



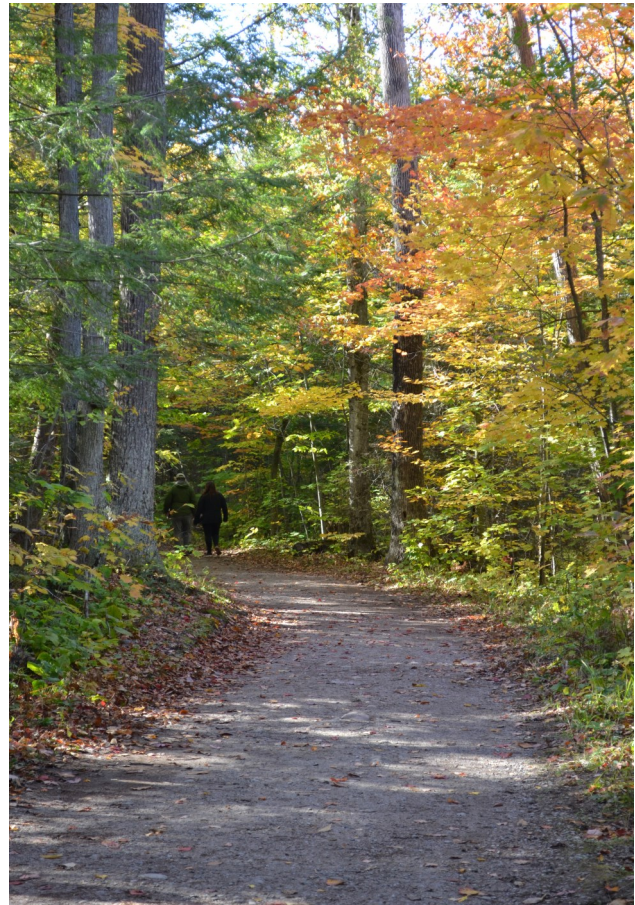
**“Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.
Better a small serving of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred. ”**

Proverbs 15: 16-17

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

Text: Folliott S Pierpoint



Were you there?

On a perfect July evening a number of people enjoyed a campfire and sing-along at the church. Thanks to Dave Issac and his band for leading the music time and to several others who participated with other music and silly skits. It was good to see each other, to have a laugh or two, and to sing some of the old familiar songs.

Reflections on God's Faithfulness

Recently I met with my friend Willa Harding. I asked Willa if she would share her testimony in this newsletter. Although willing to do so, Willa thought she would rather relate some of the wonderful things that happened 42 years ago when Community Bible Church (CBC) began. So, we spent a couple hours reminiscing. The beginning of CBC was a time that God led and provided everything we needed in miraculous ways. There were six families in a home Bible study under the leadership of Dave and Janet Hendry. We were attending North Park Community Church in London. We started to have a desire for a Bible teaching, evangelical church in the Granton area in order to reach out with the gospel to our community. The stories of how that came to fruition are too numerous to tell here but we will relate a few. As a group of believers, all young in age and most were young in their faith, we felt God leading us to proceed. However, there were at least 3 critical things lacking; namely a place for a church to meet, a pastor and finances. One member of our group, John Harlton, noticed that there was an empty house in Granton that had been for sale for some time and wondered if perhaps the



House where the church first met.

owner would consider renting it to us. John found out who owned the house. It was Joe Ebert who lived in Kintore. When John, with prayer and trepidation visited Joe and Anna and explained why we wanted to rent the house, they got very excited. They related to John that that they had been praying that God would use this house for his glory and said we could use the house rent free as long as we needed it. What a wonderful answer to prayer; so

much more than we had expected. For a number of weeks, we cleaned, painted and prepared the house for our first service on the Sept 9, 1979. We had decided that we should provide a nursery, Sunday School classes and a youth class right from the start. The upstairs bedrooms were used for Sunday School classes and a nursery. The downstairs was where the adult services were held. Many people heard of our endeavors and joined us, helping teach youth and SS classes, providing music, etc. On our first Sunday the house church was full of people who just showed up, more than we expected. North Park offered support by sending a couple elders to preach on some of the Sundays. We still needed a pastor and there was a thought that a certain recent Bible Seminary Graduate might be interested in coming. However, that did not work out. But as Bill McRae has stated,

“Our disappointments are often God’s appointments”

Soon, Glenn Fretz, who was working with the Barry Moore organization, a man of strong faith, came and expressed that he felt God leading him to offer to be our pastor. He was not asking to be paid but was trusting God to provide his needs. We were thrilled to have Glenn and Shirley Fretz come alongside. Glenn was our pastor for about 7 years at which time God called him to serve out west. God also provided CBC with the finances for Glenn to be paid. God had answered our prayers in a short time for a place to meet, a pastor and the finances needed to function without debt.

