


We Need More than Preaching. — *Mark Royall, Lead Pastor*

George Whitfield and John Wesley were well known preachers who proclaimed a message of holiness back in the 1700's. Both had impacted the people of their day with their strong preaching. However, while most of us have heard of John Wesley, not as many people today are aware of George Whitfield. The reason why Wesley's influence carried on and why his message is still impacting lives today is simply because he sought to be more than just being faithful in preaching, he took steps to be to be fruitful. Both he and Whitfield were faithful preachers but Wesley went a step further by forming something called "Class Meetings". These class meetings are what we would call in our church today, Life Groups. Wesley not only preached, but he had his people meet together in small groups every week. In these small group meetings they were to answer five mandatory questions:



- *What sin have you committed since our last meeting?*
- *What temptations have you met with?*
- *How were you delivered?*
- *What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?*
- *Have you nothing you desire to keep secret?*

Can you see yourself being this open and transparent and real with other people? It would be a challenge for us wouldn't it? However, it was because of these groups that lives thrived and grew in relationship with God and with each other. In fact, out of these groups is where the Methodist Church came into being which also sprung the Salvation Army, The Church of the Nazarene, The Wesleyan Church and other holiness churches which still impact our world today.

We need more than preaching. We need to do life together which holds us accountable to the preaching we hear. It is where we become more than faithful, it is where we become fruitful. 


I am His and He is mine

—Joanne Young, Womens Ministry

With the new fall season the Women's Ministries team was considering what Bible passage or theme to focus our attention on for this upcoming year. Psalm 139 was the one that kept coming to the surface. I am sure that it is a familiar passage for most...

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

*You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar...*

We have entitled our theme for this coming year **"I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE"**. To kick off this new season we held our annual Fall Social on October 2nd. We had about 40 ladies in attendance. It was an evening of great fellowship, singing and spending time in His Word. Our special speaker was Grace Wood who told us about a mission that she is involved with called "Sleeping Children Around The World". This organization provides bed kits to children in various countries – www.scaw.org. Grace shared with us from her personal experiences traveling with this organization delivering the kits. Time was also spent starting our look into Psalm 139. We will continue to study this psalm at future events. 

Digital Missions

—David Gagné, Campus Director

Did you know that 85% of people searching for a local church visit the church's website first? We live in a wired culture and it is important that we provide opportunities for people to connect with our church in ways that are relevant to them. Throughout history the medium of communication has consistently changed but the message always remains *"In Christ alone"*. From scrolls to the printed Word to audio cassettes to online streaming - no matter the medium, the Gospel message continues to go forth in places that we may never step a physical foot but through technology we are having an impact in lives all around the world.



Seniors' Ministry

— Gerry Wood, Ministry Assistant



Pictured are some of the Seniors participating in Board Games. The games are played in the Fellowship Hall as part of our Seniors Ministry. Seniors can choose from a variety of games. On this occasion, they were playing Dominoes, Racko and Rummikub. The sessions are from 2.00pm - 3.30 pm, with coffee and snacks provided, on the first and third Tuesday of the month. An invitation is open to all Seniors and anyone who wants to share in good gaming fun. 📖

Da'Vine Kids Ministry

— Gerian Sloetjes, Elder/Da'Vine Kids



Our Da'Vine Kids are learning about the Bible starting from the beginning and learning story by story in chronological order. Recently, we had a record 18 children say the challenge bible verse(s) which is no small feat. We have had two "Harvest Days" where kids can redeem their "fruit points" that they have earned by memorizing verses, winning sword drills, and bringing new friends to the club. The kids are winding up with some pretty great prizes! We have a great family devotional that the majority of children are following along with at home, getting them ready for the next week's lesson.

Pray for our children that they would remain in the vine! By showing up week after week and studying the word of God, we know that God's word will not return void. Pray for our volunteers that we will continue in the unity that we are enjoying right now. 📖



Reflecting on One Year

— Isabelle Gagné, Campus Missionary

It has been almost one year since David and I arrived in Niagara Falls. We enjoyed a warm Gate welcome when we first visited as guests. Now as the Campus Couple and part of the family we have come to rely on and appreciate the genuineness of your faith and fellowship. So, what is a day in the life of the Campus Couple look like? For starters, no two days are alike! Both David and I enjoy interacting with our campus and senior renters, getting to know them better and attending to their needs. When required, one of us will do needed repairs in the apartments of Valley Way. On snowy days the snow needs to be cleared, on sunny days the grass cut. But our favorite activity here is bridge-building.

We remind ourselves many mornings that interruptions are where ministry happens. So even during busy weeks with deadlines looming we are very careful to stop and take time with people. It is enjoyable to watch weekday visitors sit on the lobby couches and listen to the stories playing on the TV or reading a book. Regularly we have opportunity to chat with our neighbours inside and outside the building. Many have connections to the building as former students, teachers and building contractors. Why is it everyone remembers where the Principals Office was?!

Thank you for welcoming us to The Gate Family. I will encourage you with Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace – so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 📖

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