



◆ The Anchor ◆



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“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast...” Hebrews 6:19

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From The Pastor's Desk Pastor Bill Adams

In Isaiah 43:1-4, God told Israel that He created them, formed them, redeemed them, called them, gave to them, and loved them.

The reason is found in verse 4: “Since thou wast **precious** in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.” When someone or something is precious to you it is valued, prized, and protected. **What Is Precious In Thy Sight?**

The Scriptures

“And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was **precious** in those days; there was no open vision.” (1 Samuel 3:1). When the Bible is precious to us we protect our time in it against all enemies. We guard against anyone or anything intruding into these cherished daily moments with our Lord. I believe we could trace Job's spiritual integrity back to the high value he placed on the Scriptures: “Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.” (Job 23:12). What is precious to you, you protect.

Souls

God said in Psalm 49:8: “For the redemption of their soul is **precious**, and it ceaseth for ever.” Peter said: “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the **precious** blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18-19). Christ gave His precious blood because God valued souls. What are you giving? It will depend on the

price you place on a soul's salvation. “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing **precious** seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” (Psalm 126:5-6). Let's spread the seed! There are precious souls that need to be harvested.

The Saviour

Of Jesus, Peter said: “To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and **precious**” (1 Peter 2:4). He further said: “Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, **precious**; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is **precious**; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made



the head of the corner” (1 Peter 2:6-7). If you believe He is precious, you will honour His person, hunger for His presence, and humble yourself unto His plans and purposes.

Faith

Peter said: “Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more **precious** than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:6-7). We must place a priceless value on faith. It is our faith that will enable us to weather the storms of life, win the struggles with sin, and walk the steps ordained for us by the Lord. To fortify our faith, it must be tested. If we prize our faith,

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Our very good looking Church Officers! From left to right—Denny Cabacungan (Asst. Maintenance Officer), Peter Fillon (Deacon), Steve Satoo (Deacon), Raymond Found (Treasurer), John Mullin (Asst. Treasurer), Pastor Bill Adams, Blair Cassidy (Deacon), Frank Baccari (Chief Maintenance Officer), Pastor James Hird, and Blair Walker (Deacon and Financial Clerk). Missing from picture is Mike Dion (Church Clerk). Please remember all these faithful men in your prayers that they may lead in wisdom and truth.



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we'll protect it by allowing God, when needed, to test its allegiance and toughen its endurance.

I have a small safe at home. It's not full of money! In case of a fire, we keep important documents in it, though they would be replaceable. What we are trying to protect are family pictures. They are precious and irreplaceable. What's in your spiritual safe? What's precious to you?

GOOD TIDINGS

DESSERT NIGHT AT THE ADAMS'

In spite of another snow, we enjoyed a "sweet" time together. Frank, Chris and Jeff all vied for the ping pong championship! Mike Dumaresq was the champion dessert glutton dethroning Leo!

MISSIONARY JAMES HOFFMEISTER

On Sunday evening, February 24th, Missionary James Hoffmeister came to preach for us. Having grown up in a missionary home in Alaska, Brother James now pastors a church in Trinidad. His enthusiastic delivery and powerful preaching that Sunday evening challenged us to examine our devotion to and delight in God.

DEBT REDUCTION COMMITMENT

Anonymous commitment cards are being received as we sacrifice together to pay off a construction loan. Our ten month goal is \$39,000. May we offer with the same spirit David did: "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing." (II Samuel 24:24)



Frank Baccari recovering from Maxillofacial Surgery. He now has an even brighter smile!

YOUTH CORNER

Pastor James Hird

Peer Pressure: The Good and The Bad

Proverbs 27:17 *"Iron sharpeneth iron ; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."*

King Solomon is writing to his children here concerning the friends that they keep. He is encouraging them to have good friends. Solomon is giving us a picture of the grinding stone and the blade that needs to be sharpened. He compares this action to what friends can and should do for each other. Today, we call this peer pressure. When most of us think of peer pressure, we think of it in a negative way, but there is also positive peer pressure. The Bible gives us one example of each.

First, we look at a young man named Amnon. This young man had a problem. He had fallen in lust with his half sister. Unfortunately, he did not seem to have any good friends to pressure him to do what was right. He did have a friend named Jonadab who did encourage him to do wrong. II Samuel 13:5 tells us the negative pressure that Jonadab used on Amnon. He told him to commit great sin, knowing that it was wrong. We all have the opportunity to do that from time to time. When a friend comes to us for advice, we must be careful what advice we give him. When we go to a friend for advice, we must be careful as to what friend we go to. I am sure that Amnon had other God fearing friends that he could have gone to, but he went to the one that probably told him what

he wanted to hear. We can do the same. Our friends may only tell us what we want to hear. They may pressure us to do what is wrong, but we must take a stand against them.

