are sharing it on facebook or twitter and want the video to be viewable inside of your news feed, use our Vimeo video link - <https://vimeo.com/48171409>

If you want more information on how to share this video, please contact our Media Pastor, Bryan Hunt - [bryan@stgeorgesonline.com](mailto:bryan@stgeorgesonline.com)

***Bryan Hunt***

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### Our New Men's Ministry Initiative

We are very excited to announce the launch of a new men's ministry initiative at St George's that will kick off with a special dinner and movie night on **Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the new Founders' Hall at Crossroads. This is an event for every man in our church, from teenager to octogenarian, and it will feature fabulous food, great fellowship and valuable encouragement to grow in our experience of being a godly son, husband, father, and even grandfather. The movie, "**Courageous**", will both challenge and encourage us as we walk this pilgrimage together. Guys, please don't miss this opportunity. Make it a high priority.

There are other plans in the works as well this fall that include the development of a beneficial mentoring program, quarterly men's gatherings, and a Father's Day 2013 outreach to men beyond the borders of our parish. For further information on any of these events and programs please contact Ray David, Rick Carpenter, Andrew Leroux, Scott or Garth Hunt. Watch our website for updates!

### *Addressed To The Weaver*

Come dear Lord and help us mend the tapestry of our lives,  
 Cut and mend the broken or reweave for us the threads Lord.....  
 Help us to understand you are the Master Weaver who can restore.  
 Bless our efforts and struggles as we seek to follow your guidance.  
 Move and make us as we select the colours you provide.....  
 Keep our tapestry tangle free dear Lord, as we try to better our efforts,  
 we do look to you to show us a better mix of shades.  
 We thread the needle Lord, will you see it through the fabric?  
 Where there is 'tangle' or difficulty, please 'cut it free',  
 so once more we can see a clearer vision for our tapestry.....  
 There was a beginning when we did see a bright view of what might be,  
 now with the picture nearly full, we ask you to bless all it will take to complete it.....  
 In His name I pray.

*Annette Harris*

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## ***Sunday School News***

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We are very excited about Sunday school at St. Georges this year. We now have over 30 children attending regularly and semi regularly. So beginning in the middle of October we will be splitting into 3 Sunday school classes. Ages 3-5 in the Bistro room. Ages 6-8 (grades 1-3) in the jubilee room and ages 9-11/12 in the classroom. We are planning to follow the sermon series with age appropriate lessons, so that families can learn together and talk about what they are learning together in the car and around the dinner table.

We are thankful for all of the teachers and helpers that make Sunday school happen. They are truly a dedicated group of individuals who work tirelessly to share the word of God and the love of God with our children. We are currently looking for 3 more teachers. Please speak to Lesley Harris or Shelley Loveless if you would like to join our team as a teacher or a helper.

As in the past we will be launching “operation shoe box” in October with a November 11<sup>th</sup> collection date. Following operation shoe box, we will be doing a Christmas collection for needy families in our local area.

This fall we are also hoping to launch a pray partner program where each child in our Sunday school will be partnered with an adult in our church who will commit to pray for that child regularly. Everyone can pray, and as we learned in Sunday school today when Peter escaped from prison, prayer makes a huge difference in everyone’s life.

### ***FREEDOM SESSION***

Is Jesus calling you to transformation? Come and join Freedom Session this fall and discover how your walk with Christ can be transformed through the healing power and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord!

This program is for everyone! Do you have hurts, habits or hang-ups? You may, and not even realize it.

**Introductory session:** Thursday, September 27 at 7: p.m.

**Location:** Milton Bible Church, 200 Main Street East, Milton.

**Sign up** by contacting **Ray Smith** (416) 433-2607 [rayis@cogeco.ca](mailto:rayis@cogeco.ca) or

**Marie Metsa** (905) 854-1830 [metsa@primus.ca](mailto:metsa@primus.ca)



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## Scripture Union Renewal Time

Scripture Union is a fun and easy way to read your Bible. There are several choices for adult study guides: *Closer to God*, *Encounter with God*, and *Daily Bread*. Some are available in large print. There are also guides and magazines for children and teens: *Hotshots*, *Snapshots*, *The Grid*, and *Airlock*; and delightful resources for our littlest ones.

First time or lapsed adult readers are welcomed by Scripture Union with a half price offer.

Scripture Union also has an Essential 100 Challenge. There are individual guides and small group guides that challenge you to get to know 100 “carefully selected” readings from both the Old and New Testaments. Please see [www.E100challenge.ca](http://www.E100challenge.ca) for more information.

If you are interested in joining us, or finding out more about Scripture Union materials, please ask me or Mary Krucker. Next year’s orders will need to be submitted before mid-November.

*Dyanna Lewis*

### YOUTH RETREAT

**DATE:** November 9-10

**LOCATION:** Faith Mission: 10463 2nd Line Campbellville

**ARRIVAL TIME:** 7:30 pm Friday evening

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 9 pm Saturday evening

**AGE LEVEL:** 12-18

**COST:** adults \$100, youth \$75 (sponsorships are available. Please contact us about this.)

If you have questions about the retreat or how to register, contact the church office at 905 335 6222.

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## ***Feeling drowsy?***

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*“As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’” [Matthew 25:5 ESV]*

Back in my exam-writing days, it would usually seem like a great idea in the evening to close my books and go to bed. I was tired after all. I would get up really, really early to study. During the night I would dream that I was up, and was working vigorously, learning all kinds of amazing things. In the morning it was all a dream, my books were still closed, all the amazing learning had been the stuff of dreams after all.

Pressure seems to have that effect on people. The more we should be alert and vigilant, the more we are drowsy and sleep. There are many admonitions to “wake up” in the Scriptures. It is easy to assume that we have lots and lots of time, that “tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure”, but that is not the view of a believer.

This year the theme of the November ANiC synod strikes a note of urgency. **“The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” [Romans 13: 12]** Time is far advanced. The night is far gone. We don’t have plenty of time, days and days and days. The clock is ticking. Time is just about up. What just precedes the theme verse are the words **“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.” [verse 11]**

It is time to wake up! What is coming is wonderful! “The day is at hand” as the theme verse says. “For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” [verse 11].

What should we be doing? Being a citizen of the day, not the night, we should get dressed for action. Romans 13: 12 says, Put on “the armor of light” and even more explicit, **“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.”** Now that’s our proper clothing for the day at hand.

Paul, the writer of these words felt the urgency of passing time. When he got up in the morning, what was his plan for the day? **“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” [Acts 20: 24]** Feeling drowsy? Time is passing! What is your plan for today?

*Mary Ann Masters*



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"If I were hungry, I would not  
tell you,

for the world and its full-  
ness are mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of  
thanksgiving,

and perform your vows to  
the Most High,

and call upon me in the day  
of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you  
shall glorify me."

The one who offers thanks-  
giving as his sacrifice  
glorifies me;

to one who orders his way  
rightly

I will show the salvation of  
God!"

Psalm 50: 12-14,23 ESV