## December 27, 2020 The Lords Day

Welcome....We are so glad that you have joined with us today for worship, Bible teaching and fellowship. We trust that God may be glorified in our midst and that you might be strengthened in your faith and encouraged in your walk with the Lord Jesus. If you have not already done so, please sign our guest book today before you leave. Thanks!

**Sunday Bible School and** 

**AM: Service Suspended** 



PM:Message: Service Suspended

Prayer Meetings Wednesdays Services Suspended

#### **Winged Troops**

And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually.

(Acts 10:7)



We have long known that the community within a honeybee hive divides the labor among specialized workers. There are scouts who search for food. Nurses tend the young. Some bees specialized in cleaning. There are even undertaker bees who remove and dispose of dead

members of the hive.

Scientists have now discovered that honeybee colonies also have brigades of specialized "soldiers." These bees often seem to be sitting around, not doing much. In fact, they have only one duty – attack large intruders. It appears that these bees are fed and cared for by the hive members while they wait for the alarm. Should a raccoon, bear or human threaten the hive, thousands of soldier bees swarm around the enemy and sting.

Soldiers have been well-known members of ant and termite colonies. However, up to now, they have never been confirmed in honeybee hives. The universal need for soldiers for protection among social insects reminds us that some things are universal in this world. These soldiers are not responsible for a bear's attack on the hive. Nor are human soldiers who follow just war principles responsible for human war.

Greed, theft and the need for protection remind us that we are not what God intended us to be. The solution lies not in denying reality, but in returning to our Creator through the forgiveness of our sins as made possible by Jesus Christ.

Ref: "Soldiers swarm to rescue." The Argus (Fremont, CA), Mar. 17, 1991. Photo: Pixabay

Creation Moments: "Churches may freely copy these bulletin inserts"

#### Coming Up

Fri Jan 1/2021 ~ New Years Day.... WhooHoo!!! Sat Jan 30/21 ~ Annual Business Meeting - 10:30am

Special Note: We are planning to have a Baptismal Class for all who are interested in being baptized...the class will be held in the Sunday Bible School hour after the lockdown is lifted. If you plan to attend the class please let Pastor Bruce know right away. Thanks!



SBS - 19 A.M. - 35 P.M. - 13 Prayer Meeting A.M. - 4 P.M. - 5

### Missionary of the Month Liana Wiebe

It is such an encouragement to my heart to see the Lord give spiritual understanding to these little ones as we teach the Word of God. One of the boys, who trusted Christ earlier this year, said "I'm a baby Christian, but I'm growing!" Amen! • Singing with the children has become a very precious part of our ministry. Whether it's singing scripture verses, or other songs with spiritual principles, it reinforces what we are teaching, and is so much fun! To hear these little ones sing "Little by little, every day; Little by little in every way, Jesus is changing me" brings such joy to my heart! • Even though we don't know if stricter restrictions will be implemented for places of worship, we press on with Christmas preparations. I have purposed in my heart to enjoy and appreciate all of these special things of Christmas while we still have that privilege. The children are memorizing several verses of scripture as well as working on a couple of songs to sing at the Christmas program should we be given that opportunity. The adults are also practising for the occasion! Matters of Prayer: • those who have wandered from the Lord • that tighter restrictions would not affect places of worship that the Lord would give us meaningful and creative ministry (continued)

this Christmas season that the difficulties of this time would cause each of us to grow in our walk with the LordThank you so much for faithfulness in prayer as well as financially! You play such an integral part, and I am so thankful for you! May the Lord give you joy in serving Him and remembering this Christmas His special gift to us! In Christ,



#### It's that time of year again...

If you have read through the whole Bible in 2020, we would like to recognize your achievement with a nice certificate of completion. Please let Pastor Bruce know if you have or will have read through the Bible this year.

New reading schedules for 2021 are available on the table by the bulletin board. Help yourself to one. There is also "Reading Thru the NT in 60 Days" sheets on the table for you too.

Due to the provincial lockdown beginning on Sat. Dec. 26/20, we will be suspending all our church services on Sunday and Wednesday for the next 4 weeks. This is difficult... I don't like it... I don't want to do this, but I believe it is important for us to comply with the provincial announcement for Jesus' sake and to have a good testimony for Christ in these days... I have not heard in any of the announcement about church worship specifically, but expect that we are included in 'social gatherings'... I expect that some won't agree with suspending services... I trust you will appreciate the difficulty of this and trust that this is the right thing to do at this time... As in the spring, I will endeavour to record some messages and Bible studies and put them on the church website for you to listen to... you can give your tithes and offerings as we did in the spring... e-transfer to donations@bereanbaptistlondon.org or mail or dropoff your envelope at the church on Fridays between 10am and 2pm...(continued)

Let's pray for one another and encourage each other as we are able... emails, phone calls, cards... will be an excellent source of encouragement...

Also, not all our church family has internet and so won't get any notes I send through email... if you know of someone who doesn't have internet I ask you to pass on the notes that come to them... Thank you for your help in this regard... Let's continue to trust the Lord in all of this and make sure we spend time with the Lord Jesus each day... Let's keep in touch!! Praying for you all ~pb



#### **Happy Birthday**

Dec 29...Marg Barry, Ranae Crabtree Jan 2...Stella Stroud-Lusk Jan 5...Dr. Abe Klahsen Jan 20...Olga Pritiko

#### **Just For Fun**

- I have a lot of respect for the people Employed near big Ben in London England. They are always working around the clock.
- Do regular dogs see police dogs and think "oh no, it's the cops"?
- I am a kid at heart I'm a senior citizen at the knees and back.
- If you rarely drive in the snow just pretend you are taking your grandma to church. There's a platter of biscuits and 2 gallons of lemonade in glass jars in the backseat. She is wearing her new dress and has a crockpot full of gravy in her lap.

Tithes & Offerings	
Missions @	\$273.00
Ministry (\$1896 req'd)	\$1336.25
Total	\$1,609.25
Designated:	
Missions	\$420.00
Benevolent	\$20.00
deSouza	\$300.00
Mortgage Challenge	\$20.00
Total	\$760.00
Total Receipts for the Day	\$2369.25

**Budget Notes for Last Week** 

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"Perfect vision, the Best to See My Eyes on Christ in 2020" ~ Heb. 2:9



"Searching the Scriptures Daily..."

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... to the Glory of God!!