



THE PLAIN FACTS
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This tiny (note the hand supporting it) figurine depicting The Last Supper is a gift to Plains Church from Lisa Reid. Lisa is a member of Dutton Baptist Church. She ordered one for her church, but it was minutely damaged upon delivery, so a replacement was sent and then she had two.

Lisa is the mother-in-law of Brian Plaunt. Brian is a son of Carolyn and Stephen Plaunt.

The figurine sits on the table in the church foyer, just outside the Pastor's office.

We extend our appreciation to Lisa for thinking of Plains Church.



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.

Jenny and family	Cathy Tredenick	Karl Crocker	Shirley Dale
Jill & Gerry Coull	Suzanne Doan	Mary Lou Pearson	Tucker Johnstone
Cherie Doyon	Shirley Griffin	Rona's mother Vi	Lori-Ann
Sharon Axford	Linda Hepburn	Don Sawyer	Rev. Mike Nicholson
Tiffany & family	Randy Greer	People of Ukraine	Wayne & Liz Dieleman
Aleta Behie	Diane O'Brien	Evelyn Crafts granddaughter Brittany	
Family of Len Brear	Doug Sawyer	Family of George Tapsell	Plains Search Committee
The homeless	Family of Marlene Smith		Family of Evelyn Dickenson
Family of Brenda Sawyer		Lesley Micallef's newborn twin granddaughters	

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sept. 04

John 3: 16-21

Sept. 11

Luke 15:11-32

Sept. 18

Matthew 26:47-54



Sept. 25

Mark 9: 30-32

Oct. 03

John 8:2-11

In Sympathy

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to Marion Maynard on the passing of her brother George Tapsell, who died on July 20, 2022 at the age of 82. George was the son of the late George and Elsie (Ricketts) Tapsell. He was retired from Tapsell Trucking.

The Plains family extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Marlene Smith who passed away on July 22, 2022 at 83 years. Marlene is predeceased by her husband Kenneth Smith (2017). Marlene will be sadly missed by her children; Sherry Johnstone (Rob), Stuart (Kevin) Smith (Kelly) and Scott Smith. She was sister to siblings late Don Lawton (Bev) and Alex (Joan) Lawton. She loved connecting with friends, spending time in her gardens. She most enjoyed playing the piano and entertaining people with her gift. She loved the many music jams sharing her music with other musicians. In Marlene's life many lasting friends and memories were made and were special to her. A neighbour and friend of Plains Baptist Church, her music, floral arrangements, free spirit and friendship will be greatly missed.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Evelyn Dickinson on July 23, 2022 in Kitchener, Ontario, in her 81st year. Rev. John Dickinson, his wife Evelyn and children Brock and Rebecca ministered to Plains, Sparta and Iona churches from September 1969 to, and including, December 1973. Evelyn's warm, caring and intelligent personality endeared her to all who knew her.

We join with Rev. John, Brock, Rebecca and families to celebrate Evelyn's life of serving her God with dignity, grace and enthusiasm. A funeral will take place at (and be streamed from) Highland Baptist Church in Kitchener on August 27th, at 1p.m. EST.

Barb Axford

We extend our sympathy to Doug and Mary Sawyer, and to Don Sawyer on the passing of their sister-in-law Brenda Sawyer of Smooth Rock Falls and previously of St. Thomas, on August 22, 2022 at the age of 73. Beloved wife of the late Roy Sawyer and loved mother of Troy Sawyer (Kathy) of Port Stanley, Kevin Sawyer (Theodora) of Cochrane and Lisa Hawley (Jamie) of Toronto.

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Sept 04 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler - Communion Sunday
Labour Day weekend

Sept 06 Tues 8:30 A.M. After8's Ladies Breakfast -Sunset Café - All ladies welcome

Sept 08 Thur 7:30 P.M. Choir Practice resumes - New members welcome

Sept 11 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler - Grandparents' Day
11:00 A.M. Centre Street Baptist Church's final worship service, followed by lunch afterward. If you plan to attend, please advise Phil by Sept. 4.

