

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship

2015 Annual Report

Pastor's Message

Blessings,

I want to begin by thanking everyone for your prayers, faithfulness and commitment to God, and for your support. We could not accomplish all we do without many hands making work easier. I appreciate everyone who make The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship their home.

As I sit here in my office and reflect on the past year, in the flesh at times it was discouraging to see small gatherings on Sundays, but I rejoiced in the Spirit with the assurance that we have been established here by God.

This past year was a year of preparation for 2016. This was the year we were not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds as seen in Romans 12:1-2, which is the verse I sense God gave me for 2015.

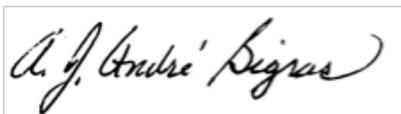
This was a time of preparation for 2016, our 12th year as a body of believers. Twelve in the Bible symbolizes God's power and authority, perfect governmental foundation, and completeness.

In 2015, the groundwork was done as we also changed our covering to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada which brought in that governmental aspect to our assembly. This move was done to protect the church given all the false teaching and false doctrines out there and to ensure it's viability for years to come or till Jesus returns.

This year, as in the past, we saw our numbers increase and decrease ,yet I have the assurance that one day, we will have a major breakthrough as we continue to stand on the Word of God and refuse to compromise. The increase will take time but be assured it will come through our integrity and non compromising stance.

I encourage us to continue faithfully and sacrificially serving the Lord to share and demonstrate the love of God in our community.

Humbly submitted,



Reverend André Bigras
Senior Pastor

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:1-2

“So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

Zechariah 4:6



Ministry Overview

Who We Are

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

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

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

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

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

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Sunday School Superintendent

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

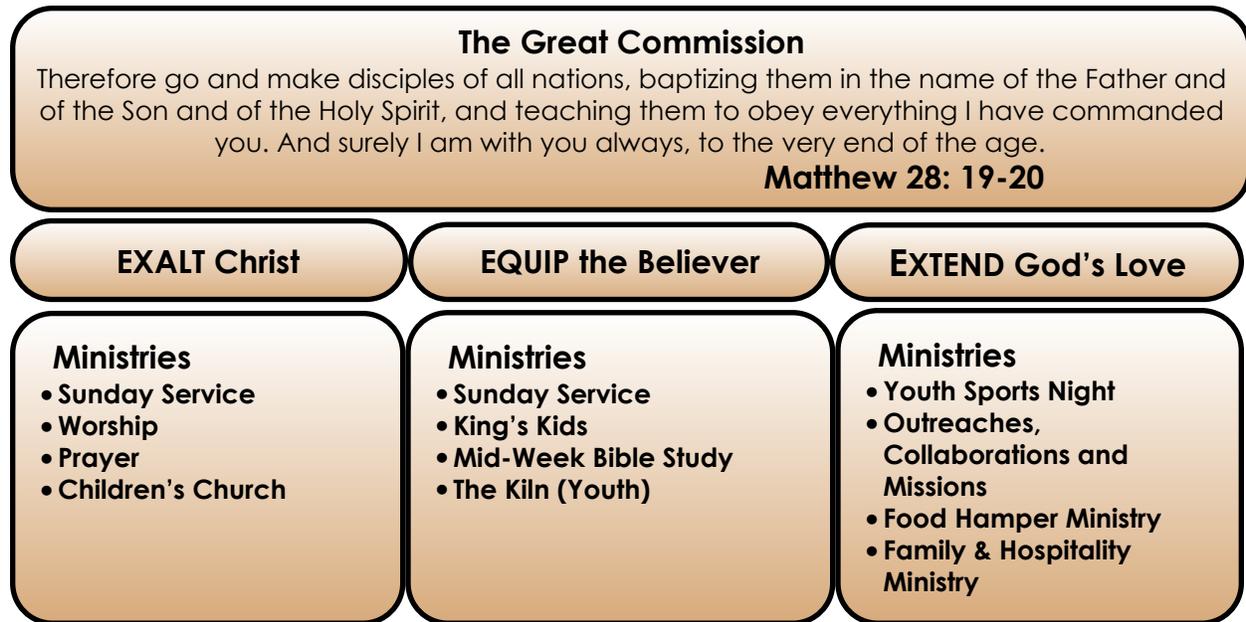
- **EXALT** Christ
- **EQUIP** the Believer
- **EXTEND** God's Love

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

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 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. EFC affiliates include denominations, ministry organizations, educational institutions and individual congregations, who uphold a common statement of faith. The EFC also has more than 15,000 supporting individuals.

