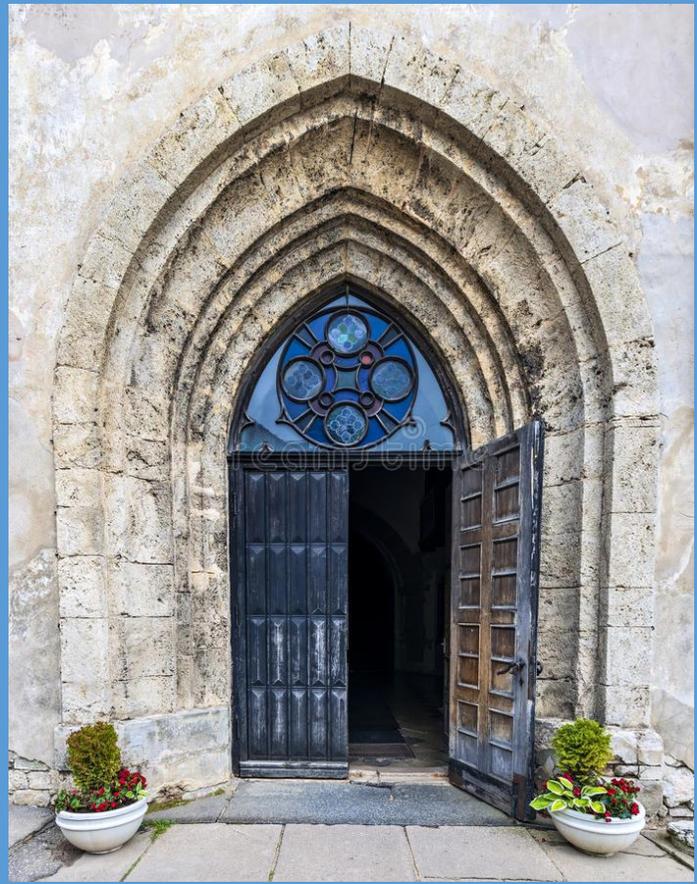




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# The Connection



## A Word from Pastor Dave

What exactly is the church and what is the church supposed to be all about? The Bible speaks about both a local and universal expression of Christ's "Church". In Hebrews 10:23-25 we are reminded that locally gathering together as Christians is of vital importance, "... let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, *not giving up meeting together*, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another ..." (NIV). Clearly this, *meeting together* is referring to a simple, tangible, practical, real world connection between two or more believers. Yet the author of Hebrews continues in chapter 11 by reviewing the wonderful faith of so many in the Old Testament, who all looked forward to the coming of the promised Messiah, encouraging us again in chapter 12 with these words, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith..." (vv.1-2, NIV)

So when pastor Steven Cole writes, "The local church is a gathering of those who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who are committed to meet regularly for worship, teaching, fellowship, and prayer, and who help make disciples of all people." We can rightly affirm that statement. Meanwhile, when Wayne Grudem (a New Testament scholar)

## September Dates

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Campfire Service 6:30 pm      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Labour Day                    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>     | First Day of School           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Prayer at Church 10:30 am     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Worship Service 10:30am       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Prayer at Ruby's 10:30        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Men's BBQ at Tom's 6:30 pm    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Pastoral Team Meeting 8:30 am |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>    | Coffee Talk Service 10:30 am  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Women's Bible Study 7 pm      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Prayer at Church 10:30 am     |
| 23-25 <sup>th</sup> | Women's Retreat               |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>    | Worship Service 10:30 am      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Women's Bible Study 7 pm      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Prayer at Ruby's 10:30 am     |

writes, “The church is the community of all true believers for all time.” (Systematic Theology [Zondervan], p. 853), we can affirm that statement as well. But one more critical observation ought to be kept in mind when we are thinking Biblically about who and what, THE CHURCH is. Of course the Bible never uses the word “church” to refer to the building where God’s people met; that primarily reflects the very different circumstances of first century Rome and where we find ourselves today. However, when the Bible does use the word “church” it almost always is referring to the cities where they met: The church in Jerusalem, Philippi, Corinth, etc. In many cases, with too many believers to gather in one location, they met in various houses around the city. Typically, each house church had at least one pastor or elder who was responsible for shepherding and teaching that flock. But the church in a city was viewed as one local church, governed by a plurality of elders.

