

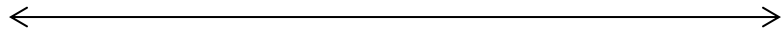
## “Guest-er-izing” our church:

What’s the difference between a visitor & a guest?

**A visitor** is someone who comes to stay temporarily – a sight-seeing expedition; to stop by or to call on.



**A Guest** is a special person whom your hospitality is extended to; a person especially invited to take part in your affairs and welcomed to the family.



**Do you know a Mom who’s at home with pre-schoolers?**

**MBBC** is hosting a monthly get-together for moms with little ones called...

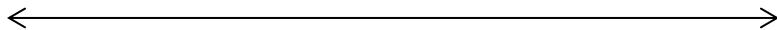
## **TODDLER MOMS!**

Moms will enjoy fellowship with other moms; have a guest speaker (i.e. floral arranging / Fire Department / children’s books)

**Child care provided!**

**No Cost!**

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1-3pm**



**What Was That?** A man visited a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the visitor and said, “I always park there! You took my place! The visitor moved his car out on to the road and went inside. He went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to Him and said, “That’s where I sit! You took my place”! The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, yet said nothing.



Later as the congregation prayed Christ would come among them, the visitor stood and began to change. Horrible scars were visible on His hands and His sandaled feet. His hat became a crown of thorns and a tear fell from His eye. When asked what was happening, He responded...

**“I took your place!”**

***Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!***



# GETTING CONNECTED

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## **A Smile!**

A smile is quite a funny thing,  
It wrinkles up your face,  
And when it’s gone you never find  
It’s secret hiding place.

But far more wonderful it is  
To see what smiles can do!  
You smile at one, they smile at  
you,  
And so one smile makes two.

They smile at someone, since you  
smiled,  
So then that one smiles back.  
And then that one smiles on until  
in truth,  
You simply can’t keep track!  
And since a smile can do such  
great good  
By filling hearts with cheer  
Let’s show our Lord through  
smiles each day  
A joyous heart everywhere!

- Author unknown



## **What’s Inside...**

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**“Be yourself!  
Everyone else is  
already taken.”**

~ Albert Einstein

## **Join us each Sunday for Worship...**

**10:45am worship and praise**



**A brief That....** If we have nothing to pray for, it could mean that we have no sympathies and no belief!

- Source unknown

## Evangelism through Humour

Humour is very valuable in evangelism and Christian communication. Humour breaks down barriers and can smuggle ideas and challenges into people's hearts. Think of these observations about the use of humour...



- "Laughter is the shortest distance between two people." (Victor Borge)
- "Laughter is a witness in many ways. We have been misled by a twisted, unbalanced mind if we have come to think of laughter and fun as being carnal or even questionable." (Chuck Swindoll)



### Something To Think About..

Jesus left believers with one primary instruction – "go and make disciples of all nations..." [Matthew 28:19] We therefore believe very strongly in the power of serving the community to grow His church. Serving isn't some trick to create growth, or some way to tie God's hands and force Him to grow our church our way. No, serving is a way to treat people the way God wants to see them treated, and it's the very essence of God's personality. It's being the hands and feet of Christ. That's why it's so powerful.

Of course, the hardest part of serving is figuring out what to do. Remembering who we are as a congregation, what is there our Lord might be asking us to do to reach others in our community with the love of Christ? Here are a few areas for us to consider pursuing over the coming months...

- Plenty of people have trouble running errands, or may require help getting to appointments. What if those who drive volunteered to help anyone interested in scheduling a ride somewhere?
- Many people feed the homeless on Thanksgiving or send thank you cards to military personnel stationed overseas who are away from loved ones, but few people remember there are police officers and fire fighters who are working and risking their life for our safety. What if we bring them

gift baskets or candy to share around the office? It would mean a lot to show support.

- Everyone is eager to do something for the kids and their family at Christmas, but what if we put together a gift basket for the doctors, nurses, and staff of the hospital this year?
- Our community, like us, enjoys a good cold drink of water – probably from a bottle – especially on hot days. What if we set up on the main intersection in Mt Brydges on a hot day (having received permission) and hand out cold bottled water with our church name on it?

Add to this some opportunities we have planned for this fall.

**Love Day**, hosted by CBWOQ to reach the women in our community throughout Ontario & Quebec is November 1<sup>st</sup> and we're excited about spending time with WRRC helping at the centre.

And coming up this month on September 21<sup>st</sup> is **Back to Church** Sunday, joining thousands of other churches across North America– a special day where we will invite unchurched

### Mark your Calendar...

- Sep 7<sup>th</sup> – Grandparent's Day
- Sep 14<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday
- Sep 17<sup>th</sup> – Toddler Moms 1-3pm
- Sep 21<sup>st</sup> – Back 2 Church Sunday
- Sep 25<sup>th</sup> – MLHA Fall Council mtg
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Camp Hermosa Dinner
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – MBBC Missions Supper  
5:30pm \$10 Anne Drost  
Speaks shares about  
Arab Seminary Lebanon.
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Love Day at WRRC
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – Missionfest FBC  
Strathroy – 5:30pm

people in our community to come give church a try! On this Sunday, we'll be having a special service with much music to welcome guests and make them feel comfortable.

Consider what other ways there are that we can show the Love of Jesus to all we rub shoulders with on a daily basis – to reach them with the possibility of being all we can be because God so loved the world that He gave us His Son.



I've learned that HATING is an emotional disease. So for those who hate me, I remember God loves them & I tell them to... **"GET WELL SOON!"**