

Crestwicke Chronicles

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

December 2022

Welcome to the December Crestwicke Chronicles. Crestwicke Chronicles is an online presence for us. We have limited printed copies on hand in our building and hard copies will be mailed to those members with no Internet. We welcome suggestions and/or comments for future publications. Please share them with crestwickenewsletter@outlook.com

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

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AND THE COMING NEW YEAR

December 24, Cookies & Carols – 5-6 pm.

We will sing Christmas carols and light the Christ candle. Afterward, we go home with cookies!

December 25, Our Morning Service - 10:30 am.

It's Christmas Day and we get to worship all together as a church family.

January 1, 2023, Our Morning Service - 10:30 am.

We are starting our series on (Re)building Community from Ezra-Nehemiah.

Catechism Class will run till December 18 (9:20-10 am on Sundays) and resume on January 8.

Ages 8-13 are encouraged to attend.

Do You Have a Question?

Nancy Revie



Being part of a non-profit organization like Crestwicke Baptist Church is a beautiful thing. We share in the passion of our faith and our day to day lives. We exist as per our tag line above and we are family. Just like in any organization or family, there are always questions - questions about anything and everything! Phew! So many questions!

When you have questions about Crestwicke - the who, when, where, why and how's of us, the simplest way to find your answer is by contacting the church office. You can telephone and leave a message **519.836.2132**; send an email Church@Crestwicke.org OR peruse our website crestwicke.org where you will hopefully find the answers you're looking for.

There is a plethora of information on our website. If you have questions on anything, we have dedicated staff and volunteers in our family ready to answer - or find the answer for you. We've got everything from booking the facility to a comprehensive list of current bible studies to our weekly online services. Get informed - from there - get involved! Be an active member of God's family. It's a small way we can honour Him and live out our calling.

Pastor's Perch

Rev. RJ Umandap

Can you believe we've been at Crestwicke for almost a year? Where has the time gone? (Lots of it was spent on the 401.) My family and I are grateful to the Lord for leading us here. We've enjoyed getting to know you, appreciated the meals you prepped for us, and cherished the warmth of your welcome. I especially love your sense of humour and delight in God's word. I'm humbled by the privilege of leading such a uniquely gifted group of people. Certainly, we're far from perfect; but I value everyone's eagerness to grow.

Moving forward, here's the ongoing challenge of our church's vision:

As a church, we're seeking to make Christ-centred, gospel-shaped, kingdom disciples. We want to be disciples who worship God in all of life and live out the gospel in community so that we would become a reproducing church that blesses other churches as well as the city of Guelph.

Let's keep praying that the Lord will continue to shape us into the kind of church he wants us to be so that we could truly be salt and light in Guelph (and beyond), proclaiming the gospel with our lips and adorning it with our lives.

Mission Mailbox

Sarah Primmer

The Missions Committee at Crestwicke is responsible for overseeing our church's missions engagements both locally and abroad. We are currently connected with ten missionaries (or missionary couples), serving in five different countries around the world.

One of our missionaries who serves very close to home is Matt Brodie. Matt, as you may know, is a member of Crestwicke and works with an organization called Power to Change in their Creative Communications Group. Matt uses his skills in data analysis to help track the initiatives and outcomes of the student ministries of Power to Change and also to shape key digital outreaches.

You may know another Matt in our fellowship that is also a missionary! Matt Durkee, along with his wife Megan, are missionaries with Friends In Action (FIA). Matt is the executive director of FIA and oversees the work that FIA is doing around the world, which focuses on helping construct much needed infrastructure to enable the gospel to be brought to unreached or under-reached parts of the world.

Next time you see the Brodie or Durkee Family, please encourage them in the God-given work they are doing.





