



**THE PLAIN FACTS**  
*a monthly newsletter of*

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PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**A SOLDIER DIED TODAY**

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt (1987)

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbours, his tales became a joke,  
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.  
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,  
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part  
Is to clean up all the troubles that the other people start.

If we cannot do him honour while he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,  
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.





## 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.*

Marilyn Cartwright  
Milton Springer  
Larry Mizon  
Family of Sally Paul  
John & Sherri Doner  
Karl Crocker  
Shirley Griffin  
Family of Shirley Caswell

Rae Axford  
Deanna  
Family of Carl Sibley  
Rose  
Paula Welter  
Family of Don Small  
Laura Griffin

Jenny and family  
Jill & Gerry Coull  
Faith Seabrook  
Wendy & Hugh Lessard  
Don & Penny Sawyer  
Family of Anne Smith  
Sharon Axford

Vera Martin  
Jason & Michelle Carnegie  
Cherie Doyon  
Marlene Smith  
Elsie Walker's niece  
Family of Kay Axford  
Toots Gillard



### In Sympathy

We send our sympathy to the family of Donald Emerson Small who died in Hospice Wellington, Guelph on September 5, 2021. Don is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty, daughter Heather Fyfe (Mack), grandchildren Zack and Kylie, sisters Donna Meszaros (Les), Lana Anderson (Fred) and brother Gil Small (Jackie), and nieces and nephews. Don was predeceased by older sister Patsy Marilyn Green. Don was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend. *Barb Axford*

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to Stephen and Carolyn Plaunt and the family of Sally Paul, who passed away on October 15, 2021 at the of 92. Beloved wife of the late William Paul. Dearly loved mother of Kevin Paul (Ella) and Carolyn Plaunt (Stephen) and predeceased by her daughter Karen Paul (1949) and son Randy Paul (2019). Cherished grandmother of Eric, Tiffany and Brian Plaunt and Bradley and Gregory Paul. Great grandmother of Evan, Lucas, Briar Lynne Plaunt and Andrea and Cameron Paul. Predeceased by brother William Robbins. Dear sister-in-law of Elsie Robbins and predeceased by Evelyn and Charles Walker and Mary and Wesley Hodges. Sally was a member of First Yarmouth Plains Baptist Church and a member of Plains Ladies Aid. The funeral service was held Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. from Williams Funeral Home, with Pastor Margaret Bell officiating. Sally will be dearly missed.

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to Leena Sibley and the family of Carl Sibley who passed away on October 18, 2021 at the age of 80 years. Carl is lovingly remembered by his wife Leena and their children Hanna (Mike), Estevan (Tina), Tesha (Matthew), Rebecca (Cam). Predeceased by beloved son Troy (1991) (mother Joan Sibley). Adored "Grandpa-Wampa" to Braydon, Leilah, Addison, Dani, Levi, Charlotte, Elora, Beau, Hunter, Johnathon, Myra and Caellum. Funeral service was held at Williams Funeral Home, October 23, 2021, officiated by Pastor Margaret Bell. Carl will be greatly missed.

We send our sympathy to Vera Martin and family on the passing Monday, October 25, of her sister-in-law, Anne Walters Smith. Anne was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Harold Smith (2013). Together they managed the Smith family business, Erie View Poultry Farm. Anne is survived by a son, Michael, and daughter Susan (Wayne McEachren). *Barbara Axford*

We have learned of the October 26, 2021 passing of Helen Kathline 'Kay' (McQuiggan) Axford, wife of the late Don Axford (1988). We extend our sympathy to their children Linda, Richard and Connie and families. Kay was a longtime resident of St. Thomas and area and moved to McCarthy Place, Stratford a few months ago. Kay became a member of Plains Baptist Church in 1959, when her church membership was transferred here from First Baptist, Tillsonburg. *Barb Axford*

<b>Sunday Scripture Readings</b>		
<b>Nov 07-Pentecost 24</b> Mark 12: 38-44 Psalm 127	<b>Nov 14-Remembering Sunday</b> Mark 13: 1-8 Hebrews 10: 11-25 1 Samuel 2: 1-10	<b>Nov 21-Reign of Christ</b> John 18: 33-37 Revelation 1: 4b-8
<b>Nov 28-Advent 1</b> Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-36	<b>Dec 05-Advent 2</b> Luke 3: 1-6 Malachi 3: 1-4 Philippians 1: 3-11	

## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Ontario has lifted capacity restrictions on non-essential businesses, including places where religious rites are held if holding to the double vaccine standard for their patrons.

