

# FOCUS

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

June 2005



## "OFF THE COLLAR"

A memo from our Minister  
Rev. Jack Archibald

It was a wonderful homecoming. She burst through those huge sliding doors that separate greeters from their friends or family arriving on international flights, and we broke into a spontaneous cheer, wrapped our arms around her and wept together.

The occasion was the return of our daughter Martha from her seven and a half month adventure in the Philippines, where she served with two Non-Governmental Organizations as an intern in human rights work. Her mission involved at different times caring for sexually exploited children, showing compassion to orphaned kids living on the streets, travelling alone on long bus rides into the back country to interview prisoners, their families and lawyers, visiting the scene of a violent attempt at a jail break, documenting alleged human rights abuses and writing reports. We were grateful to welcome her home after some dangerous times and at least two bouts of serious illness.

Martha was by no means a "prodigal" daughter, but as we greeted her that day I may have gotten a glimpse into how the father in Jesus' best loved parable would have felt in the absence of his wayward son and when he returned from his sojourn in the "far country." Martha was always on our minds while she was away, and constantly in our prayers. When our eyes caught a book or trinket that belonged to her sitting on a shelf, we'd wonder where she was and how she was doing at that moment. When we learned of her hospitalization or heard how she was engaged in a particularly risky undertaking we were frightened for her, and wished we could be there with her, or better yet, bring her safely home—but we could do neither. And when we hadn't heard from her for a while we became very concerned.

In other words, we were like all parents who love their children. We miss them when they go away and yearn for their safety and wellbeing, and we rejoice when they finally arrive home, as the father in Jesus' parable would have done.

That's why Jesus' story has such power. When we hear "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" we usually identify with the rebellious young man, but we can also understand the waiting father's elation at his return, and his response of thanksgiving. We feel his relief, his happiness, and the deep joy in his words, "Let's have a feast and celebrate! For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" He was, as we would have been, excited to celebrate his son's wonderful homecoming.

Jesus' message is, of course, that the father in his parable is God, our Heavenly Father, and He longs for us to return to Him from the "far country" of sin through repentance and faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. And He shows us how much our Father delights in our return, just as the father in the parable and every loving parent rejoices in the homecoming of the child who has gone far away and has returned at last!

Is there joy in heaven today because you have come home from the "far country?" Have you made that long journey where just to turn is to arrive home again? Your Father's waiting, and watching, for your homecoming—and it's going to be wonderful.

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## FOCUS ON ST. PAUL'S

Just a few comments before Focus goes to summer mode. One is Hobby Day. What a great idea! You thought you missed it? The good news is Hobby Day has been rescheduled and will happen October 15<sup>th</sup>. So if you weren't quite ready in the spring, here is another chance. And imagine if we all decided to share a hobby or interest at Hobby Day.

Many people have been generous in contributing to this issue of Focus. There are stories about (and from) our missionaries who are back at St. Paul's. VBS is coming to St. Paul's in August and you can read on page 5 a result of last year's VBS. There is interesting news from around St. Paul's, book reviews for your summer reading, and more.

And for the summer, we would like to wish you the best of holidays whatever your plans.  
God Bless  
The Focus Committee



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

- May 29** 10:30 am      Sunday School Celebration (Single Service) followed by Barbecue
- June 5**            10:00 am      Communion Service (Single Service)
- All services throughout the summer at 10:00 am*
- June 11 and 12**      Missionary Weekend with the Fullers - please see page 3 for details
- July 10** 7:00 pm      An evening of sacred and classical music  
featuring Mark Thallander and Jeremy McElroy
- August 15 - 19**              Vacation Bible School
- September 11** 10:00 am      Rally Day (Single Service)
- September 18** 9:00 am      Contemporary Service  
10:30 am      Traditional Service  
*Sunday School Classes Begin*



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# ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY FAMILY NEWS

by Muriel Barrington

## **COLIN ADAMS -- KAMPALA EVANGELICAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, UGANDA**

Colin is grateful for a good report from his cardiologist and also for the financial support St. Paul's recently sent to the Theological School where he is the administrator. There are several staff changes about to happen there. We should pray for the new appointees and also for wisdom for Colin as he considers searching for his own replacement.

