



THE PRICE OF LOVE IS A SACRIFICE



Love is not true love until it involves sacrifice. This is a total surrender to divine will, complete humility service to others wellbeing. Christ Jesus

paid for the love we enjoy and the truth that set us free. Considering the cost, He paid for our Salvation by laying down His life; **Godliness and reciprocity should be our greatest heart desire.** Christ gave up himself to set us free from corruption. Why should you still hold on to any of it? This Easter season calls for sober reflection, humility, and a change of mindset. Should this huge price be paid in vain? How could we endeavour to show appreciation? It is important to bear in mind that the call to Godliness is to our benefit: see the blessings guaranteed in Psalm 1: 1-3.



Psalm 1:1-3

“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow evil men’s advice, who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God.

But they delight in doing everything God wants them to, and day and night are always meditating on his laws and thinking about ways to follow him more closely.

PASTOR GABRIEL WILL HOST THE SAULT STE MARIE MINISTERIUM AT UBC

The Monthly Evangelical Ministerium in-person meeting will be held at the United Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022. Several ministers from around the community meet monthly in a networking, sharing, and praying opportunity all from the Soo community. We embrace this as a great honour at the United Baptist Church.

For the ministers, this has been a source of strength and encouragement especially with the immense change and challenges that accompanied the 2020 pandemic including other societal issues affecting the church community.

The church leaders have collectively stood against any form of injustice and discrimination. They have embraced diversity, inter-connective participation on outreach events and unity in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Please join Pastor Gabriel Araba as he enjoys the lunch hour at 12:00pm to 1:00pms with fellow clergy. Thanks to Lois Houghton, Steph Hattie and others who have contributed to the successful planning and preparation for the meeting. Many thanks to the Ministerium coordinator, Pastor Christopher Walls of Sault Free Methodist Church and excellent secretarial stewardship of Louisa MacGlashan, who is the Executive Director of the Pregnancy Centre. Some of the Ministerium ministers, Executives and members are:



Dan Gabor
Bethany Baptist
Church



Len Peake
Bethel Bible
Chapel



Rob & Stacey Quinlin
Destiny Christian Centre



Chris Walls
Sault Free
Methodist
Church



Gabriel Araba
United Baptist
Church



Louisa MacGlashan
The Pregnancy Centre



Benny Kjiersdam
Elim Pentecostal
Tabernacle



HURRAY!!! WE GOT A NEW PHOTOCOPIER



If you have been to the church office lately, then you would have been welcomed by the elegant Canon ImageRunner-C3080i sitting in the Secretary's office. Our sincere gratitude goes to the George Stones and Sons for their donation. Now we can get work done at jet speed and smoothness. This is a very sophisticated machine, and we are glad to have it. Thanks to Rod Stone (former President) and the current President Randy Stone for their generosity.



GOOD FRIDAY JOINT SERVICE WITH WILLOWGROVE UNITED CHURCH



We are looking forward to an inspirational Good Friday service with joint participation and attendance with the Willowgrove United Church hosted by the United Baptist church on Friday April 15th, 2022, at 10.30am. Music will be led by Lorraine Smith with support from Teni Araba, Liz Moran Praise and Worship team. A time of fellowship with Hot cross buns will be held in the lower hall following the service.

CBOQ & NORTHERN ASSOCIATION UPDATES



Following the successful completion of the Ministry Supervisory session, Rev, Cid Latty has recommended Pastor Gabriel Araba to the next step towards the completion of the ministerial accreditation of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ). The Credentials Committee has extended an invitation to meet with Pastor Gabriel Araba on April 26, 2022, on Zoom. This brings us very near the finish line in the

Accreditation journey. Please pray along for the success and completion of the process.

According to the Moderator of the Northern Association of Baptist church, Pastor Stephen Speers, the 2022 N.A. Spring Assembly also to be hosted by UBC is confirmed for May 13-14, 2022. The council will officially ratify this at our Council Meeting on April 30. The main agenda includes arrival and registration beginning at 4pm on Friday evening and Saturday session continues. The assembly will conclude with lunch provided by UBC in the lower hall with details provided to attendees later.



CELEBRATE GRACE ARABA ON HER GRADUATION

Retired and Refired



Grace Araba at 71 is now a proud graduate with a Merit in Business and Management degree program at University of Essex, UK. The prestigious award was given by the institution this March 29th, 2022, in London, UK. After four years of hard work, dedication, coupled with the challenges of retirement and family support, Grace graduated with a Second-class Upper division and is excited about the future. In her words, “who says retirement is boring?”



Grace proves to us that “where there is a will, there is a way” and You can do all things through Christ which strengthens you” Philippians 3:13.

Congratulations to you Grace! Shine on!

UBC YOUTH- ON YOUR MARK, SET, GO!

Its Exam time- Please remember to pray for our youths in Sault College and Algoma University as they prepare for their exams.

Daniel 6:3- Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. Praying that all will be well, and they shall all be in sound health and have a sound mind. We pray amazing career opportunities for them as they work towards their exams and graduation.



We declare our young adults are blessed and highly favoured!!

