



# BANWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH

## News 'n Views!

### March 2011

## LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

**Saturday, March 26th,  
at First Baptist Church  
Wallaceburg**

**Presenter:** Rev. Dr. Brian Craig,  
Director of Leadership Development,  
Canadian Baptist of Ontario & Quebec

9:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.	The Great Awakening (Coffee Time)
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Seminar (Chili Lunch Provided)

### ***SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:***

- ◆ The questions we need to ask and the commitments we need to make.
- ◆ The skills we need to cultivate: communication and decision making
- ◆ Turning committees and work groups into teams
- ◆ Spiritual maturity for leaders (based on descriptions of leaders from pastoral epistles)

This Seminar is open to all leaders and servants within Banwell.

The cost is being picked up by our Human Resources Committee.

***PLEASE SPEAK TO THE PASTOR FOR DETAILS***



## FISHERS OF MEN...

Will be the theme of our Men's Seminar on **Saturday, April 2nd**. We are pleased that Dave Hammond, chair of our Board of Directors has consented to be our seminar leader. This will be a very special opportunity for our men to gather and hear the challenge Dave will place before us.

We will commence the morning with our usual supreme breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by Dave's presentation, a coffee break and concluding at noon. A freewill offering will cover the costs.

Come grow in your faith and be challenged.



## NEED PRAYER?

Please contact one of our Prayer List Coordinators and they will pass along your prayer requests.

The two Prayer List Coordinators are:

Betty Leslie: Phone: 519-972-649  
Email: celeslie@primus.ca  
Donna Wilcox: Phone: 519-739-0755  
Email: dbwilcox@bell.net



## **AGE UNLIMITED**

**“Count your blessings,  
name them one by one.  
Count your many blessings  
see what God has done”.**

**“You are all one in Christ Jesus”. Galatians  
3:25**

Age Unlimited meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m. The theme for our March meeting will be “Celebrate Our Blessings”. Mark your calendar and bring your assignment! We will have a time of sharing what “God is doing in my life” -- and what I am doing to enhance the ministries of Banwell Community Church.

All seniors of Banwell are invited. We have prayer, sing our favourite hymns, a devotional with a challenging thought, and we end the morning with a delicious lunch which is prepared by our hostesses Yvonne Eberle, Penny Bain, Madelon Kidd and their many helpers.

Invite a friend, or come to meet a new friend and enjoy the warm fellowship of the Senior Ministry at Banwell.

**“I will bless them and the place surrounding  
my hill, I will send down showers in season;  
there will be showers of blessing.” Ezekiel  
34:26**

Please sign up on the sheet on the counter in the foyer by March 6, 2011 for a wonderful sharing experience.

Henry Nurse, Coordinator  
Submitted by Joan Fulmer

## **DOWNTOWN MISSION ANNUAL WALKATHON**

This Fundraising event will take place Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Students can earn 5 Community Service Hours through this event. Please call 519-973-5573 for details.

## **POSITION AVAILABLE**

RBC Ministries is currently seeking candidates for “Director of Radio Bible Class Candidate” a position based in our Windsor Office. Please send candidate referrals to D. Wierenga at [rbc.org](http://rbc.org).

**JUST A REMINDER...  
TO SET YOUR CLOCKS  
AHEAD AN HOUR ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH!**





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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

March is always a great month in the Christian church as we begin to anticipate Spring as well as our Easter celebrations. The pastor will continue his series on Jesus' Counterstatements during the month of March. As always, we will be blessed with wonderful music under the direction of our Minister of Music Mr. Ian McGregor Smith. May the Lord continue to bless us as we gather together for worship.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MESSAGE TITLE</b>
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	"Jesus' Counterstatements...Of Sound Mind" (Mark 8:31-38)
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Jesus' Counterstatements...The Way to the Father" (Mark 9:33-37)
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	"Jesus' Counterstatements...They Are One Person" (Mark 10:1-9)
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	"Jesus' Counterstatements...What He Can't Do" (Mark 10:35-40)

