



# NEWS

## December 20, 2015

Our mission is to serve & glorify God & share Christ in our worship, fellowship & service to the community.

**Preacher:** Shawn Redding • **Elders:** Ross Gilbert, Chris Moore & Don Hipwell  
• **Deacons:** Harold MacDonald, Ralph Perry, & Shawn Redding

- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Wednesday 7:30 pm
- Fenwick Church of Christ's website: <http://www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca>

### PRAYERS:

- Jean M continues to struggle with her health
- Evelyn continues to cope with her health
- Mark H's father, Richard diagnosed with cancer (melanoma) with only 1 year to live
- Joyce P struggles with her health
- Tammy L has an infection
- Those of our number that struggle
- Our elders guiding us in our spiritual needs
- The lost in our community

**MISSION FIELD:** Ruth in Papua New Guinea, as she shares the love of Jesus with the women & children. [Please check the bulletin board for her most recent reports!]

**INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Anyone (singles, couples, threes) who does not have plans to spend Christmas day with extended family, is invited to share Christmas dinner with Don & Virginia. Please let Virginia know *today*.

**LADIES DEVO (Christmas Tea):** is *THIS* Wednesday morning at 10:00 am at Virginia's home! Please remember to bring your *re-gift!*

**LUNCH OUT:** Our next lunch outing will be on January 10 at the Golden Grill in Fenwick. They do not take credit cards. Cash only! *Please sign the sheet* on the back table, if you plan to attend. Sign up by January 3.

**SEASONS GREETINGS** from Pete & Evelyn to all in the Fenwick church family. Evelyn misses all of us & wishes that she could have done cards, but can no longer handwrite!

**ATTENDANCE:** SS – 36 AM – 50 PM – 28 Men's (9) & Ladies' (12) Class - 21 Wed – 23 Thur – 6

### LESSONS:

Dec 20 **AM:** Spiritual Watchmen (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

**PM:** Meeting God Halfway

### ORDER OF SERVICE:

Date	Songs	Prayer	Table	Emblem Bearers	Reader	Prayer	Record
Dec 20	Jules	Chris	Ross	Don, Dave & Harold	Bruce	Brent	Elwin
Dec 27	Chris	Ellis	Ralph	Ross, Brent & Gary	Dave	Harold	Chris

**WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL DONATION:** We will be supporting our World Bible School worker Cosmas Momoh in Nigeria again in 2016 by sending him \$25 US per month. If anyone would like to help support Cosmas please put your donation in an envelope marked *WBS* today.

**YOU ARE INVITED:** Great Lakes Christian High School would like you to join them as they celebrate the opening of the newly renovated kitchen in Perry Hall. It is amazing and we would love for you to see it! Come & go reception from 2-4 pm on Saturday, January 2, 2016!

**PANTRY ITEMS** for December are: *paper towels* and/or *toilet paper!*

### DIRECTORY CHANGE:

- *Don:* donhipwell@gmail.com (not checked on a regular basis) Cell #: 289-821-1750
- *Virginia:* Cell #: 289-821-5359
- Their OnStar number is no longer valid.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Dec 23 – Ladies' Devo, Christmas Tea (10:00 am)
- Dec 23 – Candlelight Worship (7:30 pm)
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day!
- Dec 27 – Open House at Gilberts
- Jan 1 – New Years' Day!
- Jan 7 – Bible Reading (6:30 pm)
- Jan 8 – Kids for Christ (7:00 pm)



- Carol H today
- Scott on Monday
- Shawn on Tuesday

# GOSPEL GAZETTE

Church of Christ at Fenwick

## T'was The Night Before Jesus Came

(author unknown)



T'was the night before Jesus came  
And all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, Not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care ...

In hopes that Jesus would not come there.  
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.  
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,  
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!  
The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
Then He said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.  
The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if I only had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes the last call  
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!  
May the joy and peace of His presence  
Be with you until He comes again.

