VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Registration Forms are available in the foyer. Children in JK-Grades 5 are invited to attend!
Cost: $10/child, $25 max/family.

Volunteers Needed!
Please call Marlee at 735-2654 or email her at ce@banwellchurch.org if you are able to help with VBS this year.

Pastor Alex’s favourite number is 9 but he’s Number #1 in our hearts. He’s seen here in his new Tiger Jersey. Read more on Page 3.
I have heard that life is full of missed opportunities. This past winter, while vacationing in Florida, I missed an opportunity to share my faith. I was having my hair cut by a young Mom who was telling me how difficult her life had been over the last year since she had made the decision to leave her abusive husband and start a new life in Florida with her two small children. She didn't have family close and she was constantly trying to manage her time between her job and her children. As she continued to share her anxiety with me I wanted to tell her about the church we attended while in Florida that had wonderful children's programs and a support system for single Mom's. I wanted to tell her that she wasn't alone in her struggle and there were people who would be willing to show her love because of their faith. I wanted to say all this and more but I didn't. Time ran out and the next customer was waiting. I came away feeling like a failure and promised myself that if I had another opportunity to share my faith I would jump right in. God heard my promise and not two days later, while in a laundromat, I had a chance to do just that. The gentleman who owned the laundromat was fixing the dryers that had broken down and I mentioned to him how it must be a big job to keep all the machines up and running with so many people using them. He explained to me that he was behind in the repairs because his Mother had been very ill and he had taken a lot of time to care for her. She eventually passed away and three months later his fiancé passed away also so he found himself in a deep depression and unable to face life. He said he was finally pulling himself out of that dark hole but had a long way to go. I asked him if he had a church he attended and he said not really but his fiancé and he were looking for a church when she died. I was able to tell him about the church we attended while in Florida and told him they had a great support system for people who were grieving the loss of a loved one. I gave him all the information I could and encouraged him to call the Pastor for an appointment just to talk. I told him I would pray for him. He thanked me for taking the time to listen and said he would follow through because he knew he needed something to hold onto. I came away from that chance meeting realizing how important it is that we take the time to step out in faith. We never know when we may be the only one to deliver the "Good News of Jesus Christ".

Donna Soper

Ladies Magazines Needed! As part of her ministry to the shut-ins, Deborah Bevington would like to take some magazines to the ladies she visits each week. If you have some newer ladies magazines that you could donate, please place them in the volunteer room on the counter.

Faces in the Crowd

Congratulations to the following Banwell individuals who were welcomed into church membership during the month of June:

- Alan, Dawn-Michelle, Olivia and Rachel Brown,
- Deborah Doyle,
- Randy and Ann Van Wagner,
- and Cheryl Willis

Many thanks to Ken Ryall for doing the hard work in preparing our garden plot just to the south of our church building.

Banwell was well represented at the Camp Hermosa Fundraising Golf Tournament on June 7th at Tamarack Ridge Golf Course just east of London. Our eight participants who made up two teams were Neil Clinansmith, Shawn Kelly, Brian Martel and Bruce Rand; John Buckler, Alex Moir, Al Prevett and Randy Van Wagner.

For the 3rd year in a row one of our number came away with an award as Bruce Rand earned the closest to the pin prize.

We will certainly keep Tom and Susan Holmes in our prayers as they spend the next couple of weeks in Armenia with Young Life Ministries.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Chris Anber at the passing of her father Marvin Cecile on May 26th; and to Carol and Stacy Mayer upon the passing of Stacy’s grandmother Jeanette Mayer on May 31st.

Congratulations to Carson Doyle who was awarded the “Personal Best” character award upon graduation from Forest Glade Public School and to Janet Roger for achieving a “hole in one” on the third hole of the Doe 9 at the Deer Run Golf Course near Bleinheim.
**Men’s Ministry Report**

**A VERY SPECIAL EVENING**

The Men’s Ministry are very pleased that Mr. Bob Dutko, popular Christian Radio personality from WMUZ (103.5 FM), Detroit will be our special guest speaker on **Friday, October 3rd from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** here at Banwell. You are encouraged to attend and bring a friend to hear Bob’s challenging presentation. There is no charge. **Please circle this date on your calendar.** Complete details coming in September News ‘n Views.

