



THE PLAIN FACTS
a monthly newsletter of

**FIRST YARMOUTH
PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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PLAINS CHURCH MUSIC LEADERS:

FRONT ROW: Sherry Graham, Pastor Margaret Bell, Marion Lammiman, Carolyn Plaunt, Marjorie Higgs, Pat Kennedy, Donna Limon, Wendy Lessard, Amy Dale.

BACK ROW: Phyllis Huffman, Gary Higgs, Edith Norton, Ken Greenslade, Dan Dale, Wayne Dale.



PRAYER CONCERNS

To protect the privacy concerns of our families, friends, neighbours and church family, it is requested that before names are submitted to the Pastor for prayer, or are put on the Plain Facts prayer list, permission be sought and granted from the individuals to be named, or from family members who have been given express permission to speak on their behalf.

Sylvia Lusted	Cathy Tredenick	Marilyn Cartwright	Jackie & Kayla
Eleanor House	Dennis Angyal	Janet Stewart	Wayne Dale
Jim Duffy	Marilyn Smith	Joslyn Wilcox	Jim Maynard
Karl Crocker	Randy Paul	Mary Lou Pearson	Betty Jones
John Johnson	Jason Carnegie	George Eastbury	Sally Paul
Margaret Rimkey	Betty Shelley-Wiebe	Lillian Huffman	Jill Coull
Al Armstrong	Warren Doner	Pete DenBoer	Cecil & Mabel Somerville
Family of Ken Tanner	Family of Janet Haggerty		

Sunday Scripture Readings



November 04 - Sunday After All Saints

Mark 12: 28 - 34
Psalm 146

November 11 - Remembering Sunday

Mark 12: 38 - 44

November 18

Hebrews 10: 11 - 25

November 25 - Your Choice Sunday

Joseph and his brothers

December 02 Advent 1 Hope

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13

In sympathy

The Plains family extend our sympathy to the family of Ken Tanner. He passed away on October 15, 2018 at the age of 68. Ken was a brother to Carolyn and Dave Chesterfield. He will be missed by his family.

The Plains family extend our sympathy to the family of Janet Haggerty who passed away on October 17th, 2018 at the age of 64. She is remembered for her work at Community Living Elgin. and her dedication to her clients. She will be greatly missed.

Dedication for the automatic door and the cemetery fence on Sunday, November 4, 2018

Memorial Plaque for Automatic Door

Mary Lou Greenslade	Anna Dekker
Don Graham	Tom Marshman
In honor of Marion and Jim Maynard	

Memorial Plaque for Cemetery Fence

Dennis Wilson	Helen Munroe
Don Norton	Peggy Springer
Mildred Chant	Millie Williams
Jerry Bristol	

Dear Friends: We were fortunate to find a hospital bed when we needed one, in April 2016. It was almost new and came from a friend who had participated in World War II. Later she was transferred to Parkwood Hospital. We would now like to make it available to someone else in need of it.

Please call Vera Martin 519-775-2268.

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 01 Thur 10:30 A.M.** DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
- Nov 04 Sun 10:00 A.M.** Sunday Service - Communion Sunday - Dedication for the automatic door and the cemetery fence. Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov 08 Thur 10:30 A.M.** DVD Bible Study - CHRISTIAN HISTORY MADE EASY
- Nov 10 Sat 8:00 A.M.** Men's Breakfast - Buccaneer Restaurant - followed by a tour of Fingal
9:30 A.M. Farm Supply - 7655 Union Road, Fingal
- Nov 11 Sun 10:00 A.M.** Sunday Service - Remembering Sunday
- Nov 14 Wed 8:30 A.M.** After 8's Breakfast - Sunset Cafe
- Nov 17 Sat 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.** Plains Church Bazaar - In Oak Hall
- Nov 18 Sun 10:00 A.M.** Sunday Service - Caring Cupboard Sunday
- Nov 25 Sun 10:00 A.M.** Sunday Service - Your Choice Sunday -
 Coincidence / Serendipity / Divine Intervention-submitted by Nancy Millman
- Dec 02 Sun 10:00 A.M.** Sunday Service - Advent 1 - Communion Sunday - Followed by
11:30 A.M. Soup and Sandwich luncheon in Oak Hall.
7:00 P.M. EBA Advent Music Night at Centre St. Baptist Church
- Dec 07 Fri 6:30 P.M.** ELGIN BAPTIST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER at Plains
 \$15.00 for a full course turkey dinner.