After only a few weeks of our initial service in Granton, we got word that the local township council was going to have a meeting and determine if we could still meet in the house. Apparently, concerns have been raised in the community. The property was not zoned for a place of worship and other possible concerns were expressed. I still remember praying at home during the evening of the council meeting that the decision would be that we could still meet in the house. After all, had not God miraculously provided this house? Imagine our disappointment when we heard the decision was that we must vacate in a few weeks. However, we were starting to learn that **“Our disappointments are often God’s appointments”** and we just needed to trust that God had a plan. Shortly thereafter we were able to make an arrangement with the local school board to rent Prince Andrew Public School on Sunday mornings. Not only could we use the large auditorium, but also the classrooms for the Sunday School and nursery. The church grew exponentially in those first couple years. The contract with the school board had a time limit of 2 years. Just when we needed it, some land was donated by Tom and Marilyn Jenken on which to build the present-day church. At that time there were many more wonderous acts of God supplying our needs, too numerous to recount here.

God is Faithful and continues to be faithful to Community Bible Church. Some might say that we are not to keep recounting history or live in the past. As Tim Grigg said in a recent sermon, **“Today is the sacred moment”**. That is very true. Nevertheless, the word remember occurs in the bible approximately 250 times. Many times, God told the children of Israel to remember the deeds of the Lord. The Psalmist says “I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.” Psalm 77. The psalmist continues throughout the chapter and all of Psalm 78 to recount in details how God led, provided and protected the Israelites.

There are many reasons for remembering God’s faithfulness: to give thanks to God, to bring glory to God, to remember our mission, to encourage ourselves and others to confidently face the future and to energize us in our commitment to keep walking by faith. God continues to have a plan for CBC and will lead, protect and provide everything we need to accomplish His purposes for us.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

During this time of Thanksgiving, let us reflect on God’s faithfulness in our own lives, in our families and in our church. If you have a story to share, please let us know.

Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles and the judgements He pronounced. Psalm 105:5

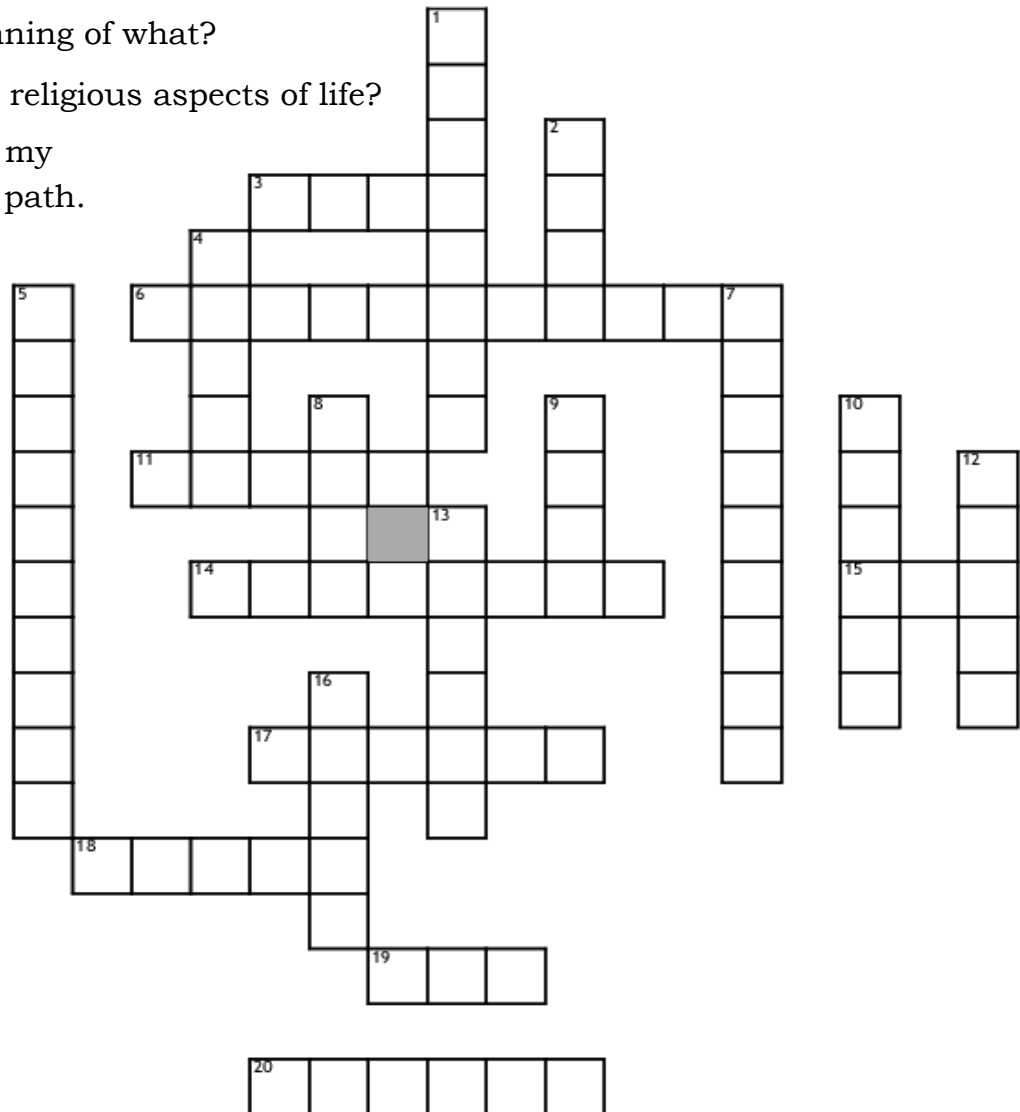
Submitted by Joan Dishman and Willa Harding

