

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship

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Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

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Ministry Overview

Pastor's Message

Greetings,

Love never fails.

As I reflected over 2011, the words that came to my spirit were love never fails. I am a witness to a body of believers whose love for one another grows every year. It is so encouraging to see people come together to meet needs as they arise, and this not necessarily directed by leadership.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the church this past year as it reduced my workload. Many hands do indeed make work easy. We are all a part of the body of Christ and every part is critical to it's functioning. I am grateful to serve a group of people who also have servant hearts. That's the example Jesus gave us.

As with all families, we had our share of victories and challenges throughout the year. I'm pleased to say that the majority of challenges were resolved to the glory of God, with 2011 being a year of victory overall. We saw both spiritual and physical growth along with people coming to know the Lord. Many people were led to the Lord who had no connection to our church but were placed in our path by God, as our ministry continues to extend well beyond the doors of The Potters Wheel Christian Fellowship. We have had a powerful impact on our community in line with our heartfelt desire to reach outside the doors of the church.

As pastor, I have officiated two weddings, three baptisms, two baby dedications and one funeral, along with pastoral visits to shut-ins and those in hospital. We continue to participate with the Aylmer Ministerial and Outaouais Pastors. Our roots are deepening in the community and our impact continues to grow to His glory and honor.

As we head into 2012, I sense the Lord wanting us to draw nearer to Him and to prepare the ground for His soon return. This year we are called to impact our community in a more tangible way, by contributing physically and financially to several area non-profit organizations to show our love.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

James 4:8a

Let us draw nearer to God this year and let us be like John the Baptist, a voice in Aylmer and area. "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make his path straight.'"

Jesus is coming soon, let us not tarry but move forth with the Good News of the Kingdom. I continue to look forward to serving God and you at "The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship" this year. It's a privilege and an honor to serve.

Humbly Submitted.



A. J. Andre' Bisgras



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.

Pastoral Staff



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What We Believe

We believe:

- **One True God**

God has revealed Himself as the Creator of all things and the Redeemer of mankind. He is manifested as the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (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 can 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)

- **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)

- **The Blessed Hope**

The blessed hope of the Church is the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation (catching away to heaven) together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Romans 11:27, Titus 2:13)

- **The Final Judgement**

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever's name is not found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. (Matthew 25:46, Mark 9:43-48, Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8)

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.

Affiliation

Open Bible Faith Fellowship

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

Open Bible Faith 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 O.B.F.F. 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.

O.B.F.F. 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.

Open Bible Faith 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 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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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 a gifted leader and 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.

"We believe how we respond to God makes a difference in how God responds to us and the world. We believe that many of the promises of God are contingent on our obedience to God. But we do not believe that God is a celestial vending machine where if we put in all the right things, that God has to give us what we want. We affirm that while God responds to what we do, God is not manipulated by what we do."

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.

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

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. These include weekly corporate prayer in the nursery on Wednesday evenings 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.

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 allow 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.

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

Isaiah 56:7

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.

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

The prayer line is available through Nora Gervais at 819-685-2345.

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.

Nursery

Our Nursery program for ages 0 - 2 year olds, aims to create a comfortable atmosphere where children are free to play and be cared for. This allows parents the opportunity to sit through a sermon without any interruptions.

Children

Our Children's program for ages 3 - 5 and 6 - 8 year olds, are using the FaithWeaver curriculum. FaithWeaver 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. FaithWeaver encourages children to weave faith into life by providing meaningful activities, great discussions, and personal challenges. FaithWeaver takes children past head knowledge of the Bible and into heart- and life-change. It doesn't stop there - each week, children are held accountable for the way they've lived out their faith during the past week. FaithWeaver was chosen for it's strong Biblical teachings and the fact that we believe in their idea that "stronger families make stronger churches".

Tweens

Our tween program for ages 9-12 year olds is also using the FaithWeaver curriculum.

FaithWeaver equips families to talk about and apply their faith together. Each class learns about the same Bible point and has the same or similar memory verse. Therefore, families can talk about the same lesson and apply it to their lives throughout the week.

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 resources combined with a time of worship, group discussion and prayer.

Youth Sports Night

Our Youth Sports Night is currently held bi-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 children is 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 modeling Christian values through a high quality dedicated leadership.

