

YOUTH CAMP



CAMP MEETING



Victory in Jesus!

Youth Camp

The first day of Youth Camp started as a somewhat windy day with a temperature of approximately 18 degrees, but not many noticed! The excitement was overriding the weather for sure. This was a day of settling in, seeing who was around and getting acquainted with the new campers.

The evening service began with everyone singing the timeless theme song of Youth Camp, "I Can Hardly Wait," which has been sung since the first Camp in 1989. It was soon made known that the theme of this year's camp is 'Friendship', a one-word theme, however so important to everyone alike. We learned a new song to some, "Raise Your Hand if you Know the Answer." It sounded so good with the voices ringing



out in harmony. Prayer was led by Pastor Howard, our camp coordinator, following the chorus "O There's Power in Prayer." The friendship chant and the friendship theme song were then introduced by song leaders Deidre and Ralinda, entitled, "Jesus is a Good Friend."

There was a variation to the song, "No Not One," and other songs included familiar songs, "I've Been Changed," "I've Got my Feet Planted Deep," "Look What the Lord Has Done," and "I'm Gonna Keep Walkin." There were eight testimonies in our opening service.

Peyton Reardon sang a beautiful song, "Lord You're the Best Thing That's Ever Happened to Me," before Pastor Lisa brought the Word in the form of an object lesson, 'One bad apple can spoil the whole bunch,' that got everyone's attention.



Using the verse from *1 Corinthians 15:33*, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners," she



gave an illustration using characters Jack & Jill. She used two transparent bags of sliced apples. Jack's apples had vinegar on them and were quite sour. The campers called out many things that would sour apples,

when they were asked, lying, smoking, drugs, swearing,

bullying etc. Jill's apples were cinnamon, and sugar coated and represented all the good habits and good influences. Again, the campers were very interactive in naming the good things that can be done to be a friend and help others in being kind and good. What would you rather eat, apples with vinegar, or with sugar and cinnamon? Of course, the latter is the sweetest tasting, and we will experience the sweetness of friendship with others and more importantly, friendship with Jesus when we do the things that are pleasing to Him. Choose good over bad and do what is right. Jesus will reward us for doing so.

Tuesday morning was our first morning service following a good breakfast. After some warmup choruses that included our theme song, Deidre presented an object lesson, with the help of Lincoln. She began with, "Who here has a lot of friends? Who here has a lot of Facebook friends? Who has a lot of true friends?" She talked about the value of friendship. In the Bible it talks about two friends, David and Jonathan.



David, being so short, battled a giant with nothing only a slingshot because God was with him and helped him. When Jonathan saw this there was an instant bond between them, a loving relationship that

started. God rejected King Saul because he wanted to do things his own way, but David wanted to do things that pleased the Lord. Jonathan was King Saul's son and David loved him as a friend.

Lincoln volunteered to help in illustrating with two jars of water with an egg in each. Salt was used in one glass of water and when enough salt was used, that egg floated to the top. Comparing the results was likened to what happens when you have God in your heart. You will come out on top.

1 Samuel 18:1 tells us that the soul of Jonathan was knit together with the soul of David. Whoever you are keeping company with, you will become like them, so choose your friends wisely!

Tuesday evening, as in the other services, we heard music and singing while walking over the field towards the chapel. It sounded so beautiful! The choruses were all inspiring and

many upbeat, with much participation, and the volume was just tremendous! Rochelle and her boys did a song that she had written, "Oh, what a Week, Week, Week," that involved

no music but still had us tapping to the beat. There were nine inspiring testimonies. The last chorus of the evening was, "God



Will Make the Difference in Your Life." The special was beautifully sung by a group of teenage girls entitled, "Let Me Tell You About my Jesus."



There was drama for the message which involved characters, Pastor Michael, Hollis, Pastor Randy, Bonnie, Pastor Chris, Pastor Howard and Stacey-Lee. Being a Good Samaritan was illustrated in a somewhat humorous way, and the point was taken! The person robbed in the Bible was a Jew, however a Good Samaritan came by and helped him. It doesn't matter

who needs help, we are to help them. It's easy to be friends with someone like yourself, but God wants us to be friends with everyone.