David, Amnon's father, had a very good friend. David and Jonathan were the best of friends, even though they could have been on opposite sides of the fence. Saul, Jonathan's father, hated David because he was to be crowned the next king. Jonathan and David did not allow this to affect their friendship. I Samuel 18:3 says this, *"Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul."* If we continue on in this friendship, we see Jonathan sticking up for David to his father in I Samuel 19. Jonathan stood up for David even to the point that Saul attempted to kill him. In I Samuel 20:33, it says this, *"And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David."* Despite pressure from his father, Jonathan knew that it was the right thing to stand beside David, even to the point of losing his own life. Jonathan is the kind of friend that we should all desire to have. We need friends that will stand beside us and encourage us to do what is right. We need the good peer pressure. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 4:10 *"For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."* We need friends that will help, not hinder us in our walk with God. You need to be a friend that exerts positive peer pressure, not negative pressure on the people that are around you.



A Personal Testament
John & Glenda Mullin

Testimony of John

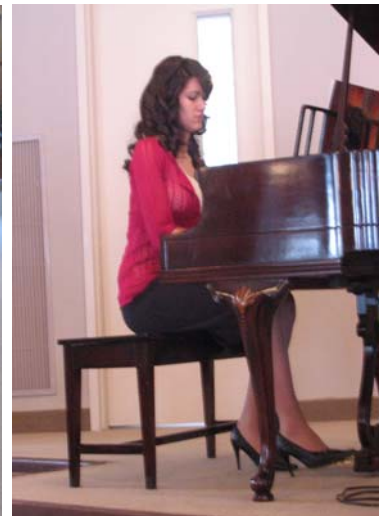
I was born in the tourist capital of Ontario (Collingwood) and raised on a stone-ridden farm in Grey County. One author depicted Grey as "poor man's county." My grandmother, who lived in her own quarters in the same house as us, used every opportunity to preach to me. It was annoying to me at the time, but nevertheless, influenced me for the good.

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THE VBC PICTURE GALLERY



Missionary James Hoffmeister and Pastor Adams after the great evening service we had.



Our music makers Julie and Natalie on the piano and our faithful youth group with Blair and Crystal.

Berean Bible Baptist Institute
Course on Christian Counselling
begins on Sunday, April 6th.

Baptismal Services
Sunday Evening, April 6th.

Bible Conference
April 7th-8th in Ajax, Ontario

Men & Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, April 9th.

John & Roman's Blitz
Saturday, April 26th.

Friend Day
Sunday, April 27th.

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My parents made it compulsory for us to attend Sunday School and church, which I disliked because of the regimented use of my time. For a week in August, Daily Vacation Bible School was held in our area. It was during this time that I recognized my dreadful, sinful state and my need of the Saviour's grace and forgiveness. That was when I repented and started my life in a new direction.

I am glad that He has placed no limits on the glory and love that I should give Him as He gives me direction to live the life pleasing to Him.

Testimony of Glenda

Until reaching adulthood, I was oblivious to how grateful I should be for the loving Christian parents God gave me who taught me more through their example than words. I also thank God for being raised in a Bible-believing church.

At the age of 7, afraid that I was going to hell, I knelt down by my bed and asked God to save me. The next day I was having serious doubts that I was saved. A few years later when I was 10 years old, after reading Romans 10:9, it became clear to me that I could know I was saved. Again, I knelt by my bed, asked God to forgive my sins and put my trust in His word. In contrast to my experience at 7, I now had freedom, joy and peace.

Although I knew the Lord Jesus commanded believers to be baptized, because of shyness, I did not take that step until 21 years of age. God has

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Would you like to share your testimony? Do you have a special story, event, prayer request or any other information you would like to share with your church family?

Please contact us at the church office by phone or email.



Our Schedule of Services

MINISTRIES ON SUNDAY

Sunday School	for all ages	10:00 am
Morning Worship		11:00 am
Evening Service		6:00 pm

We have fully staffed and supervised nurseries at all services.

MINISTRIES ON WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
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We are an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, located in the heart of Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada.

The Church is located 10 minutes north of Metropolitan Toronto and 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport, and only a 40 minute drive from downtown Toronto.

William E. Adams, D.Min.,
Senior Pastor
James Hird, B.Th.,
Youth Pastor

Testimony continued...

been patient with me. Without Him, life has no purpose. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Now for the rest of the story...

Later the country boy came to Toronto for education and employment. A friend of his recommended a good Baptist church with a large active young people's group. Meanwhile, the city girl was invited by a school friend to go to the same youth group.

The country boy and the city girl met at the church and their first outing was an "after evening service" hymn singing at another church. It was a foursome and was enjoyed by all. After the service, it was witnessed by a Pastor's son that the country boy stopped at a green light. When questioned, the country boy claimed that he was trying to make the evening last longer! As time went on, the group dating became history and wedding plans were made and carried out. Our common bond of faith and love for God has kept us from focusing too long on any difficulties or disappointments. God added to our home two very unique sons, both of whom we thank Him for.

About 14 years ago we heard about Vaughan Baptist Church through a godly Christian friend who recommended it to us. At that time we were becoming dissatisfied and were looking for a new church where we could serve. The love, friendship and encouragement was more than we could ask for or think. It was exciting to worship with so many new young Christians.

We thank God for faithful Bible teaching and opportunities to be involved over the years. "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." (Psalm 27:14)

