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Welcome to the July edition.

Elder Murray Palmatier graciously led us through a 50 Day Countdown to Pentecost each day in Slack posts, and then we came together and enjoyed a blessed Pentecost Service and fellowship. What's next you ask? As we prepare for the coming Fall Holy Day Season, let us be reminded daily of Deut. 14:2. Enjoy a safe and fun-filled summer!

Our featured article - Farmers and Gardeners have their Roots in God's Creation - by David Townson, addresses how agriculture is crucial to our survival since God created the world. David's second article - World Financial Collapse - Inevitable! - Only question is When? looks at the current financial crisis in the world today. An infuse article - Your Relationship with God - encourages youth to work on building a good relationship with God. Finally if you want to live healthy then read this CoG Booklet - The Seven Laws of Radiant Health. Enjoy our Member Spotlight and interesting pics!

If you have an interest in providing Content for the monthly newsletter please contact me at the email below. I'd love to hear from you!

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.



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Farmers and Gardeners have Their Roots in God's Creation

by David Townson,
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Genesis 1:11-12

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Plant food grew naturally and God called it GOOD!

So who was the First Gardener? Adam? Abel following in his footsteps ...

It was GOD THE FIRST GARDENER!

Gardening and Farming have led food production from the Beginning of Time!

Genesis 2:8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Trees grew in that garden beautiful to look at AND GOOD FOR FOOD!

And of course the two trees we know well: Tree of Life and Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Water was essential for the Garden of Eden and God provided river water and He provided a Gardener in the person of Adam! His job was to dress it and keep it!

When Eve and Adam ate of the Tree that God had said they should not eat, then God sent the WEEDS which ever since creation have caused Gardeners AND Farmers to work in order to eat!

Ever since creation, humans have invented multiple ingenious ways to reduce the amount of work and expense required to grow plant food!

Fast Forward 2024

In 2024, Farmers almost worldwide are protesting- not necessarily the health of the food they produce but the costs of food production (inputs like fertilizer, machinery like tractors and the high costs involved), unfair policies that not only allow, but encourage selecting the cheapest food not the local food – not even the healthiest food!

The Farmers of Europe are revolting! From Spain to Romania, from Italy to The Netherlands and from France to Wales. There are several reasons for the protests but the main reason is found in the decisions and the promotions of the WEF and the United Nations... in their Agenda of Climate Change.

Climate Change Advocates claim that 30% of carbon is due to Agriculture! So farmers are facing rising costs of inputs including cutting of diesel subsidies and cutting fertilizer amounts partly due to the War in Ukraine which has cut them off from fertilizers produced in Russia and Ukraine.

The Green Agenda is being imposed on farmers. In some cases, legislation is being introduced to return 20% of the land to trees and wilderness (in Wales) and governments are cutting farm subsidies.

Confrontations are occurring between farmers and police in Spain. They are reacting to cheap food from outside the European Union including the grain from Ukraine. Before the War, Ukraine used to export their grain to the Middle East.

The European Governments are allowing the import of grain from the Ukraine to the harm of the European farmers who cannot compete. The fishermen have joined the protests in The Netherlands that has spread in Europe and Vancouver Island, in Canada! The protests have spread to where they are flooding of farm land!

Why are the farmers protesting in Europe? What about British farmers?

Farmers were left without payment for their crops. And without a stable, reliable income, they are struggling to survive. Farmers have faced steep rises in the cost of everything from fertilizer to wages and the energy used in production since the pandemic.

Taken together, farmers represent a significant challenge to governments that must navigate the tricky, but necessary transition to healthy, sustainable food production and diets, according to Chris Hegadorn, adjunct professor of global food politics at Sciences Po in Paris.

“You can live without an electric car, you can live without a mobile phone, but you’re not going to live without farmers and the food they produce,” said Chris Hegadorn, a retired US diplomat. “Should we be paying attention? Absolutely.”

Officials are certainly taking note. In the past weeks, the EU has backtracked on some of its key environmental ambitions for farming, the source of more than a tenth of its greenhouse gas emissions.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has been meeting with the agriculture industry to try and stave off discontent.

