

# Chalmers' Spirit

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## In March!

So was that in like a lion or not? I'm not really sure. And since we haven't really had much of a winter at all, can we really hope for an early spring?

Well, regardless of the weather, please join us this month for lots of exiting stuff! Next Sunday, March 11th, Sawyer MacKeigan will be baptised at the 9:00 service. Whichever service you attend, be sure to join us at coffee hour and welcome this new little one into the family (his mom & dad—Robyn & Rod—and big brother Jaxson too!)

On March 18th, come along for the next Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am. Professor Dave Humphries will be speaking about Brain Injuries. This should be a very interesting presentation so make plans to be there.

Join us at Sunday Morning Youth each Sunday this month for the Lenten Rotation. So far we've heard the Easter Story (see pic-

tures on page 2) and tasted the Last Supper. Still to come we have drama, music & games, crafts and more.



There are also lots of opportunities for fellowship over food this month. On Saturday, March 17th we have the next installment of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. The following Saturday evening is the Night Out on the Town arranged by the Social & Communications Committee. And on Sunday, March 25th, following the 10:30 worship we will be having our third Soup'er Sunday to raise funds for the youth going to Canada Youth 2012 in July. Please support all of these events and enjoy some great food and fun times! With a quick glance ahead

to April, it seems appropriate to highlight some Easter events. Easter is, of course, April 8th this year so Palm Sunday will be April 1st. Think ahead now to how you can be involved during Holy Week. There will be two morning worship services on Palm Sunday, evening worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday morning breakfast followed by worship on Friday, the Bible-Read-a-thon for youth on Good Friday and two Sunday morning All Ages worships on Easter Sunday.



This is the holiest week in the Christian year. How will you remember the sacrifice Christ made and the miracle God performed this year?

## Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know:  
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## From the Editor

So we had the congregational budget meeting in February. And the budget is going to be tight next year. Every committee cut where they could and unfortunately we even had to eliminate the staff position of youth ministry co-ordinator, but we still need to increase the income of the church by about \$7600 to meet the budget for 2012. My first thought was, "Oh no! Here we go again." It seems to me that we do this every year – vote in a budget at the beginning of the year and then scramble in December to make ends meet. How exciting it would be to start December knowing that we only need our regular monthly offerings to remain the same and we'll meet the budget!!! But how could we do that this year? \$8000 is a LOT of money! There's no way that we can increase givings throughout the year enough to make up that kind of difference. I mean, we're only a congregation of about 177 people (judging by offering envelopes/PAR participants). That would mean that each person would have to ... wait, let me get my

calculator. If we need an extra \$7600 and we have 177 people, that's \$42.93 per person!!! That's a lot to ask. Oh, wait. That's what we need by December, not what we need tomorrow, so if

**"Oh no! Here we go again!"**

we divide that by the number of weeks left in the year (43), that gives us \$1.00! One dollar. That seems a lot more reasonable! Can anyone out there give an extra \$1 each week? I have a family of 4 so if we gave an extra \$5 a week, that would more than meet the need. I know that everyone can't do this. Maybe you can only give an extra \$0.25 a week. You know what? That would still make a difference! Maybe you can't give any more than you already are. That's okay too. I'm not trying to make anyone feel guilty if they can't give more; I'm simply trying to encourage those who can give a little more to realise that

what may seem like an insignificant increase to you would REALLY help the church in the long run. Please take a few moments to consider this.

Also give a thought to PAR (Pre-Authorised Remittance). By signing up for PAR (through Joanne in the office), you don't need to think about your weekly offering – it is directly withdrawn from your bank account once a month. No more forgotten envelopes, no more catching up on givings after a summer away, no more writing cheques, no more searching for change. You decide how much to contribute on a monthly basis and that much comes out each month. If you need to stop withdrawals or change the amount, it's quick and easy with a note to Joanne. Again, I know this isn't for everyone, but I just wanted to remind everyone that it's an option.

\$7600 is a lot of money. But Chalmers has a lot of important ministries and they cost money. If we all work together, \$7600 is attainable and these great ministries can continue with their planned budgets.

## Sunday Morning Youth



# Photo Time!



ONE DAY WONDER!

## Grab A Book! By Christine Hunter



There is a series of Children's books in our library "Solomon and Friends Learn about....."

Each book is about a different verse of the bible. We have 4 of the series and I'm going to tell you a little bit about two of them today.

### **Solomon and Friends learn about Forgiveness.**

The Sunday School lesson was about forgiveness. God wants us to forgive anyone who hurts us – but is that easy? Solomon declares that he could forgive anyone who hurt him, while little sister Sara Beara (yes they are a family of bears) is not so sure that she could forgive. But it is Solomon who is tested when his best friend accidentally hurts him ..... and he knows he should forgive Reuben, but he just doesn't want to. Read how Solomon's father handled his son's anger.

