

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship

2014 Annual Report

Pastor's Message

Blessings,

This past year saw a key milestone for The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship as we celebrated our 10th anniversary as a church family.

Our special service and celebration had a slide show on the history of the church, special music by the Liberty Church worship team from Kanata, and saw Reverend Blanche Short come and share a special message for our church family. Reverend Short played a pivotal role in the Aylmer outreach that became the church we know and call home today. The evening culminated with a sit down supper served by the youth of the church. The whole thing was a great success.

As we look back over the last ten years, we can clearly see how God has laid layer after layer of a solid foundation for both the church and in each of us. Our church family, both collectively and individually is reaching new levels of maturity which I sense will lead to bigger and greater things as we move forward.

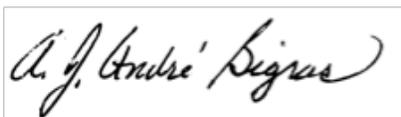
I want to thank everyone for your sacrificial prayers, commitment and support in 2014. Our church family would not be the same without each and every one of you that have called The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship your church home. You are greatly appreciated.

This past year has seen some growth in our numbers and, while we may seem small, our impact goes well beyond the doors of the church, touching our community and beyond to Mexico and Cuba through our continued commitment to missions.

In all things, we have maintained our focus on and commitment to the Word of God, knowing that with obedience come blessings. My vision for 2015 is that we each personally commit to the ongoing renewing of our minds through the Word so as to witness the hand of God at work in our lives and in His church.

I encourage everyone to continue faithfully serving the Lord and impacting our community with the love of God by sharing the Good News.

Humbly submitted,



Reverend André Bigras
Senior Pastor

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:1-2

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from what is evil."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22



Ministry Overview

Who We Are

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship is a growing evangelical Christian assembly committed to the call of Jesus Christ to reach out and minister to all people.

Our ministries, gatherings and various outreaches are designed to encourage and grow our relationship with God, with our church family and with our community.

We offer a variety of weekly activities which include Sunday worship, children's church, Bible study and prayer, and a youth sports night.

We organize a variety of outreaches in the community and participate with and financially support various other local, national and international charities.

We support and partner with other Christian assemblies, ministries and groups in the community. These collaborations help us reach out to the community in ways we could not do alone.

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Food Hamper Ministry

Denis & Tracy Major

Hospitality

What We Believe

One True God

The Godhead exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having the same nature and attributes and are worthy of the same homage, confidence, and obedience. (Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 43:11, and Matthew 28:19)

Scriptures Inspired

The Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God. In them we find the final authority for all Christian faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

Deity of Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who shares in the deity of God. He is also truly man who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for sin and arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is now at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. (Matthew 1:23)

Original Sin and Fall of Man

Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost (Genesis 1-3). Only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and by His resurrection cannot man have grounds for justification and salvation. This salvation and spiritual life are obtained by regeneration through the work of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 3:23-26)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

Salvation by Faith

Man's salvation and redemption (a free gift of grace from God) can only be obtained by exercising faith, not by works, and by the finished redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The New Man in Christ

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation) in the inward man. We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus. We are partakers of His divine nature. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10, and 2 Peter 1:4)

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The ministry and baptism of the Holy Spirit are to glorify Jesus Christ and to indwell, guide, and empower believers for life and service. This baptism brings the gifts or enablement of the Holy Spirit and their uses to the forefront of the ministry of the body of Christ. This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth and is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)

Divine Healing

The anointing work of Jesus Christ provides not only salvation but healing and prosperity for all believers. (Matthew 8:16-17)

Church - The Body of Christ

The true Church is the composition of all those who have been born again. Through the new birth, believers are united together as the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Water Baptism

All who believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and have been born again are commanded to be immersed in water as a declaration that they identify with the death of Christ and have been raised with Him in newness of life. (Mark 16:16)

Lord's Supper

A symbolic expression of our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as a memorial of His suffering, death, and prophecy of His Second Coming. (1 Corinthians 11:23-31)

Mission and Vision

The leadership of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship believes strongly that all our activities be linked to a clear set of objectives, a divine purpose. As such, the Board of Deacons has developed both mission and vision statements that will serve to guide the ministries, outreaches, collaborations and daily activities of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship.

Our mission statement states why the church is in existence – our overall purpose, while our vision statement clearly articulates what we are aiming to achieve – our goals. This allows us to properly identify and evaluate new activities to ensure that they are targeted to one or more of our goals. It also allows us to evaluate and update current activities to ensure that they are meeting their specified objectives.

Ultimately, we strive to use our resources as effectively and efficiently as possible for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