Another short skit involved Pastor Michael cutting up bread and using lots of butter. "I'm gonna have me a slice of bread." He sat there with a loaf of bread. Bonnie walks in and asks, "Can I have some bread, I'm hungry?" to which he replies, "I feel

for you, but I will pray for you.” He did not offer any bread. This doesn’t work! When you tell someone you’ll pray for them and you have the means to do something, you must do it. Soon brother Michael was choking on bread, so Bonnie rushed to him and said, “Here I’ll give you some of my water.” She was being the Good Samaritan. When we’re caught up in the busyness of life, we may not notice the people around us, but God wants us to be a friend. Stacey, who had her hands bound cried, “Help” and Pastor Michael ran to help her. He fell under a load and others ran to his rescue. We need help from others, and we must help them too. Using *John 15:12* the question was asked, “If you were drowning in a swimming pool and someone saved you and drowned, would you be grateful?” Just think about it, Jesus died for you!

Pastor Howard reiterated the message by Pastor Michael, and we sang, “I Will Cast All my Cares Upon You,” with Pastor Lisa closing in prayer. Several stayed and prayed in the after service. We were excited to hear there were those who prayed through to salvation.

Wednesday morning gave us a workout. After the theme song and, “He is the King,” there was an activity that involved the leaders holding up a word and we had to think up a song really quick and get up and sing it. There was competition between teams. This made for quick thinking, quick to your feet and some overtone singing for awhile. It is very easy to come up with a song using a word because we are enriched with so many different choruses that we have learned over the years, for the glory of God.

Pastor Randy and pastor Robert’s cabin sang, “I’m Flying Higher.” Everybody joined in at the end and wanted more, so we sang it a few times together.



Ralinda gave a lesson using the subject of spider webs. Some of the facts regarding them were: they come in all shapes and sizes, sticky, strong, silk, are five times stronger than steel, they last a long time, and they are 20x thinner than hair. Also,

some are poisonous, some harmless but all beautiful, and all designed to capture prey. *1 Corinthians 10:13* “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

Using objects such as a jar, balloon, paper, a lighter, straw as a trap, it was demonstrated that temptation lures us in, but God gives us a way out. You may feel - how am I gonna find a way out? You may

feel like there is temptation all around me, my friends are doing it, etc. Examples of temptation are Internet, peer pressure, stealing, cheating, being mean, bullying, lack of respect, TV programs, and music. Trusting the Lord will take us through it. Things may look



good for awhile, but they are sinful, and we get trapped. Dare to be different! Maybe you would be influenced to go to a party and are offered drinks, drugs, etc. You could leave even if you know your friend won’t go. Stand up for what is right and hopefully your friend will follow if you leave! If your friends are all seeking to follow God, they will do the right thing. Adam and Eve sinned, so we are all prone to sin because we were born in sin. Read your Bible, pray every day. They are weapons against the enemy and will help us overcome these temptations.

On Wednesday evening we entered the chapel to hear music and singing. We joined the voices that sang, “Isn’t it Grand to be a Christian,” before service began. Due to the fact that we weren’t going to have the traditional Talent Night as such, the campers performed their special songs on this, the final night. They all did such a fantastic job that it was a pleasure to listen to them all again!



Ada, our chief cook and head of the kitchen was recognized for 26 years of service to the Youth Camp and was presented with a beautiful clock. She received a standing ovation for her delicious meals over the

years in keeping the hungry well fed, and for her devotion to Youth Camp.

was able to escape and be safe. It takes a lot sometimes to do what is right.

Pastor Howard also told the story of the three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They would not bow down to the king's image and instead said, "Our God will deliver us." When they were thrown into the fire, God went with them, and they came out unharmed. *1 Peter 5:8* was referenced, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."*

It takes a lot to do what is right. We hear that God has a plan, but the enemy has one too. He will go through great lengths to destroy what God has done in our lives. He does not want



A trio of siblings from Ottawa, David, Daniella & Adeniya sang, "You Raise Me Up," before Pastor Howard brought the Word



on 'The Importance of Friendship.'

Everyone paid attention to what a friend is, to what a good friend is, and to what a bad friend is. God had a plan that would place David on the

throne of Israel, and Jonathan loved David as his own soul! King Saul, Jonathan's father, decided he was going to kill David, but Jonathan told his friend and because of it, David

us to serve the Lord or have friends that serve the Lord. *John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

Young people sometimes make decisions and don't consider the consequences. The road that is used by the majority is not the best road. I know of a man that chose the right road almost 50 years ago but only after he was addicted to alcohol and the doctors gave him six months to live. That lifestyle could have cost him his life, but he had come to two roads and took the one less travelled which was the one that saved his life. The familiar story of the Rich Man and Lazarus was also used in the message.

