



A CALL TO PRAYER

Last January I hosted a School of Prayer at Family Worship Centre in Courtice, ON. I thought putting together twenty sets of notes for the Sunday evening would be plenty for the first night. Who knew eighty plus people would show up with a passion bigger than my faith. It's always good to kick off the year with a special emphasis on prayer. We can never go wrong with developing our prayer life especially when Scripture tells us we really don't know how to pray like we should. I understand that prayer must be caught and not just taught.

One of my favorite bible chapters when teaching on prayer is St. John 17. It's called the Priestly Prayer, as the entire chapter is Jesus revealing the priorities of his heart to the Father. If Jesus prayed about certain issues maybe I should look at what he felt was important to ask his Father and incorporate them in my prayer life. Things like:

- praying for each other to be kept vs.6-16,
- personal and provisional sanctification vs.17&19,
- pray for those who have been sent into the world vs.18,
- pray for those who will believe in Jesus vs. 20,
- pray for unity among Christians vs. 21-23; and
- last but not least that the love of God through Jesus would be seen in us vs. 24-26.

May 2013 be the year we learn how to pray as we ought. Remember nothing lies outside the reach of answered prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

APRIL

7 Mt. Zion Church Gilmour ON
 13-14 Liberty Pentecostal Church Bowmanville ON
 21-22 Immanuel Pentecostal Church Kitchener ON
 28 Sonbow Ministries Barry's Bay ON

MAY

5 Immanuel Pentecostal Church Kitchener ON
 15 Women Who Care Toronto ON
 19 Lakeshore Pentecostal Camp Cobourg ON
 26-27 New Life Assembly Sioux Lookout ON
 31 New Life Assembly Dryden ON

JUNE

1-2 New Life Assembly Dryden ON
 2 New Life Assembly Ignace ON
 9 Peace Tower Church Ottawa ON
 16 New Song Church Kitchener ON
 23 St. Paul's Anglican Church Toronto ON
 30 Ottawa Valley Pentecostal Camp Cobden ON

Three Month Calendar

THOUGHTS FROM MY JOURNAL.....

- Someone has to return and rebuild.
- You can't out smart idolatry.
- Sin in leadership eventually leads the church.
- Prepare the way of the.....?

Mark
Your
Calendar

Reapers Pastors/Leadership Camp

"Catch and Release"

Wed Aug 21st – Sat Aug 24th

Mt. Zion Retreat Centre, Gilmour ON
 Canadian Evangelist Charlie Robinson
 and

Pastor/Musician Kevin Rogers

MISSIONARY EXTRAORDINAIRE

I had the pleasure of interviewing Mrs. Huldah Buntain, Founder of Calcutta Mercy Ministries and missionary to India for nearly sixty years. The interviews took place at Church on the Queensway in both Sunday morning services and I loved every second of it! It was a lesson on the faithfulness of God from generation to generation. My job was easy as all I had to do was mention a year from the fifties to the present and sit back and listen to the miracle working power of God. As I listened to Mrs. Buntain tell her story, I couldn't help but think of the overwhelming needs and the all sufficient provision of a loving God.



Allow me to share a few quotes from the interview:

- "Feed our bellies before you tell us about a God that loves us."* -A man speaking to Mark Buntain
- "We are not a humanitarian organization, we are a compassionate organization."* -Huldah Buntain
- "It's not how much you do, it's how much love you put into the doing."* -Mother Theresa

I asked Mrs. Buntain what she considered her greatest achievement over the past 59 years? She answered, "Our investment in lives." I asked if she had plans to retire to which she replied, "There's still too much to do." One of the many stories that will I carry with me is when Mrs. Buntain was visiting a cemetery in northern India, written on the archway of the entry gates were the words, "Go tell them we gave our today for their tomorrow." May these words be a part of the legacy we leave behind as well.

Please take a moment to check out the website www.buntain.org and while you're there order the book 'Pathway to the Impossible'.

SPRING FORWARD

I love Spring even when it comes with snow and ice and looks rather dull and dreary. It won't be long before the trees will bud, tulips peek through the ground and the grass starts to green. One of the beauties of living in Canada is the seasons; winter, spring, summer and fall. I like the seasons, some more than others but they build an expectation of something to come. I am reminded that our lives are made up of seasons, some a little warmer, some with more color, and some with new beginnings, while other seasons close a chapter in our lives. We need to be careful that whatever season we are in we don't make it our life but just a seasonal stepping stone into our future.

I do believe within the physical seasons of our lives there is a spiritual template a divine blueprint, so-to-speak, that we need to align with. God has an end-time plan, a spiritual season like we have never seen before. I believe Holy Spirit is turning it up for the final season before Jesus Christ comes back for His church. We need to make sure we are on-board with what God is doing, when He is doing it, why He is doing it, where God is doing it and the way God wants it done. I can only tell you what I have seen and heard. Our God is a miracle working God in every season of life.

HARVEST PRINCIPLES

Is what's in your hand, harvest or seed?

- + Career
- + Ability
- + Money
- + Family

It's Camp Time

Chuck will be preaching these Summer Camps

June 30-July 5	Ottawa Valley	Cobden, ON
July 7-10	Mt. Zion Retreat Centre	Gilmour, ON
July 14-21	Emmanuel Conference Centre	Lewisporte, NF
July 25-28	French Family Camp	Escuminac, QC

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