

**The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship**

# **2013 Annual Report**



## Pastor's Message

Blessings,

It's hard to believe that another year has already come and gone. It was a year of positive change here at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

When we do things God's way, we see positive results. This past year saw more people taking ownership of not only ministries, but more importantly what some would describe as the grunt work or nuts and bolts of church life. I believe this is clear evidence that individuals are transitioning to a deeper walk with God and recognizing their role, impact and relevance as Kingdom builders and reaching others with the Gospel.

As I look back at 2013, I see the hand of God at work in our church family and the community.

We all have to crawl before we can walk, and have to walk before we can run. The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship has been picking up speed and I can see us running in 2014. We are starting to see the fruit of our labour in Christ both inside and outside the walls of the church. None of this can happen without the participation of each and everyone of us.

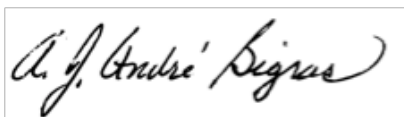
As your pastor, some of my burden has been lifted as more people have come alongside and taken responsibility for many ministries and programs, allowing me to spend more time in prayer and preparation. For this I am truly grateful.

Using the analogy of a building, in 2012 I sensed that the foundation had been laid and that we were ready to erect the visible part of the building. My prayer for 2013 was that we would come together in unity and oneness of spirit to ensure that the work of Christ remained strong among us, and that our impact in the community would grow. I am pleased to say that we have achieved that goal due to the faithfulness of God and your commitment to God and the spreading of the Gospel.

I sense in my spirit that 2014 will see us continue to grow both spiritually and numerically. Things will continue to grow and mature as we remain obedient to the will and direction God has for us.

I challenge each of you to make 2014 a year of increased effort and boldness in spreading the Gospel; using how God has transformed your lives to impact those around you; and digging deeper into the Word of God.

Humbly submitted,



**Reverend André Bigras**  
Senior Pastor

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

*1 Corinthians 1:21-22*

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."

*Isaiah 28:10*





# Ministry Overview

## Who We Are

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

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

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

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

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

## Pastoral Staff

**Reverend André Bigras**

Senior Pastor

## Board of Elders

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**Joe Boisvert**

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Superintendent

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Food Hamper Ministry

**Denis & Tracy Major**

Hospitality

## What We Believe

### One True God

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

### Scriptures Inspired

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

### Deity of Jesus Christ

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

### Original Sin and Fall of Man

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

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

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

### Salvation by Faith

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

### The New Man in Christ

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

### Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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

### Divine Healing

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

### Church - The Body of Christ

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

## **Water Baptism**

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

## **Lord's Supper**

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

## **Mission and Vision**

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

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

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

### **Mission**

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

### **Vision**

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

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

## Ministry Architecture



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

## Affiliation

### Open Bible Faith Fellowship

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

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

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

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

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## Associations

### Quebec Council of Christian Charities

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

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

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

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### Evangelical Fellowship Canada

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

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

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# Ministry Descriptions

## Sunday Service

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

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

## Worship

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

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

## Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Mark 1:35*

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

*Luke 6:12*

## **Corporate Prayer**

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

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

*Isaiah 56:7*

## **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.

"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*

## **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.

The prayer line can be reached through Lyne Argitis at 819-682-2411.

## **King's Kids (Children's Church)**

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

### **Children**

Our Children's program for ages 3 - 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 and study resources combined with a time of worship, group discussion and prayer.

## Youth Sports Night

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

We strive to create an environment where the well-being of 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 modelling Christian values through a high quality dedicated leadership.

## The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

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

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

## Vacation Bible School

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

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

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

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

*Matthew 19:14*

## Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

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

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

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

*Matthew 28:19*

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

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

We partner with other local churches 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.

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

### **Food Hamper Ministry**

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

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

### **Hospitality Ministry**

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

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

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

*Matthew 25:35-36*

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

*Acts 2:46-47*

## Ministry Reports

### Sunday Service

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

We live in a world focussed on self. It has never been more important to come together to: build each other up in the faith; pray for each other; lean on each other in times of struggle; and rejoice in times of blessing. We join together to worship and thank God for all that He has done and to learn from His Word. We strive to make our times together a place of refuge, a place of safety for both the strong and the vulnerable.