## **KATRINE BARTON-COWARD -- URBAN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH, OTTAWA**

Katrine asks us to pray for a friend amongst the poor who lost everything in a fire recently, also for wisdom and strength for staff and volunteers as spring, summer and fall are prime times for outreach downtown. Many life giving conversations happen on street corners and buses, etc.

## **GEOFF & ESTHER BEATTY -- SIM, SENEGAL**

The Beattys write that it is wonderful to have running water in their new house in Kaffrine. They have had several North American teams visit them in February and March, and had a good Easter vacation with their children home from Bourafaye Christian School. They ask for prayer for the staff needs there for the next school year. All the family plans to be in Canada for July and August.

## **ANN BURGESS --OMF, THAILAND**

Ann is grateful that the defective tiles on the new church roof have been replaced before the heavy rains. She and her helper, Gwey Fong, ask for prayer for patience, perseverance, wisdom, and a faster rate of progress on their translation checking of the Mien Bible. There seem to be so many delays and equipment failures.

## **JON & MARILYN FULLER -- OMF, TORONTO**

The Fullers rejoice in the many new appointees from Canada preparing for international service with OMF. Their own family now has medical clearance and assurance of bursaries at the Canadian International School in Singapore if there are spaces for the girls. Expenses in general are higher than in Canada so their needs are greater, but they are trusting in the Lord's provision if He wants them in Singapore. Pray for them and plan now to be around on June 11th and 12th when they visit.

## **MYRON & BETTY HARRISON -- OMF, PHILIPPINES**

Myron continues to help train and support young leaders and promote healthy team ministry while Betty encourages and works with the urban poor in Manila. The Harrisons were a great support to Martha when she was in Manila.

## **LESSARD/CLOUSTONS -- KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY, JAPAN**

Michael plans to be in Toronto for a few days at the end of May to defend his Ph.D dissertation. Pray for him and Wendy and the boys in Japan. The recent train accident was close to their home but not on a line they normally use.

## **IVCF STAFF, OTTAWA**

**JILL HAMER-WILSON** is concentrating on leadership training for the three campuses. **RUTH ANDERSON** is overseeing several growing high school groups and a teacher's fellowship. **SHEILA WILLIAMS** organizes social events for international students, which often lead to caring friendships and participation in Bible discussion groups. **LORNE LIKELY** is busy developing a graduate and faculty ministry which will be an encouragement to Christian academic achievers. Pray for them.



The Mission Team welcomes **Dale and Natalie Ward, Peter Philpott, Ruth Whitehead, and Martha Archibald** back from their various international ministries. We are all grateful to God for their safe return and for what they were able to accomplish in the Lord's strength while they were away.

We are looking forward to hearing their stories on the last weekend of September when everyone is back into the fall routine.

*Please put it in your calendar.*

## NEXT MISSIONARY WEEKEND

**Jon and Marilyn Fuller, and their three girls**, plan to be with us on **June 11th and 12th** before their expected move to Singapore in the summer.

Many remember Jon as he was our Missionary-in-Residence in February, 2003.

We are preparing a "Dessert and Coffee" time at 7 p.m. on Saturday with the Fullers telling their story about 7.30. This is a family event. We look forward to having Jon preach on Sunday at 10.00 a.m. as well.

*Don't miss this opportunity to meet with these gifted servants of the Lord.*



## HAVE YOU MET.....?

### Dan Seekings

"A PMQ brat". That's how Dan describes his early years. He and his younger sister lived with their parents on military bases in Canada and overseas. Dan was born in Winnipeg but began school in France. He still has his slate and copybook to prove it! In those years Dan spoke Flemish, learned from his mother who was a Belgian war bride, French and English. Moving back to Canada Dan attended high school in Trenton. At the end of his grade 10 year the family moved to Rockcliffe Air Base in Ottawa and Dan attended Rideau Park High School and then Carleton University where he majored in geology.

While at Carleton Dan was introduced to IVCF and made many friends among the people in that group. During the spring of 1968 Dan was challenged by the love of God for him on several different occasions - once by the Youth Group Leader at Rockcliffe Air Base, later by a speaker at Carleton and then by Mario DiGangi at St. Paul's. That summer he went north and worked as a prospector with a mining company. Prior to leaving his friends loaded him down with books to read. Over the summer as his friends read the letters that he wrote they noticed that a change had taken place in him. On his return Dan became very involved in the IVCF group at Carleton and eventually became the president.