One of the highlights of gym night in 2011 was the day we had a hockey game at an outdoor rink in Lakeview Terrace. There were 8 guys that went including 2 goalies. There were other local people that played too and a number of girls that are part of the youth group went skating as well. Some of the parents stayed for a little while and watched and it was good to be with them. After the hockey, we had a pizza party and some board games. Later, the kids went back to the rink and skated and played hockey for another 2 hours. It was a really great day.

The Kīln (Youth Ministries)

The Kīln is a bi-weekly bible study group for youth that meets every second Saturday in the Parmiter home. The program is aimed at the junior high and high school kids 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 Kīln is to discuss and challenge youth on their views of God, church, school and many other things. Holding the Youth group in a home setting allows for a safe, comfortable and open environment that lends itself to honest and real conversations.

Gatherings usually consist of an informal chat at the beginning of the evening which leads into a video followed by a short period of discussion period. The evenings end off with snacks and

board games. We are currently using various thought provoking video series'. It helps stimulate ideas and conversations on anything from creation to kickballs. Special events and outings are also organized to help with team building and expanding upon group discussions.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is one of the most effective ways to fulfill the command of Christ in Matthew 19:14 where He says to "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

The most important part of VBS isn't cookies and crafts. The most important part 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 separately to both children and youth over a two week period.

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.

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

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

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

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.

One of our key collaborations is with the Aylmer Ministerial, a cross-denominational gathering of leaders from local Christian churches and ministries. We partner with them in the Walk of the Cross, a walk on Good Friday to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and pray for local churches and organizations in the local community.

We participate in an annual free Christmas dinner provided to the less fortunate and lonely in the community. We also participate and support Camp Awesome, a one week Christian Bible camp open to all children 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 lost souls in that country. We also financially and prayerfully support TLCCM and OIM. We also support and participate with other local ministries and organizations that have included the Ottawa Pregnancy Centre and other various organizations.

Ministry Reports

Sunday Service

Our Sunday Service continues to be the central focus and heart of the church. It is a time, when the majority of us, come together to worship and praise the Lord corporately. Our preaching and teaching continues to be according to the Word of God, preparing us to be effective for His Kingdom.

We are maturing as a body of believers and this is becoming more evident in our Sunday services as we worship and praise the Lord with more freedom.

Our messages continue to be Scripturally based as we are called to preach the Word in season and out.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine.

II Timothy 4:2

Emotionalism comes and goes, programs come and go, but the Word of the living God stands the test of time. Our church will continue to stand on the Word.

2012 and Beyond

My prayer for 2012 is to see the gifts of the Spirit at work and free flowing in our services. Let us turn our services from a gathering to a celebration to our King. At the end of the day, it's not about us but about Him.

Let the celebrations begin!

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**
Senior Pastor

Worship

Praise God for His indescribable gift! 2011 has been a wonderful year for worship. Our times of worship together have deepened. We've been blessed with the addition of drums to our array of instruments this year. The team has grown together and we are truly a testimony to God's ability to bring people from different backgrounds together in a common purpose. This year also saw the purchase of some new equipment as we updated our sound board to one that could handle a larger load of instruments/voices.

2012 and Beyond

In 2012, it is our hope and prayer as a team to help the Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship fulfill the call to edify the Body, "speaking to yourselves with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord" (Eph.5:19)(1 Cor.14:26). Though Sunday worship doesn't have to be a production of epic proportions in order to achieve this, it does have to be authentic. In other words, He is seeking a people who will worship Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24). This of course extends beyond the singing of a few songs on Sunday, because true worship is a life that seeks to glorify God in all things. More and more we're seeing that what happens on Sunday as we come together in worship and ministry is a reflection of what has been happening in our lives individually throughout the rest of the week. This being

said, worshipping together can encourage the downtrodden, strengthen the weak, and remind us all Who this life is really all about by helping us to take our eyes off ourselves and fix them on the Author and Finisher of our faith, Jesus Christ.

I think if I had to pick a slogan to define the worship ministry at Potter's Wheel in 2012 it would be this well-worn but true statement, "It's all about You".

Submitted: **Joe Boisvert**
Worship Leader

Prayer

"and all things, whatever you shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Matthew 21:22

This year we lost our prayer line coordinator, Nora Gervais, who while being sick herself faithfully managed the prayer line. We are now in the process of updating it as Lynn Argitis has accepted to replace Nora in this critical ministry.

