



FOCUSING ON A
CROWN OF THORNS

**Sunday Morning
Worship Service
9:30 a.m.**

**Child care provided
for infants and toddlers**
during the morning worship service.

Junior Sunday School
for children born in 2013, 2014, 2015
Dismissed during the worship service.

Sunday School & Catechism
for grades 1 to 12
after the worship service.

**Sunday Afternoon
Bible Study
4:30 - 5:30 pm**

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Unless otherwise noted, our songs are projected from Lift Up Your Hearts. If you can't see the projected songs, this hymn book is available at the back of the church.

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to our visitors and church family. We are thankful that you have joined us for worship today. May God richly bless you, as we worship together. Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

This Sunday we welcome
Pastor Bernie
to lead us in worship.

Song and Verse of the month

A song that reflects the love of Jesus, the crucified Savior, is 174 "I Stand Amazed".

The verse of the month is Romans 5:8
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Prayer Ministry: Prayer requests for the congregational prayer can be passed on to the pastor through phone call, email or text, as well as coming to the Council room just before the service. A prayer team continues to meet in the prayer room before the service.

Gathering Songs

God Calls us to Worship Him

*Call to Worship: Psalm 78:3-7

*Moment of Personal Prayer followed by
899 "Seek Ye First"

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise

565 "God Himself Is with Us"

567 "Here I am to Worship"

We Renew our Relationship with God

Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Song of Salvation:

174 "I Stand Amazed"

Verse – Romans 5:8

God's Will: 722 Litany

*Song of Dedication:

901 "Lord, I Pray"

[children from 3-5 depart for Sunday School]

We Response with Thanksgiving and Prayer

Offerings:

a. Local and Denominational Ministries

b. Foodgrains—Local Plot

Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation:

762 "Ancient Words"

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36; 51-56

Message: Focusing on a Crown of Thorns

Prayer of Application

God Sends Us into the World with His Blessing

*Song of Response:

127 "Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion"

*Affirmation:

783 A "The Apostles' Creed"

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology:

953 "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

(**indicates please stand if able*)

Prayer items: Our church family:

We give thanks that the Lord surrounds us with His loving care. Let us continue to surround the Doesburg and McCourt families with prayer and care in the passing of John Doesburg – a husband, father, opa, brother and friend.

Thanks be to God for His presence in the lives of those facing various health challenges, especially John and Marguerite VanBruinessen and Hans Schuler.

May the Search Team continue to experience the leading of the Holy Spirit as they advise Church Council re candidates to call as Williamsburg's next pastor.

Let us remember those worldwide who experience limited food and housing due to famine, disasters and lack of government care.

In our Classis we pray for:

Living Hope, Metcalfe (church plant under Ottawa Calvary CRC)

In South Dundas we pray for: Cardinal

Pentecostal Church Rev. Duncan Perry

Pastor Bernie Update

Jane and I are thankful to be home after our trip to visit with family in Singapore and three Compassion children in Manado, East Indonesia. They blessed us with their hospitality – God is at work. Feel free to talk to us about sponsoring children through Compassion Canada.

Offerings recieved last Sunday

Budget	\$ 12,131
Ottawa Univ. Chaplaincy Min.	\$ 1,059
T.C.S. – F.A.C.E.	\$ 120

*Description of today's offering for
"Foodgrains - Local Plot" on page 3.*



Happy Birthday

This Week -April

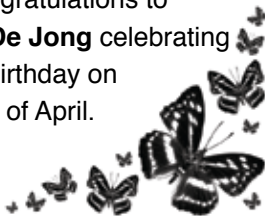
- 2 Paul Oosterhof
- 3 Katie Buter
- 5 Britton Wittteveen
Robin Buist
- 6 Lincoln Buist

Next Week - April

- 7 Samuel Dean
- 8 Eileen Meldrum
Ralph Norg
Christopher Westervelt
- 9 Richard Don
Theo Johnson
- 11 Bill De Jong (Tina)
Louise Mulder
- 13 Shailyn Bruining-Attia
Gertie De Jong
Kennedi Fetterly

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays over 70 years of age.

Congratulations to **Ralph Norg** celebrating his 79th birthday next week Monday. And congratulations to **Gertie De Jong** celebrating her 82 birthday on the 13th of April.



Offering Schedule

- Apr 7: World Renew - Refugee Sunday
- Apr 14: Camp Adonai
- April 19: Community Food Share
- April 21: Resonate Global Mission
- April 28: GEMS Girls Club

Canadian Foodgrains Bank--local plot: THIS Sunday's offering is for the local plot of the Foodgrains Bank. Our congregation has helped to feed the hungry in other areas of the world by growing crops here and selling them to local elevators for at least 20 years and thus has helped to feed thousands of people. Most of the inputs to grow the corn or soyabean crops have been provided free of charge by local businesses and individuals. The land is donated; the planting, spraying, harvesting and drying is donated; the seed and chemicals are donated. However, about \$2000 is needed to pay for the fertilizer this year. If this amount could be raised in next week's offering then all the proceeds of the crop could be used to feed the hungry.

