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Reflections from a Sabbatical Season - by Pastor Norm

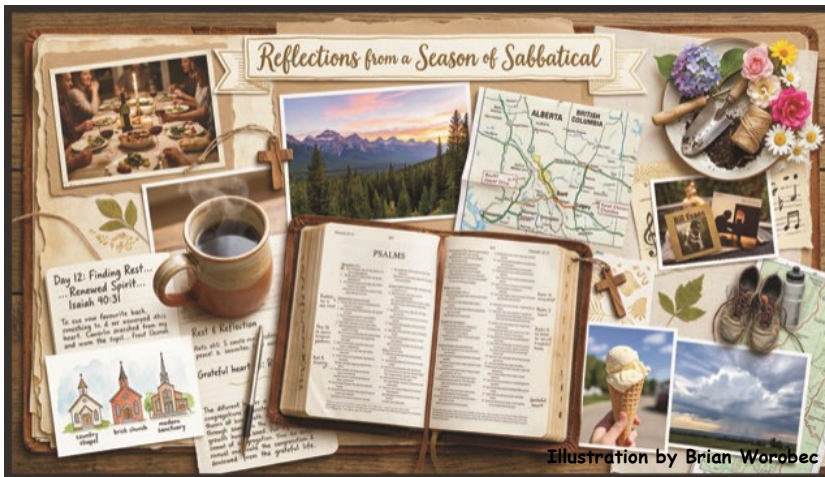


Illustration by Brian Warobec

A sabbatical is often described as a time away from regular responsibilities, but in practice it becomes much more than time off. These past three months have been a gift of rest, reflection, renewal, and reconnection. Stepping back from the regular rhythms of pastoral

ministry created space for me to listen more carefully, pray more slowly, and pay closer attention to the people, places, and small graces that God placed along the way.

One of the richest parts of this season was the opportunity to reconnect with friends, men-

tors, and family. Coffee visits, road trips, shared meals, and long relaxed conversations became reminders of how deeply we are shaped by the people who walk with us through different seasons of life. A trip through parts of Alberta and British Columbia offered not only a change of scenery, but also moments of gratitude for friendship, hospitality, and the beauty of creation.

Worshipping with a variety of congregations was another meaningful part of the sabbatical. Visiting churches from different

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JILLIAN AND
JOSHUA'S
WEDDING
PICTURE
AND STORY

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A Grandmother's Prayers - by Gloria Swain

I was born 80 years ago in a log house that was built by my father and grandfather, eight miles north of Evansburg, Alberta. My baba (grandma), Eudoka Chornoko, was from Russia (Siberia) and she was a midwife, so I was born at home.

From the time I was a little girl, every night I would hear Baba say her prayers as she knelt by her bed on an old fashioned braided rug. She always ended her prayers with "Gospod spaci Russiu" (God save Russia). Little did she know how those pray-

ers would be answered and how God would use me to take the gospel to her beloved Russia.

In 1992 just after the iron curtain came down, I was flying to the land of Baba's birth. An organization from

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Connecting with Church Leadership - by: Bill Bruce

On June 15, 2026 a partially new Leadership Council was established for our Church. Bob Tweed, Nathan Shessel and Krista Carlberg retired. We thank them for their contribution to Hillview. Wes Werstiuk and Bill Bruce stayed on the Council. The new members are Neil Carlberg and Darren Hoflin. Last year I created some questionable questions for the Council members with the goal for all of us to get to know them. It mostly worked, but for this year, the other Bill did the "interview". His questions and answers by 3 of the members follow. Wes decided not to participate.



From left to right: Wes Werstiuk, Darren Hoflin, Bill Bruce, Pastor Norm and Neil Carlberg

Q: What brought you to Hillview Church and for how long have you been attending?

Bill: During 2021, we were looking for a church that aligned with our values. We watched a few sermons online from several different church's. We were drawn to the teachings at Hillview most and started attending when COVID rules surrounding gathering were dropped.

Darren: Pastor Norm and going on 9 years

Neil: I was desperately searching for God, and have been here for 5 years.

Q: What led you to become an elder?

Bill: I was recruited to be an elder. I struggle with feelings of being worthy of this position. I know there is a need for members to take on roles and serve the church. I see being called to be an elder as an opportunity to learn and grow and serve the church using my gifts.

Darren: I was asked, and felt a need to contribute more in helping to grow the church and delivering of our Lord and Saviour's word.

