

Crestwicke Chronicles

*We exist to spread the Gospel to people of all ages in our community
and around the world*

June 2022

Welcome to the June Crestwicke Chronicles. Crestwicke Chronicles is an online presence for us. We have limited printed copies on hand in our building and hard copies will be mailed to those members with no Internet. We welcome suggestions and/or comments for future publications. Please share them with crestwickenewsletter@outlook.com

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Crestwicke will be closed Friday July 1st and Monday, September 5th for Canada Day and Labour Day respectively.
- ✓ Children's Church is on hold for the summer. Nursery will continue throughout the summer.
- ✓ Staff will be on vacation at various times throughout the summer months.
- ✓ We look forward to some guest preachers sprinkled into the mix over the summer.
- ✓ *Rise and Shine* for an 8am Men's Breakfast on the 4th Saturday of the month - July 23rd and August 27th at Stacked Pancake House in the Canadian Tire Plaza at the corner of Woodlawn and Woolwich.
- ✓ Kick-off Sunday will be happening September 18th. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more details.

Thank you to all those who contributed to this edition of Crestwicke Chronicles. **Enjoy!**

View from the Pew

Nancy Revie

2 Peter 3:8-9 reads: *'But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.'*

We've all heard that scripture and many different interpretations of it! For me, while God may seem slow at times in fulfilling His promises, we should never lose heart because He is patient and because He is not bound by time as we are.



Let's use Crestwicke Baptist Church as an example of God's greatness in fulfilling His promises in all that has been accomplished here. In seven short years, we will be celebrating our **100th Anniversary!** That may seem like a long way off yet I'm sure the time will fly by! Stay tuned for more information on this exciting time in our church history as we plan and provide information on our amazing upcoming celebration of Crestwicke Baptist Church - the home God has blessed us with! In the meantime - we have the opportunity to celebrate everyday and be excited about what God is doing in our midst - in His time.

Bring on the planning...and the cake!

Pastor's Perch

Rev. RJ Umandap

My family and I are looking forward to moving to Guelph at the end of June. It's going to be a significant change for us, but it's good for us. It will be uncomfortable; but it will allow us to serve God's purposes more faithfully. The discomfort of change is essential to growth — for individuals, for families, and for the church. The Reformation slogan, "The church reformed and always being reformed according to the word of God" has been a guiding principle for my pastoral ministry. If Christ is at work in his church to make her a pure, spotless bride fit for him when he returns, we will always need to grow and transform. That's why I'm preaching through our new affirmation of faith. We're not changing our doctrinal beliefs; we're seeking to embody our beliefs. I'm praying that the Holy Spirit would reveal the ways we haven't lived out what we say we believe and lead us to repentance. And I'm praying he would empower us to keep aligning our attitudes and practices to his word so that we would have the joy of growing together for the pleasure of our Saviour.

Ministry Musings

Laura Gilmore



*Meet the Gilmores
Laura, Reid, Nadia, Sam and Alexander*



After two years off due to pandemic restrictions, **Crestwicke Chorus** was back this year in (almost) full force! We focused on drama only this season as there still remained so many restrictions on singing until late winter. Our Chorus included 19 kids from grades 1 through 5, both from within and without our congregation. Myself, along with my faithful helpers Gabby Smikle and Riki Westrik, worked with the children every Monday afternoon on theatre skills such as improv, blocking, stage directions, vocal projection and courage! As a focus and rhythm activity at the beginning of rehearsals we would sing our way through the books of the Old Testament and pray that God would be glorified through the use of the bodies, voices and creativity He gave us.

Our season culminated in a play on Sunday, June 12th in which we shared the story of Joseph with a modern twist, exploring how God is always with us, even in the dark.

It has been a privilege to work with these kids this year and watch them grow in confidence, friendship and their understanding of how to bless others and glorify God through the arts. Stay tuned for Crestwicke Chorus - back this Fall in the York Road Room. Registration will happen mid-late summer.

Deacon's Dispatch

Cathy Wilson

I grew up in this church. My Dad was a deacon. You would think I would know what being a deacon is all about. Well, it was news to me! I understood that the deacons were all about the administration of the church, but I was surprised about the breadth and scope of what that means, especially in the face of a two year global pandemic.



I have found the Board (board and deacons are one and the same) to be a united team made up of individuals with different skills and perspectives that wants the very best for our Crestwicke Church family. I am thankful for each one. Sometimes the work is hard. Sometimes change seems slow. We aren't perfect. We certainly covet your prayers and have sensed your prayerful support over the last two and a half years.

The Elders have been, and continue to be, a tremendous support to us. I am thankful to be a part of this team. God is faithful.

Bob Wilson, (children left to right) Cathy, Bonnie and Judy, Vivian Wilson and Granny Wilson. Really old timers will remember Granny! June 1960

Kid's Corner

Mark Lodder

Isn't it amazing seeing all the kids at our building each week? I love watching them rush the stage to grab the instruments every Sunday! Well, with all of these blessings our Elders and Deacons realized that there was direction needed for the Church's ministry to these children. Enter the **Children's Ministry Leadership Group**. This group is spearheaded by myself and includes Wendy Willis, Heather Armstrong and Jesskah McCartney as our Children's ministry administrator.

The CMLG is busy planning for the future. Spoiler alert - Children grow up!!! There is a need to ensure as our children grow, our ministry grows with them. We have enjoyed some amazing programs this year like Laura Gilmore's Crestwicke Chorus program; the art workshop run by Gina Jacklin; our combined class 'Bonfire' Sundays organized by Nancy Revie and our Ablaze Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

Important to this ministry are the parents of our Crestwicke Kids. As such, the **CMLG** is looking at ways to assist parents and spur them on in their important task of raising children in a secular world.

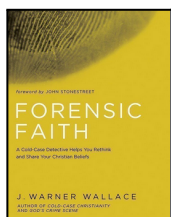
The Children's Ministry is put into motion only by the willing participation and service of volunteers. If you are looking for ways to get involved with us at Crestwicke, please let me know! We are always open to ideas, suggestions, encouragement and prayer.

Library Lowdown

Ruth Grift

Recommended Reading

NON-FICTION

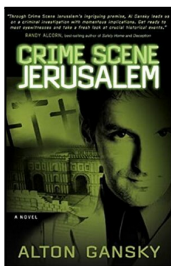


Forensic Faith: A Homicide Detective Makes the Case for a More Reasonable, Evidential Christian Faith c2017

by J. Warner Wallace

J. Warner Wallace, a cold-case homicide detective and former atheist with a master's degree in theology, provides you with strategies and tools to help you become an effective Christian case maker.

FICTION



Crime Scene Jerusalem c2007 by Alton Gansky

Maxwell Odom is one of the nation's top crime-scene investigators. While staying at a hotel in Jerusalem, he steps out to meet his driver and discovers he has been miraculously transported to ancient Jerusalem in the days following Jesus'; crucifixion. The only way for Odom to return to his own time is by solving a historical crime - a conspiracy of the many to kill the One. Attempting to run a modern forensics investigation in the first century, he is forced to look at his own beliefs, attitudes, and life in a whole new light.

Mission Mailbox

Onside Athletics

This summer we are excited to be serving churches and communities within 25+ regions alongside 35+ partners from Brantford, ON to Surrey, BC. Over the course of the summer, we will serve 3500+ campers and their families with 200+ staff and volunteers. Contact onsideathletics.ca for more information.

Join us in praying that:

1. the Holy Spirit would open the hearts and minds of all our campers and leaders to the truth of the gospel;
2. God would grant us safety of all participants; and
3. as we do "good work", the communities and cities we serve would be drawn to Jesus.

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