

**The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship**  
**2018 Annual Report**



## Pastor's Message

I want to thank each and everyone of you, who make my serving the Lord and you a privilege and a pleasure.

I continue to stand in awe of the God that we serve. The Lord continues to do exceedingly and abundantly more than we can ask or think as scripture states.

I am reminded of 1 Samuel 12:16 that states: "Now therefore, stand and see this great thing which the Lord will do before your eyes."

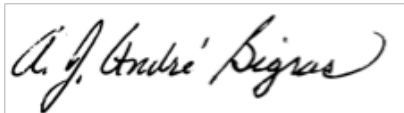
Let us dare to stand and see what the Lord will do before our eyes this year and in the years to come.

We have witnessed His hand of blessing in our midst again in 2018 and I am certain, He will be with us again in 2019 in a powerful and miraculous way as we remain faithful and obedient to His call.

Pastor Blanche told me that we are in a period of harvest after sowing seeds for 12 years without seeing much fruit, yet remaining faithful to our call. I have learnt not to limit what God desires to do. Together let us walk out the plans that God has in store for this body of believers.

Praise His holy name.

Humbly submitted,



**Reverend André Bigras**  
Senior Pastor

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

*Ephesians 3:20-21*





# Ministry Overview

## Who We Are

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

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

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

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

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

## Pastoral Staff

**Reverend André Bigras**

Senior Pastor

## Board of Elders

**Veronica Taite**

Elder

## Board of Deacons

**Lyne Argitis**

Deacon

**Gilles Soulière**

Deacon

**Scott Bigras**

Deacon / Treasurer

**Joseph Pawlikowski**

Deacon

**John MacDonald**

Deacon / Secretary

## Ministry Leaders

**Lyne Argitis**

Prayer Line

**Vacant**

Hospitality /  
Family Ministries

**Joe Boisvert**

Worship

**Veronica Taite**

Sunday School Superintendent

**John MacDonald**

Youth Sports Night /  
Vacation Bible School

## What We Believe

### One True God

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

### Scriptures Inspired

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

### Deity of Jesus Christ

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

### Original Sin and Fall of Man

Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost (Genesis 1-3). Only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and by His resurrection can man have grounds for justification and salvation. This salvation and spiritual life are obtained by regeneration through the work of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 3:23-26)

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

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

### Salvation by Faith

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

### The New Man in Christ

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

### Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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

### Divine Healing

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

### Church - The Body of Christ

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

## Water Baptism

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

## Lord's Supper

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

## Mission and Vision

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

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

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

## Mission

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

## Vision

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

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

## Ministry Architecture



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

## Affiliation

### Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

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

### Quebec District

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

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



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

**Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada  
Quebec District**

839, rue La Salle  
Longueuil QC J4K 3G6  
www.dqpaoc.org  
Telephone: (450) 442-2732  
Fax: (450) 442-3818

## Associations

### Quebec Council of Christian Charities

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

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

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

### Quebec Council of Christian Charities

5425 Laurier Blvd. W., Suite 106  
St-Hyacinthe, QC J2S 3V6  
www.cqoc.org  
Telephone: (450) 778-7177  
Fax: (450) 778-2777  
E-mail: info@cqoc.org

### 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.

### Evangelical Fellowship Canada

National Office  
M.I.P. Box 3745  
Markham, ON L3R 0Y4  
www.evangelicalfellowship.ca  
Telephone: (905) 479-5885  
Fax: (905) 479-4742  
E-mail: efc@evangelicalfellowship.ca



# Ministry Descriptions

## Sunday Service

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

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

## Worship

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

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

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

## Prayer

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

Jesus affirmed the importance of prayer, stressing both an individual and corporate prayer life. He recognized charitable giving, material offerings, and voluntary fasting as forms of prayer, teaching that the most vital aspects of prayer are a clean heart and one's private communication with God. Prayer occupied a very prominent place and played a very important part in the earthly life of our Lord.

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

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

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

*Mark 1:35*

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

*Luke 6:12*

## **Corporate Prayer**

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

## **Pre-Service Prayer**

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

## **Prayer Line**

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

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

*Isaiah 56:7*

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

*Hebrews 4:16*

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

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

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

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

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

## **Mid-Week Bible Study**

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

## **Youth Sports Night**

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

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

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

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

## Youth Ministries

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

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

## Vacation Bible School

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

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

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

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

*Matthew 19:14*

## Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

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

Our outreaches have been varied activities aimed at sharing God's love with the people in our community. These include meals and other social events open to the public designed to create a friendly and safe atmosphere where we can get to know and meet the needs around us.