Mission

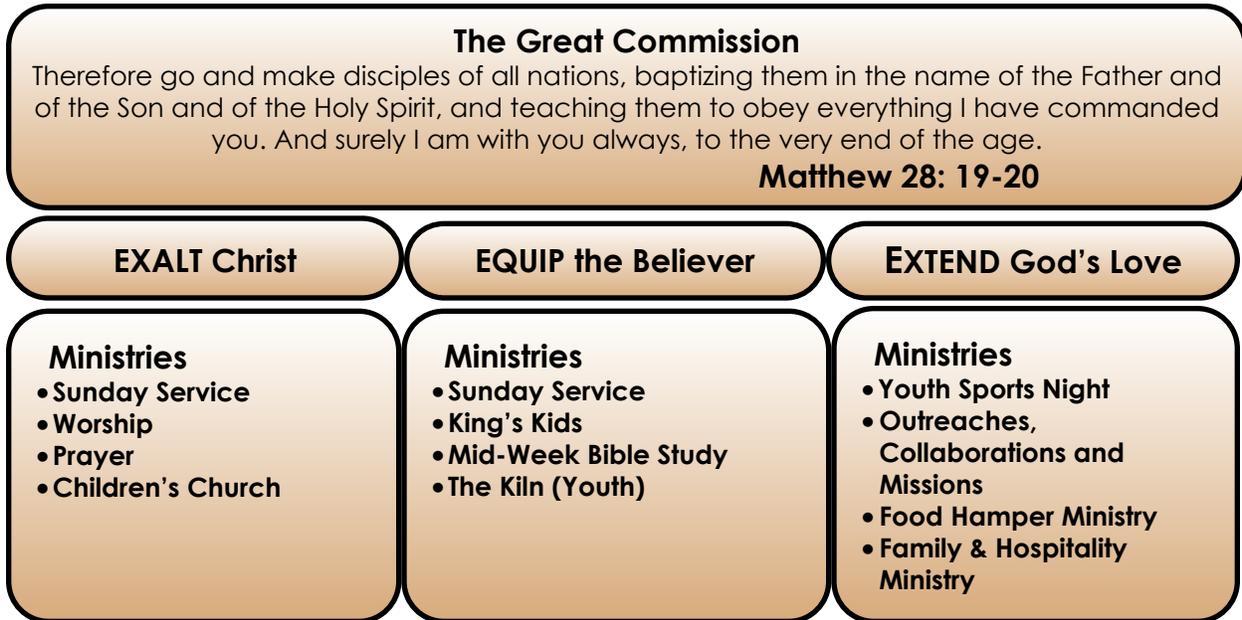
- **EXALT** Christ
- **EQUIP** the Believer
- **EXTEND** God's Love

Vision

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship desires to create a vibrant and welcoming environment:

- That lets Gatineau and area know that Christ' church is here and wants them to walk in the door;
- That lets Gatineau and area recognize what is missing in their lives;
- That lets Gatineau and area know the saving grace of Christ;
- That is seen as a place of security, freedom and trust;
- That transforms our community through prayer;
- That submits to Christ's will for our lives;
- That proclaims that the Kingdom of God is here today;
- That identifies and develops believers spiritual talents and uses them for God's glory; and
- That identifies the needs of our community in order to better serve.

Ministry Architecture



This architecture shows us where new ministries need to be developed and allows us to evaluate and update current activities to ensure that they are meeting their specified objectives. Ultimately, we strive to use our resources as effectively and efficiently as possible for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

Affiliation

Open Bible Faith Fellowship

Open Bible Faith Fellowship (OBFF) is a charismatic, Bible-based fellowship with a passion to bring in the harvest of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The fellowship traces its historic roots back to the Azusa Street revivals, it is a vital and exciting movement of churches and ministries with a goal to impact nations. Over the past seven years OBFF has expanded beyond the provincial borders of the province of Ontario to include members across Canada, the United States and many nations of the world.

OBFF is a fellowship rather than a denomination. They support and encourage members while allowing them to have their own distinctiveness and God-given focus. Each church and ministry remains totally autonomous while mutually supportive.

The fellowship has grown to include over 500 members representing 150+ churches, ministries and Bible schools. We are Spirit-filled and Spirit-led leaders that are fully committed to the bold but compassionate proclamation of the Gospel. It is our belief that every believer is an active minister in carrying out the Great Commission.

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Associations

Quebec Council of Christian Charities

The Quebec Council of Christian Charities works in close cooperation with the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, a charity servicing Christian charities throughout Canada for more than 30 years.

They are aware that many Christian churches and organizations are dismayed by all the government legislation governing charities. Organizations need to find experienced, specialized and competent professionals capable to offer the needed resources and a helping hand.

Their mission is to help those called to the ministry in their administrative burden and in so doing, help them to accomplish their mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ or any other calling they may have. In other words, they answer the administrative needs of Christian churches and organizations of Quebec that are registered as a charity or desiring to be have such a legal structure.

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Evangelical Fellowship Canada

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) is the national association of evangelical Christians in Canada. It gathers Evangelicals together for impact, influence and identity in ministry and public witness. Since 1964 the EFC has provided a national forum for Evangelicals and a constructive voice for biblical principles in life and society. The EFC affiliates include denominations, ministry organizations, educational institutions and individual congregations, who uphold a common statement of faith. The EFC also has more than 15,000 supporting individuals.

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Andrew Wommack Ministries Canada

Andrew Wommack Ministries takes life-changing truths from the Word of God to people around the world. This is achieved through radio, television, audio and video media, books, the Internet, conferences, personal speaking engagements and support of other Christian ministries. Their head office is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, but they have satellite offices in many countries around the world, including Canada. The ministry also has Bible colleges located around the world which are a unique blend of the teaching of God's Word and practical on-the-job training.

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Ministry Descriptions

Sunday Service

Our Sunday service is the cornerstone of our ministry. It is lively, relevant, worshipful, and challenging. It provides a regular weekly opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus and each other as we come together as a church family for a time of encouragement, empowering, teaching, prayer, and worship.

It also focuses on equipping us for evangelism, encouraging everyone to intentionally share the good news of Jesus Christ, inviting family, neighbours, friends, and workmates to come to church.

