

Dear congregation,

Due to increasing government restrictions and in the interest of protecting everyone in our church and communities, the church will be closed to all visitors until further notice. This means that no one will be allowed to drop off or pick up anything in the building.

Pastor Gregg, Pastor Joe, the elders and deacons will remain available by phone and email. We will update you when we have more information.

Please stay home, stay safe, and keep our loved ones safe. We are in this together.

God bless, Pastor Gregg

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www.williamsburgcrc.org 12436 Cty. Rd. 18, Williamsburg, ON 613-535-2227 You are welcome to join our live-stream on facebook Sundays at 9:30am. Just click the "streaming live" link on the homepage of our website and request to join the group.

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Phone-in to listen to the services

If you would like to listen to the service on your phone, feel free to call in a few minutes prior to 9:30, but if you're late that is totally fine too. Here are the steps:

(1) Dial: 1-647-558-0588 and wait for automated greeting

(2) Enter Meeting ID: 613-705-3094 followed by the pound key (#)

(3) Participant Number: Enter pound key (#) again

(4) Then Tanya Geertsema will be there to greet you and you can listen to the whole service on your phone. She will mute your line so don't worry about any background noise.

This phone call is not toll-free. If you have any issues call Tanya at 613-448-2200. Looking forward to having you worship with us.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PAN-DEMIC: Our church continues to function even though we cannot gather together on Sunday mornings for worship. As a result, there are still bills to pay and commitments to meet. Some of the congregation may be having a difficult time financially while others still have their regular income. If you are still able to give to God's ongoing work in and through our church, five different options are available: PAR, cheques, e-transfers, giving via the denomination and cash donations. Please see the bulletins of April 12 and 19 for more information or contact the clerk. We thank all those whose giving to God's kingdom work has continued despite Covid-19.

Pastor Joe

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life; The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121: 1-2, 7-8

Prayer

Greeting

Confession and Assurance

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Scripture and Message

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

In his absence, Paul sends Timothy to visit the Thessalonians

 Why did Paul send Timothy to visit them?
What was Timothy's report of his visit to them?

Call to service

Q: What is True Faith? (Heidelberg Catechism, #21) A: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Blessing

Family Singing

Prayer items -

• We give much thanks for our mothers today, who have been a great blessing to us! We also remember those who do not have their wives/ mothers with them anymore or those who were not able to be a mother but wanted to be.

• Continued prayers for Taylor Douma, daughter of Thomas and Michelle Douma, as she gains strength in the hospital after open heart surgery. pray for the strength to endure further surgery in the months to come.

• We praise God for the safe arrival of Julianna Grace Hoftyzer arrived 9:45am, May 8. 7lbs. 4oz.. First child to Philip and Kathy and granddaughter to Bill and Joanne.

• We ask for comfort for the Cousin family after the passing of Janet's brother, Joe Hofstede, passed away this past week. Joe would have been 76 this Saturday, He at Tollendale Christian Village, in Barrie.

• We give thanks that Shirley Helder's ongoing radiation treatments are going well.

• We give thanks for the planting season, praying for favorable weather and strength to the farmers.

• We also pray for safety on the job, as we remember a Chesterville area farm family that lost a family member in a tragic farm accident this past Thursday.

From Pastor Greg and Laurie

We would like to express our deepest and most sincere thanks for all the messages, cards, phone calls and prayers sent our way in the past week since the passing of my Mother. We gathered this past Monday as a family, physically separated and in accordance with the rules, to celebrate her life and to remember her. We are comforted the she is now with her saviour, and comforted that we have such a wonderful church family. Thank you





Thank you all so very much for your prayers and donations to Timothy Christian School.

In the two weeks since the Spring Drive has been underway, we have already received an amazing \$21,000 donated to the school, as of Friday May 1! God is faith-

ful and we really do have the most wonderful families and supporters! We are well on our way to reaching our goal and weekly updates will be sent out. Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

THE BIG GIVE South Dundas

The Big Give's 3rd annual event will take place on Saturday June 6 in a different format this year due to COVID-19. In the past we had a free yard sale, BBQ and fun for the kids, while this year we will be making and delivering, free of charge, healthy dinner entrees (including turkey!) to those in our county who would benefit from this simple act of generosity. In cooperation with other South Dundas churches, we are looking to serve up to 500 people!

If you would like to help out, here's where we can use assistance: -donate a 20 lb frozen turkey

-homemade vanilla and chocolate cupcakes (not frosted)

-meal preparation (on June 4-5, at St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg)

-meal delivery (on June 6, pick up at St. James and drive around community)

If you know someone who would benefit from this free meal, please let Pastor Joe know by May 30.

Find this event on facebook -

https://www.facebook.com/TheBigGiveMorrisburg/

Finance report to end of April:

Expected per 2020 budget -year to date:	111,486
- Collected -year to date:	80,920
Government support	7,078
	87,998
= Weekly receipts	
Budget	3,890
Benevolent Fund	620
	4,510