The Deacons and I invite you, if you are fully vaccinated, to worship together.

Chairs will remain at the back of the sanctuary which are spaced 6 feet apart if anyone feels more comfortable sitting there. Face coverings are still required indoors.

Pastor Margaret Bell

**Nov 04 Thur 7:30 P.M.** Choir practise resumes. New members are welcome!

**Nov 07 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday -  
Daylight Saving Time ends

**Nov 14 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Remembering Sunday  
Food Bank Sunday



**Nov 21 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service**

**Nov 28 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Advent 1

**Dec 05 Sun 10:00 A.M.** **Sunday Service** - Communion Sunday

### Note from Deacons:

As we have been slowly and carefully reopening the church, we are adjusting to some of the changes. Some of our old tasks have been replaced with new ones. None of them are difficult or take much time. If you are willing to volunteer even occasionally that would allow everyone to stay safe and enjoy our fellowship time together by sharing these small tasks.

We need some help in making tea & coffee.....in wiping down the pews, the few tables and chairs after coffee break....and checking off the attendance as people come into church.

These jobs do not take a long to do. So if you are able to help please contact: Donna Limon .tea / coffee, Tom Lammiman.. wiping furniture, Mary Crosby... checking attendance .

Thank you . YOU are much appreciated.

Calatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good , for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.  
Chair of Deacons, Betty Rewbotham

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup> Hailey Noble	17 <sup>th</sup> Tim Barrett	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mary Lou Pearson
6 <sup>th</sup> Carolyn Plaunt (60)	17 <sup>th</sup> Leilah Sibley	25 <sup>th</sup> Nicholas Dale
6 <sup>th</sup> Margaret Bell (65)	18 <sup>th</sup> Emma Greenslade	27 <sup>th</sup> Cameron Dale
9 <sup>th</sup> Matthew McCarthy	18 <sup>th</sup> George Lidster	27 <sup>th</sup> Liam Bradley
9 <sup>th</sup> Evan Plaunt	20 <sup>th</sup> Carter Ruddock	29 <sup>th</sup> Floyd Axford
15 <sup>th</sup> Betty Lidster	21 <sup>st</sup> Milt Springer (90)	30 <sup>th</sup> Ollie Perry
16 <sup>th</sup> Eric Plaunt	22 <sup>nd</sup> Carol Maes	
17 <sup>th</sup> Betty Shelley-Wiebe		



### Plains Church 191 Anniversary - Sunday, October 17, 2021



Sacrament of Communion - Pastor Margaret Bell



The lady behind the camera - Phyllis Huffman



Congregants are screened upon arrival.  
Clerk Mary Crosby and Pastor Margaret Bell.  
*Photos by Betty Rewbotham*



Spacing for seating was required due to Covid-19 Policy and Procedure.

The Plains opened for public worship on October 17, 2021 and we celebrated our 191st Anniversary! The sanctuary renovations and A/V system and parlor were dedicated and we rededicated ourselves to Christian service and unity at the Lord's Table. 46 people attended but we had room for a few more!  
*Pastor Margaret Bell*



**THANK YOU** to our Plains family for all the kindness, prayers and love shown to us on Mom's passing. God was so good to her and us in answering our prayers for a peaceful end. May God bless you all.

*The Paul and Plaunt families*



## Highlights of the Congregational Meeting, Sunday October 24, 2021,

by Clerk Mary Crosby

24 attend meeting either in person or in house.

Marjorie Higgs Chaired.

Trustees reported that all projects are completed.

Sherry Graham will be treasurer for Sunday School.

Church opened with anyone attending wearing masks and double vaccinated, and will continue with this policy for now.

