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KEEPING YOU CONNECTED WITH WHAT GOD IS DOING AT OSAC

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OSAC Baptism Service Kelso Beach June 22, 2025

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11 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 ESV**



# Baptism & BBQ Sunday

The Lord has been so good to us once again—PRAISE HIS NAME!

On Sunday, June 22, eleven people entered the waters of baptism, boldly taking the next step in their journey of faith. We give God all the glory and rejoice with each one who made this public declaration of their commitment to Christ.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing BBQ team Kevin, Ty, and Eric for serving up juicy burgers and hotdogs that hit the spot! And to Denise, Sharon, Emily, Julia, Jessica, Alegra, and Ashley for your help with food set-up and clean-up. We're grateful for each of you! Thank you as well to our wonderful congregation for bringing such delicious side dishes and desserts. Your contributions truly made the meal feel like a family feast!

A special shout out as well to our faithful ushers, who welcomed everyone warmly.

Friends, we hope you enjoyed this beautiful day of celebration. And if you feel the Spirit stirring in your heart to be baptized, don't hesitate, connect with one of our pastors today!







The worship team had our feet tapping and our hands lifted in praise as they led us into a spirit filled time of worship.



We will sing of the goodness of the Lord,  
forever we will sing, we will sing.

**Sing Praise, Sing Praise!**







## Celebrating with...

Dianne Rowe, Marilyn Spere, Haily Graham, Jayna Cruickshank, Paul & Ronda Couture, Levi Blokzyl, Nathan Sloss, AJ Wiszniak, Tommy Zevenbergen, and Conner Laurich.



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We're so excited to share that Cheryl Davis and Brody Cressman have also taken the next step of baptism!

Brody was baptized on June 15th at Kelso Beach, surrounded by family and friends, while Cheryl was baptized during the service on June 27th, also celebrating with loved ones.

Let us rejoice together!







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Let us remember to lift up in prayer those who have recently been baptized. This is such a beautiful and sacred milestone; a public declaration of faith and a step deeper into the life God has called them to live. We pray that their hearts remain tender to God's voice, that their roots grow deep in His Word, and that they experience His presence in a real and sustaining way. May the joy of their salvation remain fresh, and may the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them daily as they walk this new path of discipleship.

We also pray for protection over them as they begin this journey. That God would guard their hearts and minds, surround them with a strong community of believers, and equip them for every good work He has prepared in advance for them. May their lives be a witness to others, and may their faith continue to grow in grace, courage, and love.









# Welcome to 56ers!

**What?** A monthly youth event for kids in grades 5 and 6!

**When?** Starting up again on Friday October 3rd at 6pm!

**Where?** Owen Sound Alliance Church!

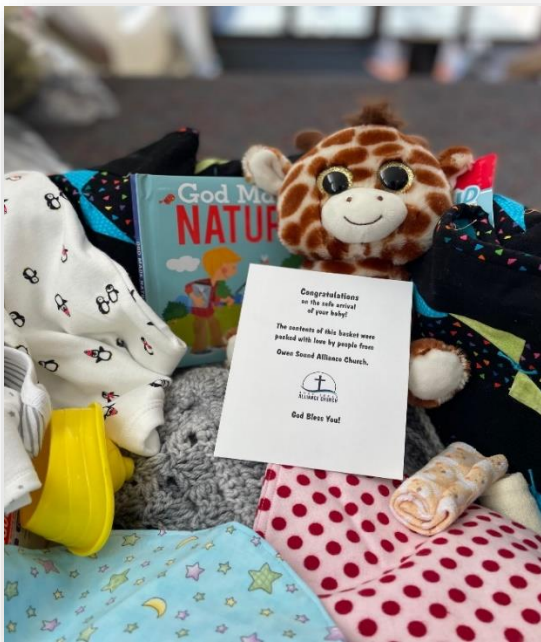
**Why?** Because it is a great opportunity to spend some time playing fun and exciting games, enjoying themed events, connecting with old friends, making new ones, having snacks and hearing from God's word!

We're so excited for another amazing season of 56ers, a ministry designed especially for kids in Grades 5 & 6. This is a unique stage in a child's journey (somewhere between childhood and the teenage years) and we believe it's the perfect time to help them grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and discover their place in God's big story.

Each month, our 56ers will dive into age-appropriate teaching, engaging discussions, and interactive activities that encourage them to explore the Bible, ask big questions, and deepen their walk with Jesus. It's also a fun and safe space for them to hang out and build community with kids their age.

For more information on 56er's please connect with Nathan Lynds – Ministry lead at [nathanlynds@gmail.com](mailto:nathanlynds@gmail.com) or call our church office.





## Baby Love Basket ♡

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has lovingly knitted baby blankets — our shelves are overflowing with your generosity!