Dan and Erma met at Camp Iawah and were married while Dan was completing his M.A. in Physical Geography. Three sons were born to them, Jonathan, David and Stephen. Jonathan is a pilot and lives in the west with his wife, Shula. They are expecting their first child in September! David is married to Kim and he is working on a PhD in Political Science at UBC. The sudden death of Stephen in March, 2002, was a great shock to all who know and love the Seekings family.

The Seekings lived in Calgary for several years when Dan was with the National Energy Board. They came back to Ottawa in 1984 and in 1990 Dan became the Departmental Assistant to Jake Epp, the then Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. He stayed in that office and worked for 5 consecutive Ministers as Senior Departmental Energy Advisor. In 2001 he became the Executive Assistant to Ralph Goodale. He then moved to Public Works where he is currently working at the request of the Prime Minister's Office.

Dan and Erma came to St. Paul's in 1976 intending to slip in and slip out. Bill Duffy met them and before they knew what happened they were the leaders of Young Life and they have been with us ever since. We thank God for their ministry among us.

It is often said that if you want something done then ask a busy



### Muriel Barrington

person. Over the years that adage would apply to Muriel. She has proven to be ready and able to accept all challenges that come her way - from leading junior choirs to teaching Sunday School to organizing programs for teens and adults alike.

Muriel is a child of the manse. Her mother and father ministered in Presbyterian churches in various cities in Ontario. Muriel was born in Hamilton, the second oldest of 4 daughters for the Sutherlands. The daughters are well know to the people at St. Paul's - Lois Duffy, Sheila Geiger and Margaret Kouwenberg. In fact in their retirement the Sutherlands lived in Ottawa and were members of St. Paul's.

Muriel attended schools in Sault Ste Marie, Welland and Toronto. The family moved to Toronto just in time for Muriel to take Grade XIII. While at Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto she met a fellow student by the name of David Stewart!!!

Muriel graduated with an honour's degree from the University of Toronto and then attended the Ontario College of Education. IVCF played a significant role in Muriel's life during her years in university. It was a time for the consolidation of her faith and the development of leadership skills through the Bible studies and lively discussions. It was also the time when she met Ron with whom she served on the executive of the IVCF group.

Muriel taught high school for several years while Ron continued his studies and they were married in 1956. They moved to Ottawa where Ron worked as a physicist in communications and space research. Since its earliest days in D. Roy Kennedy School St. Paul's has been the home church for the Barrington family. Their 3 children, Nancy, who was born in Ottawa, Peter, who was born in Norway where they lived for two years, and John who was born when they returned to Ottawa, grew in their understanding of the faith through activities in the church. Muriel and Ron have 8 grandchildren - the oldest of whom was married in May.

Muriel has been an active participant in the life and ministry of St. Paul's as well as in the Presbyterian church at large. She served on the Board of World Mission and has been a member of the Assembly Council. Muriel continues to be active at the Presbytery level and is on several Session committees as well as coordinating our own Missions and Outreach Team. Ron and Muriel were the leaders of this committee when the concept of the St. Paul's Missionary Family was introduced.

Thank you Muriel for your faithfulness and generous hospitality which has been appreciated by so many within the congregation as well as the many visitors to St. Paul's. God bless you!



# St. Paul's Outreach to Morrison Gardens *Evelyn Pike and Eldon Frost*

In the summer of 2004, twelve children from neighbourhoods along Morrison Drive and Iris Street attended the Vacation Bible School [VBS] program at St. Paul's. Arrangements for the attendance of these children was made through the West End Chaplaincy, which is a confederation of churches supporting ministry in these neighbourhoods and in Foster Farm.

These children added a great deal to the VBS program, relationships were developed, and concern for the ongoing spiritual needs of these kids was expressed by members of the congregation. In the fall, approaches were made to the West End Chaplaincy to see if St. Paul's could assist in some way in the nurturing of these children, perhaps through their attendance at St. Paul's Sunday School. While this did not prove possible, St. Paul's was invited to participate in an after school program for the kids at Morrison Gardens. In particular, help with music was required; in fact, the program had not started in the fall because of a general lack of volunteers to make it go.