What then can we conclude about what exactly the church is? Without wanting to be too cryptic, a helpful and truthful answer probably is, “More.” That would explain why the church can thrive under Nero’s own nose among the staff, servants, guards and extended family of the royal palace in Rome. Also, why the underground church of China and other hostile nations is growing

daily. Even, why rich and poor alike within the candy land of the modern Western world keep finding deeper hope and purpose in the true gospel. But what is the Christian Church supposed to be all about? If the church in its universal, local, city wide and/or digital expressions are going to be Christian it has to be all about what Christ is all about. Conveniently, Christ expressed that clearly in Luke 4:18-19 when he claimed in Isaiah 61:1-2 (see also Isaiah 58:6) as His mission. – Declare good news to the poor. – Proclaim freedom for the prisoners. – Pray till you see sight for the blind. – Set the oppressed free. – And then repeat until people start to see this really is the season of our Creator and Lord’s favour.

Maybe that “mission statement” would be a little wordy and hard to fit on a t-shirt. So how about be a place, a people, a community that lends and extends strength, encouragement, time, space, prayer, instruction and hope to the surrounding community for spiritual, emotional, relational and physical health and wholeness? Still seems long, might not even fit on a banner. One last try, maybe with some thought, prayer and the authentic love of Jesus Christ our church at least could be one of Christ’s Churches that Heal. Well, “Churches that Heal” would fit on a poster but it sounds a little radical. We’d probably have to talk about it

We hope you can join us  
for our new Fall Series  
Starting on Sunday,  
September 11th at  
10:30 am



Helping you find  
a happier,  
healthier you.

CHURCHES  
THAT HEAL

by DR. HENRY CLOUD

# Barnabas Notes

## Churches that Heal

What is the church, the purpose of it ... is it a hospital for the broken?

I think that it's safe to say that we have all spent some time in a hospital. Maybe it was just a visit, maybe it was a trip through emergency where we waited to be called into the examining area and be treated for whatever was ailing us. One thing for sure is that we all know that no one is admitted into the hospital unless they are sick. And when we are sick we may have put off going to emergency at the hospital as long as possible.

Why do we do that? Deep down inside we know that something is wrong with our bodies because we don't feel good. But when we are asked "how are you today", we answer "Oh, I'm fine". We've all done that. We've all lied to cover up how we really feel.

Matthew West wrote a song called Truth Be Told. He wrote it to remind us that we are fallen human beings and that we need to know that no one expects us to be perfect, especially God. Instead, we need to be authentic with other people and honest with God, who knows our hearts anyway.

The song starts with lies.

#1 We are supposed to have it all together.

#2 Everybody's life is perfect except yours.

And we say: I'm, fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine but I'm not. I'm broken.

And when it's out of control I say it's under control but it's not. And you know it.

Matthew hits the nail on the head. He admits that he's been hiding his problems from all of his family and friends, and more importantly from God. "But didn't you say the church should look more like a hospital. A safe place for the sick, the sinner, the scarred, and the prodigals". He then realizes that the only way to fix his problems is to be honest. No more hiding behind the word "Fine". God already knows our weaknesses. And there's no sin He doesn't already know.

So, let the truth be told. Our church is a church full of people in need. In need of forgiveness, in need of friendship, in need of fellowship, but mostly in need of a Savior, Jesus. And our doors are open to everyone.

We have an emergency room here at South Point Community Church. We are a hospital for the broken. We have volunteers who spend their days praying for the needs of others. Your prayer requests remain confidential. Your needs and concerns are forwarded to our Heavenly Father in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

So come to the Father and let The Truth Be Told.