Jesus has already chosen to be our friend when He died on the cross. He will never force us to be His friend. We have to choose Him by accepting Him into our heart, and He will stay our friend forever.



Thursday, everyone was up early and bustling to get things ready to leave the grounds by mid morning. After another delicious breakfast and recognition of #1 and #2 Campers, as well as special mentions of all who have worked to make it another successful Youth Camp, we were ready to leave the grounds. Everyone was given a flashlight as a gift from Youth Camp. We made memories and new friends. Some experienced Youth Camp for the first time and more importantly, multiple people gave their hearts to Jesus and experienced His love and friendship for the first time. Jesus really is our BFF (Best Friend Forever). I'm sure everyone took away something valuable that they will always remember from YC 2024. God is good all the time!

Youth Camp is not only a time of spiritual growth and encouragement for our youth to seek the Lord, but there is always times of fellowship and fun interspersed. During the



Tie-dyeing shirts was an activity with campers eager to participate. The results of this fun time were put out to dry, making a beautiful display of the art of tie-dyeing.

The 80's day was a hit and so much fun for adults and campers alike. Participants looked good in their outfits depicting the dress style of the 1980's.



On the last night of Youth Camp, as tradition has it, we enjoyed a delicious barbecue for supper and fireworks.



week, at mealtime, there were games, activities, contests and of course, jubilant singing around the table.

Camp Meeting

On Sunday morning, July 28, Reverend Christopher Hewlett welcomed everyone to our first service of Canada Camp Meeting 2024.

This warm welcome followed a beautiful selection by the choir, entitled, "Let the Fire Fall!" The theme of the congregational hymns was also that of renewal and fire, and of the Spirit moving in our midst.

There were several glorious testimonies given, including two sisters who opened the testimony meeting after singing in a ladies quartet. We were off to a great start!

Arlene Randell Downton gave her testimony and told of how her heart is full. She got saved four years ago after pulling over on a highway while on her way to South Brook, NL and gave her heart to the Lord. She had spent the previous 30 years in the world and came back to the Lord.

Another sister, Stacey-Lee Wilcox witnessed how she had made a mess of her life by doing drugs and alcohol and tried to come back to the Lord on more than one occasion, but this time finally got a hold of something. She gave her heart to the Lord on February 11 of this year. She now gets excited when she hears God's Word!

Our District Superintendent, Reverend Hewlett delivered the opening message taking his text from *Ezekiel 22*.

29 *The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.*

30 *And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.*

He began with stating that it's disappointing when making a call and there is no answer and we get an answering machine, instead of a real person. How does God feel when he calls one of us, and there is no response? In *Acts 9:6* Paul



responded, he said, "Lord, what would thou have me to do?" We should think that way, for there are lots of workers needed. There ought to be people who are willing to make up the hedge and stand in the gap, for God.

Some of the highlights of our first evening evangelistic service on July 28 involved a trio from Kitchener who sang, "Come, Jesus Come," which was performed beautifully. Rochelle Reid, one of the trio shared in her testimony that it's been a rough year and that really is an understatement! After losing her husband tragically last July, she was broken. She stated that she is glad she kept holding on. What made the difference was God! When there is trouble, He will see you through. I'm not gonna give up!

Another sister said she was home for four months, sick. It started with a headache and got worse to the point that she saw fear in her husband's and children's eyes. God saw her through, and she is in now in Camp Meeting witnessing to the power of God.

A sister from Bide Arm testified that she doesn't like being alone, and when her husband, being a fisherman, was away for six months, she was very lonely. She prayed and said, "Lord, I can't take being alone." After that time, she always seemed to have someone, some family member with her. God really does answer prayer, and He cares about every detail of our lives.



Pastor Howard brought us a wonderful message, using *II Chronicles 36:15-16* "And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy," as his opening text. The theme of his message was, "The Remedy." There is a line of divine patience that an individual or a nation can cross that will bring the wrath and judgment of God. There is just one word that gives us a picture of how merciful God is. **Til**, that means God's mercy was extended and that God is slow in taking His mercy away from individuals. It is God's arm of mercy that withholds His justice. It is possible that an individual may send themselves into a state of no forgiveness where they come to a point, they no longer have a desire within themselves to seek God's forgiveness. Basically, at this time you are at the point of no remedy. It is not on God's account,

that is on our own account because God continually calls and speaks. *Genesis 6:3 "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man..."* God is not required to call us multiple times but in His mercy He does. It is in our own ability to desire and seek His salvation. Oh, that more would take this when it is free for all. If you don't know Jesus as your Saviour, the remedy is still available.