Youth at St. Paul's were asked if they wished to help with the music. They did. St. Paul's has led the music, has led the provision of crafts, and assisted with food for the program, which started up in November last year. Every Friday from 4:10 to 6:00pm, with the exception of holidays, about 20 children – sometimes 15 and sometimes as many as 30- gather to sing songs of praise, to hear a master story teller relate stories from scripture, do crafts, and eat a nutritious meal. Participants from St. Paul's have included Margaret, Sabrina and Kaleigh Tallett, Josie and Christina Legrow, Evelyn and David Pike, Victoria Mabie, Erica Mejia, James Shugart and Eldon and Mary Frost.



It is a joy to hear these children sing the songs they have been taught. Participants from St. Paul's have been greatly blessed by their association with these kids and the other program volunteers, and the occasional meeting with parents. May the name of Jesus be lifted up through this outreach program!




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## Summer reading suggestions *-Ross Dixon*

### **"Finding God in Unexpected Places", Philip Yancey, (Doubleday, 2005)**

Philip Yancey, well-known Christian writer of such thought-provoking books as "Soul Survivor", "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" and "What's So Amazing About Grace?" has just released a revised and updated version of his 1995 best seller – "Finding God in Unexpected Places". Originally a compilation of articles from Yancey's journalistic writings, this revision looks at the world from a post "9/11" viewpoint. A quote from the book's jacket reads: "He shows inspiring evidence of God in the most unlikely places – including Ground Zero – while refusing to settle for easy answers".

Why not enjoy this volume and appreciate the thoughts of this fine writer considered by many to be a modern C. S. Lewis?

### **"1,000 Places to See Before You Die; A Traveler's Life List", Patricia Schultz (Workman, 2003)**

Both armchair travellers and "real" travellers will enjoy "**1,000 Places to See Before You Die; A Traveler's Life List**" by Patricia Schultz. Seven years in the making, almost 1,000 pages in length, this impressive New York Times bestseller is an around-the-world listing of exciting places to visit. Schultz has grouped the entries by areas of the world, with a major emphasis on Europe. Websites for more information are included, as are costs, best times to go, and phone numbers. This is a great book to "dip into" and dream about while lounging beside the pool this summer! We may never actually visit many of the places mentioned but we can enjoy painting vivid mental pictures on a vicarious journey. Think of the money we'll save!

# The Presbyterian Record

*"The voice of our denomination as shared with the people"*

First published in 1876, The Presbyterian Record must be one of the longest lived magazines in Canada, and is the voice of our denomination as shared with the people. Under the leadership of Editor David Harris, who has given it a fresh look since he became Editor, it is published eleven times a year, and contains a mix of letters to the Editor (a real "mix" and always worth reading), news of Church policy developments, international events and situations which affect our overseas partners, and special visitors and events which can affect the life and work of the Church. The AIDS crisis in Africa and the tsunami catastrophe in Asia come to mind, as do recent articles on the new screening policy for church volunteers and employees.

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There are always articles of reflection and spirituality, as well as news about others in our widespread denomination. A series of articles which describe and interpret the various - and varying - Presbyteries across Canada (there are 46 in all) is informative and interesting. Items for Youth and Children are a regular feature, and the February issue had special articles on Christian Camping.

Pictures abound (some in color) and in recent months have included Desmond and Pauline McConaghy, and in the March issue one of a group of then young, now distinguished, theologians including our own Pastor Jack...

Book reviews, lists of recent ordinations, pulpit vacancies, and obituaries (these last notably fewer and shorter since a charge was imposed...) appear in each issue, and opinions on social and cultural issues are invited (maximum 650 words). So do check the copies available in the Church Library, and even subscribe - at \$18 for 11 issues it is good value.



## Mark Thallander to Return in July *Ross Dixon*

It's been almost two years since California organist Mark Thallander last visited St. Paul's to provide us with an exciting evening of music. Shortly after that evening, as many in our congregation know, Mark was involved in a dreadful vehicle accident that led him close to death's door and subsequently required the total amputation of his left arm.

Buoyed by his strong faith in Christ, and the love and prayers of many friends around the world, Mark has made an amazing comeback. He has even kept his wonderful dry sense of humour!