Across

3. What does Paul say “may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment?”
6. He was king of Salem.
11. What language was most of the New Testament originally written in?
14. Where did the jailor find his faith?
15. Who fell off a seat and broke his neck?
17. Who was a Jezreelite that owned a vineyard next to the grounds of King Ahab?
18. Let your _____ so shine before men.
19. This book of the Bible speaks about a womb bringing forth ice.
20. Who was the king when Paul escaped in a basket?

Down

1. Who was king of the southern kingdom when the northern kingdom of Israel fell to Assyria?
2. Paul’s death is recorded in what book of the bible?
4. Which disciple found a coin in the mouth of a fish?
5. “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have _____ one with another.”
7. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of what?
8. Which tribe looked after the religious aspects of life?
9. Thy word is a _____ unto my feet and a light unto my path.
10. Whose bones were carried out of Egypt?
12. What type of leaf did the dove bring to Noah?
13. Who was the first hunter mentioned in the Bible?
16. Paul was shipwrecked in what island?



Bible Trivial
Crossword Puzzle

The Lighter Side

- ♦ It's weird being the same age as old people.
- ♦ If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.
- ♦ Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.
- ♦ I thought growing old would take longer.
- ♦ Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
- ♦ I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
- ♦ I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time.
- ♦ One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.
- ♦ I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

Quotes to Consider

**WISDOM IS THE
ABILITY TO SEE
LIFE AS GOD
PERCEIVES IT.**

CHARLES R SWINDOLL

Leadership is setting an
example that others
want to follow.

Unknown.



Thanks to those who participated in the "Name that Hymn" contest in the last issue of Legacy Link. The name drawn for a prize from those who submitted correct answers was Doreen Penhall. Doreen is a faithful member of CBC and lives in St Marys. She and her late husband Ritchie raised 2 children and she has 3 grandchildren and a brand new great grandson.

Honorable mention goes to Marie Holland and Annette Vellenga who also sent in all correct answers, which were as follows:

How Great Thou Art, Trust and Obey, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Victory In Jesus, When I Survey The Wondrous Cross and Fairest Lord Jesus .

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The **Legacy Ministry** (formerly Mid-Life and Beyond) exists to encourage and equip people in the demographic of approximately 50 plus. We recognize that there are unique interests, challenges and opportunities during this stage of life. We strive to provide activities and events for worship, teaching, service, fellowship and outreach.

The scripture we have adopted is Psalm 92: 12-15.

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