

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship

2017 Annual Report

Pastor's Message

Blessings,

Where does one begin? 2017 has been a year of blessings upon blessings, a year of witnessing the hand of God at work in ways unimaginable in the flesh. I stand in awe of the God that I serve who has touched and visited this church in such a special way.

2016 was coming to an end and 2017 appeared to be more of the same in my mind. The church stood on the Word of God and was stable, but nothing major on the horizon. I felt I had taken this church as far as I could, but I left out the God equation, the "but God."

God visited us in such a powerful way, opening the door for us to move to our own rented location. We opened the doors on June 11th, expecting it would take at least two years for the church to grow to capacity.

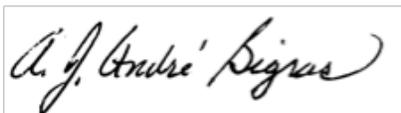
The church was nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ full from our first Sunday service and has grown to full capacity in the remaining months of 2017. Our income also grew during the summer months.

There were people who wanted to attend who only spoke French. We met the need through simultaneous translation.

Northfield Pentecostal church, a partner church in need of a pastor asked if we could live stream our service to them. We looked into it and it is now in place. It even meets the needs of our congregation who cannot attend on a Sunday. Everyone who wants to can participate through live stream.

I want to thank each one of you who have made this church your home, and that you have entrusted me with your spiritual wellbeing. It is an honour and a privilege to serve you.

Humbly submitted,



Reverend André Bigras
Senior Pastor

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21



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 alone.

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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 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)

“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's 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

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) is a Fellowship of more than 1,100 churches across English- and French-speaking Canada. More than 235,000 people across the nation attend services in more than 40 languages, and we are pleased to provide ministerial credentials for more than 3,500 pastors and ministry leaders. They help facilitate the vital work of spreading the good news of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and bringing hope and help to those in need in Canada and around the world.

Quebec District

The Quebec district of PAOC aims to develop a relational and intentional approach to its mission by focusing on seven values that emphasize and improve relationships.

- *Authentic Relationships* that are transparent, where workers are caring for one another and develop friendships.
- *Inspiring leadership* that is Holy-Spirit directed, sound and trustworthy.
- *Sound Congregations* that are Christ-centred, with people that love each other and who focus their efforts to reach their community.
- *Healthy Ministers* in all their being: body, soul and spirit.
- *An Effective Ministry* that is people focussed, creative and relevant in its approach.
- *A Passionate Relationship with God* that is consistent, always growing and that is life-changing.

- *Involvement in Missions* at a local, national and international level in order to respond to Christ's commandment to make disciples of all nations.

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Associations

Quebec Council of Christian Charities

The Quebec Council of Christian Charities (QCCC) 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 concerned 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. 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 is focussed 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. 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 that 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 classroom next to the sanctuary. 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 are 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.

Our Children's Church program is divided into two age groups: children ages 3 to 7; and tweens ages 8 to 12. We are currently using the Faithful To All His Promises curriculum by Sally Michael. The curriculum has been adapted for use across both age groups.

The curriculum teaches children what it means to trust in the promises of God. The challenge in the Christian life is not to know the promises of God, but to place unshakable trust in God's promises. Children discover the promises of God as they read the Bible and grow in their knowledge of the Word of God.

Unlike many studies for children that dwell on man and on man's need, we present God as the main character in each lesson we teach. The focus is not on who we are or what we need, but rather on the magnificent character of the One who can satisfy all our needs.

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.

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.

Youth Ministries

Our youth ministry 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, wiser and more mature Christians.

The goal of our youth ministry 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 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.

“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 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 number of small Cuban churches in their outreach to the lost, as well as 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.

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.

“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 (Pastor Andy)

As I sit at my desk to write the Sunday service report, I am still in awe of what God has done in our church.

Sunday still remains the cornerstone of this ministry. I am so blessed to see the church at capacity with people desiring to worship the Lord together. It is a blessing to see the family of God coming together in unity and oneness of spirit to build each other up.

We have been blessed with multiple worship teams that touch on different kinds of worship to ensure we meet the needs of everyone. The worship remains God centered with all honour directed to Him alone.

We continue to preach the full council of the Word of God without excuse or political correctness. The messages are focused on the Word and how it applies in our day to day walk and in the times we are living.

My prayer is that we continue to grow both spiritually and physically, that we continue to minister the Word and love anyone who comes through our door regardless of status.

“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 (Joe Boisvert)

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.