Sept 13 Tue. 1:30 P.M. Ladies Aid Meeting - Guests and new members are welcome
Speaker from **Harvest Hands** - a non-profit food distribution bank dedicated to 'rescuing' food from bakers to retailers to help agencies and thousands of families throughout SW Ontario. Funded entirely by donations and volunteer-driven, providing food to feed over 24,000 families per year.

Sept 15 Thur 7:30 P.M. Choir Practice - New members welcome

Sept 18 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler -
SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTUP

The Deacons met on August 11th and agreed that it is now time to begin Sunday School after 3 years of closure due to the pandemic.

Parents are invited to contact one of the Deacons if interested in having their child or children attend.



Food Bank Sunday

ST. THOMAS ELGIN FOOD BANK

e-transfer: stthomaselginfoodbank@gmail.com

Hours: Mondays to Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Current needs include: cookies, crackers, baby formula and baby food, diapers, juice boxes, pudding cups, fruit cups, deodorant and shampoo.

Sept 22 Thur 7:30 P.M. Choir Practice - New members welcome .

Sept 25 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler

Sept 29 Thur 7:30 P.M. Choir Practice - New members welcome

Oct 02 Sun 10:00 A.M. Sunday Service - Interim Pastor Rev. Philip Butler

Oct 04 Tue 8:30 A.M. After8's Ladies Breakfast -Sunset Café - All ladies welcome

Oct 11 Tue. 1:30 P.M. Ladies Aid Meeting Guests and new members are welcome.

I know you've loved me since I was born, but I've loved you my whole life.

Grandfathers are just antique little boys.

Being a grandparent means you can be as silly as you want to be

C.B.O.Q. ASSEMBLY 2022, by Louise Sargeant

During 2020 and 2021 Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec held their Annual Assembly virtually due to Covid 19 restriction. This year Assembly was held from June 9 - 11 at the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church with more than 325 in-person delegates and a large number participating on line. Voting privileges were restricted to in-person delegates.

I was pleased to represent Plains Baptist Church as our in-person delegate. The theme for CBOQ Assembly 2022 was **ReNew** with focus on many other **Re**'s...member, connect, silence, imagine, generate, vitalize, and many more.

All CBOQ Board reports were accepted and approved. The 2021 final financial report, the 2022 revised budget and the 2023 draft budget were also approved.

New churches as well as new CBOQ pastors were welcomed. Ministry partner reports were accepted as well as the Nominating Committee report.

Rev. Craig Rumble was installed as the new President of CBOQ.

The keynote speaker was Gordon T. Smith, who spoke on welcoming one another, welcoming the stranger and welcoming the Holy Spirit. Music was provided Sanctus Worship.

I attended a very interesting Learning Session entitled "It takes a Church to Raise a Parent".

Communion was celebrated prior to the closing of Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Plains Baptist at Assembly this year.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 th Katheryn Dale	24 th Dave Chesterfield	
8 th Matt Ferguson	14 th Eric Tucker	27 th Karl Crocker
11 th Simon Brekelmans	16 th Gary Somerville	29 th Alyssa Carnegie
12 th Todd Noble	20 th Charlie Rewbotham	29 th Annette Proctor
12 th Bond Ruddock	20 th Rebecca Carnegie	
12 th Louise Sargeant	22 nd Tom Lammiman	

ANNIVERSARIES

2 nd Greg & Tiffany Graham	17 th Ken & Judy Jacklin
6 th Gary & Marjorie Higgs	20 th Charlie & Betty Rewbotham
11 th Dennis & Louise Angyal	21 st Jamey & Heather Dale
16 th Geoff & Julie Robins	30 th Deane & Annette Proctor



What do you call it when you have Grandma on speed dial? Instagram.

New address:

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Please convey my thanks to all the people of Plains Family for all the love, friendship and understanding during my fifteen years there. I miss you all. I am fairly well settled in here and coping with most of the changes in my lifestyle. I have made new friends that I have meals and go to some activities with. Love and blessings to all of you.

Elsie Walker

**HELP NEEDED:**

The sound team needs more help.

Technology is a wonderful addition to our services now, but we need help every week to "create the magic". There are a number of possible jobs, and full training is provided.

