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**THE LESTER RANDALL
PREACHING
FELLOWSHIP (LRPF)**
**Sunday, November 3 –
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The Cover - Autumn Planting at the Yorkminster Park Centre entrance.

This newsletter focuses on YPBC activities both immediate and for the next year. Of particular note is the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship in November, the Church Retreat in late May 2014 and ongoing Women's Activities. The YP Gallery has several interesting shows with an added feature, the *Art Speaks* dialogues.

Past activities reported on include the BCOQ Assembly; *Soul Strength*.

Comments and suggestions for future editions of the YPBC News are welcome. The deadline for submissions for the winter edition of the YPBC News is 29 November 2013.

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Paul R. Hill

For twenty-five years the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship offered a Saturday morning lecture and lunch and sermons both Sunday morning and evening by some of the English-speaking world's most outstanding preachers and professors of the craft. A survey of the guests the LRPF has brought to our pulpit is spectacular.

The preaching fellowship was envisioned by our late Minister Emeritus Dr. John Gladstone and supported by a trust fund established through the generosity of the late Gerard Collins. The preaching fellowship was named to honour one of the greatest lay people in the history of Yorkminster Park, Lester Randall. It was appropriate as Lester took a particular interest in the preaching ministry of the church.

However, after twenty-five years the LRPF committee stepped back for a year in order to reconsider the purpose and the format. The move was prompted by the fact that despite enormous efforts to publicize the event, each year fewer and fewer clergy were attending the Saturday lecture and workshop when in fact the weekend had been established to encourage and support clergy in their calling to preach.

A survey of clergy helped us realize the event might be more successful were it held on a Monday and/or Tuesday rather than on Saturday. It would seem today's clergy are not free on Saturdays to attend such an event. After consultation with other clergy and the Board of Deacons the event was rescheduled for 2013 to begin on Sunday evening and proceed to Tuesday at noon. This year's event will be held from 7 p.m. Sunday, November 3 to noon on Tuesday, November 5.

Our survey also helped us to realize that by appearing to be an event of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, clergy from other denominations and traditions were not sure if it was truly the right fit for them. In response we have forged partnerships in the planning, promotion and presentation of the event. We now have three other churches,

THE LESTER RANDALL PREACHING FELLOWSHIP

Keynote Speakers:

- The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose
- The Rev. Dr. Jana L. Childers
- The Rev. Dr. John M. Buchanan
- The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson

REGISTER NOW!

Metropolitan United, Timothy Eaton Memorial, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian, who are fully committed and working closely with us. We also now have eight seminaries providing workshop leaders and communicating the event to their alumni.

The events of the preaching fellowship, including the meals, were always offered free of charge. However, feedback indicated that if clergy did not have to pay they were less prone to commit to attending and in the end would place a lower value on the importance of the event. We have therefore introduced a registration fee. The partnerships and the fees have allowed us to expand the presentation from one lecture, one workshop and two sermons all offered by the same keynote speaker into a festival with numerous sermons, workshops and lectures featuring four keynote speakers and many workshop leaders.

The LRPF events have always been blessed by the strong participation of the laity of Yorkminster Park. The people have benefited from the lectures and been blessed by the sermons. In essence the Lester Randall weekend has always been a highlight in the fall schedule of Yorkminster Park. So with this change in format, which is clearly aimed at strengthening the participation of clergy, is there still a place for the laity? The answer is a resounding, yes.

The laity will be appreciative of two highly regarded preachers in our pulpit on Sunday, November 3rd. The Rev. Jana Childers of the San Francisco Theological Seminary will be preaching at the 11 a.m. service and The Rev. Dr. David Lose of Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota will be preaching at the 7 p.m. service.

While there won't be a free lunch this year, the congregation will also be able to attend the Monday evening lecture offered by the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan of Chicago. Dr. Buchanan has always been greatly appreciated by the people of Yorkminster Park. His lecture on November 4 at 7 p.m. is titled "*What in the World will Become of Us? Does the Church have a Future?*"

Buchanan is one of the great voices of the church in North America and so it will be of tremendous interest to one and all. The Monday night session is free.

