

**Chalmers
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Youth Spirit

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Spectacular September!

OK everyone. Hang onto your hats. Sunday, September 12th is going to be a Sunday like Chalmers has never seen before. Introducing: the Chalmers' Youth Praise Team!!! Once a month, Sunday Morning Youth will be praising God at the top of our lungs with songs, games, and much more during our "Joyful Noise Sunday". Please come out on September 12th to support the debut of 4:12 (our praise team)! Then stay after the service for free burgers and hot dogs for everyone at the Annual Burger

Bash!

Another change to SMY this year is that we will be including more "All Ages Sundays" throughout the year when all children will be included in regular worship. In the book Family-Based Youth Ministry by Mark Devries, he emphasises the importance of children being included in worship regularly so that they can see

what it's like to be a mature Christian. It's also important for them to see their role models (parents, grandparents, older friends and Sunday School teachers) worshipping God.

On these Sundays when everyone will be worshipping together, we will be making a big effort to make the service accessible for all ages.

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Contact me!

- Ideas, suggestions, comments, new emails? Let me know: lizzt@rogers.com

Coming Soon Burger Bash

Everyone is invited to join us
on the East Lawn
Following the 10:30 a.m.
Church Service,
on

Sunday, September 12, 2010.

hamburgers, hotdogs and beans

Join us for this Kick-off to our fall and winter activities.
Mark this date on your calendar, bring your friends
and family for a time of good fellowship and food.

Remember that there is

NO CHARGE !
for this event.



From the Editor

I've spoken often about the importance of bringing our children to church regularly to help them grow in their faith and to show them that God is the biggest priority in life. I haven't, however, spent much time reflecting on the importance of attending church myself in order to give me the strength needed through the week to raise my children in faith.

I didn't really feel like going to church last week. It had been a rough couple of weeks at the Thibodeau household and this past week was definitely the worst as we received the results of Andrew's dad's hospital tests and the news was terrible. So by Sunday morning, I was tired, I was emotionally spent, I had been on my own with the girls most of the week and couldn't really be bothered getting them ready for church, and to be honest, I didn't really feel like talking to anyone.

But we went. Mostly just out of habit. That's what we do on a Sunday morning, and explaining to Torry why we weren't going to church would take more energy than just going.

Rev. John was away and Rev. Dave Clements was filling the pulpit. He spoke about the Grace of God. "The Grace of God," he said, "is found among His people." Well, that certainly seemed directed at me. Then he continued, "Peace follows Grace." There was nothing particularly earth-shattering about that statement, but it spoke to me where I was. I needed God's peace. Peace comes after grace and grace can be found among God's people. After accepting the peace that

God was offering, I was able to hear another statement that Rev. Dave made. He quoted Paul who said, "I thank God in all things." I'm sure we've all heard that quote before, and many of us have probably even questioned it. "How can I be thankful when I'm in the midst of a terrible situation? Paul must have been a better Christian than I am because I can't be thankful for this." But Rev. Dave pointed out that Paul didn't say, "I thank God FOR all things." He said, "IN all things." Even in the midst of trials, we can be thankful. Not for the trial itself (although sometimes we can see the good in it later) but there are still many other things for which we can be thankful.

Going through trials in life is tough. Helping our children through trials is tougher, and helping our children through trials as we go through them ourselves can seem next to impossible. So I thank God for Mark 10:27 which says, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." By the Grace of God, we will make it through, and that Grace, as Rev. Dave reminded me, is found among God's people. And I can thank God for the people he has surrounded me with too.

One additional comment about Rev. Dave's sermon. Near the end, he involved the congregation by saying, "There are two words that are repeated in every verse of today's bible reading. Does anyone know what those two words are?" A few people

offered guesses: God's grace, peace & mercy, give thanks. The answer was "Jesus Christ."

It reminded me of the story about the Sunday school class that was learning about Noah's ark and the teacher was trying to get her students to guess the type of animal. "It's brown and lives in a tree," she said. No response. "It eats nuts," she said. No response. "It has a long, bushy tail," she said getting desperate for an answer. Finally one little girl spoke up, "I know the answer must be Jesus, but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me!"

Rev. Dave's question and answers last week made me realise again why I need to come to church week after week. Because how quickly we, as adults, forget that the answer is always Jesus Christ!