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Andrew Wommack Ministries Canada

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

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Ministry Descriptions

Sunday Service

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

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

Worship

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

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

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

Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mark 1:35

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

Luke 6:12

Corporate Prayer

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

Pre-Service Prayer

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

Prayer Line

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

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

Isaiah 56:7

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

Hebrews 4:16

King's Kids (Children's Church)

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

Children

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

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

Tweens

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

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

Mid-Week Bible Study

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

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

Youth Sports Night

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

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

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

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

The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

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

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

Vacation Bible School

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

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

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

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

Matthew 19:14

Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

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

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

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

Matthew 28:19

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

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

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

Food Hamper Ministry

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

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

Hospitality Ministry

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

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

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

Matthew 25:35-36

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

Acts 2:46-47

Ministry Reports

Sunday Service

Our Sunday service remains the cornerstone of the ministry. It is a time to come together to worship our Lord and Saviour, build each other up and encourage each other in our Christian walk.

We live in a world where more and more feel good fringe theology and spiritual fads are trying to make their way into the church and undermine the true Word of God. We have not and will not ascribe to this feel good or fringe theology or embark on the latest fads.

We continue to preach the unadulterated Word of God without excuse or political correctness, but in love and in a practical and relevant way that relates to the days we are living. Scripture is clear that the church is like a body and it is healthiest and at its best when we all work together.

Our goal for 2016 is to continue to dig deeper into the Word of God to better understand what and why we believe, and incorporate a solid Christian worldview into our daily lives in order to be more relevant in our reaching out to the lost around us.

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

Hebrews 10:25

Worship

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

The church continued its search for a permanent worship leader in 2015. In the interim, the church has been using Worship Backing Band, a software solution, that has provided pre-programmed play lists and on-screen words as backup to the existing worship team. Our worship team, combined with our quality technical support team, has proven to be a good stop gap until a new worship leader is revealed.

Our goal for 2016 is to continue to prayerfully seek out a permanent worship leader tasked with the evolution of our song services and growing our worship team.

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

Psalms 22:3

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 line very active in 2015 and we witnessed many prayers being answered. We focused and aligned our prayers corporately on specific needs as they arose by passing requests along to as many people as possible through the prayer line, email and word of mouth.

Pre-service prayer continued to be attended by a faithful few who helped set the atmosphere for our Sunday services. Unfortunately, our traditional mid-week prayer time was put on hold in 2015 due to dwindling attendance. This limited participation in corporate prayer, in my opinion, is negatively impacting our church and needs to be addressed if we want to move forward in power and effectiveness for the Kingdom of God.

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

My prayer for 2016 is that God will encourage us to bow the knee and recognize the importance of prayer in our walk with Him.

I encourage each of you to sacrificially and purposely pray for the lost, our community, our church and its leadership, and each other in 2016.

“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

King's Kids (Children's Church)

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

We continued to use the same curricula introduced in 2014. The teachers of the younger group used the curriculum “Jesus, What a Saviour” while the teachers of the older group followed the curriculum “To be like Jesus”. Both curricula are published by Children Desiring God in the USA.



Our youth thirteen years and older have continued meeting during Sunday school hour, under the leadership of Lyne Argitis and Rosemary MacDonald.

We must seize every opportunity we have to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the Sunday school program, for their commitment and dedicated service to our children. Please let us all commit to lifting up all of our children, our youth, their teachers and helpers in prayer regularly.

Grace and Peace to Everyone!

