

**Library Note:** We have a great library of books and DVD's downstairs. All are welcome to use it. Donations are accepted. Thank you Ron and Vurra for looking after it.

### **Move Closer**

There is a story about a young man and an old preacher. The young man had lost his job and didn't know which way to turn, so he went to see the old preacher. Pacing about the preacher's study, the young man ranted about his problem. Finally, he clenched his fist and shouted, "I've begged God to say something to help me, preacher, why doesn't God answer?"

The old preacher, who sat across the room, spoke something in reply, something so hushed it was indistinguishable. The young man stepped across the room. "What did you say?" he asked. The preacher repeated himself, but again in a tone as soft as a whisper. So the young man moved closer until he was leaning on the preacher's chair.

"Sorry," he said. "I still didn't hear you."

With their heads bent together, the old preacher spoke once more.

"God sometimes whispers," he said. "So we will move closer to hear him." This time the young man heard and he understood.

We all want God's voice to thunder through the air with the answer to our problem. But God's is the still, small voice... the gentle whisper.

Perhaps there's a reason.

Nothing draws human focus quite like a whisper.

God's whisper means I must stop my ranting and move close to Him, until my head is bent together with His. And then, as I listen, I will find my answer.

Better still, I find myself closer to God.

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# Exeter Bible Fellowship



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Our Mission....to teach the inspired Word of God, to encourage our congregation to worship, serve, and proclaim salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Sundays this Month:**

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship time 10:30 a.m. – outside or socially distant please

Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Date	Speaker	Chair	Piano	Jr SS	Greeters
Dec 6	Gerry Benn	Bob	Chris	Martha	Laverne
Dec 13	Gerry Benn	Jim	Laura	Anne	Carling
Dec 20	John Bennett	Chris	Bob	Laura	John
Dec 27	Mike Nelson	Lucas	Vurra	Martha	Bob
Jan 3	TBA	Dave G	Bob	Bev	Chris

**COVID Update:** We are thankful that we are able to continue meeting. Our district has now been moved to “orange restrict level”. Prior to entering the building, please note the screening questions posted on the door. If you have experienced new or worsening symptoms or signs such as fever or chills, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, trouble swallowing, runny nose/stuffy nose or nasal congestion, decrease or loss of smell/taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, not feeling well, extreme tiredness, sore muscles; if you have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days; if you have had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, please do not enter the church. Stay home and contact your health care provider to see if you need a COVID-19 test.

### **Coffee Time Snack:**

Social distancing rules are in effect during coffee/snack time. Please maintain a distance of at least two metres when you are downstairs. Wash your hands before and after having coffee/snack.

### **Christmas Eve Service:**

There will be a Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please note that pre-registration is required. Please let Jim Macdonald know if you plan to attend or drop us an email.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday Evenings:** Prayer and Bible study at the chapel every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Banquet** – Due to COVID-19, the Christmas banquet scheduled for December 4 has been cancelled

**December 24** – Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

**December 25** – Have a Blessed Christmas!!

### **Video Ministry:**

We want to thank Chris and his boys for all the hard work that they have done setting up the new video equipment! Services are still on Channel 1 Hay on Sunday mornings and on our website and facebook page. You also have the option to livestream the services as they happen. Subscribe to our youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDYPsG8Cf6zDj1ui146RQXQ> and you will be able to receive reminders when we broadcast. Additional instructions are available on request.

### **Praise Items:**

Mary Gardiner is beginning to see some improvement in her dizzy spells. Video ministry is up and running  
Key Bible Clubs have been having Zoom meetings so they can continue the ministry in the schools.

### **Prayer Requests:**

There is a prayer box at the back of the chapel. Prayer cards are located in the chairs.

Pray for our nation and the world as we all go through this pandemic.  
Jack and Mae as Jack continues his cancer treatments in Sault Ste Marie.  
Greta Zwaan – ongoing health issues  
Elsie Ennis – declining health  
Kay Ennis – had a fall  
Mary DeBoer – cataract surgery  
Missionaries in the field  
Justin Neil looking for work  
Rob Jolly starting a new business  
Anne Finlay – ongoing eye issues – possible surgery in the future  
Jim Finlay – needing to get tests done  
Garry Kline – ongoing headaches  
Ron Rosborough – burning in his feet.  
Seniors who are in restricted during the pandemic.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries this Month:**

Dec 8 – Happy Birthday John Zwaan  
Dec 15 – Happy Birthday Shirley Postill  
Dec 17 – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lucas and Kelsey Seeberger  
Dec 26 – Happy Birthday Justin Neil  
Dec 27 – Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Garry Kline  
Dec 29 – Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gary & Eleanor Beaver  
Dec 29 – Happy Birthday Anne Neil  
Dec 30 – Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jean Flynn

**Food Bank:** There is a box in the entranceway for items for the foodbank. Please consider helping those in need. Thank you. Exeter Bible Fellowship will be donating a supply of turkeys and hams for the Christmas baskets again this year.

### **Calling all Volunteers!**

Please consider helping out with chapel duties in the year 2021. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs and you can sign up to help out with snacks for fellowship time, chairperson, music, greeter, video ministry or Sunday School teaching. Thanks in advance!