Neil: I was asked, and I think that I have gifts that I can use to help the church.

Q: What is something most people who attend Hillview Baptist Church wouldn't know about you?

Bill: I played the accordion in elementary school! I took lessons and everything!

Darren: I like to do woodworking as a hobby and I find it relaxing as I listen to sermons on the app Oneplace

Neil: While many know that I have a big library, fewer people know that my secret passion is for steam and iron ships, and books about those form the nucleus of my library.

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Q: Who inspires you (at Hillview and/or elsewhere)?

Bill: I've had the pleasure of knowing Sieg Hollemeyer for 19 years. He was the elder presiding over both mine and Anne Marie's baptism. I've always looked at him with great brotherly love and affection. He inspires me. He sets an example of being God's humble servant. Outside of Hillview, I am always amazed by the words of the Apostle Paul. His love and his faithfulness to the Lord.

Darren: my dad, Eldon. In 2015, he went for a double lung transplant. The transplant team warned us. It will extend his life at the maximum 7 years. He lived for another eleven years, taking, on average, 98 pills a day! Even after my mom passed away 5 years ago he still stayed strong in his faith, and I would pray with him.

Neil: Gloria Swain, Prayer Warrior.

Q: What are some of the things you love about our church?

Bill: On Thursday mornings, there is a prayer meeting. I am almost never home from work on a weekday. Whenever I am off on Thursday, I love to go join the wonderful people who gather at our church and pray for Hillview. I have also found a group of men at Hillview who I share fellowship and outside interests with who have been of great encouragement to me.

Darren: It feels like home, and family

Neil: I love how everyone welcomed me in, and how I was brought along and discipled in the faith. People really worked hard on this rookie. Also, I love the brick and wood aesthetic of the building.

Q: What are some of your personal prayers for Hillview Baptist Church?

Bill: I often find myself praying for the leaders of the Bible studies. I know these brothers and sisters spend a lot of time putting together wonderful studies and incorporate a lot of their own passion into the projects. I appreciate them.

Darren: To be open to change and put personal preferences in your back pocket in order to do what is best for the church because, in the end, we want to glorify God in any situation.

Neil: That the church would be a comfort to the community in uncertain times, and that the people who set foot here grow in understanding of, and love for God.



"This may set an ugly precedent for future board decisions."

A Country Church in the City: Visioning and Discernment for the Times Ahead - by Pastor Norm



Illustration by Brian Worobec

As we reflect on the life and ministry of our church, we are invited to listen carefully for God's guidance and to discern where He is leading us in the season ahead. Our new vision:

"A Country Church in the City"

This phrase reminds us that we are called to be a warm, faithful, and welcoming congregation, rooted in the gospel, while serving the neighbourhood around us.

This vision takes shape through several important priorities.

- **In worship**, we seek to honour God through praise, prayer, the public reading of Scripture, and the proclamation of His Word. Each Sunday, we can ask not only

whether we enjoyed the service, but whether God was pleased with what we offered Him.

- **In fellowship**, we want to be known as a welcoming and friendly people—having meaningful conversations, introducing ourselves to newcomers and to others, and inviting people into the life of the church.

We also desire to grow as an intergenerational and multi-ethnic community, devoted to teaching, learning, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

- **Discipleship** calls us to equip and encourage one another, inspiring a deeper desire for God and a greater likeness to

Jesus.

- **Community impact** reminds us to be engaged and helpful, asking whether Woodvale is becoming a better neighbourhood because we are here.

- **Missions** stretches our relationships beyond just our property. It means encouraging every believer to see themselves as sent by Christ.

- **Stewardship** involves being faithful

and responsible when it comes to our church finances and facilities. This also means trusting God and those people entrusted with leadership.

As we continue this process of visioning and discernment, may we seek clarity with humility, courage, and prayer. May God shape us into a church that is faithful in worship, rich in fellowship, growing in discipleship, fruitful in mission, generous in stewardship, and a blessing to the city around us.