We continue with the pre-service prayer time and I encourage more people to attend between 2:30 and 3:00 PM prior to our Sunday service. This set the spiritual atmosphere for the service. We prepare our hearts and spirit to focus on the Lord. We invite the Holy Spirit into our midst and surrender the service time to Him.

"You don't have because you don't ask."

James 4:2

Prayer is spending time with God and also a time to ask him to meet our needs.

God is calling us to spend time with Him.

2012 and Beyond

We will place more emphasis on prayer in 2012, first of all by re-instating our corporate prayer time on Wednesdays at 7:00 Pm at the church. I sense in my spirit that 2012 is a year of breakthrough if we humbler our self before the Lord and sacrificially spend time in personal and corporate prayer.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear form heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Matthew 21:22

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**
Senior Pastor

King's Kids (Children's Church)

In July of 2011, as a new superintendent, I endeavoured to remain focused on our vision statement, namely:

- ❖ To provide a fun and safe haven where children can come, learn and grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ To keep our children engaged and fascinated about knowing and loving God.

- ❖ To equip and disciple our children for the service in God's work.

I feel honoured and privileged to serve God through working with children as it is my heart's desire.

LIT Program 2011

In a very short time we were able to organize the 2011 Summer Program. In summer, we had the LIT program and our 9-12 y/o kids' class took the lead. The LIT program consisted of two parts: Leadership Training and King's Kids service. Our 9-12 y/o kids' class received training and led the 4-8 y/o kids class throughout the summer. It was a direct application of equipping our graduating students to receive profound leadership training and apply what they have learned. Throughout the summer, we focused on "The Attributes of God" each week. The teaching pattern was very effective as the teachers used the object-lesson where kids see, hear and participate. Our kids learned about God in a deeper way. It required a lot of effort but it was worth it.

Summer Camp 2011

Under the lead of our brother John Macdonald, we had a one week summer camp. Its theme was the "High Seas Adventure" which allowed our kids to explore God's Word in a very adventurous way. It was a journey from discovering that God's Word is true, God's Word is comforting, God's Word is surprising, God's Word is life-changing and God's Word is for everyone. Definitely, it was a successful and a great summer camp for everyone.

Summer-end Celebration

End of August 2011, we celebrated the summer-end and graduation of our LIT. We had games and a puppet show. Pastor Andy handed the certificates to all our LIT's who successfully completed the summer program. In September 2011, our 4 graduates from Sunday School (Katie Macdonald, Alexandra Argitis, Raine-Simpson Hall and Carolyn Macdonald became official teacher's assistants and, up until now, their continuous support as assistants is of huge blessing to the ministry. Also, it was a privilege to see the adults joining us in the celebration. It was definitely a memorable one. I thank God for his guidance in the Sunday school ministry through the leading of the Holy Spirit in every way. The involvement and support of parents, Sunday school teachers and LIT was vital to the success of our Summer Program. Even till now, I continue to see their continuous support, Glory to God. Our Unity, as members of the body of Christ, has proven to be the key substance for our ministry growth.

Teacher's General Meeting

It was held on last August 24th at John and Rosemary Macdonald's residence. It was called in order to do the planning for the Sunday school, and to introduce the volunteer workers for the year program 2011-2012.

Fall Program 2011

As the school year began, I was very excited to see God's work in the Sunday school ministry. We organized new volunteers, and thank God we had enough volunteer teachers and assistants to supply 3 classes (4-12 y/o kids). For nursery, we have increased to 3 teams (3 parents and 3 assistants) in rotation. Presently, the number of our volunteers have increased compared to last 2010 and so our number of students, which reaches 40 when everybody is present. I believe our students will continue to increase as we have new people attending the church. Glory to God.

FaithWeaver Sunday school curriculum remains the official curriculum of King's Kids. Due to its unique program by weaving family's journey in faith by teaching the truth of God's Word across all age levels. This way, it's easy for families to talk about the lessons and grow individually in their faith. Lessons provide memorable Bible learning plus interactive teaching tools to engage and captive students. Although due to its comprehensive and long format, this has been an issue with some teachers last 2010. So far, teachers are getting comfortable with using the curriculum

as we learned to adapt new ideas to slightly shorten the program. I am very proud of our dedicated and hard-working teachers and assistants.

