

# Crestwicke Chronicles

*We exist to spread the Gospel to people of all ages in our community  
and around the world*

## April 2022

Welcome to Crestwicke Chronicles. It is the prayerful hope of the Deacons that this quarterly newsletter will be light, bright and informative for members, adherents and the curious at Crestwicke Baptist Church. Crestwicke Chronicles will be an online presence for us. We will also produce limited printed copies to have on hand in our building and to be mailed to those members with no Internet.

Our goal is to take a moment in time; highlight different areas of our church happenings and inspire you - with God and our open, willing hearts and minds - the possibilities are truly endless. These are exciting times.

Things will be tweaked as publications are processed and feedback is received. We welcome suggestions and/or comments for future publications. Please share them with [crestwickenewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:crestwickenewsletter@outlook.com)

Thank you to all those who contributed to this edition of Crestwicke Chronicles. **Enjoy!**

## View from the Pew

**Rick Willis**

I began my view from the pew in a Catholic church in 1956. Church was very regal then, with elaborate costumes, candles, incense, pipe organs and choirs. Men wore suits, women wore hats and everything was in Latin.

In 1978 I walked into Crestwicke Baptist Church and was hit with culture shock. People were still dressed up, but now there was a piano to go with the organ, and a man stood in the pulpit waving his hand to conduct the singing. Soon they added a guitar, and old-timers warned that drums could be next.



By 2000, pastors were using their first names, and worship teams led with violins, trumpets, keyboards and yes, the dreaded drums. King James gave way to the NIV, and “A Mighty Fortress” gave way to “Mighty to Save”. People wore jeans and drank coffee before, after and sometimes during the service.

***Church has certainly changed since the late 50’s.  
Some say so have I, but I don’t see it.***



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# Pastor's Perch

Rev. RJ Umandap

It's been three months since I started as your lead pastor, and I thank the Lord for your warm welcome and your generosity to our family. My fellow pastors warn me that the honeymoon is over. I don't mind, because the end of the honeymoon is God's way of deepening our love and strengthening our relationship as we lean on him. My brief time with Crestwicke has heightened my appreciation for all of you and given me reason to be excited and hopeful for the future.

I'm encouraged that you don't just enjoy learning God's word; you practice it. Your unity throughout the pandemic, despite divergent opinions, tells me you've kept the gospel central, thanks to the godly leadership of the elders and deacons. You haven't just expressed concern for the discipleship of children; you've created an environment that nurtures our children's faith. SNIPS is now seeking to be a light in the foster care system. I'm looking forward to our church partnering with Safe Families. These initiatives reveal a loving community focused on Christ. They point to Crestwicke being God's already/not yet utopia in this part of Guelph — the showcase of God's triumph in Christ. *\*Soli Deo Gloria!*

*\*Editor's Note: Soli Deo gloria is a Latin term for Glory to God alone. It has been used by artists like Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frideric Handel, and Christoph Graupner to signify that the work was produced for the sake of praising God.*

# Deacon's Dispatch

Dwight Smikle

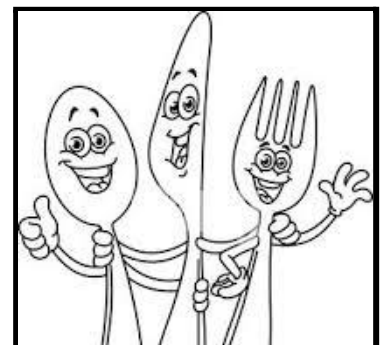
One of my favourite ads on TV is one where a little girl says, "my mom washes the dishes before she puts them in the dishwasher; so what does the dishwasher do?"

I am sure the same question has been asked about the Deacons - what do they do?

At Crestwicke the deacons are not a bunch of elites that sit on a pedestal and rain misery and bad news down on everybody else. Instead, we like to think of ourselves as a group that tries to ensure the church has resources to support its missions and ministries. Far from being dictators we like to think we are facilitators, selected by the members to keep the work of the church going. In order for us to facilitate, we need to hear from you. So, this is an invitation to you to reach out to your friendly Crestwicke deacon to let them know what is on your mind. "I don't know any deacons", should not be an excuse - you can simply go to our website; check out the pictures of the deacons; put faces to names and come talk to us. We'd love to hear from you.