2017 saw many changes within the worship ministry at Potter's Wheel. From January to September we continued with a combination of the Worship Backing Band software and live worship led by Joe Boisvert. After the move in June to our new facility on Rue du Couvent, we experienced a large influx of attendees. Among those who made Potter's Wheel their new church home were many who, seeing the need, expressed interest in being involved in the worship ministry. In September, Joe Boisvert stepped back into the role as full time worship leader, a meeting was held to invite those who had expressed their interest and now, praise the Lord, there are thirteen members on our worship team! There are now three guitarists, a bassist, a drummer, and a keyboardist along with several vocalists, and there are yet others who have expressed interest in offering their time and talents to the Lord for the ministry of music at the Potter's Wheel. This has been a tremendous season of growth, and when we look at the fruit we are seeing there can be only one conclusion, God did this!

Our desire at Potter's Wheel has always been to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth, as our matchless King Jesus described the true worshiper in scripture. That has not and, by God's grace, will not change. As a team we endeavour to choose music that is scripturally sound and doctrinally accurate in lyric (Psalm 119:54) and foster humble hearts knowing that our gifts and our calling come from the Lord.

We are so excited and are looking forward to the year ahead. Let us worship Him together and magnify His great Name!

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

Psalms 22:3

Prayer (Pastor Andy)

Prayer is still the most powerful weapon that Christians have. The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship recognizes the need for prayer.

In 2017, we were caught up with relocation and renovations which took up much of our time. This was followed by an influx of people (church doubled) and our need to implement major changes to meet those needs.

This has left a critical corporate need in the area of prayer for 2018. My prayer is that God would raise someone in our midst to take charge of praying and make that their ministry to the glory of God.

We continue to have a prayer line to ensure prayer is available to anyone who request it.

Let us continue to bow the knee and recognize the importance of prayer in our walk with Him and our of our journey together.

King's Kids (Veronica Taite)

In 2017 King's Kids Sunday School Program continued with two classes made up of three to seven year olds and eight to twelve year olds.

Both classes are currently using the curriculum "Faithful to All His Promises" published by Children Desiring God in the USA.

This year at Christmas our eight to twelve year old children sang a medley of Christmas songs under the direction of Mrs. Cyr.

Lyne Argitis has been meeting with our youth thirteen years and older during the Sunday school hour.

We are thankful for our children and for our youth who are taking on leadership responsibilities, currently volunteering in various roles in Sunday school and in our church Services.

Once again we wish to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the Sunday school program, for their commitment and dedicated service to our Lord. Thank you is due to our parents as well, whose support is so critical to the success of our Sunday School Program. Please let us all commit to lifting up all of our children, our youth, their teachers and helpers in prayer regularly.

Thank You to Our God for His Faithfulness in allowing us to finish another year even stronger, and for the evidence of spiritual growth that we are seeing in our youth and in our children.

We give Praise to God for the increase in size of our Sunday School Classes which have more than doubled this year.

Grace and Peace to Everyone!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything gives thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. "

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Train up a child in the way he should go And when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Mid-Week Bible Study (Pastor Andy)

We began the year continuing our study Discipleship Evangelism followed by a study in Colossians. There has always been a small but faithful group of people who attend regularly.

Our studies are informal and give room for questions, comments and of participating as we learn together.

We now meet at the church. We have embarked on a study of the book of Romans and are studying it verse by verse and this continues in 2018.

“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

Youth Sports Night (John MacDonald)

The Youth Sports Nights were held most Saturday evenings during the year. For the winter term, the gym from L'École du Vieux Verger was used and floor hockey was played every week. During the summer months, there were some games of baseball in the ball diamond behind the school. During the fall term there was a switch to the gym at L'École des Trios Portages. All of these facilities were excellent for our games and we thank them for the access to their schools.

During the year there was a total of about 50 youth that came. The average was about 10 a night. The format of the night is to have a game of hockey and then a short devotion time and then another game of hockey. The youth always had a good night and there was only rarely a problem. The devotion times included some sort of Bible lesson including: Christmas, Passover, resurrection, Thomas, Pentecost, St Jean, Thanksgiving, Joy, Truth. The gospel message was usually mentioned every night. There were a few guest speakers that came during the year to add variety and sometimes there were slide shows. The youth were thankful for the chance to play and God showed us encouragement every week with some kind of indication that he was with us.

Youth Ministries (Lyne Argitis)

Youth is a ministry done to prepare them for the hard truth which teenagers face in school and in social settings. This year we saw a group attending between 4 to 10 youth including friends that have no biblical background. All the teaching are rooted in bible principals and made to engage them in deeper understanding of the truth as to apply it within themselves. The ministry also includes praying for our youth and those outside the walls of this church.

Vacation Bible School (John MacDonald)

The theme for the VBS this year was “Mysteries Inc.” and it was the first VBS held in our new location. The VBS went very well and there were fun times had by all. The food center was very cooperative and allowed us to use the multi-purpose room downstairs for our lunch times. Upstairs there were many activities such as funny skits about an incompetent inspector and her assistant, Bible stories, crafts, games and songs. There was a well organized program by the CEF missionaries and then adults from our church helped provide additional activities in the afternoons. There was good weather and every day the kids played games on the side lawn of the church. There was also a water day and an ice cream day. All together there were 25 participants who came at least one day. Thanks to everyone who participated or brought supplies for the VBS.

Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions (Pastor Andy)

We continue to realize the importance of being involved in touching our community both locally, nationally and internationally.

Once more this year, we ensured there was a Christian float in the annual Christmas parade that is viewed by 25,000 to 40,000 people.

We ensure to the best of our ability, that we meet ongoing needs through our benevolent fund.

In the area of missions, we give on a monthly basis to three local groups, the Aylmer Food Bank, Access (group for seniors) and L'autre Chez-soi (home for abused women).

Internationally, we give to Tender Loving Care Children Ministry in Tijuana, which is a ministry to poor children and parents. They share the Gospel and meet the physical needs.

We also prayerfully and financially support a pastor in Cuba on an ongoing basis. I've been on 4 mission trips to Cuba and our mandate has evolved into equipping pastors along with financial aid.

In 2018, we have also decided to financially assist two Pentecostal churches in the Outaouais / Laurentides district.

Family and Hospitality Ministry (Denis and Tracy Major)

In 2017, we were the only Christian float yet again in the Christmas parade. We had a wonderful turn out for set up and participation. We were really happy to have kids on the float again this year too!

This past year, we had a number of events, including our Grand Opening luncheon, potlucks, and our Annual Summer BBQ.

We look forward to having even more times of fellowship in 2018.

“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

Ministry Finances

Treasurer's Report

God is good all the time! God has moved in a mighty way in 2017! 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.

In 2017, God's blessing fell upon The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship in a way never seen before. We've been blessed with over \$80,000.00! This represents an almost two fold increase to the most we had ever seen since the church first opened its doors back in 2004. It has allowed us to set up our new location and expand the work in the church, through our ministries, and in the community through various outreaches, collaborations and missions activities.

We have been witness to His faithfulness, signs and wonders at work in our church over the years and I am truly excited to see what He has in store for us in the days, weeks and months ahead as we set up in our new facility.

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

Income & Expenses

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship endeavours to be a good steward of the resources God provides. For 2017, we took a step of faith and moved into our first full time facility. The cost of renovations pushed our expenses to 19% over our income. A detailed breakdown is available in the Appendices.

	2015	2016	2017
Income	\$56,045	\$49,454	\$87,877
Expenses			
Equipment & Software	\$2,671	\$655	\$3,693
Ministries	\$45,616	\$45,308	\$56,311
Operations	\$5,916	\$6,174	\$6,153
Construction Costs	\$0	\$0	\$38,699
Total Expenses	\$54,203	\$52,138	\$104,856
Net Income	\$1,842	-\$2,684	-\$16,979

Building Fund

The leadership of the church has strived to place as much as possible each year towards our building fund without sacrificing our calling to the community and our mission and vision. A total of \$17,000 was required to cover construction costs, with the balance paid from the general fund, a \$10,000 loan from PAOC and \$5,000 from Northfield Pentecostal Church.

Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet is a snapshot of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship at December 31, 2017. It is made up of our operating and building funds as well as the equity, or dollar value of the church.

	2015	2016	2017
Assets			
General Fund	\$2,346	\$1,162	\$1,183
Building Fund	\$41,500	\$40,000	\$23,000
Total Assets	\$43,846	\$41,162	\$24,183
Equity			
Retained Earnings	\$42,003	\$43,846	\$41,162
Net Income	\$1,843	-\$2,684	-\$16,979
Total Equity	\$43,846	\$41,162	\$24,183

Appendix A - Financial Breakdown

Detailed Income

Income

	2015	2016	2017
General Giving	\$53,617	\$48,480	\$72,407
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Family Ministries	\$1,480	\$0	\$0
Food Baskets	\$50	\$0	\$0
Men's Ministries	\$0	\$0	\$250
Missions	\$0	\$780	\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$64	\$0
Vacation Bible School	\$160	\$130	\$0
Youth Sports Night	\$738	\$0	\$220
Total Income	\$56,045	\$49,454	\$87,877

Detailed Expenses

Equipment and Software

	2015	2016	2017
Ministry Equipment	\$2,000	\$318	\$2,713
Ministry Software	\$165	\$0	\$0
Office Equipment	\$407	\$237	\$980
Office Software	\$99	\$100	\$0
Total Equipment & Software	\$2,671	\$655	\$3,693

Ministries

	2015	2016	2017
Benevolent	\$1,100	\$675	\$1,424
Children's Church	\$407	\$0	\$1,072
Rent	\$4,650	\$4,362	\$15,104
Church Website	\$250	\$250	\$250
Conferences	\$0	\$540	\$334
Community Outreach *	\$2,918	\$3,248	\$3,308

