

**2022 Directory:** The new directory will be sent to the printers sometime near the end of January. ALL submissions, corrections and updated photos MUST be to Martha by January 15.

**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.

**The Hidden Meaning:**

We assume that things are not what they seem. We sometimes try too hard to discover the hidden meanings when there just might not be anymore to it than what is on the surface.

An engineer, a psychologist, and a theologian were hunting in the wilds of northern Canada. They came across an isolated cabin, far removed from any town. Because friendly hospitality is a virtue practiced by those who live in the wilderness, the hunters knocked on the door to ask permission to rest.

No one answered their knocks, but, discovering the cabin was unlocked, they entered. It was a simple place--two rooms with a minimum of furniture and household equipment. Nothing was surprising about the cabin except the stove. It was large, potbellied, and made of cast iron. What was unusual was its location: it was suspended in midair by wires attached to the ceiling beams.

"Fascinating," said the psychologist. "It is obvious that this lonely trapper, isolated from humanity, has elevated his stove so he can curl up under it and vicariously experience a return to the womb."

"Nonsense!" replied the engineer. "The man is practicing the laws of thermodynamics. By elevating his stove, he has discovered a way to distribute heat more evenly throughout the cabin."

"With all due respect," interrupted the theologian, "I'm sure that hanging his stove from the ceiling has religious meaning. Fire 'lifted up' has been a religious symbol for centuries."

The three debated the point for several minutes without resolving the issue. When the trapper finally returned, they immediately asked him why he had hung his heavy potbellied stove by wires from the ceiling. His answer was succinct: "Had plenty of wire, not much stove pipe!"

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January 2022  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

# 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. -socially distant please

Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Date	Speaker	Chair	Piano	Jr SS	Greeters
Jan 2	Mike Nelson	Bob	Chris	Bev	Laverne
Jan 9	Charles Gingerich	Jim	Laura	Martha	John
Jan 16	John Bennett	Chris	Bob	Laura	Carling
Jan 23	John Aldom	Graham	Vurra	Anne	Jim N
Jan 30	Miller Thompson	Jim	Laura	Bev	Laverne
Feb 6	Charles Gingerich	Bob	Chris	Martha	John

**COVID Update:** Exeter Bible Fellowship encourages everyone to follow public health measures to keep our community safe.

We ask that when we gather be sure to do the following:

Stay home if you are sick. Read the screening questions upon entrance.

Maintain 2 meters physical distance from anyone outside your household

You will notice that the seating has been set out for social distancing.

**Broadcasts:** Our broadcasts are livestreamed weekly. Subscribe to our youtube channel and watch the service LIVE

The broadcasts can also be seen on Hay Television channel 1 at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings

They can also be seen on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ExeterBibleFellowship>

(Don't forget to "like" our page) or on our website: [exeterbiblefellowship.ca](http://exeterbiblefellowship.ca)

### **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.

January – Martha

February --

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday Evenings:** Prayer and Bible study at the chapel every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We will be finishing the series on "Heaven" this January. It is a 12-week video series led by Dr. Robert Jeffress. Remember you can also join by Zoom. We hope to see you there!

Zoom Info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7053366289?pwd=bWQ0a3IHdFpEUEZ3OUVKRDQwR3JkZz09>

Meeting ID: 705 336 6289

Passcode: 4AcRj9

We can email you the link if you like.

### **Habitat for Humanity Opportunity:**

There is a meeting on **Monday, January 10 at 7:00 pm** at the chapel. It's an orientation session for people interested in volunteering in any capacity with the Habitat build in Hensall. They can use all levels of experience

(including none). Anyone who has any potential interest in helping in any capacity should try to attend the meeting to learn more about the volunteer opportunities. They will also do a safety orientation at the meeting. This is a practical way to show God's love and help those in our community.

### **Communion Sunday**

We will be having Communion during the Family Bible Hour **on Sunday, January 16.**

### **Praise:**

Jim Finlay is home and recovering after being hospitalized with an infection in December. That's not the way to start your retirement Jim! Bob and Gary Heywood's brother Murray is home recuperating well after being the victim of a hit and run in North Carolina. He had to have hip replacement surgery and had to have some recovery time before he was allowed to fly home.

### **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

Elsie Ennis

Gerry & Mary DeBoer

Mary Gardiner

Anne Finlay

Jim Finlay

Garry Kline

Marilyn Dykeman

Marilyn's daughter Lori Triebner

Famela Baruado-waiting for her daughter Franky to get clearance to come to Canada from the Philippines to join her here. As of the printing of this bulletin, the waiting continues.

### **January Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Jan 9 – Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Vern Postill

Jan 24 – Happy Birthday Cynthia Dinney

Jan 31 – Happy Birthday Jason Dinney

### **Food Bank**

There is a box at the back of the chapel for Food Bank donations. The items are brought to the Food Bank at the end of every month. We appreciate what you give.

### **Calling all Volunteers!**

Please, please, please consider helping out with chapel duties in the year 2022. There are still a number of blank spaces on the sign up sheet. Thanks in advance!