## ***PAYING DOWN THE MORTGAGE***

As mentioned in previous bulletins and newsletters, Banwell has an opportunity of making a large payment on the principal of our loan four times a year. This payment can be as high as 2 ½% of the balance and can be made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, May, August, and November each year. On Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> we are paying down an extra \$1,695.00. We paid off an extra \$4,915 in November 2010. These two payments take approximately a year off our payment schedule which is currently scheduled until 2024. The next large payment can be made on May 28<sup>th</sup> and can be \$20,000. If you feel so inclined as to help out in this way, just write Building Blitz or Paying Down the Mortgage on the Other Line of your offering envelope.

Zelma Horvath  
For the Finance Committee

## ***SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES***

Your Finance Committee is always thinking, on your behalf, on how to increase the finances of our church. It was their decision to include special offering envelopes in our Boxed Set to be used over and above our regular gifts. These envelopes for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas are yellow in colour and, if used, the money will be designated to the General Fund.

Zelma Horvath  
For the Finance Committee



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## Pastoral Care and Worship Committee

Pastoral Care and Worship look after Sunday services, Small Groups, Music, Sound, Bibles and Prayer ministries.

There have been two Ignite Youth services held and everyone attending has had a wonderful blessing from them. Anyone is welcome to come, sing and praise the Lord together with the youth from Banwell and other churches as well. There will be one held the first week of March on the Saturday evening the 5<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 7p.m. If you would like to help out with food, set up, publicity please see Aaron Blata. Please spread the word about this and please add Ignite to your prayers.

We also have a Pastoral Care Team that watch over the personal needs of the congregation. If you know of needs in this area, please make it known, and if you would like to help in these ministries they would love to have you along with them! You can contact the office, the heads of the ministries or the Chair of this Committee.

A Cantata for Easter is in the works and we hope to involve all ages in its presentation. It will be held on the Saturday evening of Easter weekend, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. If you would like to join them, they practice on Thursday evenings at 7p.m. and/or Saturday mornings at 11a.m.

We are also looking for people who would like to act as Name Tag Assistants probably about once a month before the main service. It just needs a friendly smile.

Even if you can't help in these or other areas we urge you to join with us as you read this, to pray for God's blessing on our church family and our activities this month.

**One thing I ask of the Lord,  
this is what I seek; that I may dwell  
in the house of the LORD all the days of my  
life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and  
to seek him in his temple.**

**Psalm 27:4**

Submitted by Susan Holmes, Chair,  
Pastoral Care & Worship

### **FACES IN THE CROWD**

- ◆ The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Kevin and Joy Andrews** and family upon the passing of Joy's step father **Patrick Bryan**; and to the family of **Marjorie Hawkeswood** who passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Many thanks to **Penny Bain, Kay Brown, Yvonne Eberle** and **Madelon Kidd** who, representing the Hospitality Team, provided a substantive coffee break during the Vocational Leadership Seminar offered on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Finally, **Jean Echlin** is grateful for the measure of health that has returned to her enabling her to present a paper entitled "Palliative Care Not Euthanasia" to the newer federal "Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care" in October of 2010; to act as a member of the Advisory Board of the deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research in Toronto; and to look forward to serving as a lecturer to the Faculty of Nursing, University of Windsor baccalaureate nursing students.



**The Western Association of Baptist Churches**

**MISSION FEST**

**Saturday, April 9, 2011  
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Registration, Coffee, Fellowship, Displays
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Seminars/Workshops
11:00 a.m. - Noon	Plenary Session & Worship
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Seminars/Workshops
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Plenary Session/Closing Worship

**Hosted by: Wheatley Baptist Church  
47 Talbot East**

**Representatives from:**

- Canadian Baptist Ministries
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
  - New Tribes Mission
  - Matthew House
- Windsor Jail Chaplaincy
  - Teen Challenge
- Bible Centred Ministries
- Active Christians With A Mission

**\*\* Child Care will be provided \*\***



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## MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Spring will be here soon and we look forward to numerous activities and involvements during the next few months – please mark your calendars early:

We continue to ask for your prayers and support for **Danny Blata** off on a short-term mission trip to **Nicaragua** during March Break.

