WRONG ADDRESS?



A preacher died. A couple of months later, a man with the same name went on a business trip to a southern state where it was unusually warm. He sent a telegram to his wife that was delivered to the deceased preacher's wife by mistake. Imagine her surprise when she got the telegram and read, "**ARRIVED SAFELY. SURE IS HOT HERE!**"

MEETING DEMANDS



A passenger on a cross-atlantic flight complained to the Flight Attendant: "Say, this is the worse steak I've ever had. Don't you Flight Attendants even know how to serve a steak? I demand you bring me another steak right now!"

The Flight Attendant quietly asked, "Will that be to take out?"

FORGIVENESS VS TEMPTATION



A driver tucked this note under the windshield wiper of his car before parking in a no-parking spot: "I've circled the block for 20 minutes. I'm late for an appointment, and if I don't park here I'll lose my job. 'Forgive us our trespassess'."

When he came back he found a parking ticket and this note: "I've circled this block for 20 years, and if I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose MY job! 'Lead us not into temptation.'"

PASTORAL CARE



A minister's little girl was sent to bed not feeling well with cold symptoms and missed her usual time with her daddy. After a few minutes, she appeared at the top of the stairs and called to her mother, "Mamma, let me talk with Daddy."

"No, my dear," her mother responded, "not tonight, you need to get back in bed!"

"Please Mamma," the little girl pleaded.

"I said 'no'", her mom said, "That's enough now!"

The little girl didn't give up, demanding, "Mother, I'm a very sick woman, and I must see my pastor at once."

STORED TREASURES



Did you know that there's a difference between junk and stuff? Junk are the treasures we throw away whereas the stuff we keep are the 'treasures' we save.

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"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

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The Echo of Valour

Upon the dawn, a tale unfolds,
Of valour strong and courage bold.
In poppy fields, their spirits dwell,
Their stories in our hearts to tell,
A legacy of fortitude gold,
The echo of their bravery,
Resounds throughout our memory.
In silence we pay tribute true,
To heroes clad in red and blue,
Their sacrifice our liberty.
Remembrance Day, a time to pause,
To honour those who fought our cause.
With gratitude, we bow our heads,
For the price they paid, the blood they shed,
In pursuit of freedom's laws.

~ Author unknown

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." – John 15:13



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Sundays, 11 a.m. Services

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

Thot: "In God's world, for those who are in earnest, there is no failure. No work truly done, no word earnestly spoken, no sacrifice freely made, was ever made in vain." ~ Frederick W. Robertson

COMPUTERS

The oldest computer has been traced back to the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. Of course it was an APPLE, but with extremely limited memory – just 1 byte! Then everything CRASHED!





Ummm! What do you get when your dog makes you breakfast? Pooched Eggs. Talk about it being a dog day when that happens!



Something to Think About…

"*You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*" ~ 1 Peter 2:5.

Each November we pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the sacrifice of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Each year we gather on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour to remember that the end of World War 1 was to be the end of all wars. Yet more wars have taken place and today we still suffer in a world torn by strife, anger and violence. The poem, "In Flanders Fields" by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, has given us the symbol of the poppy to be worn as a reminder of the blood spilled in the wars. I pray this year we will remember the men and women who have served and be thankful for the opportunities to live our lives in freedom and to enjoy the blessings of Canada.

But there's another sacrifice associated with another symbol that also reflects the greatest freedom. Our heavenly Father so loved the world that He gave us His own Son, Jesus Christ, who did no wrong to be the "*propitiation for our sins*" (1 John 2:2). The cross, an instrument of execution, became a profound symbol in Christianity of our peace through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Some wear the cross as a reminder of the redemption of humanity through His sacrifice and we display the cross in and on our church buildings to bring focus to the gift we've received and to guide us through this emblem of faith, hope and salvation given in Christ.

Jesus willingly endured suffering in crucifixion, the shame of this cruel, painful death, exemplifying the ultimate sacrifice as an act of love and obedience to the Father for us. In Philippians 2:8, the apostle Paul writes, "*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross*". O what humility and sacrifice was displayed in the cross of Calvary! It calls us as believers to emulate Christ's example in our own lives; to present our bodies as "*living sacrifices*" (Romans 12:1), identified with Christ, living vicariously through His grace to be acceptable before God bringing Him glory and manifest Christ in us; and to "*offer* [ourselves as] *spiritual sacrifices"* carrying forward His spiritual influence for godliness, being a positive influence to our nation and to the world. Yet we often persist in practices that fail to honour Christ, that tear down the spiritual house of God as His holy temple. So let us be like living stones, being built one upon another through the indwelling of His Spirit, serving as a holy priesthood.

There's no place in this eternal temple for selfishness or individualism. We're called to serve Him together, serving the same High Priest, ministering in the same spiritual temple, bringing glory to God and revealing Him to the nations.

What, then, are our spiritual sacrifices of which we are called to bring to the Lord? Christians today don't bring animal sacrifices but we are called to present to God our acts of spiritual worship, coming as holy and acceptable to Him through Christ (Romans 12:2); to present to God the *praise of our lips* (Hebrews 13:15) and the *good works* we do for others (Hebrews 13:15) which God prepared for us that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10). We're to share from God's bountiful goodness to us with those in need showing mercy and offering assistance because we care for them (Ephesians 4:32), and we're to seek to win to Christ all people so that none might perish. We offer these sacrifices through Jesus Christ for only then are they acceptable to God.

Mark Your Calendar!

November 1st – Communion Sunday

Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Prayer Room)

Message Series

Restoration is in the Lord

[Book of Jeremiah, part II]

Each Sunday 11 a.m.

Sadly, our modern society is focused on what's called the 'me-complex', taking care of oneself at the expense of others, judging others as unworthy, going our own way. Even within Christ's body, the Church, we must guard against such practices creeping in, against giving lip service to our surrender to Christ and truly practice dedicating our lives as living sacrifices to God in a manner that reflects the sacrificial love and obedience exemplified by Jesus Christ. Today, will we make a daily commitment to self-denial, to service for our Lord, to the pursuit of holiness as we "put on Christ" and stand against the wiles of the world? Today, if we would align our actions and decisions with the will of God, we will find ourselves separated out from the crowd, facing persecution and distain from the world around us, but we will also experience the work of Christ in us, building us up, creating us as new creatures, acceptable to God, worthy of His fellowship as we come in Christ. It's not calling for us to ignore the world nor turn our back on our neighbours; it's leading by example of our Lord to bring them out of the darkness and into the light; it's choosing this day whom we will serve.