At this time, our current needs include:

- 0–3 month sleepers (gender neutral, boys, and girls)
- Baby wash
- Diaper cream

Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for continuing to support little ones in our community with such care and kindness!

## Thank You OSAC Family!

Kim & Greg, Holly & Andrew and Jenelle & Quinn, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to their OSAC family for the wonderful envelope shower. Your generosity, prayers, and kind words truly touched their hearts. They were overwhelmed by the love and support shown to them during this special season.

A special thank-you as well to those who organized and prepared the event, your time, creativity, and care made it a beautiful celebration.





# Weary and Weak

Witten by Alegra Tudor

*He gives strength to the weary, and increases the power of the weak.*

The prophet Isaiah must've been weary, just like me.

Tired from the weight of the world's problems, weighing down on us like bags of sand, heavier and heavier with each grain.

Well, I'm pretty weak.

Those bags of sand weighing down on me, so then when I get thrown in deep waters, I drown under the dark waves.

By the time I get pulled out, I'm too weary to walk home.

There I sit, alone, on the beach, the storm coming in closer, the thunder growing louder, the clouds getting darker, along with the wind of the world beating down on me.

*You can do better.*

*You won't get there.*

*Why don't you do it right?*

*You're ugly.*

*You're not good enough.*

*You FAILED.*

Then out of the darkness, a light.

The light, piercing the darkness, forcing it to flee.

The sea turned calm, the wind changed.

*You're loved.*

*I'll make you new.*

*I'll help you.*

*You're forgiven.*

*Don't worry.*

*You're beautiful.*

Out of the chaos, quiet.

Peace that transcends all understanding.

*Who is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him.*

Before, where there were demons of darkness, a hand, the light of the world.

It reaches towards me.

Draws me in.

I feel His arms wrap around me, comforting me.

Before, I was crying tears of pain and sorrow, but now, tears of love and joy spill from my eyes, like a waterfall after the snow melts.

Rushing, crashing onto the cliffs below.

All of a sudden, I feel lighter, as a feather.

I stand up, feeling renewed and restored.

I take my next steps, draw a new breath.

Relax.

Until the wind blows.

*Isaiah 40:29.*



# CITY WIDE CHURCH BASEBALL LEAGUE



For the second year in a row, our church has two teams in a city-wide church baseball league. Both teams, captained by Shawn Stein and Paul MacDonald, are a mix of different members from our church. There's lots of variety in ages and experience, but that makes it a lot of fun! We play in Holland Centre, Desboro, and St. George's field in Owen Sound in July and August.

The league has teams from Southend Baptist, Canadian Reformed, Christian Reformed, Trinity, and Rockcliffe. It's fun to see different people from different churches and face off in an energetic, fun, and Christ centered way. As I'm sure you can imagine, the Dutch churches always come with some heavy hitters. The Christian Reformed church took home the victory last year, and this year's winner was Owen Sound Canadian Reform.

Also not surprisingly, when you get people who haven't played sports in a while, there's going to be injuries. We've had our fair share this year with sprained ankles, sore backs, and black eyes.

One of the best parts is getting to be teammates with people who you might not often interact with at church. The camaraderie and friendships built are a testament to how God can work through anything.

I'm sure our church will have two teams again next year, so if you want to join, keep an eye out for the signups in the spring! If you don't want to play but want to support, you can always come watch the teams play. And, of course, pray that we remember that we're not as young as we used to be and are much more susceptible to injuries on the field! ~ Pastor Joel



Photo credits: Alexis Atkins







## A CARNIVAL-SIZED THANK YOU!

This summer, we had the privilege of running a full day summer camp style VBS. This all began when a group of leaders said yes to this big idea of blessing the kids and families within and outside the walls of OSAC. With the help of so many volunteers, the Step Right Up Carnival came to Owen Sound. We had a great week filled with fun activities, each day focusing on different Bible stories that highlighted God's goodness and love for us. Praise God!

There are two main thoughts I'd like to share. First, God's heart was on display with every volunteer and we are so thankful. From the behind the scenes administration to the registration desk, to the group leaders, station leaders, worship leaders and clean up crew, every single person that offered their time and gifts contributed to a week that blessed us all. A big shout out to the core planning team; Carolyn, Josie, Julia, Melissa and Sharon. All prayerfully considering the cost of saying yes and serving joyfully. A full day camp with lunch included, meant there were many snacks and meals prepared. Many thanks to Colleen, Tessa and Angie. Finally, the young leaders who gave up full days of their summer; Alegra, Charlie, Eden, Emily, Grace, Hannah, Ryan, Liliana, thank you for being wonderful examples to the campers of following Jesus and using your gifts!

Secondly, the children entrusted in our collective care as a church are so special to God and He desires for them to know Him. In all the fun of balloons and cotton candy, super hype hip hop songs, the Lord was moving. For some campers it may have been their first time at a full day program, others new to our community, many calling OSAC their home, but for all a safe place for them to experience the love of God. There was a freedom during worship time that was contagious and a joy that was felt all throughout the building. I pray that with the fun memories that were made, truths were woven in all the campers' hearts.