Beginning **March 20<sup>th</sup>** we will be conducting a **Prayer & Praise service** at the new **Villages of Aspen Lakes** on the third Sunday of every month at 2:30 pm. We will continue with our services at **Heron Terrace** on the second Thursday every month at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in participating in this ministry through word or music at either location, please contact Wallie Pizzuti or Susan Holmes.

The **Women's Ministry** is looking for gently used women's shoes (sizes 5-8) suitable for wearing in the homes of residents in the far north Inuvik area. Please contact Heather Heuston or Dorothy Radin if you can help. We hope to have up to 100 pairs gathered by mid-March. Watch for more information.

The **Men's Ministry** is very active with several events planned – please watch for their separate updates.

The Western Association is holding a **Mission Fest on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>** in Wheatley – more info is on the Bulletin Board. We will be donating \$250 toward their Stock-A-Clinic project.

There are two events coming up in April for the **Downtown Mission**

- April 19<sup>th</sup> will see 5 BCC volunteers serving lunch for about 200 people.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> we hope to send a group from BCC to the annual Walkathon

If you are interested in either of these activities, please contact Roxanne Marques.

-Also in April (date tba) we will once again be sending a group of volunteers to the **Canning Project** in Leamington– please let Dave Wickham know if you would like to participate or contribute.

-Our support for **Matthew House** continues and current needs still include new or gently used sets of dishes for 4 (large plate, side plate, bowl and mug) as well as pots, pans and frying pans. Also needed are small EMPTY dish detergent bottles (suitable for refilling from bulk bottles).

-Conversational **English Cafes** ongoing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month mostly centred at the First Baptist location due to close proximity to many of the participants. It is a joy to work together with other churches on this project.

Although there is much more going on and in the planning stages there is only so much space, so last but not least, for this edition is an update from Dr. Ed Gilmore on the '**Guatemala Hope**' mission trips recently completed. We are pleased to have made a contribution and look forward to future involvement.....

In His love and service,  
Wallie Pizzuti, Chair Mission & Outreach



## Guatemala Hope Update

Guatemala Hope, a charity based out of Woodslee, normally sends one mission group every fall to the remote southern part of Suchipepetchez . This year two teams headed out with the goal of improving the quality of life and self- sufficiency of villagers of El Triunfo and the surrounding area of Guatemala. They scored a lot of successes over the total of three weeks of work.

The first group of 13 left Oct 28 for 11 days. The four member education team received applications and interviewed numerous students from the area. Based on the funds they raised prior to the trip they were able to fund 107 students to go beyond grade six, including many to college. During the trip it was also decided to fund another teacher for the adult literacy program and to add more books to the library that was initiated in March.

Another big hit for the week was by the economic development team. They were able to test the water pump and determine what all is needed to get tapped water to every home. After a season of contaminated wells due to heavy flooding, the villagers were anxious to do what ever they could to help. They will be working while we are gone. The plan is to go back to El Triunfo in February with the materials and skilled volunteers and leave with water available at every home. Housing applications were assessed during the trip and money will be sent in December to build six new homes.

The rainy season was intense this past year over most of Guatemala. Crops were lost in many areas, including the area where Guatemala Hope works. As a result corn is in short supply and prices are higher than normal. The families most severely affected are those that depend on the 50Q (\$6.50) a day that they make doing field labour. With no work, there is little money to buy the expensive daily staple. Carolyn Fuerth, farmer from Woodslee says: "Thanks to generous donors we were able to buy 100 lb. bags of corn to give to the neediest families. This corn will feed the average family for about a month and by then it is hoped that work will be available in the fields."