Our focus for the coming year is to equip us to better go and make disciples of all nations. Like many believers, we sometimes feel unprepared or inadequate in fulfilling that command, but our families, friends and neighbours need to hear the "Good News". Let us become embolden to invite them to attend our Sunday services this year.

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**  
Senior Pastor

*"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

We entered 2013 with an expectation for change in our individual and corporate worship of God and I believe that we have experienced just that. I think as a congregation, our understanding of what it means to worship God in spirit and in truth has deepened year by year, and 2013 has been no exception. As our own individual walks with God have grown, so too has our worship of Him, both individually and corporately. We are understanding more and more that worship of God embodies so much more than songs that are sung on Sundays. Our gathering together to sing on Sundays is an expression of worship in the same way that an apple is an expression of fruit. To say that the apple is fruit and that all fruit is an apple would be like saying that all worship is singing at church on Sunday. Not the best analogy but hopefully it is adequate in conveying the idea that singing at church on Sunday is a way we worship Him; a part of the whole rather than the whole itself. The rest of our worship is done in other ways; acts of kindness; our jobs; our family interactions; our leisure time activities etc. All of these, if done out of a heart's desire to glorify God, are worship.

Worshiping in song is also a way we encourage ourselves and each other. When we praise Him in song, we are using music, a beautiful instrument created by God and given to us freely to use as we desire, to acknowledge and glorify Him. This, I believe, is the first purpose of music, and when we use it in this way the Lord actually takes up residence in our praise!

*"But Thou art holy, Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel."*

*Psalms 22:3*

Looking ahead to 2014, I believe we will see a deeper evolution in our song services at church than we have yet to experience. From where I now sit, having stepped down as worship leader, I believe that the congregation will take on a more active role in our worship services as there will undoubtedly be some Sundays where there may be no leader directly on stage. In some ways this will help us to look beyond certain production aspects of the church service, to focus more

deeply on why we are there. While it may be uncomfortable at times, I believe that if we embrace the opportunity to meditate on what we are actually doing when we meet on Sundays, it will help us grow. As a new worship leader emerges, I firmly believe our corporate attitude toward the Sunday song service, and the Sunday meeting in general will mature. I am excited to see what the Lord will do among us this year as we gather each week to worship Him in song.

Submitted: **Joe Boisvert**  
Worship Leader

## Prayer

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

Our prayer was very active in 2013. It allowed us to focus corporately on specific needs as they arose. Requests were passed on to as many people as possible in order to create a synergy, as many people aligned their prayers towards specific needs.

Our pre-service prayer was attended by a faithful few who gathered to prepare all our hearts for worship and to set the atmosphere for our Sunday services. We have witnessed many prayers being answered, for which we give thanks and glory to God.

We will continue our strong emphasis on prayer as we recognize its crucial role in seeing our vision for 2014 come to pass. My prayer is that leaders in the congregation will emerge to take on a greater role in this critical ministry and increase its effectiveness. As we grow both spiritually and in number, prayer warriors are needed to intercede for the lost, our community, our church family and those on the front line.

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**  
Senior Pastor

*“be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything by  
prayer and  
supplication, with  
thanksgiving, let your  
requests be made  
known to God.”*

*Phillippians 4:6*

## King's Kids (Children's Church)

We continued using Faithweaver curriculum up to the end of the school year in 2013.

For the summer of 2013 and starting in September 2013, we taught character traits using material from Kids of Integrity, produced by Focus on the family. In most cases, we chose stories and references from the Bible to illustrate the character trait being studied.

The LIT (Leaders in Training) program was continued in the summer of 2013 under the leadership of Linda Cyr. Children and youth between the ages of nine to thirteen years were taught the responsibilities of working with younger children and the importance of being leaders by their exemplary behaviour.

Pierre Foret and Ian Boisvert took turns teaching Children's Church during the summer of 2013, coordinating their teaching with the LIT training. In this way the LITs' were able to practice what they learnt by assisting in Children's Church.

