

## Evergreen Christian Ministries

### Conference Center Manager - Stayner Conference Grounds, Stayner, ON

Stayner Bible Conference Grounds invites applications for the position of year round Conference Center Manager. Key responsibilities are to ensure that campers and guests enjoy their camping experience in a safe and well maintained environment, have a passion for maintenance tasks and be able to lead volunteers in the accomplishment of projects.

### Property Manager, Camp Mishewah, Round Lake, Renfrew County, Ontario

Camp Mishewah invites applications for the position of seasonal (early June-August) Camp Property Manager. The property manager must be skilled in maintenance, become familiar with provincial regulatory standards and be able to lead a team of older teens as they serve the camp in maintenance, at the waterfront and in the kitchen.

### Cook, Camp Mishewah, Round Lake, Renfrew County, Ontario

Camp Mishewah invites applications for the position of seasonal (mid-June through August) cook. The individual will carry out the dietician approved menus designed by ECM. The cook will lead the team of kitchen assistant cooks and dishwashers, both paid and volunteer, through their duties with an attitude to training, discipleship and nourishment.

For more information on these job postings see the bulletin board in the main hallway downstairs.

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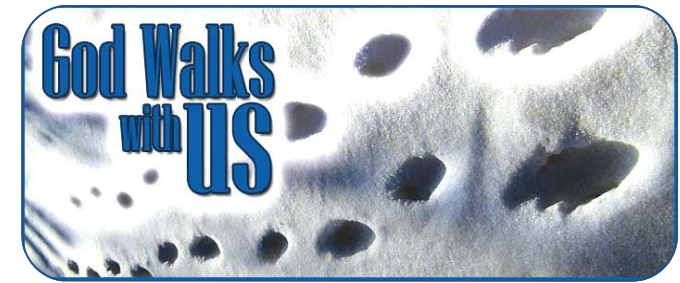
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## Congregational and Community Care

Have you ever wondered what happens in the Country Hills Church Food Bank? It can be an eye-opening experience to watch the activities that take place, the many hands that do the work, and the families that are served.

The Food Bank of Waterloo Region collects food and other items from corporations and the community. In turn, the Regional Food Bank distributes the items to its agencies. Annually, the Regional Food Bank supplies approximately 3 million pounds of food to their 67 agencies that offer a variety of services such as emergency food, residential programs, food hampers, and school breakfast and community meal programs. Country Hills Church (CHC) opened its doors as an agency of the

Regional Food Bank in June 2003.

The lower level kitchen is used by CHC to distribute food to those families who need food assistance.

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Typically, our volunteers will serve at least 100 families (representing over 300 people) in a week. Over the years, there have been over 2,170 families who have registered for our food hamper program. The need is great and growing.

A food order request to the Regional Food Bank is placed by CHC during the week prior to our Tuesday opening. The Regional Food Bank warehouse volunteers

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will prepare a skid with the items for each of its agencies that week. It is not unusual that the skid falls short of our request, however, due to high demand by all agencies and/or food shortages. Currently, there are limitations on the

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amount of certain staples (including coffee, tea, sugar, stews, jams and other spreads) that an agency can receive from the Regional Food Bank. Other food is only available when in stock at the warehouse.

The church's Food Bank opens on Tuesdays from 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon on alternate weeks, food availability permitting. However, the work involved doesn't just happen during those six hours. It's not unusual to see volunteers here on non-food bank days to help. They may be cleaning the kitchen, doing paperwork, shopping for needed food and bringing in those food items, or organizing the pantry shelves. Other Country Hills Church family members bring in food donations and plastic bags and boxes too.

To illustrate typical Food Bank day activities, let's take a look at what happened on January 20. Around 1:50 pm that Tuesday afternoon, three volunteers arrived at the Regional Food Bank to

pick up the CHC order. The volunteers checked the skid order to ensure the items fit with the needs of our Food Bank clients. They then took a walk around the warehouse to find other items that would be available to the church. For example, sometimes there are fresh fruit and vegetables, and paper products. Two large sacks of potatoes and tissue paper were available this time. Next, was a visit to the huge walk-in refrigerated and freezer area of the warehouse, where meat and other highly perishable items are available. The volunteers selected a number of boxes of milk and frozen food that could be distributed. The volunteers' cars were carefully packed with 318 pounds of food and supplies picked up that afternoon. There was hardly any space left in the cars when the packing was done. They drove back to the church at 2:30 p.m.