In France, Europe’s top producer, President Emmanuel Macron’s government is pledging more money for farmers and pushing back against the EU’s trade talks with Latin American countries. In Australia, farmers are protesting raising interest rates in Canberra! China has amplified the farmers’ protests in worldwide media as part of its economic & geopolitical warfare against a rising India. In Poland, protesting farmers threw eggs at the European Regional Office! French farmers are protesting insufficient pay, EU regulations and unfair competition from cheap imported foods.

Conclusion

Farmers of the world appear to be protesting financial issues relating to food production. There do not appear to be major concerns about human health due to food quality. Genetic modification has gained much ground and the important thing seems to be the inclusion of GM in labelling!

Farming faces huge challenges in the future around biotechnology, precision crop breeding, genetic editing, bio fortification all called “Smart Farming”.

There are some positive possibilities for farmers introducing vertical farming into their practices. This would involve using space more economically plus minimizing water usage... and pesticide usage... which could be a benefit?

Stay tuned! Stay informed!

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World Financial Collapse - Inevitable! Only Question is WHEN?



Thirty four trillion dollars - that is the total debt of the USA at this time. The interest paid amounts to more than the US Defense Budget or Social Security payments!

Canada is not that much better! Canada's federal debt is over 1 trillion dollars. The interest being paid is \$46 billion! This is greater than the Federal government transfers to the provinces for health care and is more than Canada's defense expenditure.

The question is:

How did this come about? And how long will it continue?

To understand this, we have to go back to 1971 when President Nixon off the gold standard and removed the restraint on public spending.

Two years later, in 1973, Henry Kissinger persuaded the leaders of Saudi Arabia to accept only US dollars in payment for their oil, in exchange for providing security. This was extended to the Gulf States.

As a result, the demand for US dollars from around the world made it possible for the USA to run deficits with little restraint because there was always a demand for dollars to purchase oil! The USA asked the oil producing countries to put their excess dollars into treasury bonds.

This started to change in 2014, when Putin invaded Crimea and the USA and the West began to initiate sanctions on Russia including cutting Russia off from the world financial system.

This alerted the rest of the world to the danger they faced if they did something that the USA and the West did not approve of and led to a group of countries getting together to form BRICS. (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.) These nations were joined in 2023 by Saudi Arabia, UAE, Dubai and Iran. The BRICS countries are starting to trade among themselves in other currencies than the US dollar.

No longer are dollars being sent to the USA to buy treasury bonds and the BRICS countries are selling their US treasury bonds for gold! China has reduced its US treasury bonds from \$3 trillion to \$750 million. In addition, the USA has told Saudi Arabia that America is going 'Green'!

The world now regards the USA as hypocrites because they are now proposing to seize all Russian assets outside Russia and pass them to Ukraine.

When nations no longer use the US dollar for world trade, there will no longer be a base for the US debt and the US financial system will collapse.

This will precipitate a Financial Collapse Worldwide! Isa 30:13 applies here

Remember Isa 30:13

Isa 30:13 (NLT) calamity will come upon you suddenly – like a bulging wall that bursts and falls. In an instant it will collapse and come crashing down. Ω

– David Townson, CGI Ottawa –

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

By Brian Christensen

Most of us have seen or received offers in the mail advertising a “free” gift or a “free” account with a credit company. All you have to do is call a number or fill out a card to activate your account. Most of these are marketing ploys to entice people to buy something or pay higher interest rates. God, however, has established a very real and powerful “account”, or relationship, with us. This relationship has the power to protect you from harm, heal you when you are ill, help comfort you in pain and guide you through difficult decisions. These are just a few of the benefits He can offer you. God has countless numbers of angels that can help carry out any of these tasks. In fact “all things are possible with God.” (Mark 10:27).

God does not want your money. All you have to do to activate your relationship with God and maximize its potential is to pray (Matthew 7:7). It is even a “toll free” call from anywhere in the world. We have numerous examples in the Bible of people going to God in prayer and for many different reasons. Some for praise, others for healing, guidance, or forgiveness. It is even “ok” to just say “hi” or “thank you” to God. Whatever the reason, God is and will be there for you. You may not like the way He guides you or gets for you what you want; however, He always has your best interest in mind. Just as with a close friend or family member, the more you talk to God, the closer you will come to know God and appreciate His love for you.