Phyllis needs some help with the sound system, she needs:

-Oak Hall monitor.. someone to adjust volume in hall during service.

-Video camera...someone to start and stop recording.

-Editing and uploading video...someone to help with this.

-Sound board...someone to balance volume on the mic's working with TVs and computers.

If you can help, please let Phyllis know.

Annual meeting January 30; 2022 at 1 pm.

Pastor Bell closed with a prayer.

### Appeal for Assistance:

The new sound and video system has been a huge blessing to us during COVID. It has helped us keep in touch and connected to each other safely. We're now ready to bring in some additional people to help run it. There are some skills needed but training will be provided. I've split the duties into jobs so everyone can more easily understand what is involved before you offer to help. I would like to create a list of AT LEAST 6 people that can be trained and commit to a schedule for supporting this system. If you are interested in any of these positions or have any questions about any of this, please contact me at [phylhuff@gmail.com](mailto:phylhuff@gmail.com).



Sound and Video job descriptions:

1. Oak hall monitor – monitor and adjust volume and balance sound using an app on a phone during services. This is just sliding the volume level up or down on the screen as needed in real time.
2. Video Camera – run the tripod mounted video camera – start and stop recording, zoom in and out.
3. Editing and uploading of services – After the service, use software (free) to edit the video as required, then upload it to youtube. You can do this on your own computer or the church's laptop.
4. Sound board- balance and control volume of all mics, and other inputs. Manage master sound for all outputs – Sanctuary, Oak Hall, Nursery, FM transmit and hearing assist.
5. Computer and TVs– Cue up and play any extra music and video for services.
6. Future – work with software and songselect to display lyrics and service display for TVs

I suggest we have a minimum of 2 people on every week. Sound board, video camera and oak hall (when needed) all need coverage.

Phyllis Hyffman

FIRST YARMOUTH (PLAINS) BAPTIST CHURCH  
Financial Statement as of 31st of October, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Communion Fund</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Income	73,643.40	3,347.70	2,279.80	0.00	79,270.90
Expenses	74,261.89	3,347.70	1,968.90	0.00	79,578.49
Net Gain(Loss)	(-618.49)	0.00	310.90	0.00	(-307.59)
Balance end of 2020	52,078.97	0	(-69.27)	0.00	52,009.70
Balance as at 10/31/21	51,460.48	0.00	241.63	0.00	51,702.11

1. The General Fund shows a net loss as at 31st of October, 2021 of (\$-618.49).  
Grass cutting has been paid up until August 31st, 2021.  
Please note that the General Fund balance includes monies in the amount of \$1,073.50 for repairs to the canopy.
2. Missions income as at the 31st of October, 2021 totalled \$3,347.70. That amount has been forwarded to CBOQ and CBM. This amount is made up as follows: CBOQ - General Budget - \$1,915.00; CBM General Budget - \$969.70; Sharing Way - \$183.00, \$230.00 for World Food Crisis, and \$50 to Partners Overseas.
3. The Communion fund had a net gain as of 31st of October, 2021 of \$310.90. The 2020 deficit in the Communion Fund was (\$-69.27) leaving a balance of \$241.63 in the Communion Fund.
4. There have been no designated Sunday school donations in 2021.
5. The Special Projects/Future Projects Fund has income of \$2,556.90 to date.  
Expenses to date total \$1,309.83, leaving a balance of \$1,247.07 in the Special Project Fund.  
Donatons in memory of Betty Graham for that fund totalled \$75.00, in memory of Ray Martin totalled \$485.00, in memory of Helen (Peg) Bell totalled \$20.00, and in memory of Betty Plaunt, \$275.00.  
Donations in memory of Sally Paul to date are \$425.00 for Special Projects. Donations in memory of Kay Axford total \$20.00 to date.
6. Donations in memory of Sally Paul to the General Fund total \$20.00 and in memory of Carl Sibley total \$40.00.