VBC—Very Best Camp!



The joint Vacation Bible Camp this summer between Chalmers, Compass & Summerside churches was AWESOME!!! If you didn't take part, boy did you miss out! There were about 110 kids involved, plus all of their group leaders, crew leaders, craft leaders, sports leaders, Bible leaders and music leaders. I decided to spend Friday morning hanging out just to see what was going on because every report I heard from the kids was that it was just amazing, and amazing it was. There is nothing like seeing 110 kids in an auditorium singing at the top of their lungs about loving Jesus, and dancing in the aisles. They then split up and spent part of their morning doing a craft, part playing some games, and part learning a Bible story. Everywhere I turned, kids were having a good time, laughing, smiling, and learning. What a great experience!

"For I have loved you with an everlasting love."
Jeremiah 31:3



Here's Torry enjoying a good laugh at the VBC Parents' Night performance. And Isla was enthralled too.



Have a Laugh!

As you head back to school, here are some fun facts you can use to wow your teacher. These are taken from Bathroom Readers Institute, pg. 36.

- Why isn't iron added to milk? Iron-fortified milk turns coffee green.
- Armadillos can walk underwater in order to cross rivers.
- The state of Arizona does not follow Daylight Saving Time, with the exception of the Navaho Reservation, which does – except for the Hopi Partitioned Land which lies inside the Navaho Reservation, which doesn't.
- The Incas measured time by how long it took a potato to cook.
- 13% of adults say "the last day of summer" is the "occasion they dread the most."
- Amen is the same in more language than any other word. Taxi is second.
- No kidding – when astronauts returned from the moon, they had to go through customs.
- What for? 60% of atheists and agnostics say they own at least one Bible.
- Steven Wright: "I watched the Indy 500 and I was thinking – if they left earlier they wouldn't have to go so fast."
- King James IV banned golf from Scotland in 1491 for the simple reason that, it "looketh like a silly game."

Grab a Book!

Chalmers Library

I want to really encourage you, as parents, to **check out the books** we have in the Library. A lot of thought has gone into the choosing of these books, the topics are wide and varied, the ages covered are extensive – and without children to read them – we might as well not bother! Reading to your child is so important, so wonderfully fulfilling – and sets them on a lifetime full of discovery.

I would also encourage you to **check out our videos and DVD's**. We have quite a range of wonderful videos, many of them in the **Veggie Tales series**. Never heard of Veggie Tales? Oh what a world you are missing! Christian stories told in a funny, often hilarious way by talking vegetables. They talk, they act they even sing Gilbert and Sullivan songs to get the moral of their story across to the very young – and not so young! We have had many, many teenagers signing out the Veggie Tales books, but also day care moms

looking for wholesome TV viewing for their little munchkins on rainy days or at quiet time. Tom and I have even been known to have a peek at a Veggie Tales video of a rainy afternoon – but don't tell anyone!

Yes our library is there for you, for your family, for your reading and viewing pleasure. Most of the books have a suggested age level – but that is only a guide. Feel free to browse – and then **sign out your choice** by taking the buff coloured card out of the sleeve, filling in the date and your name and putting the card in the clear plastic registration box. That's all there is to it! When you **return the book**, video or DVD – just place it in the return box and one of the library helpers will be glad to put it back on the shelf for you.

Need help? Talk to one of our library helpers there every Sunday after church service to help you work your way through the selection.

See you in the library next Sunday!

Christine Hunter



Youth News

Junior Youth (grades 6-8):

Sept. 10th—(7-9pm) Balloon Night at Chalmers

Sept. 19th—(2:15pm) Youth Worship at Faith Church, St. Thomas

Sept. 25th—(12:30pm) International Plowing Match

Oct. 8th—(7-9pm) Junior Youth Night

Oct. 16th—(overnight) PWS&D fundraiser

Oct. 17th—(after worship) Butterfly release

Nov. 12th—(7-9pm) Junior Youth Night

Senior Youth (grades 9-12):

Sept. 10th—(7-9) Balloon Night at Chalmers

Sept. 11th—(2-4) Info Session about mission trip to Winnipeg

Sept. 19th—(2:15pm) Youth Worship at Faith Church, St. Thomas

Sept. 25th—(12:30pm) International Plowing Match

Oct. 1st—(7-9pm) Senior Youth Night

Oct. 16th—(overnight) PWS&D fundraiser

Oct. 17th—(after worship) Butterfly release

Nov. 5th—(7-9pm) Senior Youth Night



SENIOR YOUTH 2011

Winnipeg Inner City Missions of the Presbyterian Church

For All Interested London Presbytery Area Youth
Information Session September 11, 2010

2-4 pm Presentation with snacks!

@Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 342 Pond Mills Rd London
519-681-7242

What a Quote!

- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honour your father and mother; - this is the first commandment with a promise: 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.' And, parents, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:1-4

Welcome Back Everyone!

Each year classes have to be juggled around a little depending on how many children & youth we have in each age group. This year our classes will be as follows:

Our preschool class: (JK and younger)

Naomi Isla
Julie Lily
Sarah

Our Primary Class: (SK—Grade 3)

Jessy Torry
Rielea Taylor
Hailee Josiah
Morgan Aly

Our Junior Class: (Grades 4-6)

Cameron A. Colin
Declan Brynn
Joycie Reece
Cameron T. Sarah
Tyler Kenneth

Our Senior Class: (Grades 7 and up)

Tom Jackie
Alex Amber
Sydney Abby M.
Jessie Charleen
Sam Abbey P.
Allyson Yunesta
Christian Crissy
Jacqueline Yunike
Cyndi

And our Volunteers

I want to start by thanking all of the volunteers that helped us get through the summer! We had some new faces and I really appreciate their willingness to help out. Thanks to Debbie Munro, Marg Ward, Joyce Kilbourne, Gail & Don McHardy-Leitch, and Carolyn Walker.

Next I'd like to thank those who have volunteered to help out in the preschool class this year. Although there are only an average of four children in this class each week, it is a big help to have two sets of hands with that age group. Here's the schedule from now until Christmas.

September 19th—Dawn Bannerman
October 3rd—Michelle Daniel
October 17th—Jackie Bannerman
October 31st—Cheri Vlieger
November 14th—Phylis Johnston
November 21st—Joyce Kilbourne
November 28th—Lynn Ball
December 5th—

Please Let Us Know

Sunday Morning Youth will be starting up again on Sunday, September 12th and we can't wait to see everyone there!

I'd like to ask a big favour of parents this year. We know that everyone can't be at church every week, but it would really help if you could let us know when you're going to be away. We do worry when we don't see a child or family for awhile, and it's also hard for teachers to plan when they don't know whether to expect two or ten children. If you know in advance that you're going to be away, let us know when you can and we'll make note. Also let us know if there's an extended reason, like hockey season, or working every-other Sunday. If it's a last minute decision, say someone wakes up under-the-weather, then simply send me an email if you can and I'll let the teacher know (lizzt@rogers.com). Also, if you attend a different church, let us know so that your child will still receive attendance credit for being at church. If they'd like to bring back a memento from the church they visited (perhaps an order of service) then they could share their experience with their class at Chalmers.

I realise this is an extra thing for parents to think about and remember, but our teachers and coordinators really do put a lot of work into planning for each week and are sometimes completely thrown off by the numbers in their class. It would be great if we could all work as a team to provide the best possible opportunity for our children to learn about Christ and grow in their faith.

Sunday, Sept. 12th

Join us at
Sunday Morning Youth
for Joyful Noise Sunday
featuring “4:12”



Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy 14 th birthday Allyson!	2	3 Happy 17 th birthday Christopher!	4
5 10:30 Summer Service	6 Labour Day	7 Back to School	8 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	9	10 7-9pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Balloon Night	11 2-4pm Sr. Youth Winnipeg Mission Info Session
12 Happy 9 th birthday Reece! 10:30 Joyful Noise Sunday with 4:12 12:00 Burger Bash	13	14	15 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	16	17	18
19 Happy 20 th birthday Lizzie! 10:30 SMY 2:15 Youth Worship at Faith Church, St. Thomas	20	21	22 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	23 Happy 14 th birthday Jennifer S.!	24	25 12:30pm Jr. & Sr. Youth at International Plowing Match
26 10:30 ALL AGES Presbyterians Sharing Sunday with 4:12	27	28	29 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	30	31	