In February I had the privilege of travelling to Pasadena, California, to sing in a choir of over 400 voices as part of a choral and organ festival that he had arranged. At that event Mark played a beautiful organ solo as well as an organ duet with Pittsburgh organist, Jeremy McElroy. It was amazing to see and hear what Mark was able to do with one hand and two feet!

I'm delighted to announce that Mark will be back with us at St. Paul's on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. He'll be at the organ console for the morning service and then will be performing in the evening at a special concert we've entitled "*Musical Gems*".

The concert will be an extravaganza of talent. Mark will be joined by organist, Jeremy McElroy, and our church pianist, Phyllis Deeks. Jeremy is a friend of Mark's who frequently plays organ duets with him. Jeremy's involved musically at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, a large church in Pittsburgh, PA, known for its fine music program. It's interesting to note that several American composers have now written organ music especially for Mark - solos for one hand and two feet, and duets for three hands and four feet.

Also on the program we'll be hearing from Natasha Chapman, St. Paul's Youth Director, playing her flute, and yours truly will be singing a solo and leading some audience hymn singing.

Why not circle July 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar now and plan to invite friends for this very special evening of music? Tickets will be available in early June. It would be wonderful to have a "full house" to welcome Mark back and to enjoy his fine musical offerings. (Ed. note: See back page of this issue of Focus for further details.)

# THE CASE FOR A CREATOR

There may be in St. Paul's some in our congregation who have read at least one of Lee Strobel's books. Bill Nesbitt tells me that three of his "Case" books are available in the library, viz., "The Case for Christ", "The Case for Faith", and more recently, "The Case for a Creator".

I have found Lee Strobel to be a fascinating writer. He was a law school graduate who became an award-winning journalist and legal editor of the Chicago Tribune. A spiritual skeptic when he began researching the material for this series of books he became a follower of Jesus Christ in 1981. He then spent many years thereafter as a teaching pastor in two of America's largest churches.

Because of his law training, his research took on the style of interviewing the most knowledgeable and influential authorities in the field using the most difficult and probing questions to prove or disprove his case.

My attraction to "The Case for a Creator" was how he set out to prove, as many scientists of the time thought, that science had made the idea of a Creator irrelevant, only to find through recent research that there is overwhelming evidence that the universe was intelligently designed. In his book, Lee Strobel interviews eight highly qualified scientific authorities in such fields as physics, mathematics, astronomy, cosmology, geology, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, philosophy, theology and human consciousness.

Strobel tells how he was convinced to become an atheist from the teachings he received and the textbooks used throughout his high school and college years which presented Darwin's theory of evolution through natural selection as fully trustworthy. In his first interview with a post-doctorate research biologist, who also began as an atheist, he listened while the four basic assumptions of Darwin's theory were methodically shot down and the textbook illustrations of similarities in embryos as evidence of a common ancestor were exposed as fakes.

Space does not permit me to highlight the compelling evidence contained in all his interviews but perhaps a sample or two may whet your appetite to look for more in Strobel's book. His interview with a physicist is fascinating where I was to learn that the fine tuning of our universe is so precise that it boggles the imagination. In order to sustain life on our earth there must be a certain ratio of carbon to oxygen which is actually produced in the stars. A one-percent change in the strong nuclear force for this production would throw the carbon-oxygen ratio completely off balance. He also talked about gravity which is the weakest force compared to nuclear force which is the strongest. Thus gravity has an extremely narrow range for life to exist. Research by physicists has shown that there are more than thirty such

physical parameters that require precise calibration to produce a life-sustaining universe.

Evidence from astronomy indicates that our God the Creator placed planet Earth in the safest and most unique position in our Milky Way galaxy. Factors which maintain our life-sustaining properties are its nearly circular orbit around the sun, its 23.5 degree tilt, our distance from the sun which is designed to provide the right amount of light and heat over its eleven-year sun spot cycles. Our position relative to Jupiter and the moon protects us from many comet impacts. The moon actually stabilizes the tilt of the earth's axis and its size is just right for its effects on tides. Earth is eminently situated to allow scientists to observe the ever-changing universe and to obtain so much data that can only put us in awe and praise of our Wonderful and Powerful Creator.