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

*Matthew 28:19*

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

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

## Hospitality Ministry

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

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

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

*Acts 2:46-47*

## Ministry Reports

### Sunday Service (Pastor Andy)

Sunday service remains the focal point of our church ministry. I am overwhelmed to see the church at near capacity each and every Sunday as people come with a desire and a heart to worship the Lord.

We also have the privilege of live streaming our Sunday service to Northfield Pentecostal Church and to our church body who cannot attend.

The Sunday message is translated simultaneously in French to offer those who are more comfortable in French to be served.

We are blessed with multi talented musicians who bring their own flavour to the service which enhances and meets the needs of all age group.

The only criteria for worship continues to be that it is God centered with the aim of bringing us all into God's presence.

We continue to preach from the full council of the Word of God without compromise, or excuse. All messages center around the Word to equip us in the days in which we are living.

Let us continue to move forward, to grow and mature in the Lord through coming together as the extended family of God.

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

*Hebrews 10:25*

### Worship (Joe Boisvert)

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

God is good!! 2018 has been a landmark year for the Potter's Wheel worship ministry. For the first time in our 15 year history, we have three separate groups within the worship team! Each group has it's own unique music style, which has rounded out the ministry of music at the Potter's Wheel as it enables people from many different backgrounds to relate to the songs they are singing each Sunday. This, in turn, has led to deeper, richer times of worship together.

We also want to acknowledge the time and energy each of our leaders, vocalists, and musicians have contributed to the worship ministry this past year. Though we know that to them this is a holy calling and a joy to be a part of, it is still at many times a sacrifice. Through that sacrifice, however, the beauty and power and majesty of our God rises to the forefront, and the church of God, the beloved Body of our Lord and King Jesus Christ sings His glory!

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

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

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

*Psalms 22:3*

### **Prayer (Pastor Andy)**

Prayer is the glue that holds us all together as a body of believers. We continue to have a pre-service prayer time each Sunday.

We have a prayer ministry led by Lyne who oversees all the prayer needs of the church and we have witnessed many prayers answered to the glory of God.

My heart's cry is that the Lord raise up someone who would take charge of this ministry and encourage people to come alongside through prayer to ensure our church continues to move forward for the cause of Christ.

“Be anxious about nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

*Phillipians 4:6-7*

### **King's Kids (Veronica Taite)**

In 2018 King's Kids Sunday School Program continued with two classes made up of children three to seven years and eight to twelve years old. Both classes are currently using the Orange curriculum with a central theme on knowing God.

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

*Proverbs 22:6*

During the Service at Easter, some of our eight to twelve year old children read biblical passages related to the Easter story, and they sang a medley of Christmas songs in the Christmas service both under the direction of Mrs. Linda Cyr. We are thankful for our youth and children who are currently volunteering in various roles in Sunday school and in our church Services.

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

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

Grace and Peace to Everyone!

### **Mid-Week Bible Study (Pastor Andy)**

Last year we had a bible study on the book of Romans. We were blessed by Pastor Blanche Short who did a twelve week study on the life of the apostles.

Our studies continue to be informal, open to questions and comments as we continue to grow in the Lord.

Unfortunately there were only a small turnout every week. Bible study has been postponed till we determine if we will be entering a period of renovations and expansion.

My prayer is that someone come forth to lead this important teaching ministry as we move forward.

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”

*Acts 17:11*



## **Youth Sports Night (John MacDonald)**

The youth sports nights were held almost every Saturday night during the year. The activities were held at the gym of Ecole des Trois Portages from January to May and at Ecole Vieux Verger from September to December. There were floor hockey games held on these nights.

There were about 50 different youth who came during the year for at least one night. There were an average of about 12 who came every week. There was a lot of fun and friendships there. The games were kept friendly but also competitive and safety was an important priority and they were using safety goggles.