At the church, the Adult Fellowship lunch had just finished and the kitchen was cleared in time for the Food Bank volunteers' arrival. They moved the food from the cars to the church food bank kitchen. Some of it is put in the freezers and refrigerator, other items were shelved or stored wherever space could be found, and yet other food and supplies, such as flour, sugar and soap powder, needed to be divided into smaller packages.

The equipment used to help move the food from the cars to the kitchen was then stored away. Excess cardboard boxes were cut-down and prepared for re-cycling. Some boxes were stored for return to the Regional Food Bank later in the week by one of the volunteers. Other volunteers helped clear thick ice and snow from the entrance walkway where the Food Bank clients would soon stand in line.



JR – Jr. High – Gr. 7 – 8  
HS – High School

### Jr. High

**Wednesday, February 4:** Laser Quest

Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.. The cost is \$16 (includes two games and snacks). Sign up by February 1.

### High School

**Winter Camp: February 6 - 8, 2009** (High School students). We will be staying at Riverview Bible Camp, Chesley, ON. The cost is \$90 by February 4. The bus will leave the church on Friday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 8. Registration forms are available on the back table in the auditorium.

### Jr. High and High School

**Wednesday, February 25:** Late Valentines Café

7:00 p.m. Get dressed up and bring a dessert!

## JR Drop In

Grades 7 - 8  
Tuesdays 4 - 6 p.m.



## SR Drop In

Grades 9 - 12  
Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m.

## Waterloo Region Worship Network

**Regionwide Worship Celebration, Saturday, March 7, 2009**

Meet at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly (95 King Street North, Waterloo), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of "worship, prayer and testimony of how God is working as we impact communities". Over 20 churches are involved in this night of worship. **Tickets are not needed.** For more information visit their website at [www.wrw.ca](http://www.wrw.ca).

**Want to sing in the choir?** The choir will meet for rehearsals on Wednesday, February 18, 25 and March 4, 8:00 p.m. at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly. If you are interested email your contact information to [jroutley@waterlooassembly.org](mailto:jroutley@waterlooassembly.org) or call 519-884-0530 ext 139.

## "Connections"

Women's Ministry

Be Inspired Be Connected Be Blessed  
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# WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker: DEBBIE LAGINSKIE**  
**Topic: "Secrets of Joy" (John 15:1-10)**  
**Cost: \$3.00**

*We hope you can join us! Bring a Friend!*

There will be a sign up sheet available  
at the back of the church February 8th

Contacts: Sue Sisco or Linda Whittaker



## Adult Fellowship

Carry In Dinner

Tuesday, February 17  
12:00 noon

Meet in the lower auditorium at 12:00 p.m.  
Please bring your favourite **nut product free**  
dish and place setting.



## Food Bank

**Food Donations Are Always Welcome!**

Donations of food are always welcomed and needed as our supply is quite low. All donations can be left in the blue bin by the table at the back of the auditorium. Items needed include coffee, tea, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce and cold cereal. Thank you for your continued support.

Although the Food Bank wouldn't open for another two hours and the day was bitterly cold, the first client arrived to claim his place in line outside. Many more joined the line before 5:00 p.m. Additional CHC volunteers arrived to help with the food sorting and preparing for the evening. A waiting area with tables and chairs was set up at the end of the downstairs hallway as the sounds of the Drop-in basketballs were heard overhead in the auditorium. There were at least ten volunteers at this point helping with the various tasks. At 5:00 p.m. the North-side doors were opened and the clients hurried in out of the cold. It wasn't long before the hallway was full and all chairs taken.

Two volunteers greeted the arriving clients. Sometimes people came alone, others came with their families including the children. If a first time visitor, they were registered into the database and issued a card for their future visits. The clients were asked to complete a short questionnaire regarding their food needs that day. They then waited to be called to pick up their food hampers that were assembled by the volunteers serving in the kitchen area.

By 8:00 p.m. the Country Hills Church Food

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Bank closed its doors for the evening, the last volunteers leaving around 8:40 p.m. Some volunteers had put in over seven hours of volunteer work that day. That Tuesday evening went smoothly without any major problems or disturbances. There can be challenges, however, for more volunteers are always needed to help, sometimes the food distribution must stop because of shortages in spite of waiting people, the work space in the kitchen can be cramped, and the clients on occasion can be challenging. However, the volunteers continue to focus on what's really important, allowing themselves to be used by the Lord to carry out His will with passion and love and humour. Thank you Food Bank volunteers!