The interviews are not limited to this universe and planet we live in but also the amazing and intricate structure and function of our bodies. Now we reach the molecular level, where we learn from the biochemist interviewed that the cell is actually run by micromachines of the right shape, the right strength and the right interactions. Of the many cellular components one might select as an example, the ribosome is truly amazing. It is a collection of some fifty large molecules which function as an automated factory that can synthesize any protein that it is instructed to make by DNA. The writer marvels that this remarkable piece of machinery which has the capacity to construct every living thing on Earth, can construct all its own components in a matter of minutes and is millions upon millions times smaller than the smallest piece of functional machinery ever constructed by man. How this is accomplished I leave to your further reading!

The most heartening news to come from Strobel's interviews is that more and more scientists have come to realize the fallacy of Darwinism and now believe that from the beginning a Designer of infinite wisdom is responsible for all we as human beings have been given the privilege to explore. Many among them have also embraced our God as their personal Lord and Saviour.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". Let us praise His Name forever.

*Happy reading,  
Jim Logan.*



## *Ghislaine's Notes*

*It is spring time now, many of you are getting ready to work in the garden, Bill and I are a little bit disappointed, the rabbits love our plum tree so much, we may lose it.*

### *The story of some apple trees*

We are grateful for the Bible Stand on the Communion Table crafted by Arnie Wepler. The Bible was the first Pulpit Bible at St. Paul's presented in 1960 and the stand is made from the apple trees that once grew on this property.

### *Proud grandmothers and mothers*

Eleanor Hurd's granddaughter Jennifer Hurd daughter of James Hurd, minister of Parkwood Presbyterian church and niece of Scott and Beth Hurd, won a spelling bee for the province of Ontario. Jennifer is 12 years old, the only home-schooled competitor in the competition at the CanWest Can Spell Spelling Bee Finale in Ottawa. She finished third for Canada. She went to Washington D.C. with eleven others from Canada to compete from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Margery Fraser's grandson Geoffrey Spruit, 14 years old, played lead in the Winchester curling team that represented Ontario and won the gold medal for those under eighteen, at the International Curling Championship in Calgary.

Hans Kouwenberg, son of Joyce Kouwenberg, and former member of St. Paul's was honoured with the degree "Doctor of Divinity" at the Presbyterian College Commencement, Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Wayne Sollows, son of Lorraine Sollows, was ordained to the Christian Ministry during a service of Ordination held Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> at McPhail Memorial Baptist Church. His ordination was the culmination of a continuing journey of faith that began with a decision for Christ during the Ottawa Billy Graham Crusade in June 1998. Wayne and his wife, Carol, thank all those that have upheld them in prayer over the past several years. They also give thanks for the blessing of such a supportive church family to his mother Lorraine during her illness.

### *New arrivals*

February 20<sup>th</sup>, Christopher Sean King, first grandchild for Lawrence and Belinda King and first greatgrandchild for Helen Dobbing---February 25<sup>th</sup>, Kendra Grace, 6th grandchild for Andy and Helen VandeSande, a 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter for Donna Lee and Lee McCambley ---March 21<sup>st</sup>, Sophia Naomi, a granddaughter for Elizabeth and Sholto Cole---April 15<sup>th</sup>, Aimee Elizabeth, a daughter for Cara and Darren Schmidt and a sister of Matthew---Hadrian Connell Dunlop, grandson of Elaine Dunlop and son of Glenn and Christa Dunlop from Oromocto N.B.

### *People we know*

Irene and Charles Zinck celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on March 6<sup>th</sup> ---Frances and Murray Cowan, will celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> on June 1<sup>st</sup> ---Hilda and Reg Wylie, their 36<sup>th</sup> on July 12<sup>th</sup> ---Lola and Ron Barrie, their 71<sup>st</sup> on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> (Lola was 93 on April 7<sup>th</sup>)---Grace and Douglas Alexander, their 51<sup>st</sup> on July 17<sup>th</sup> ---Isabel and William Johnston, their 60<sup>th</sup> on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Mariano DiGangi will celebrate 59 years of ministry next July and will be 82 years old July 25<sup>th</sup> ---June is the month with the longest day of the year, Father's Day and I believe more than one turning 81!!!!!! ---Maggie Culverwell and Andrew Archibald are getting married in Parry Sound July 2<sup>nd</sup> ---Jennifer Young and Rob Chambers at the end of July. Jennifer is a member of the choir---Julie and Vince Ward and their son Samuel William spent the month of April in southern Sudan assessing the needs of the Aweil community, hopefully for future ministry there. May and June they will be leading a youth group for African Inland Mission in a Sudanese refugee camp in northern Kenya.