**Plan to attend the
 LADIES AID CHRISTMAS
 BAZAAR
 SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 2018
 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

Refreshments served in Oak Hall
 Craft Table, Bake Table, Books, Cookies,
 New Costume Jewelry and Attic Treasures, etc



Plains Church Christmas Bazaar - Saturday November 17, 2018 - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

HELPERS:

Anyone available and interested in assisting behind the tables selling goods, in the kitchen preparing and washing up, serving goodies and coffee or clearing and setting tables for 1 hour or for 2 hours, at this event are most welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church sanctuary or contact Nancy Millman 519-775-2526 / anmillman@rogers.com

DONATIONS:

Donations of hand crafted and baked goods are welcome. Please package items like cookies and squares by the dozen or half dozen on paper, Styrofoam or plastic containers, and priced ready for sale.

Price lists will be made available at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.

We ask that all other donations be clean and in working condition and not brought to the church before the morning of Thursday, November 15 when set-up takes place.

Plains Church Notes – 30 September 2018 Sermon: IS SATAN REAL? Scripture: Mark 9: 38-50

The Rev. Margaret Bell offered to devote the sermon time one Sunday each month to answering a question submitted by a member of the congregation. The following notes are from the first sermon in this series. John Gibbons asked the question.

It may surprise you that the name Satan appears only 3 times in the Old Testament. Satan is named in Job and briefly in I Chronicles and Zechariah. Christians have long considered the Serpent that makes life complicated for Adam and Eve in the temptation story to be Satan. However, Genesis 3 does not give the Serpent a name or title. The three books where Satan does appear by name were compiled during the Postexilic Period. After the Temple of Solomon was destroyed in 586 *B.C. the 'best and brightest of the people' were carted off into exile to Babylon. 40 years later their descendants' returned to the home land to rebuild their lives. During those years in exile the exiles were influenced by the religion of their conquerors. The Persians were big into what is called Dualism: which means that there is a cosmic battle going on back and forth all the time between the powers or principalities of good and evil. The expectation is that good and God will ultimately win but in the meantime the battles get played out on the battlefield called planet earth and the warriors on the front lines are humans. Before the time of the exile the Jewish people already believed in a heavenly host; in angels. The Persians introduced the idea of fallen angels or demons. Satan became the name of the leader of demons.

So by the time Jesus was born the persona of Satan was understood to be a powerful figure that represented spiritual forces that were against the well-being of humanity. Mark's gospel introduces Satan as the tempter or adversary who challenged Jesus immediately after his baptism. Once Jesus even said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan. You are a stumbling block to me." Perhaps Jesus used that sentence figuratively. Certainly, by the first century *CE demons were widely believed to be behind all things evil and sinful. Demons caused sickness, both mental and physical. They were seen as the causes of natural calamities like storms and earthquakes. It's curious, that what they saw as acts of the devil, we say are acts of God! Did Jesus believe that there was a Satan? The references in the gospels could indicate he did. But it could be that Jesus knowing the widely held beliefs in his culture about Satan and evil was comfortable speaking to others in words and images they understood. Jesus believed that evil was real and taught his followers in to pray, "And deliver us from evil, or the evil one." It's clear from the teachings we read from Mark 9 that Jesus used many images, positive and negative, simple and complex, to convey the very different nature of his kingdom. Mark was written after the Temple had been destroyed and Jerusalem sacked in 70 AD or *CE. In other words all hell had broken loose And Jesus followers were scattered to the four winds. They were afraid and when in fear, doubts about their faith in Jesus rose up. Perhaps Jesus stark language here is meant to break through paralyzing fear like a pitcher of ice cold water thrown into one's face. In summary, Jesus is saying that the kingdom of God is worth whatever it costs us in this life. And it will and does cost. Faithfulness to God's kingdom cost Jesus his life on a cross. We too live in uncertain times when evil seems too often to have an upper hand. We also feel that all hell has broken loose upon "civilization". However, in faith we know that the forces of good are rising up—they are rising up all around us. Forces of compassion. Forces of peace. Forces of kindness. We are members of that great force! We are salt in our world. When we keep the faith, when we live our truth as God's child, not any Satan nor legions of evil doers can bring us down. Thanks be to God! Amen" *Summary by Malcolm Rust.*



SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH
 Sunday, December 3 at 11:30 A.M.
 (Following Sunday Service)
ALL PROCEEDS from your donation for
 lunch will go to
CHRISTMAS CARE.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 st Hailey Noble | 16 th Betty Jones (99) | 23 rd Mary Lou Pearson |
| 6 th Jessica Axford | 17 th Betty Shelley-Wiebe | 25 th Nicholas Dale |
| 6 th Carolyn Plaunt | 17 th Tim Barrett | 27 th Cameron Dale |
| 6 th Margaret Bell | 17 th Leilah Sibley | 27 th Liam Bradley |
| 9 th Matthew McCarthy | 18 th Emma Greenslade | 29 th Floyd Axford |
| 9 th Evan Plaunt | 18 th George Lidster | 30 th Ollie Perry |
| 11 th Phyllis Rouse | 20 th Carter Ruddock | |
| 14 th Christopher Nicolle | 21 st Milt Springer | |
| 15 th Betty Lidster | 22 nd Carol Maes | |
| 16 th Eric Plaunt | 23 rd Randy Paul | |
| 16 th Jack Satchell (95) | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Jack & Noreena Satchell (69)



Christmas with Derrick Drover

New Sarum Baptist Church, December 7, 2018 at 7:00pm.
This will be a great start to the Christmas season, you won't want to miss it!



ELGIN BAPTIST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, December 7, 2018

6:30 p.m. at PLAINS CHURCH

\$15.00 for a full course turkey dinner

Please advise LOUISE SARGEANT - mgsel@execulink.com or 519-769-2670 if you plan to attend, **BY** Monday, December 3.

Bring a "gift in a bag" to be sold for \$5.00 AND

Bring Canadian Tire money -

Proceeds of both going to "SHE MATTERS"



Mary and Doug Sawyer provided the Ministry of Music at the Thanksgiving Sunday Service On October 7, 2018.

Try our Sundays. They're better than Baskin-Robbin's.



Marion Maynard shared birthday cake on the occasion of her 80th birthday October 21.

Highlights of Church Meeting 21st October 2018

Bob and Lillian Bell joined Plains on September 30th, bringing our Membership to 140. Child Presentation and Parental Dedications were witnessed for Clare by her parents Erin Chesterfield and Dom Kisiel. Also Darrin, Justin and Raelynn by their parents Danielle and Bill Ralf.

Shirley Dale reported a third quarter gain of \$7,033.76. Capital costs were adjusted due to a couple of unexpected expenses - air conditioner in the sanctuary and church office computer. Sherry Graham stated that our goal for CBOQ Missions is \$2,500. To date \$1,322.56 has been submitted.

A Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on December 2nd will support our local Christmas Care.

The Ladies Aid held their Annual June Luncheon at the Wayside Inn, and their Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday November 17th. Louise Sargeant reported donations to Plains General Fund, Elgin Heritage museum, YMCA "Keep A Roof" campaign and to the family of Jackie Rudichuk (a child in Calgary, victim of a household accident).

Pastor Margaret reported contacts May to Sept were 82. Church meetings total - 9, Church related events - 7, Community events - 1, Elgin Association/CBOQ 7, Funeral related 4, Weddings 2, Special Services 5. The Social Committee helped once again with the Springwater camp out, Plains General Fund and Mental Health Elgin (Christmas Party).