Children's Church

In the Fall program, we had 2 Children's Church services scheduled. They resemble the "Family Emphasis" service type where all kids are incorporated to the adult service so that the whole family can worship together. Although it is desirable for kids to attend the adult service, noticeably most of our young kids were not paying attention but often created noisy distraction during the message. Of course, this behaviour is absolutely normal in kids. It is because of this reason, that the Children's Church was born. The main purpose of this approach is to incorporate the kids to worship together, work together, and to learn together the deepest truth of God's Word at their level. We pick special lessons and activities for these specific dates. We want to encourage our kids to have freedom to worship the way they feel, because they are different. Kids are kids. During these special events we welcome guest teachers (coming from the Adult's service). This is a great opportunity for our leaders to share what God has given them to share with our kids and to partake in the Children's ministry.

Service Integration

In anticipation of the eventual transition to the main worship service, 9-12 year olds are to stay for the full duration of Adult's service once every six weeks, as per the fall and winter schedule. This will allow them to participate in key activities (i.e. greeting, prayer, offering, etc.) in preparation for eventual service. The teachers normally scheduled to teach on a Service Integration Sunday are responsible to oversee the responsibilities assigned to their students and to sit their class in a designated area on the sanctuary, after dismissal of the younger students.

Teacher's Meeting

It was held last November 10, 2011 at John and Rosemary Macdonald's residence. Main subjects discussed were about feedback from each class, rotation of assistants, Students Reward Points, Christmas Parade, and children's Christmas presentation. Copy of the meeting minutes was sent to all teachers and assistants.

2012 and Beyond

We had an amazing journey in 2011. The King's Kids Ministry is growing. The support of the parents is very encouraging. We have an excellent attendance record both for students and volunteer workers. It was a challenging job both for the teachers, as our students increased. Despite the different challenges, I really can see how truly committed all our teachers and assistants are in serving the Lord, which is of great encouragement to my faith and motivates me to continue doing my best for God.

This year and forward, we continue to expect the best from the Lord. Teachers schedule runs very smoothly and in an organized way. This winter program, we have 2 Children's Church service scheduled. The first one, we just had last Feb. 12th, and the topic was about "Power of God's love". We had Joe Boisvert as guest teacher. The next will be on Mar. 25th, and the message is about "Power of Prayer". We have more surprises from the children coming up.

Our Spring curriculum is ready. Scott is doing the ordering of the curriculum for the Sunday school. As we continue trusting the Lord, let's have faith that He is going to finish what He has started. After all, it is God's ministry and we are his people. God bless.

Submitted: **Rosalinda Diaz**
Sunday School Superintendent

Mid-Week Bible Study

Our mid week bible study continues to be a time learning and of 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 main series this year has been Body, Soul and Spirit by Andre Wommack which is continuing on in 2012. This series has stretched us and given us new insight on our born again spirit. This series has impacted us the same as the one on The Kingdom.

2012 and Beyond

My prayer and desire for 2012 is to see more people attending and benefiting from this time of learning. It not only strengthens us biblically but it also builds relationship and draws us closer together. Unity being critical to the success and growth of the church.

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

II Timothy 2:5

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**
Senior Pastor

Youth Sports Night

The Fall of 2011 was a good term for the Gym nights. There were 15 gym nights that were held on Friday nights and there was a hockey tournament on Saturday, November 23. The attendance averaged about 15 guys a night with one night being as high as 21. Most of the guys have been associated with the gym nights for many years but there were a few new comers too.

One of the school custodians also likes to play with us and encourages the guys in their play. He has been a help to us. He has permission from his boss to play with us. Another custodian has a nice friendship with us too. The school administrator thinks that we are doing a good service for the guys and has helped us with the contract and in suggestions for the questions that we have.

This year, the guys realized that they would have to pay for the gym nights so they motivated each other to bring money each night. The cost for attending was set at \$ 5 a night and the guys were very successful at raising quite a bit of money.

Some of the guys were involved in raking leaves during the month of October to try to raise money for the gym nights. There were 4 different days of raking when the money was earned. This was done as a fundraiser to Haiti as well in a partnership with the church.

There were few problems during the year but on one night there was a disagreement between a few boys. Because of this, those boys were asked not to come back to the gym nights. Things were fine since then.

Every night included a warm up time, a first half game, a half time devotion and then a second half game. The players wore goggles for safety and other safety measures were encouraged too.