Jesus tells us how to pray, and it is quite simple. He says we should humble ourselves before God, and ask all things in His (Jesus) name (John 14:13). You can always pray quietly in your mind and no one will ever know you are talking to God. Jesus also teaches us that children of Christian parents receive blessings on behalf of the parent. As we grow and mature we must develop our own relationship with God (1 Corinthians 13:11). This relationship will become deeper and eventually bless our children and our family. It’s not easy, as trials are necessary to build our character. However, the power and wisdom of God is awesome. Prayer is the best way to start the relationship and unleash that power.

I developed my relationship with God long before I was in the church or even knew the truth. I was probably 14 or 15 and liked animals very much. I discovered an article on backyard habitats for wildlife, and decided to build a bird sanctuary in the

corner of my yard. I built a path, put up some posts, sank a small pool in the ground for a water pond, and built three to four bird feeders. This required lots of food, so each night I would fill the feeders. It was on these nightly trips I first began speaking to God. It was a little awkward at first, but soon I was talking to God, through my thoughts, as if He were a friend on the phone. I would share events of the day, thank Him for something good that happened, ask for help on a test, tell Him about girls I liked and asked Him for His help in rejecting drugs and alcohol.

One night, I was out with friends having a blast, when all of a sudden some weed came out and was being passed around. The pressure was very heavy and persuasive. I called on God to help and prayed for his strength to resist being a part of this drug scene. After they all spouted off, I finally told them I didn’t like the taste or the smell, but I wouldn’t stand in their way. It was quiet and then they all said “ok” and continued to smoke, and left me alone. We continued our fun, talking and laughing. I thought it was hilarious to watch them, but thanked God for His help. I also enjoyed being out with my friends at parties, however, there always seemed to be pressure on me to drink. Alcohol appeared to be very strong and I did not want to lose my senses and control. I was always nervous when I would first arrive, that’s when the pressure was heaviest. I would ask God to please help me to be strong and let the others there understand, not force me or be violent towards me. Again after the first waves of pressure, most would back off, and we all could have fun. I realize everyone’s situations are different and some events are harder to overcome, but what is important is when things turned ugly, I wasn’t alone and neither are you!

So open your “pre-approved” account with God today. There is no cost and 0% interest; you can even transfer all of your balances or troubles to Him. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, “toll free” from anywhere.

The cost of:

A notebook...\$2.00

A new Bible...\$30.00

Going to the Feast of Tabernacles...\$1,000.00

The benefits of having an endless personal relationship with God...priceless. Ω

THE SEVEN LAWS OF RADIANT HEALTH

There are immutable laws governing the entire universe which act upon everything and everyone. Ignorance of them does not suspend or annul their effect. Painful penalties are reaped when they are broken; health and happiness result when we are in harmony with them. Health is not an accident - nor is disease. There is a cause for every effect! It is not the purpose of this booklet to give specific diet or therapeutic treatment for illness, but to give you understanding and awareness of these basic, living laws of radiant health.

Click on this link :

<https://cgicanada2.org/media/literature/SevenLawsOfRadiantHealth.pdf> to access the booklet and read more about Radiant Health.

F.Y.I. You can also visit the CGI Canada website @ <https://cgicanada.org/> for tons of resource info on many topics of interest.



CGI TORONTO HEALTH FAIR & POTLUCK

CGI Toronto held a Health Fair & Potluck on June 8, 2024 following their Sabbath Service. The brethren enjoyed delicious food items followed by some very lively and informative presentations on Spiritual, Mental, & Physical Health, Skin Care, Emergency & First Aid Tips, and Healthy Food demos. There was also a table where weight and blood pressure could be checked. A lot of information was shared and a fun time was had by all. We hope to make this an annual event.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Reg Benoit is a dedicated member of the CGI Kawartha Lakes congregation. Originally from Newfoundland, Reg moved to Ontario in 1974. He's a well-established musician who composes, produces, sings and plays many different stringed instruments. Reg sang and played "backup" for Shania Twain, Valdy and Harry Hibbs and has won many music awards while in Nashville and the Lone Star State. Reg answered the calling into the Truth after attending a CGI Kawartha Lakes Outreach several years ago, and began attending Sabbath services immediately thereafter. He serves as a worship leader, electronics operations, and performs special music both locally and at the Feast of Tabernacles. Music is Reg's forte and we are very privileged to enjoy this aspect of his service to the brethren.