The remaining members of the first team worked on women's development giving workshops in needlework, cooking and sewing as well as starting a pilot garden project.

The second group of Guatemala Hope volunteers headed out Nov 12 for 10 days. The focus of the outreach was holding a medical clinic in three villages - El Triunfo, Los Tiestos and El Tigre. Three doctors and a nurse practioner and the support nurses and medicine table personnel worked tirelessly to run an efficient and caring clinic that respected the dignity of the villagers. Two Guatemalan dentists were able to join them for part of the trip and are laying the ground work for setting up a full time dental office, staffed by university students in the final year. Overall they were able to see over 1300 patients including 95 dental patients.

Submitted by Dr. Ed Gilmore





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## MONDAY

New Study

### Small Group led by Rose Litwin & Aimee Seguin

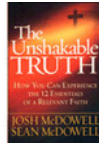
Meets the 1 & 3 Monday of each month at Rose's place  
Studying: "The Truth Project"  
by Focus on the Family



The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group comprised of 12 video and discussion lessons, taught by Dr. Del Tackett, instructor of Christian Worldview at the Focus Leadership Institute and a former Senior Vice President of the ministry. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

### Men's Group led by Jim Wheeler

Meets at Jim's Place the 1 and 3 Monday of the Month at 7 p.m.  
Studying: "The Unshakable Truth" by Josh and Sean McDowell.



The McDowell's establish a relational apologetic for today's generation! Their comprehensive handbook on what Christians believe, why they believe it, and how it's relevant to contemporary life is grounded in God's plan of creation, incarnation, and re-creation. Using Scripture and practical examples, they reveal 12 critical essentials to living out the Christian faith. The McDowell's establish a relational apologetic for today's generation! This is a comprehensive handbook on what Christians believe.

### Bible Study led by Doug Anderson

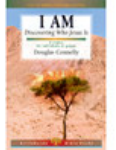
Meets Monday nights at the Bodlack home @ 7:00PM  
Studying the Gospel of Mark

## TUESDAY

New Study

### Bible Study led by Laura Ferguson

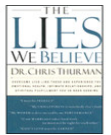
Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM  
Studying: I AM, Discovering Who Jesus Is. Examine 8 I Am claims of Jesus from the Bible and be prepared to have your life changed as Jesus' words ring true in your experience. To grief-stricken friends, Jesus said "I am the Resurrection." Addressing hungry crowds, he announced "I am the Bread of Life." To fearful followers, he proclaimed "I am the Way".



## WEDNESDAY

### "Early Bird Group" (facilitated by the Pastor)

Wednesday Mornings at 7:00 AM  
Meets at the church in the Fireside Room  
Studying: "The Lies We Believe" by: Dr. Chris Thurman  
The lies you believe are destroying you. Every day lies you've learned from parents, friends, church, and society play like a broken record in your head. Some of the lies may be "I must have everyone's love and approval" or "A good Christian doesn't feel angry or depressed." In The Lies We Believe, Dr. Chris Thurman helps you understand what lies you are believing, how they are damaging your life, and what to do about them.



### Small Group led by John Goodwin

Wednesday Evenings at the Wilcox's Home @ 7:00 PM  
Continuing a study on the Gospel of John

### Small Group led by Wallie Pizzuti

Wednesday Evenings at the church in Room 6 @7:00 PM  
Continuing a Study in the Book of Acts

### Claude Daniels' Group

Meets Wednesday Evenings at the church in the Chapel at 7:00 PM  
Studying the Gospel of Matthew



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## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Keys! Keys! Keys! It was agreed at the last Board of Directors' meeting to change the locks on all outside doors. All doors are expected to be changed between the 15th and the 30th of March. The exact date will be decided by the end of February 2011.

The new key system is a restricted system and cannot be reproduced. All people who currently have keys should let us know and the Board will make the final decision on who is to have the new keys. The current door bell button will be placed outside by the mailbox. For security the church will be locked during expected times.

