



Love is not manmade. Love is from God, the Divine originated Love.

To love perfectly, we must learn from the maker Himself. To believe in Love is to believe in God and if God is unknown then Love is imperfect. Christ Jesus commands us to Love one another as ourselves and the Love for God is proven in us when we love others.

Many people would like to say they love God. Loving God is trusting him absolutely. It is believing that His word is true and giving no room for doubting. How much do we allow His word to lead us? Like little children depend on their parents for everything, so we must rely on God.

“Cast your cares upon the Lord for He cares for you”. 1 Peter 5:7.

Love is more meaningful when it's reciprocated. God already loves us; how then can we show God that we love Him? First, we must acknowledge Him in every detail of our lives, be thankful for everything happening in our lives, good or bad. Remember that He makes all things to work together for the good of them that love Him and are then called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

We must do our very best to study and know what His word says about issues of life, believe His perspective from His word, and obey it. He said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” (John 14: verse 15 and 18). Loving Him should be with all our heart, soul, and strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5).

There benefit to loving God and obeying His word. You can make that commitment today, try it out and see. Deuteronomy 28: 1 and 3; “If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands, I give you today... You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.” Now that is a good reason to fall in love again.

You are loved by God.

Pastor Gabriel Araba.



CBOQ UPDATE

Taking the temperature of our church

The second in a series where I will discuss fifteen questions proposed by the Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec (CBOQ) in the topic 'Taking the temperature of your church', part of the series Revitalizing Small Churches.

Two (2) more questions that the Deacons' Board discussed at the June meeting, as follows:

1. *Most of the members in my church are in Bible study or small home groups.*
2. *My church does a good job of discipling members*

Both statements are related. Let me explain this further.

"Discipling" is the act of making disciples. To understand what a disciple is, I use this quote from Wikipedia:

"In Christianity, disciple primarily refers to a dedicated follower of Jesus. This term is found in the New Testament only in the Gospels and Acts. In the ancient world, a disciple is a follower or adherent of a teacher. It is not the same as being a student in the modern sense. A disciple in the ancient biblical world actively imitated both the life and teaching of the master. It was a deliberate apprenticeship which made the fully formed disciple a living copy of the master."

It is important to distinguish between "disciples" and "apostles". Whereas the apostles were disciples, there were only twelve apostles. The apostles were given authority by Jesus and sent out to preach the Gospel.

In today's church, we aspire to teach and train disciples. Through Bible study, small home groups, and sermons we want our members to be more Christ like. This is a process that does not end, until we meet our heavenly reward. Our more mature disciples take on positions as teachers, preachers, and leaders for the flock.

You are familiar with John 3:16, an often-quoted scripture but are you familiar with Revelations 3:16?

starting with verse 15 "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth." This scripture causes me to reflect on my spiritual walk.

Where are you at in discipling? Are you open to Bible study? Does the prospect of small home groups interest you? Do you have a desire to be more Christ like? Do you wish to please God?

Rod Stone.

Many thanks for the above review and insight from Rod Stone. The United Baptist Church is progressing well at the CBOQ small churches revitalization program and we are looking forward to the August meeting. The volunteers are meeting, learning and taking notes as the program progresses. Please PRAY ALONG WITH US, share your views and also get clarification where needed. Blessings!








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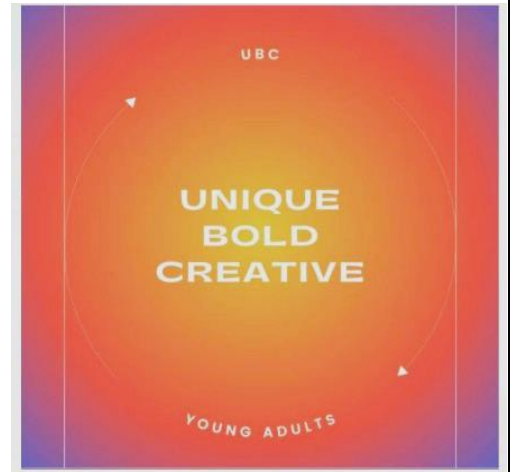
UBC Young Adults - Unique, Bold, and Creative!

UBC Youths are ready to take on the future.

In July, we focused on career development and shared videos on:

-  Preparing for an interview
-  How to write a winning cover letter
-  How to write the right resume.

In addition, Teni facilitated the training and preparation of resumes and job interviews for some of our young adults who got interviews and contacted by various employers across Ontario. We will continue to encourage our young adults to follow their dreams and never give up. We encourage church members to continue send job openings to Pastor Gabriel or Teni's attention. Thank you



SUNDAY SERVICE VIA ZOOM PLATFORM, YOUTUBE & IN-PERSON



United Baptist
CHURCH

Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am on the zoom platform and in-person service as well.