To answer the little girl's question, a dishwasher is a very useful appliance that can perform certain functions, but it does not do any good if left on its own!

***We're all in this together!***



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# Ministry Musings

Gina Jacklin

Over the past few months, I've had the great privilege and pleasure of teaching the gr. 3-6 students in Sunday School the Foundations curriculum that brings together biblical truths together with apologetics and worldview studies in a graspable child friendly way. Given my artistic background, I thought it appropriate to run an art workshop as a means to further help the kids solidify some of the concepts they've been learning, and in particular, the "How Life Began" unit that covered concepts about God's thoughtful, purposeful and intelligent creation process.

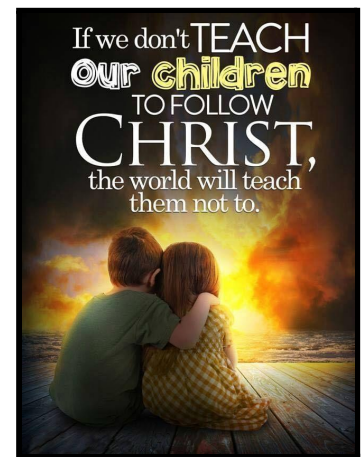
Out of that idea was born the "Art with Purpose" workshop, taught in March as a three-part art workshop series, where students got the chance to get messy and creative as they sought to create an artwork inspired by God's creative power and the evidence of His intelligent design found in life forms all around us. I challenged them to use different materials as their primary way to bring color and texture to their pieces that were to be inspired by images of nature or elements within nature.



This exhibit called "Ruwm:Exalt" is inspired by Psalm 95:3-5 and is a culmination of these wonderful creations brought to you by Crestwicke's very own select group of artists: Peyton Lodder, Isabella Flett, Lily Southworth, Callie Murphy, Paul Erskin, Nadia Gillmore, Mireya Durkee, & Diana Van Gerwen. The exhibit runs from April 10- May 8 and will be on display on the back wall of the Sanctuary.

## Kid's Corner

We have kids and we have corners! All kinds of exciting things are happening with our children and youth ministries. God has answered our prayers and on any given day of the week you may hear shouts of joy or other assorted noises coming from the next generation. Sunday Nursery and Children's Church; Crestwicke Chorus; Onside Athletics; High School Youth Groups; University, College and Early Career activities - there is excitement in the air as our children and youth come to know God. As always, your best resource is our website [www.crestwicke.org](http://www.crestwicke.org)



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# Library Lowdown

Ruth Grift



CRESTWICKE Library is OPEN to EVERYONE before and after church on Sundays.

For CHILDREN we have board books, picture books and chapter books featuring Biblical and Contemporary themes. We have a large selection of FICTION in Contemporary, Historical, Mystery, and Romance genres. Our NON-FICTION books cover topics such as Christian Living, Missions, Marriage & Family, and Prayer. We also have DVD movies for kids and adults and music CDs.

All books are arranged alphabetically by author. If you see something you would like to borrow, sign your full name on the borrower's card found in the pocket at the back of the item and leave that card at the library desk in the little blue container. Loan period is two weeks.

## RECOMMENDED READING

Non-Fiction: "Parenting - Navigating Everything" c2020 by Brett Ullman

Kids: "The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross" c2016 by Carl Laferton

Fiction: MYSTERY lovers - anything by Lisa Harris, Dee Henderson or Nancy Mehl.

# Mission Mailbox

Meet Matt Brodie

I work with Power to Change - Students (P2C-S, formerly Campus for Christ) as a Data Storyteller and co-manager of a department. I work in the Guelph P2C office most days, but sometimes from my home office.

P2C-S helps university and college students take their next step towards Jesus. I co-lead some staff and turn data into stories.

Here's a data-into-story example: Through a recent survey, students told us about our ministry. I transformed those responses into actionable insights for our staff, using some simple(ish) technology tools. So now our staff can instantly see, and take action about, where their ministry is off track!

I (and my wife Jen and our son) thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



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