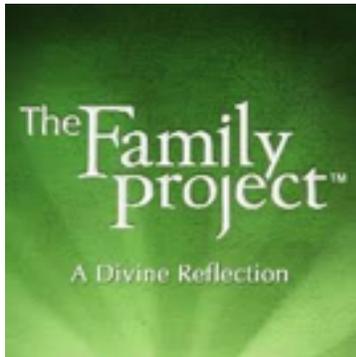
Mid-Week Bible Study

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



The Truth Project

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



The Truth Project

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

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

The Family Project offers a hope-filled, optimistic antidote to the current landscape of familial breakdown, sending a clear message that a return to the time-tested, historical model of the family is where so many of our culture's wounds begin to heal. It's designed to develop a new appreciation for why family matters...based on a bigger understanding of who God is in His character and why He created humanity the way He did. Equipped with this information, we will be exposed to a wealth of hands-on tools and resources to help us embrace those values within our own families and pass them along to future generations.

Apologetics

Good apologetics needs to be based on reason, it needs to be knowledgeable, and it needs to be done in a spirit of gentleness and respect. In the church today, Christians want to have their faith, but leave the "heavy lifting" to professionals. However, it's not just important for believers to know why they believe something, it's absolutely necessary.

"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

This year, the Youth Sports Night happened on Saturday nights at Vieux Verger school just north of the Canadian Tire. In general, the nights went well and there was a lot of fun. The school was a good place for us to play hockey.

The average number of youth who came was about 15 and there was a total of about 50 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 a few times with the guys.

This year there were two devotion times. There was a short one at the beginning of the game just to have a kind of pep talk and then there was a devotion at the halftime.

The guys brought some money to help pay for the cost of the gym and the church paid for the other part of the cost. There was always eye protection and there have been very few injuries. Sportsmanship was emphasized.

During the summer there was also a small group that continued to meet to play sports outside in the baseball and soccer.

This year there were a few special guest speakers including Sean Mulligan (Candidate in the Federal Election), Joe Smith (Hockey Ministries International), Ron Omara (CFL player) and Gabriel Lam (Child Evangelism Fellowship).

Please pray for the gym nights so the gospel message will be clear. Please pray for the youth of Aylmer.

Thank you for your support.

The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

The Kiln class has been a time of honesty and stretching both for the leadership and the youth.

The Holy Spirit has been leading the subjects and has impacted our hearts. There have been discussions of the treasures of the Lord, the reality of our living Saviour and also how are lives should be transformed and counter-cultural. Our times have been balanced with card games for fun (and an occasional Tim's).

The youth have also enjoyed being together and having some time to socialize together as Christian teens.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was a nice success this year. We had great weather and good fellowship around the lesson plans and teaching of the Child Evangelism Fellowship missionaries. We had a total of 28 campers who were there at least one day and on average we had about 25 every day. We had four youth helpers and some adult helpers.

We had skits based on a nutty inventor and a smart sidekick who showed what real inventing should be. The kids laughed every day when they listened to the skits.

We had good Bible and missionary story lessons and the kids loved to do the review games when they had to test their memory based on the lessons.

There were a few craft days and the kids enjoyed doing the science experiments and crafts. One highlight was making hot air balloons out of helium balloons and little paper boxes. The kids had to do origami to make the little boxes and then they were attached to some helium balloons. They flew and one managed to escape up into the air. We replaced that one.

We had a fun water day where the kids used water balloons, slip and slide, pretend fishing and blowing bubbles. They loved sliding so much. They stood in line for 30 minutes waiting to take a turn. The older kids helped to make the water balloons and had a lot of fun doing it.

Some of the kids did presentations on little inventions that they did.

The Presbyterian Church was a good location for the camp and they were happy to support the camp.

Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship continued to be active in our community in 2015. We continued to meet physical and financial needs in our community while also sharing the good news of the Kingdom.

Our church float in the annual Christmas parade, the only Christian float, was our best float ever. It was expanded and improved yet again for 2015 and was viewed by over 40,000 people who lined the streets this year. We also continued our collaboration with Aylmer United Church to hand out free hot chocolate at the church and collect donations for the Aylmer Food Bank.

A number of ad hoc individual benevolent needs were met over the course of 2015 and we continued to participate and financially support the monthly men's fellowship breakfast held at

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. These breakfasts help build strong bonds between men in the community.

