

CONNECTIONS

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED WITH WHAT GOD IS DOING AT OSAC

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Aspendos Theater- Antalya Turkey

The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: **to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.**

~MICAH 6:8 ESV



FALL KICK OFF

2025 OSAC Fall Kickoff Recap

Our Fall Kickoff started with a bang! We enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast— lots of bacon was eaten once again this year along with fruit and plenty of happy people serving others. A big thank-you to the home group who made it all happen!

We also set aside a time of prayer and fasting. This year brought out the largest crowd yet as together we petitioned the Lord to go before us, to help us spread His message, the Good News of Jesus Christ with diligence and fervor.

Another highlight was celebrating baptisms! Praise the Lord for the young people who publicly proclaimed Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

The day wrapped up with our Ministry Fair, featuring 16 tables full of opportunities to serve and connect within our church family.



Wed, Sept 3 | Prayer and Fasting Day



Our gathering wasn't just about pancakes and bacon, it was about being together as a family, sharing a meal, reconnecting and encouraging each other.



Fall Baptism

Celebrating with...

Maisie MacDonald, Grace Moise and Emily Mundel.

Congratulations to you all. *You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever-*
Ephesians 1:13



Emily Mundel



I have decided to
follow Jesus.
No turning back,
No turning back.

Grace Moise



Maisie MacDonald



OSAC MINISTRY FAIR – God's people at work.

OSAC Family,

Wow, what a great showing we had at this year's Ministry Fair! From our Downtown Ministry to Baby Love Baskets, Moms and Tots, Young at Heart, and so many more, it was such a joy to see all the ways God is at work through our community.

There are countless opportunities here at OSAC for you to serve and be a part of this beautiful family of believers. This list is by no means exhaustive, but our hope is that each of you can find a place to plug in, use your gifts, and join us in doing ministry together.

If you'd like more information about any of these opportunities, we'd love to help you find your place. Just call the church office to learn more about ways you can get involved.





Grief Share & Surviving the Holidays



Downtown Ministry



Young @ Heart Ministry



Truth & Freedom Ministry

Passages Discipleship Study



The Nest Refugee Home



The Daniel Plan Study Group



ESL (English) school



Jr High Bedlam BAKIE SALE



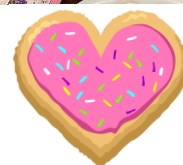
Who could say no to these faces?

Our Grades 7 and 8 students were all smiles and ready to serve up some delicious baked goods to help fundraise for their annual trip to Muskoka for the Bedlam Retreat weekend. They were absolutely delightful and clearly enjoying themselves!

We want to extend a huge thank-you to our congregation for once again going above and beyond. Your generosity continues to open doors for our youth to grow, serve, and experience Christ in meaningful ways beyond our church walls.

Thank you to everyone who donated the kids were truly blessed!

The Bake Sale raised \$2,175 towards their retreat!!



IN-DEPTH

A FOCUS ON WORSHIP

A deeper look at music that helps us encounter Jesus
and glorify His name.

One of the best compliments I've received about our church's worship ministry came from someone who visited from out of town. They said, "I wasn't sure what was so different about your church at first, but then I realized: your church really sings. Everyone was joining in like it was a choir!" Hallelujah! That's always been our goal as a worship ministry. It's not about how great we sound or how skilled we are; our goal is to see the voices of the people of our congregation raise a joyful noise to God, and everything we do should work to that end. I praise God for a church that values multi-generational worship and rejoices in the blending of contemporary and classic songs to sing together.

With the goal of facilitating the voice of the people, I want to let you know of some upcoming events! We're going to kick off a once a month worship night every last Sunday of the month at 7pm. Our first one will be Sunday, November 30th. This will be an opportunity to take some time to slow down and intentionally spend time with Jesus and exalting him. I hope to include lots of prayer elements, scripture reading, and taking our time in the music to see what God will do. Encountering Jesus is so crucial for our discipleship journey and I believe God honours the time we take to be still and wait before him.