If lay people wish to be further involved they are welcome to register for the rest of the conference and pay the same fee as for the clergy. For more information and to register please go to www.lesterrandall.com or access the page from the home page of Yorkminster Park www.yorkminsterpark.com

To put on such an event we will also require volunteers. If you wish to support the event as a volunteer, please speak with Ellie Pattillo. Otherwise we invite you to mark your calendars and to keep the event in your prayers in the week to come.

Earlaine Stewart Collins Receives Havergal Award

Congratulations to Earlaine Collins who is the winner of the Harergal Old Girls Lifetime Achievement Award for 2013. As we all know the reward is more than well deserved and reflects Earlaine's hard work and generous spirit. She and her late husband Gerard Collins not only helped found the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship, but were also instrumental in the opening of the House of Compassion and in the years since his passing, Earlaine has gone the extra mile again and again to support causes of a spiritual and cultural and compassionate nature. Congratulations Earlaine. We thank God for you. To read more about this award please go to: <http://www.havergal.on.ca/page.cfm?p=2393#.Ujy80cZJNxt>



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ALICE PARKER TO VISIT YORKMINSTER PARK



Alice Parker is widely known and greatly beloved in music circles throughout North America not only as a composer but as an inspirational advocate of singing.

Yorkminster Park, in partnership with the University of Toronto Faculty of Music, the Orpheus Choir, the Royal Canadian College of Organists and others will have the privilege of welcoming the 87 year old dynamo to lead an evening of song on Friday, October 25. This is not a choral concert, but a community sing. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring others for the sole purpose of singing. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken for the House of Compassion.

On Saturday, Alice will be leading a workshop for choral conductors and on Sunday morning she will be our preacher. It will not be a typical sermon, but it will be an utter joy. On Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Alice will be leading a choral concert at the Macmillan Theatre, U of T, featuring almost 300 choristers

including the YPBC choir, the Orpheus choir, the choirs of the University of Toronto and the Cawthra Park Secondary School for the Arts. Tickets for the Sunday afternoon concert are available through U of T or can be purchased online at <http://performance.rcmusic.ca/event/university-toronto-faculty-music-presents-brhow-can-i-keep-singing-celebrating-alice-parker>

For more information about the Alice Parker weekend please check the Yorkminster Park website at <http://www.yorkminsterpark.com/page/60/sing--with-alice-parker/>

Grace and Peace,
Peter

MUSINGS FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

"If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you...." (Psalm 137:5-6)



Last month I attended the funeral of the lady from whom we had purchased our home over 17 years ago. At that time, I was finishing my ministry at a church in Montreal, and I received a call from a lady named Betty. She had been the secretary at Lorne Park Baptist Church for 25 years, and was now retiring. She was a widow, and had raised her children in this home. She was now thinking about moving into a condominium. Her house was only a mile from the church I would soon be pastoring. Would Donna and I be interested in purchasing her home? Well, to make a long story short, we did buy her home. When the deal was closing, she told us how she thought this was truly meant to be, because two of her own children were named Dale and Donna! Betty's funeral caused us to reflect on how our lives have come full circle again. We recently sold our home to a couple with young children. Just as

Betty had raised her family in this home; just as we have raised our three children in this home; now another family will get to enjoy our home and neighbourhood.

Our previous moves in ministry have all been "big" ones, involving a move to another province, with three children in tow. Our move into the manse on St. Clement's Avenue later this fall will be easy by comparison. In our earlier moves, it meant leaving for a different city and province; starting a new ministry; getting used to a new church; and finding new schools for the children. This time around, I have already had a year of ministry at

Yorkminster Park, and you have warmly embraced Donna and I into your midst. So this move will definitely be easier. But then as I began to think about it a little more, I realized that this move will still be hard for another reason – we are leaving behind a house full of memories.