There are 7 HVAC units that heat and cool the building and are located on the roof. Repairs amounting to over \$2,000.00 were recently done. We now have a service that will check all units 4 times per year changing filters and monitoring lubrication and adjustments as needed.,

It was decided last year to look into hiring a custodian to work 20 hours per week to clean and assist in maintaining our building. The final duties will be decided soon and we hope to be asking for resumes soon. It is anticipated that a new custodian employee will be in place by the end of April 2011.

Our new major project is looking into a new type of light for the sanctuary and the chapel. We do need volunteers to do small repairs, painting, gardening, etc. If you have time and are interested please contact Gord Wickham.

"I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the house of the Lord". Psalm 122:1

As we honour and worship God in this place, it is our duty and privilege to maintain this building in good condition.

Gord Wickham, Chair

## LIBRARY NEWS BOOK REVIEWS

We have added 12 new books and 2 children's DVD's to our shelves, including Billy Grahams latest, several fiction books and one true story. Please see one of the library ladies and check one out.

### **BETRAYED, A TRUE STORY**

**MISC. SECTION** - A true story about a Jewish man who attempts to win his daughter back from Christianity. To disprove the Messiahship of Jesus, he searches the scriptures and comes to a new understanding of God's work and embraces Jesus as his own Messiah.

**THE SACRIFICE - FICTION** - Attorney Scott Ellis is defending Lester Garrison, who is accused of opening fire on a church gathering. Scott comes in contact with Kay Wilson, a teacher at the local high school and a former high school girlfriend. Unknown to them the school is not just a place of learning, but a battleground between good and evil. On one side are praying students and a janitor with a strong faith and on the other side is a troubled young man bent on mass destruction.

### **THE LAST THING I REMEMBER - FICTION**

18 year old Charlie is on the run, from a terrorist group and the police who think he murdered his best friend. He can't remember the last year of his life or how he came to the place he now finds himself in. Charlie just woke up in some one else's nightmare. A good thriller.

### **HAND OF FATE - FICTION**

Loudmouth radio talk show host Jim Fate has been murdered. FBI agent Nichole, crime reporter Cassidy and federal prosecutor Allison shift through the facts and find that Jim Fate was a hated man. Together they uncover the truth. Another triple threat mystery with many twists and turns.

Library Team,  
Maureen Church (Moe)



## Child Care Workers Schedule For March 2011

Date	Infant	Toddler	Little Lambs	Children's Church
March 6	Heather Heuston Nancy Hannah	Deborah Martel Hailey Beemer	Laine McGarragle Jackie Stevenson	Sue Ferguson Marjorie Rusling Terri Prevett Tim Ebel
March 13	Helen Fontaine Lilian Wilson	Kathy Freeman Emily Andrews	Suzan Harper John Harper	Danijela Kralik Emily Lemmon Rose Litwin Kodi Page
March 20	Christa Braccio Aimee Seguin	Carolyn Kidd Beatriz Guzman	Laurie Beemer Hailey Beemer	Bonnie Hammond David Ferrato Terri Prevett Tim Ebel
March 27	Marlene Wray Heather Doyle	Kim Stevenson Jaclyn Stevenson	Carol Middaugh Taylor Cabana	Tracy Beemer Roxanne Marques Amy Lemmon Beth Gellner

### FaithWeaver Friends

March 3rd	Hot Rod Night 
March 10th	Jell-O Night 
March 17th	Spring Break/Training
March 24th	Butterfly Night 
March 31st	Funky Shoe; Slipper Night 



## VIEW FROM THE PEW

One day, while in a pensive mood, I decided to write my daughter a love letter to be given to her in the 'event of my passing'. A few days later when I was NOT in a pensive mood I re-read the letter before placing it in a safety deposit box. The words were so sappy I laughed and tossed the letter. A few months later I was in a reflective mood so I repeated the process. This time the words of admiration and love brought tears to my eyes and so I tossed that letter too. Then I got-to-thinking...what if I wrote her lots of letters that would reflect my many moods? I could write about my memories of her childhood, my feelings for her today and my dreams for her future. That decision seemed so right that the journey in a journal began.