Ryan & Gina Jacklin with their son Emanuel

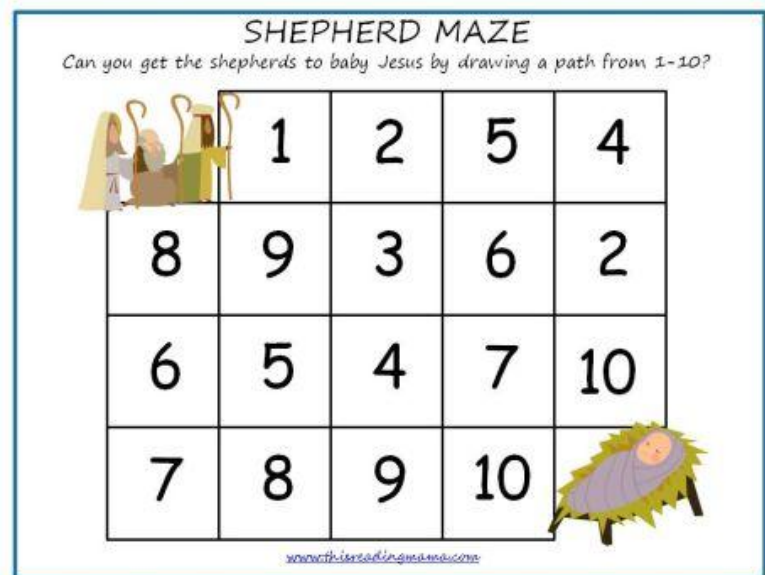
News: Gina Jacklin was hired as the new Children's Ministry Coordinator at three hours a week to help facilitate the volunteering, scheduling and general administrative/set up duties of our Children's Ministry. In this column, Gina describes the various children's ministries we have on Sunday mornings.

Ablaze – The ablaze class has been working through Foundation Worldview's 'Careful Thinking Curriculum' that is helping our kids build on the knowledge from the previous year by helping them develop the skills they need to unmask faulty ideas, embrace the truth and use their minds to live out the commandment in Mark 12:30, to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." [a]

Ignite - Ignite little's have been learning about lessons from the Old and New Testaments, building a foundation that guides them in living God's way while discovering that the Bible matters and is a loving letter from a God who understands them. In the new year, we hope to start a New Preschool and Early Childhood Curriculum that explores truth, God, life, humans, and morality from the biblical worldview.

Spark – It is the Children's Ministry Leadership group's desire to be intentional in the ways in which we share God's truth with this tender age group. We are blessed to have Justine Sauve graciously volunteer to spearhead a project that will bring about a more structured nursery program in the new year.

Thank you to all those involved in the Children's Ministry at Crestwicke. It is a blessing to see so many kids in our midst with open hearts and minds and so many committed adults to teach of the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.



Library Lowdown

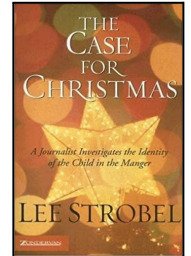
Ruth Grift

Recommended Christmas Reading

NON-FICTION

The Case for Christmas - Lee Strobel

Why does Christmas matter? Award-winning legal journalist Lee Strobel searches out the true identity of the child in the manger. If Jesus really was God in the flesh, then there ought to be credible evidence.



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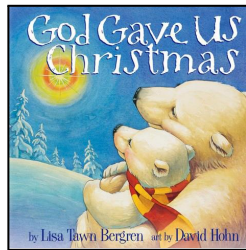
Gideon's Gift - Karen Kingsbury

Earl Gibson has lost his wife and daughter. Angry, he lives on the street. Gideon, a seven-year-old leukemia patient, believes in a Christmas miracle. Gideon and Earl meet. Christmas is a time of miraculous possibilities if only we reach out to those around us.

EASY READ PICTURE BOOK

God Gave Us Christmas - Lisa Bergren

As Little Cub and her family prepare to celebrate the most special day of the year, the curious young polar bear begins to wonder...“Who invented Christmas?”



JUNIOR NONFICTION

Christmas Stories for Bedtime -

Rena Brumbaugh

Thirty readings from Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah to the actual Nativity.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

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