Barnabas

## Paleo Ginger Cookies (from Laurie -Ruby's daughter)

- 3 TBSP Coconut flour
- 2 TBSP Coconut oil
- 2 TBSP Runny honey
- 1 TBSP Almond Butter
- 1 TBSP Ground Ginger



Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix until a sticky dough forms.

Grease or line with baking paper a large baking tray. Remove 1 tsp of mixture from the bowl and flatten to about 5 cm in diameter. Leave large spaces between each cookie. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 5-10 minutes. Leave cool on a tray. Store in an airtight container.



11 Roger

20 Katy

13 Jackson

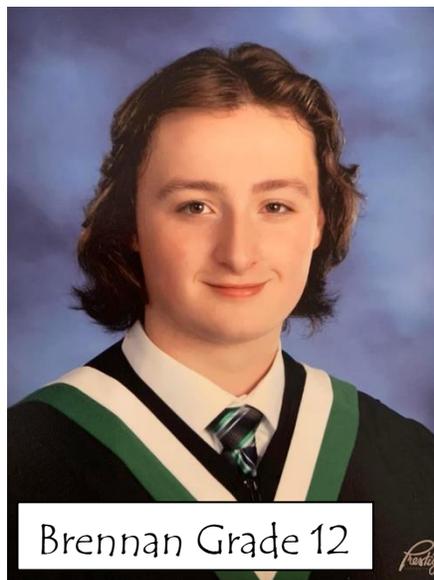
25 Abby

14 Eden

# Congratulations!



Edison Grade 8



Brennan Grade 12



Christopher Grade 8

## Ministry Highlight

Over the next few months, we will be highlighting one of the members of the Pastoral Team in our Newsletter. We want to share a little with you about who they are, personally. Please pray for them as they lead our church. They know that they will not be perfect leaders but they really do want to be personally available. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let them know. This month we will start with Paul.



I was raised on a farm, so I am no stranger to long hours, and hard work. I learned early to think things through, and outside of the box if necessary. I had a degree from Canadore College as a computer programmer analyst. It collects dust, I wasn't cut out for an inside office job. I own my own semi company, leased onto an automotive based company. I joke, that everyday when I look out my office window, the scenery changes.

Growing up on a farm helps with the rigours and stress of trucking. It does however, wear on the home life. Thankfully, God gave me a wonderful helpmate in Mary-Louise.

Over the years, she has kept things running smoothly. We met while I was in school, married in 1988. I am glad she was from a military background as we relocated 7 1/2 hrs away to a place she didn't know existed. I wasn't saved, but had been told that I was a living miracle. That's why when asked, I totally believe in them. When I was less than 6 mos old, I contracted double pneumonia. The doctor told my parents to prepare for a funeral, as I would probably die. You could hear me crying on the 3rd floor from the ground. 48 hrs later, they called and said come get your son, he's fine. That is why I walk around in winter with an open jacket, I overheat. During a dark time

in my marriage, I left my wife for 7 years. The one thing about God letting me drive truck, He has a captive audience. I like to say it was my Prodigal experience. God revealed to me that even though I had what I asked for, I wasn't happy. Maybe I should trust him. Long story short, I did. I returned home, renewed my vows, gained a wonderful daughter in J'Aime, and more to the point, got saved. Through mentoring of Bill Rutledge, Pastor Adrian Ninaber, Pastor Dave, Jim Hubert, and Promise Keepers events, I have grown in my walk to the point of leadership in Calvary Baptist and South Point churches. I have finally embraced my gift, I'm an encourager. I try to apply and use my gift whenever possible.

My biggest fear is not living up to the expectations set out before me. I struggle with being quiet and shy. I am an introvert. But if asked will help any way I can.

My best Bible verse is Matthew 14:28-32, Peter walking on the water. I am known for the phrase "Step out of the boat". My motto, if you truly are trusting God, then trust Him completely!

I ask that you pray, that the faith and the gifts God has poured into me, I in turn pour out onto and into others. Help me to focus on His word and plans over my own. May I be found a good Steward with regards to helping lead His church and people...