Let's face it – our homes have emotional and sentimental attachments for us. My mother still lives in the family home where I grew up in Nova Scotia. Each summer I visit that home and experience a flood of memories. There is still an inscription in the concrete curbing on the driveway. It was there where my mother used her finger to write the names of my Mom and Dad: "Bill and Ruby 1968", before the concrete was dry. Donna's family still owns the same cottage in Muskoka where she spent her summers growing up. There is a door jamb where you can still see the names and markings of the heights of the children (and now grandchildren) at various stages as they grew. At our home in Mississauga I can still look out and see the markings on the big maple tree where the tire swing was for many years. I can also admire the cedar deck which we built over a weekend with a family building bee, including the younger kids.

Someone coined the phrase "Home is where the heart is". Maybe that is why it is hard to leave the places where we have lived for so long – where we have put our heart and soul into making not just a house or dwelling place, but a home.

The ancient Hebrews certainly had a special attachment to places. This was especially true of Jerusalem and their beloved temple. Psalm 137 was a lament written about the Hebrew exile, when they were captives in Babylon. Listen to the words of the Psalmist: "How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy." Psalm 84 says: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord." This sentiment is still expressed among the Jewish people today. At the end of the Passover Seder, they say: "Next year in Jerusalem!" It expresses that desire and longing to return to the place where their faith and religion is rooted.

As Donna and I prepare to move later this fall, we do so leaving behind lots of memories. But we are excited about making new memories in our new home. Let us remember that anywhere can be a sacred space for us, if we acknowledge God's work in our lives. My hope and prayer is that your home, wherever it is, will be a place of good memories and a place to give thanks to a good God.

Dale Rose

TRANSITIONS

Since the last newsletter there have been several milestones in the life of the church.

Birth

Samuel Jay Climenhaga Lineton, *s of Martha Climenhaga and Ben Lineton (grandson of Pat and Jay Climenhaga)*

Baptisms

Paula Cassidy

Maxine Green

New Members

Busola Akin-Olawore

Rosmary Cormack

Oscar Zaldivar-Reytor

Mike Dilworth

Deaths

Eloise Anderson

William Butler

Norman Houser

Galina Kruberg

Thelma Wilkie

FROM THE WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE

FALL CALENDAR ~ 2013

EVERY FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER TO MAY (EXCLUDING DECEMBER):

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- Knitting/Crochet Group

7 pm, YPBC Friendship Room

Come and create a prayer shawl or bring your own project. Novices to experts are welcome and if required, teaching assistance is at hand! Needles and yarns are also made available for the prayer shawls. Shawls when completed are delivered through Pastoral Care to a variety of recipients including shut-ins, those who are ill and who for any reason are needing a tangible symbol of God's healing love and presence with them. Rhoda Hill enthusiastically coordinates this ministry of care.

MONDAY OCTOBER 28:

SALT AND LEAVEN - Potluck Supper – 6:30 pm

At the home of Violet Pantelidis – 16 Chestnut Park Rd. Toronto



photos by Donna Willett

This is an evening for women to enjoy Christian fellowship, a delicious meal and an opportunity to meet new friends and renew acquaintances in an informal setting. We are delighted that Shara Benavidez has agreed to give us a brief update on her year in Bolivia. All women are warmly invited to come and be encouraged. And please note - a homemade contribution is not necessary!

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7:

BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – at MISSION FELLOWSHIP in the YPBC Friendship Room – 12 noon

Bring along a bag lunch, enjoy fellowship, a cup of tea and the program to follow. This year we are invited to be "In Step with the Spirit through the Fruit of the Spirit of Love" as once again we pray for our sisters in Christ within our seven continental unions. The 2013 program has been prepared by the European Baptist Women's Union. Please join us in prayer and learn what Baptist women are doing to impact the world for Christ through LOVE.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17:

FALL THANKOFFERING – "A TASTE OF THAILAND"

YPBC Heritage Room – following the morning worship service

We are so pleased to welcome Alana Walker Carpenter as our guest speaker this fall. She will be reporting on her participation in the "Business as Mission" (BAM) Global Congress in Thailand last spring. Men and women are welcome at this event.

