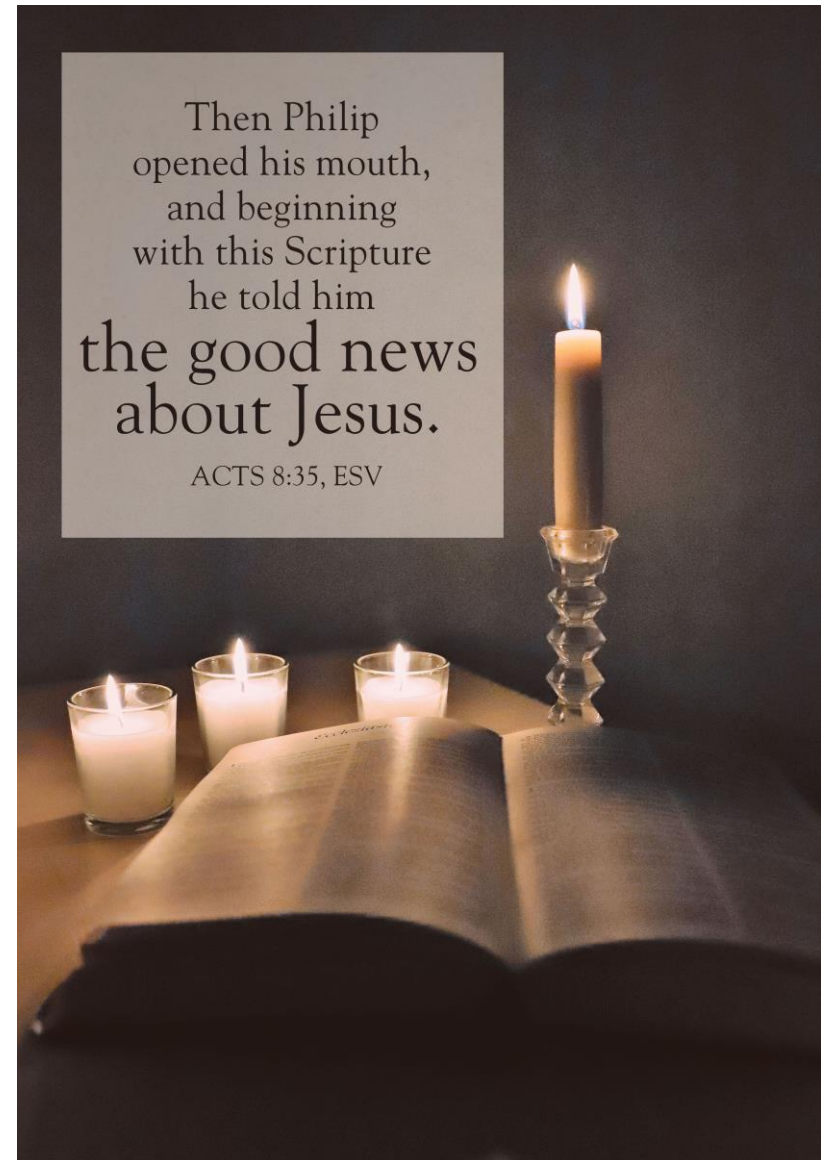


## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

### Acts 8:25-40 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> “After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages. <sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” <sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So, he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.”

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ACTS 8:35, ESV

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Welcome and Announcements

Songs of Praise      Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
Jesus, Name Above All Names

Scripture Reading      Acts 8:25-40 (Pauline Postill)

Tithes and Offerings

Songs of Praise      My Jesus I Love Thee

KIDZ Church      Children Dismissed

Pastoral Prayer      Ron Johnson

Message      The Need To Interpret.

Closing Praise      How Great Thou Art

Benediction

**PRAYER**  
*and*  
**Praise**

**Prayer Items:**

- \* Please be in prayer for our Search Committee as they begin the process of searching for an Associate Pastor of Worship and Youth Ministries.
- \* Please pray God's blessing on our new sister church, **Joshua Ministries** in Chatham, Ontario.

**Send praise and prayer requests to**  
**office[at]grimsbybaptist.org**



***“Thank-you to everyone for all your Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes over the Christmas season. We are so blessed by the continued kindness and generosity of our church family. God Bless.”***

***Pastor Chris, Kari, and Family***

Thank-you for supporting the ministry of our church with your tithes and offerings.



January 16, 2023  
**January 17, 2023**

Women's Bible Study (1:00 p.m.)  
Deacons Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.) - note  
change of date

January 22, 2023  
January 30, 2023

Spaghetti and Meatball Luncheon  
Congregational Church Family Meeting  
(7:30 p.m.)

## CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are currently looking for singers (all voices and all ages), musicians, all instruments but particularly guitarist(s), and drummer(s), to form a monthly rotation of praise teams. We are also in need of **additional volunteers to help in our sound and tech booth**. If you are interested in exploring using your musical or technical gifts to serve the Lord and lead our congregation in worship, please contact Pastor Chris. "Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises." Psalm 47:6 NIV

### **SPAGHETTI and MEATBALLS CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023**

Everyone is invited to join us for our next church family luncheon on Sunday, January 22nd in Woolverton Hall following the worship service. Please sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk if you plan to attend, and if you can contribute a salad or spaghetti sauce it would be much appreciated! Hope to see you all there!