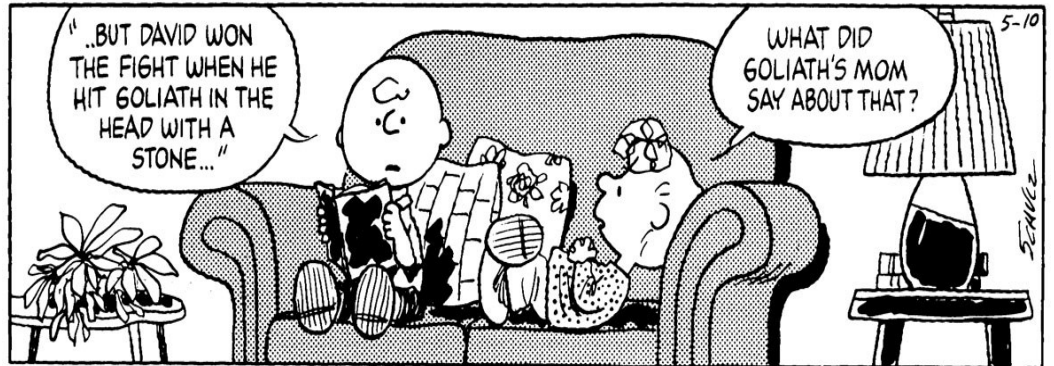
"Some call me a visionary, but all I've done is perfect daydreaming."

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Sunday School is Important - by Rick de Leeuw



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I am excited to take the next journey with Dr. Jerry Shepherd as we dive into the book of Hebrews. We are also very blessed to have Brad Baker co-teach the class from time to time when Jerry is away. We are fortunate to have these two very knowledgeable men as leaders and teachers.

In a previous Newsletter I wrote about "How Sunday School came to be". I was fascinated to learn that Sunday School isn't meant just for kids, but also for adults. I am hoping to provide some inspiration, and indeed some excitement, about Sunday school and encourage you to join us on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Room. Of course, there will be different views and opinions, but feedback, discussion and comments are always welcomed. We need your participation!

So may I be so bold to say "Sunday School is for everyone." Quoting an article by Carl

McMurray, he describes a Bible class, as an opportunity...

- **to study**
2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) teaches us to "study"; in order to show ourself approved unto God. Let's be honest. Most of us do a better job of studying when we have something specific to prepare for.
- **to learn**
In 2 Peter 1:12-15 Peter appeals to the most basic principle of learning, i.e. repetition. The apostle implied that they needed reminders. Even if you know it all, you need to hear different viewpoints.
- **to grow**
2 Peter 3:18 states this command. There can be no growth "in the knowledge of Jesus Christ" without study and learning. A Bible class gives us the opportunity to fulfill the Lord's wishes.
- **to teach**
By getting into His word we arm ourselves with knowledge, understanding and confidence in our own walk.
- **to stimulate**
Hebrews 10:24 says to "consider one another" and stimulate one another to love and good deeds". Being present and listening closely gives you a chance to hear and give consideration to the feelings or attitudes of others. Insightful comments can inspire others to greater works in the kingdom.
- **to encourage**
Hebrews: 10:25 is the oft-quoted passage that so plainly teaches us to not get in the habit of "forsaking the assemble" of Christians together. Bible classes are another opportunity for us to be together. The writer ties this directly to encouragement. Far too many of us have the idea of "what do I get?" out of various assemblies rather than "what can I give?"

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to fellowship

Acts 2:42 says that the early Christians were "continually devoted" to fellowship. They were doing this weekly, even daily (Acts 2:46). Bible classes are part of what we should do, both for the congregation as well as individuals. Participating is one way that Christians can work together to grow, encourage, and edify.

• to correct and instruct

2 Timothy 3:16-17 teaches us that this is one purpose of the Scriptures. When we study, discuss and listen, then our atti-

tudes and actions, sooner or later, are addressed. Wrong actions and attitudes can be identified while proper and acceptable attitudes can be encouraged. It is so sad that most often, the one who needs the word of God working on his heart, is the very person who won't attend.

• to evangelize

This is the purpose of the church. Everything we do should ultimately look toward this goal. Whether one brings a friend to a Bible study, church or Sunday school we need to spread the Gospel. John 1:40-42

illustrates this with Andrew and Peter.

Closing thoughts...

With this story my intent is to encourage and remind everyone, including myself, that fellowship is vital. Sunday school provides this opportunity, not only to learn Biblical truths but also to pray for one another and seek God's wisdom because we live in a troubled world.

I am writing this article to hopefully generate some enthusiasm, and inspire you to join us and participate in our Adult Sunday School Class. We have an amazing opportunity to gain insight and grow together in our faith.



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traditions and settings provided fresh perspective on the wider body of Christ. Each gathering offered a reminder that God is at work in many communities, through many different styles of worship, and among many faithful people. Being present as a worshipper rather than as a leader was both humbling and refreshing.