Jennifer Schuit

## This Month in Prayer

**The Worship Ministry Zone:** This month we want to remember the members of the Service Planning Team.

**Remember those in authority over us:** PM Stephen Harper, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Regional Chairman Ken Seiling, Mayors: Craig (Cambridge), Halloran (Waterloo), and Zehr (Kitchener), area MPs (Stephen Woodworth, Peter Braid, Harold Albrecht and Gary Goodyear), as well as EMCC National Leader Phil Delsaut.



## Steve Said What?

Affirmation is a powerful tool in building up others. Whenever I encourage Liam the reaction to that is seen in how his eyes light up. Proverbs says, "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." On the flip side it states, "Reckless words pierce like a sword." Paul captures both of these thoughts in Ephesians 4 where he writes, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." Affirmation, there is just not enough of it going around these days. So as I have been thinking about this little piece for the newsletter I came across a verse this morning that I want to use along with a couple others to simply affirm each of us today.

It all started last Wednesday night at our small group where I heard the definition of God's grace put this way, "Grace is saying God is for us." Often we struggle with that kind of perception of God and at times we can be more comfortable with the thought that God is holding a bat behind his back waiting for us to

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falter so He can smack us with it. But God's grace is saying He is for us, He is on our side, and He is rooting for us. Why? Because of the truth that is found in Psalm 18:19b, "He

rescued me because he delighted in me." Did you hear that? God delights in you. Please note this is not performance based because He delighted in us prior to being rescued. His rescuing us was based upon His delighting in us, not because of who we were or what we were able to do. He saw each of us in need of rescue and He came to us because He delighted

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in us. Take a moment and just allow that truth to sink into your hearts and minds. Allow it to touch you in the deep place of your soul and rest in that fact that God delights in you. If that isn't enough listen to the verse I came across this morning in Matthew 3:17, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I'm well pleased." These are the words of affirmation that God blessed Jesus with after Jesus was baptized. Again please note that Jesus' ministry hadn't yet started which means again that this wasn't based upon any performance. Jesus was God's Son and therefore God loved him and was pleased with him. Listen, we are all God's children, sons and daughters and as a result He loves us and is pleased with us. Again not because of who we are or what we have done but rather because we're His children.

I would like to encourage you to write these two verses down and put them where you will see them often because the world we live in, the enemy we fight can wear us down to a point of feeling beat up and defeated. As a result each of us need to be reminded that God delights in us and is pleased with us because we simply are His kids. Be encouraged today.



## What's Up Down There? Sunday Morning Worship

Preschool & Sr. Kindergarten - Grade One

February Theme:  
"God Made Me Special"  
God Made People

- February 1:** The First Man and Woman (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7-23; Psalm 139:14-16) God made people.
- February 8:** Adam and Eve in the Garden (Genesis 2:15; 3) God made people.
- February 15:** God Created Mommies (Genesis 3:20; 4:1-2; Ephesians 6:1) God made families.
- February 22:** God Created Daddies (Genesis 1:27-31; 3:17-20; 4:1-2; Ephesians 6:1) God made families.

Grade 2 - 6 Program

February Theme:  
"Fairness"

Making sure that everyone is treated respectfully.

- February 1:** Playing Favourites (James 2:1-5, 7b-9a) Treat everyone fairly because everyone's important to God..
- February 8:** Won't You Be My Neighbour? (Luke 10:25-37) Treat everyone fairly - even those who are different.
- February 15:** Get Up and Go (Acts 9:1-20) Treat everyone fairly - even your enemies
- February 22:** Mission Possible (Matthew 28:8-10, 16-20; Acts 1:7-11) Show God's love to everyone because He wants everyone to know Him.



After School Club for Grades K-6  
Mondays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

## Thank You

We would like to thank you very much for your thoughtful donation of socks that you donated to our Out of the Cold Program. Your assistance is a wonderful encouragement to us and greatly appreciated by our guests. The season has started off again this year with some very cold weather and our guests are always in need of warm winter clothing. With your help we are able to continue to minister in an effective way to some of our community's most needy individuals.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.  
Out of the Cold Ministries