<u>Library Note:</u> 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.

### Ice Cream For The Soul Author Unknown

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen."

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never! "Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart."

Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes." Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already.

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# September 2021

# 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
Sept 5	Bob Heywood	Bob	Chris	Bev	Carling
Sept 12	Gord Hanna	Jim	Laura	Martha	John
Sept 19	John Aldom	Graham	Bob	Laura	Carling
Sept 26	John Aldom	Chris	Vurra	Anne	Jim N
Oct 3	TBA	Graham	Bob	Martha	Laverne

<u>COVID Update:</u> Exeter Bible Fellowship encourages everyone to follow public health measures to keep our community safe. We are happy that we are in stage 3 of the Ontario reopening plan and are now allowed meet in larger groups.

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

Stay home if you are sick

Maintain 2 meters physical distance from anyone outside your household Avoid sharing food and beverages

Wear a mask if you are not able to physically distance

When you arrive at church please sanitize your hands using the sanitizer provided at the entrance.

You will notice that the seating has been set out for social distancing. We will be doing congregational singing

# **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.

September – Jean

October - Bev

# **Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday Evenings:** Prayer and Bible study at the chapel every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. During the stay at home order we met for our Bible Study through Zoom. We are now meeting at the chapel BUT will continue to Zoom the meetings from there so if you cannot attend in person, please join us at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7053366289?pwd=bWQ0a3IHdFpEUEZ3O UVKRDQwR3JkZz09 . We would love to see you!! We are continuing a study in Colossians.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u>: Vacation Bible School is Cancelled. Please pray for future outreach opportunities.

#### **Praise Items:**

We welcome Doug, MaryAnne and Ellie Hanna from Zambia who are home for a long overdue visit with family and friends in Canada.

Congratulations to Ellie who will be attending school in Windsor in the fall. Restrictions are beginning to be lifted and covid numbers are going down. Jerry DeBoer had successful bowel surgery.

#### **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 and Mae continues to heal from her fall.

Greta Zwaan

Elsie Ennis

Gerry & Mary DeBoer

Gary Beaver-

The Heywood family

Missionaries in the field – especially during the pandemic

Anne Finlay

Garry Kline

Ron Rosborough

Justin and Alex Neil as they prepare to go to college in the fall The Seeberger family as they await the arrival of their second child Famela Baruado-waiting for her daughter Louellah Francheska (Franky) to get clearance to come to Canada from the Philippines to join her here. Seniors who are in restricted during the pandemic.

#### **Condolences:**

Remember the Heywood and Jolly Families during their time of loss.

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries this Month:**

Sept 1 – Happy Anniversary Ron & Kathy Rosborough 2001

Sept 6 - Happy Birthday Gary Beaver 1946

Sept 12 - Happy Anniversary Chris & Rhonda Neil 1998

Sept 13 – Happy Birthday Dave Gardiner 1943

Sept 20 – Happy Anniversary Garry & Bev Kline 1986

Sept 22 - Happy Anniversary Jason & Cynthia Dinney 2018

Sept 26—Happy Anniversary Laverne & Jean Flynn 1970

**Food Bank:** There is a box in the entranceway for items for the foodbank. Please consider helping those in need. Thank you.

# **Calling all Volunteers!**

Please, please, 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!