I also wanted to take a moment and invite you to listen to the playlist of songs that we sing on Sunday mornings! If you go to www.alliancechurch.net/worshipplaylist, you can find links to our playlist on different streaming platforms. This is a great chance to get familiar with the songs we sing on Sunday mornings and continue to worship in your homes, on the way to work, or wherever you are.

Joel McCallum
Pastor of Worship Arts and Adult Ministries

CURRENT WORSHIP PLAYLIST



WHO ELSE

Artist: Gateway Worship feat.
Abbie Gamboa
Album: Who Else - Single



I'VE GOT A FIRE

Artist: Pat Barrett
Album: I've Got a Fire



HIGHS AND LOWS

Artist: Abbie Gamboa and
Aodhán King
Album: Throwing Paint



THE KING IS IN THE ROOM

Artist: Phil Wickham
Album: Song of the Saints

You can find these songs on all
streaming platforms or Youtube

The Nest Refugee Home

Fall has been full of fun at The Nest! Our guests enjoyed apple picking, experiencing their first Canadian Thanksgiving, eating their first piece of pumpkin pie and visiting the salmon ladder. Watching the leaves on the trees change colour has brought many moments of wonder.

We currently have 3 guests at The Nest and are working with a partner organization to bring another. Already, one of our guests is preparing to move out into their own apartment. It's exciting to see The Nest serving its purpose in supporting refugee claimants as they settle in Canada and regain independence. Praise God!

A HUGE thank you to the volunteers coming to teach and serve one of our guests in studying English. This has been such a gift of community and support for our guest, and they repeatedly say, "Wow, there are such good people here in Owen Sound." We are so happy to see the Church impacting our guests for the Kingdom.

Please Pray:

- For our guest preparing to move out. Please pray that they find a home that is safe, affordable and close to work.
- For our future guests. Please pray that God would already be preparing connections for them in the community and within our home.
- For our volunteers. Please pray that God would bless them, we are so grateful for the time and love they share with our guests. 😊

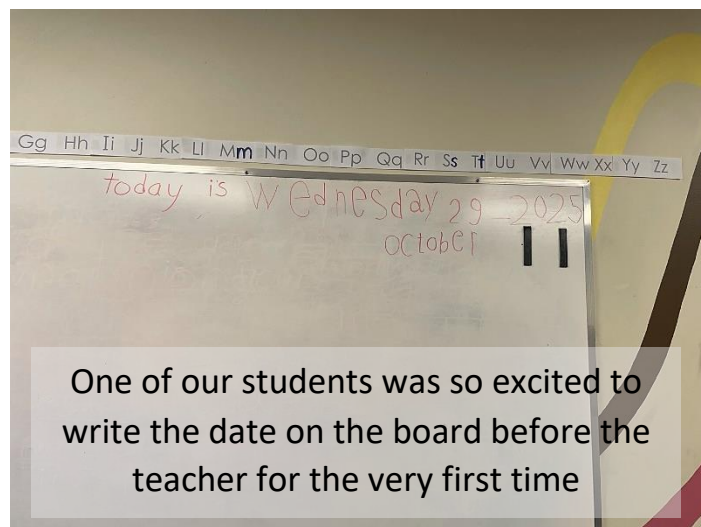




Our ESL program is off to a great start this year! We currently have 12 students enrolled and are running four different classes each week. It has been such a joy to welcome back many of our returning volunteers and to meet new ones joining us for the first time. We're excited to see the friendships that will continue to grow throughout the year as we learn and serve together.

We've loved watching students reconnect after the summer break picking up right where they left off with one another and with our volunteers. Over the next few months, we have several fun outings planned, including a pie-making day in November and a Christmas party in December. These events provide a break from the classroom while still getting to practice English and build friendships with each other.

This year, Jono and Rachel have taken a step back from leading the program and are helping Rebekah transition into their role. We're grateful for their continued support and guidance during this change.