AND COMING IN THE NEW YEAR – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8:

We are planning another retreat for women at the North York Novotel. Please watch for details later this fall, in the YPBC bulletin and posters (north hall and narthex).

submitted by Jonanne Fenton

SOUL STRENGTH HIGHLIGHTS!

SOUL STRENGTH

Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec Assembly – June 13-15, 2013



Assembly opened with a time of vibrant worship and small groups of prayer following which Heather Rumble Peterson, CBOQ's President 2012-2013, challenged our churches to a “new paradigm”. She chose a translation of the name of God in a version of the Hebrew Torah which translates the familiar, ‘I AM WHO I AM’ as ‘I will be what tomorrow demands’. The world needs Christ followers who are urgently and passionately saying one thing:

We serve a living, loving God who is still speaking, who is not finished yet, who has more truth and light to break forth – a God who wants to meet us where we are and will be what our tomorrow demands.

We acknowledge this urgent message isn't new but is woven deeply into scripture, tradition and our story as Christ followers. As Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec we were encouraged to look at the way the world has disengaged with the Church in order to understand that we're going to have to change the way we think and do things as Christ followers if this passionate message is going to impact a broken world with the good news that its heavenly Father welcomes them home. So that we may enter the chaos of our world as “pictures” of the love of Jesus, we were challenged to empty ourselves and take the form of servants as Jesus did so that others may catch a glimpse of the Creator’s heart. Without continued commitment and engagement we abandon our mission – there is no such thing as spiritual retirement! Will we be the people that the world requires – communities of believers willing to live our lives in the midst of and engage with the world’s brokenness? Quoting from Isaiah 43, Heather affirmed that God can do a new thing in a world that needs to be renewed. The prophet asserts that God is God and there is no other – “I am the Lord, your Holy One.” We need have no fear in bringing His love to our world for our unchanging God will be what tomorrow demands.

Building on the President's address, Matt Wilkinson, CBOQ's Director of Youth and Family Ministries reported that the best days of the Church are still ahead of us because the coming generation are game changers who seek to respond to the injustices of this world. Young people lead with grace and love rather than judgment and rejection and desire to experience God, not just know more about Him. If we hear what they are saying, it will move us to be a stronger and more committed family of churches.

A series of reports were presented by Miranda Queh, CBOQ Treasurer - Laurie Barber, Director of Missional Initiatives - Stan Porter, McMaster University – and Heather Rumble, CBOQ's By-law revision. Tim McCoy, CBOQ's Executive Minister expounded our core values of prayer and cooperation and celebrated how God's continuing provision results in our thankfulness.

Thursday evening, our keynote speaker Ruth Hayley Barton guided us through a spiritual assessment asking “How is it with your soul?” Are we in touch with who we really are and the truth of God in our lives so we can share that with others? If we lose our soul and fall out of touch with what is most true within us, we remain at the mercy of other people's expectations and our own inner compulsions.

Highlights on Friday included a remarkable shadow play performed by the Karen Baptist Refugee Youth Toronto. They creatively retold the story of how an ancient prophecy in Karen culture about a Golden Book was fulfilled in the pioneering missions work of Adoniram Judson in Burma (the play was created by Dennis Hassell Productions). Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) created a multifaceted presentation starting with Dr. Kakule Molo from DR Congo who urged Canadian Baptists to “share good news – don't keep it to yourselves.” We were also asked to pray for CBM missionaries Colin and Karen Godwin who are transitioning from Kenya to Vancouver where Colin is becoming President of Carey Theological College - and for Fiona and Conrad Kwok who will be moving to do work in Northern Thailand. Erika Abele spoke about CBM's new partnership with a group of churches in Cuba, Fraternidad Bautista.