Devotion Topics

Sept 9	Forgiveness: "Cross out what I've done"
Sept 16	Friend of God: Jonathan
Sept 23	Friend of God: Abraham

Sept 30	Friend of God: Jesus
Oct 7	Thanksgiving
Oct 14	Anthony Calvillo: Football player
Oct 21	Being a good son
Oct 28	Raking leaves & Money
Nov 4	Seek God's kingdom
Nov 11	The life of Paul
Nov 18	Guest speaker: Carpenter
Nov 25	Failing the test
Dec 2	Turn to the light
Dec 9	Guest speaker: "Respect + Jesus"
Dec 16	The Star of Bethlehem
Submitted:	John MacDonald Youth Sports Night / Vacation Bible School

The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

2011 was a year of transition for The Kiln as our ministry leader was led to other endeavours with another church family. As such, the youth themselves have provided the input for this year.

The Kiln Youth

This year the youth usually met twice a month doing various activities. In the Fall we went to a concert called U-Turn in Pembroke which was really inspiring. We have skated on a local rink, had sleep-overs (seeing as it's all girls), and played many fun games such as Bonanza, Monopoly, Risk and a card game named Spit.

We have watched movies explaining how the theory of evolution is false. We have also each been sharing things in the bible that we find that really apply to us as young women trying to please God in everything we do. Also, we have been looking for ways to improve on in our families, our relationships, and in our church.

Submitted: **The Kiln Youth**
Youth Ministries / The Kiln

Vacation Bible School

Astronomy Camp (March Break)

The VBS was a successful activity. The facilities were really good and 24 different kids came in total over the five days. 14 were campers. 10 of them were older kids who were leaders for the crafts, memory verses and games. There were 3 leaders for each day including Joan Morris, Rosalinda Diaz and John MacDonald. The kids learned a lot about the planets and stars and did demonstrations that really helped illustrate what God has created in the sky.

The curriculum included studying one planet a day: Sun + Moon+ Earth, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus. The winter constellations were learned and some summer constellations were described. The kids did activities modelling the orbits of the planets and moon. They created the northern lights and the sun (with sun spots). There was a Bible astronomy booklet that the kids did that

involved filling in the blanks for the questions. There were videos shown using the computer and projector to the kids and songs that mentioned the glory of God using astronomical ideas.

Of the 14 campers who came, 9 are ones that regularly come to our church. I was hoping for more people from our church but different factors prevented some from coming. The snowstorm on the first day was a negative effect. As well, some families had the father unavailable for driving that week. For each day of the week there were 18, 18, 14, 14 and 17 kids who came. On 3 days, the number of campers was 9. I felt happy that there was one person for each planet and that made me feel that God was involved in who attended.

I was pleased with the helpers who came to the camp. Raine helped with the computer work and there were girls from outside our church who did a lot of the helping. These activities gave them a chance to help others and to show love in ``Following Jesus``. It showed that those who invited their friends were reaching out to them. They all had a chance to learn memory verses and hear stories from the Bible.

There was a guest speaker named Jonathan Kucan who came on Thursday. He was very interesting and the kids loved to ask him questions. He was very kind and encouraged their faith greatly. The kids enjoyed writing down their "Big Questions" in anticipation of his visit.

The astronomy night was a great experience even though there were only 2 or 3 stars visible. There were more than 25 people who attended in the night. The older kids had fun pouring and distributing the hot chocolate to the kids. The younger kids enjoyed looking in the telescope and binoculars. Some people had phones that had applications that showed where Jupiter was in the sky. The kids enjoyed looking at the phone to see where Jupiter was. Everyone enjoyed the campfire and marshmallows.

I was thinking that maybe the next camp should not be as early (and hard on our sleeping patterns). This might be from 10-2 pm.

High Seas Expedition (Summer Camp)

The VBS was held from 9am-12 during the week of July 18-22, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. There were 21 children who took part in the activities with 7 youth leaders and 8 adult leaders. There were a variety of activities including games, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, videos and water fun. The highlight of the camp was the homemade boat that was made from tables in the basement of the church. The children loved to climb aboard and sail the ship using the wheel and sails.

There was a really nice program provided by Woodvale Pentecostal Church called "High Seas Expedition". There were outlines for all of the different sections of the program as well as a Program Director binder. The ideas were all great and helped to provide a structure and goals to help the children to get a really good blessing. The crafts were particularly excellent. The supplies all came from Woodvale and they were all ready to be assembled by the children. Even glue was supplied.

