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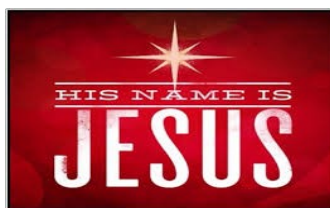
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Your Newsletter - a new season

We are once again in a new season. A New Year, the year 2018. We have just come through another Christmas season and I trust that your celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was a blessing to you and your family.

While many are thinking of the year ahead and have now forgotten their 2017 Christmas gift ideas and shopping and all the delightful things we enjoy at he Christmas we want to look ahead.



We do not want to forget the marvelous gift that we have received. Such a marvelous gift. We have been given such a wonderful gift in knowing our salvation is secure in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The Gift - Keeps On Giving

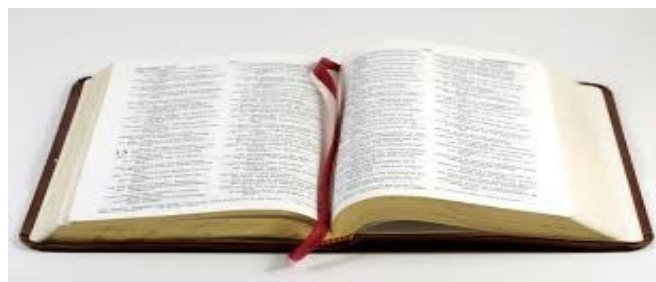
All of us at some time in our lives have experienced that gift that comes through our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, and our receiving of forgiveness of our sins, giving us the liberty to access the Gift-giver at any time through prayer and worship. Can you imagine that, You and I, and all believers in the Christ of Calvary have access to Him, and more than that, the many gifts that He has given the church and His

ministers, of which you are one.

But we have been challenged to share the gift. Everyone "who is called by my Name", each one of us who have heard the call, each one of us who have been blessed with the call, and each one of us who have obeyed the call, have an awesome responsibility to share this amazing gift.



That gift is that message of Salvation to be shared in whatever ministry God has called you to share it!



Our Founding Scriptures

Moreover You led them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Nehemiah 9:12

Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. Revelation 3:12

YOUR NEW SEASON

Quite unlike unwanted or unsuitable gifts from your Christmas tree your calling and gifts cannot be returned or exchanged. The scripture in the below caption lays in out so clearly. We who are called and given gifts, (and we all have them) cannot return them. "You can run but you cannot hide" from the calling on your life.

About this time of year, the New Year just ahead of us, we are most likely reflecting on what God has for us in the year ahead. This is the beginning of a new season for each one of us. You may be considering your future in ministry.

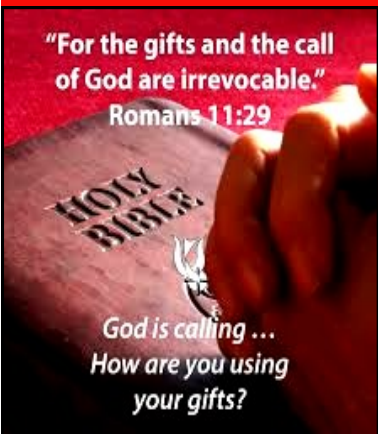
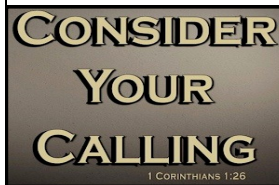
Prayer should be playing the most significant role in any decisions we are anticipating to make with respect to our ministry.

When you are considering your new season, remember that your calling and your gifting should be predominant in your plans for 2018, your new season. It remains with each of us to determine with the guidance of our precious Holy Spirit, what this new season will bring.

With God it is personal matter. He has chosen each one of us, He has

given each one of us a specific ministry and He has equipped us with gifts that are necessary for that ministry and calling.

To find your place will require a time and a season or prayer.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

We had an exciting and open forum for discussion of the elements of sermon preparation and those in attendance contributed openly. We were blessed by the personal interaction and frankness of those present.

Some of the following questions were discussed:

- How much prayer time should I spend in the preparation?
- What role should the Holy Spirit have in my prayer for, preparation of, and in the presentation of the message.

- How much material is too much material?
- Do I include my personal opinions? Are they beneficial?
- Should I allow my emotions to play a role in presentation of the message?
- Should I include personal testimony and stories?

MORE TO FOLLOW AT OUR NEXT SEMINAR

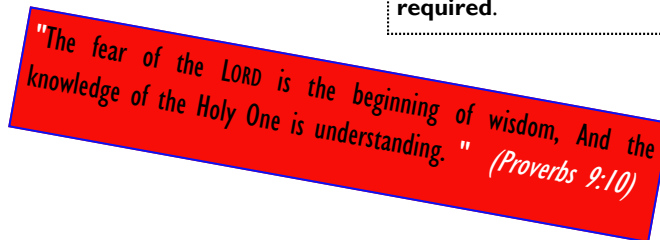
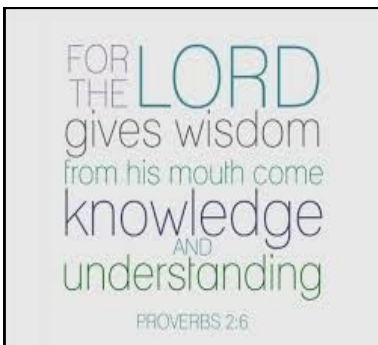
MINISTRY ASSISTANCE

Any member interested in promoting, in planting or in growing their ministry should contact the board directly for sound and wise counsel.