Worship

The worship of God is central to the Christian faith. It is to our spirits what oxygen is to our lungs; without it, our faith would die.

Worship at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship embraces all forms of worship styles from traditional hymns to both mainstream and in-house contemporary worship songs. It is complemented at times with worship dance and flags. Our worship team is made up of gifted individuals who have made themselves available in service to God.

Our objective is to create an open atmosphere where the Holy Spirit can move freely and individuals can express their worship to God in the way they feel most comfortable.

Prayer

Prayer is the respiration of the soul, the intimate bond with one's Creator and Saviour. It is communion with God. It brings God and His resources into our lives allowing divine resources to influence human reality.

Jesus affirmed the importance of prayer, stressing both an individual and corporate prayer life. He recognized charitable giving, material offerings, and voluntary fasting as forms of prayer, teaching that the most vital aspects of prayer are a clean heart and one's private communication with God.

Prayer occupied a very prominent place and played a very important part in the earthly life of our Lord.

Prayer is essential to our Christian walk. Without it our witness would be far less effective and we would be far more vulnerable to the enemy.

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship recognizes the critical importance of prayer and is committed to offering various prayer opportunities towards building our individual faith, our church family, and impacting our community. We share corporate prayer times and pre-service prayer every Sunday before service in the church lounge. A prayer line is also in operation and available to our church family for specific prayer requests.

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

Mark 1:35

“And it came to pass in those days that he went out unto a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.”

Luke 6:12

Corporate Prayer

When we join together in prayer with other believers the effects can be very positive. It edifies and unifies us to the plans God has for The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship. The Holy Spirit knits us together in a unique bond of fellowship found nowhere else in life.

Pre-Service Prayer

This key prayer time allows us to abandon our desires and weekly distractions in order to prepare our hearts for service. We cooperate with God to bring about His plan for each Sunday service, not bend Him to our will.

Prayer Line

The prayer line is an effective way to share various prayer requests with many people. It allows us to focus our prayers on specific needs as they arise in a timely manner.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Isaiah 56:7

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

King's Kids (Children's Church)

There is no such thing as an accidentally healthy, thriving Children's Church, which in turn feeds the growth and effectiveness of the church. We seek to provide strong teaching that comes from the intentional preparation, personal hunger for and application of the Bible, and the passionate communication of the Word of God of our leaders and helpers.

Children

Our Children's program for ages 3 - 7 year olds is using the *Jesus, What a Saviour!* curriculum. *Jesus, What a Saviour!* is a chronological study for children on redemption. It explores the incomparable greatness and worth of God, the desperate condition of helpless sinners, and the all-sufficient work of Jesus Christ to redeem sinful people.

Lessons encourage children to focus on the one most important thing in life: a growing relationship with Jesus. The children are challenged to grow closer to Jesus every week and weave faith into life by providing meaningful activities, great discussions, and personal challenges. We take children past head knowledge of the Bible and into heart- and life-change.

Tweens

Our tween program for ages 8 -12 year olds is using the *To Be Like Jesus* curriculum.

What is salvation? How does someone become a Christian? What does it mean to become like Jesus? This curriculum helps answer these important questions by explaining elements of the Gospel message, its purpose, and promise. A major portion of this study focuses on the doctrine of sanctification - the process by which a Christian becomes more and more conformed to the likeness of Jesus.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Our mid-week Christian education time contributes to the ongoing effort of individuals to understand, practice and spread the Word of God. Its aim is to bring persons closer to Christ by developing an understanding of, commitment to, and ability to practice solid and practical Christian teachings; and to involve individuals in discovering the gifts God has given, and to assist them in developing and using these gifts in Christian service.

We are currently using a variety of Christian video and study resources combined with a time of worship, group discussion and prayer.

Youth Sports Night

Our Youth Sports Night is currently held weekly in the gymnasium of a local school. We have endeavoured to create a ministry for youth of all backgrounds dedicated to sports based on biblical principals like integrity, fairness, teamwork, accountability, mutual respect, and love.

We strive to create an environment where the well-being of youth are put first over a win-at-all-cost attitude; a place where even if you are not the best player, you can still have an opportunity to play and have fun.

We believe that God will work through this ministry to reach youth in the community that might not be able to be presented with the Gospel in a more traditional setting.

We have created a ministry that honours God not only in word but in action by modelling Christian values through a high quality dedicated leadership.

The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

The Kiln is aimed at the junior high and high school aged youth of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship. It strives to build solid relationships and friendships that will lead them to a deeper insight into their walk with Christ. It is designed to help them navigate these ever changing times as young people by forging them into stronger and wiser Christian youth.

The goal of The Kiln is to discuss and challenge youth on their views of God, church, school and many other things. It strives to provide a safe, comfortable and open environment that lends itself to honest and real conversations.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is one of the most effective ways to fulfill the command of Christ.

The most important part of VBS isn't cookies and crafts. It is the built-in evangelistic opportunities. Opportunities to build relationships with children who need Christ; to be able to present the gospel in terms and ways they will understand; and to make VBS a fun-time where the children will feel good about God and the church.

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship currently offers VBS to children over a period of one week each summer.

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

Outreaches, collaborations and missions are important aspects of our ministry, and more importantly, of our walk with God as individuals. The ministry of Jesus Christ reached out to the sick, the poor and the lost. He met them in their need, shared the love of God with them, and brought them back into a right relationship with God.