A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers for your time, energy, and compassion. And thank you to the OSAC for your ongoing support this ministry wouldn't be possible without you.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Hi I'm Rebekah Kellendonk and I have been attending OSAC since 2003. Throughout my life I've been passionate about missions and what that looks like — both overseas and right here in Owen Sound. I've grown up being involved in the church, from attending Sunday school and youth group to serving in children's ministry, and now helping with ESL. I'm excited for this opportunity to continue learning and to connect with people from all over the world right here in our own community.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER

2025 Recap



Canadian Foodgrains Bank is rooted in the belief that humankind is created in the image of God and that it is God's desire that no person should go hungry. We live in a world of abundance. We also live in an unequal world. 11 years ago, Owen Sound Harvest for Hunger was initiated as a project of the Owen Sound Alliance Church, raising funds for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Canadian Foodgrains was chosen as a great organization to get involved with, to help feed the hungry in the world. Canadian Foodgrains Bank says *"In living out our Christian response to hunger, we will be known for sector leading, locally-driven innovative partnerships that by 2026 will support systemic change to increase food security for at least 1.5 million people each year."* They work with over 100 international partners to address global hunger.

Specifically, money raised through our project is forwarded to Canadian Alliance Justice & Compassion. They are supporting ongoing projects in Yemen and Niger. Yemen has been experiencing war and civil conflict since 2014. They continue to experience alarming levels of hunger as a result of long-term conflict, climate shocks, epidemic outbreaks, the collapse of essential services and economic crisis that have resulted in an estimated 18.2 million people needing humanitarian aid. Our project is supporting food distribution and hopes to add agriculture support programs to help them become sustainable and food secure.

One beneficiary expressed her gratitude saying "I had never thought that our life would change like this; we ended up with no shelter and no income; we had to beg to afford the money for our daily meals. My children dropped out of their schools to sell tissues to people here. God has sent you to save our lives in this miserable situation."

Since 2008, The Alliance Canada has been partnering with Samaritan's Purse Canada to use our Canadian Foodgrains funds for agriculture and animal husbandry projects in Niger. Plagued with an inhospitable climate, chronic poverty and insecurity, this has always been a challenging place to work. Our projects target some of the poorest regions and villages and offer education and support to help increase and diversify crop production, as well as improve knowledge and access to financial services, savings groups and income generating activities. They have seen very obvious signs of success in many of their projects over the years and have seen over a hundred women's savings groups form.

The Alliance Canada, through the Foodgrains bank funding, are looking at launching a project in Iraq with partners there. This project would focus on refugees in two areas of Iraq. Both of these areas have significant possibility for tangible humanitarian help and also spiritual impact, and they hope to launch by the end of this year.

You have now heard how very great the need is, but how does this relate to us? In Pastor Greg's message last week, he said "A precursor to partnering with God in His work is obtaining knowledge that leads to a moved heart." Collectively, we have been moved to support and raise funds for this work, and I hope that you will continue to do so.



Although our project has been very low key this year, without a large event at the farm, we are still active. The Torrie family, as well as ourselves, are still growing crops for Harvest for Hunger. That harvest is now complete, with somewhat lower yields than average, due to lack of timely rain. Those proceeds will go towards the project, and we hope that you might continue to support our efforts in helping those less fortunate. Over 720 million people do not get enough to eat each day. This represents 1 out of 11 people in the world. We are thankful for the small part we can play in feeding them and spreading God's word. To support this project you can donate online through the church, just add Foodgrains to the memo.



Luke 3:11 says whoever has two shirts should share with the person who doesn't have any. Whoever has food should share it too.

Thank you to this church for getting behind the project and supporting it from the very beginning. Thank you to every one of you who have helped with this project in any way. ~ Heather Parkin

Immediately following the service on Sunday, Nov 9th, the congregation joined us to enjoy some of our plentiful bounty. Pie and whipped cream and ice cream bars for the kids were served. Donations were accepted and we collected 3,711. This money is matched by the Canadian Government 4:1 for food support and 2:1 for development and training. Thank you to everyone who made pies, served, set up and cleaned up. Your help was appreciated!



