

Chalmers' Spirit

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In the Summer!

"Here comes the sun, doo doo doo doo! Here comes the sun!" I love that song, and can't help thinking of it when I think of summer—of course we've already had lots of sun, but I'm ready for more.

Although things definitely slow down a bit in July & August, there's a lot of things still happening.

Of course the first week of July is Canada Youth 2012 and we have 8 youth, young adults and adults going from Chalmers. Join us this Sunday, July 1st for a special commissioning service. Show your support for this wonderful ministry!

Even if you can't make it to the service, please keep all of the attendees in your prayers.



There will be All Ages Sundays on the summer long weekends (July 1st, August 5th and September 2nd) and a children's program for children ages 3-6 on the other Sundays. Older children are welcome to attend the program, but activities will be geared for 3-6 year olds. There will be no pro-

gram for children under 3, but they are welcome to use the nursery with their parent or other caregiver.

And of course there's Vacation Bible Camp the second week of August. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite someone who doesn't normally attend Chalmers to get their children involved. But now's the time to ask so they can plan for it!

And we're already busily planning the Fall Fair for September 22nd. It's going to be a really great day, but only if we get enough volunteers involved, so please sign up!!!



Happy Birthday!

I shall wish all of those celebrating in July and August a very happy birthday now.

Children & Youth

July 6—Isla is 4
 July 6—Yunike is 14
 July 12—Aly is 9
 July 13—Sam is 17
 July 10—Jessy is 10
 July 28—Zack is 18
 Aug 8—Cameron A is 11

Aug 16—Amber is 16
 Aug 17—Brynn is 14
 Aug 18—Jacqueline is 14
 Aug 21—Sydney is 15
 Aug 28—Kathryn is 20

Adults

July 1—Bill Thayer
 July 2—Heather de Hoog
 July 14—Linda George
 July 17—Shirley George
 July 18—Harold Tutt

July 18—Dana Kajan
 Aug 5—Brenda Bakelaar
 Aug 6—Joanne Dickert
 Aug 8—Dan Duffin
 Aug 13—Kym Abrams
 Aug 13—Todd Webster
 Aug 18—Bernie Elliot
 Aug 20—Marg Harper
 Aug 21—Lizz Thibodeau
 Aug 31—Ellen Sumner
 Aug 31—Betty Burrows

Contact me!

- Comments, new emails? Let me know:
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From the Editor, by Lizz Thibodeau

I have heard many people say that it has been a sad time for Chalmers lately, and it's true: we have lost several treasured friends and we have other dearly loved ones who are sick or fighting battles. And grieve we must. Tears must be shed, words of comfort must be exchanged. As a family, we must weep with those who are weeping.

But, and here is the strange juxtaposition of being a family, while some are in mourning, others are

**"Weeping may linger the night,
but joy comes in the morning."**

rejoicing. And just as Chalmers has had much sadness lately, we also have much to celebrate! June is a month of accomplishment and celebration. So let us weep with those who are weeping, but let us also rejoice with those who are rejoicing and accept that, as a family, those two must go together!

Celebrate!



From top left, clockwise:

Al Ball, graduate of Fanshawe College, Computer Systems Technician

Amy Kemp, graduate of Queens University, Bachelor of Education

Dawn Bannerman, graduate of Western University, Bachelor of Engineering Science in Biochemical Engineering

Lynn Ball, graduate of Fanshawe College, Early Childhood Education & Early Childhood Educator

Mandy Woods, graduate of Guelph University, Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Human Nutrition

(no photo) Dan Duffin, graduate of Fanshawe College, Early Childhood Education

Photo Time!



Congregational Picnic

Photo Time!



Grab a Book! By Christine Hunter

Does Money Grow on Trees - by Catherine Mackenzie **Ages 5 - 6**

George Muller lived in Germany and liked to spend money! Money he did not have, on things he did not need. George stole money to buy those useless "things". Even when he was found out - he was not sorry for what he had done, and continued on this rocky road! Read about how Jesus turned his life around and helped him to see that there were other uses, good uses for his money!

Could Somebody Pass the Salt - by Catherine Mackenzie **Ages 5 - 6**

Hudson Taylor grew up in a different time from us. He was not allowed to speak at the table during a meal --- except to ask somebody to pass the salt. Hudson grew up to be a missionary in

China - and yes the two facts are linked. But you will have to read this story to your child or grandchild to see where the link is found!

The Case for Christ - by Lee Strobel High School +

Lee Strobel writes "the Case for....." books, and he does a good job of it. Lee is an investigative reporter so he likes facts! When writing his first "the Case for ..." book, he was actually an atheist and set out to prove that Christ had not been crucified, and had certainly not risen from the dead! He was a Christian by the time he had done his research and had written his book! Enough said!

This is a youth edition book - so is directed at young people (but I enjoyed it tooooooo!)



Lee only asks that you read this book with an open mind - the same way he approached trying to figure out who this Jesus was, and whether Christianity was worth embracing. Lee partnered with Jane Vogel to make this book student friendly. This creative and fast-paced book follows Strobel on email interviews as he unearths convincing evidence that faith in Jesus is not based on wishful thinking or fabricated legends, but on solid historical facts, written in a style that teenagers find acceptable.

Try it - I'm sure you'll enjoy it!

Christine Hunter, Librarian.

September Services

After an incredible amount of hard work by the Worship committee from a lot of input from the congregation, Session has approved their recommendation "that there will be one worship service at Chalmers that will include elements of the Contemporary Worship Service, the more Traditional service and many other possible elements will be looked at as well. **The starting date for this will be on Sunday, September 9th at 10:00 am.**"

The creation of a new, uniquely Chalmers service will take a lot of work on the part of the leadership, and a lot

of support, input and understanding on the part of the congregation. I'm excited to begin this new journey as a congregation and I encourage everyone to open their hearts and minds to experience God's Spirit working among us in a variety of ways, both familiar and unfamiliar.

Please note the change of time for worship. We will now be gathering together at 10:00 am with coffee time following the service beginning on September 9th (which is also Burger Bash Sunday).



Carl Dowsey



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Tuesday to Friday mornings**

\$5/child or \$10/family

All children Grades JK - 6 are welcome!

July 2012 – Updated 26 June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 am Worship	2 7pm Stephen Ministry	3 ←	4	5 CANADA YOUTH	6	7 →
8 → 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Pond Mills Cemetery Service at Chalmers 3:30 Worship at Meadow Park	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10:30 am Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 10:30 am Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:30 am Worship	30 7pm Stephen Ministry	31	<div> <p>These calendars are updated throughout the month as activities are added or change.</p> <p>http://www.chalmerslondon.com/church_calendar.htm</p> </div>			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 10:30 am Worship	6 Civic Holiday	7 ←	8	9 VACATION BIBLE CAMP 9am-noon daily	10 →	11
12 10:30 am Worship 3:30 Worship at Meadow Park	13 6:30 pm Evangelism	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 am Worship	27 7pm Stephen Ministry	28	29	30 7 pm Admin. Team of London Presbytery	31	

Last Laugh!