Workshop attendance morning and afternoon were also a part of this day. Delegates could choose from the 30 choices which were made available. Topics ranged from church growth, children's ministry, spiritual formation, biblical transitions, Baptist Women's issues etc.

In the evening Ruth Hayley Barton shared how the practice of solitude and silence gives us the opportunity to become quiet enough to hear what our souls have been needing to say to God and to rest in God's presence. Solitude does not mean emptying our minds but giving God our full and undivided attention, allowing him to speak and to strengthen us from the inside out.

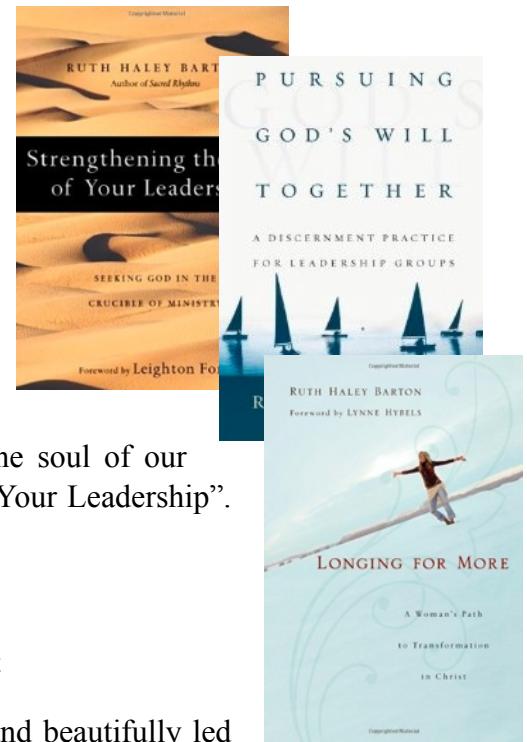
On Saturday we participated in the last of our selected workshops and Brenda Mann, Executive Director of the Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec conveyed CBWOQ's renewed passion for resourcing Baptist Women to make their mission and ministry dreams come to fruition.

In her final address, Ruth Hayley Barton focused on strengthening the soul of our leadership, a topic she probes in her book, "Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership". Three of Ruth's books will be available in the YPBC Gladstone Library:

Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership

Pursuing God's Will Together

Longing for More – A Woman's Path to Transformation in Christ



The entire Assembly was bathed in daily worship rooted in scripture and beautifully led by Glen Soderholm. We were encouraged, informed, inspired and blessed.

With gratefulness for the privilege of being a delegate,

Jonanne Fenton



Save these dates! – May 30, 31 and June 1, 2014 for our ALL Church Retreat. Every age and stage is invited and welcomed. Come for fellowship, rest, learning, fun and worship. Registration will take place in January and February 2014.

PUTTING NAMES TO FACES

A number of people have suggested that it would be very helpful to have some way of matching names and faces of other members of the Yorkminster Park family. The Board of Deacons has asked the Communication Committee to do something about it and they have a plan! The idea is to attach an individual photo to every name in our Church Roll of Members and Adherents and to post that photo gallery in a password-protected area at yorkminsterpark.com that will be accessible only to members of the church family. Everyone 14 years of age and up is requested to have his or her photo taken to be included. Volunteers will be ready to take photos after the Sunday morning service on several Sundays this fall. The next opportunity is Sunday, October 20th -- consult the calendar for more details and future dates. These are not intended to be family portraits but simple head and shoulders photos of individuals. Participation is completely voluntary but we hope everyone -- whether you've been part of the YP family all your life or have only recently joined us -- will participate. The more photos we can include, the more useful this tool will be. This will be an ongoing project so opportunities to get your photo taken or updated will be provided again every few months after the initial effort this fall.

submitted by Allan Williams

NEW MEMBERS

Rosemary Cormack and Oscar Zaldivar-Reytor

Rosemary and Oscar were already known to some at YPBC. Rosemary attended YPBC on and off since the early 1980's and Oscar since 1992. They were married in December 2011 in a Church in Cuba.