Women's Ministry

Card Making Workshop

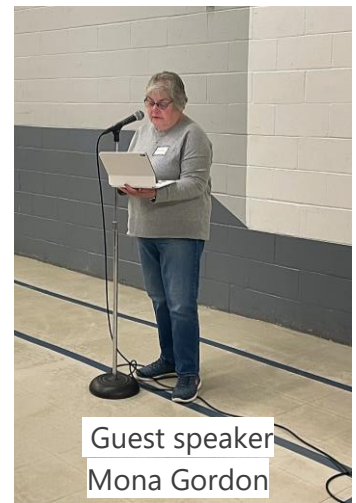


Thanks to the artistic hands of Mona and Janelle Gordon, we gathered on Friday, November 7th, for a wonderful card-making workshop. We also had the opportunity to get to know Mona a little better as she shared from her heart about how she saw God moving during a very difficult season in her family's life and how He walked with them every step of the way, faithfully providing for their needs.

Afterward, Mona and Janelle, along with a few "experts" at each table, guided us through the creative process of making cards. We glued, chatted, shared some treats, and enjoyed working together to create beautiful pieces of art.

If you missed this event, we hope to host more ladies events in the New Year. There will be many more opportunities for women to connect, create, and get to know one another better.

Thank you, Mona and Janelle, for sharing your gifts and hearts with us!



Guest speaker
Mona Gordon



Living Proof
LIVE

Toronto, ON, CANADA

November 14-15, 2025

Canada Event Centre
300 Water St. Whitby, ON L1N 9B6



What a weekend!

Twenty of us traveled down to Whitby to the Canada Events Centre, joining 1,600 other women in attendance, and what a wonderful time we had together. We shared a meal, stayed in cozy accommodations at Airbnbs and the Travelodge, and simply enjoyed being together.

Beth, who has been in ministry for over 50 years brought a powerful message from 1 Corinthians 13. Though familiar to many of us, she presented it with a fresh and beautiful perspective. We were encouraged, we were challenged, and above all, we were reminded of the deep love Jesus has for each one of us. It truly was a special weekend.

Ladies, we look forward to even more ministry events in 2026, so keep your eyes and ears open, there are exciting things ahead! Here are a few snapshots from our time together.





This season of ministry we have seen God provide and lead in huge ways. Our leaders in Jr High and Sr High have been knocking it out of the park as they build into our students weekly, as well as on weekends away, which we have already had a couple of.

First, we took approximately 50 high school students down to Toronto for a huge conference called Change Conference where the students learned of the steadfast love of Christ. This was a great opportunity for the students to witness the expansiveness of God's Kingdom as there were thousands of other Christians all packed into this conference. Huge thanks to all the leaders that helped out as well as to Grace Family Church for hosting us.

Next we took a bunch of our Jr High students down to Bedlam where we spent a whole weekend learning about how as Christians we are called to go against the flow of the world. Our students battled in a dodgeball tournament, which didn't go quite as well as we had hoped and may result in further dodgeball training next year. Our students participated in a wide game, games up front and on stage, as well as many other activities over the weekend. I am happy to report that they even got some sleep (it may have come during one of the sessions, but it was sleep nonetheless).

Thank you to everyone who has supported us whether by sending your students, praying for us, cooking for Crockpot Club, or giving up your time to invest in this great group of God's children, we could not do this without you, and you are very appreciated.