There were Bible devotions that were held every week at the half time of the games. There were a number of guest speakers who came from time to time. The main stories of the Bible were discussed but the main theme of the devotions was the gospel and the youth were given many chances to pray. There were also explanations of the geography and history of the land of Israel and it was amazing to see the connections of the Bible with current events in the world. The youth brought money in as they were able to help support the rental cost of the gym.

## **Youth Ministries**

Youth Ministries has met sporadically throughout the year as we seek out new leadership for this critical ministry. It is needed to prepare our young people for the hard truths they will face in school and in social settings. Please prayerfully consider taking on this challenging and rewarding ministry.

## **Vacation Bible School (John MacDonald)**

The VBS was held from August 5-10 at the church. It was a great VBS with wonderful activities for all of the participants. There were 30 children who attended the VBS for at least one day and there were 7 youth who helped to support the program. The activities were mostly led by the two youth missionaries from Child Evangelism Fellowship. They did a really good job at presenting a wonderful program.

The title of the VBS program was "Dive". Of special emphasis was water and marine life especially under the sea creatures. The skits were based on "Marine girl" who was a fictitious creature who had water adventures. The Bible Stories were very interesting and based on the life of Paul the apostle. The theme of the stories was the grace of God. The week long missionary story was about John Newton who was once a slave trader who was converted by the grace of God.

During the program there were review games that were very fun. The children participated in singing action songs and skits. There were some small group discussions and craft activities. Every day there were delicious snacks that were creatively made according to the theme. This included sea turtles made from green grapes and dolphins made from bananas. There were running activities, and outdoor games every day. There a water day where the children had fun with water and sunshine on the yard. There was a special treat when Angel made some balloon toys for everyone. There was an ice cream day and there was also a special huge Subway sub lunch prepared by Subway and served by the youth. The lunch was eaten outside on the yard as a picnic.

The youth and children helped to create a model submarine which tested their design abilities but was also a lot of fun to play in. Every day there was something new happening for the building of the sub. A number of adults were involved in creating the sub too and also in taking it apart at the end of the day. Linda presented a wonderful puppet show while hidden inside

the sub. She put her puppets out of the top of the conning tower where she was seated and hidden from view. It was a special treat to see all the children watching it. Linda's husband made an excellent periscope out of recycled materials for the children to use.

Thanks to all who participated and supported the VBS.

## **Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions (Pastor Andy)**

The heart of this church is to reach out into our community and within the churches, along with the church benevolent fund to ease some of their financial needs and share the love of God in our community.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, this year we were unable to have a Christian float in the Gatineau Christmas parade. This should be rectified for 2019.

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

Internationally, we continue to give to Tender Loving Care Children Ministry, a ministry to poor children and parents. Their ultimate goal is sharing the Gospel.

We also have been supporting a Cuban pastor on an ongoing basis. I went on my fifth mission trip to Cuba this November. This ministry is growing and when I have the opportunity to go, I teach at 2 pastors conferences and visit and preach at numerous churches throughout Cuba, along with financial blessings.

In 2019, we are trying to raise funds for Pastor Isaias (Cuba) to purchase a property behind his home to extend the house church. We are also in the process of seeing if we can have him visit Canada with his wife and son who translate.

This year supported two Pentecostal churches in our region (Outaouais / Laurentide) sector to help ease their financial burden. In 2019 we are doing the same and have increased out giving.

I am so grateful to each and everyone who shares in this vision caring and giving.

“Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

*Luke 6:38*

## **Family and Hospitality Ministry**

The Family and Hospitality Ministry hosted a number of events throughout the year, but we are seeking out new leadership for this critical ministry. Please prayerfully consider taking on this challenging and rewarding ministry. Many hands make light work.

# Ministry Finances

## Treasurer's Report

God is good all the time! God has moved in a mighty way never seen before in our midst throughout 2018.

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

In 2018, God's blessing continued to fall upon The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship. We've been blessed with over \$100,000.00! This represents an almost two fold increase to the most we had ever seen since the church first opened its doors back in 2004.

Others might be tempted to take credit for what has happened, but we know where the credit really belongs. It belongs to the great and mighty God we serve. He is the potter, we are the clay.

This year, 2019, has us looking to expand in order to meet our growing church family and to reach new heights in spreading the good news of love, reconciliation and God's grace to the lost and searching in our community and beyond.

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. This is the first year in the history of the church that we have broken the \$100,000 threshold in giving. A detailed breakdown is available in the Appendices.