Many thanks to YOU, our church family. To those who contributed with baked goods for snack time or to bless our volunteers, to everyone who helped with the Family Carnival Day, and to those that showed up to serve in so many different ways, thank you! We knew we had the covering of a praying church because we felt it!

With the Sports Camp in Meaford and the ESL's VBS at Harrison Park, there is no doubt that in our church family we have loving and capable leaders with a heart to bless kids. God has been good to us and faithful to use everything we offered to Him. To Him be the glory!

May you be encouraged and blessed,  
Bernice Tudor

**[Check out the children's ministry bulletin board downstairs for more photos]**







## August Baptisms

It was a beautiful family affair on August 19th as the Lun Man children, Colton, Tanner, Emma and Eve entered the waters of baptism. Congratulations and blessings to you all as you continue to walk in faith together.



## Emmaus Ladies Walking Group

Our group represents 3 local churches. Ladies: meet us at the church Tuesday afternoons at 1:15pm for the month of September beginning the 10th for a relaxed walk and conversation, combined with recognizing that Jesus is always with us. Invite your friends. Ladies If you would like to join us or would like more information about Emmaus Walk contact Norah @ 519-372-8570

## *Thank you note*

To Our Partners in Ministry,

We wanted to thank you for your participation in our Baby Bottle Campaign.

The Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre has broken another record. Our Baby Bottle Campaign 2025 has reached a total of just over \$46,000! Your church contributed \$1,951.05 of this amount! We are so thankful for what God is doing! We are so thankful for your continued support as we minister to families in Grey and Bruce! Please continue to keep us in your prayers.



# CSAC MOMS & TOTS

A COMMUNITY OF MOMS  
NAVIGATING MOTHERHOOD AND  
CHRIST-LIKE LIVING TOGETHER

**WHEN:** EVERY WED MORNING @  
10 AM

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** MOMS  
FELLOWSHIP, WHILE THEIR  
LITTLE ONES ARE LOVINGLY  
LOOKED AFTER

**STARTING SEPT 10, 2025**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

Bernice 416-570-2338

Loni 519-374-3881



## WANT TO GET INVOLVED??

JOIN OUR TEAM AND  
SERVE THE MOMS OF OUR  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BY:

- PRAYING FOR THEM
- BRINGING BAKED GOODS
- VOLUNTEER CARING FOR THE LITTLE ONES
- COME AND LEAD A SESSION



# Happenings



## Grief Share

Weekly grief support group running weekly on Tuesday evenings from Sept 9 - Dec 2. The Griefshare Lead Team is made up of leaders from both OSAC and First CRC. Attendees



## Ministry Fair

Join us in the gym following the service to learn about various OSAC ministries happening in 2025-26 Ministries.

What's Your Next Step?



**SERVE INFO SESSION**

Sunday September 21

9am in the Connections Corner

Register Online

## Serve Info Session

This Information Session is the newest addition to our Discipleship Pathway. In this session we will examine what the scriptures teach us about serving as the Church and its role in helping us grow as disciples of Jesus. We will also review what's involved in joining an OSAC ministry, explore various opportunities to serve and hear from each other what Jesus has been saying to each of us about where He would use us. Everyone is welcome.





Young at Heart invites you to  
join them for

## Coffee, Conversation, and Cookies!

With special guests Roger Young  
and Kurtis Merrithew from the Red  
Door

**Thursday, September 23rd**  
**In the gym at 3pm**  
**Sign up in the hallway**

Donations appreciated for The Red Door Ministry



## Young @ Heart

If you are 55+ you are invited to join this energetic group for a bi-monthly event. These events are both fun and informative and offer a venue to meet new folks and begin new friendships. Keep a look out for the next scheduled event.

## Alpha

Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who is curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along and see what you think.

### Wednesday Nights

**September 24 - November 19**

**6:30 - 8:30**

**TheXchange Centre (825 2nd Ave East)**



## MEN'S PICK-UP HOCKEY

**Starting on September 29th**  
**Mondays at 10pm**  
**Keady Community Centre**  
**\$250 for the season**  
**or \$15 per game**

Contact Nathan Symons for more info: (289) 688-1624

### Pick-Up Men's Hockey

Monday nights at 10pm at the Keady Arena. Pay either \$250 for the season or \$15 per game. Contact Nathan Symons for more info: (289) 688-1624.



### 56er's

Are you in grades 5 or 6? Do you want to have fun and connect with friends? Do you want to learn about Jesus and how much he loves you? Come on out to our first 56ers night post summer break on Friday October 3rd at 6-7:30pm at the Alliance Church!

Looking forward to seeing you there!