Bob Dutko will return on **Saturday, October 4th** for our Men’s “Great Escape” to be held at the Kingsville Baptist Church. Tickets will be available Labour Day Sunday.

**SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST**

...will be held on Saturday, September 27th. Our guest speaker will be **Christian Wiley**. He will also be assisted by a number of young men from the “Living Rock Solid” group. Another must-attend event for the Men of Banwell.

Jim Wheeler

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Human Resources Committee continues to comply with our obligations as required by the Ontario Health and Safety Act. We especially appreciate the cooperation we have received from our staff.

Relative to the Act, **Marlee Page and Christian Wiley** will be attending the Red Cross facility for a two day training session where they will acquire the Standard First Aid and CPR/AED training. The training will take place on June 26 and June 27th.

Jim Wheeler

**A Thankful Tribute**

...when following the choir and congregation singing of our opening hymn on Sunday, June 22nd, **Dave Page** came to the podium to announce he was “interrupting the regularly scheduled program” to surprise **Pastor Alex** with a special “THANK YOU” on behalf of our congregation. Thank you for 36 years in the “Ministry” twelve of which were here with us at Banwell Community Church.

Dave elaborated on the many challenges faced by those in ministry and the dedication our Pastor brings to our congregation and the deep appreciation we have for his commitment to us and our Lord’s work. **Claude Daniels** shared the history of Alex’s journey from London to accepting our invitation to continue his “church building” here at Banwell.

**Lino Braccio** presented our Pastor with a very special “Bible Chest” designed, built and finished by **Claude Daniels, David Reimer** and **Hal Herzog** - three of our talented men. The chest was filled with notes of “Thanks” to Alex from the congregation.

Thanks to **Pam Beemer** for her very artistic talents in making and creatively decorating two special cakes for the occasion.

Pastor Alex was surrounded by his father **Wally**, son **Tyler** and grandson **Mace**, who put the icing on the cake when he summarized the feelings of the entire congregation with the simple sincere statement: “I love you Papaw”.

Thanks at a time like this doesn’t really capture the depth of our feelings, but it is the best the dictionary provides --- **sincere thanks Alex**.

It is true that behind every good man there is a GREAT LADY. Blessings and thanks to **Linda**.

God’s richest blessings on you both.

Jim Wheeler
Many thanks to Debbie Ebel for the great job she does in printing the book reviews for us and also to our library helpers: Deborah Martel, Penny Bain, Yvonne Eberle, Renee Duffy and Donna Wilcox.

**HEART FAILURE** Dr. Richard Mabry

Dr. Carrie Markham’s medical practice is growing and her engagement to Adam Davidson, a paralegal seems too good to be true when a drive-by shooting leaves her on the floor of his car. He confesses that his name isn’t really Adam and he is fleeing the witness protection program. A thriller that will keep you guessing.

**DISTORTION** Terry Blackstock

Juliet Cole’s husband is murdered in a drive-by and she thinks it was a random shooting until she receives a threatening voicemail that escalates this to a planned attack. She realizes that she and her children are in danger but has no idea why. Who was this man she was married to? Many twists and turns good suspense story.

**SAVED BY GRAVE** Jan Dunlap

Jan’s medical misdiagnosis left her with fear and insecurity until the family insisted she get a dog that she didn’t want. Gracie moved in and Jan began to love the dog and change her outlook on life. A story of how pets can bring a person back to health and happiness.

**RIVEN** Jerry Jenkins

Brad Darby and Thomas couldn’t be more different. One is a criminal and one is a pastor who hopes to make a difference. One serves himself, the other serves God. Both are in need of grace. A story of heartache and redemption.

HAPPY READING...Maureen and Team

I like jig saw puzzles – I’ve mentioned that often in previous Views – but I also like the mind-stretching ones like the four puzzles offered in the Windsor Star – the Crossword, Sudoku, Ken/Ken and the Cryptoquote. Those puzzles are portable – all you need is a pen and the puzzle pages and they can keep you busy while sitting in a hospital room, during long trips, or a lull in the day when you need to take a break. Plus, they apparently make you smarter – or else let you keep your smarts longer - so says puzzle-makers and doctors.