	2016	2017	2018
<b>Income</b>	\$49,454	\$87,877	\$102,216
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Equipment &amp; Software</b>	\$655	\$3,693	\$1,026
<b>Ministries</b>	\$45,308	\$56,311	\$73,685
<b>Operations</b>	\$6,174	\$6,153	\$5,978
<b>Construction Costs</b>	\$0	\$38,699	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$52,138	\$104,856	\$80,689
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$2,684</b>	<b>-\$16,979</b>	<b>\$21,527</b>

## Building Fund

The leadership of the church has strived to place as much as possible each year towards our building fund without sacrificing our calling to the community and our mission and vision. As a result of increased giving in 2018, we have been able to transfer a total of \$21,000 to the building fund bringing it to a total of \$44,000.

## Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet is a snapshot of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship at December 31, 2018. It is made up of our operating and building funds as well as the equity, or dollar value of the church.

	2016	2017	2018
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>	\$1,162	\$1,183	\$1,712
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$40,000	\$23,000	\$44,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$41,162</b>	<b>\$24,183</b>	<b>\$45,712</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	\$43,846	\$41,162	\$24,185
<b>Net Income</b>	-\$2,684	-\$16,979	\$21,527
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$41,162</b>	<b>\$24,183</b>	<b>\$45,712</b>

## Appendix A - Financial Breakdown

### Detailed Income

#### Income

	2016	2017	2018
General Giving	\$48,480	\$72,407	\$101,068
Building Fund	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
Men's Ministries	\$0	\$250	\$0
Missions	\$780	\$0	\$790
Other Income	\$64	\$0	\$23
Vacation Bible School	\$130	\$0	\$0
Youth Sports Night	\$0	\$220	\$335
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$49,454</b>	<b>\$87,877</b>	<b>\$102,216</b>

### Detailed Expenses

#### Equipment and Software

	2016	2017	2018
Ministry Equipment	\$318	\$2,713	\$1,026
Office Equipment	\$237	\$980	\$0
Office Software	\$100	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Equipment &amp; Software</b>	<b>\$655</b>	<b>\$3,693</b>	<b>\$1,026</b>

#### Ministries

	2016	2017	2018
Benevolent	\$675	\$1,424	\$2,250
Children's Church	\$0	\$1,072	\$1,675
Rent	\$4,362	\$15,104	\$24,407
Church Website	\$250	\$250	\$250
Conferences	\$540	\$334	\$0
Community Outreach *	\$3,248	\$3,308	\$4,818
Honorarium	\$150	\$500	\$450
Men's Ministries	\$300	\$490	\$0
Mid-Week Bible Study	\$250	\$0	\$0

	2016	2017	2018
<b>Missions *</b>	\$8,990	\$5,100	\$10,253
<b>Open Bible Faith Fellowship - Church Tithe</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada - Tithe</b>	\$4,945	\$7,208	\$10,200
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	\$18,869	\$19,492	\$18,913
<b>Social Functions</b>	\$1,075	\$1,516	\$374
<b>Storage Unit</b>	\$1,656	\$414	\$0
<b>Women's Ministries</b>	\$0	\$99	\$95
<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$45,308</b>	<b>\$56,311</b>	<b>\$73,685</b>

\* Please see Ministries Breakdown for additional information.

### Operations

	2016	2017	2018
<b>Administrative Services</b>	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$0
<b>Advertising</b>	\$579	\$604	\$858
<b>Returned Cheques</b>	\$127	\$57	\$32
<b>Banking Fees</b>	\$133	\$177	\$252
<b>Banking Adjustment - Cash to Accrual *</b>	\$0	\$1,692	\$0
<b>Church Registrations</b>	\$692	\$479	\$696
<b>Insurance</b>	\$1,122	\$1,219	\$1,838
<b>Office Supplies</b>	\$1,121	\$725	\$2,302
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$6,174</b>	<b>\$6,153</b>	<b>\$5,978</b>

\* Banking adjustment to adjust for cash to accrual variances.