The children had a good time in all of the activities. Some asked to be "actors" in the Bible skits. This worked out really well since there was a need for them in the roles of the stories. The children appreciated the interactive stories and role plays. There were some nice friendships continued at the camp. It has been really a fun time for everyone to be together. Some new children attended and they met children from our church that they knew from school. It was fun to see them recognize their friends. They had a great time playing and talking together during the camp.

The facilities were really good again. The church yard was fun for playing running games in. The basement was cool and provided tables for crafts and snacks. Unfortunately there had been a power outage because of an electrical storm on Sunday night, but we still had water and sufficient light to have good days at camp. The weather was really warm and was very

appropriate for a High Seas Expedition of water games and stories. There was a water hose for outside games such as slip and slide.

Thanks to all of the leaders. They were greatly appreciated. Linda, Rosalinda and Eddy were involved in leading the activities and provided a nice variety and leadership support. The others were excellent at supporting and cleaning up from the craft and snack times. Many thanks go to José, Anthony and Tristin for providing the amazing snacks.

Submitted: **John MacDonald**
Youth Sports Night / Vacation Bible School

Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

One of the main goals of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship is to be actively involved in our community. We strive to be relevant by not only meeting physical and financial needs, but more importantly, sharing the good news of the Kingdom.

Outreaches

Our hearts desire at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship is to continue to be active in our community. We desire to meet the financial and spiritual and physical needs all the while sharing the Good News of the Kingdom.

Once more this year we prepared close to 50 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. We financially supported First Place Options who help women with unplanned pregnancies. We have benevolently assisted L'Eglise Amour de Dieu in Maniwaki. We also entered a Christian Float in the Gatineau Christmas parade and also served free hot chocolate to the spectators in partnership with Aylmer United Church.

Collaborations

We continue to participate with the Aylmer Ministerial in four activities which included the week of prayer, The way of the cross, camp Awesome, and a free Christmas supper for the less fortunate and those who are alone.

We continue to support and participate in the men's fellowship breakfast at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church once a month. These breakfasts also help support Luskville House, a home for men with addictions.

Missions

We support Samaritan's Purse on a monthly basis to help them plan their activities on an ongoing basis.

We continue to support Tender Loving Care Children Ministries (TLCCM), and Ottawa Innerscity Ministries on an ongoing monthly basis.

We responded to individual needs through our benevolent ministry and helped meet local needs by supporting the Aylmer Food Bank.

Missions Trips

Ian Boisvert went to New Guinea on a mission trip with Samaritan's Purse Ministries. We are blessed to see people from our church participate in mission work.

This year our emphasis will be focused on our immediate community, the Aylmer sector. We want the community to know we love them and care.

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**
Senior Pastor

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.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "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 12:41-44

We've been blessed with over \$50,000.00 this year! These funds have allowed us to continue our work in the church through our ministries, and in the community through various outreaches, collaborations and missions activities. We truly serve an awesome and wonderful God, a generous Father who delights in showering blessings on His children.

We have seen His faithfulness, signs and wonders at work in our church and I am truly excited to see what more 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 neighborhood, our city, our nation and beyond.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

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.

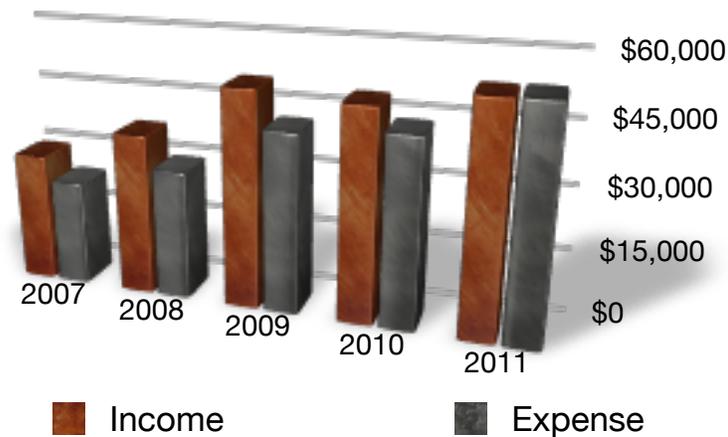
Once again, thank you for your generous giving.