Our outreaches have been varied activities aimed at sharing God's love with the people in our community. These include

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

meals and other social events open to the public designed to create a friendly and safe atmosphere where we can get to know and meet the needs around us.

Our collaborations with other Christian and charitable organizations in our immediate and broader community enable us to help meet needs that we could not on our own. They enable the power of God to flow more freely by providing a more strategic framework and approach to reaching larger needs in the community.

Local, national and international missions are important in obeying the call of Christ to make disciples of all the nations. We are financially and prayerfully supporting a small Cuban church in their outreach to the lost. We also financially and prayerfully support Tender Loving Care Children Ministries (TLCCM) and Samaritan's Purse. We also support and participate with other local ministries and organizations that include the Aylmer Food Bank, Accès Outaouais, L'Autre Chez-soi and other various organizations.

Food Hamper Ministry

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship recognizes that certain individuals in our church family and in our community have unique and often complex needs from time-to-time. The Food Hamper Ministry was developed with this in mind.

Non-perishable food donations from the congregation are packaged into hampers at predetermined intervals over the course of the year along with a \$25.00 grocery gift certificate for families that the church has taken on for the given year. Recipients may be extended based on an evaluation of their situation by church leadership and may remain in the program for an extended period of time.

Hospitality Ministry

In ancient times hospitality was a valued, principled practice as an expression of kindness, common support, neighbourliness and a response to a life centred on Christ. It addressed the physical needs of strangers for food, shelter and protection, but was also a recognition of their worth and relationship. Hospitality almost always involved shared meals; table fellowship was an important way of acknowledging the equal value and worth of people.

Churches, like families, need to eat together to sustain their identity as a community. The table is central to the practice of hospitality in the home and the church. We are nourished there physically, spiritually and socially. Whether we gather around the communion table or for a church potluck, we are strengthened as community. It gives us the opportunity to establish new relationships and sustain existing ones.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Matthew 25:35-36

“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:46-47

Ministry Reports

Sunday Service

Our Sunday service remains the cornerstone of the ministry. It is a time to build each other up and encourage each other in our Christian walk. We continue to preach the Word of God in a practical and relevant way that relates to the days we are living.

We live in a world where more and more feel good fringe theology and spiritual fads are trying to make their way into the church and undermine the true Word of God. It has never been more important to come together to: search the scriptures; build each other up in the faith; pray for each other; lean on each other in times of struggle; and rejoice in times of blessing. We join together to worship and thank God for all that He has done and to learn from His Word. We strive to make our times together a place of refuge, a place of safety for both the strong and the vulnerable.

Our goal for 2015 is to dig deeper into the Word of God to better understand why we believe what we believe and incorporate a solid Christian worldview into our daily lives in order to be more relevant in our reaching out to the lost around us.

“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

Worship

Worship in song is a way to acknowledge and glorify God while also encouraging ourselves and each other. It is one of many ways we express our love to Him who first loved us while we were still in sin and darkness.

In 2014, we saw our initial worship leader step down in March after many years of faithful service. Initially, the worship team continued to lead us in corporate worship with Mark Lotts, a local worship leader, providing special music and worship from time to time in the spring, but this proved to be unsustainable.

In the spring, the church introduced to Worship Backing Band, a software solution, that has provided pre-programmed play lists and on-screen words as backup to the existing worship team. This interim measure, combined with our quality technical support team and worship team, has proven to be a good stop gap until a new worship leader steps forward.

“But Thou art holy, Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

Psalms 22:3

The fall saw special worship provided by Liberty Church Kanata as part of the church 10th anniversary and the part time return of our initial worship leader once a month.

Our goal for 2015 is to continue to prayerfully seek out a permanent worship leader tasked with the evolution of our song services and growing our worship team.

Prayer

Prayer is the glue that connects, fuses and holds everything we do together. We here at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship recognize the critical need for prayer, especially if we desire to grow and mature in the Lord.

Our prayer was very active in 2014 and we witnessed many prayers being answered. We focused and aligned our prayers corporately on specific needs as they arose by passing requests along to as many people as possible through the prayer line, email and word of mouth.

Pre-service prayer continued to be attended by a faithful few who helped set the atmosphere for our Sunday services.

Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus pray to the Father before every major breakthrough. As believers we must learn by example if we desire to see the same results. If we want to see continued church growth, we must strive to sacrificially seek God's face and His will for us, both collectively and individually.

We will continue our emphasis on prayer as it is crucial in seeing our vision for 2015 come to pass.

I encourage each of you to sacrificially and purposely pray for the lost, our community, our church and its leadership, and each other in 2015.

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King's Kids (Children's Church)

King's Kids underwent a ministry review in 2014 that resulted in an updated class structure which replaced the three class model with two combined groups. The new classes are now made up of three to seven year olds and eight to twelve year olds.

Two new curricula were also introduced to replace FaithWeaver which had been in place since the Sunday school program was introduced in 2006. The teachers of the younger group used the curriculum "Jesus, What a Saviour" while the teachers of the older group followed the curriculum "To be like Jesus". Both curricula, published by Children Desiring God in the USA, provide enough lessons to cover the next two years.



Over the summer months, children were taught about serving God by serving their family, friends, neighbours and their community. The selected curriculum was called "Backyard Ministries" with the theme on serving.



