



# The Connection



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## Mark Your Calendar

### DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Women's Book Study 7 pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 5<sup>th</sup> SPCC Christmas Takeout Banquet
- 6<sup>th</sup> In House Church 9:00, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Women's Book Study 7 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Team Meeting 7 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 17<sup>th</sup> Women's Book Study 7 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> In House Church 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Drive in Worship 6:30 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas
- 30<sup>th</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am

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## A Word from Pastor Dave

*"If we are 'out of our mind,' as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:13-14, NIV)*

'Living Love' is the theme of our last week of Advent this Christmas. It seems by default, 'Wash Your Hands' became the theme of 2020. We thought at South Point we could use 'Living Love' as an equally action-oriented and practical theme for the New Year; that might be considerably more compelling. However, I am a man so I am scared. That's right, there are aspects of love that I do not understand. *Pastor Dave are you saying you don't really understand the basic Christian concept of love?* Well, in 1 John 4:16 the Bible says, "... God is love ..." So no I do not completely understand the essence of God's being or how He operates out of this core of perfect, dynamic and never failing love. But I sure am thrilled to be exploring it. Furthermore, I believe we are going to need some serious help from someone with at least a good sense of humour. Enter: Bob Goff. Bob has to have a good sense of humour because among other things he is a Christian lawyer. He also happens to be a great storyteller and in 2012 he wrote a really unique book called, "Love Does". On Sundays we'll do the heavy lifting exploring what the Bible prescribes as the plan for 'Living Love'. Then during the week we will let Bob give us a whimsical and exciting glimpse of what that can look like in the live theatre of reality. Why this two-step process?

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Because in this process there becomes hope for “people just like us”, as Bob observes:

God loves the humble ones, and the humble ones often don't make it as first-round draft picks for the jobs with big titles or positions. But they always seem to be the first-round picks for God when He's looking for someone to use in a big way. Jesus' message is a simple one. We all get a chance to be awesome if we want to be. Not surprisingly, the way to do it best is by being secretly incredible. We don't know who lowered a friend through the roof to get him in front of Jesus. We never learn the names of any of the guys who were part of the caper. I wouldn't be surprised, though, if they were people just like us (p.179)

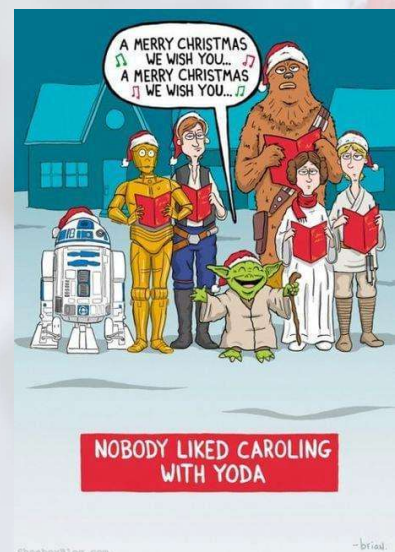
Interestingly, that truly resonates with what I have seen and experienced as a pastor at South Point Community Church; and as much or more so in 2020 as in any year prior. Over and over again I have seen people attending South Point relying on God and allowing His love to flow through their lives in both simple and incredible ways! And since our Prince of Peace – Advent Family Devotional says, "To live love as we move into the Christmas season is to embrace the example that Jesus gave us. It is to keep in mind those who need us and to go a step beyond our duty to choose love for them and of them, above and beyond our own interests." (p. 24) I would 'love' to invite you to email me ([dave@southpointcc.ca](mailto:dave@southpointcc.ca)) your whimsical, simple, surprising, incredible stories from these next few weeks of where you have seen 'Living Love' in action. [Pro-tip: If you want to see 'Living Love' in action start each day by praying and asking God to give you eyes of faith to see where He is working and wants to be working.]

## PRAYING FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE

During this Christmas season God, we pray particularly for those in search of hope. We pray that those who need a tender touch may find You, so that they will know the true meaning of love and sharing. Reveal Yourself to them, God. Touch their hearts in a special way. Show them how to rejoice in hope, to be patient in tribulation and constant in prayer. Give them the joy of knowing You as their strength and the source of the living water overflowing in their lives.

## JANUARY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> In House Church 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 13<sup>th</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 17<sup>th</sup> In House Church 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 31<sup>st</sup> In House Church 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm



*Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.*  
Romans 12:12





## Barnabas Notes ~ Living Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so ever would believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16.) How could God show His unending love any more than that? Well, we can look to Jesus for the answer to that question.

While Jesus was here on earth He gave many examples of how we should live our lives. He taught us how to pray, and in that prayer we read “and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us”. Matthew 6:12. When He saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, Matthew 9:35. Love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. Mark 12: 30-31. Jesus showed us how to show Living Love by His Words and by His examples through the way He lived His life here on earth.

How can we follow His example? Let me share a real life story with you. There was a young man who came to Canada one December. He came as a migrant worker from Guatemala leaving his wife and two children at home. He had only been in cold Canada for one week when one night he went into town to get some groceries, only to be hit by a pickup truck. It was a dark, rainy night. He stepped onto the street without looking, and not realizing that the truck was only but a few feet away.