### ***A Note of Thanks!***

A super BIG thank-you to all those who came out last Saturday morning to help put our Christmas decorations away - Neil Allingham, Lorein Arnott, Chris Bielec, Micah Ellis, Don Heidman, Sue McCullough, Dave Riddell, Heidi Skirrow, Matthew Stefanidis, Stephen Stefanidis, and Pastor Chris.



Women's Bible Study

**Starting Monday, January 16, 2023  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

The Women's Bible Study group will be doing Dr. David Jeremiah's new study entitled "The World of the End: How Jesus' Prophecy Shapes Our Priorities". This is not a study of prophecy but rather a study of how to live in these sometimes-discouraging times in the light of God's Word. The format will be a video and group discussion.

Dr. Jeremiah's book on the subject is in our church library to preview. The cost of the study guide is \$12.00 but do not let the cost be a hindrance to joining the group (please speak to Michelle).

Please sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk if you plan to attend **by January 1<sup>st</sup>** so enough study books can be ordered for everyone. Merry Christmas!

Leader: Michelle Cline

### **2023 Church Envelopes and Updated Church Directory**

If you are new to our church and would like to have church envelopes for your tithes and offerings, please contact Joanne at the church office as soon as possible. Also, the updated church directory is available at the Welcome Desk. Please contact Joanne at the church office if your information is incorrect or

**The History of Our New Sister Church - Joshua Ministries**  
64 Ursuline Avenue, Chatham, Ontario  
Lead Pastor - Larry Forsyth

“In the spring of 2010, while Pastor Larry was new to Chatham he had been invited to participate in a ‘reconciliation’ workshop in Quebec, being facilitated by The Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec (CBOQ). Upon his arrival he was approached by the CBOQ staff regarding an inquiry they had recently received; a Christian business investor had an available facility in Chatham, and he was looking for someone with a missional heart towards ministry. The investor flew in and after much prayer the ownership of the historic Pines Chapel was transferred to our newly formed missional outreach work - Joshua Ministries; and all for the unbelievable price of \$1. The chapel however had been left in disrepair for quite some time and there were those that thought the cost of renovations and repairs would be out of our reach and they were right...but it wasn’t out of God’s reach. Within days of acquiring the building an anonymous donor came forward with a cheque for \$100,000; just what we needed to get going. We were able to stretch those funds by doing most of the manual labour and God worked many miracles as the building took shape. A few months later our funds were pretty much depleted and yet we still needed to modify washrooms. Pastor Larry remembers sitting in the parking lot and talking it over with God. He knew that God wouldn’t have taken things this far and not see it through. While he was in his car he received a phone call from someone who had heard about our ministry and wanted to make an anonymous donation of \$40,000. Praise God! To date our facility is approximately 80% restored. We have a café ministry on the lower level that reaches out to the high school students and staff just steps from our door. Over the years we have made many friendships and have gained the trust and respect of the school as a whole; because of this trust students open up to us and we are better able to care for them. As we are physically attached to Grand Retirement Community we are passionate and creative in ways to bring the generations together. Currently we have a group of like-minded folks that we affectionately refer to as our JM Family that support the notion that serving opportunities often happen in the ‘cracks’ of life and not just on Sundays. We are committed to being relational and connecting with those God puts in our path daily. We have been intentional in choosing to meet in our café on Sunday mornings to encourage a relaxed and comfortable setting that fosters relationship; the chapel is used for larger scale events and services throughout the year. God’s journey with us is relatively fresh and new but oh so exciting.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>[www.joshuaministrieschatham.com](http://www.joshuaministrieschatham.com)

**CBM Prayer line - From Adrian Gardner, Director of Canadian Partnerships**

This Week’s Prayer Requests:

- Pray for local churches in Canada that God will give them a heart and vision for mission, in their own local context and to the ends of the earth.
- Pray for the local churches CBM partners with around the world that they will persevere in doing good in challenging contexts.
- Pray for pastors and church leaders that they will be Spirit-led and Spirit-empowered for the ministry to which they are called.

**Annual Hosanna and Mattaniah Choirs Concert  
HAMILTON’S FIRSTONTARIO CONCERT HALL**

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir which will once again be held, Lord willing, at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on **Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 pm**. The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Van Manen (Piano), **Jacob Kramer** (Baritone soloist from the Netherlands) and the **13-piece Scott Harrison Brass/Percussion Ensemble**. Tickets are available for \$20 and \$30, and can be obtained through a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com) or at [www.hosanna-choir.org](http://www.hosanna-choir.org)

*Those who purchased tickets for the April 2020 concert that was cancelled due to Covid restrictions can have them replaced by contacting Wendy den Hollander at the contact information listed above before January 31.*