The Sunday School children made presentations to the church congregation at Easter, Father's Day and Christmas, under the direction of Linda Cyr. They were all very successful. The children enjoyed themselves.

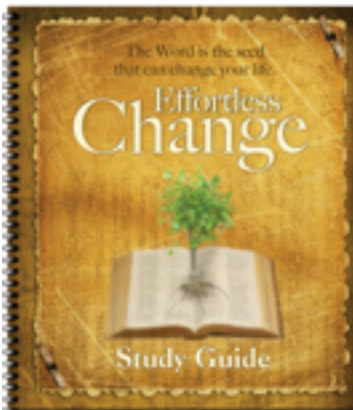


As of September 2013, our youth, thirteen years and older, started meeting once every month with Rosemary MacDonald during Sunday School hour. This gives them the opportunity to have some of their concerns addressed and to equip them to live their faith at school in these challenging days.

Submitted: **Veronica Taite**  
Sunday School Superintendent

## Mid-Week Bible Study

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

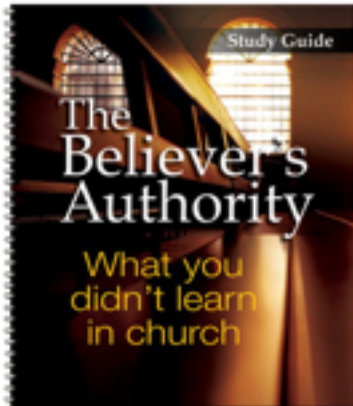


### Effortless Change

Someone once said that the only thing that is constant is change. We are all changing, especially those of us who have tasted the grace and power of God. We are no longer content with being normal.

We want to change. We need to change. But how?

There is a secret to change that can make it nearly effortless. Does this sound too good to be true? In this series, we shared some secrets Jesus taught that produce change automatically. This kind of change is a by product of seeking God. We revealed how the power of God's Word effects this change.



### The Believer's Authority

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

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

As we enter 2014, we will be finishing The Believer's Authority and will embark on The Truth Project, a new study produced by Focus on the Family.

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

**"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*

This new study will equip us to defend, debate and understand why we believe what we believe. I pray that there will be a larger attendance as it is imperative that we strengthen our biblical knowledge in the days we are living.

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**  
Senior Pastor

## Youth Sports Night

This past year, the Youth Sports Night has been happening on Saturday nights at a new school called Vieux Verger just north of the Canadian Tire. In general, the nights have been going well and they have been a lot of fun. The new school is cheaper and is also easier to supervise than at Symmes where we had been before. We mainly play floor hockey and the guys have been very good at providing goalies so that the hockey is at quite a high level of play.

The average number of youth who come is about 11 but sometimes there is less if the weather is bad. There have been a total of about 35 youth that have come at least once to the gym. Vieux Verger is a good location since most of the guys can walk to the school. There are occasionally some girls that come and they played hockey once with the guys. There are fewer people that come in the new school than came at Symmes. I believe this is due to less awareness of the event since most of the regular youth have graduated from High School now and there is less mention of it at the school. Also, some of the players that formerly came are getting too old to be interested in it anymore.

This year there were two devotion times. A short one at the beginning of the game just to have a pep talk followed by a devotion at halftime. Some of the topics that have been presented include: Paul's conversion; Paul's trip to Rome; temptation; anger; works; the tongue; sin; astronomy; dogs; hope; Christmas; Russia; Israel; the Superbowl; and the Olympics. Each night, the gospel message is front and centre.

Offerings are taken to cover the cost of the gym with any shortfall being covered by the church. We always use eye protection and there have been very few injuries. Sportsmanship is emphasized and combined with encouraging words at the end of each of the games.

Ian Boisvert has been helping to supervise at the gym and we appreciate his presence there.

Please pray for the youth of Aylmer and that the gospel message will be clear.

Submitted: **John MacDonald**  
Youth Sports Night

## The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

This year, the Kiln did not meet on a regular schedule. The youth who had previously come had new activities or constraints that prevented them from coming out. An effort was made in the spring to motivate them to come to a new gym at Vieux Verger school. That idea wasn't generally taken up by the youth although there were a few nights when a few of them came. An effort was then made to try to play outside at the school in the summer but that didn't work out for a number of reasons including bad weather. A few Saturday nights were held during the summer, but only resulted in one person coming. Each night was good for sport, fellowship and a spiritual message.