Rosemary was born and trained as a nurse in England and emigrated to Canada in 1968. She first attended Y.P.B.C. in 1981 prior to nursing in Saudi Arabia from 1982-1986. She returned to Canada and settled in Scarborough and was a member here until she moved to Mississauga in 2003. There she joined a Lutheran church closer to her home.

Oscar was born in Cuba and in 1992 became a refugee in Canada. Through the help of Matthew House he was baptized at Walmer Road Baptist Church that same year. In 1994 he was successful in having his two children, Maria and Oscar Jr. emigrate to Canada from Cuba.

When Oscar came to Canada he had been an industrial electrician. At Centennial College he retrained as a Heavy Duty Equipment Technician, then enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves. He is now a Canadian citizen and an electro-mechanical technician.

While away both Rosemary and Oscar missed the music and the solemnity of the services at YPBC. They have a long history here, having attended services and Bible studies. We welcome them back.

Busola Akin-Olawore

Busola is a lively 21 year old young woman who arrived from Nigeria seven and a half years ago to continue her education. She was born in Lagos and has one brother and one sister. Her sister preceded her here. Busola has not yet become a citizen.

She grew up in a Christian family, her grandfather being Anglican and her father Baptist. Busola gave her life to Jesus Christ when she was 12 years old and was baptized in Nigeria.

Upon her arrival in Toronto she entered Grade 10 and completed high school before obtaining a BSc degree in Psychology and Health at the University of Toronto. Busola now plans on returning to school to get a research analyst post-graduate degree certificate. She eventually plans to become an independent researcher in the area of culture and child development.

In 2011 she returned to Nigeria for eight months. Busola is passionate about trying to reduce maternal mortality rates there.

She spent seven years looking for a church with a strong sense of "family" and found YPBC on the Internet. Busola is eagerly looking forward to joining our church family where she wants to be involved with our youth.

Michael Dilworth

Michael is married to Denise Tobey who was recently baptized and joined our Church. They have three young boys (5, 3 and 18 months) who are enjoying their Sunday School experience.

Michael was born and raised in Ottawa in a Roman Catholic home and school system. He graduated from Queen's University in Kingston with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and from the University of Western Ontario with an MBA.

In his early years after graduation, Michael became involved in the investment industry in Toronto and then moved to New York.

Michael returned to Toronto to pursue an opportunity in the solar energy business. Initially, his responsibilities were in the financial side of the business, but now, Michael has taken over as head of the Canadian operations for Sun Edison Company. A large part of the Company's business is centered on developing commercial solar energy roof top projects.

When Michael and Denise bought a house in the neighborhood, they started looking for a church home. They were looking for a church in which they could feel a sense of community. They tried another church close by but when they came to YPBC they knew it was a special place with its Sunday School and music. Denise and Michael particularly like the people here because they feel that the congregation shares important values.

WORDS FOR TODAY

KEEP THE GOAL IN MIND

There is a grand wonder to life. Chase it. Pursue it. Hunt for it. Don't listen to the whines of those who've settled for a second-rate life and want you to do the same. Your goal is not to live long...it's to truly live! Micah 6:6 tells us – "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Jesus said, "It is to love your neighbour as yourself."

You can't be criticized for what you don't try. You can't lose your balance if you never climb. You never win a race by sitting on the side-lines. So, don't just take the safe route.... when you can follow the impulses of God. For God, through His son, Jesus, says, "Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it."

Time slips by. Days pass. Years fade. Life ends. And what we came to do must be done while there is time! So live life to the full for Him.

DO YOU SENSE HIS PRESENCE ?

They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by" (Luke 18:37).

If Jesus were walking by, would we crouch down, hoping He wouldn't notice us? He knows we are there. I am sure He would stop anyway. Jesus would call us over and perhaps He would say to us, "Don't hide dear one, what do you want me to do for you"?