The sabbatical also included intentional time for spiritual growth and personal development. Praying through the Psalms, reading books old and new, and working through material for emotional health and self-care all contributed to a slower and deeper kind of learning. Some lessons came through books and study; others came through quiet mornings, physical exercise, yard work, jazz music, thunderstorms, flowers in the backyard, and the simple gladness of an ice cream cone or a gorgeous sunrise.

Looking back, the sabbatical was not a break

from calling, but a way of returning to it with renewed attention. It offered time to rest the body, quiet the mind, tend the soul, and remember the goodness of ordinary gifts.

I am grateful for the encouragement, patience, and support that made this season possible, and I return with a deeper appreciation for God's faithfulness in both work and rest.

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Hey Gals - by Marcy Hufnagel

Have you all had a good summer and are ready for some amazing Bible Study and fellowship?

We will meet at the church Wednesday evenings, at 7pm in the lower conference room.

Right now, the plan is to take a look at the minor prophets. Some books are very short and will probably be covered in one week. Some are a

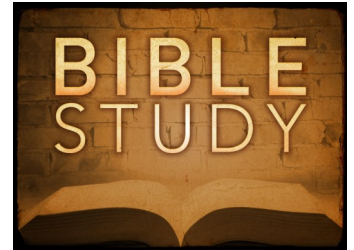
little longer and may take a couple of weeks. Join us and let's discover together what these prophetic books have to say to us in our lives today.

Our plan is to cover them in chronological order, so that means we will start with Obadiah. Next would be Jonah, Amos, Micah, Hosea, Nahum, Zephania, Habakkuk, Joel, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. We discussed Jonah, Amos and Hosea recently, we

may skip them or just do a brief overview.

Occasionally, we may also decide to take a break from all these men and study something else. I am open to suggestions, so come and let's learn, and connect with a dash of fun and occasionally snacks.

See you on Wednesday. Please join us - we are friendly, and truly want you to be part of our group.



Hey Guys - Dale Hufnagel

The Wednesday night Men's Bible Study will be studying Colossians this fall.

The Colossian congregation was not started by Paul, but he became burdened enough to address a letter to them. The problem - congregation was being bombarded with serious heretical teachers, and so, Paul caters his content and words to address these concerns.

We expect to dig deeply into these particularities and seek to understand some of the most profound theological passages of the Bible. With our typical lively participation, we will draw applications to our congregation, our family, our personal lives, and even our work place and community lives. We also expect to have some individuals present their own research on some of the issues.

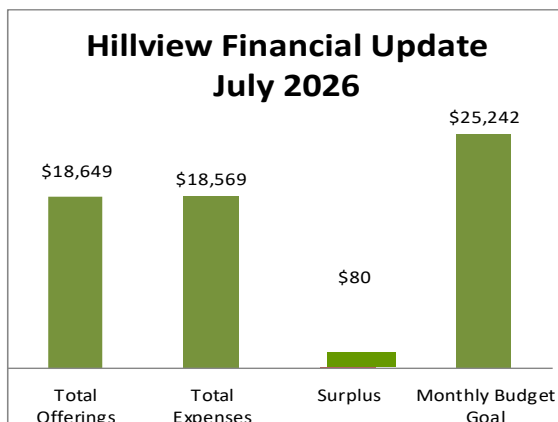
Over the last couple years, it has become evident that the Holy Spirit brings additional insights to us. This is done through each individual rather than just from what the leader has prepared.

If you find yourself lacking the spiritual insights and want input from men who really care, please join us. I know how easy it is to say I'm too tired. But that quickly becomes a bad habit. This group

needs you as much as you need the group. Step out of your lethargy, busyness, excuses of being private, or just out of your comfort zone. **Join us for our launch BBQ at the Hufnagel's Sept 12, 4:00pm, then the following Wednesday in the church library at 7:00 pm.**

I look forward to facilitating our study with you! Seriously, give it a try.

July 2026 Financial Summary - by Joy and Bill Holmes



Comments

- The monthly goal of \$25,242 is based on the 2026/2027 approved yearly budget of \$302,900.
- Work on end-year financial statements for 2025/2026 should be completed in the next few weeks.
- As in previous years there will be a meeting for the membership to vote to accept the 2025/2026 financial statements.