Submitted: **Scott Bigras**
Treasurer

Income & Expenses

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship endeavours to be a good steward of the resources God provides. For 2011, our expenses were 0.3% over our income. In other words, our expenses equalled our income. A detailed breakdown is available in the Appendices.

	2009	2010	2011
Income	\$51,049	\$49,573	\$53,470
Expenses			
Equipment & Software	\$4,100	\$3,712	\$2,572
Ministries	\$33,084	\$36,973	\$44,356
Operations	\$5,071	\$3,525	\$6,734
Total Expenses	\$42,254	\$44,210	\$53,662
Net Income	\$8,795	\$5,363	-\$193



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 2011, no additional funding was available for the building fund.



Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet is a snapshot of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship at December 31, 2011. 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.

	2009	2010	2011
Assets			
General Fund	\$3,922	\$4,275	\$4,003
Building Fund	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Total Assets	\$43,922	\$49,275	\$49,003
Equity			
Retained Earnings	\$35,127	\$43,912	\$49,196
Net Income	\$8,795	\$5,363	-\$193
Total Equity	\$43,922	\$49,275	\$49,003

Appendices

Detailed Income

Income

	2009	2010	2011
Income			
General Giving	\$48,416	\$47,688	\$47,874
Elim Conference	\$800	\$0	\$0
Funeral Income	\$0	\$0	\$90
Haiti Earthquake	\$0	\$446	\$455
Hearing Aid Fundraiser	\$0	\$0	\$2,706
Mid-Week Bible Study	\$0	\$190	\$0
Operation Christmas Child	\$20	\$0	\$0
Ottawa Intercity Ministries	\$0	\$285	\$0
Pakistan Flood	\$0	\$260	\$0
Pancake Supper	\$0	\$0	\$90
Vacation Bible School	\$1,813	\$705	\$790
Youth Sports Night	\$0	\$0	\$1,465
Total Income	\$51,049	\$49,573	\$53,470

Detailed Expenses

Equipment & Software

	2009	2010	2011
Equipment & Software			
Ministry Equipment	\$979	\$1,008	\$1,270
Ministry Software	\$693	\$0	\$0
Office Equipment	\$2,203	\$2,219	\$910
Office Software	\$225	\$485	\$393
Total Equipment & Software	\$4,100	\$3,712	\$2,572

Ministries

	2009	2010	2011
Ministries			
Benevolent	\$150	\$601	\$918
Card Ministry	\$0	\$22	\$0
Children's Church	\$2,932	\$1,522	\$2,196
Church Functions *	\$5,982	\$4,088	\$4,641
Church Tithe			
- Elim Fellowship	\$5,097	\$2,100	\$0
- Open Bible Faith Fellowship	\$0	\$2,856	\$5,347
Church Website	\$800	\$0	\$520
Conferences	\$0	\$0	\$218
Community Outreach *	\$5,742	\$3,421	\$5,829
Flower Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$82
Honorarium	\$1,200	\$1,334	\$813
Men's Ministries	\$300	\$300	\$300
Mid-Week Bible Study	\$466	\$0	\$259
Ministry Training	\$0	\$0	\$120
Missions *	\$3,285	\$8,143	\$6,350
Pastoral Care	\$5,220	\$10,740	\$14,914
Social Functions	\$62	\$88	\$230
Storage Unit	\$1,558	\$1,558	\$1,571
Women's Ministries	\$0	\$200	\$0
Youth (The Kiln)	\$0	\$0	\$48
Total Ministries	\$27,697	\$36,973	\$36,973

* Additional information on Ministries provided under Ministries Breakdown.

Operations

	2009	2010	2011
Operations			
Advertising *	\$1,203	\$345	\$1,400
Bad Debt	\$437	\$77	\$456
Banking Fees	\$103	\$238	\$284
Church Registrations **	\$227	\$624	\$806
Insurance	\$980	\$1,027	\$1,033
Office Supplies	\$2,121	\$1,214	\$2,755
Total Operations	\$5,071	\$3,525	\$6,734

* Weekly advertising costs are usually paid in advance in December of the previous year for the upcoming year. The costs for 2011 were paid out in January 2011.