Rosemary also led a few Sunday classes for the youth during the fall semester. It was a goal that God laid on her heart and also on a few of the leaders at the Sunday School meeting that was held at the same time. A number of the girls also had a sleep over during the Christmas holidays.

The challenge for 2014 is to pray for new direction and activities that will appeal to both girls and boys.

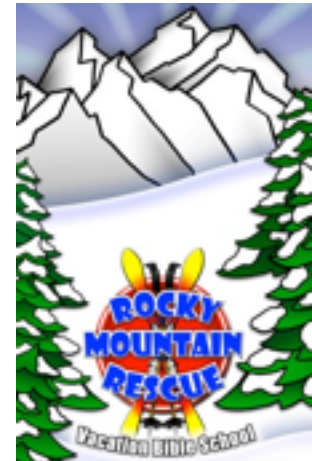
Submitted: **John & Rosemary MacDonald**  
Youth Ministries / The Kiln

### Vacation Bible School

The Rocky Mountain Rescue VBS was held on Aug 12-16, 2013. It was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church from 10-12pm each day. In general the camp was a good success and the kids had a lot of fun and learned more about God and developed their friendships. The church was a great place for the camp. There was a great yard to run and play games in and the basement was a great spot for our snacks and the other activities. The Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) missionaries were fun and effective at telling the Bible stories and skits.

The theme of the camp was interesting and allowed the kids to learn more about The Rocky Mountains and the great flood. There were other connections made to mountains in the Bible such as Mount Ararat, Mount Moriah, Mount Sinai and Mount Calvary. It was informative to see how God has used mountains in the revelation of His will in the world.

The skits by the CEF missionaries were very interesting and helped to motivate the kids. The Bible stories involved the miracles of Jesus and His teachings. He was described as the Saviour and the children were given opportunities to pray for salvation. There were review games to help them remember the parts of the story and they were motivated to remember the details. The missionary story of Hudson Taylor was taught during the week. On the last day of camp, a number of the youth of our church directly led a part of the lesson and did a good job. The youth also helped in setting up the church, preparing the snacks for the children and helping the missionaries in various tasks.



There were a total of 34 children that came for at least one day with an average of 25 each day. There were 8 youth from our church that were helping to support the summer missionaries. A number of mothers stayed to help run the program as well. A few special days included an ice cream day and a water fun day.

Submitted: **John MacDonald**  
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, meeting financial, spiritual and physical needs all while sharing the Good News of the Kingdom.

This year saw The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship enter its own float in the Aylmer Christmas Parade. Our goal is to see more than just one Christian float in the parade in coming years by encouraging all other local churches to each enter their own floats. Having multiple floats centred on Christ and the Gospel will allow the message to ring out loud and clear to our

community. We also continued our tradition of serving free hot chocolate to spectators from the United Church along the parade route.

The church also continued in our support of Operation Christmas Child by preparing close to 50 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

### **Collaborations**

Our collaborations centered on the Walk of the Cross and our continued support of and participation in the men's fellowship breakfast at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church once a month. These breakfasts help to support Lusville House, a home for men with addictions, and its residents.

### **Missions**

In 2013, the church supported a variety of international and local mission endeavours on a monthly basis. Internationally we continued to support Tender Loving Care Children Ministries and Samaritan's Purse. Locally, we supported Accès Outaouais, an organization that assists the aged, the Aylmer Food Bank and L'autre Chez-soi, a local home for abused women.

We also met the immediate needs of various individuals and families in our community through our benevolent fund.

Let us continue to do good and look after the poor and the less fortunate.

Submitted: **Reverend André Bigras**  
Senior Pastor

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

*James 1:27*

### **Food Hamper Ministry**

The Food Hamper Ministry started a few years ago when we decided to prepare five hampers for people in need in the Aylmer area at Christmas. The Church responded in such a generous way that it was decided to continue providing a set number of food hampers once every month throughout the year.