Unbeknownst to my daughter (***please don't mention this view to her!***), I have been writing to her for fifteen years. Surprisingly, since I like to rattle on so, I have only filled one and a half journals in that length of time – I'm aiming for quality rather than quantity! Writing about my feelings has been therapeutic for me too because sometimes I write about my childhood – the best and worst of times. I talk to her on the phone every day but for some reason the writing seems so much more personal. Maybe it's because I find it easier to put my feelings on paper than say them face-to-face...



The big question now is when do I present these journals to her? Do I leave them to her in the event of my passing as was the reason for starting them in the first place? Do I give them to her soon to see the pleasure on her face when she realizes how much love has gone into my gift? If I give them to her now

will that mean that I'll stop writing to her? Am I ready to do that – stop writing?

Since I'm so undecided, I won't do anything with them yet. I'll continue to write, as able, and trust that I will know when the time is right...

How about you? Have you ever thought of writing your stories down? It would be an awesome gift to pass on...

But then that is just my view,

Zelma Horvath



**CARLA CAN SING**  
Barbara Parry Paediatric Oncology Association

**Faculty and Students to Perform  
at a Musical Celebration  
Benefit Concert for the Barbara Parry  
Paediatric Oncology Association**

Star performers among both faculty and students of the **University of Windsor School of Music** invite you to come out and hear them perform some of their favourite music during a special **BENEFIT CONCERT at Banwell Community Church on Sunday, March 6, at 2:30 pm**. All proceeds from this concert benefit the **Barbara Parry Paediatric Oncology Association** program serving children with cancer "**Carla Can Sing**". **Tickets \$10 adults; \$5 Students** (with ID). Order tickets by phone at 510-253-3000 ext 4212 or online at [www.uwindsor.ca/music](http://www.uwindsor.ca/music). Tickets also available at the door. Additional donations are welcomed.



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## MY BACK PAGES

I read a church sign the other day that read, "Whoever's been praying for snow, you can stop now!" Amen to that! We've experienced one of the "steadiest" winters we've had in a long time. I think I've counted only a couple of days above freezing since the first week of December ... and I don't think I've seen the snow so deep since we arrived in Windsor over nine years ago. We haven't even had our "January thaw" yet. No wonder everybody's hollering "uncle!"

To look outside right now, you'd never guess that in a very few months the "dog days of summer" will come ... and we'll be experiencing the other weather extreme! Right now, outside our doors, a deep blanket of snow covers the ground, with temperatures plunging into the lower regions every night. However, we know we can't trust our eyes at this point. Everyday the daylight is lasting a little longer and the sun appears higher in the sky. The wonderful fertility of the soil is readying itself for another planting season and bountiful harvest. Sure, it's cold now ... but everything is moving toward spring.

One of my favourite authors calls spring "the crocus hocus pocus!" There's something magical about it ... that no matter how foreboding winter may appear, the flowers will appear. Those of us who call ourselves believers see our creator in all of this, as we see beauty, surprise and function all in the same creative system. As growth begins to stir and as the winter subsides, we believe that it comes from the hand of a loving Father who intended for it to happen this way.

So it is with our lives as well. We need to be careful when we assume too much about people around us ... God is working quietly in them too. Psalm 74:12 says, "But God, my king, is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth." It means that God is so invested in this world that he is constantly working to draw people to him. So, though the outer appearance may appear cold and resistant, it doesn't mean that the "thaw" has not begun.

There is a way we can participate in this ... by praying for those with whom we rub shoulders and begin to care about. God has seemed to invite partnership in this venture we know as the Kingdom. As winter turns to spring may we be led to think of the stirring of God's spirit in the precious lives of those who don't seem to know Him as of yet.

Devotedly your pastor ... Alex



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