

# GRACE CHURCH

## NEWS



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## Brian Thordarson Answers the a Big Question.

### Part 2:

### How did a Ukrainian Catholic Church become an Evangelical Church?

We toured the building after a Sunday service with the former Cantor as our guide. Several said it was too big, the chandelier had to go, the red carpet was old, the pews were too hard, the basement smelled of old potatoes and perogies, and on and on, everyone had an opinion. We stood by the altar and sang "To God Be the Glory". Several *prayed* that God's will would be done. Most walked away thinking 'Yes' but many questions had to be answered. During the next phone call I received from "Don" he told me that this building would definitely be sold and they would get an appraisal done and he would get back to me soon. He suggested our team go back to the building and make a list of all the renovations we would to do to make it "our church".

We spent several hours measuring and discussing the many changes that we would need to make. The total \$ value was in excess of \$ 200,000 without labour. If the selling price was near what we thought, (\$500,000) it would be almost impossible for our congregation of 75+ to take on such a debt.

Don called and said the appraiser would not do anything until they received a payment of \$5,000. This was not acceptable to him so he said that they would give us a firm price. It was far lower than anyone expected. God was certainly in control.

*Final part 3 next week...*



**Pastor Don**

**Sleep has been on my mind lately. Or rather, lack of sleep. It seems far too often I get to sleep around 11:30 and wake up at around 2:30.**

**So I pray.**

**Sometimes, I think, the Lord wakes us up just to pray. I don't pretend to understand it, but it happens. It's happened to me, and others I know; many times. Then you hear about what happened with the one for which you were praying – at that particular time. Coincidence? I think not!**

**In John 4, an official asks Jesus to heal his dying son and Jesus said "Go; your son will live." The man found that his son had been healed – at the exact time Jesus had said these words to him. Long distance healing.**

**One wonderful thing about waking up to pray is the distance covered by a simple prayer; and the effect that can be seen throughout the world - all from the coziness of your own bed.**

**James 5:16b "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."**

**But notice: 16a says, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."**

**If we want our prayers to be effective, have open channels between each other. No grudges; no hatred; no backbiting; a clean slate before God; only the freedom that comes with confessed sin – and the knowledge that our sin is forgiven.**

**Maybe I'm just being Biblical. "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. " Matthew 6:6**

**Still, a few more hours of sleep would be appreciated.**



**Donna Barron**



**Meditating on Psalm 86 (Part Three)**

David is honest before God about himself in his *prayer*. He also expresses what he knows to be true about God in an attitude of praise and thanksgiving. This week we meditate on our last question:

**What does David ask of God?**

Hear, O Lord, and answer me.

Guard my life.

Save me.

Have mercy on me.

Bring joy to me.

Hear my prayer.

Listen to my cry for mercy.

Teach me your way, O Lord.

Give me an undivided heart.

Turn to me and have mercy on me.

Grant your strength to me.

Give me a sign of your goodness (so my enemies may see it)

This week, as you meditate on the “petitions” that David presented to God, are there some that strike at your heart? Pick the three or four that are most pertinent to your own needs right now and give them to God as your own petitions. And if you have needs that aren’t on David’s list why not present those to God as well?

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## Coming Events:

**Prayer Meetings** will start again in October, watch for the days and time they will begin

### Annual General Meeting 2020 and Budget & Elections Meeting

Will be held on

**Sunday November 22, 2020**

More details will follow

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH TEAM COMMUNIQUE

It has been a while, 6 months, since you have received any updates regarding the four EFCCM missionaries that as a church family we support prayerfully and financially. Just as we have been affected by covid 19 here in Canada so has it affected our missionaries.

The four are: Eduardo and Martha Pulin, Nataly and Eddy ministering in Metapan, El Salvador. Presently Martha and Nataly are here in Thunder Bay because of covid 19. Their son Eddy lives here and is studying Aviation and Flight at Confederation College.

Cecilia Huezo and Irena minister in Tutultepeque, El Salvador. This a rural and poverty stricken community consisting of about 650 families.

Doug and Katia Flowers minister in China but presently are in Brazil awaiting the renewal of their visas. They had gone to Brazil for medical attention and because of covid 19 have not been given permission to return.

Petros and Arlene Yergatian serve the Lord in Africa in many different areas. i.e. Rwanda, Uganda, Liberia. However, there again they came back to Canada for medical attention and have not been able to return to their field of ministry because of covid 19.

Prior to covid 19, once a month we had our Missions' Moment to bring you, the church family, updates from our missionaries. We also posted their newsletters on the Missions' bulletin board and placed copies for your taking in our rack in the foyer.

Now, we will send the newsletters and other information that we receive from these missionaries to you via email. For those who do not have this connection we will mail or deliver them to you. However, if you do not wish to receive this information please let us know by contacting Grace Shurget either by phone 767-3867 or [gshurget@tbaytel.net](mailto:gshurget@tbaytel.net).

**PRAYER** is our means of empowering our missionaries and their ministries. Remember, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.