Tom Lammiman reported repairs to the parking lot and other maintenance items. A Memorial Plaque has been installed in the Church Cemetery. Submitted by Marjorie Higgs, Clerk

Plains Church Notes 28 October 2018

It was our second "It's your Choice" Sunday and there was a large attendance. Marilyn Pettit chose the theme: Country Gospel Music and selected all the songs used during the service. Having sung "This is the Day" we shared the favourite Gaither song, "The Family of God".

Sherry Graham was at the organ and Amy Dale at the piano. The choir sang "The Old Country Church".

Then with Wendy Lessard at the piano we sang:

Thank You, Lord, For All Your Blessings On Me
I've Got A Mansion Just Over The Hilltop
When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
It Is No Secret What God Can Do
If That Isn't Love The Ocean Is Dry
This World Is Not My Home I'm Just A-passing Through
How Great Thou Art

Pastor Margaret Bell introduced each song by telling the story of how it came to be written. Most were written since the 1950s and were performed by famous singers including Bill & Gloria Gaither, The Easter Brothers, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and others. There was Blue Grass, Southern Gospel, Country and Traditional music from people who had written multiple songs and came from a variety of Christian backgrounds. Some grew out of personal life experience. When a little girl missed Sunday school the teacher visited her home. She was very ill and died soon after. James Black wrote "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There". Out of his own experience of being addicted to alcohol Stuart Hamblen wrote "It Is No Secret What God Can Do. What He's done for others He will do for you. With arms wide open He'll pardon you, it is no secret what God can do."

For years one of the distinctions of Plains Church has been the music. A blend of traditional hymns of the church with Country, Southern Gospel and more modern Christian music that is widely popular. *Malcolm Rust*

NURSERY SUPERVISORS NEEDED

We have a dedicated group of people who take turns supervising our younger children in Oak Hall during Sunday School time, but we could use a few more. Supervisory shifts are for one Sunday a month, and we schedule two people at a time to work these. If you are interested in helping with Nursery Supervision for 2019, please contact Barb Axford, 519-631-2937, b_axford@rogers.com



Thank you for giving faithfully to your church, and for continuing your church's financial partnership with us. Through you and your church, CBOQ can continue to serve its churches as we shine brightly with the light of Jesus all across Ontario and Quebec.

Church Life & Leadership

Church Life & Leadership equips and enhances the capacity of church leaders to build and disciple thriving congregations.

Through accreditation, clergy care support, church planting, grants, training, partnership opportunities, resources, events and more, the Church Life and Leadership team is strengthening and expanding the ways in which CBOQ supports its family of churches.

Communications & Member Care

Communications and Member Care builds and strengthens a sense of family and community between CBOQ churches and with CBOQ as an organization through sharing stories, information and promoting opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. We champion the vision, mission and values of CBOQ to our member churches, staff and volunteers and we ensure we have the people and funding in place to advance our mission.

Next Generation Ministries

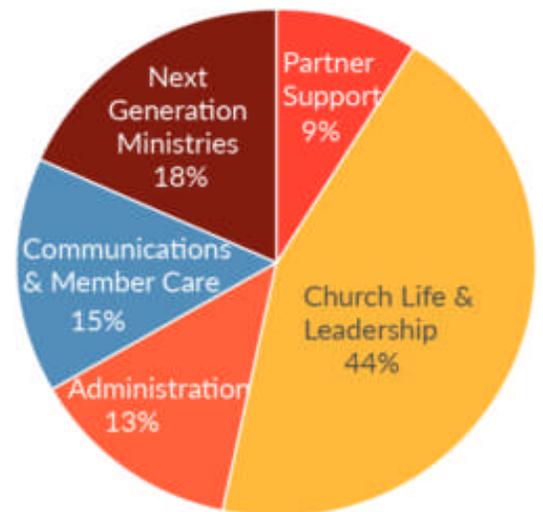
Next Generation Ministries exists to serve God by mobilizing and developing youth and children's workers and their churches across Ontario and Quebec. Through CBOQ Youth, CBOQ Children and Family, Camp Kwasind and alongside Christian agencies, we effectively engage children, youth and their families with the person and message of Jesus, empowering them in their journey towards being fully-committed Christ-followers and reaching their God-given potential.