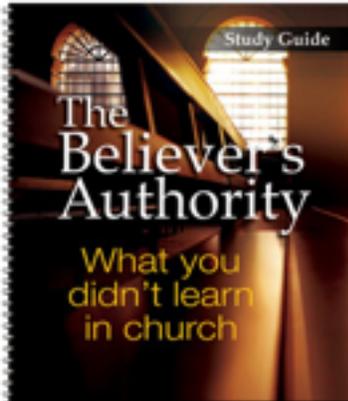
The Leaders In Training (LIT) program was also continued over the summer months under the leadership of Linda Cyr. Children and youth between the ages of nine to thirteen years were taught the responsibilities of working with younger children and the importance of being leaders by their exemplary behaviour.

The Sunday school children made presentations to the church congregation at Easter and on Father's day. They were all very successful and the children enjoyed themselves.

New for 2014, our youth thirteen years and older from The Kiln started meeting during Sunday school hour to study "The Truth Project " from Focus on the Family , under the leadership of Rosemary MacDonald and Lyne Argitis.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Our mid week Bible study continues to be a time of learning and discussion. We have a small but faithful group who attend regularly. This is a more informal and personal study where it is open for everyone's input if they feel led to share.



The Believer's Authority

The controversial subject of the authority of the believer in Christ is widely discussed in the church today. We strove to bring a fresh perspective to this important spiritual truth that at times challenged things that have been widely accepted as truth within the Church.

Digging into the scriptures, we revealed the spiritual significance of your choices, words, and actions and how they affect your ability to stand against the attacks of Satan and to receive God's best. We discovered the powerful truths behind true spiritual authority and begin seeing real results.



Living Free - Breaking the Cycle of Defeat

There is a spiritual battle being waged daily against God's people. The result of those who fail to recognize the work of the enemy is a life of defeat and spiritual bondage. In the Living Free teaching series, we learned how to break the cycle of defeat.

The scriptures were opened to us, revealing hidden truths regarding God's plans and purposes. When you know the truth of God's Word, it sets us free and breaks the strongholds the enemy has established. We can live how we were meant to be in Christ.



The Truth Project

A recent study brought to light that only 9 percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation. Each lesson discussed in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. This study helped equip us to defend, debate and understand why we believe what we believe.

As we enter 2015, we will embark on The Family Project, a new study produced by Focus on the Family as a sequel to The Truth Project.

Why do families work? Because God Himself designed them! Thriving families lead to thriving communities, and thriving communities can transform the world. People find purpose, joy and redemption; and generation after generation can create a positive legacy.

The Family Project explores the theological, philosophical, and cultural underpinnings of the traditional family, and combines that information with inspiring stories and practical tools to help 21st-century families thrive.

The Family Project offers a hope-filled, optimistic antidote to the current landscape of familial breakdown, sending a clear message that a return to the time-tested, historical model of the family is where so many of our culture's wounds begin to heal. It's designed to develop a new appreciation for why family matters...based on a bigger understanding of who God is in His character and why He

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

created humanity the way He did. Equipped with this information, we will be exposed to a wealth of hands-on tools and resources to help us embrace those values within our own families and pass them along to future generations.

Youth Sports Night

Youth sports night took place Saturday evenings at École du Vieux Verger, a local elementary school, for 2014. The school is a good place to play hockey and in general, the nights went well and were a lot of fun for everyone in attendance.

An average of 15 youth regularly attended sports night with a total of 35 youth having come out at least once. Vieux Verger is a good location since most of the youth can walk to the school. Mostly attended by boys, occasionally some girls came out and played hockey a few times with the guys.

The youth must always wear eye protection and there have been very few injuries. Sportsmanship is emphasized and encouraging words are exchanged at the end of each game. Chris Bryan helped to supervise at the gym and we appreciated his presence there.

New for 2014 was the addition of a second devotion time. A short devotion at the beginning of the evening as a kind of pep talk followed by a second devotion at halftime. The gospel message is presented each evening along with a variety of topical subjects. Some of the topics that were presented include: being peacemakers, loving God, loving our neighbour, numbers, Rosh Hashana, the sower and the seed, Santa, Israel, Syria, and puppies. We had four guest speakers this year including Laurence Tisdall, a renowned creationist.

The ministry is fully funded by the church with the youth bringing in money to help offset the rental cost of the gym, which in turn allows the church to reinvest any surplus back into the ministry or other ministries as needed and appropriate.

We encourage your continued prayers for both the youth of Aylmer and that the gospel message will be clear to them.

The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

The Kiln was rebranded in 2014 as an interactive teaching time for adolescents aged 13 and up during the Sunday school hour. The goal being to provide a way to reach the youth and have open conversations on topics and areas of their lives that aren't taught in the public school system.

This special time has become an outreach that has attracted up to nine children, of which four have yet to make a real commitment to follow Christ, with a regular attendance averaging two to four youth per week.

Teaching centred around "The Truth Project " from Focus on the Family with the aim to answer life's day to day tough questions. Each lesson discussed in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. This study helped equip them to defend, debate and understand why they believe what they believe.

Our goal for 2015 is to prayerfully continue to sow into the lives of the youth, building a vibrant, powerful and safe environment for all teens, saved and unsaved alike, who are searching for the truth.

Vacation Bible School

The 2014 theme for Vacation Bible School (VBS) was Australian Outback Adventure with children learning about Australia and all its wonders. A number of Bible stories focused on Jesus and a

number of his miracles were taught, and every day a skit was presented about two Australians, and a story about a young girl from Haiti and a missionary who was living there. Children had to come back each day to hear how the stories progressed. Lessons were complimented by a nice mix of activities, including: fun active running games, review games based on the stories; and upbeat songs with actions to go along. There were also a few craft days, a water day and an ice cream day. Children participated and learned well, and were happy and well behaved the whole week.