### **Solomon and Friends learn about Trusting God.**

This book features Sara Beara and an overnight camping trip. Psalm 56:3 tells us 'When I am afraid, I will trust in You' and what better time to learn this verse than when you are heading into a SCARY situation? Sara Beara's mom is taking Sara Beara and three of her little friends on a hike and campout – and for some it is the first time away from home. Do the little ones learn to trust God? Why not read this book with your little one and find out! It's such a good way to open a conversation about prayer, and trusting God with our fears.

### **Runaway by Dandi Daley Mackall Starlight Animal Rescue Series #1 Ages 12 - 14**

I have marked this book for 12 – 14 year olds (because Dakota Brown is a 16 year old 'runaway') – but it may be enjoyed by younger or even older children.

'I've run away 7 times – never once to anything, just away from. Maybe that's why they call me a "runaway", and not a "run-to"!'

Right from the word 'go', Dakota Brown is planning her next escape! The story starts with her in the back seat of a car, on her way to yet another foster home. There is no hope in Dakota, this home will be as bad and lonely as every other one. But Dakota is not prepared for what she finds with her new family. I am a lot older than the recommended reading age – but I thoroughly enjoyed reading about the family who take Dakota into their home – and their hearts. How she starts to relate to the animals on this farm...and how she finally understands the meaning of the words 'love' and 'family'!

1 John, 3:1 - See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are!

An excellent read – for all ages!

### **And for our adult readers.**

Do you enjoy "series"? I certainly do because once you get to know the people in the first book, it is good to follow those people into books two and three ....and even further! I'm going to give you a series a month – with a little background on the books to see if they are your kind of story.

### **Month 1 – Sister Chicks by Robin Jones Gunn**

Yes – sorry guys – these are pretty well "girl" stories and can be read in any order. The premise is always on the same theme: two women go off on holiday together. They can be friends, sisters – or in one story they actually meet at the beginning of the story. They have all kinds of adventures – and generally have some wonderful 'girl time' together. But there is a Christian thread running through each book that can just make you stop and wonder how your life is shaping up. One part of Sister Chicks in Gondolas (yes you've guessed it – they visit Venice) that I loved, apart from them sliding down the stairs on a mattress, was that throughout the book the phrase 'surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life' becomes a catch phrase as one of the friends keeps trying to catch a glimpse of mercy actually following her!

Sister Chicks in Sombreros.

Sister Chicks do the Hula.

Sister Chicks in Gondolas.

Sister Chicks go Brit.

Sister Chicks Down Under.

Sister Chicks in Wooden Shoes.

Sister Chicks on the Loose.

Sister Chicks say Ooh La La

Great stories, great adventures, great fun – but with a seriousness to some of them, and some Christian insight that makes them a pretty interesting read.

Blessings and Happy Reading

Christine Hunter, Librarian

## Who's Helping?

	March 4th	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	March 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Little Worship Assistant (9:00 service)</b>	Marg Ward	Pat MacKay	Erica MacKay	Christine Hunter
<b>Preschool Assistant (10:30 service)</b>	Joyce Kilbourne	Cathy Spooner	Cheri Vlieger	Dan Duffin
<b>Coffee Time Volunteers (between services)</b>	Marilyn McFadden & Margaret Holdsworth	Marian Weldon & Holly Williams	Marg Ward & Laurie Bannerman	May MacKinnon & Anita Powell
<b>World of Welcome (10:30 service)</b>	Marian Weldon Ron Ladd Doris Tutt Linda Powers Phyllis Johnston Keith Johnston	Gail McHardy-Leitch Don Leitch Wendy Lefler George Lefler Meagan Warnock Loraine Warnock	Irene Thayer Helen Innes Ainsley Marshall Bob Harper Carol Goodfellow John Goodfellow	Brenda Webster Todd Webster Jason McDonald Tammy McDonald Margaret Holdsworth May MacKinnon
<b>Offering Counters (after 10:30 service)</b>	Brenda & Todd Webster	Joanne & Bruce Dickert	Brian & Pat MacKay	Heather Reid & Marian Weldon
<b>Library Volunteers (after 10:30 service)</b>	Shirley Hall	Christine Hunter	Joyce Kilbourne	Margaret Holdsworth

Each of the groups listed here are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to help, just let me know and I'll connect you to the corresponding co-ordinator. Most volunteers are called upon 3-6 times a year.

## Library Volunteers

The Library has a volunteer available to help people sign out books each week after the 10:30 service. Would you be able to take one Sunday a month to help out? If so, please contact Christine Hunter at (519) 681-4101 or [cbhhunter@rogers.com](mailto:cbhhunter@rogers.com).



## Happy Birthday!

Well, I didn't hear of any more adult birthdays in March so Laurie gets all the attention! Hopefully there will be a few more to add to the poster at church! And let me know about April birthdays. I only have one adult birthday in April too!

### Children & Youth

- Mar. 3rd—Brendan is 20.
- Mar. 8th—Sarah is 13.
- Mar. 8th—Abbey is 19.
- Mar. 22nd—Kenneth is 14.
- Mar. 25th—Alex is 22.
- Mar. 26—Taylor is 8.