In 2013, we provided monthly food hampers to a single mother with five boys, an invalid mother of two adult children with special needs and another couple in our community.

Jesus said in His Word that we are to take care of the needy and the widows and that's exactly what the Food Hamper Ministry does. We have been able to bless these families with the Lord's help and the congregation's generosity in donating non-perishable food items. In time, our desire is to expand this ministry to reach more families and include gently used clothing and perhaps even furniture.

Submitted: **Robert Lamoureux and Penny Douville**  
Food Hamper Ministry

### **Hospitality Ministry**

Over the past year, we have seen amazing things happen within our church. The congregation has really become a family that is there during the good and difficult times. The annual outdoor service and bbq, as well as the potluck dinners and birthday-anniversary celebrations, have become a blessing to many. Not to forget the congregation's awesome response to making meals for the sick, the shut-ins and others in need of encouragement.

In 2014, we look forward to continuing our annual outdoor service as well as the potluck dinners and birthday-anniversary celebrations. This is also the year, that Potter's Wheel will be celebrating it's 10th Anniversary! We look forward to putting together a special time of celebration for this occasion.

Harvest Day activities, movie nights, bowling, are just a few activities that we hope to implement later in the year.

A heart-filled thank you to everyone that has helped in this area of ministry. We are blessed to serve among you.

Submitted: **Denis and Tracy Major**  
Hospitality Ministry



# Ministry Finances

## Treasurer's Report

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

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

We've been blessed once again 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.

Giving remained stable for 2013. While our expenses were lower than previous years, they still slightly exceeded our income for a third year. This has resulted in us having to borrow from our building fund to cover the shortfall and allow for continued operations into 2014. The leadership of the church is confident that the Lord will continue to bless our desire to reach out even further into the community and has decided to maintain 2013 expense levels for 2014. We have seen His faithfulness, signs and wonders at work in our church and I am truly excited to see what He has in store for us in the days, weeks and months ahead as we continue to serve Him.

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

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

Once again, thank you for your generous giving.

Humbly submitted,



**Scott Bigras**  
Treasurer

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

*Mark 12:43-44*

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

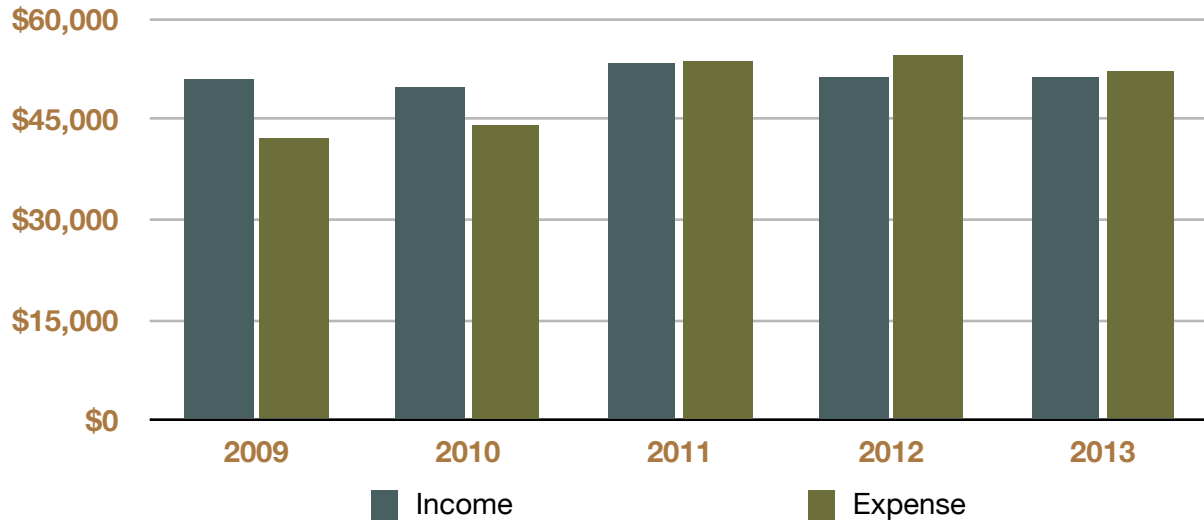
*II Corinthians 9:9*





## Income & Expenses

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship endeavours to be a good steward of the resources God provides. For 2013, our expenses were 2% over our income. In other words, our expenses exceeded our income. A detailed breakdown is available in the Appendices.