The police and ambulance came, and he was taken to the Leamington hospital and then transferred to a hospital in Windsor. He had a broken arm broken ribs, and a collapsed lung. He spent three days in intensive care. He would tell us later that he told the doctor that he was going to die, that in Guatemala these kinds of injuries would result in death. But the doctor told him that he would live, because of the medical treatment that he would receive in the Canadian hospital.

My wife and I went to visit Juan along with a young man and woman who could speak Spanish. We listened to

them translate as Juan told the story of what happened to him on that rainy night. How the truck was right there as he stepped off of the curb. How he thought it was farther away. And that he was only showing his co-workers where to buy tortillas. (He didn't realize that he was at the wrong end of town. The tortilla shop was at the other end of the town.) And how the man from the truck had stopped, put his coat on him, and called for help.

Juan went on to tell us that he was a Christian, and that he believed that this accident was for a reason. He wasn't sure what God's plan was in all of this but he was going to rely on God to lead him through this situation. He then told our translators someday he would like to meet the man who was driving the truck. They told him that he was sitting at the end of his bed. Juan was very surprised to know we were there. We shared that we also were Christians, and that we would walk beside him and help him to get through this trying time, helping him in any way that we could.

Due to the accident, and the time spent together with Juan, there was Living Love created between him and our family. We talked to his employer and found him a place to live away from the bunkhouse setting while he healed. We got to know more about his family. And when he got back on his feet and back to work we continued to bless him by treating him like a member of our family. He now calls us momma and poppa. We have become his Canadian parents, and he has become our adopted Guatemalan son.

Jesus has set the example. The bar is not that high. Love is easy when you allow God's Love into your life. Everyone gets the same opportunity to receive the Love of God. All you have to do is accept His unending Love.

HIS LIVING LOVE

Barnabas





# Butterhorns

## Butterhorns

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup margarine or butter
- 1 ½ cups dry (or rinsed and well drained) cottage cheese

1. Mix together by hand or till just mixed with dough hook in electric mixer.
2. Divide into three equal part, roll into balls.
3. Than roll out into circles about 1/4" thick.

4. Cut like a pie into about 8 wedges. Roll each wedge up from outer edge to center.
5. Place on pan no less than 1" apart from each other.
6. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes, or till they are just beginning to brown.
7. Ice with Buttercream icing.

## Buttercream Icing

- 1 cup butter
- 4 cups icing sugar
- 3-6 tbsp cream
- 1 tsp vanilla

1. Whip butter till it's white and creamy
2. Add icing sugar ½ cup at a time, whipping between each ½ cup.
3. Add Vanilla, whip again.
4. Add cream Tbsp at a time till desired consistency is reached.

## December

12 Evan  
12 Owen G.  
13 Eric  
24- Vincent  
27 -Keith  
30 -Greg

HAVE A  
VERY  
MERRY  
BIRTHDAY

## January

8 - Marilyn  
8 - Penelope  
11- Trevor  
15- Jim

21 - Mary  
23 - Bonnie  
30 -Laura G





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## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

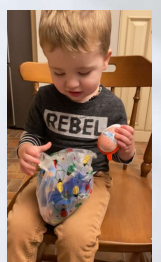
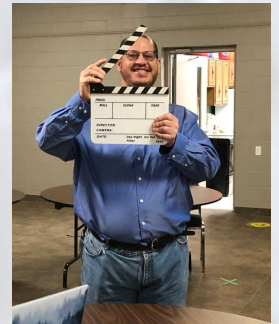
The theme for our newsletter is "Living Love"; I think that really sums up the definition of what volunteering is all about. We have so many people here at South Point that share their gifts, their hearts, their time... with us that are making such a difference for our church family and in our community and we are so thankful!! This past year certainly has looked different here at the church. A lot of our volunteer positions were not needed during Covid but new ones were created to adapt to our new situation. I am so thankful to everyone who helped this year to help keep our ministry here at South Point going (and growing in new directions). We had 63+ volunteers serving in the following ministries: Greeting, Ushering, Kids Wing, Nursery, GST, Sound, Media, Worship, Maintenance, Decorating, Hosting, Admin team, Men's and Women's ministry, Connection Tree phone callers, Drive In Worship Services, Migrant worker packs, making videos, In House Church leaders, Catalyst Team, Pastoral Team and the Prayer Team.

Serving others not only brings joy to the person being served but it is also such a blessing to the person who is volunteering. It helps us to feel connected. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities here at South Point, please let me know.

**THROUGH  
LOVE  
SERVE ONE  
ANOTHER**

*{galatians 5:13}*

We would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with our Christmas Takeout Banquet meal - peeling potatoes, making goodie bags for the kids, delivering meals and goodie bags, making the video....Thank you to everyone who ordered a meal - we were able to donate \$1270 to the Food Bank.





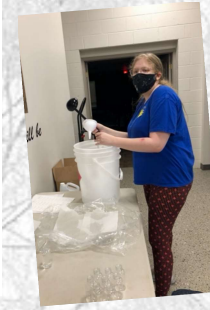
# Church Looking back on 2020

a human connection of love,  
not a building

a lifestyle,  
not a weekly activity

an act of service,  
not a service to attend

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Dagwood Sandwiches  
in the barn



For where two or three  
come together in my name,  
there am I with them.

- Matthew 18:20 -