Blessings,
Pastor Nick



CHANGE CONFERENCE STUDENTS



BEDLAM- Student Leader Team

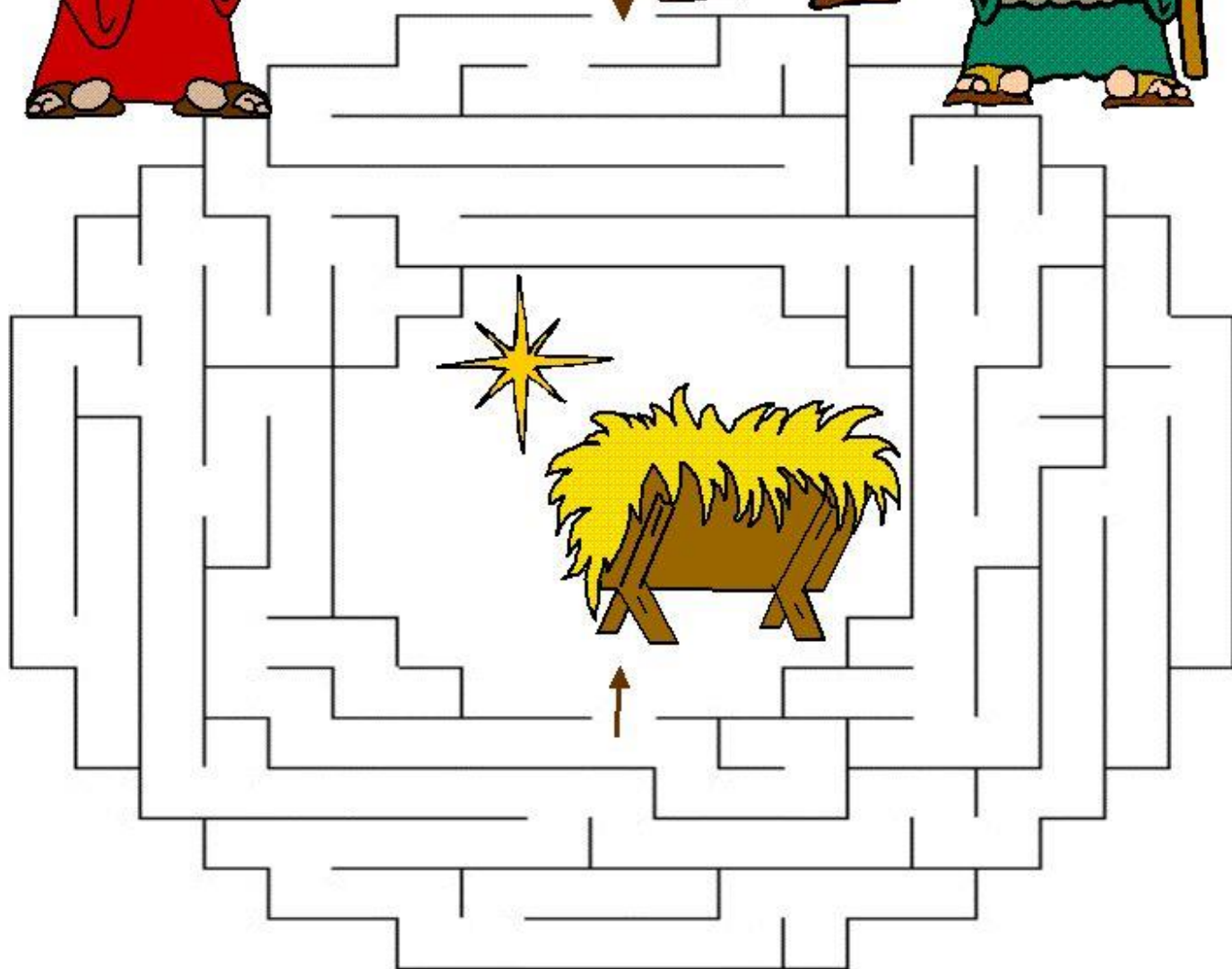


BEDLAM STUDENTS & LEADERS

Christmas Maze



Help the wise
men find the
manger.