An average of 28 children came per day with 34 kids coming for at least one day. This included 12 who were not from the church. Eight youth helpers attended along with seven adults. The main teaching material was led by Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) Ontario leaders, Olivia and Rebecca. Additional presentations were made by some of the youth and adult helpers as well.

The week was a nice time for everybody involved in the camp. The weather was very nice and the facilities at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church were perfect for our activities. The kids and youth enjoyed themselves and were blessed.

Planning for the VBS started early in 2014 with a decision to do longer days (9:30 am - 2:30 pm) than previous years. This format worked out pretty well except that it became a bit tiring by the end of the week for our CEF leaders as they were also contributing to an evening CEF camp from 6-8 pm for a ministry in Ottawa. The makeup of the Ottawa group required a second team of trained leaders. We were able to bless their ministry as we were able to provide their second team at no additional cost.

We extend our thanks to all those who participated and for the financial support received from Christ Church Aylmer and the Men's Fellowship from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.



Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship continued to be active in our community in 2014. We continued to meet physical and financial needs in our community while also sharing the good news of the Kingdom.

Our church float in the annual Christmas parade, the only Christian float, was expanded and improved with the addition of an illuminated nativity scene, upgraded manger and more lights, in order to increase its visibility and impact to the over 40,000 people who lined the streets for 2014. We also continued our collaboration with Aylmer United Church to hand out free hot chocolate at the church and collect donations for the Aylmer Food Bank.

A number of ad hoc individual benevolent needs were met over the course of 2014 and we continued to participate and financially support the monthly men's fellowship breakfast held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. These breakfasts help build strong bonds between men in the community and also help support Lusville House, a residential home for men with addictions.

Missions continue to play an important role at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship and saw the renewal of monthly support for Accès Outaouais, an organization that assists the aged, the Aylmer Food Bank and L'Autre Chez-Soi, a local

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

Matthew 28:19-20

home for abused women. Monthly support for Tender Loving Care Children Ministries, a ministry that shares the Gospel message and helps feed poor children and parents in Tijuana Mexico, was also renewed.

In 2014, Pastor Andy embarked on his third missions trip to Cuba in support of local churches and pastors. Sandy, his wife, was able to join him for the first time and they travelled over 2,000 kilometers across the island speaking at local churches and at two pastors conferences and a mini conference in Ciego de Avila and Santiago de Cuba. Pastor Andy has come to realize that he has a call to Cuba to equip pastors in their efforts to spread the Gospel, providing living water to a dry and thirsty land. He has been invited to speak at the Cuban National Church of God in Christ conference in 2016.

Food Hamper Ministry

The Food Hamper Ministry continued to provide three monthly food baskets to local families in 2014. The three families assisted in 2013 were retained for 2014 after an evaluation of their respective situations by the Board.

Donations started out well at the beginning of the year and the pantry had sufficient dry goods to fill the baskets well. Nearer to the summer and fall, donations began to drop off and, unfortunately, by Christmas donations had almost totally stopped. Two members of the congregation generously provided financial donations to top up the Christmas gift cards that went along with the baskets.

An evaluation of the ministry by the Board has determined that food baskets should be scaled back from monthly to four times a year and reduced to two deserving families. Baskets will be provided in early April (Easter), late June (Summer), early October (Thanksgiving) and December (Christmas) for 2015.

Our focus for 2015 is to grow donations to the ministry so that we can continue to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”

James 1:27

Family and Hospitality Ministry

Over the past year, the congregation has grown even closer as a family, rejoicing in the good times and supporting each other through the difficult ones.

We continued the monthly tradition of celebrating anniversaries and birthdays. The annual outdoor service and barbecue was held once again at Parc Des Cèdres and we also had a number of potluck dinners. Not to forget the congregation's awesome ongoing response to making meals for the sick, the shut-ins and others in need of encouragement.

This year also marked the 10th anniversary of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship. Invitations were prepared and sent out for our special celebration service that was topped off with a sit down dinner for over one hundred people that was prepared in-house and then served by the children and youth of the church. The evening was a great success.

The church also organized its first family camp held at Frontier Trails Camp. Families enjoyed a weekend of fun and fellowship through rock climbing, archery, time by the river and s'mores by the campfire. They also enjoyed learning about the importance of serving others. A variety of fund raising activities such as M&M barbecues and grocery packing at Super C were organized

to give families opportunities to reduce the overall cost of the camp. Plans for 2015 are already underway.

Ministry Finances

Treasurer's Report

God is good all the time! He never ceases to amaze me!

I want to thank each and everyone for their faithful giving over the past year. It doesn't matter how little or how much we give, the Lord always multiplies it and blesses us out of His abundance.

We've been blessed with over \$56,000.00 this year! This is the highest income since the church began back in 2004. It has allowed us to continue our work in the church, through our ministries, and in the community through various outreaches, collaborations and missions activities.