Enjoy some pics of CGI Ottawa Congregation enjoying Pentecost Service & Fellowship. The main message was delivered by Jim French, David Townson delivered the Offering Message, and Peter Wilcox was the Worship Moderator.



Pictures from Feast of Pentecost Service & Fellowship in Puslinch



Click on the Pic to enjoy another rendition of 'Peter Gonna Preach' sung by the CGI Choir, and led by Choir Director Euis Daniel during the Pentecost Service in Puslinch.



If you'd like to view or review Pastor Murray Palmatier's Countdown to Pentecost posts that were made available daily on Slack, click on the link below:
<https://cgicanada2.org/media/holydays/Murray/PastorMurrays-2024-CountToPentecost.pdf>



JULY SABBATH SERVICES

Toronto

**July 6 - Kenroy Allen
July 13 - Horane Smith
July 20 - Courtney Edwards
July 27 - Bernard Wilson**

Kitchener

**July 6 - Rick Dubler
July 13 - Bernard Wilson
July 20 - Ken Allen
July 27 - Adam Dubler**

Burlington

**July 6 - Adrian Davis
July 13 - Murray Palmatier
July 20 - Jan Kowalczyk
July 27 - Adrian Davis**

London

**July 6 - Bernard Wilson
July 13 - Rick Dubler
July 20 - Heinrich Peters
July 27 - Horane Smith**

Kawartha Lakes

**July 6 - Horane Smith
July 13 - Stephan Willshaw
July 20 - Tape
July 27 - Jim French**

Ottawa

**July 6 - Jim French
July 13 - David Townson
July 20 - Jim French
July 27 - Tape**

**For more info - see the Congregation websites
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ALL THINGS ARE READY, COME TO THE FEAST!

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2024

**WILL BE CELEBRATED IN COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO
& OTTAWA ONTARIO (SATELLITE SITE)**

OCTOBER 16 (EVENING) - OCTOBER 24, 2024

Click on this link: <https://cgicanadafeast.org/#welcome1>
for more information.



"These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons."- Leviticus 23:4

CGI's Feast of Tabernacles 2024 Satellite Site in Ottawa, Canada



You're invited to worship God with brethren in Ottawa meeting in the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Ottawa East-Orleans - zooming in services every morning from 11am-1pm from CGI's main feast site in Collingwood Ontario.

We are offering a change of pace for all ages and tastes with activities and attractions across the National Capital Region!

We expect about 10-25 attendees from Ottawa, other Canadian congregations and beyond...

Afternoons, cruise the famous Rideau Canal (sorry no skating in summer!), visit Nature, Civilization and History National Museums or brilliant gardens, Kids' fun places like Museum of Science & Tech and much more!

We provide brochures about interesting excursion opportunities, local restaurants and take away food places for in person, delivery or pick up.

We meet at 10:30 every morning for announcements and planning for the following day... so that participants are able to collaborate on plans but also take a slow day resting or walking across from your hotel to the Shenkman Arts Centre to visit displays of art, pottery and more. Maybe even visit a local farmers' market nearby!

CGI Feast of Tabernacles 2024 Satellite Site in Ottawa, Canada

Evenings, you're welcome to join us in the Avalon Room right in your hotel for Bible Conversations, Prayer Groups, movies, crafts and other fun activities and best of all Great Fellowship over a hot drink, popcorn.

Music is big in CGI Ottawa. so we sing, and play (please bring your instrument if that is possible) and enjoy music..
Godly music blesses us daily!

Make this Feast a refreshing Change of Pace!

Would you like more information? Ready to register?

Special discount rate for Feast participants! \$169 per nite, free breakfast, parking... Super friendly staff

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