At the young adult service on Monday night, the song, *"I Came Here Expecting God to Move,"* was playing pre-service. The words 'There is Power in The Blood' was displayed on the screen and it was an atmosphere to boost faith, for sure. The young adult choir sang a beautiful rendition of, *"Days of Elijah."* Parts of the lively hymn selections were done without



music, and it sounded like a grand choir! Another highlight of the service was a group from Ottawa, Edmonton and Calgary who sang, *"Why Not You?"*



Testimonies was opened by one in the group who said when he started going to the Apostolic Faith Church, his Father wasn't impressed, as he was going to the church where they're crying. He came from a very modest home, and not wanting change but after awhile he took his father to church, and mother too! It's because he was faithful!

Another testimony was given by a sister that could only speak in French. Through her interpreter, she shared that she is very grateful to the Lord for bringing her here. When she was brought to Canada she was brought to a church and said, "I can't go to that church," so she started praying, God show me the church to go to, and she prayed for months and months. God, show me the way, nobody speaks French, so show me the way. I went out there searching and found the Apostolic Faith. So that day I met two of my brothers. One is up there, (she referred to the platform) and this is my other. She praised the Lord that she was able to be here at Camp Meeting and her words interpreted. "All I can say is give praise to the Lord, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Ralinda sang a beautiful solo, *"Broken World But not for Long,"* before brother Moses Akazue delivered the Word of God using *Luke 8:43 "And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any. Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment:*



and immediately her issue of blood stanchd." He said, until the whole world is saved from sin we need to keep preaching about a remedy. She's been to the doctors and the more she looked for a solution, the poorer she became and continued to suffer. The woman reached out to Jesus with all her strength. When a soul is sick today, they go everywhere but to the source. When a soul is sick of sin today, they go to doctor pleasure, they go to doctor entertainment or doctor self help. Every single kind of doctor except the real solution. If that is the story of anyone, there is only one doctor that brings real cure, that is Doctor Jesus.

On Tuesday the service started with a joyful musical prelude, *"I will Enter His Gates."*

The prayer requests were many and included several requests for unsaved loved ones. We know that all things point to the return of our Lord and people are anxious to request prayer for their families. Two families are in much need of prayer following the tragic death of a 30-year-old woman. God is able to comfort and minister to the heart.

Again, we were blessed with amazing testimonies. Jean Antalan gave an account of the hardship she endured upon first moving to Canada and how God has taken her through all of it, even to this day. God was with them in the move to Bide Arm where Pastor Randy had been assigned to go two

years ago! The people in Bide Arm have been so good to them and brought food to their door when they were both ill.

On Monday morning pastor Vanzel Quinlan delivered the first teaching entitled, 'The Second Coming of Christ' with beginning text reference *John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for*



you. And if go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." He refers to this scripture as the seed of the rapture. You must remember we are looking at Jesus here trying to comfort His disciples. For what reason? He told them He was going away, going back to His father and that He was coming back again. Jesus told them to not be troubled. Then He made the promise. This is the first indication that Christ was going to come back for His believers. When we talk about the coming of the Lord we have that expectation. That is our hope. It could happen at any moment, and we don't know the time. Additional Bible text was taken from *Revelation 19:11, 1 Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians 15:50 & Philippians 3:17*. It was a wonderful teaching of the many things the Christian look forward to, with the great hope that we have!

In the Tuesday evening evangelistic service, among the many highlights, Freeman Cull and his wife, Glenda opened the testimonies with the song, "So Many Reasons." They both shared their testimonies telling of the many reasons they are thankful to God!

Glenda, being the daughter of a minister, knew about salvation from a very early age. She received salvation for herself, and as a family they raised four children in a Christian home, one son, followed by three daughters! Three are saved, and one daughter that is not saved. They are praying in faith and believing for her.