O HOLY NIGHT

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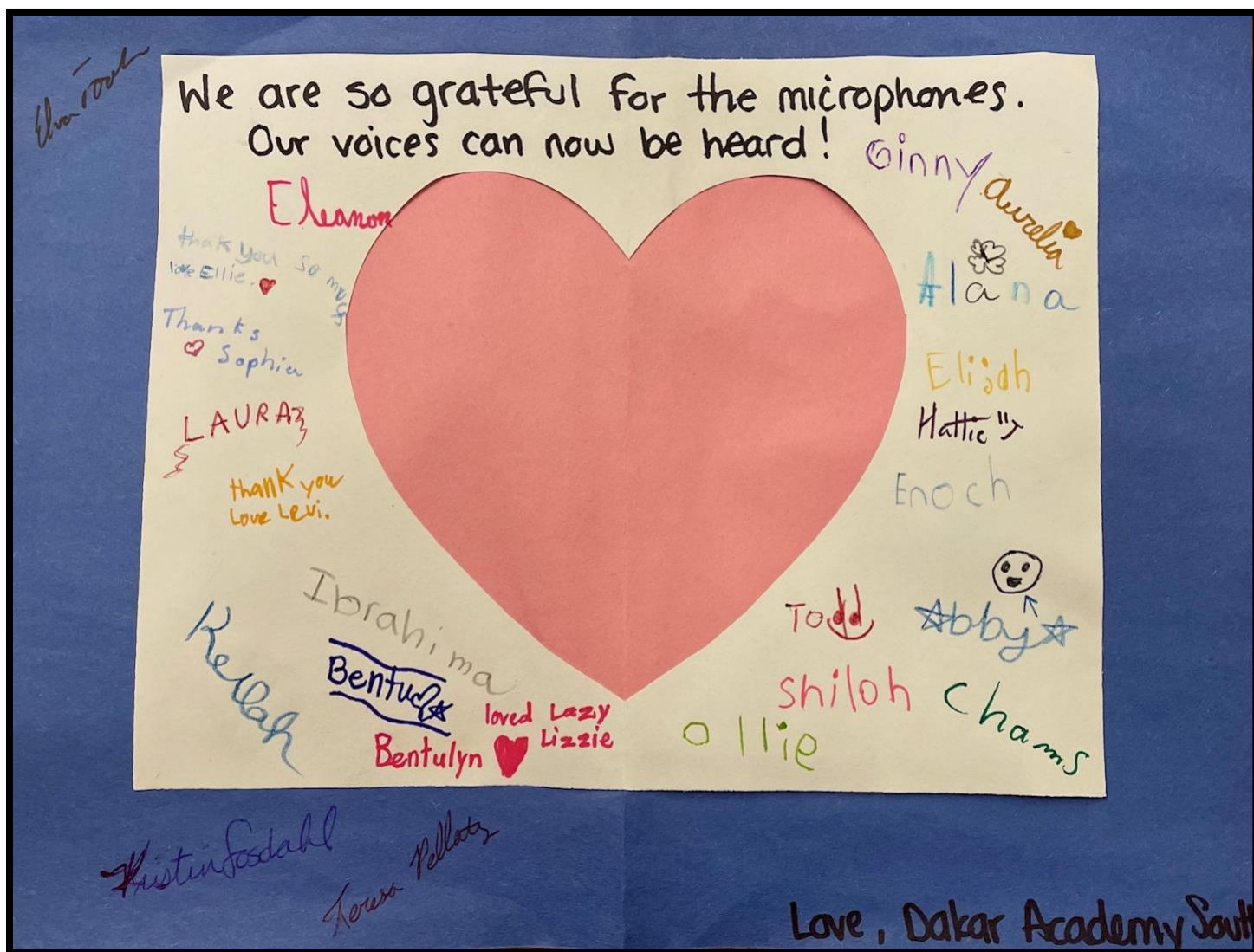
MYRRH
PEACE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERD
STAR
WISE MEN



Thank you

Our STM team that traveled to Senegal has returned with a beautiful note of gratitude from the school in Dakar for the microphones gifted to them. The students at the school where Todd and Oliver attend, sent a sweet and heartfelt thank-you. Thank you all for your generosity and for blessing this school in such a meaningful way.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to hearing from the team as they share what the Lord is doing in Senegal and through the missional work of the Howell families.