In 2014, a number of large events occurred. More specifically, our first family camp, our 10th anniversary celebration and a third missions trip to Cuba for Pastor Andy. While our income was higher than previous years, expenses followed suit, mostly due to our signature events, which led to a minor shortfall. This has resulted in us having to borrow for a second year from our building fund to cover the shortfall and allow for continued operations into 2015. The leadership of the church remains confident that the Lord will continue to bless our desire to reach out even further into the community, but has instituted a more conservative and cautious approach to existing and new initiatives for the coming year. We have seen His faithfulness, signs and wonders at work in our church over the last ten years and I am truly excited to see what He has in store for us in the days, weeks and months ahead as we continue to serve Him.

We are not here by chance, we are here by design, God's design. Each of us play a vital and important role in God's plan for the lives of those around us, for our church, our neighbourhood, our city, our nation, and beyond.

I encourage each of us to continue our faithful service to Him as we move into another exciting new year full of wonder and awe at what the Lord has in store for us here at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship.

Once again, thank you for your generous giving.

Humbly submitted,



Scott Bigras
Treasurer

"I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

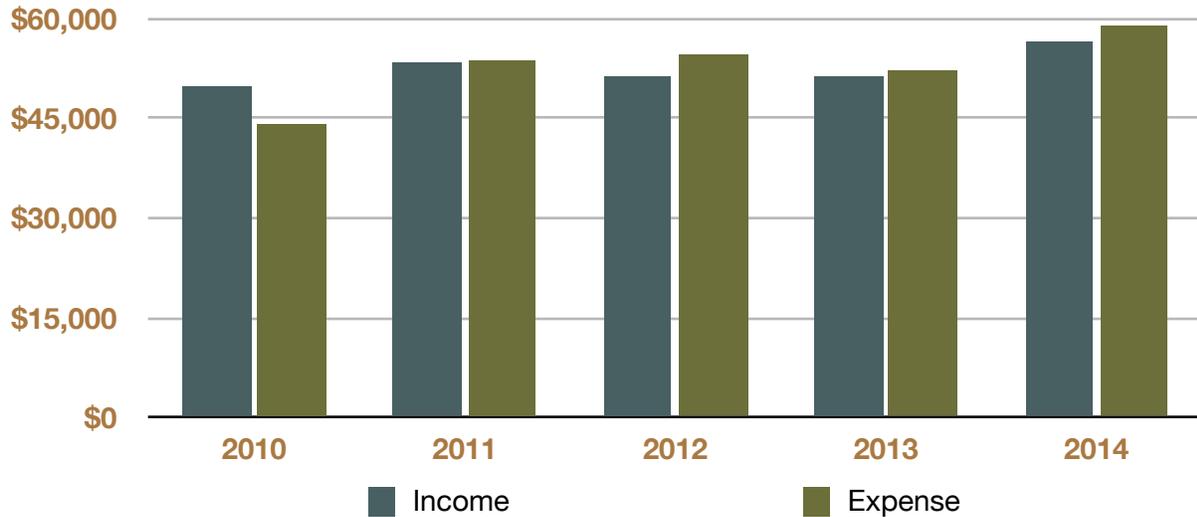
Mark 12:43-44

"He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

II Corinthians 9:9

Income & Expenses

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship endeavours to be a good steward of the resources God provides. For 2014, our expenses were 4.6% over our income. In other words, our expenses exceeded our income. A detailed breakdown is available in the Appendices.



	2012	2013	2014
Income	\$51,466	\$51,179	\$56,377
Expenses			
Equipment & Software	\$2,594	\$1,143	\$2,602
Ministries	\$47,577	\$46,965	\$51,631
Operations	\$4,376	\$4,150	\$4,860
Total Expenses	\$54,547	\$52,258	\$59,092
Net Income	-\$3,081	-\$1,079	-\$2,715

Building Fund

The leadership of the church recognizes the need for The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship to have its own location. As such, the church strives to place as much as possible each year towards our building fund without sacrificing our calling to the community and our mission and vision. For 2014, a transfer of \$2,500 from the building fund was required to cover the 2014 shortfall (see chart above) and ensure ongoing operations in 2015. An amount of \$41,500 remains in the building fund for 2015.

Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet is a snapshot of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship at December 31, 2014. It is made up of our operating and building funds as well as the equity, or dollar value of the church. It is encouraging to note that the church does not have any debt at this time.

	2012	2013	2014
Assets			
General Fund	\$922	\$844	\$503
Building Fund	\$45,000	\$44,000	\$41,500
Total Assets	\$45,922	\$44,844	\$42,003
Equity			
Retained Earnings	\$49,003	\$45,922	\$44,718
Net Income	-\$3,081	-\$1,079	-\$2,715
Total Equity	\$45,922	\$44,843	\$42,003

Appendix A - Financial Breakdown

Detailed Income

Income

	2012	2013	2014
General Giving	\$49,028	\$48,912	\$55,772
Food Baskets	\$0	\$866	\$120
Funerals	\$0	\$100	\$0
Pancake Supper	\$30	\$0	\$0
Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child	\$0	\$15	\$0
Samaritan's Purse - Philippines Typhoon	\$0	\$100	\$0
Vacation Bible School	\$80	\$0	\$50
Youth Sports Night	\$2,328	\$1,186	\$435
Total Income	\$51,466	\$51,179	\$56,377

Detailed Expenses

Equipment and Software

	2012	2013	2014
Ministry Equipment	\$457	\$743	\$1,409
Ministry Software	\$0	\$0	\$885
Office Equipment	\$2,137	\$400	\$308
Total Equipment & Software	\$2,594	\$1,143	\$2,602