Freeman grew up around the church as well and had a real

experience with the Lord as a young man and was sure of his salvation. He has remained a Christian since then and has been involved in all areas of the Work. He told of an incident where he had been hunting, had a successful trip, however he ended up carrying part of his game so far that he thought he would die from exhaustion. He talked to the Lord in his vehicle and said, "Lord, if this is it for me, I am ready!" It was not his time, and we are glad he is still with us.

Pastor Randy brought the message beginning in *John 6:35 "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."* Bread is important to our



body. It is where we get our energy. We can do a task as long as our stomach is filled. We need nourishment to our physical bodies. If we don't eat, we will fill hungry and make our bodies weaker until we eat again. The human body requires feeding, we need it to be sustained and replenish. Jesus said, He is the Bread of Life. It goes beyond our physical nutrition. Our soul doesn't die, it lives. When we have Jesus, the Bread of Life in us it makes us feel stronger, better and it will allow us to do more in the gospel for the Lord. If we don't get the nutrition that Jesus is offering to us, we will die. We all need Jesus, the Bread of Life to survive spiritually.



On Wednesday morning the Bible teaching was presented by brother Tobi. The topic was 'Discipleship' and there was much to be gleaned from this lesson for the new convert and experienced Christian alike. The three areas that were taught were: the cost, expectation, and reward of true discipleship. We need to put our hand to the gospel plough and not turn back,

as we are taught this from the Word of God! The beginning scripture was taken from *Romans 12*.

Luke 14:33 "So likewise,



whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." We need to endure hardness as good soldiers; Jesus endured the cross. There were several other scriptures referencing these three areas. It was a wonderful teaching that inspired us to keep looking upward and forward to our eternal reward!

We enjoyed great music, congregational singing, as well as a trio and a solo from our Roddickton Headquarters church in this service. Testimonies were also very uplifting! God is great, all the time!

The Wednesday evening evangelistic service was opened by the combined choir with a selection entitled, *"I'm Glad,"* after the prelude. The volume of singing in this service was awesome, it sounded like a grand choir!

The congregational selections rang out in a way that projected firsthand knowledge of God's grace!

There was a beautiful solo, *"His Eye is on the Sparrow,"* by Yemi Ajayi from Calgary who sang with much soul and emotion.

Testimonies again told of victories won through the power of the blood! Included in the personal testimonies were those of Pastor Howard Canning and Pastor Vanzel Quinlan who told of their experiences and ultimate commitment to Christ. Also, sister Michelle Hancock joined us at camp meeting on this day and was quick to her feet to tell of the goodness of God. As she has been coaching a group of boys there's been opportunities to tell young people about Jesus and be a witness to them. Thank God there's been a response from one boy.



Pastor Michael Ivany brought the Word on 'Spiritual Slavery.' "You no longer own yourself," speaking to each one personally who is entangled in the bondage of sin. Even if you don't see it that way, you really are a slave to the devil if you haven't been Born Again. The message was powerful. Thank God for

the glorious freedom that Christians enjoy and is available to the whosoever will!

A wonderful after service followed with the Spirit of the Lord in our midst.

On Thursday morning, the Ministers/spouses who attended Camp Meeting met for a session in which brother Chris

reminded each one of their callings as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 11:19 "For the gifts and callings of God are without repentance." This calling from God cannot be changed or revoked. It is a Divine appointment. It is not a chosen path or career choice that we choose but a summons from God to speak the Word to a lost world. Many meaningful, beneficial, and insightful reminders were given, exhorting all ministers to be true to the calling in humility and faithfulness.



In the Thursday evening evangelistic service there were others that joined us. The music and singing was wonderful!

Testimonies were opened by a trio from the Eglee branch church entitled, *"When I got Saved."* Madeline Newman and Trudy Brown then shared their testimonies.



Trudy mentioned how God has blessed her with three beautiful daughters that she has raised in the church. She told of a recent incident of when her little grandson had fallen down approximately ten steps, and he did not have any serious injury. She just knew that God had given him a soft landing. It pays to serve Him and trust in Him for our children and grandchildren.

The message was delivered by Pastor Robert Randell of our Kitchener church. Using the Book of *Malachi*, he stressed how security can be found in a God that doesn't change. We see the stability and power of God right from the beginning in *Genesis 1:1*.



Using several scripture references, he reinforced his message of an unchanging God, which included the story of the three Hebrew children.

Daniel 3:25 “....Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” In a world where the only constant is change, it is awesome to know our God never changes!