Happenings



Men's Breakfast

November 29th at 8:30am

Church Gym
Register online

Men's Breakfast

November 29th at 8:30am. Come enjoy a great breakfast, fellowship, and hear from our guest speaker, Jon Ward from Word of Life sharing from his book 'Disciple Making Simplified'. Please sign up on our church centre app or go to our web site. Come, invite a friend.



WORSHIP NIGHT

November 30th at 7pm

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Join us for a Worship Night on Sunday, November 30th at 7pm-8pm. We'll be doing worship nights the last Sunday of every month at 7pm.



Listening Prayer

"My sheep hear my voice."

Scripture-based, experience-oriented open house exploring how God speaks throughout the Bible and today.

1st Tuesday of every month
October - June

7-9pm
Conference Room

Let's grow in hearing God's voice by listening together.

Listening Prayer

Join us in the conference room, 7-9pm 1st Tuesday of every month. All are welcome. Learn more about how God speaks and practice listening together. Led by Heidi Lucas and the Listening Prayer lead team. No registration needed, just show up.



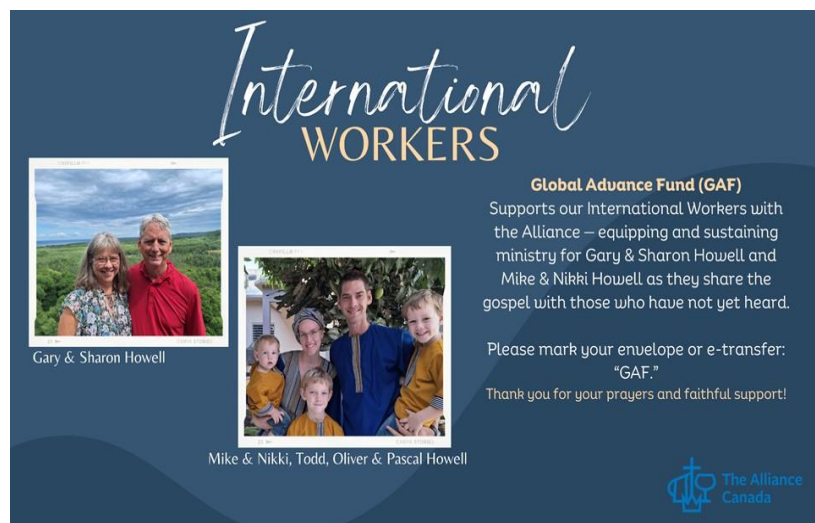
2025 Christmas Presentation

Our Christmas play this year is called Something's Missing. We'll have two presentations, one on Friday, December 5th at 7pm and one on Sunday, December 7th at 10am. Our Friday presentation is an outreach event, so consider inviting friends, family, neighbours, and your coworkers!



Young @ Heart

SAVE-THE-DATE! If you are 55 and older, join us for an early Christmas dinner! We'll enjoy some carolling, warm fellowship, and a delicious Christmas meal together. Please sign up in the hallway to reserve your spot.



GAF

The Global Advance Fund (GAF) is the pool of funding used to support our Canadian Alliance International Workers serving around the world. Donations given to the GAF are used to provide our IW salaries as well as other expenses incurred to keep each IW on the ground in their country of service (ie: visas, work permits, benefits, vehicle insurance, annual team gatherings, mission office facility expenses, etc.). Our collective global mission's efforts are reliant on regular local church donations given in support of the GAF. Our International Workers cannot accomplish their roles without our partnership and support.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox this year! A total of 64 boxes were prepared. In addition to the shoeboxes, thanks to our wonderful knitters, we were also able to send:

- 44 hats
- 3 pairs of mittens
- 5 face cloths
- 3 headbands

Thank you for your generosity and for blessing children around the world!