Missions continue to play an important role at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship and saw the renewal of monthly support for Accès Outaouais, an organization that assists the aged, the Aylmer Food Bank and L'Autre Chez-Soi, a local home for abused women. Monthly support for Tender Loving Care Children Ministries, a ministry that shares the Gospel message and helps feed poor children and parents in Tijuana Mexico, was also renewed.

We continue to financially donate to any disasters on the world stage through Samaritan's purse on an as needed basis.

We have also been supporting a Cuban pastor and others for over ten years and do so as opportunities present themselves. We continue in the same vein this year and I pray that God opens the door for me to participate in a fourth missions trip to Cuba in 2016.

Food Hamper Ministry

The Food Hamper Ministry was temporarily placed on hold for 2015. Donations trickled in throughout the year and dry goods were provided as needs arose. The Board is continuing its evaluation of the ministry and hopes to have an updated format in place sometime in 2016 so that we can continue to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Family and Hospitality Ministry

This past year was challenging as we weren't able to implement a lot of the ideas we were hoping to do. That being said, during the summer, we were able to do several fundraising weekends with M&M BBQ. The BBQ helps to teach the children and youth how to serve their neighbours and community. We hope the children are able to use those same skills to serve their families in return. With these fundraising weekends, we were able to go on two summer outings: Mont Cascades and Logosland!

This winter, we were once again able to have a float in the Christmas Parade. We were the only Christian float amongst 52 floats! We had a wonderful turn out for set up and participation. We also served hot chocolate to the community with United Church, and donations were collected for the Aylmer Food Bank.

This past year was also filled with monthly celebrations for Birthdays & Anniversaries, potlucks, and our Annual Summer Outdoor Service and BBQ. We look forward to having even more times of fellowship in 2016.

In 2016, we are also looking forward to focusing in the following areas:

- Providing engaging activities and opportunities for families.
- Parenting programs and workshops; a time where parents can come together to support, grow, and learn about biblical tools and strategies that grasp the hearts of our children, youth, and families.

"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, 36 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

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

Proverbs 22:6

Ministry Finances

Treasurer's Report

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

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

We've been blessed with over \$56,000.00 once again this year! It has allowed us to continue our work in the church, through our ministries, and in the community through various outreaches, collaborations and missions activities.

This past year saw church income exceed expenses for the first time in three years. We managed to control expenses without significantly impacting our ministries and maintaining our strong missions giving. The leadership of the church is confident that the Lord will continue to bless our desire to reach out even further into the community. We are committed to replace the amounts borrowed from the building fund as we are able and to grow the fund moving forward. We recognize more than ever the need to have a church home of our own. 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 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

Income & Expenses

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship endeavours to be a good steward of the resources God provides. For 2015, our income was 3.4% over our expenses. This marked the return to income exceeding expenses for the first time three years. A detailed breakdown is available in the Appendices.

	2013	2014	2015
Income	\$51,179	\$56,377	\$56,045
Expenses			
Equipment & Software	\$1,143	\$2,602	\$2,671
Ministries	\$46,965	\$51,631	\$45,365
Operations	\$4,150	\$4,860	\$6,166
Total Expenses	\$52,258	\$59,092	\$54,202
Net Income	-\$1,079	-\$2,715	\$1,843

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. An amount of \$41,500 remains in the building fund for 2016.

Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet is a snapshot of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship at December 31, 2015. 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.

	2013	2014	2015
Assets			
General Fund	\$844	\$503	\$2,346
Building Fund	\$44,000	\$41,500	\$41,500
Total Assets	\$44,844	\$42,003	\$43,846
Equity			
Retained Earnings	\$45,922	\$44,718	\$42,003
Net Income	-\$1,079	-\$2,715	\$1,843
Total Equity	\$44,843	\$42,003	\$43,846

Appendix A - Financial Breakdown

Detailed Income

Income

	2013	2014	2015
General Giving	\$48,912	\$55,772	\$53,617
Family Ministries	\$0	\$0	\$1,480
Food Baskets	\$866	\$120	\$50
Funerals	\$100	\$0	\$0
Pancake Supper	\$0	\$0	\$0
Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child	\$15	\$0	\$0
Samaritan's Purse - Philippines Typhoon	\$100	\$0	\$0
Vacation Bible School	\$0	\$50	\$160
Youth Sports Night	\$1,186	\$435	\$738
Total Income	\$51,179	\$56,377	\$56,045