### Adults

- Mar. 22nd—Laurie Spence Bannerman

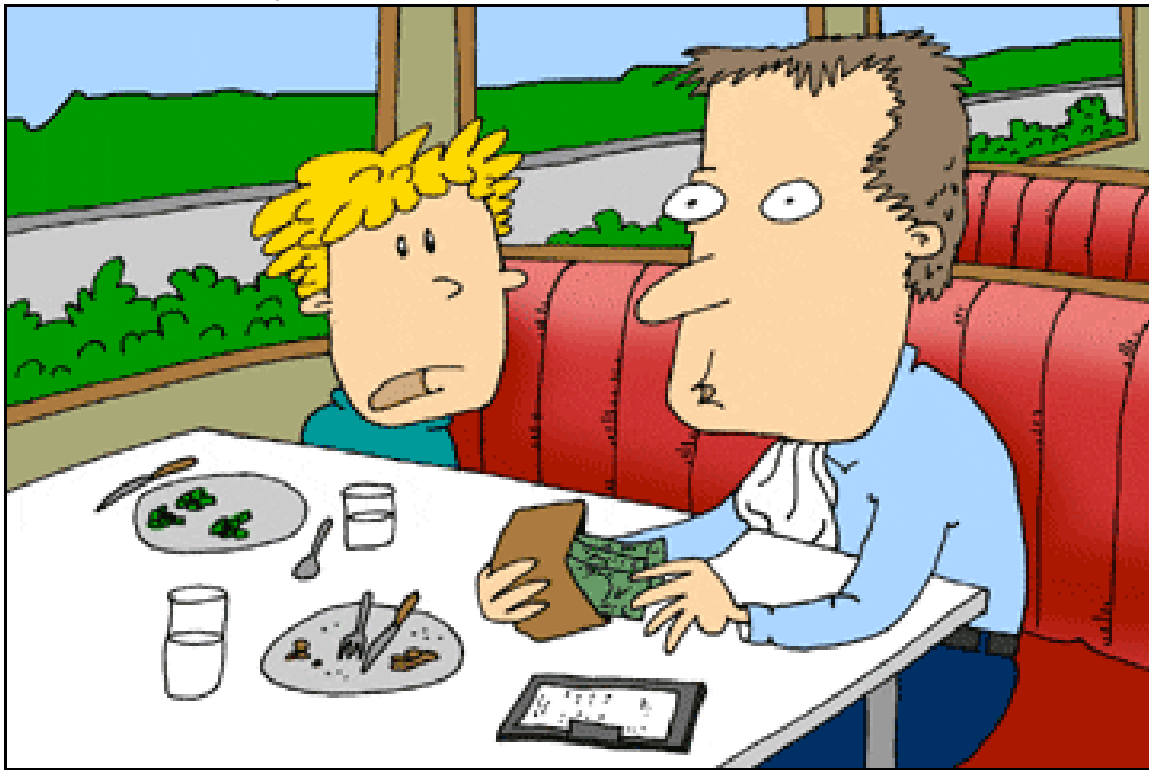


# March 2012 – Updated 4 March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				1-2pm Care & Share 6pm Stewardship Team 7:30 pm Senior Choir	6:30 pm CW practice	9am - 7pm One Day Wonder @ St. Lawrence Church  2pm World Day of Prayer @ Calvary United
4 <b>LENT 2</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 am Contemp. Worship 10am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Children's Choir 2:30 pm Book of the Month Gathering	1:30 pm Walkfit	9:30 am Pastoral Care 10 am Session Executive 1-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm CE & Faith Develop. 7:30pm Policy & Planning	2:15 pm Knitting group  6:15 pm Worship Planning Team 7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	1-2pm Care & Share  7:30 pm Senior Choir	6:30 pm CW practice	
11 <b>LENT 3</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 am Contemp. Worship 10am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Children's Choir	1:30 pm Walkfit  7:30 pm Worship Committee	1-2pm Care & Share  7:30 pm Social & Communication	2:15 pm Knitting group  7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	1-2pm Care & Share  7:30 pm Senior Choir	6:30 pm CW practice	6pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Part III
18 <b>LENT 4</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9 am Contemp. Worship 10am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Children's Choir	1:30 pm Walkfit 6:30 pm Evangelism 7pm Stephen Ministry	1-2pm Care & Share  7:30 pm Session	2:15 pm Knitting group  7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	1-2pm Care & Share 7:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30pm Property Management	6:30 pm CW practice	Night on the Town
25 <b>LENT 5</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31
9 am Contemp. Worship 10am Coffee Time 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Children's Choir 12:00 Soup'er Sunday	1:30 pm Walkfit  7:30 pm Mary Moffat	1-2pm Care & Share	2:15 pm Knitting group  7:30 pm Reach Out rehearsal	1-2pm Care & Share  NO Senior Choir	6:30 pm CW practice	2pm Massed Choir rehearsal

Last Laugh!

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