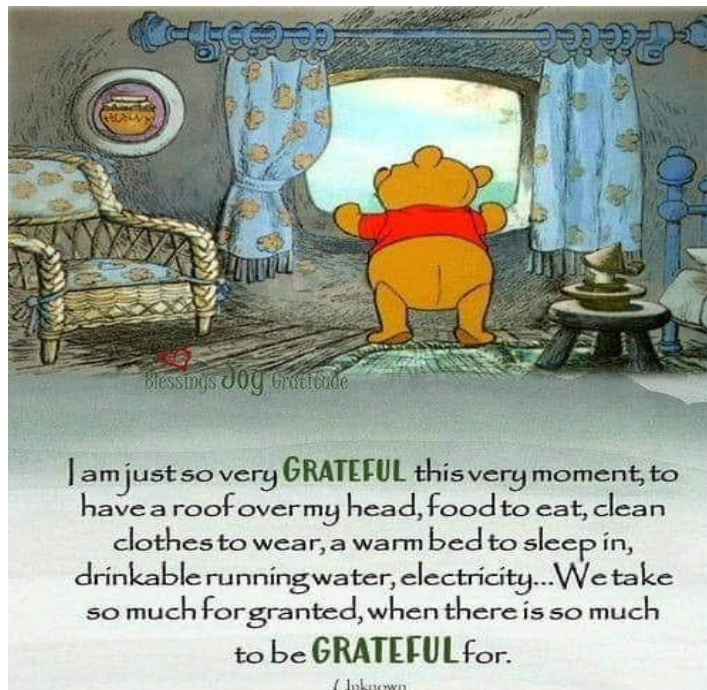
Please contact Phyllis if you can help. phylhuff@gmail.com

Engagement:

Kim and Sherry Graham announce the engagement of their daughter Jenny Lee to Dan Grant of Delaware.

**E-mail address up-date:**

Diane O'Brien's only e-mail now is: diannaobrien39@gmail.com



Can you believe that it's September?! But, as I like to say, summer's not over yet, not until the 22nd. And what a summer it's been: hot and dry! In all that stifling heat, guess what I had to do? I had to try to reseed part of our lawn!

You see, we had work done that required a trench to be dug across the width of our back yard to improve the drainage and, before the city would sign off on the work permit, they had to see beautiful, green grass growing where the trench had been dug. So, I broke up the clumps of clay (which is all there is in our yard under a thin layer of topsoil) and added top-dressing soil and spread the grass seed and then I watered...and watered...and watered again. The diligence paid off (the heat also helped) and we quickly had a new carpet of turf where there had been an ugly scar across our yard.

BUT the reseeded isn't finished. You see, due to the poor drainage in our yard (which the trench finally dealt with), we had less and less grass in the lawn over the years and more and more weeds. So now with better drainage it's time to reseed the *rest* of the back yard and replace unwanted weeds with lovely new grass.

Do you ever wish you could reseed your life? Have you ever looked at yourself, honestly, and thought "I don't like the character of the person looking back at me." Unfortunately, we often talk as though people can't change and that, if you're a grumpy person now, you'll be a grumpy person till the day you die. But that is *not* the message of God through the Bible. In fact, God has told us that he wants to reseed our lives with new character.

In the Bible God speaks through the writing of a man named Paul to say this:

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! (Galatians 5:19-23, New Living Translation)

There is a kind of fruit that God wants to grow in us if we will let him. It's as though God looks at all the weeds that have grown up and says to us: "if you'll trust me, I'll reseed this whole life of yours with the kind of things you wish you had."

What's amazing to me is that these qualities that he lists are not random characteristics, but the very characteristics that define God. God wants to take his own "DNA" and implant it in us so that we become more like him and experience more of him.

I want to invite you to be part of an exploration of faith that will begin on Sunday, September 4 that I am calling "Reseeding Character: becoming reflections of God." This will be a chance for us to continue to live out the Plains Commitment to "provide an environment for people to explore, develop and celebrate our faith in God." We'll not only worship, hear God's Word, and connect, but we'll also be challenged to intentionally provide the environment that God wants in us so he can grow his qualities. Much like diligently breaking up the soil, top-dressing and watering – we want to encourage each other to make room for God to grow or keep growing his nature in us.

I'm excited to keep growing in Christ. I hope you are as well. Join us in person or online for this series. And invite someone to join you as well.

Phil

(Interim Pastor)