Detailed Expenses

Equipment and Software

	2013	2014	2015
Ministry Equipment	\$743	\$1,409	\$2,000
Ministry Software	\$0	\$885	\$165
Office Equipment	\$400	\$308	\$407
Office Software	\$0	\$0	\$99
Total Equipment & Software	\$1,143	\$2,602	\$2,671

Ministries

	2013	2014	2015
Benevolent	\$800	\$400	\$1,100
Children's Church	\$424	\$1,181	\$407
Church Functions *	\$5,861	\$4,989	\$4,650
Church Website	\$260	\$260	\$250
Conferences	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Community Outreach *	\$5,789	\$4,248	\$2,918

	2013	2014	2015
Family Ministries	\$0	\$3,164	\$2,050
Honorarium	\$666	\$1,487	\$725
Men's Ministries	\$300	\$300	\$300
Mid-Week Bible Study	\$0	\$188	\$402
Missions *	\$6,050	\$6,965	\$6,550
Open Bible Faith Fellowship - Church Tithe	\$5,118	\$5,613	\$0
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada - Tithe	\$0	\$0	\$5,647
Pastoral Care	\$17,267	\$18,312	\$18,057
Social Functions	\$1,103	\$3,130	\$904
Storage Unit	\$1,587	\$1,656	\$1,656
Total Ministries	\$47,225	\$51,980	\$45,616

* Please see Ministries Breakdown for additional information.

Operations

	2013	2014	2015
Administrative Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,200
Advertising	\$780	\$721	\$717
Bad Debt	\$137	\$0	\$215
Banking Fees	\$152	\$345	\$173
Church Registrations	\$543	\$483	\$582
Insurance	\$1,061	\$1,061	\$1,061
Office Supplies	\$1,217	\$1,990	\$967
Total Operations	\$3,890	\$4,600	\$5,916

Ministries Breakdown

Church Functions

	2013	2014	2015
Baptism Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Father's Day	\$61	\$115	\$0
Funeral Services	\$925	\$0	\$0
Mother's Day	\$75	\$74	\$150
Rent	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,500
Total Church Functions	\$5,861	\$4,989	\$4,650

Community Outreach

	2013	2014	2015
Children's Sunday School Outreach	\$145	\$0	\$0
Christmas Parade Float	\$351	\$371	\$450
Christmas Supper	\$157	\$0	\$200
Easter Supper	\$51	\$0	\$0
Food Hampers	\$1,487	\$750	\$0
Remembrance Day	\$25	\$50	\$50
Vacation Bible School	\$375	\$485	\$475
Welcome Packets	\$0	\$425	\$0
Youth Sports Night	\$3,198	\$2,167	\$1,738
Total Community Outreach	\$5,789	\$4,248	\$2,918

Missions

	2013	2014	2015
Accès Outaouais	\$900	\$900	\$900
Aylmer Food Bank	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,250
CEF	\$0	\$0	\$600
Cuba Missions Trip	\$0	\$2,165	\$0
Fellowship of Christian Farmers	\$0	\$0	\$100
Kitchenette	\$250	\$0	\$0
L'Autre Chez-soi	\$900	\$900	\$900
Samaritan's Purse- General	\$500	\$0	\$1,000
Samaritan's - Operation Christmas Child	\$500	\$0	\$0
TLCCM	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total Missions	\$6,050	\$6,965	\$6,550

Appendix B - 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The 2014 Annual General Meeting was held March 29, 2015.

Call to order: Pastor Bigras

Opening Prayer: L. Argitis

Scripture Reading: J. Laporte
Philippians 4:19-20

Opening Remarks: Pastor Bigras

Pastor Bigras thanked Joan Morris for having served on the Board.

Motion: Meeting agenda be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Motion: 2014 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: J. Boisvert

Appendix C - Covenant Partners

The following is a list of current Covenant Partners.

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