Certainly we would need to worship, and praise Jesus for who He is and what He has done for us. Then I am sure it would come naturally to tell Him how exceedingly grateful we are for so many, many blessings. Some we just take for granted. My mission trip to Antigua last January has made me especially grateful for so many ordinary and extraordinary things we so often take for granted. No matter what our challenges may be, Canada is such a blessed country in which to live.

Maybe among the first things we need to do is ask Him to forgive us. To tell Him what needs to be forgiven. Name the sin. Get specific: "Lord Jesus, please forgive me for this. Wash away its guilt. Take away the shame. Then give me the power to face and overcome temptations".

When we ask, we must remember to whom we're speaking. This is the Son of God who created the universe. He holds Neptune, Saturn, and Mercury in position. Why do you and I find it so hard to believe that He can't handle our little problem? I remind myself that the Maker of the stars would rather die for us than live without us. Why then do so many of us have such difficulty believing that He would not forgive our sins, if we truly repent?

Maybe you've grown spiritually cold. The business of modern life has crowded in on you. Prayer has died. Tell the Lord what you need; ask Him for what you need. Please give me an intense hunger to seek after you, Lord. Take away my cold, detached heart and give me a love for people like the love you have for me. Give me the drive to serve others as you have served us. Help me to pray with commitment and devotion. Strengthen me to be as self-disciplined and as obedient as you were to your Father's will.

Notice what comes from blind beggar Bartimaeus' prayer: "Immediately he recovered his sight and followed [Jesus], glorifying God" (Luke 18:43). Bartimaeus used what he had been given (his sight) to follow Christ. Most of us have been given infinitely more blessings than poor Bartimaeus. Now at this new season it's worth checking whether we're using what we've already received... to follow Christ.

As this fall season starts, consider how Bartimaeus' testimony lifts the whole community: "He... followed Jesus, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God" (Luke 18:43).

It is worth asking ourselves, 'what might God be preparing to do through our prayers, our dedicated service, our gifting and our testimony'? If I take the time to notice I can sense His presence...He is still passing by. Do you sense His presence? I am sure He wants us to know He is still there. He's still asking us what we need... if we would just turn aside to notice, as blind Bartimaeus did so long ago.

submitted by Suzanne Wilkinson

Judson Simpson, CCC, CMC

The first Certified Master Chef of Canada has deep roots in Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.



After two years of extensive on-line training, numerous written exams and a grueling four part practical examination, House of Commons Executive Chef Judson Simpson has earned the title of very first and only Certified Master Chef in Canada and attained the highest possible culinary credential in the country. As stated by Rudi Fischbacher, professor and coordinator of culinary programs at Humber College, "The Certified Master Chef (CMC) designation is the PhD of the culinary world".

The CMC program offered by the Canadian Culinary Institute, accredited by the World Association Of Chefs Societies, and delivered by the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism at Toronto's Humber College, consists of extensive courses in a variety of areas including entrepreneurship, wines and spirits, facility planning, nutrition and hospitality marketing.

Also included are rigorous practical examinations on butchery, buffet show platters and charcuterie, baking and pastry, food styling, menu design/composition and nutrition. All components are to be produced in the state-of-the-art kitchen labs at Humber College under the watchful eyes of six international and accredited national examiners.

There were nine registered candidates for the first 2-year program. The final practical exams were held over three days this past June. Judson Simpson was the only candidate to attain the Certified Master Chef of Canada designation.

In an interview Judson Simpson said: "To summarize a two year program is no easy task. However, it is safe to say that I was delighted to be one of the chefs in the first cohort of the CMC program. Not only was achieving my Master Chef Certification a tremendous personal and professional achievement, it was very important for me to be part of validating a program that was introduced during my mandate as National President of the Canadian Culinary Federation (CCFCC). I wanted to be sure that the program was everything we had envisioned it to be... and it is".

