



"Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."
- John 3: 3

Dear Friends of Jesus,
I remember so vividly the day my heart was "gently warmed" by the Holy Spirit in the spring of 1973. I was profoundly aware of a new Presence in my life. Out of that experience with such Goodness and Love, I committed the rest of my days to following God, knowing that my life would never be the same. And that has proven so true.

Often times, religious groups make the whole born again experience into something contractual: You say the sinner's prayer and God responds with saving grace. And there's some truth in that. But the larger Truth is that nobody ever chooses to be born. It's a gift from your parents. To go with Jesus' analogy, our Heavenly Father is the one who gifts new life into all of us through His outrageously generous love.

It is up to each of us to "wake up" to the new reality into which God invites us. We can live in the old reality of disconnectedness and fear. Or, we can awaken and align our lives to a whole new reality that Jesus called God's Kingdom. The rules are really different here. So it requires a fair bit of courage and commitment to enter into this new birth: to learn, to grow, to receive, and to give. But the reward is "eternal life", or better translating the New Testament Greek, having the absolutely the best "time of your life".

Now that's worth waking up to.

Love you,
Scott

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **Potluck!** 6 pm, Friday, **Oct. 13**, Jerry & Shirley Hollister's house (39082 Scammon Beach Rd., D.I. Questions?

Hollister's cell: 517-425-2836). Bring a dish to share. Spread the word!

- **Women's Retreat:** Empowering Women In Unity" through Caring, Connection and Character building. **October 21st Drummond Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** There is a sign up sheet in the Foyer or call the Church.
- **Bible Discussion Groups** (*No Bible knowledge necessary and the community is welcome*):
 - *Wednesdays*, 10-11am, On-line discussion of the Gospel of John. Email the Church for the link to join. Begins Oct. 4 with John 15.
 - *Thursdays*, 1:30-3. Discussion of the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Begins Oct. 12 in the Church Library.

Reaching Out !



Our **third quarter mission's giving** was directed to *Local Outreach*. Ingathering is extended to Sunday, Oct. 1.

Our **last quarter mission's focus** goes for *international outreach*. This includes

our participation in **Operation Christmas Child**, where we pack shoeboxes to send Jesus' Love all over the planet to needy kids everywhere. You can pick up boxes and instructions in the Church foyer or order them yourself on [their website](#). All shoeboxes must be to church by Sunday, Nov. 12.

2024 MISSIONS TRIP! A program of outreach to the Romanian people, Oct. 3-17, 2024. Check out the details on our website www.LighthouseChurchDrummondIsland.com and check out the program's website: <https://perspectivedanes.ro/> . Contact Shirley Hollister with questions or interest. Thanks, (517-425-2836 or ahappyheart46@yahoo.com)

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When I have lost passion or devotion in my time alone with God, I have simply lost sight of him. I'm still reading and praying, but I'm

not seeing him, not as clearly. A fog has blown in slowly over days or weeks, covering his beauty from the eyes of my heart, numbing me to my need for him, and depriving me of a deeper and stronger happiness in him.

Maybe you've known the fog. King David did. And he longed for what he would see, and feel, when the clouds finally parted:

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night. (Psalm 63:5-6)

David teaches us to cut through the fog with meditation. And not just meditation on words, but on God himself — "I remember *you* upon my bed . . . and meditate *on you*." Meditation means to linger longer over God in Scripture for the sake of our hearts. When we meditate on the words of God, we meditate on God himself...

We do not wake up early simply to study God or to exercise discipline. We wake up early to meet God. "On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate" (Psalm 145:5). When we sit down to meditate — early in the morning, in the middle of the afternoon, during the watches of the night — we can expect glory, splendor, and majesty. We can expect God.

(Excerpt from an article by Marshall Segal: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/i-will-meditate-on-you-in-the-morning#modal-602-ho9bnjyv>)

October Birthdays

- 3. Jerry Hollister
- 13. Len Webber
- 18. Darla Middleton

October Anniversaries

- 2. Janet Gage & Bill McMurtry
- 7. Greg & Nancy Yarmoluk
- 23. Carlyle & Doris Ellis

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

Pearls Of Wisdom "Who I Am In Christ"

*I am a fellow citizen with the saints.
See: Ephesians 2: 19*

- Ruth Wise

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