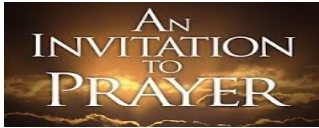
Our desire is to see your calling and gifts being used to the glory of God and we will assist you in whatever way we can.

Contact your board with any questions.

We have resources and can recommend persons and personnel to assist you with forming a ministry, and obtaining charitable status for your ministry if required.



What's In The Future - Plan To Attend



Pillar of Fire Churches Prayer
Date: February 15, 2018
Worship and Prayer - 7:00 PM
Location: 130 Mount Hope Street
Kitchener

We will gather once again for a time of worship, prayer and fellowship and specifically pray for our family members, our ministries, our churches, each other, our country and the lost in Canada.

Pillar of Fire Churches Training Seminar
Topic: Seminar More Information to Follow By email
Date: March 5, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Location: Winston Park Village Downstairs Meeting Room



7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMINDER 2019

Our 7th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday May 19, 2019. Location is tentatively planned for the Stratford Festival Inn. Please mark this date in your calendar and plan on attending. Attendance at the annual general meeting is another means for you to meet your fellow members, to encourage and to share your vision. (A reminder that attendance is a requirement as part of maintaining your membership.)

Membership Information Update

CANADA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We were recently advised that the Canada Christian College has provided a \$500.00 scholarship for any member of Pillar of Fire Churches International who may be interested in furthering their training in any aspects of their ministry. If you are planning to expand your ministry through additional education contact us for more information.

OUR CONSTITUTION and MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

Members are encouraged to acquaint themselves with their Licensed Minister's and Ordained Minister's manual.

For Ordained Minister's there are requirements relating to the performing of marriages. Members are advised that our constitution specifically permits only the union of one man and one woman with respect to the marriage ceremony.

There are also certain clauses that must be included in the ceremony according to provincial legislation.

If these clauses are not included in the ceremony, the marriage could be ruled as invalid and the clergy performing the ceremony could have their license revoked by the Registrar.

This is also covered in more detail on page 4.

NEW MEMBERS

In January 2018 the Board of Pillar of Fire Churches International will be conducting a number of interviews for new members who have completed applications. We are excited and believe the Lord is pleased with the new applicants, one being from the Caribbean and two from USA. New and gifted members that we are confident will carry the Pillar of Fire Churches International ordaining body ahead in the years to come. We are particularly interested in adding members in New Brunswick as we are recognized as an ordaining body there and in Newfoundland as we will be applying for recognition there in the future.



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Rev. Bruce Hachey, Maritime Regional Director, New Brunswick

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We would encourage our ordained members to be prepared to serve on our Board of Directors. We are adding to our board and would consider your request as an ordained minister for an appointment to volunteer as a board member. This would be considered as an appointment by the board until our next annual meeting when the appointment would be ratified at that meeting.

We want to build our base of leadership, preparing and training others to continue this denomination and ministry into the future.

There are also other ways in which you can volunteer.....

Please contact the CEO if you are interested in applying.....

**THE FEDERAL MARRIAGE ACT AND THE
CHRISTIAN ORDAINED MINISTER**

FEDERAL STATUTE - GOVERN MARRIAGE

As a Pillar of Fire member and ordained ministers authorized to perform marriages, this information is in respect to the legal requirements when performing marriage ceremonies in Canada, particularly with respect to marriages that are in conflict with and outside of the Biblical teaching of what constitutes a marriage covenant in the eyes of our God.

The legislation, which regulates marriages in Canada dealing with this matter, is a Federal statute and therefore is regulated under federal law. The Civil Marriage Act reads as follows:

The [Civil Marriage Act, SC 2005, c 33](#) was enacted in 2005 to authorize marriage between two persons who are other than a man and a woman. Section 2 reads: "Marriage, for civil purposes, is the lawful union of two persons to the exclusion of all others." Accordingly, gender is not specified in Canadian marriage legislation.

However, as noted below in Section 3 and Section 3.1 religious officiants (ordained clergy) are free to refuse to perform marriages that are not in accordance with their religious beliefs (See section 3 and 3.1 below).

3 It is recognized that officials of religious groups are free to refuse to perform marriages that are not in accordance with their religious beliefs.

3.1 For greater certainty, no person or organization shall be deprived of any benefit, or be subject to any obligation or sanction, under any law of the Parliament of Canada solely by reason of their exercise, in respect of marriage between persons of the same sex, of the freedom of conscience and religion guaranteed under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* or the expression of their beliefs in respect of marriage as the union of a man and woman to the exclusion of all others based on that guaranteed freedom.

In our Minister's Manual we describe this as well and also the requirements for wedding ceremonies and what is to be included in that ceremony as required under provincial laws.