** Church registrations now includes CCLI, EFC and QCCC.

Ministries Breakdown

Church Functions

	2009	2010	2011
Church Functions			
Anniversary	\$0	\$47	\$0
Elim Conference 2009	\$1,941	\$0	\$0
Father's Day	\$80	\$0	\$45
Funeral Services	\$0	\$0	\$50
Mother's Day	\$122	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$3,600	\$3,960	\$4,526
Worship	\$240	\$81	\$0
Total Church Functions	\$5,983	\$4,088	\$4,641

Community Outreach

	2009	2010	2011
Community Outreach			
Astronomy Outreach	\$0	\$0	\$187
Camp Awesome	\$500	\$500	\$500
Christmas Parade Float	\$0	\$40	\$168
Christmas Supper	\$247	\$440	\$55
Easter Supper	\$145	\$0	\$0
Easterific	\$825	\$0	\$0
Harvest Festival	\$0	\$145	\$0
Hearing Aid Fundraiser	\$0	\$0	\$0
Remembrance Day	\$25	\$25	\$25
Spaghetti Supper	\$0	\$41	\$0
Twice Blessed Sale	\$0	\$46	\$0
Vacation Bible School	\$2,450	\$2,184	\$696
Welcome Packets	\$0	\$0	\$714
Youth Sports Night *	\$1,550	\$0	\$3,485
Total Community Outreach	\$5,742	\$3,421	\$5,829

* The 2010 spring gym rental for the sports night was reimbursed due to access issues, while the fall gym rental was paid in full through a special one time gift to the church.

Missions

	2009	2010	2011
Missions			
Aylmer Food Centre	\$0	\$250	\$0
Costa Rica 2011 (Missions Trip)	\$0	\$0	\$200
Cuba 2009 (Missions Trip)	\$1,824	\$0	\$0
Église de L'Amour de Dieu	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,200
Église Évangélique de Blainville	\$0	\$100	\$0
Église Le Chemin	\$0	\$0	\$500
Fellowship of Christian Farmers	\$0	\$50	\$0
First Place Pregnancy Centre	\$0	\$250	\$500
Maison Luskville	\$0	\$250	\$0
Mexico 2010 (Missions Trip)	\$0	\$250	\$0
OIM	\$80	\$1,485	\$1,200
Samaritans Purse			
- Haiti Earthquake 2010	\$0	\$1,500	\$455
- Pakistan Flood 2010	\$0	\$500	\$145
- Operation Christmas Child	\$289	\$308	\$350
Prison Fellowship Canada	\$0	\$150	\$0
TLCCM	\$1,380	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total Missions	\$3,573	\$8,143	\$6,350

2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The 2010 Annual General Meeting was held March 22, 2011.

Call to order: Pastor Bigras

Opening Prayer: D. Charette

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:31-34, Galatians 5:25 & Phillipians 2:2

Opening Remarks: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Meeting agenda be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Motion: 2010 Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Revised Constitution: Q&A:

- What is the situation with the Deacon nominations and terms?

There is a section in the new Constitution about deacon nominations and appointment. We wanted to see if the revised constitution would be approved before proceeding. Also, over the last month many people (at times 1/2 the congregation) were sick and we felt it wouldn't be fair to proceed.

If someone wants to recommend someone to the Board, we will examine the recommendation and if they meet the criteria, we will accept them and have them confirmed at the next annual meeting.

- The youth covenant partners section in article 6.1 isn't correct.

The Constitution will be corrected accordingly.

Motion: Revised Constitution be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Church Reports:

- Senior Pastor's Report
- Worship Leader's Report
- Sunday School Superintendent's Report
- Mid-Week Bible Study Leader's Report
- Youth Sports Night Leader's Report

Motion: Church reports be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Q&A:

- Why do we not invest the money from the building fund?

It was supposed to be done last year. We will examine how to implement it this year as this is the wise thing to do.

- Will it be invested in a secure manner?

Yes, we will never jeopardize the building fund money. It would be placed in a GIC, Guaranteed Investment Certificate or Bonds or something of that nature to ensure we remain good stewards of the finances.

- When will we determine that we have enough funds to begin searching for a location?

First of all it takes 30% down payment to secure a church mortgage. Someone might permit us to lease to own or something similar. The church is not in a position to hold a mortgage and continue with the day to day expenses which means God will have to supply the finances. As pastor I will not indebt this church and I will never limit our ability to meet the needs and ability to give when it arises.

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

Adjournment: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Adjournment of Meeting.
Carried

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bigras