

A New Beginning

by David Mainse

Key Verse: Genesis 9:1

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."

So God is a God of second chances. Instead of giving up on humanity, the Lord saved Noah and his family. The great flood happened because people, who were given dominion over the earth by God, rejected Him, and thus cut Him off from exercising His creative maintenance of the earth.

The people, with the exception of Noah, and his family, rejected God, excluding Him from their lives. It's not that God ran out of mercy and love. It's that when God is not invited, not welcome, to be an integral part of human life, nature erupts into chaos. Society disintegrates, and the human race brings judgment on itself.

Today there is much that separates people from God, but I believe that today, there are at least one billion precious souls who love and serve God, not just 8 people as was the case in today's reading. These people by their prayers and right living hold back the consequences of the great divide between a Holy God and an unrepentant world.

Next time before a worldwide catastrophe, Jesus, the Ark of Salvation, will lift His family of believers to safety in what has been called "The rapture of His church!" (read 1 Thess. 4:13-18).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!

The founders declared Psalm 72:8 as Canada's motto, "He shall have dominion from sea to sea."

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord, thank You for giving me a second chance. I pray fervently for Salvation to come to at least another billion people. Grant me grace, boldness, wisdom and sacrificial giving of myself and the resources that You have put in my hands, so that the most glorious work of winning people to Jesus will accelerate. We, the human race, will once again bring disaster upon ourselves, but I thank You, Lord God, that you have another plan. At Christ's return, You shall lift your people as in an ark of safety. In Jesus' powerful Saving Name I pray. Amen!

Hillside Highlights

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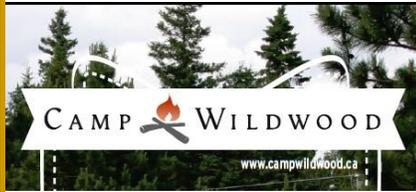


This Friday, on the one-month anniversary of the events of June 4th, 2014, people of faith from all churches in the Greater Moncton area are invited to come together and join our hearts in silent prayer for all those affected. At 5:30am those participating will gather in the Sears end of the Champlain Mall parking lot, organize into pairs, walk to the RCMP building, to arrive at 6:00am (shift change for Officers). Once there, the group will wrap around the building and for 5 minutes join together in silent prayer (creating "a Prayer Hug").



This Sunday @ 9:00 & 11am!

Each Sunday our pastors will be sharing fresh insight into the **greatest stories** ever told by the **greatest storyteller**, Jesus Christ. The children will be learning the same parable, too! Join us this week as Pastor Jerry kicks off the Summer "Parables" series. We're also pleased that Laura Harris (one of our children's ministry staff members) will be leading us in worship and we'll be celebrating communion.



Thank You

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who has contributed to the Camp Wildwood Raise-A-Wage program. With the donations received here at church plus the 4 fundraisers (Bottle drive, Goji's treats night, PALS Silent Auction, Papa John's Pizza day) the current total is \$6,924.50. If you haven't been able to contribute yet, it's not too late! Donations can be made until July 31st. Raise-A-Wage envelopes are available at the Welcome Centre on Sundays (cheques made payable to Camp Wildwood).

Upcoming Summer Events



Next Sunday!

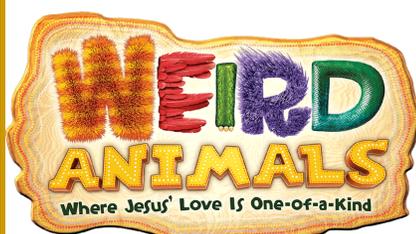
Celebrating our New York Mission Team Trip



Camp Centre Stage—July 21-25 with the campers presenting their musical on **July 27!**



We are so pleased to have 75 of you attending the Leadership Summit this year (Thursday & Friday, Aug. 14 & 15) at the Moncton Wesleyan Church. Many who are return attendees are aware that this simulcast comes directly from Willow Creek Church in the Chicago area and the time difference is 2 hours. Each day the sessions will begin at 10:30am and wrap up at 6:30pm. And, we are still accepting registrations at the current rate of \$149.



VBS → August 18 – 22. Have you registered your kids, invited friends and neighbours to be part of this fantastic week? **And don't miss VBS Sunday on August 24th**



This will be our final "regular" weekly enews for the Summer. But watch for updates and special editions during July & August!