Dear Congregation,

As you may know, the Search Committee is considering two pastors in our search for a new pastor for Williamsburg. Pastor Charles Van Hoffen and his wife Heather visited our church last weekend and Pastor Charles lead the service on Sunday March 24, 2019.

On Sunday April 7, 2019 Pastor Gregg Lawson and his wife Laurie will visit our church and Pastor Gregg will lead the service. Search Committee will then decide if we will recommend one of these men to Council. We ask for your prayers for discernment and wisdom and for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

After the church service on **Sunday April 7**, we will have time to meet and greet the pastor and his wife. **Soup and buns will be provided.**

Nominations/Casting lots: At the March 3 council meeting the nominations presented by the congregation were reviewed. From these lists of nominations council prepared a list of men who they deem have the gifts to serve as elders or deacons. All these men are being visited, are being given a copy of the document "Called to serve as deacon or elder" and are being asked to prayerfully consider whether they can serve. Sometime shortly after the next Council meeting on April 16, the congregation will be asked to complete the affirmation vote by voting "Yes" to all whom they deem have the required gifts. Soon after that the names of those brothers who are affirmed by the congregation will go into the lot and the lot will be cast to determine which of these men will serve in Council for the next three years. We pray that God will bless this process of choosing new leadership for our congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: As a church family there are a variety of needs and sometimes when life gets extra burdensome due to medical appointments and health concerns, receiving practical assistance is extremely helpful. Council has decided that one way to provide this assistance is to have a list of people who are willing to help specifically with meals and driving. If you are willing/able to help in one of those ways please sign your name on the appropriate list in the fellowship hall. That will help Council know who they can contact when meals or rides are needed. If you have any questions about this, please contact a Council member.

TREASURER NEEDED: Being the treasurer of our church involves tasks such as collecting invoices and entering them into a computerized accounting system, maintaining paper copies in an organized system, keeping accounts payable current, looking after payroll and submitting monthly payroll deductions, preparing statements of income and expenses and attending FAC meetings to keep the committee members current on the church's financial affairs. If God has given you the gifts applicable to this position, please consider if you could fill this position. Council will consider separating into two positions to lighten the load; bookkeeper to handle the daily entries and treasurer to handle the payroll, etc.

Woodland Villa Singers: Members of our church have sung at the Woodland Villa for many years. We sing from 2:30- 3:30 every other Sunday. Currently, we have 5 groups of people that are on the rotation but some of these groups have gotten smaller. If anyone would be interested in joining us, please contact Jessica Menkhorst (613-448-1177 or jjmenkhorst@gmail.com). All ages are welcome!

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. -Luke 9:23

Ottawa Christian Counseling Service: Dundas County Divisional office. Please call the Ottawa office at 729-8454 to contact Elizabeth. All new clients must dial 0 for general inquiries.



Kindergarten Camp: Timothy Christian School is excited to offer a Kindergarten Readiness program for children turning 4 in 2019 or children new to Kindergarten. Children will experience learning through devotions and Bible stories, arts and crafts, language and math activities, and stories and singing. The program runs every Thursday morning during the month of April (April 4, 11, 18 and 25) from 8:45-11:30. Cost is \$75. For more information or to register, please contact the school at 613-535-2687 or office@tcswilliamsburg.ca.

TCS Spring Drive 2019: Our annual Spring Drive has ended. To date we have received **\$39,500!** Thank you for helping us reach our goal this year. We are thankful for your faithful support.

A huge thank you to all who helped make yesterday's bazaar a success! Whether it be by planning, sending donations, volunteering on the day or by praying, we appreciate all that you have done, as together we were able to raise funds for Timothy Christian School. We strive to provide children a Christ-centered education, where minds can grow to love God's world around them. If anyone would like to come to the school and see what we do day to day, please feel free to come and visit tcswilliamsburg.ca. Building Faith. Building Knowledge. Building Community.

May 4 Church Yard Sale: May feels like a long ways away, but our church's annual yard sale occurs on that Saturday and so if you are doing spring cleaning in the near future please consider donating some items to this yard sale, which will also be a fundraiser for the youth group. If you have items to donate, we'd prefer that you keep things stored in your home for now, if possible. If you have any questions just ask Pastor Joe.

CAMP ADONAI Are you glad the snow is melting and thinking about summer? Registration is now open for Camp Adonai! Junior week starts **August 11 to 16** for campers who will be 9 years of age this year to 12 years old at a cost of just \$210. Senior week starts **August 17 to 24** for campers aged 13 to 15 years old at a cost of \$275. After May 31st, if space is available, a late fee of \$40.00 will apply in addition to the registration fee. Lastly, in order to run camp, we require counsellors. Please visit our website at www.campadonai.ca for more information regarding camp, camper registration and/or counsellor application forms. Check out our poster located on the bulletin board by the kitchen and the camper registration forms.