A Grandmother's Prayers - by Gloria Swain



Boarding an Aeroflot plane for Siberia.

"...married Harry Bonko (my grandfather - Geedo). He was not a believer, but a moonshine bootlegger."

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Kelowna, "World Harvest Ministries" was organizing a six week mission trip to Siberia and they needed volunteers. I decided to go on an adventure and a quest. First, there was the flight to Frankfurt Germany, then a flight to Moscow on a dodgy Aeroflot aircraft. It was an experience I will

never forget. The take off and landing in that old aircraft was disconcerting to say the least, but I survived and we were actually treated royally.

We arrived and I got a small glimpse of this vast country and its people and I started to cry. The tears just wouldn't stop. The mission team leader kept asking "Are you ok, are you sick, homesick or is something else wrong"? I could not explain the tears. All I knew was that I was so grateful for my Russian Baba, who somehow found Jesus in Siberia. Baba was so adamant about her faith in Jesus that she wanted everyone to know Him; she would go for days fasting and praying for her country. Somehow, she ended up in Poland and married Harry Bonko (my grandfather - Geedo). He was not a believer, but a moonshine bootlegger.

When the opportunity came to immigrate to Canada, Geedo jumped at the chance. He felt if he could get Baba away from these Polish Christians, all of his problems would be solved. Little did Geedo know that Jesus lived in Baba's heart and she

brought Him to Canada with her. Shortly after they arrived in Canada and got settled on a homestead they built their own log home, and she turned the living room into a gospel meeting place.

At some point she stumbled across a Bible School in Swan River, Manitoba. (*that's without the internet Ed.*) They were willing to sponsor my father to come to Canada. He had to complete one year of Bible school. Now Baba was all set. Not only did she have her "church" she had her own pastor too!

Forty years later here am I, in answer to Baba's prayers, boarding an Aeroflot flight taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ into her beloved Siberia. That 6 week trip changed my life forever. We handed out Bibles by the thousands to outstretched hands as dear Russian people with tears pouring down their faces took them from us. They held them to their hearts and raised their voices in praise and thanks to Almighty God. Many said they knew there had to be a God even though they were never taught

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A cemetery for famous people in Moscow. The other lady was a poet.

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A Grandmother's Prayers



Red Square in Moscow. If the red lights on either side of the door are flashing, President Yeltsin was leaving in his limousine. I waved, but he didn't respond.

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about Him or allowed to believe in anything but Communism. We visited orphanages, gave out vitamins, held crying babies, played with toddlers, encouraged and prayed with worn out workers. We shared Jesus everywhere we went. Right before my eyes, I was that little girl again hearing my Baba pray "Gospode Spaci Russiu". I knew after what I had experienced first hand I could and would never be the same as far as my faith was concerned

Baba was long gone to be with Jesus, but her prayers were being answered and I was having a part in that answer. This was the first

of many trips to Russia in 1992 and 1993. During my last trip my time was spent in Rostov-on-the-Don in the southern part of Russia, where I worked with a church establishing a children's ministry, and writing and directing a Christmas program. It was televised across that great City. Those of you who know my musical talents and abilities are probably wondering how that could ever happen. Dear readers, it was never me. It was totally Jesus. To you I say, "make yourself available and see what God can do through a willing vessel."

I had planned to write a

book about my journeys in Russia, but time got away on me. But one day I know I will stand in God's great glory and rejoice with my Baba over the great things her prayers had accomplished in her beloved Russia. Even as a small child this great woman of prayer taught me the power of prayer. So don't give up. Keep praying and one day you will see your own "Russia" set free!

On one of those mission trips, I stayed behind in Moscow and was able to find my cousins who lived in St. Petersburg. That opened a new chapter for my family, which included finding my dad's relatives. We

were able to visit back and forth across the ocean a few times before they found Jesus and went to be with Baba.

Prayer continues to be a huge part of my life because of what I have seen first hand and know what Jesus can do if we only trust, believe and obey.



A gospel crusade in Tomsk, Siberia. Too bad the photo is blurred. The flowers across the front of the stage were brought for me once they found out I had Russian roots. When the service began, the crowd started chanting "Gloria, Gloria". I was embarrassed! I made sure I took every last bouquet back to our hotel with me. Every room and hotel lobby was filled with flowers.

Who is Feeding the Volunteers? - by Gloria Swain

Every Monday afternoon finds a half dozen Hillview volunteers running the Foodbank Distribution Centre out of our church.