I was thinking about that the other day when having a ‘serious’ conversation with my four-year old grandson. He said if I gave him the secret password for his computer games he promised to “forget the numbers tomorrow”… According to the workshop I took, forgetting those numbers would be likely. During the workshop we were told that 50% of the information we take in during the day would be gone in 24 hours and within 72 hours 85-95% of what we have learned will be gone. Each new concept in our short term mode replaces the last. To move concepts from short term to long term we need to take five minutes a day for seven days to think about things we want to remember and then we will retain them forever. Good memory is a skill and not a talent.

Proverbs 1:5 says “Let the wise hear and increase in learning…”

I will teach you something fun today – the following cryptoquote will get your mind active. No, the answer isn’t elsewhere in this issue – look for it in the September issue of News ‘n Views.

For those of you who haven’t tried this puzzle – here is a Cryptoquote Sample:

A X Y D L B A A X R is
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample (Longfellow), A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

A hint for the following cryptoquote: I is used for the 7 W’s.

W L W T B P R B E T R W T J L I P I I N B G B Q, S Y L

Q W M M W K Y P L I P I N M Y C L J C L G B D E I Y
K B D T J J –

R W D T L I D K G Y C K G W P P

If you solved it – you are smart already, But then that is just my view!

Zelma Horvath
Your delegates were Tom and Susan Holmes, Marlee Page, Alex and Linda Moir.

Thursday, June 12th...Assembly 2014 began with our family of CBOQ raising their voices in unison in praise to our beloved God. Lola Mather-Dyer, CBOQ’s 2013-2014 President, opened with her engaging reflection on the call of Samuel, listening to God and remembering that He can do great things through us.

This year, we are so excited to be welcoming many new people and congregations to our family with 21 new ordained pastors and 7 new churches: King’s Community Church, Oakville; Restoration Full Gospel Church, Hamilton; Stouffville Grace Baptist Church, Toronto; Logos Baptist Church (York Region), Richmond Hill; Gospel Outreach Baptist, Burlington; Salem Baptist Church, Ottawa; and Eucharist Church, Hamilton! God is doing many amazing things in our Canadian Baptist community.

Tim McCoy, CBOQ Executive Minister, shared his heart and vision for our family of churches where we become known as followers of Jesus who care. He sent his encouragement to all our churches for the many things they are doing to live out their love of Jesus.

Michel Belzile also took his place as the incoming CBOQ President, sharing his enthusiasm, wisdom, wit and humour.

Alongside music, vision-sharing and learning, there were also significant accomplishments in our church business as the Assembly voted to adopt the special resolution regarding “Continuing the Corporation under the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (CNCA)”. This affirmative vote puts us in a position to meet the legal requirements under this newly introduced legislation. Now that it is approved, the CNCA documents will be filed with Industry Canada before the October 17, 2014 deadline, with Articles of Continuance to be issued thereafter. Once this is completed, CBOQ will be governed by the CBCA on a go-forward basis.

In the evening, we worshipped together and then enjoyed the opportunity to hear from David Fitch, B.R. Lindner Chair of Evangelical Theology at Northern Seminary Chicago, IL. He is also the founding pastor of Life on the Vine Christian Community-a missional church in the NW suburbs of Chicago. Thursday evening he talked about the tension between the missional and incarnational church and reminded us of the importance of being present and making space for God to work in our lives.

Friday, June 13th...This morning we heard from our partner organizations: McMaster Divinity College’s Dr. Stan Porter and Canadian Baptist Archives’ Dr. Gordon Heath.

Brian Craig, Director of Leadership Development, encouraged our pastors to walk with Jesus and our churches and members to walk alongside them. By supporting our pastors, we are all building and strengthening the church. Of particular note was his short-term benediction: “Walk in Him - Now Take a Hike. AMEN.”

Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec let us know about their campaigns “Buying Sex is Not a Sport” for the Pan-Am games and shared encouraging results on their advocacy efforts through “Challenge the Demand.”

Matt Wilkinson, Director of Youth Ministries, filled us in on the importance of intentional investment in children’s ministry, the value of the Christian summer camp experience for young people and the lasting impact of retreats in the lives of youth.

Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) has a new look, a new logo and new campaigns beginning. They shared about Discover, a tool to help churches find their mission heart and introduced a new-short term missions initiative, “Go CBM”, and they highlighted “She Matters”, an initiative that is geared toward improving girls’ access to education.

Last, but certainly not least, CBOQ’s Clint Mix, Director of Congregational Health, said that God is on the move in our churches. He shared his Looking series, which helps churches engage with God’s mission. He explained how our Canadian Baptist community is engaging with First Nations communities and shared about New Paths and other initiatives that are connecting us
Summary of the Canadian Baptist of Ontario and Quebec Assembly (Cont’d)

with our First Nations neighbours and members. He also shared about the new expressions of church that are growing and reaching new people.

The afternoon was filled with a variety of Learning Sessions called “Kingdom Perspectives” with the topics: “Into the Far Country! Leading our Churches into the Everyday Lives of our Neighbours”; “Culture Shifts… Reclaiming Old Missionary Tools for the Church Today”; “Thy Kingdom Come…Making Sense of Kingdom, Church and Gospel in a Culture of the Individual”; and “Exponential Change and Engineering Change”.

In the evening, we gathered together again to celebrate and worship together and heard about gathering and sharing our lives with each other in our church from David Fitch. He encouraged us to find moments of Eucharist, connect with people where they are and re-learn how to share the Gospel message.

Saturday, June 14th… Time flew on, with many opportunities for connections and conversations. In the morning, Assembly participants headed to our “Learning Sessions, Kingdom Practices”, where we were able to dig deeper into more of the praxis of ministry. The topics for these workshops were “A Conversation for Quebec: Listening Together to the Challenges and Ideas God is Provoking”; “Bigger Impact”; “Developing Practices of Communal Discernment”; “Effective Pastoral Care in the Congregation”; “Discover: A Guide to Discerning Your Church’s Mission Heart”; “Teaching the Bible in a (Post-) Modern World”; “Discipleship in Small Groups”; “Two Key Issues in Church Insurance”; and “Faith and Genetics: Starting the Conversation in Your Congregations”.

We then gathered once more to join in worship and hear David Fitch’s final session. In his final talk, he encouraged us all to go back to our churches, ready to bring Eucharist into our daily lives and seek opportunities to share the Gospel. He then spent time responding to questions from our community.

And with that, our Assembly 2014 concluded.

Thank you Banwell for the opportunity to take part in this gathering of our Canadian Baptist family.

Submitted by Linda Moir

Editor’s note: Thanks to Linda Moir for this excellent report.

Worship Notes

Although summer is the vacation season, there will be lots of opportunities for us to gather together in worship. The Pastor will be preaching and leading worship for most of the summer Sundays except for the last three in August when we will be blessed by three special speakers. As always, our church musicians will be leading us in worship providing us with great times together. May the Lord continue to bless us as we come together in worship!

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March for Jesus

This year’s march will take place on Saturday, August 23rd. For information, please check out the website for March for Jesus, www.marchforjesus.web.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/march-for-jesus or by calling 519-977-6569.
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Jr. and Sr. Children’s Church Helpers Needed!

Check the Sign-up sheet on the C.E. Bulletin board in the foyer to see which Sundays are available. A movie and snack will be provided. Two workers needed per Sunday, per group. Sign your name beside the date you are available or contact Marlee Page for more info.
Board of Directors
Chair: Vladimir Kralik (2 yrs.)
Vice-Chair: Chris Freeman (2 yrs.)
Church Clerk: Dorothy Allan (1 yr.)

Christian Growth and Nurture
Chair: Laurie Beemer (2 yrs.)
Members: Bonnie Hammond (3 yrs.)
          Donna Elder (3 yrs.)
          Kathy Freeman (2 yrs.)
          Betty Ann Brown (3 yrs. *)
          Kim Stevenson (2 yrs.)
          Terri Prevett (2 yrs.)

Representatives: Heather Doyle (nursery)
                ________________ (toddlers)
                Terri Prevett (children’s church)
                Maureen Church (Library)
                Marlee Page (Dir. C.E.)
                Christian Wiley (Dir. Youth Ministries)

Mission and Outreach
Chair: Yvonne Miloyevich (1 yr.)
Members: Helen Fontaine (2 yrs.)
           Aaron Blata (2 yrs.)*
           Ryan Richardson (1 yr.)
           Melissa Lafontaine (3 yrs.)