### *You are in our prayers*

Eva Hutton lost her daughter, Lois, and Vera Boyd a niece---Margaret Stethem's husband died on Easter Sunday---Betty McKechnie, mother of Paul McKechnie and Nancy Stevenson died on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### *They are back*

Peter Philpott from Russia----Ruth Whitehead from Russia----Natalie and Dale Ward from India----Martha Archibald from the Philippines (Bill and I were able to go to the airport, along with her parents and her brother Andrew and Luther). It is nice to see everyone back safely, in answer to prayer.

### *Visiting St. Paul's*

Lisa and Skye Arthur-Banning from Salt Lake City Utah----Kim, Brent, Evans, Emma and Camryn Heather McGregor from Morrisburg N.J.----Mark Richardson from Quito, Ecuador----Emily and Benjamin Stevenson from Hamilton----Elizabeth, Steve, Benjamin, Jesse and Madison Clark from St. Catharines Ont.



### *Alpha and Omega Cantata*

It is always a success when the choir presents a special. This time the junior choir was involved, directed by Evelyn Pike and Robin Shugart. Heather Cucan was the narrator and Scott Hurd was the technician. Sylvia Young created the Alpha-Omega banners.

*I wish you all a safe and pleasant summer. I will be back in the fall.*

*Your friend*

*Ghislaine*



## What's New in the Library *-Bill Nesbitt*

*by Jonathan Cucan*

261.55 H44 2004 **Show me God: what the message from space is about God** / by

Fred Heeren, an investigative journalist. Revised edition. Olathe, Kansas: Daystar Publications, c2004. 404 pages

This well-written informative book has garnered well-deserved publicity in both the scientific and faith worlds. As Heeren points out, with many quotations from some of the top cosmologists in the world today, a great paradigm shift is occurring in science as more evidence is discovered of Divine design in the universe. Even the agnostics are expressing wonder when considering the overwhelming number of scientific factors that had to have existence is possible. Indeed, the author quotes St. Paul, for since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse [Romans 1:20].

You do not have to be technically minded to enjoy this book. The author warns you of the complex sections and invites you to skip over them if you wish. Nevertheless, it is so faith strengthening to see how our Lord and Creator is revealing Himself in the created world that it leads by direct implication to evidence of the Divine inspiration of the Bible.

**Show me God** is up to date with the new discoveries and theories and is just one of the numerous books in recent years that have come to the same conclusions. I recommend this book because it shows what wonderful discoveries are being made in times such as these.

## Mid term Library report!

The Library Team has accepted the resignation of Joan Craven with regret. Joan has cheerfully and faithfully served in the Library since 1999.

The Committee is happy to report that Evonne Isaak is back on staff again. Liliana Mejia, one of our young people, has also been added to our team. We are grateful to Belinda King for her ministry in the Library. Belinda is also very active in the Sunday School program. Joan Sampson, is part of our team when she is not involved in her duties as elder at St. Paul's, the FOCUS team, and as an assessor elder at the Gloucester Presbyterian Church.

Clinton Evans has brought his computer expertise to the Library and has been faithfully providing CDs each Sunday for those wishing to either purchase or borrow copies of the services. We are also grateful to the Sound booth experts who provide audiocassette tapes following each Sunday morning's traditional service.

Respectfully,  
W. J. Nesbitt

# New Construction at Gracefield Camp



It has been a long time coming but this year we are going to provide appropriate accommodation for our camp directors - Dorothy and Alan Herbert.

Last fall a site for a new 3 bedroom bungalow was selected overlooking a ravine. A 125' deep well was drilled the end of March this year with a capacity of 1000 gal/hr.

A septic bed was built in April and the footings and foundation for the house were also poured in April. The first load of construction materials was scheduled for May 6. Completion is expected by June 30.