Once again, I would like to personally thank the wonderful people of Plains who continue to make sure their donations arrive at my home office, either by mail, drop off, PAR, or etransfer, and now, "Praise the Lord," by putting their donation on the collection plate at the church! It is so wonderful to see the Plains family back together again at the church. Thank you so very much!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley E. Dale, Treasurer



**Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) Introduces Their New Website:**

We are happy to announce that **CBM** has a new website! Since the start of the year, our team has been working hard to design and build the new **cbmin.org**. It is our hope and prayer that this new website will give you a clearer and deeper understanding of the work we are accomplishing together.

On our **HOME PAGE**, we feature our key causes—Poverty, Justice, Kids at Risk, Build the Church and Crisis Response. By following the **OUR PROJECTS** link you will be able to search all our projects on an interactive map.

At any time, you may turn on **YouTube** and go to McMaster Divinity College (MDC) for the chapel service on Mondays at 12noon. Inspiring...encouraging...exciting..The Gospel. *Malcolm Rust*

Bad weather reports are more often right than good ones.

## **Pastors Page**

**In  
the  
beginning  
God created  
the heaven and earth  
The earth was a formless void  
and darkness covered the face of the  
deep, while a wind from God swept over the  
face of the waters. Then God said, let there be light.**

**And  
there  
was  
light.**

**And there was evening and morning, the first day.**

**For two weeks, many nations of the world are meeting in Glasgow for the United Nations COP26 Climate conference. While politicians make speeches about what they will do to save the planet in one area of the conference, climate activists, like Greta Thunberg are in another area, the “Green Area” and are learning from each other about ways to combat climate change while trying to hold the politicians to account for promises not (yet) kept.**

**There is still a disconnect in many minds between being aware that there is a climate emergency and what actions must be taken to rectify the situation. The actions, we know, involve things that will prove to be expensive and inconvenient to those dependent upon fossil fuels, like we Canadians.**

**A possible example of this disconnect was the British PM leaving the Summit in Glasgow via air travel instead of rail travel, to save time. Quite a contrast to some young climate activists who sailed for days to Glasgow by wind power! Canada is one of those countries which is promoting the importance of reducing our carbon footprint while struggling with the reality that our economy is fossil fuel dependent. It seems to be really hard to get the economy going and fundamentally change it all at the same time. But change, it is a comin’.**

**One of the areas where the Summit may be making positive progress is with deforestation. More than 100 world leaders representing over 85% of the planet's forests committed to ending and reversing deforestation by 2030.**

**In 1914 the world became consumed by a war that became known as The War to End all Wars. As history proved, the moniker was incorrect. Many wars have followed, where people have sacrificed their lives willingly or unwillingly in the pursuit of power or peace or both.**

**In 2020 the world became consumed by a different world war, a pandemic that has challenged humans in a multitude of ways. When humans made choices to band together to fight it with science and common sense, we made progress. But, while in the midst of the pandemic war we were reminded of the negative effects of the carbon footprint upon Mother Earth. When carbon emissions were reduced, the planet breathed easier. However, Nature then reminded us that we have much to do to bring balance back to climate. Wild fires, floods, heat waves, droughts brought misery to millions of people and animals.**

**The Climate War is our War to End all Wars. There are many fronts to this war, and many areas where we can make contributions and personal changes. The first step is to awaken to the realities of climate change that are all around us. The second is to offer our prayers for our leaders that they will act on our behalf to preserve and protect this global garden. Third, we can financially assist or ally ourselves with agencies and groups that we believe are moving the world in the right direction. Fourth, we can learn ways that we can become more energy efficient in our homes and places of work.**

**Although the issues facing humanity are many and daunting, we know that the One who voiced Creation into being from chaos, is with us. God's very first assignment to humanity according to Genesis 1, was to be good stewards of our earthly home. Let us not give in to fear or think that our efforts, as small or simple as they may be, will have little or no impact. What we think about these current issues matter. The next generation is looking at us to see if we get that they matter. Let us do our best to join the battle to preserve human life and God's Creation for the next generations. And let us put our trust in the Creator who brought life and light from void and chaos to lead us to a better, brighter and blessed future. Together. All for One. One for All.**

**Peace on Earth,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.