	2011	2012	2013
<b>Income</b>	\$53,470	\$51,466	\$51,179
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Equipment &amp; Software</b>	\$2,572	\$2,594	\$1,143
<b>Ministries</b>	\$44,356	\$47,577	\$46,965
<b>Operations</b>	\$6,734	\$4,376	\$4,150
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$53,662	\$54,547	\$52,258
<b>Net Income</b>	-\$193	-\$3,081	-\$1,079

## 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 the first time since inception, a one time transfer of \$1,000 from the building fund was required to cover the 2013 shortfall (see chart above) and ensure ongoing operations in 2014. An amount of \$44,000 remains in the building fund for 2014.

## Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet is a snapshot of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship at December 31, 2013. 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.

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>	\$4,003	\$922	\$844
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$44,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$49,003</b>	<b>\$45,922</b>	<b>\$44,844</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	\$49,196	\$49,003	\$45,922
<b>Net Income</b>	-\$193	-\$3,081	-\$1,079
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$49,003</b>	<b>\$45,922</b>	<b>\$44,843</b>

# Appendices



## Appendix A - Financial Breakdown

### Detailed Income

#### Income

	2011	2012	2013
General Giving	\$47,874	\$49,028	\$48,912
Food Baskets	\$0	\$0	\$866
Funerals	\$90	\$0	\$100
Hearing Aid Fundraiser	\$2,706	\$0	\$0
Pancake Supper	\$90	\$30	\$0
Samaritan's Purse - Haiti Earthquake	\$455	\$0	\$0
Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child	\$0	\$0	\$15
Samaritan's Purse - Philippines Typhoon	\$0	\$0	\$100
Vacation Bible School	\$790	\$80	\$0
Youth Sports Night	\$1,465	\$2,328	\$1,186
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$53,470</b>	<b>\$51,466</b>	<b>\$51,179</b>

### Detailed Expenses

#### Equipment and Software

	2011	2012	2013
Ministry Equipment	\$1,270	\$457	\$743
Office Equipment	\$910	\$2,137	\$400
Office Software	\$393	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Equipment &amp; Software</b>	<b>\$2,572</b>	<b>\$2,594</b>	<b>\$1,143</b>

#### Ministries

	2011	2012	2013
Benevolent	\$918	\$1,223	\$800
Children's Church	\$2,196	\$3,439	\$424
Church Functions *	\$4,641	\$4,389	\$5,861
Church Website	\$520	\$190	\$260
Conferences	\$218	\$0	\$2,000
Community Outreach *	\$5,829	\$5,171	\$5,789
Flower Ministry	\$82	\$0	\$0
Honorarium	\$813	\$946	\$666

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Men's Ministries</b>	\$300	\$664	\$300
<b>Mid-Week Bible Study</b>	\$259	\$369	\$0
<b>Ministry Training</b>	\$120	\$0	\$0
<b>Missions *</b>	\$6,350	\$7,762	\$6,050
<b>Open Bible Faith Fellowship - Church Tithe</b>	\$5,347	\$5,162	\$5,118
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	\$14,914	\$16,354	\$17,267
<b>Social Functions</b>	\$230	\$238	\$1,103
<b>Storage Unit</b>	\$1,571	\$1,600	\$1,587
<b>The Kiln - Youth</b>	\$48	\$70	\$0
<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$44,356</b>	<b>\$47,577</b>	<b>\$47,225</b>

\* Please see Ministries Breakdown for additional information.

