

## A HOLE IN ONE

A pastor wanted to skip church. He told their assistant he was sick. Then he drove to a golf course in another town where no one would see him. He teed off at the first hole and a huge gust of wind came, pushing the ball across the green for a hole in one. In Heaven, an angel asked God, "Why did you move the ball?" *God smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"*



## THIN NO MORE

A pastor was watching a group of volunteers repainting their church. They started to run out of paint, so they decided to add some paint thinner to the can. They continued painting, but noticed the thinned paint looked different. They wondered aloud what they should do. The pastor offered them this advice, "*Repaint and thin no more!*"



## THOU SHALT NOT

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments", answered the lady.



## WEDDING SALUTATIONS

A Baker was asked to print 1 John 4:18 on a wedding cake. He instead printed John 4:18.

1 John 4:18 reads "*There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear*" whereas John 4:18 reads "*For you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband.*"



## THE ARTISTRY OF GOD

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know – Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Why does dad always bring a camera to church? He wants to capture the moments of God's grace and love in action!

Why does dad always carry a compass to church? Because he wants to stay on the right path — and make sure his kids follow suit!



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*Trusting God means looking beyond  
what we can see to what God sees.*

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**Thot:** "'Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.'" ~ Martin Luther

## A Father's Faith

A father's love, a reflection of God's  
grace,  
His faith shining brightly, in every  
embrace.

With words of wisdom and a heart that  
forgives,  
He guides his children to the life God  
gives.

He teaches us patience, compassion and  
trust,  
To walk in the footsteps of the One who is  
just.

Through his actions, he reveals God's plan.  
A faithful father, a spiritual man!

On this Father's Day, we honour and pray,  
For the fathers who lead us on the  
righteous way.

May God's blessings surround them each  
day,  
As they inspire us to walk in God's perfect  
way.

~ Author unknown



**Sundays 10:30 a.m. Services**

[Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.]

**20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario**

## THE SEAGULL

A father was at the beach with his children when his 4-year son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"



## A PATIENT FATHER

Samson's father was a patient man. He watched his son grow his hair out, wrestle lions, and ruin every relationship, never once demanding Samson be more like him. How was he rewarded? Samson went out with a class act – He brought the house down!



### *Something to Think About*

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for."*

~ Hebrews 11:1-2.

With so clear an explanation for faith, we must choose whether we will trust God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength or rely on our own might. It seems the wise and simple solution when everything is going our way, but what about when we face suffering, loss, pain, and anguish. Robert Rogers, a British Army officer and frontiersman in the 1700's wrote, "My faith didn't remove the pain, but it got me through the pain. Trusting God didn't diminish or vanquish the anguish, but it enabled me to endure it." He went on to say on another occasion, "Every ounce of suffering has a purpose that God can use for good, if we only let Him".

Having faith always requires being sure of something, but sure and certain about what? And when is faith sufficient? Are we always to rely on faith? Before we can answer such questions, we must ask ourselves, "In whom do we have faith?" Only when we can be sure and certain God is going to act, that God has our best interest at heart, and that God never fails, can we be sure that He is going to do what we ask of Him.

Our confidence comes when we're sure and confident about the right things – the things God has revealed in His Word and through His Spirit. This leads us to a confidence that God will do not what we 'want' but what He has promised. And we can trust in His promises that are always true through the experiences with God in life so far. For the Israelites, they had a long history of God's faithfulness. For the child of God today, we too enjoy a long history of God being there for us, carrying our burdens, bringing joy and meeting all our needs.

To live by faith, "*being sure of what we hope for*", is to live trusting that God

will keep His promises. Ask yourself, "Am I conducting my life as I would if I truly believed God is who He says He is and if I believed His promises?" That's what it means to live by faith – taking God at His Word!

Faith, however, is never a power we can tap in to, a lasso we slip around God's neck to secure His will. Faith is our simple confidence that God is who He says He is, that He will do what He says He will do and that He is always there through every situation. Nothing is more encouraging or nurturing to our Christian walk than viewing life through the lens of God's promises. This is rooted in His greatest fulfilled promise of giving us our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ who paid our debt, lifted us out of sin, and has given us a new life.

Yet, sadly, how many Christians – people who have said yes to Jesus as their Saviour, attend church, 'walk' the Christian life – are disappointed, even angry, with God? He didn't answer their requests as they desired. In some instances, they've drifted from God and allowed bitterness to overtake them. Such disappointment usually stems from confusion over what faith means. They lack understanding that God will never do whatever they ask accept it is in accordance to His will. So when a crisis comes along and they lay out their request to God and God doesn't respond as they expected in their unrealistic expectations, it leads to disappointment.

That isn't faith. Imagine I invited your family to dinner. I wouldn't write "I have perfect faith that you are coming and have announced to all my friends that you will be there!" No, I may include, "I hope you can join us as we would love to have you; please check your schedule and let me know." It would be foolish to think you are coming until you've confirmed.

As God's children, we're free to ask God for anything we please. And having asked, we can hope He will give us exactly what we've asked for. But to *believe* – have faith – He will do what He has not yet promised is to make a presumption which today has too often passed for faith.

When things aren't going our way, it's good to remember God's sacrifice at Calvary, His grace and love, so that our faith might grow.

### *Mark Your Calendar!*

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mission Encounter Group  
1:30 pm Godwinks' Café

June 7<sup>th</sup> – **Communion Sunday**

*Mental Health Sunday*

June 13<sup>th</sup> – **Men's Breakfast** (8:30 a.m.)

June 21<sup>st</sup> – **Baptism Sunday**

*Father's day*

**Wednesdays**

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Prayer Room) **1:30 pm**



*Messages this month...*

**Biblical Truths We Stand On**