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3 MONTH CALENDAR

APRIL:

3: Pembroke Pentecostal Tab Pembroke ON
4-5: Cobden Pentecostal Church Cobden ON
6: Ottawa Valley Ministerial Arnprior ON

10: Harmony Church Winchester ON

16-17: Exeter Pentecostal Tab Exeter ON

22-24: Genesis Church Providence RI

MAY:

1: Bethel Pentecostal Church Montréal QC

14: 10th Anniversary Celebration Whitby ON

15: Bethel Gospel Tabernacle Hamilton ON

29: Sharbot Lake Pent. Church Sharbot Lake ON

JUNE:

5: Calvary Pentecostal Church Lindsay ON

5-8: Mt.Zion work team Gilmour ON

12: Tweed Pentecostal Church Tweed ON

17-18: Queensway Men's Retreat26: Church on the Queensway Toronto ON

OVERSEAS TRIPS

October: El Salvador November: Cuba



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10th Anniversary Celebration OS14.16 Whitby Christian Assembly

TO CUBA WITH LOVE

I spent another week in Cuba with a team of guys from Ontario. Awesome that the Pope went ahead of us and the U.S. President followed. The guys were putting the finishing touches on the A/G church sanctuary in Matanzas while I traveled the Presbytery meeting Pastors. We looked at a number of future building projects. And were able to help purchase land for a church building, buy a water system for a church/parsonage and leave money for one church building to start and another to continue. The total for both these church building projects is \$24,000. To date we have purchased seven houses for the Assemblies of God Cuba as a home for the pastor and church for their congregation. Another highlight was to bless the Rehab Center in Havana to renovate their kitchen. Our final service was held in Matanzas with our host Pastor, Tony. The service was awesome! The Worship Leader was exceptional but I couldn't help notice him struggling with the keyboard. I found out later it was a replacement with seven dead keys so I can only imagine what the original one was like. You should have seen him when Pastor Tony announced that Reapers was buying them a new keyboard. The announcement stopped the service while people shouted, cried, laughed and hugged. My thanks to those who have sacrificed their time and money to be such a blessing to those who appreciate it so much.



10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us on May 14, 2016 at 5:30pm at Whitby Christian Assembly for a dinner and concert with Dan Macaulay and Leeland Klassen. Visit our website or contact Chuck for more information and tickets.

THOUGHTS FROM MY JOURNAL

You can never go wrong with serving \ It's not your title, it's your fruit \ Success is never a moment \ We don't tell lies, we sing them!

REAPERS IN THE RAIN INTERNATIONAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

August 17th – 20th, 2016 Mt Zion Retreat Centre, Gilmour ON



Chuck Price Executive Director

GOOD FRIDAY. GREAT SUNDAY.

I've never understood why any church would celebrate Christmas more than Easter. I love Christmas with all the lights, family, food, gifts, carols and of course the incarnation. But for me, Easter is what it's all about, our anthem, our Super Bowl Sunday, the Big Show so to speak. We need to strengthen our stand on the supernatural of the Resurrection. His resurrection **makes an eternal statement**; there is victory over death and sin. We can have eternal life! The penalty of sin was paid by His death and the power of death destroyed by His resurrection.

His resurrection **speaks of a transformation of life.** It can touch every area of our life; bring meaning, hope, peace, faith and joy. You don't have to look any farther than the disciple's reactions when they heard the News. His resurrection **also speaks of the sovereignty of God.** It didn't look good after His death, it appeared that Satan had won and God had lost. But on the third day, an angel was sent to roll away the rock.

The angel spoke these words, "He is not here; for he is risen as he said." Words that had not and will not be spoken of any other than Jesus Christ the Son of God.

TALE OF THAMESVILLE

It was the Autumn of 1974, I had just turned 17, when I scribbled my mom a good-bye note, left home and joined the Canadian National Railroad. Dad had died in a car accident five months previous and this rebellious preacher's kid was mad at the world.

After a few days in the London train yard, my gang crew was assigned to a little town in Chatham-Kent County. The days were long as we laid railway ties, the evenings were spent at the Legion Hall drinking.

I remember my bed in the bunk car was short with my feet hanging off, rubbing against the potbelly stove. I learned quickly to sleep with my work boots on.



The time line is rather cloudy, but one night, I staggered out of the Legion with a smoke in one hand and a beer in the other. As I pushed open the door, I looked up to see my brother-in-law standing there.

Then I heard him say the heart-stopping words, "Your mother is here and wants to talk to you." Pretty sure I dropped the beer and swallowed the cigarette. There she was, her car parked a block away. When I slid into the car, she took me by the hand and with tears in her eyes said, "I know you're hurting. I'm hurting too but we are going to make it."

Inside I was crying but on the outside I kept my composure. I was determined not to go back home. After a lengthy conversation and a hug, I stepped back out onto the sidewalk, stuck my head back in the car and asked how she found me. I had told nobody where I was going and the note I left made no reference to my plans. These are her words, "Charles, I prayed until I heard God say, get in the car and I will take you to your son."

Last January I returned to Thamesville, some 42 years later, not as a rebellious preacher's kid but as the guest preacher. As I walked along the railway tracks and stood in front of the Legion Hall my thoughts went back to the night my mom traveled 270 km, guided by Holy Spirit, to find her son. It's good to have landmarks of the faithfulness of God. It's good to have memories of a praying Mom.

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