Amen...God Bless



# POOL PARTY



# Ladies' Craft Night



# Reflections by J'Aime



My doctor says I have low iron. So, I have recently started taking iron supplements and changed my diet. The process of getting my iron levels back up may not be the most pleasant thing in the world but I trust that my doctor has my well-being in mind. The process of healing is never easy.

Many of the things my doctor has said to me recently have not been things that I wanted to hear. But oh my goodness they absolutely needed to be said. The uncomfortable things needed to be said so that they could be dealt with. My body will be better off if I follow the advice given to me.

I have read a lot of conflicting viewpoints while researching this article. The topic of the month is 'Churches that Heal' so I tried to dive into that sentiment and came away from my research with a renewed idea of healing that happens within the church.

Sin is a very real, tangible thing in our daily lives as Christians. We can't avoid it. We are all guilty of it in one form or another. As Christians, we recognize our sinful nature. We also recognize the fact that we can't actually fix the problem. We can work diligently to avoid sin because we know what to look for. But we all sin and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

Knowing that we have a loving, graceful God gives us the power and strength to confront the damage our sin does. Not just in our lives, but in the lives of others. Knowing that we have a supportive church family, full of people who openly admit to not being perfect, makes us feel safe enough to confess to our own faults.

But... wouldn't it be easier to fix sin rather than to heal it? Of course, it would! Pull out your fanciest toolkit (that

is absolutely missing at least 1 of its 10mm sockets), plop down and go to work! Let me know how far you get with that.

Sin entered the world because of the choices made by two people a long time ago in a beautiful garden (Genesis 2 & 3). You can't fix sin because we, the people, are what's broken. We are not inanimate objects that can be fixed – we are living, breathing beings, made in the image of God, who will grow and mature as allowed by grace and through our faith because we are in a constant state of healing.

We will do stupid things. We will engage in battles that aren't necessary in order to win a victory that isn't ours to begin with. We are people. We are sinners. We need healing and we need help. The church should absolutely be a place to support that healing. I would argue that the church isn't just a hospital – it's an entire health-care system, lead by the ultimate healer and teacher.

I am a sinner. I read my Bible for guidance, I pray for forgiveness, I confess my sins and I acknowledge that I am broken. The process of healing from my broken nature may not be the most pleasant thing in the world but true healing is never easy.



## Monthly Newsletter

### Question to SPCC goes

Looking back at this summer at South Point, could you share a highlight, something you enjoyed and why.



**Amanda** - Loved Larry's message, the worship is always phenomenal, bar none, and the veggie tales theme song is out of this world! Well done all y'all! Thank you for all your hard work, dedication and love for others 💕

**Paul** - I believe our notion of church in North America has been reclassified from what the Bible shows. In scripture, we are shown that church was done in homes, in prisons, as slaves, even walking on a road or sailing in a boat. God said He will grow His church! He meant the body of believers, not rooms in a building. I firmly believe South Point embraces wholeheartedly this concept. From our drive in worship, to our baptisms in a pool, or tub, or lake. From our conferences, to men's breakfasts. From in church service to on location. From coffee talk to women zoom Bible studies. As a church, we strive to get to know, and interact with our fellow believers. Even as in last night's movie night to games night. I once heard it said "people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care". If you want to see that in operation, go to a Wednesday morning prayer meeting, or ask the migrant community, watch Tracy...she embodies that care for others. That being said, I can't pick any one event, they all make for one purpose, growing our church for God...but BBQ's are nice tho..

**Margaret** - I do enjoy all of the events. I love church so much, they are all my family. I'm always happy to see everyone at church all the time.

**Roger** - Saturday night bbq

**Autumn** - I really enjoyed the campfire day and the beach day. I got to use my voice for something I enjoy and loved doing. I got pulled into it since I was nervous to ask, but Trevor gave me the confidence I needed and helped me.

