



*To trust God  
in the light is nothing,  
but trust him in the dark*

*That is Faith!*

C.H. Spurgeon

Dear Congregation,

As we continue in our isolation, physical distancing, and a closed church, we remain apart while being united in the Spirit and in God's love. We praise God that we have been able to stay united in our weekly worship in new and creative ways.

All are encouraged to support one another with emails, cards, video chats and phone calls. We thank God for warmer weather and the opportunities to do driveway visits and some outdoor activities. As always, Pastor Gregg, Pastor Joe, the Elders, and Deacons remain available by phone and email.

As a council we are continuing to monitor municipal, provincial, and federal guidelines regarding re-opening, and we wait with great anticipation for the day that we can begin to resume our in-person gatherings. Please stay home, stay safe, and keep our church family and loved ones in your prayers. We are in this together.

God bless, Pastor Gregg

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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.

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**TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:** 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.

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## **Pastor Gregg**

### **Call to worship**

Greeting

Confession and assurance

Children's moment

### **How do you measure God's Love?**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

### **God's Desire for Holiness**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Affirmation of Faith

### **Our world belongs to God – Article 39**

The church is a gathering  
of forgiven sinners called to be holy.  
Saved by the patient grace of God,  
we deal patiently with others  
and together confess our need  
for grace and forgiveness.  
Restored in Christ's presence,  
shaped by his life,  
this new community lives out  
the ongoing story of God's reconciling love,  
announces the new creation,  
and works for a world of justice and peace.

Blessing

### **Prayer items -**

- we pray for strength and patience as the physical distancing takes a toll on us, causing events, plans and daily interactions to be modified or cancelled.
- we give thanks for farmers and the crops being planted and pray for the sunshine and rain in its time, and safety in their work.

### **Help Needed**

Though it seems that summer is still some time away, it will be upon us soon enough and we need your HELP. Pastor Gregg and Pastor Joe are planning a summer series called "**YOU ASKED FOR IT**". And, as the name implies, we need your questions! We are looking for your questions on any subject, any theological issue, any biblical text, anything burning on your heart, and we will develop a sermon series for the summer to answer these questions. No question is too big, no question is too small.

Please forward your questions to Pastor Gregg by email, [lawson9950@gmail.com](mailto:lawson9950@gmail.com) or by text or call 613-438-4774.

**Youth Group - Wednesday, 7:30pm on Zoom**

**The Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy (OCRCC) thanks you** for your prayers and support of ministry on campus in Ottawa this past year. Please take a moment to read through the latest newsletter (attached).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## This Week - May

- 17 Juanita Hawkins  
Bill Kooistra  
Elizabeth TerHorst  
Jayla VandenEykel

- 19 Darrick Staal

- 20 Caroline Ross

- 21 Weston TerHorst

- 22 Tanya Geertsema  
Bill Hoftzyzer

## Next Week -

- 24 Carter Groeneveld

- 25 Jessica VanderVeen

- 26 Tyler Harbers  
Elias Staal

- 28 Anjo Norg

- 29 Joel DeVries

- 30 John De Jong  
John Guthrie

## THE BIG GIVE South Dundas

Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we have to cancel this event. A month ago we heard from the proper health authorities that there was a good chance we could make the hundreds of meals we were hoping to make by following proper guidelines, so we made plans with that hope. But we were just informed this week that this is not possible. So The Big Give is now being postponed to a later date, not yet determined.

## Camp Adonai Update: May 7, 2020

We pray that everyone is staying safe and healthy and trusting that God is in control during these difficult times. As we cannot predict the future, we are going ahead and will continue to prepare for another year of Camp. That being said, we strongly encourage you to register your child by the end of May if you plan on sending them, so that we can estimate our numbers and plan our counsellors accordingly.

We know that the future is uncertain and because of that we will be refunding in full for any Covid-19 related reasons and also if anyone decides at a later date that they do not feel safe sending their child to Camp Adonai. We are also waving the late fee this year.

We are also still in need of counsellors, especially male counsellors in both weeks, and would encourage those that are eligible and interested to sign up. It is an extremely fun experience that will help you reconnect with God and develop your leadership skills. We will not be holding our traditional counsellor training day in June this year, but we have some other ideas in the works and will keep you updated for virtual meetings to help you prepare for Camp.

As a Board, we will be making our final decision as to whether we will run Camp Adonai this summer on August 1st. We pray that we will be able to bless our children through this ministry this summer.



Spotted  
on a  
church sign:

"Love your  
enemies;  
After all,  
You made them."