Members of YPBC may still remember Judson, when as a young boy he attended Sunday School and later on while performing his 3-year cook apprenticeship, was still active at the church. While ushering me to the pew on a Sunday morning Jocelyn Simpson, his late mother, said: "Judson unfortunately cannot attend church as he always has to work on Sundays".

I had the privilege to get to know Judson through our many professional associations and also as a very dear friend and colleague. Whenever he was in town for meetings to act in his capacity as National President or as judge for culinary competitions, he always made it a point to visit us at Yorkminster Park and participate in our Sunday morning service and so it was of no surprise to me to see and greet Judson in our church on Sunday morning, June 16th. It was the day prior to the demanding and nerve-wracking final examination. Clearly he was at ease and confident that he had done all of the preparations, repeatedly practiced all of the dishes that he had planned to present, and ensured that the timing to do the tasks was precise. He came to church with a strong belief and trust in the Lord to provide him with the strength and confidence required to succeed in this final practical exam. In a way, his visit to YPBC on June 16th reminded me of a passage in Conrad Hilton's book "Be my Guest" in which Mr. Hilton states that he would never go to a signing of a business deal, such as the purchase of the Stadtler Hotel chain or the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, without going first to morning mass and asking the Lord for guidance.

Congratulation Judson! I know that your sister, Jerrilyn Obright is as proud of your achievement as I am.



submitted by Albert Schnell

YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

ART SPEAKS - *a conversation with the artist*

Have you ever looked at a painting and wondered what the artist was trying to say? Most of us have encountered works of art that confound us. The Art Committee is excited to present a chance to peek into the artist's creative process.

The Committee has engaged John Franklin of IMAGO to have four public conversations with four artists exhibiting in Yorkminster Park Gallery's sixth season Sept 2013-Aug 2014. Since 1998



John Franklin has served as Executive Director of Imago, a Toronto-based initiative in support of Christians in the arts in Canada. He is linked with a large network of Christian artists across Canada and internationally. Prior to Imago he was a professor of philosophy at Tyndale University. He publishes Imago's quarterly newsletter. www.imago-arts.org

The schedule for *Art Speaks* is:

9:45 am-10:30 am

Sunday, Oct 20, 2013 - artist Warren Hoyano

Sunday, Nov 17, 2013 - artist David Rankine

Sunday, Jan 19, 2014 - artist Ann Bald-Bloom

Sunday, Apr 13, 2014 - artist Laura Culic

Conversation begins at 9:45am in the gallery (foyer of YP Centre) surrounded by the artist's work. From there the dialogue will move to a more comfortable area with seating. At the end there will be a chance for you to ask questions.

GALLERY SCHEDULE

Oct 5-30: WARREN HOYANO - *Stretched: Explorations in Watercolour* - Opening reception Sun. Oct 6, 12:30-2 pm – award-winning artist Warren Hoyano stretches our common notions of watercolour. He pushes his medium beyond conventional applications and manipulations and scale. The results are large ephemeral abstractions that remind us of shadows, stains and random marks. Hoyano intrigues us with an allusive reality, the kind we glimpse in an x-ray, an ultrasound or a photographic negative.

ART SPEAKS: *a conversation with Warren Hoyano* - Sun.

Oct 20, 9:45-10:30 am - with John Franklin, Exec.Dir of IMAGO. This is the first in a four-part series of public interviews designed to deepen our understanding of visual art. There will be a Question and Answer period.

Nov 2-28: DAVID RANKINE - *Sacred Geometry* - Opening reception, Sun. Nov 3, 12:30-2 pm – rooted in ancient Celtic illumination and music, Rankine's intricate handcrafted pieces also contain elements of Arabic, Hindu, Persian and Hebrew tradition. His art crisscrosses lines of poetry, music, pure science and art. Rankine will play the dulcimer at the opening reception.

ART SPEAKS: *a conversation with David Rankine* - Sun. Nov

17, 9:45-10:30 am -with John Franklin, Dir. of IMAGO. This is the second of four public conversations to help us understand the mind of the artist. Q and A to follow.



Warren Hoyano

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