The foodbank could not exist without volunteers and neither could our distribution centre. The volunteers usually arrive just before noon to set up tables etc. before the truck arrives with the food hampers.

Our volunteers never go hungry. We have Mamma Mo (*also known as Mo Worobec, Ed.*) who never misses a week of volunteering. However, she never arrives alone. With her is always a pot or plate of something for all the volunteers for their lunch. She calls it her mission! We have been

spoiled with perogies, various soups, pasta dishes, smokies, salads, quiches and always a



Mavourneen(Mo) assembling perogies

baked dessert warm out of the oven. One particularly spoiled volunteer is always supplied with hot dogs by Mamma Mo. Mamma's lunches have become so popular that the delivery drivers flip a coin to see who is going to get the Hillview run be-

cause the drivers get fed too.

The odd time when we have a Sunday event at Hillview following the service and food is left over, it is consumed by the food bank volunteers. However, Mo is not a happy camper. She doesn't have to prepare anything on those Monday mornings. She always complains, "now what am I supposed to do with my Monday morning?"

We also celebrate birthdays with cake, a song, a card and a small gift. It's great to be a Hillview Foodbank volunteer! We are blessed at the food bank to have Mamma Mo who says it is better to give than to receive.

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Moms and Babies Smile - by Gloria Swain

Thank you Hillview! You did it again, because of your big caring hearts we were able to put together 44 baby layettes from your donations of baby items.

Mo and I spent Tuesday, August 18 at White Cross Headquarters at Taylor putting together delightful baby

layettes for the hospitals in Cameroon. A layette consists of a baby quilt, an extra large diaper, a sleeper and a bonnet. All of these items are hand made except for the sleeper. These are given to the mother to dress her new born baby in for the trip home.

Before that morning was done we had made up enough layettes to fill 7 large boxes. God bless each one for believing in us and supporting this God-inspired endeavor.



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Hebrews is Important - by Jerry Shepherd



Come join us in Sunday School as we look at Hebrews. We will discuss and explore:

1) The person of Jesus through his names and titles:

- Son, God, Heir, Son of Man, Pioneer, High Priest, Priest in the order of Melchizedek,

edek,

- the new and better Moses, the new and better Joshua,

- Source of Eternal Salvation, Forerunner,

Guarantor of the New Covenant, Mediator of the Covenant, Intercessor, Ransom,

- He Who is Coming, Christ, Perfector of the Faith, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep.

2) The church of Jesus Christ in its various forms:

- The wandering people of God, the persecuted people of God, inheritors of salvation, children of the heavenly Father

- family, brothers and sisters, Abraham's descendants, fellow sufferers, foreigners and strangers on earth

- sharers in the heavenly calling, God's house, people of the Sabbath-rest, tasters of the heavenly gift, sharers in the Holy Spirit, inheritors of the promise,

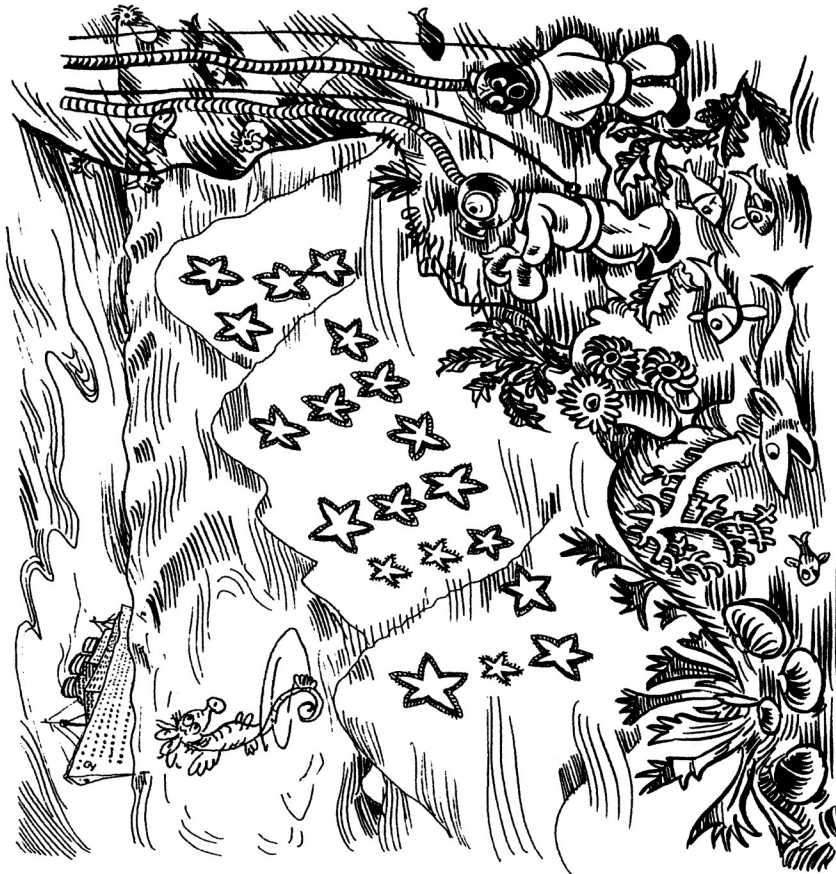
- the enlightened, saints, people of the covenant,
- Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the new and heavenly Jerusalem, the church of the firstborn

