

# July 11, 2021 The Lord's 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 @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Message: Mr. Joe Scott**



**Evening Service @ 6:00 p.m.**

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**Prayer Meetings on Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

## Are We Making Progress?

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Genesis 2:16-17)



It would seem almost ludicrous to ask the question: Has mankind made progress since his appearance on this planet? Many would answer that it should be perfectly obvious that man has come a long way from primitive beginnings in the cave. Until recently, historians have always spoken of the idea of progress in history but this is now being seriously questioned. While it is true that there have been improvements and innovations in technology throughout human history, each step forward has brought with it a mixed blessing. For example, the invention of the movable-type printing press reduced the cost of printing, thus making Bibles much more readily available. While the Bible helped establish moral absolutes, printing presses also produced pornography and politically dangerous ideas. More recently, television seemed like free entertainment, but overindulgence has robbed many of their health and the ability to think for themselves.

In the very first chapters of the Bible, we are told how, in disobedience to God's command, our first parents, Adam and Eve, ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is mankind's fallen nature that has caused the good and the evil to come together as a package. We have made progress in technology, but we have also regressed morally. As it was in the days of Noah, the earth has become filled with war and violence by man's use of good inventions put to evil purpose.

Ref: Nisbet, Robert. History of the Idea of Progress. New York: Basic Books, 1980

Creation Moments :“Churches may freely copy these bulletin inserts”

## Coming Up

Thurs July 15 ~ Missions Committee meeting - 1pm  
Sun July 18 ~ Joe Scott preaching both services...  
Tues July 20 ~ P&D meeting - 1pm  
Sat July 24 ~ 6 Month Business Meeting - 10:30am  
Mon Aug 2 ~ Civic holiday...  
Mon Sept 6 ~ Labour Day...  
Sun Sept 12 ~ Mortgage “Burning” Celebration - 10:30am  
Sun Oct 3 ~ 25th Church Anniversary Services with Pastor Bob Wall of Faithway Baptist Church, Ajax.

We are planning to make a 25th anniversary history book for Berean... we are looking for photos (printed and/or digital) and personal remembrances from years 2007-Present... if you are able to help with these resources, please let Pastor Bruce know.



## Happy Birthday

July 31...Vitoriana de Souza  
Aug 8...John deCroos, Amanda Little

## Happy Anniversary

July 13...Dan & Jan Fletcher  
Aug 7...Joe & Marlene Scott

Pastor Bruce and Janice will be on vacation from July 8 - 22/21. Joe Scott will be looking after the Sunday services on July 11 & 18/21. Thank you Joe for your gracious help.

Thank you to Robert Wilkinson and Audrey Lawrence for looking after the sound board and sermon recording today and next Sunday...I truly appreciate it!

Last Week's Attendance  
SBS 8, AM - 22, PM - 10  
Prayer Meetings -4 + 6

**Missionaries of the Month** are Kevin and Stella Stroud-Lusk, with Ethnos, in Manila Philippines. Sorry for the delay, I was a bit overwhelmed.



Thank you for your support of our ministry. It is an honour and privilege for us to serve in the Philippines.

Prayer requests:

Pastor Lloyd- As he meets with many groups to make the relocation of the church and the community possible.

For Us- :I tried to book return tickets only to find that the airlines are only offering business class at \$3500 US a ticket. This will delay our return. We are praying that more tickets will come available.

Background Info: Our church consists of informal settlers. An informal settler is a person who lives on land that does not belong to them. They usually live along rivers, under bridges, and on property where the owner has left it empty. They do this in hopes of finding a better life for themselves and their families. They are drawn by a dream of a better job, schooling, medicine and life.

Unfortunately they end up being hated by their neighbours as nuisance and criminals. This is the case of the people we serve. They are no longer wanted in their subdivisions and the homeowners want them out. They have fenced them in, do not allow them to take public transportation or use their scooters to go home but make them walk 2 miles from the nearest public transportation stop. They cannot prevent them from going home but they can make them walk a long distance to make it difficult. It has contributed to the death of two elderly residents who could not get to a hospital in time. One had heart failure and another had an asthmatic attack. It has been a difficult situation for the past three years but it worsened during the pandemic when the subdivision made life harder during a time when many of the informal settlers had lost their jobs.

**Julie's 100th Birthday**  
Julie's family is throwing an **Open House** for her birthday. All are welcome.



Date: July 18 (Next Sunday)  
Time: 12 - 4 pm  
Place: Julie's home, 51 Highview Ave. West London  
This is a quiet FYI for Bereans... Julie Kovach will be turning 100 years old on July 17/21... sssshhh...she doesn't want anyone to know....keep it on the QT... but it is a milestone in Julie's life that needs to be recognized and celebrated...so a call (519 686-5245) or a card of well wishes would be appropriate...I thought y'all would like to know this...ssshhh... ~pb

Dr. Abe Klahsen is still in Vic Hospital with a serious chest infection... he is very weak...please pray for God's will to be done in his body and life.  
Don't forget to pray for others in our church family that are struggling with various health issues.

**Just For Fun**

- My friend Jack claims he can communicate with vegetables. Jack and the beans talk.
- I got myself a Senior's GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.
- Sold our house and bought an RV. Kids can't move back home if they can't find it.
- My company wants me to sign up for a 401K.
- There's no way that I'm running that far!

Budget Notes for Last Week	
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	
Missions @ 17%	\$345.00
Ministry (\$1896 req'd)	\$1698.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,043.90</b>
<b>Designated:</b>	
Missions	\$185.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the Day</b>	<b>\$2228.90</b>

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**...to the Glory of God!!**