Ministries

	2012	2013	2014
Benevolent	\$1,223	\$800	\$400
Children's Church	\$3,439	\$424	\$1,181
Church Functions *	\$4,389	\$5,861	\$5,338
Church Website	\$190	\$260	\$260
Conferences	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Community Outreach *	\$5,171	\$5,789	\$4,248
Family Camp	\$0	\$0	\$3,164
Honorarium	\$946	\$666	\$1,487
Men's Ministries	\$664	\$300	\$300
Mid-Week Bible Study	\$369	\$0	\$188
Missions *	\$7,762	\$6,050	\$6,965
Open Bible Faith Fellowship - Church Tithe	\$5,162	\$5,118	\$5,613
Pastoral Care	\$16,354	\$17,267	\$18,312
Social Functions	\$238	\$1,103	\$3,130
Storage Unit	\$1,600	\$1,587	\$1,656
Total Ministries	\$47,577	\$47,225	\$51,980

* Please see Ministries Breakdown for additional information.

Operations

	2012	2013	2014
Advertising	\$766	\$780	\$721
Bad Debt	\$149	\$137	\$0
Banking Fees	\$175	\$152	\$345
Church Registrations	\$724	\$543	\$483
Insurance	\$1,039	\$1,061	\$1,061
Office Supplies	\$1,524	\$1,217	\$1,990
Total Operations	\$4,376	\$3,890	\$4,600

Ministries Breakdown

Church Functions

	2012	2013	2014
Baptism Services	\$176	\$0	\$0
Father's Day	\$113	\$61	\$115
Funeral Services	\$0	\$925	\$0
Mother's Day	\$0	\$75	\$74
Rent	\$4,100	\$4,800	\$4,800
Total Church Functions	\$4,389	\$5,861	\$4,989

Community Outreach

	2012	2013	2014
Children's Sunday School Outreach	\$0	\$145	\$0
Christmas Parade Float	\$272	\$351	\$371
Christmas Supper	\$0	\$157	\$0
Easter Supper	\$102	\$51	\$0
Food Hampers	\$225	\$1,487	\$750
Harvest Festival	\$180	\$0	\$0
Hearing Aid Fundraiser *	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Remembrance Day	\$0	\$25	\$50
Vacation Bible School	\$375	\$375	\$485
Welcome Packets	\$0	\$0	\$425
Youth Sports Night	\$3,018	\$3,198	\$2,167
Total Community Outreach	\$5,171	\$5,789	\$4,248

* The hearing aid related to the fundraiser in 2010 was obtained from another source. The funds which were being held in a third party trust fund were returned to the church in 2012 and the amount originally received in 2010 from the St. Andrew's Women's Auxiliary was returned to them in 2012.

Missions

	2012	2013	2014
Accès Outaouais	\$900	\$900	\$900
Aylmer Food Bank	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Cuba Missions Trip	\$2,112	\$0	\$2,165
Kitchenette	\$0	\$250	\$0
L'Autre Chez-soi	\$750	\$900	\$900
Samaritan's Purse- General	\$1,000	\$500	\$0
Samaritan's - Operation Christmas Child	\$0	\$500	\$0
TLCCM	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total Missions	\$7,762	\$6,050	\$6,965

Appendix B - 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The 2013 Annual General Meeting was held March 23, 2014.

Call to order: Pastor Bigras

Opening Prayer: J. Boisvert

Scripture Reading: Denis Major
Acts 2:46-47 and James 1:27

Opening Remarks: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Meeting agenda be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Motion: 2013 Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Church Reports: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Church reports be accepted as presented with the exception of the Worship report.
Carried.

J. Boisvert noted that the Worship report in the printed document did not align in part with the intended messaging of the original submission. It was agreed that the annual report would be amended accordingly.

Treasurer's Report: S. Bigras

Technical difficulties prevented the presentation of the financial report. The presentation was deferred for two weeks to allow resolving of the issue and to amend the aforementioned Worship report.

Motion: Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Adjournment: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Adjournment of Meeting.
Carried

Closing Prayer: John MacDonald

Ministry Finances:

The 2013 Treasurer's Report was presented on April 13, 2014.

Opening Remarks: S. Bigras

Treasurer's Report: A slight decrease in 2013 income from offerings was noted over 2012, bringing the two year decrease to about 6% overall. In response, the church reduced operational costs and borrowed \$1,000 from the building fund in order to not reduce efforts in the community. There were no questions and R. Lamoureux commented that the treasurer was doing a good job in his role.

Worship Reports: The Worship report was amended and a slide highlighting the changes was presented to the congregation with a mention that the amended report would be made available online.

Motion: Treasurer's report and amended Worship report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Adjournment: S. Bigras

Appendix C - Covenant Partners

The following is a list of current Covenant Partners.

- Argitis, Lyne
- Bigras, Andre
- Bigras, Jennifer
- Bigras, Monica
- Bigras, Sandra
- Bigras, Scott
- Boisvert, Candy
- Boisvert, Joe
- Chevrier, Nicole
- Douville, Penny
- Duval, Marc
- Duval, Maureen
- Hurtubise, Cecilia
- Lamoureux, Robert
- Laporte, Josée
- MacDonald, John
- MacDonald, Rosemary
- Major, Denis
- Major, Tracy
- Morris, Joan
- Mukandila, Josée
- Perry-Cyr, Linda
- Radmore, Robin Rocky
- Robitaille, Donald
- Soucie, Jason
- Spagnuolo-Obaidi, Guiliana
- Taite, Veronica
- Verret, Richard