### Operations

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Advertising</b>	\$1,400	\$766	\$780
<b>Bad Debt</b>	\$456	\$149	\$137
<b>Banking Fees</b>	\$284	\$175	\$152
<b>Church Registrations</b>	\$806	\$724	\$543
<b>Insurance</b>	\$1,033	\$1,039	\$1,061
<b>Office Supplies</b>	\$2,755	\$1,524	\$1,217
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$6,734</b>	<b>\$4,376</b>	<b>\$3,890</b>

### Ministries Breakdown

#### Church Functions

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Baptism Services</b>	\$0	\$176	\$0
<b>Father's Day</b>	\$45	\$113	\$61
<b>Funeral Services</b>	\$50	\$0	\$925
<b>Mother's Day</b>	\$0	\$0	\$75
<b>Rent</b>	\$4,526	\$4,100	\$4,800
<b>Total Church Functions</b>	<b>\$4,641</b>	<b>\$4,389</b>	<b>\$5,861</b>

## Community Outreach

	2011	2012	2013
Astronomy Outreach	\$187	\$0	\$0
Camp Awesome	\$500	\$0	\$0
Children's Sunday School Outreach	\$0	\$0	\$145
Christmas Parade Float	\$168	\$272	\$351
Christmas Supper	\$55	\$0	\$157
Easter Supper	\$0	\$102	\$51
Food Hampers	\$0	\$225	\$1,487
Harvest Festival	\$0	\$180	\$0
Hearing Aid Fundraiser *	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Remembrance Day	\$25	\$0	\$25
Vacation Bible School	\$696	\$375	\$375
Welcome Packets	\$714	\$0	\$0
Youth Sports Night	\$3,485	\$3,018	\$3,198
<b>Total Community Outreach</b>	<b>\$5,829</b>	<b>\$5,171</b>	<b>\$5,789</b>

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

## Missions

	2011	2012	2013
Accès Outaouais	\$0	\$900	\$900
Aylmer Food Bank	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200
Costa Rica 2011 (Missions Trip)	\$200	\$0	\$0
Cuba 2012 (Missions Trip)	\$0	\$2,112	\$0
Église de L'Amour de Dieu	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
Église Le Chemin	\$500	\$0	\$0
First Place Pregnancy Centre	\$500	\$0	\$0
Kitchenette	\$0	\$0	\$250
L'Autre Chez-soi	\$0	\$750	\$900
OIM	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
Samaritan's Purse- General	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
Samaritan's Purse - Haiti Earthquake 2010	\$455	\$0	\$0
Samaritan's Purse - Pakistan Flood 2010	\$145	\$0	\$0

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Samaritan's - Operation Christmas Child</b>	\$350	\$0	\$500
<b>TLCCM</b>	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>\$6,350</b>	<b>\$7,762</b>	<b>\$6,050</b>



## Appendix B - 2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The 2012 Annual General Meeting was held March 24, 2013.

**Call to order:** Pastor Bigras

**Opening Prayer:** J. Boisvert

**Scripture Reading:** Pastor Bigras  
Acts 20:32

**Opening Remarks:** Pastor Bigras

**Motion:** Meeting agenda be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

**Motion:** 2011 Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

**Church Reports:** Pastor Bigras

- 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

The report for The Kiln in the printed version of the 2012 Annual Report was incorrect. An updated report was read to the congregation including special thanks to those who helped out over the year. The official record was amended to reflect the updated report.

**Motion:** Church reports be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** S. Bigras

The report was presented with no questions from the congregation.

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

**Adjournment:** Pastor Bigras

**Motion:** Adjournment of Meeting.  
Carried

**Closing Prayer:** Lyne Argitis



## Appendix C - Covenant Partners

The following is a list of current Covenant Partners.

- Argitis, Lyne
- Bigras, Andre
- Bigras, Jennifer
- Bigras, Monica
- Bigras, Sandra
- Bigras, Scott
- Boisvert, Candy
- Boisvert, Joe
- Chevalier, Nicole
- Douville, Penny
- Duval, Marc
- Duval, Maureen
- Hurtubise, Cecilia
- James, Sophia
- Lamoureux, Robert
- Landriault, Gloria
- Laporte, Josée
- MacDonald, John
- MacDonald, Rosemary
- Major, Denis
- Major, Tracy
- Mukandila, Josée
- Payant, Normand
- Perry-Cyr, Linda
- Radmore, Robin Rocky
- Robitaille, Don
- Soucie, Jason
- Spagnuolo-Obaidi, Guiliana
- Taite, Veronica
- Verret, Richard
- Williams, Christine