Linking Hands Community Lunch & Learn:

Join us for a presentation on the "Myths and Realities of Mental Health and Mental Illness", led by Lauren Dewar of the Canadian Mental Health Association, followed by lunch and conversation with old friends and new. Find out about local resources for help. **Monday, April 15, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Iroquois Civic Centre, 2 Dundas Street, Iroquois.** There is no charge but you need to **register by Thursday, April 11.** Email nchristie@houseoflazarus.com; online at linkinghandsdundas.ca; or call (613) 989-3830. Transportation can be arranged on request.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	7pm	GEMS, Cadets
Wednesday	7pm	Youth Group
Thursday	10am	Ladies Bible Study

Friday 6:30pm @ The Met (2176 Prince of Wales Dr.) (It's FREE)

Identity formation and entry into adulthood is delayed by 5-7 years compared to what it was just a few decades ago. New Canadian research, **Renegotiating Faith**, looks at what this delayed identity formation means for faith formation. And it impacts it in significant ways.

Rick Hiemstra, lead researcher and Director of Research at The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, will present the research findings and walk us through practical ways we can help our young adults stay connected to church and faith.

6:30PM Dessert Bar

7:00PM Rick Hiemstra – Presentation

8:00PM Panel Discussion and Question Period

Register here - <https://metbiblechurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/214577>

Saturday 9am to 3pm at Kemptville CRC.

LAST CALL – Join us in a day for anyone with compassion for others. The day's program will strengthen your ability to offer compassion to others. The Rev. Kevin de Raaf will start the day with a presentation on engaging the power of the Holy Spirit when we are in "the mess" of life. Next is a comedy sketch by Sara Weber, entitled 'Not enough'. The day concludes with a workshop on the opioid crisis, led by front-line workers. We encourage deacons, youth leaders, parents and all those interested to attend. Please let us know you are coming and send an email to Ineke Neutel, neutelineke@gmail.com or Anita Hogeveen, anitahogeveen@gmail.com. For questions or registration call Ineke at 613-731-7141. The \$15:00 fee can be paid on site and includes lunch.

Saturday 5:30pm Redeemer Dinner Auction

You're invited to attend Redeemer Christian High School's annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. Our theme this year is A Night in Greece. You'll enjoy a delicious Greek meal catered by the Hellenic Centre while helping to support quality Christian education at the high school level in Ottawa. To view auction items and purchase dinner tickets for the event visit rchs.on.ca.

COMING EVENTS more events on page 5

Roast Beef Dinner: A fundraiser roast beef dinner will be held on Sat. April 13 from 6-9pm at the DC Community Center, 10951 Cook Road. \$25 per ticket. Refreshments will be available for purchase. This fundraiser is put on by the South Dundas Optimist Club. The money raised from this fundraiser will be used to help send 5 kids to Camp Adonai.

Please RSVP by calling Alie or Wim at 613-361-9455 or Monika at 613-806-9776.

	March 31	April 7	April 14	April 19 Good Friday
Elder Hall Monitor	Harold DeJong Jack Menkhorst	Jason Wagensveld Harold Douma	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen
Deacons	Mike Dewar	Mark Geertsema	Peter Venema	Peter Venema
Projector	Chris J.	Tony V.	John M.	Josh G.
Usher Front Door	Jo-Ann H. Devin G.	Marge N. Ralph N.	Betty-Ann v. Anjo N.	Lindsey/Alie Brent G.
Musician Song Leader	Margo Mike	Pam Shannon/Siena	Margo Shirley	Jessica Harold
Nursery Cuddlers	Amy B. Bridget D.	Jackie L. Jolanda D.	Koryn W. Sarah G.	Jess V. Jenn W.
Nursery Adventurers	John D. Laura-Lee D. David T.	Stacey D. Brigitte D. Shannon G.	Jeff T. Melanie M. Cadie G.	Erin V. Emma H. Brent G.
Jr. SS Teacher Helper Craft Helper Helper	Emma Amy Nicole David *Annika	Sarah Brent Kristin Jason *Shannon	Crystal Koryn Tracey Melanie *Siena	
SS Grades 1 Grades 2 Grades 3 Grades 4/5 Grades 6/7/8	Lianne Jessica Marni Derrick Tanya	Dan Melissa Cindy Jenn Jason	Dan Melissa Cindy Jenn Jason	
Coffee	Koop & Kathy Gerald & Eva	Bill & Tina Ralph / Lisa	Will & Bonnie Jack & Margo	Dave & Brenda George & Robin

Woodland Villa: **April 7** R. & M. Norg, H. & M. Douma, P. Venema
April 21 T. & J. VanderVeen, Y. & G. VanderVeen, P. Venema

Letter to the missionary this week - J. & C. Guthrie

Mailing Address - Karen Lubbers, P.O. Box 423, Soroti, Uganda **Email:** ttclubbers@hotmail.com

Custodian / Church hall rental - Bill & Jo-Anne Hoftzyer 613-652-1211 / jwhoftzyer@hotmail.com

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