



“When I was a child, winters were long and cold. And I loved it. I liked feeling the clouds of snowflakes on my face, I liked sledding and, in my own way, skating across ponds or even puddles of ice. .I charged through neighbors' yards knee-high with snow, prospecting for snowmen, the best ones, of course with carrot noses.”

CAROL DECHELLIS HILL

“Icicles”



The Jewel of Winter is Christmas

A Christmas Morning Prayer

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

O God, our loving Father, help us
Rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
And the worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate and open the
Door of love all over the world.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
That Christ brings, and teach us
To be merry with clear hearts.
May this Christmas morning make us
Happy to be Thy children, and
May the Christmas Evening bring us to our beds
With grateful thoughts,
forgiving, and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.



NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

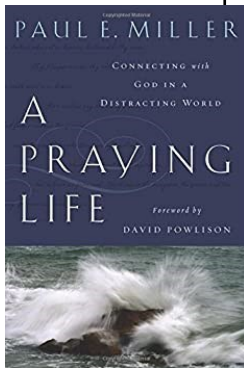
There are few resolutions that we could make for 2023 that would be as beneficial as developing our prayer lives.

“Because of prayerlessness, our lives are often marked by fear, anxiety, joylessness and spiritual lethargy”.

The book I have personally found most helpful on the subject of prayer is the following:

“A Praying Life.- connecting with God in a Distracting World” by Paul L Miller

“A great book on Prayer– biblical, practical, readable. This book will help you generate a culture of prayer in you and those around you.” Dr Tim Keller



“The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves, but a fool's heart blurts out folly.
Proverbs 12:23

Knowledge is like underwear. It is useful to have , but not necessary to show it off!

Faith Came The Answer

A wee small baby in a wooden cradle lay,
The ox, the cow and the sheep, they did sway,
To the heavenly music heard overhead,
While a star in the East shone down on that shed.

A young mother in awe of her new born Son,
For Mary knew...oh yes she knew He'd be the One.
To save the world, offer peace and keep sin at bay,
The outcome of this Holy calling took her breath away.

A young father, Joseph trying to understand,
The will of God and His mighty Hand.
How an earthly father to this Child could he ever be?
“Faith...” came the answer, “Faith in Me.”

Outside a bright light shone in the sky.
From whence floated that music from on high?
What is this but shepherds at the door...
Praying and praising The Lord for evermore?

We imagine this humble scene wondering what is to be discerned.
There are questions here in this holy place, answers to be learned.
Does a soft gentle wind whisper with a fragrance so sweet?
In this manger lies the Messiah. You have been chosen first to meet.

The setting is so simple for such a Divine plan...
Animals, shepherds gaze upon The Babe destined to save man?
The star above the stable lights up the sky,
As angels sing Glory to God! Glory to God on High!

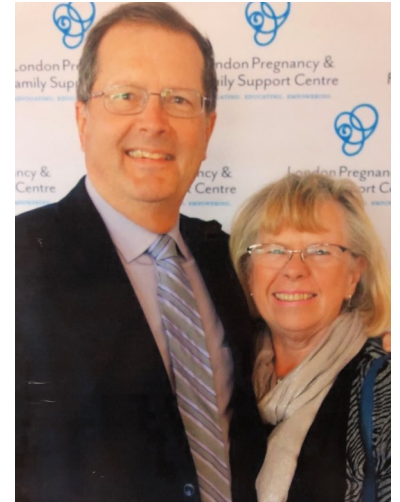
Simplicity and Joy hold hands with angelic Light and Song,
It is for Christ's love that we do so long.
Patience and Faith dance together and hope does soar,
All wrapped up in One Baby, who could ask for more?

BY CATHY CHAPIN

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One goal of the Legacy Ministry is to help us grow in our relationships with one another so that we develop a community of people who worship and serve joyfully and effectively together. From time to time we will feature individuals in the church so that we can get to know them better.

I would like to tell you about a special couple who joined the CBC family in 2018. They soon joined a Life Group and became active members of the church. Ross and Cathy Chapin live in the country just west of St Marys. They have been happily married for 53 years and enjoy their family who consist of a daughter, 2 sons, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law and 6 grandchildren. A three legged Lab adds joy to the family. Both Ross and Cathy are very active people. They own two care facilities, (along with the support of a wonderful board) called Highview Residences, one in London, serving 50 families and one in Kitchener, serving 54 families. They are so thankful to Jack and Ruth Constable, other CBC members, for their vision of starting the first Highview many years ago.



Ross wears many hats. He is President of Dementia Care Inc, a company dedicated to care for those suffering from deep memory loss. Ross is on the Board of McCormick Care Foundation. He also on the volunteer committee for Opportunity International and The Skillings International and Kito School. He also serves as Treasurer for Community Bible Church. When he has spare time, Ross enjoys fishing up north with his boys, and puttering around their country property.

Cathy is retired from teaching art in London from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 13. She loves spending time with her family. Cathy is a very creative person. She takes great joy in creating visual art, singing and writing poetry. You will notice that the poem on page 2 of this issue was written by Cathy. She enjoys reading a variety of books to learn and grow. At CBC she leads the “Together We Pray” time on Sunday mornings which has become one of the vital opportunities to pray at CBC.

Ross and Cathy expressed that they are “so very grateful to be members at such a wonderful church”. We feel that they are a real blessing to us at CBC and we are grateful to God for leading them to us. If you have not met the Chapins, take an opportunity to introduce yourself to them. They look much like their photo. Now you know them a little better.

Together We Pray

On Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 9:30 people join together in Room 9 to worship and pray together. Cathy prepares for and leads this time. The format usually consists of singing a song together, quietly reading some scriptures she has chosen and printed for us and then a time of prayer. Sometimes she has some artwork that she displays that reflects the theme. This time together is very meaningful as we acknowledge our dependence on God and commit the church service and the church’s people and activities to Him. Consider checking out this opportunity. There is no pressure to pray aloud or attend each time. Come when you can. You will be glad you did.

WHERE YOU THERE?



On Tuesday November 29th Legacy Ministry hosted a Christmas Banquet. All 90 available tickets were sold. Everyone enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings catered by Janice Mitchell. After the meal, Bob Heywood entertained the group with his renditions of funny songs and poems as well as beautiful songs sharing the Christmas message of Hope that comes through Jesus our Saviour.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUP'S ON

Come out for a time of food and fellowship. Enjoy a light lunch, a time of singing, fellowship and encouragement. Invite a friend to come along.

When: Tuesday January 10th

Tuesday February 7th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Community Bible Church

Cost: \$5.00

There is no need to pre-register.



The Legacy Ministry 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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