Please be a part of this amazing time. Please watch the recording later on YouTube – Search **United Baptist Channel**.

All safety precautions will continue to be observed and we can look forward to an awesome time, every Sunday.

Please join online church services using the Zoom link below. Zoom link details:

Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!

You are invited to the Lord's Table

Communion Sunday Service on August 1, 2021. Please don't miss it. Please prepare your own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. Pastor Gabriel would pray for the bread and wine. Please prepare your heart as well. God bless you.





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In Other News July 2021



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

CrossCards

It's here! The summer is upon us.

Restrictions are lifting. Folks are heading to cottages or the beach. Family and friends are venturing into travelling and a cautious "New Normal" is slowly evolving.

While the Board of Management took a summer break for July (*but were on call should the need for a meeting arise*) your Board of Deacons met as they regularly do - via Zoom. Many items were followed up on from previous meetings, but the major focus of the meeting was the creation of our church website- made possible by one of last year's CBOQ grants. A draft copy has been received from Cavera- the local company producing the website and painstakingly, **line by line, detail by detail**, corrections and additions were made.

As this website will be accessible world-wide, *it is vital* that the final product be -accurate, inviting, insightful, informative and provide the best possible image of The United Baptist, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario - to the world.



While we were not on a glorious beach - dipping our toes into the warm sand, each member of Currie MacPhail Circle, on June 15th at 11:00am, brought her own lawn chair, lunch and drink, and following APH Covid guidelines, met outside in the parking lot. *It soon became evident that some prefer sun and others -shade*, and it was so nice

to see everyone in person again.

Eventually, moving inside, again following all APH Guidelines, our guest, **Diane Marshall** brought insight to the challenges and changes faced by The United Way and Christmas Cheer. UBC has a long tradition of being a depot for Christmas Cheer and **Sandra Lyons** has volunteered for 15 years in the doll department. **Linda Mador** presented an inspiring and meaningful devotional on **Gratitude (Thessalonians 5:16-18)**. *Be cheerful at all times- Thank God no matter what happens.*

In the business portion, **Shirlianne Morrison** presented the Minutes and Treasurer's Report, and the decision was made, following feedback by **Susan Van Atte** regarding students from **Northern Heights**, to donate up to **\$1,000**, to send children to either **Camp McDougall**, **Science Camp** run by the city, or **Science North**.

With the onset of new variants of concern impacting everyday reality and following up on a very successful sale last October, the decision was made to hold a sale again (no Brunch) **November 13, 2021**. Full details were given in the June Newsletter. - **Verna Scott**



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Things you may have wondered about the Churches of the Northern Association, - *but just didn't know whom to ask.*

United Baptist has a longstanding and treasured affiliation with The **Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ)**. We are especially grateful for the recent \$ 41,000,00 in grants to upgrade our technology as well as outreach into the community and give special thanks for the advice and support of Rev. Cid Latty.

However, as in most aspects of life, churches in the north, have differing concerns and issues than our partners to the south, and have united in a bond of mutual support. They are:

Blind River-Immanuel
Rev. Patrick Garrett

Capreol First Baptist
Rev. Dick Blackwell

Englehart First Baptist
Pastor Rudy Kaufmann

Haileybury & District
Katherine Hawley has retired

Kipling - First Baptist
Rev. Steve Olmstead

Kirkland Lake - First Baptist
Pastor Peter Panabaker

New Liskeard First Baptist
Rev. Stephen Speer

North Bay First Baptist
Rev. Wilbert Zavitz

Sault Ste. Marie United Baptist
Pastor Gabriel Araba

Sudbury - All Nations
Mike Tulloch

Sudbury - First Baptist
Rev. Kevin Serviss

Meet the new Executive of the Northern Association:

Past Moderator - Dick Blackwell

Incoming Moderator- Stephen Speer

Vice Moderator- Percy Clarkson

Clerk-Treasurer -Mark Ziller

Baptist Women's Representative -*Vacant*

Camp Norland Rep - Ron Martin

Some Highlights of the May 29th, 2021, Northern Association Assembly -via Zoom:

- the need for a Baptist Women's (CBWOQ) representative was reiterated
- a committee was formed to draft an appropriately inclusive statement of faith with accompanying references to Scriptures and the bylaws to reinforce its centrality for our Association
- A Domain Name will be researched to include a five-year subscription.

Important Dates to mark on your calendar

- **2022 Council Meeting- April 23, 2022- Via Zoom**
 - **2022 Northern Association Annual General Spring Assembly - May 27 - 28, 2022 conditions permitting, physically hosted by United Baptist - Sault Ste. Marie - THAT'S US!**
- And the opportunity to meet most of the names mentioned in this report as well as many others of our common Baptist faith and Northern Ontario perspective.
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