Representatives: Jim Wheeler (Newsletter)
                Lino Braccio (Men’s Ministry)

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Chair: Dennis Dick (1 yr.)
Members: Heather Heuston (2 yrs.)*
           Nancy Pavlovich (1 yr.)
           Marsha Campbell (1 yr.)
           Deborah Martel (1 yr.)
           Donna Soper (1 yr.)

Representatives: Kim Anber, Jim Wheeler (Ushers and Greeters)
                Yvonne Eberle (Hospitality Team)
                Deborah Doyle (Sanctuary Tech)
Finance
Chair: Bruce Rand (3 yrs.)
Members: Vic Hawkeswood (1 yr.)*
       Tony Marques (2 yrs.)*
       Ross Hickling (1 yr.)
       Kevin Martin (3 yrs.)
       Ann Van Wagner (3 yrs.)

Representatives: Zelma Horvath (Envelope Steward)
                Sean Doyle (Treasurer, 1 yr.)

Property Management
Chair: Tom Holmes (1 yr.)
Members: Daniel Blata (1 yr.)*
        Dave Wickham (3 yrs.*)
        Kim Anber (2 yrs.)
        Alan Brown (3 yrs.)

Human Resources
Chair: Jim Wheeler (2 yrs.)
Members: Linda Stevenson (1 yr.)*
        Penny Bain (1 yr.)*
        Rob Adlam (1 yr.)
        Jim Elder (2 yrs.)

*Denotes second 3 year term.

Nominating Committee (each member serves a two year term)
Susan Holmes
Madelon Kidd
Claude Daniels
Jeff Soper
John Goodwin
Dennis Dick (rep. from Board of Directors)
Pastor (ex officio)
This article takes shape fresh from our experience at our annual Baptist family Assembly held in Toronto last week. The Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ) meets for its annual meeting every year in June. As you’ll read in other pages of this newsletter we were able to send our full complement of five delegates representing Banwell. Apart from all the business that was transacted there was a lot of inspirational and educative value to our meeting as well. But apart from that I found it a helpful time for another reason.

It is certainly true that we live in a post-denominational time. Church-seeking folks don’t really care as much anymore about labels ... they just want to find a congregation that has good worship, something for their kids and where they’re not embarrassed to invite friends and family to attend. But as I spent time last week with our “Baptist tribe” assembled in Toronto, folks from Windsor to Kenora to Quebec City (and many points in between) I was once again reminded about the blessing of being part of a wider faith family. Certainly some of that has to do with the thought and practice that has shaped my life and ministry for most of my life. But something else emerged as being increasingly precious as the years go by.

As I made my way among the other delegates I was reminded of the rich associations Linda and I have enjoyed with our Baptist family through the years. I saw my friend and fellow pastor Lionel Pye who accompanied me to a wintry Thunder Bay a few years ago as we were sent to “calm the waters” in two churches where misunderstandings had developed. We were reunited with Keith and Jennifer Vincent, two wonderful friends who were valuable volunteers in the London church we served. Randy McCooeye was one of our students at the old Baptist Leadership Education Centre in Whitby and has become one of our best pastors. We are so proud of him. One of our past presidents of the CBOQ and an active layman in his own church, Don Hallman has become such a good friend over the years after he and Linda served together on curriculum review at the aforementioned lay training centre.

These folks come from every corner of our Baptist constituency. But as diverse as our faith family is, there is one thing that binds us together ... our faith in Christ. Apart from anything else that happened during the two and a half days at Assembly, the best part for me was the rejoicing that went on with so many of these precious brothers and sisters. I think so much of it had to do with the work we had done on Christ’s behalf. It reminded me of the words of one of the pieces which holds a special place in our worship book:

“Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.”
(Charles Fawcett, lyrics)

I can’t help but think that this is what Heaven may be like ... all of us together, rejoicing as to what God has done through us. I have a feeling we’re doing the same thing here at our Banwell ... building the memories of ministry. May God continue to strengthen us.

Devotedly your pastor ... Alex