## Ministries Breakdown

### Community Outreach

	2016	2017	2018
Christmas Parade Float	\$50	\$333	\$50
Christmas Supper	\$0	\$550	\$1,436
Food Hampers	\$300	\$0	\$250
Remembrance Day	\$50	\$0	\$0
Vacation Bible School	\$535	\$275	\$732
Youth Sports Night	\$2,313	\$2,150	\$2,350
<b>Total Community Outreach</b>	<b>\$3,248</b>	<b>\$3,308</b>	<b>\$4,818</b>

### Missions

	2016	2017	2018
Accès Outaouais	\$900	\$900	\$900
Aylmer Food Bank	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Bristol Ridge Church	\$0	\$0	\$600
Centre Chretien L'Heritage	\$0	\$0	\$600
L'Autre Chez-soi	\$900	\$900	\$900
Missions Trip - CEF	\$500	\$300	\$150
Missions Trip - Cuba	\$3,190	\$0	\$4,103
Northfield Pentecostal Church	\$500	\$0	\$0
TLCCM	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>\$8,990</b>	<b>\$5,100</b>	<b>\$10,253</b>



# Appendix B - Agenda and 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

## 2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Scripture Reading
4. Opening Remarks
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes from 2017 Annual General Meeting and Special Congregational Meeting
7. Approval of Church Reports
8. Election of New Deacon Board Members
9. Approval of Treasurer's Report
10. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

\*\*\*

## 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held April 15, 2018.

**Call to order:** Pastor Bigras

**Opening Prayer:** J. Boisvert

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 10:35-45

**Opening Remarks:** Pastor Bigras

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

**Motion:** 2016 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.

**Deacons:** Pastor Bigras The appointment of deacons was delayed to a further date.

**Adjournment:** Pastor Bigras

**Motion:** Adjournment of Meeting.  
Carried

**Closing Prayer**

\*\*\*

## **Special Congregational Meeting**

A special congregational meeting was held on December 2, 2018 to approve the updated Church Constitution. Quorum was achieved with 18 covenant partners.

**Call to order:** Pastor Bigras

**Opening Prayer:** G. Soulière

**Opening Remarks:** Pastor Bigras

A number of minor changes to the Church Constitution had been made, with the biggest change being that deacons would be selected by congregational vote as opposed to being selected by the Board. A copy of the updated document was provided to the congregations two weeks prior to the special congregational meeting.

**Motion:** Updated Church Constitution be accepted as presented.  
Fully Carried.

**Adjournment:** Pastor Bigras

**Motion:** Adjournment of Meeting.  
Carried

**Closing Prayer**

\*\*\*

## Appendix C - Covenant Partners

The following is a list of current Covenant Partners.

- ARGITIS, Lyne
- BAKER, Sherry
- BIGRAS, Andre
- BIGRAS, Jen
- BIGRAS, Monica
- BIGRAS, Sandy
- BIGRAS, Scott
- BISSON, Annik
- BOND, Charles
- BOND, Marilyn
- BOISVERT, Candy
- BOISVERT, Joe
- BRYAN, Christopher
- BRYAN, Esther
- CHEVALIER, Nicole
- DILLABOUGH, Marilyn
- DANIS, Jennifer
- DUVAL, Marc
- DUVAL, Maureen
- GAGNON, David
- GAUTHIER, Deyise
- GAUTHIER, Pierre
- HAMELIN, Andre
- HANDSCOMB, Wendy
- HURTUBUISE, Cecelia
- LABRIE, Marc
- LAJEUNESSE, Suzanne
- LALONDE, Andre
- LAPORTE, JOSEE
- LAPRATTE, Suzie
- MACDONALD, John
- MACDONALD, Rosemary
- MATINEAU, Gary
- MICHON-HAMELIN, Paulette
- MAJOR, Briane
- MAJORS, Denis
- MAJORS, Tracy
- MONAHAN, Ian
- MONAHAN Jennifer
- MORABITO, Thomas
- MORRIS, Joan
- NOREM, Barbara
- PAWLIKOSWSKI, Joseph
- PERRY-CYR, Linda
- REIDPATH- KILBRIDE, Sarah- Jane
- ROBITAILLE, Donald
- RADMORE, Rocky
- SOULIERE, Guillaume
- SOULIERE, Maxime
- SOULIERE, Samuel
- SOULIERE, Gilles
- SOUCIE, Jason

- TAITE, Veronica
- TESSIER, Emilie
- VERRET, Richard
- VILLENEUVE, Francine
- VILLENEUVE, Johanne
- VILLENEUVE, Louise