

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to plant and a time to harvest. Ecclesiastes 3

Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest .

Jeremiah 5:25

The fall is a wonderful time of year. Relief from the heat of summer; golden colours as the crops ripen and the trees prepare for winter. Let us not neglect to thank God for His providence to us.

Let us also thank the farmers who work diligently to produce food for us. Let us not neglect to pray for people in the world that are suffering from either severe drought, floods and fires that have wiped out their crops resulting in great distress and anxiety. Let us pray for wisdom to know how to help the poor.

“Whoever shuts their ears to the cries of the poor will also cry out and not be answered. “ Proverbs 21: 13



## 2 Corinthians 9

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. v 6

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. v8

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. v 10



To listen to geese honking as they fly south, click here on the bird in the middle. Be sure your speakers are on.

Last Sunday, Sept 11th, during the service the CBC congregation sang Happy Birthday to Cathy Durley who turns 90 on Sept 23rd. It was a pleasant surprise to Cathy who was viewing the service online. Many might



know Cathy but some may not. Failing health over the last number of years has prevented her from attending church in person. Let me tell you about my friend Cathy; the condensed Reader Digest's version since it is impossible relate a lifetime in a few paragraphs. Cathy was the 9th of 10 children born in London. She was a school teacher for 8 years and in 1959 married John Durley who also was also teacher. They raised 5 children who now live both near and far and are very attentive and supportive of Cathy as she continues to live in her home in St Marys.



Cathy and her late husband John (2009) came alongside the newly established Community Bible Church which started meeting in a house in Granton Sept

1979. Over the years both John and Cathy served in many ways. The bridge that we all cross to get to and from the parking lot was built primarily by John almost 40 years ago. Among other things John was an elder for many years and Cathy taught the little ones in the Sunday School. As they raised their 5 children they were also involved in reaching others with the gospel outside the church. They hosted a weekly Bible Club in their home for 20 years. Cathy was happy to recently have one of her former Bible Club members as one of her home caregivers. Cathy also send out mailbox bible courses to children, marked their lessons and sent encouraging notes to them. As well John and Cathy had a Storytime Trailer that they took to local fairs where kids could hear a bible story and learn about God's love for them. They volunteered at New

Life Prison Ministry and Forest Cliff Camp and were great supporters of Galcom, founded by Alan and Florrie McGuirl, close friends to this day. Over the years Cathy and John would send birthday cards, often homemade, to many adults and children and blessed others with home-made baking.



Cathy has always had a wonderful sense of humour and enjoys kidding around with her kids and grandchildren. Cathy's antics at some of our Strawberry Socials resulted more than once in spontaneous standing ovations. She stays connected with her family, some of whom live in BC, by Facebook and phone calls. The family visits as often as they can. By Cathy's own ad-

mission her short term memory sometimes fails her but I often hear her recite a poem, song, verse or hymn that she learned years ago and comes to mind. Although Cathy is pretty much housebound, she is still serving her Saviour. Chatting recently with Cathy she expressed that although she cannot do the things she used to do, she can still pray for the church and for the many people and missions she has known over the years. She prays daily for her children and grandchildren and they all appreciate her love and prayers and influence on their lives. She is definitely leaving a Legacy.

As I mentioned Cathy is nearing her 90th birthday. Her doctor said she was a miracle since she has had many health challenges. One thing I know about Cathy is that she loves getting cards. I hope she receives at least 90 birthday cards. Hint, hint. Her mailing address is Box 1304, St Marys ON N4X 1B8

Have you had any senior moments lately? If so, you are in good company.

When the famously distracted Hungarian mathematician Paul Erdos met a colleague at a conference, Erdos asked the other man where he was from. "Vancouver," he replied. "Oh, then you must know my good friend Elliot Mendelson," Erdos remarked. His colleague gave him a funny look. "I *am* your good friend Elliot Mendelson!"

Below are the answers to the quiz in the last issue. Thanks to those who submitted their answers. Well done. Mary Smith's name was drawn to get a prize. Congratulations Mary.

1. Lamech was the father of Noah?
2. Terah (or Terach) was the father of Abraham?
3. Jacob was the father of Joseph and his brothers?
4. Amram was the father of Aaron and Moses?
5. Kish was the father of King Saul?
6. Jesse was the father of King David?
7. Zechariah was the father of John the Baptist?
8. Zebedee was the father of the apostles James and John?
9. Jairus was the father who came to Jesus to save his daughter who was near death?

Call on God but row away from the rocks.



## Introducing the Barnabas Awards



Like me, some of you may have been a fan of the late Stuart McLean and his radio program *The Vinyl Café*. The Arthur Awards were a small part of that program. Listeners would write in with their nominations for someone to receive a Arthur Award. The nominees were people who had done selfless kind deeds or were in their unique way a person who were a help to others. With this inspiration I would like to initiate the Barnabas Award. As you probably know, Barnabas was a New Testament believer who was also called the Son of Encouragement. Acts 4:36.

Think about someone you know that has been an encouragement or help to you, perhaps in a special time of need. Or perhaps you might think of someone in the church who faithfully serves behind the scenes. We invite you to write a few sentences explaining why your nominee deserves an Arthur Award and send it to us. The intent is not to embarrass these humble, caring people so we will not publish the nominations without their consent. The purpose is to give you an opportunity to publicly acknowledge how they blessed you with their friendship, acts of service or random acts of kindness. Another purpose is share ways that we can be a blessing to others.

"Let us consider how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds" Hebrews 10:24

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

It should be noted here that the Barnabas Award has no monetary value. It is God who will reward.

"The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3: 8-9



**New Program**

## 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 October 4th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Community Bible Church

Lower Level, Room 9

Cost: \$5.00



### Fall Colour Retreat - September 26-30, 2022 at Joy Camp (Bancroft)

A week for the young at heart, set against one of Ontario's most beautiful backdrops.

Price includes all meals, accommodation, linens, chapel sessions and programing. Cost: \$345—\$398 pp.

For more information visit: <https://joycamp.ca/getaways> or call Joan Dishman, 519-284-4571



When anxiety was great with me,  
your consolation brought me joy.  
Psalm 94: 19

In peace I lie down and sleep,  
for you alone, LORD, make  
me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8



### HELP WANTED!

The **Legacy Ministry** is in need of volunteers. Contact Darrell Shaule for ministry opportunities to choose from. Help is needed with upcoming events, including 'Soup's On'. No experience necessary. Will train.

The rewards are "out of this world"

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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