CELEBRATE THE BELIEVER’S BAPTISM OF BRENTTE WINCHESTER



This is a Believers open declaration of repentance from sin, and HAVING personal faith in, and commitment to, Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, in obedience to God’s Word in Matthew 28:16-20. **Brentte Winchester took the bold and brave stand for Jesus Christ.** We celebrate with him and his family around the world. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless him, preserve him; that his life will continue to shine God’s Glory and encourage many to turn to Christ Jesus. What a gem and a gentleman! God bless you Brentte. This was also Pastor Gabriel’s first Baptism, since officially serving as Pastor at the United Baptist Church from November 2019 and considering the pandemic restrictions.

Many more Baptisms to come by God’s Grace!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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- Rebekah Moran - April 17th
- Megan Moran- April 24th
- Catherine Demoline- April 5th
- Sandra Lyons- April 13th
- Nolene Olsen- April 15th
- Wilma Stone- 18th
- April 8th- Teni and Gabriel Araba (18 years anniversary)
- *Send us your anniversary dates* 📅



May the Lord bless you on your special day and may His face shine upon you. Happy birthday to you! We celebrate the life that God has blessed you with. We are thankful for the abundance of Grace bestowed on you and family. May your day be filled with joy everlasting and favour so fulfilling.

UPCOMING-NEW UBC ATTENDEES SOCIALS



Exciting times are near- Our new attendees from 18 different nations can look forward to a formal social reception in the near future. We are truly blessed as a church to have new members from different countries become a part of our church family. Due to the pandemic, social receptions and coffee hour times were suspended for a while. We are excited to re-introduce these gatherings. Look out for more information.

UBC CELEBRATES COMMUNITY IMPACT: *SISTER ACT IN THE SOO*

Community Theatre- Congratulations to Teni Araba and Lorraine Smith on a successful production of *Sister Act* by the West End Theatre production.



Teni played lead role Deloris Van Cartier- a wannabe superstar who found herself hiding in a convent from a dangerous partner but ends up bringing music and friendship to the convent and to the sisters. The message in *Sister Act* is invigorating and elevates the power of music, friendship, and community. Teni's exceptional performance has been featured in *Sault Star* and described as 'Heaven Sent' and 'A prayer come true'.

We are proud of Lorraine Smith's exceptional musical accompaniment as a member of the band and commend Lorraine's hard work



over the course of the show days and her contributions to the Sault theatre community and the United Baptist Church. Congratulations to Jason Faught (Son of Marie Shackleton) who played the part of Ernie. It is amazing what God has planned for us. UBC is making a real impact in the Soo community.



THANKS TO LEADERS-BIBLE STUDY

An excellent Spirit- A big thank you to our bible study leaders- Pastor Gabriel Araba, Liz Moran, Esther Stephen, John Hipe, Charlotte Mandolesi and Teni Araba for their contributions to the weekly bible study programs.



2 Timothy 2:16- Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

A weekly review of the text- ***Experiencing God***, has been thoroughly studied and reviewed by this group of leaders who have done excellent studies with our congregation. We thankful for each of them and pray for God's continuous guidance over their lives.

CAREER TIPS BY TENI ARABA, PHD

Deciding on a Job Offer When You're Still interviewing elsewhere

Here's what you do when you are waiting on a job offer while you are still interviewing for another:

- **Express excitement-** Be excited and enthusiastic for all the opportunities. Never take any for granted. Remember, the Lord causes all things to work together for good for those who love the lord and those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28



- **Ask for time to make a decision-** Take time to think and pray on it; and don't forget to consult with trusted friends or confidants.
- **Ask questions-** Collect all the information that you will find necessary to make a decision.
- **Communicate effectively-** You may need to contact the other company to inform them that you have another pending job offer. This could expedite their steps and potentially cause them to have more conversation with you, especially if you are a viable candidate.
- **Don't burn bridges-** If you end up turning down an offer, do it courteously and cautiously. We may not know what the future holds but God does! Thank and appreciate them for even considering you. Another

opportunity could open up in the future and if close that door gently, you will be remembered well.

Teni holds a PhD in Public Administration and currently Director of People & Culture at the University Health Network in Toronto. For more career tips, visit her YouTube page- Teni Araba Life & HRfromtheheart.



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The Lord's Table

Communion Sunday Service was on Sunday April 4th, 2022. Thank you for participating. Communion elements were provided for the in-person attendees. All others, prepare their own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. Pastor Gabriel prayed for the bread and wine and invited members online as well. Everyone was blessed.



Sunday Service Via Zoom Platform & In-Person



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Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am in-person as well as on the zoom platform, in accordance with current APH guidelines. Please be a part of this amazing time. For online, Please join church services using the Zoom link below. Zoom link details:



Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!

NEWCOMER'S ENGLISH CLASS- A UBC CELPIP OUTREACH



On a beautiful Saturday morning at the beginning of March, United Baptist Church conducted its first Newcomers' English Class. Our gracious teacher "Sandra" came prepared to assist our friends. In attendance were newcomers to the city, from Brazil, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago. With assistance from Nicole Rahaman, Sandra used lesson plans geared toward preparing our friends for their upcoming CELPIP exams.



Note: CELPIP is an English Language exam necessary for when newcomers are applying for Canadian residency, citizenship, or professional designation. These exams include Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking modules. The results are used to gauge how well a newcomer understands and utilizes the English language. As with most things in life, success comes through

ample preparation.

Classes continue each Saturday in the Banquet Hall (downstairs) from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. If you are interested in joining, feel free to contact Sandra or Nicole!

See a couple pictures of our students and teacher in action above!

.....Nicole Rahaman