Friday evening began with the choir selection, “Rejoice,” which set the tone for this evangelistic service. There are so many reasons for the redeemed of God to rejoice! Some of the choruses included during testimonies, were, “Send Down the Power,” and “I’m Going Up.” There was a great volume of singing for these long-time favourites.

Jesse Reid shared a notable testimony of victory that is nothing short of a miracle. He was involved in a very serious vehicle accident over twenty years ago and came very close to death. He had liver damage, lung damage, and kidney damage etc., but God brought him through after much prayer. He gave his heart to the Lord and is now a living witness to the power of prayer. He gets very emotional when telling of God’s mercy to him.



Brother Samson stood to preach using the Bible verse on the screen taken from *Matthew 24:44*, which read, “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Large letters also read, BE READY - Are you ready? This is a very sobering question for all. The message was taken from

Hebrews 2:3 “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...” God delivers us from the flesh, sin, consequences of sin, and the devil, through salvation. There is a transformation from darkness, into light. The account in *Acts 9* tells of the wonderful story of Saul’s conversion to

“brother Paul.” Several scriptures were used to reference how we must experience salvation in order to be Heaven ready.

On Saturday at 6:30 pm, the seats and musical instruments were set outside for a full outdoor service, and it was a



beautiful evening for this event. Many cars were parked as close as they could get, and some people were outside on their decks to listen. The young adults from multi branch churches began with a repeat of the musical selection, “Days of Elijah.” There were other songs by our young adults that were performed beautifully.

Pastor George brought the message of ‘The Cross’ and encouraged all who are not saved to pray and receive Jesus into their hearts at this late hour of the dispensation of grace.



Invitation hymns followed to give people the opportunity to come to Jesus. He encouraged all listening via different outlets to be saved!! All services from Camp Meeting were live streamed and can be viewed on YouTube.



The Sunday morning worship service on August 4, the last day of camp meetings, drew a crowd of believers and some unbelievers. The choir sang, "Let thy Mantle Fall on Me," and lively hymn selections followed. A trio from Fort McMurray sang, and each one shared their testimony. Brother Tobi



Shobukola of Toronto was then ordained. Reverend Robert Downey and the Board of Directors laid hands on brother Tobi to pray for him and to recognize and affirm him from



faithful minister to a Pastoral role. He has been leading the Toronto church for the past two years and has proven to be a very faithful servant. Brother Tobi then gave his personal testimony of how he sought God and received his three experiences of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and God has taken him through many difficult places. Once when he was driving on the highway, the car ahead of him lost control. The Lord protected him from this danger.

Trevor Cassell, son of pastor Rene and sister Della, also shared his testimony of God's protection, when as a pilot he came very close to disaster as he flew into a fog bank. He told of how he got saved on December 30 at the age of 16. He first left the church that night and walked into the cold air because he thought, 'that's not for me.' Sister Walker spoke to him, "Trevor, you need Jesus," and he gave his heart to the Lord. That was over 37 years ago, and God has been faithful!

Reverend Downey preached the message referring to *John 4:4* "And he must needs go through *Samaria*," he told the story of the Samaritan woman who received Living Water as well as the account of the woman who had an issue of blood, touched Jesus' garment, and was made whole. The listeners also heard once again the familiar story of Zacchaeus. There was a loving invitation extended to come and pray in order to receive this Living Water. It is the only thing that will satisfy our spiritual thirst.



The final service of Camp Meeting on Sunday evening, August 4, was a water baptismal service that was surely a most wonderful time in the Lord from the very beginning when the first note of music was struck to the end. The choir began with, "I can Almost Hear the Sound of the Trumpet," which was sung with feeling and excitement for the coming of the Lord. We enjoyed special song selections, more testimonies of victory and songs about the blood of Jesus.



Pastor Rene Cassell gave a message taken from the Book of *Acts 8:26-35*. It was the account of Philip and the Eunuch. He made it simple for all in attendance to understand. *Mark 16* and *Acts 8* were also used in his message. We, who have started to follow Jesus, need to be baptized in water, full immersion. Three sisters and four brothers were baptized!

Many greeted and mingled after the service as there were brothers and sisters in Christ who had met for the first time during these services. Thank God for the fellowship that comes through serving our Heavenly Father. The final chorus sung was very fitting. "I'm on my Way to Heaven, and the Journey gets Sweeter Every Day!" Amen to God be the glory, great things He has done.





Upcoming Events!

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