We will explore what it means to live as first-century Christians, and as twenty-first-century Christians, led by our great Saviour, Son of God, and Son of Man.

Note: The class is a joint enterprise between Jerry and Bradley Baker. Ed.

A Deep-Sea Puzzle

Two deep-sea divers met a friendly sea-horse.
The sea-horse asked some star-fish to
spell out her name in the sand.
Can you tell what her name is?



Her name is _____

PRAYER: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

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Jillian's and Josh's Wedding - by Gabriele Bleick



When I think of Josh and Jillian's wedding I think sweet, classic, simple, elegant, old fashioned and rich in Christian tradition. It was a beautiful sunny day. The location was Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, a church steeped in history as it is over 100 years old. It was truly the perfect location for this wedding.

When Norm performs a wedding and I'm able to attend, about 99% of the time I am the door opener. You might wonder what is a door opener? I open the doors into the sanctuary to reveal the bride. It is a special moment. On this occasion I felt my door opening skills were exceptional. I was also given the task of cueing the bridesmaids. The bridesmaids were all dressed differently. Vintage style summer dresses, some with floral patterns, some with solid light airy colours.

One by one I cued them to enter the sanctuary until they were all in their places. Now it's my job to close the two large doors that entered the sanctuary. It's serious business now, I need to get this right. Jillian approached, of course she looked beautiful. Long beautiful form-fitting white simple dress, sweet bouquet in one hand with the other hand on her father's arm. I waited for Jillian's music to play.

She nodded and as elegantly as I could, I flung one door open and at the same time pulled the other door open as I hid behind it. The execution was perfect, no awkward door glitches. Jillian was visible to everyone and Josh saw his bride for the first time. It was a beautiful moment as Jillian made her way to her place next to Josh. You could see he loved her and she loved him. The ceremony was beautiful and I felt so honoured to be their door opener person.

A wedding shower is being planned for Jillian. Watch for the date and other information in the Church Bulletin. Ed



Do you often wonder how something got started?

Where did yellow taxis come from? The iconic yellow cab came to be through a mix of university research, business strategy, and clever marketing led by pioneer John D. Hertz in Chicago. Yellow cabs originally re-

Rick's Trivia - by Rick deLeeuw

ferred to horse-drawn carriages that were painted yellow. However, the exact term dates back to at least 1798, when the musical comedy, *Cabriolet Jaune* (Yellow Cab), debuted at Paris Theatre de Opera Comique National. The automobile Yellow Cab Company of Chicago was founded by John D. Hertz in 1907.

The University Study: In 1915, Chicago businessman John Hertz wanted his taxi fleet to stand out on busy city streets. He teamed up with researchers at the University of Chicago to run a scientific study. The study

showed that a bright shade of yellow (mixed with a tiny hint of red) was the easiest color for the human eye to see from far away.

Building the Cars: Hertz formed the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Company in 1920 to build his own custom vehicles.

National Spread: He franchised the name and color to other major cities, turning it into a massive urban symbol.

General Motors: GM bought the manufacturing part of the

business in 1925, while Hertz moved on to start the famous car rental business.

"Yellow Cab" is no longer a single global corporation but a collective name for hundreds of independent taxi fleets. The owner depends on the city. In Edmonton, the owner and operator is Philip Strong.

There are an estimated 33 to 34 million yellow cars globally, accounting for about 2% of the total number of cars. There are 13,587 yellow cabs in New York City alone.

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