Finance & Administration

Finance & Administration provides stewardship for the resources that are entrusted to us through the sacrificial giving of our churches and equip church treasurers with the resources and training they need to support your church well. In addition, we ensure sound governance and annual audit and regulatory compliance.

Partner Support

We also contribute to the successes of our partner organizations, Canadian Baptist Ministries, McMaster Divinity College, the Union d'Églises Baptistes Francophone du Canada and more!



Employment Up-Dates:

Erene Mifsud has accepted a position at Mercedes-Benz London car dealership, as an Appointment Coordinator. This is the same dealership at which her older sister Josseline works. *Submitted by Pat Kennedy*

Justine Watkins, who lives in Vancouver, and is the granddaughter of Jack and Noreena Satchell had a great week recently. She works in the film industry as a co-ordinator, and has been promoted to a management position. She also celebrated her 29th birthday. *Submitted by Noreena Satchell*

Pastor's Page

On the centenary anniversary marking the end of World War 1 we will be remembering the high and enduring cost of war and the great and enduring need for peace.

Only one of my closer relations, my mother's uncle, Clarence N. Ronald joined the War To End All Wars. I don't believe that he got any closer to the contest than England's shoreline, which was close enough! Of the next generation of family, 5 or 6 of my mother's first cousins joined the War effort in 1939. Amazingly, they all lived to return home, marry, start families and have (relatively) normal lives.

Two of those cousins who my mother loved like brothers are pictured in the photo carousel that will be part of our Remembering Day Service. One cousin, Jack, pictured beside his bride whom he married just before leaving for the war, sold me my autoharp and my guitar in later years. He was a talented musician, church organist, and the father/step-father of 11 children!

Bill, his older brother whose photo is also part of the display, attended my Ordination Service at Plains in the Spring of 1990. His widow, a proud Saskatchewan native, lives near her oldest son, just outside Ottawa.

Returning to the year, 1939: 19 year old Helen Ronald, my future 'favorite mother' was present at the Brantford Train Station as new recruits Jack and Bill stood on the railway platform to bid a somber adieu to their parents. The young mens' father, Stanley was a tall, handsome, "distinguished professor" looking man with his trim, smart looking mustache.

I remember as a small child feeling a bit awed and subdued when in his quiet presence, but I was not afraid of him. Uncle Stan had become a father at a young age (16) and treated his little sons rather sternly. Bill's spouse remembers that when she and Bill were first dating, he never spoke about his dad. When she questioned him, he shrugged his shoulders and confessed that he didn't really know his Dad very well.

On the day of the young soldiers' departure, Stan stepped forward and solemnly shook his sons' hands. No words were exchanged as my mom recalled. But she remembered that when they returned to the house, Uncle Stan retreated into his bedroom and remained there for some time. Mom, having reflected on that memory often over the years would tell me, "You know, I think that Uncle Stan,

confronted with the possibility of never seeing his sons alive again suddenly realized just how much they meant to him.”

Thankfully, Uncle Stan got to welcome Bill and Jack home from War. But so many parents, spouses, children, friends, grandparents, cousins did not get to have that ‘welcome home’ celebration. And for those who did return from war, they faced the daunting challenge of returning to families and communities who hadn’t experienced what they had experienced but expected the Veterans to pick up, so to speak, where they left off and carry on as normal.

On November 11, 2018, we will remember those who, over these 100 years have served, given the ultimate sacrifice, or returned home forever changed. We will remember the civilians living in nations that became battlefields with prisoner camps, starvation, bombings and sirens blaring. We will remember those who waited, worked, prayed, volunteered, sacrificed and suffered back at home, hoping for peace, calling for justice and striving to keep bodies and souls together until the nightmare ended and sanity returned to the Earth.

On November 11 we also remember and pray for the Canadian military, peace keepers, diplomats, and their families who endure partings and anticipate joyous or sad reunions today. May they sense our respect and be lifted up by our prayers. May they know that we will always remember them.

Peace to you,

Margaret

