

APRIL EVENTS

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THE MONTH OF APRIL

Adult Bible Class (ABC) led by Pastor Andrew

- ♦ Sundays @ 9:30 –10:30 AM in the General Room.
If you miss a class, just ask for notes

New Beginners Class led by Pastor Gary

- ♦ Sundays 9:30 –10:30 AM in the Board Room

Pre-Service Prayer Sundays 10:35 to 10:55 AM in Board Room

- ♦ All welcome - come as often as you can

Worship Services every Sunday at 11 AM

- ♦ Communion Sunday is first Sunday of the month

Children's Ministry partway through the Sunday Worship Service

- ♦ Ages 3 –12 Coordinated by Pam Rao

Small Groups

- ♦ **Bible studies:**
3rd Sunday of the month at William & Jeya's 6:00 - 8:45PM
4th Saturday of the month at Bebeg's 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Outreach

- ♦ **Revera Senior's Outreach service**, Tuesdays 11-11:30 AM - co-ordinated by Iris
- ♦ **Community Outreach, 2nd & 4th Sunday** following church service - co-ordinated by Pastor Stephen
- ♦ **Livingstone Outreach to Seniors 3rd Sunday** following church service - co-ordinated by Bebeg

More details & updates are announced, emailed on Wednesdays & on website
(www.harvestassembly.ca)

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"Rejoice in what we have, but pray for what we need"

Pastor Gary

This was said at a Wednesday night Bible Study / Prayer meeting.

If you can come some or all of the time, you will be blessed.

OF NOTE

April 7

Small Group at Jeya &
William's @ 6PM
(Date changed from
April 21)

April 19

**Joint Good Friday
Service with JFA
At 11:00 AM**

April 21

**Resurrection Sunday
NO Adult Bible Class**



The Power and Effectiveness of Fasting & Prayer!

In the second week of June 1873, a southwest wind carried a strange brown cloud over the border from Dakota Territory into Minnesota. Pioneer families initially thought it was a rain or dust cloud but as it

got closer and filled the sky, they could see that the cloud contained hordes of winged insects who descended upon their fields and devoured virtually all their crops and green plants. There were literally millions of what they thought were grasshoppers but were later identified as fiercely hungry insects called

Rocky Mountain locusts. They battled humans for control over the American Midwest during the mid-1870s. For five consecutive summers the locusts ravaged farmland and filled the farmer's fields and soil with eggs. The confused and bewildered State Government was forced to enact drastic and unprecedented measures to try to eliminate these locusts to try to save the farmers' crops.

However nothing seemed to work and this went on for a few years until the summer of 1876. That summer there was again a great public fear that once again the locusts would return and destroy their crops. So newly elected Governor John S. Pillsbury did what no one else had yet done. On April 26,

1876 he proclaimed a day of prayer and fasting and urged every man, woman and child to pray and fast for God's protection and destruction of the locusts. When the appointed day arrived,



schools and businesses were closed as people prayed and fasted asking for God's intervention. Although religious skeptics protested the governor's faith in prayer, Governor Pillsbury had faith that God would respond and help the struggling families.

Suddenly the next few days unexpectedly turned unseasonably warm. It was more like summer than spring and the three days of warm weather triggered the hatching of the locust larvae. People who believed and had fasted and prayed began to wonder why God had not responded to their prayer and fasting and in fact it seemed the opposite had happened. There were more locusts because it appeared that all the eggs had hatched during those warm days and even sooner than other years!

However on the fourth day, just when people thought that everything would again be a disaster for their crops, there was a sudden and drastic drop in temperatures and a surprise and unpredicted ...

HARVEST'S VISION

"Equipping people to change lives through the power of the Holy Spirit!"

continued from front page... snowstorm hit and the entire state of Minnesota was blanketed with snow. Governor Pillsbury, a Christian, described it this way, "The very next night it turned cold and snowed and froze every grasshopper in the state stiff — froze them solid." Somehow some grasshoppers did survive but then for unknown reasons the locusts took flight and vanished in July, without depositing any further eggs. The bumper wheat crop of 1877 was the best in the state's history. The breakthrough was attributed to fasting and prayer and God's intervention!


What's the point of this historical narrative? It is that God hasn't changed. Jesus has commanded us to fast. He said, "...**when you fast....**", not "if you fast". In Matthew 6 Jesus taught that every believer should give to the poor, pray and fast. Then in Matthew 7 Jesus taught us to **Ask, Seek and Knock!** "**Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock**

and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened".

A few weeks ago we asked, "What is it worth?" What is God's presence, salvations, healings, deliverances and breakthrough's in your life worth? What is revival worth? Fasting and prayer is part of what is required to see a spiritual breakthrough! After our 21 days of prayer and fasting in January, to start the year off, God has called us to fast and pray one day a week. Will you be a part and pray and fast and believe God for the answer? I think you will, and if we believe, God will!!

"If the Christian's fiercest battles are against temptation and the devil, then prayer and fasting is the atomic weapon in our arsenal!"

The Call Revolution by Lou Engle & Che Ahn
Pastor Gary



Fasting is an intentional positioning of your heart for breakthrough and spiritual growth.

Prayer and Praise Reports

PRAY FOR...

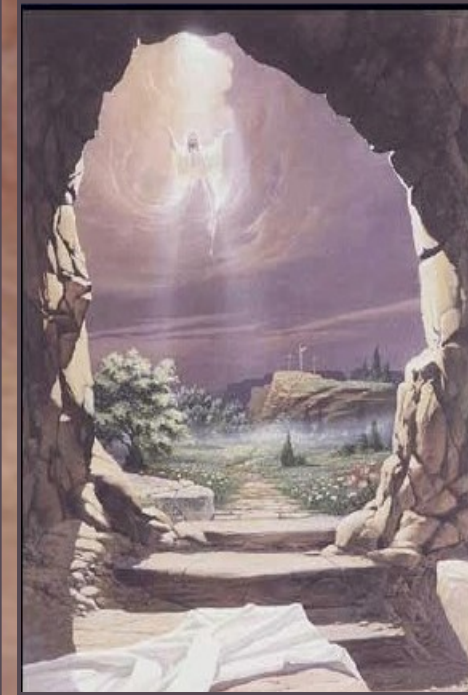
- Our Pastors, leaders & Harvesters to be godly, pure and holy & protected from the attacks by the enemy
- All of our families & marriages including our pastors'
- Our teaching & preaching to be anointed by God
- God's presence & spirit would move mightily in our services so we would be changed
- Salvation for World Leaders & our leaders at all government levels
- For God to pour out His Spirit on our nation and bring revival to Canada
- God to protect & save all our children and youth

- Pray for Premier Doug Ford, for salvation, that he would pray & depend on God as Ontario's leader
- A new moral sex curriculum for our children in their schools
- God to show us new & different ways to reach lost people
- Musicians for our Worship Teams
- Those known to us who need a healing touch from the Lord

PRAISE GOD FOR...

- Spiritual gifts being used in our services
- Encouraging reports from our Outreach Teams

Experience Hope



It seemed hopeless when the disciples of Jesus said, "It's been three days" Three days since they saw him die.

Three days. Three days may not seem like much, but it is an eternity when every hope you had for the future died when Jesus died.

What they didn't know was that the morning of the third day Jesus broke the shackles of sin and death and is forever alive.

They just didn't know it yet. The resurrection is true.

Hope is alive!

Join us on Easter and let us share the good news of hope forever with you.

*Good Friday Service at 11:00 AM
Resurrection Sunday Service at 11:00 AM*

