



# On the Same Page

“But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,” we also believe, therefore we also speak,” (2 Corinthians 4:13 NAS95)

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### Developing Direction

#### Forever-Family Fellowship

**We will teach and practice truth-and-love relationships with brothers-sisters in Christ that must survive/thrive in the present because we believe that these relationships will last forever**

#### All-Week-Long Worship

As the local body of believers gathers each Sunday for worship, **we will inspire a worship experience for all age groups that will travel with you all week long.** What we do on Sunday will assist you in your singing, in your praying, in your devotion, and in your witness.

Conversely, it is as you worship all-week-long that you will be prepared to enter into gathered worship on Sunday.

#### Day-to-Day Discipleship

As followers of Christ, we are disciples every single day. Respect for and commitment to Scripture is essential. **We will show you how to interact with and respond to God's Word, both as individuals, and in groups.**

#### Moment-by-Moment

#### Mission

God, the Architect of the world and of our lives arranges appointments and interruptions. Each of us is called to represent His Son for the glory of His Name. **We will cultivate a mind-set for moment-by-moment mission, whether close to home, or far away.**

### A Tribute to Jason, and Jesus

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Jason Nightingale visited our church about 2 1/2 years ago for one of our Thanksgiving celebrations. On that Saturday evening, he took about an hour to “tell” to us the Book of Revelation from Scripture. The next morning he “told” us more of Scripture, from 1 John, and spent some time applying it to our lives.

As a young man, Jason served in Viet Nam as a medic. He came home at the age of 24, and joined a traveling drama team called Covenant Players. He was not a believer at this point, but he started reading the Bible in order to better understand some of the plays that the troupe was performing. It was through his immersion in the Scriptures that he came to faith in Christ.

Jason believed that God was calling him to a ministry of Scripture-telling - of presenting Scripture to crowds of people in dramatic fashion, from memory. He thought it would take place on a stage, but, as it turned out, it was most often in local churches, like ours. His first project was to memorize the Book of Revelation. He completed that memory project in one month. He went on to memorize First Peter, and then sixteen other books of the Bible.

This immersion in Scripture - studying, memorizing, reviewing, and telling - produced many effects in his life. One of these was to feed a dynamic faith. One feature of this faith was that he expected results to issue forth from God and from His Word, not from the clever wielding of techniques with which the modern church seems to take. Another feature of his faith was that the Bible was not just to be talked about, but to be obeyed. And so, later in his ministry, 27 years after first beginning Wordsower Ministries, Wordsower International came into being.

Wordsower International is a faith-based ministry seeking to help national pastors and churches minister to the overwhelming need of widows and orphans in Haiti, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Kenya, and India. More recently, Wordsower has also gotten involved in Nepal, with a targeted goal to hinder the heinous practice of child-trafficking.

This winter, Jason was ordered by doctors to curtail his extensive traveling/telling ministry due to a severe heart condition. He died on April 19, at 68 years old. But he had one of the strongest hearts that I've seen in my Christian experience - a heart for God's Word - a heart for Jesus - a heart for ministry - a heart of compassion. I pray that his influence will continue to be felt, and that the international ministry will continue.

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Martin Luther, and his “Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans” (1522, and revised in 1546). It was from Romans that Luther read the words that led to his conversion. It was from this preface that, some 200 years later, John Wesley came to faith in Christ. This preface shows Luther’s appreciation of the gift of God’s Word (even as he was busy translating the Scriptures from their original languages into German).

**“This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.”**

Martin Luther’s Basic Theological Writings. Augsburg Fortress, 2005, p. 98.

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## **News and Notes**

**Prayer Time:** Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., at the Milford Tim Hortons; Sundays, 9 a.m., in the sanctuary

**Thank you** to Ron and Paula Strouss for planning last week’s **Church-Wide Canoe and Picnic**. **Thank you** to Mike and Lisa Goldin for leading the **Marriage Communication**, which concluded this past Tuesday.

**This Sunday, July 2, we will have a potluck breakfast** at 10 a.m. in place of our regular Sunday School hour. Plan to join us at 10 a.m., and share in the fellowship before we gather for worship and Lord’s Table at 11 a.m.

Our monthly **American House service is going to be delayed one week, until Sunday, July 9**, to avoid the holiday weekend.

**Please note the church’s new phone number: 248-717-3564**

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**Weekly Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Last Sunday, June 25, we continued “Jesus’ Plain Preaching”, from his Sermon on the Plain.** Having introduced Luke’s alternation between blessing and woes, we are taking each of the 4 pairs in detail, and though about rich and poor (vv. 20,24), **in a message entitled “The Problem of Prosperity.”** [Listen to the message here.](#)

**This Sunday, July 2, 11 a.m., we will celebrate Jason Nightingale’s ministry, and Jesus’ ministry, with our own local Scripture memorization, application, and Lord’s Table.**

**No Sunday School classes this week due to the potluck breakfast at 10 a.m.,** but we will resume next Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m. Our adult class is studying subjects related to the morning message; the youth are tackling a series on Biblical answers to tough questions; the children’s class is learning the Lord’s Prayer.

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