

ALWAYS ON TIME

A woman walked into a railroad station of a small town and asked the attendant what time the train was scheduled to arrive and if it was on time.



He replied that the train was scheduled to arrive at 7 p.m. and would leave at 7:15. He added that the train was always on time.

As it was only 5:00, she walked over to the coffee shop to fill her time. Just as she was entering the café to get a cup of coffee, she heard the whistle of a train and sprinted back to find the train pulling in.

“You told me the train was scheduled to arrive at 7 and was on time!” she yelled at the attendant. “I could have missed it!”

“Please calm down,” he replied. “Your train is at 7. That’s yesterday’s train.”

UNDERSTANDING RAINY DAYS

A child was thoroughly bored after being stuck in the house all day because of dreary overcast skies and early spring rains.

“Mom,” she whined, “Why does God send the rain anyway?”



“To nourish the earth and prepare it for planting,” her mother said. “Think of how everything will look come summer. God uses the rain to allow the crops and the flowers and the trees to all grow.”

“Well then, why does God make it rain in the parking lot where I could be skating?” she responded.

A HEARING PROBLEM

An elderly gentleman had had serious hearing problems for many years. His doctor fitted him for a set of hearing aids that allowed the man to hear perfectly.



The elderly gentleman went back in a month later, and the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased you can hear again.”

“Oh, I haven’t told them yet!” the elderly gentleman explained, “I just sit around and listen to their conversations. I’ve changed my will five times.”

HAIR!

A man was looking in a mirror, staring at his head. “My hair is falling out!” he exclaimed. “I need to find something to keep it in before I lose it all!”

A few minutes later, his young daughter cheerfully ran into the room and handed him a tiny, jewelry box. “Will this be big enough,” she asked.



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A Bend in the Road

Sometimes

we come to life’s crossroads
and we view what we think is the end.
But God has a much wider vision
And He knows that it’s only a bend –

The road will go on and get smoother
And after we’ve stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.

So, rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow
– You’ve just come to

a bend in the road!

By Helen Steiner Rice

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The cross of Christ is the power of God!

(1 Corinthians 1:18)

“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”

~ Matthew 11:28



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Sunday, 11 a.m. Services

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

Thot: “Our faith must grow strong enough to believe for the impossible because we believe in the God of the impossible, and with Him all things are possible.” ~ Stormie Omartian, (best-selling author of The Power of a Praying series)

CAT-APULTING DOORS

A missionary was knocking on doors in his adopted country. At one house, an older woman answered – and when she realized the man was a missionary, she angrily demanded that he leave, slamming the door in his face.



The door, however, bounced back open, and the woman shouted, “Get your foot out of my door!”

“But ma’am...,” the missionary tried to explain, when the woman slammed the door again. Once again, it bounced back open.

“I said, get your foot out of my door!” the woman yelled again. One more time she slammed the door, only to see it bounce open again.

“But ma’am...” the missionary tried again only to be cut off by the woman screaming, “Don’t talk back to me! I want you off my property!” Again, she slammed the door only for it to bounce open once more.

“Ma’am!” the missionary yelled. “You’ll be able to close your door if you move your cat out of the way!”



Something to Think About...

“For the grace of God has appeared, bring salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age” ~ Titus 2:11-12.

Life is not a sprint; it’s more like a marathon. Another way to look at life is to think of a pilgrimage or a journey. We plan and prepare but along the way there may be obstacles we hadn’t considered; changes we didn’t see coming. Beyond what we set out for we’ll experience varied scenes as we travel the road of life. Some days will offer views where the brook shines like silver, where birds twirp, where the air is light and breezy and the trees are all green. Other days bring us gale force winds and wintry weather filled with trials and tribulation. One thing that none of us can ‘plan’ is our salvation. People cannot save themselves. Salvation is a gift given through God’s grace to lost humankind not a commodity sought after or discovered by sinners. It is grace that appeared at the appointed time, fleshed out in God’s own Son, Jesus Christ, via His life, death and resurrection. God sent His Son to redeem those suffering from the bondage of sin – that includes you and me!

At this time of year, we prepare for Good Friday and Easter, recognizing salvation through Christ who became our substitute in payment for our wayward living – “... bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24) and rose from the dead. This ‘redemption’ means He paid the price. Slaves don’t have assets lying around that can pay a ransom. As sinners we’re all enslaved to sin without assets to pay that debt. So God graciously brought salvation for all the people – rich and poor; Jew and Gentile; good and bad; beautiful and ugly; innocent looking and

the guilty-minded; it doesn’t matter who you are – Christ died for you that you might have life with God. If we will accept God’s gracious offer, we are redeemed “from all iniquity” (meaning it has been paid in full!). That also means that sin should no longer have mastery over our lives. God’s Word tells us, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves” (1 John 1:8); promising also, however, “If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous” (1 John 2:1).

What does that require of us? As we continue life’s journey, our salvation requires not only a change in position from sinner to one saved by the grace of God, but it demands a change in attitude, appetite, ambition, and our actions. The same grace that redeems us in Christ is sufficient to reform our lives and make us godly, teaching us through His Spirit to live lives, “so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him; bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10).

It’s like we inherit a new compass that sets a new path for us on our journey. Salvation comes because of God’s kindness and love, and for that we are truly thankful people; but it is also because of His great mercy. We didn’t save ourselves; “He saved us”! How did He do it? Through the miracle of the new birth, the work of the Holy Spirit of God that now resides in all who have received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour resulting in a new ‘self’ that aims at following the example of our Lord leading to a heart desire to lead a Godly life. Godly living involves then both the negative and the positive. We make choices – denying ‘ungodliness’ (whatever is unlike God and filled with worldly lust); and work for “self-controlled, upright and godly lives” (vs. 12). As members of God’s family, we strive each day to live as “imitators of God, as beloved children” (Ephesians 5:1).

As we journey life’s ocean, having caught God’s wind of salvation in our sails, we often resist, trying to keep our course, directing our own way rather than recognizing that God has a better way, a surer way, for us to go. It’s important that we choose to relinquish our lives over to our wonderful God who has our best interest at heart and who has prepared the way. It’s a settled matter! We may not always know where our journey is leading us, but we’re safe though the pathway may be tiresome; we may not know where we’re sailing but we know God helps us to pursue the true pilgrimage of a godly life in Christ!

Mark your calendar!

Mar 5th - Communion Sunday - 11 a.m.

Wednesdays 1:30pm

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Godwinks' Café)

Message Series

IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER



The Church Experiencing the Awesome Presence of God

Each Sunday – 11 a.m.

Good Friday – 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday – 11 a.m.

All Welcome!