**Tracy** - I really enjoyed when J'Aime and her team played the Veggie Tales theme song at our Drive In Worship. Every time I listen to it -yes, I have listened to it more than once on our Facebook page, it just makes me smile (especially when Dan says -"have we got a show for you")

**Diane** - For me it is the power of the PRAYER TEAM praying even when we are not aware of it. Today God showed me why He took me home 11 days early. I was leaving the dog park when my van went CLUNK and STOPPED. I waved to a homeless man living in his truck (whom I knew) to come to my rescue. He said it was my rear left calliper? I was able to drive it to the repair shop and walk home. It amazes me that the presence of God's protection is evident in all we do.

I was able to share this with family who are no longer surprised.

**Ruby** - I loved all of it..What was so wonderful to see was hundreds coming to worship in the community Church service in Seacliff Park. I could walk to church. Nice.. After the service enjoying a Poutine (which I never had before) sharing with a friend...It made for a special day! Also really liked the Point Pelee service. Glory to God!!

**Trev** - I really enjoy the campfire. Shea and I have a history together of camping, Camp Crossroads and spending plenty of time around a warm fire. We enjoy sharing our passion of fun songs, meaningful chorus' and a devotional (Shea is old school and calls it a "vesper") where every individual has a chance to connect with our fun loving, toe tapping, quiet whispering God.

## Prayer Corner

Born into this world as sinners, we've come to the realization that we like sheep have gone astray.  
Lost.

Thirsty and cold. Broken and bruised.

In the dark. Without hope.

Good Shepherd you came to save that which was lost. Carried us to a place of restoration, binding our wounds, healing our diseases .

Leading us beside still waters and grazing on green pastures we are restored and renewed day by day.

We like sheep belong to your flock Lord. No longer lost, but restored.

Though we are prone to wander, we know your voice, and so want to walk in your ways.

We hear the cries of the many lost sheep that need you.

Let our hands and feet be yours, to take us to them that they might hear your voice calling them to come home.

Our prayer is that they too can find your rest where healing begins.

In your name, we pray. Amen

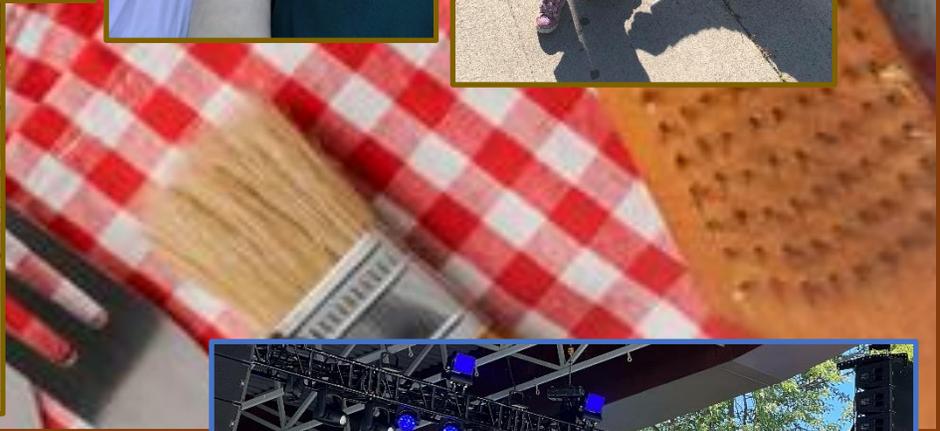
## Volunteer Highlight

I just want to start off by saying how thankful we are for all of the volunteers that helped with our Drive In Worship, Campfire services, BBQ's, Movie nights, painting, cleaning, cutting the grass, building a new mailbox (no more spiders or wet mail -yay).... all happen this summer. We are thankful for the Prayer Team that met every week to pray for all of us, for the Pastoral Team and Catalyst Team that continued to meet to make plans for the Fall. We all have different gifts to share and it is such a blessing when we all pitch in and work together. There are many different opportunities to volunteer and serve here at South Point - there is a spot for you! If you would like to learn more about how you could use your gifts here at South Point, please let me know (226-347-0033, [tracy@southpointcc.ca](mailto:tracy@southpointcc.ca)). I would be happy to answer any questions you may have :)





Church BBQ



# Sea Cliff Community Service





Camp  Services



Drive In  
Worship

