

Sunday Worship Service **May 1, 2016**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymns: “Our Great Saviour” 17
 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 21

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Children’s Time: *(following Children’s Time, children from Junior Kindergarten through grade 5 may now go downstairs for their own worship time.)*

Prayer

Anthem: “How Beautiful”

Communion

Hymn: “The Love of God” 157

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7 *Thanks be to God*

Sermon: “First Loves”

Hymn: “Bind Us Together” 425

Benediction

Postlude

John and Rosemary Griffiths will be available to pray with you at the front of the church following the service.

Our theme for 2016 comes from Mark 1:14, “Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.”

Will you join us each week as we consider how Jesus did this so that we can?

This week at Avenue Road

Tues.	May 3,	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Take-a-Break
Wed.	May 4,	1 & 7 p.m.	Bible Study: “Judges”
Wed.	May 4,	7:00 p.m.	Overflow/Xtreme
Thurs.	May 5,	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	May 6,	10:00 a.m.	LIFE Group – final study

Coming Soon

Silver Circle 50+ will meet at the church Wednesday, May 11th, at 10:45 a.m. and depart in car pools by 11 a.m. for a guided tour of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. The total cost is \$20 (tour and lunch). Please pay in cash to Murray Jull in advance. More details are in your mail slots. Sign up at the Welcome Centre.

Spring Clean Up – It’s that time again when we ask you to please consider donating some time to help clean inside the church and the church grounds. We have scheduled the clean up for Saturday, May 14th, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The rain date is May 28th.

Evening Prayer Services – Sunday May 15th and Sunday June 12th we will be having prayer services in the Johnston Room from 7-8 p.m. We want to hear your needs, concerns, and praises. There is no pressure to pray out loud. If you have any questions, please speak to Bob or Jane Shipley.

Save the Date - Avenue Road and King Street Baptist are taking church to camp! Avenue Road and King Street have joined together and booked Camp Hermosa just outside Goderich for a weekend of faith, fellowship, fun, and of course food. Please mark the weekend of September 9-11, 2016 on your calendar and make plans to spend a wonderful weekend at Camp Hermosa. More information and registration forms will be available in the very near future. If you have questions contact Wayne or Jeanie Moore.

News Notes and Needs

The Youth Choir – There will be a practice from 12:15 to 12:45 today. Next Sunday there will be a practice in the Johnston Room at 10:30.

The Nominating Committee is in search of two representatives from Avenue Road Baptist Church to be delegates in two upcoming Ordination Examining Council. The dates are Monday, May 16th at 7:30 at Stanley Park Baptist Church for Gary Rush and Sunday, May 29th, at 7:30 at King St. Baptist for Jan Mutter. Please speak with Sue Sullivan, Leona Cox, or Evelyn Parsons or leave a message with Barb at the church. The deadline is this Friday, May 6th.

Summer Kids' Club Volunteers – Please speak to Pastor Chris if you can volunteer for this important ministry taking place July 4th to 8th.

Volunteer Drivers – If you are in need of transportation to an appointment or other commitment, we have a list in the church office of volunteer drivers who will assist if available. Call the office in advance to obtain names of volunteers that you may contact. Please speak to Barb in the office if you would like to be added to the list of volunteer drivers.

Beyond Our Walls

The Cambridge Kiwanis Boys Choir and Young Men's Chorus will be leading in Choral Evensong Stanford in Bb today at 4 p.m. at the Trinity Anglican Church, 12 Blair Road, Cambridge. There will be a free-will offering for the Pipe Organ Renewal Fund.

The Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet for Cambridge Youth For Christ will be held at Forward Church this Saturday, May 7th. Individual seats cost \$40, and a table of 8 costs \$300, or \$400 for a stage side table to be close to the entertainment. **Bob Cates, recent recipient of the Entertainer of the Year award** from the recent Canadian Event Industry awards, combines extraordinary talent with comedy to create an “amazingly funny” show tailored to his audience. Arie and Helen Van Dyk are catering the event. Lots of Mother's Day gifts will be available, as well as a silent auction with some amazing items. Book your tickets via PayPal at: <http://yfccambridge.com/spring-banquet/> or call 519-444-8916 to book.

Praying Together

Many in our congregation requested prayer for friends and family during our service last Sunday. Through his sermon, Pastor Chris reminded us that Jesus is always with us, loving us no matter what our circumstances. Please pray for those suffering physically, spiritually and emotionally, that they would feel that love.

Germany - Praise God for fruitful ministry appearing all over Germany and in Asia, among students and church leaders, where God is actively at work. As well for sending new missionaries to Germany, to assist CBM Global Field Staff, John and Ruth Chan. May His Spirit continue to work within His disciples so that we all live a life worthy of our calling. Please pray for John & Ruth, that God may grant strength to finish the task He has assigned them, as well as the wisdom to allocate their time well. With their travelling, tight ministry schedule and demanding pastoral counselling over the past three months, please pray for their health and well-being.

Ministry Schedule

Today, Infant/Toddler – Sarah Bruce, Linda Knights
May 8, Infant/Toddler – Jeanie Moore, Amy Healy
Greeters: Betty Moore, Audrey Evans
Narthex: Jeanie Moore
Prayer Time: Larry and Rosemarie Rawlings

Avenue Road “Who's Who”

Lead Pastor: Rev. Gord Rutledge
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