The project management team consists of Norman Inglis and Malcolm Leith of St. Stephen's and Arnie Wepler and John Paul from St. Paul's!

The home (to be referred to as The Manse) is being made possible with financial support from several sources. \$60,000 from The Crabtree Foundation, \$25,000 from the Ottawa Presbytery Extension Fund, \$6,000 from Seaway/Glengarry Presbytery and \$10,000 from the Synod's Major Maintenance and Capital Projects program. We may have a small mortgage when it is complete.

In 2002 a team of volunteers including 9 from St. Paul's built a 60' x 24' pavillion which has been a real asset for the camp. We expect many of the same team will be involved in the Manse project.

For more information on the project check the display board in the narthex or speak to Arnie or John.

## Bible Boggle

A brain teaser  
from Peter Philpott


How many Bible-related words can you find in this "Bible Boggle"? You may start with any letter-cell and move in any direction -- up or down, back or forth, or diagonally -- and continue in this way until you have formed your word, only be sure NOT to re-use a letter-cell in any one word (you may use it again only when forming another word). There are at least 12 Bible words and over 100 others! Have fun!

C	S	E	N	E	W
H	R	I	H	A	G
A	G	S	P	T	L
C	T	O	T	E	S
E	N	E	R	A	T
D	C	Y	M	S	H

- TORA
- HISTORY
- POETRY
- GOSPELS
- LETTERS
- TESTAMENTS
- GENESIS
- MATTHEW
- LAW
- GRACE
- CHRIST
- AMEN

The Kanata Choral Society  
conducted by  
Gloria Jean Nagy  
will present  
**Operatic Gems**  
a concert of music by  
Puccini, Wagner and others.

Saturday May 28, 7:30  
Glencairn United Church  
Kanata



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# Thank you for a wonderful mission opportunity! *-Peter Philpott*



How does one express six month's worth of short-term mission in Russia (October '04 through March '05) in just a few lines? The answer, of course, is that one simply cannot.

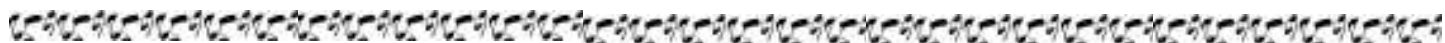
Paradoxically, words have great power to summarize or we wouldn't use them so much! Everyday we depend on getting an impression of various events by the summarizing power of words.

So, although it is impossible to pack six months into one sentence, it is possible -- I hope -- to convey my heartfelt thanks to the people of St. Paul's for making it possible to take up a teaching mission opportunity in St. Petersburg. It is possible too, I hope, to convey an impression: Russians are a giving people.

It's been a busy six months but I have had my eyes opened to just how very much busier the life-style (or rather, "survival-style") is among our neighbours over the pole. There are great needs and great opportunities. That huge land is a complex "riddle wrapped in an enigma", and infinitely fascinating – and exhausting. There are endless frustrations and paradoxes. Just the same, in the middle of all that, Russians are a giving people.



So, again, thank you to St. Paul's for your giving and prayers for this mission. May God use all our giving to increase the opportunities for others all around our world to grow in the gift of His grace in Jesus Christ.



## My Favourite Hymn by *Bill Nesbitt*

*"And then he [Jesus] breathed upon them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" - John 20:22*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what  
Thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will – to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire  
divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.*

As long as I can remember this hymn has been a favourite of mine. It was often sung as the opening hymn of praise Sunday evenings at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kingston. I grew to love it then and since then have used it often in the worship services at Seniors residences.

This hymn is a reminder of the continuing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ as He ministers to us through His Holy Spirit. This hymn is a prayer that the Holy Spirit's work in the renewal of the mind, emotions, and will of the believer will be brought to completion in our heavenly home.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), the author of this hymn, was born in Derby, England. He was educated at King Edward's School in Birmingham, and became a scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford. He was an ordained Anglican minister and from 1859-1862 served as a professor of the classics at Trinity College, Toronto. In 1867 he returned to Oxford and was made Vice-Principal of St. Mary's Hall, a post which he held until 1885. Dr. Hatch was widely known for his scholarship as well as a lecturer but despite his scholarly achievements, Dr. Hatch was said to have possessed a faith as "simple and unaffected as a child."