	2015	2016	2017
Family Ministries	\$2,050	\$0	\$0
Honorarium	\$725	\$150	\$500
Men's Ministries	\$300	\$300	\$490
Mid-Week Bible Study	\$402	\$250	\$0
Missions *	\$6,550	\$8,990	\$5,100
Open Bible Faith Fellowship - Church Tithe	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada - Tithe	\$5,647	\$4,945	\$7,208
Pastoral Care	\$18,057	\$18,869	\$19,492
Social Functions	\$904	\$1,075	\$1,516
Storage Unit	\$1,656	\$1,656	\$414
Women's Ministries	\$0	\$0	\$99
Total Ministries	\$45,616	\$45,308	\$56,311

* Please see Ministries Breakdown for additional information.

Operations

	2015	2016	2017
Administrative Services	\$2,200	\$2,400	\$1,200
Advertising	\$717	\$579	\$604
Returned Cheques	\$215	\$127	\$57
Banking Fees	\$173	\$133	\$177
Banking Adjustment - Cash to Accrual *	\$0	\$0	\$1,692
Church Registrations	\$582	\$692	\$479
Insurance	\$1,061	\$1,122	\$1,219
Office Supplies	\$967	\$1,121	\$725
Total Operations	\$5,916	\$6,174	\$6,153

* Banking adjustment to adjust for cash to accrual variances.

Ministries Breakdown

Community Outreach

	2015	2016	2017
Christmas Parade Float	\$450	\$50	\$333
Christmas Supper	\$200	\$0	\$550
Food Hampers	\$0	\$300	\$0
Remembrance Day	\$50	\$50	\$0
Vacation Bible School	\$475	\$535	\$275
Welcome Packets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Youth Sports Night	\$1,738	\$2,313	\$2,150
Total Community Outreach	\$2,918	\$3,248	\$3,308

Missions

	2015	2016	2017
Accès Outaouais	\$900	\$900	\$900
Aylmer Food Bank	\$1,250	\$1,200	\$1,200
CEF	\$600	\$0	\$0
Fellowship of Christian Farmers	\$100	\$0	\$0
L'Autre Chez-soi	\$900	\$900	\$900
Missions Trip - CEF	\$0	\$500	\$300
Missions Trip - Cuba	\$0	\$3,190	\$0
Northfield Pentecostal Church	\$0	\$500	\$0
Samaritan's Purse- General	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
TLCCM	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total Missions	\$6,550	\$8,990	\$5,100

Appendix B - 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The 2016 Annual General Meeting was held March 26, 2017.

Call to order: Pastor Bigras

Opening Prayer: S. Bigras

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

Opening Remarks: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Meeting agenda be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Motion: 2015 Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Church Reports: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Church reports be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Treasurer's Report: S. Bigras

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

Adjournment: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Adjournment of Meeting.
Carried

Closing Prayer

Appendix C - Covenant Partners

The following is a list of current Covenant Partners.

- ARGITIS, Lyne
- ASSELIN, Veronic
- BIGRAS, Andre
- BIGRAS, Jen
- BIGRAS, Monica
- BIGRAS, Sandy
- BIGRAS, Scott
- BISSON Annik
- BOISVERT, Candy
- BOISVERT, Joe
- BRYAN, Christoper
- BRYAN, Esther
- CHEVALIER, Nicole
- DILLABOUGH, Marilyn
- DANIS, Jennifer
- DUVAL, Marc
- DUVAL, Maureen
- GAGNON, David
- GAUTHIER, Deyise
- GAUTHIER, Pierre
- HAMELIN, Andre
- HANDSCOMB, Wendy
- HOWE Darlene
- HURTUBUISE, Cecelia
- LABRIE, Marc
- LAPORTE, JOSEE
- LAPRATTE, Suzie
- MACDONALD, John
- MACDONALD, Rosemary
- MICHON-HAMELIN, Paulette
- MAJORS, Denis
- MAJORS, Tracy
- MONAHAN, Ian
- MONAHAN Jennifer
- MORABITO, Thomas
- MORRIS, Joan
- NOREM, Barbara
- PAWLIKOSWSKI, Joseph
- PERRY-CYR, Linda
- REIDPATH- KILBRIDE, Sarah- Jane
- ROBITAILLE, Donald
- RADMORE, Rocky
- SOULIERE, Gilles
- SOUCIE, Jason
- SPACNUAOL-OBAIDI, Guiliana
- TAITE, Veronica
- VERRET, Richard
- VILLENEUVE, Francine
- VILLENEUVE, Jean- Pierre
- VILLENEUVE, Johanne
- VILLENEUVE, Louise