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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Facing the most challenging moment in His life, Jesus urged His disciples to rise and go with Him. *Matthew 26: 46.* To where did Jesus call them? The thick cloud of uncertainty must have darkened their hearts.

As we start a new year, 2011, on one hand we are excited about getting into a brand new year, while on the other hand we cannot but help wondering about the uncertainty that lies before us.

If we go back to the story in our text, it is interesting to note that when Jesus called His disciples, He did not order them to rise and go by themselves. Rather, He said, "Rise, let **us** go." In that commanding order, Jesus, the commander, guaranteed that He, Himself, would go with them. So He did go with them to the point where there was danger as expected. But at the very moment the pang of danger was about to fall upon them, Jesus stepped forward and made sure that all of His disciples would be free from any threat of trouble. The same will be true for us.

Even though we do not know what will happen to us and to the world this year; even though we are not certain about the future; even though the forecast about the year seems to be not too bright and exciting, we can be confident in the Lord, because we know that He will go with us all the way throughout this year of 2011. Jesus said, "I will be with you always, to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:20*

Therefore, let rise and go along with the Lord, with your loved one, friends and relatives.

Perhaps we can say to each other, "I will go with you for Christian living, no matter what!"

*"Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through." Amen.*

Rev. James Min

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The New Year is full of promise, though you may also get a fair share of tough times. With each progressing year, you find yourself growing confident, experienced, and wise. That's the gift of the New Year. Raise a toast to the year that holds many promises. These Happy New Year quotes will fill you with optimism and enthusiasm.

John Wayne

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

Edward Payson Powell

The old year has gone. Let the dead past bury its own dead. The new year has taken possession of the clock of time. All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months!

**THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR INPUT. ONE
MAJOR CHANGE IS AN EVENT
CALENDER THAT YOU CAN POST ON
YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**

YOU ARE BLESSED!

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

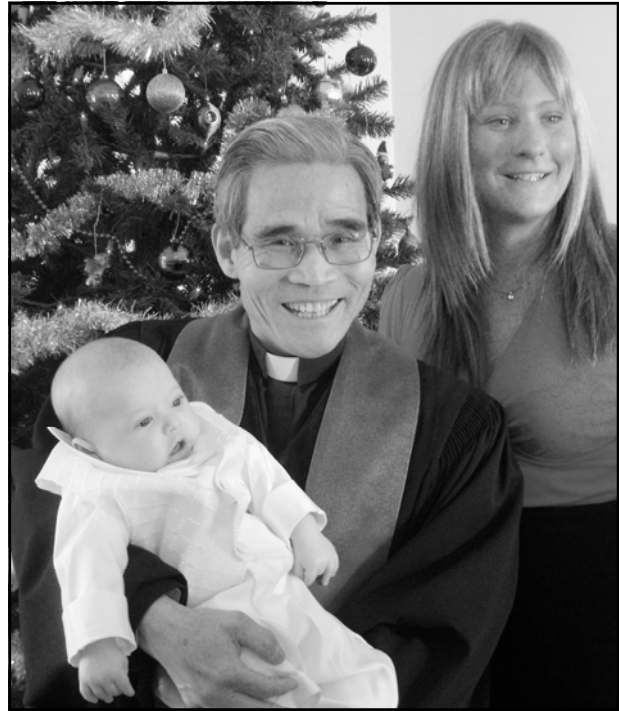
If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, especially in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

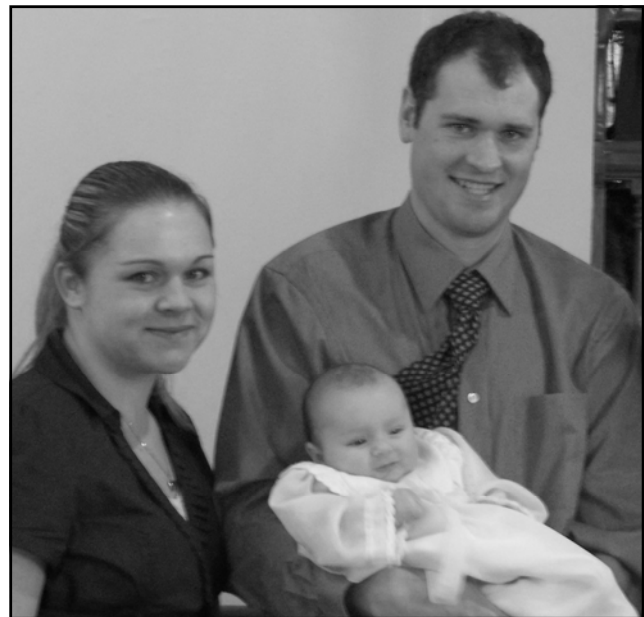
If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.

You are so blessed in ways you may never even know.



On December 26, 2010, Austin Yves Wesley Buttle, son of Samantha, was baptised at the Queen's Line United Church by Rev. James Min.



On January 23, 2011, Owen van Lindenberg, son of Sarah and Matthijs was baptised at Grace by Rev. James Min.

CHURCH BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP!

This is an ongoing project and can be done at any time of the year for any special occasion or just to help with the cost of the bulletins. The cost for one week is \$15.00. Special envelopes are located at each church and are to be given to Eleanor Tabbert at Queen's Line or Dorothy Edwards at Grace. This donation will be included with your annual receipt for income tax purposes.

Christmas Eve Service 2010



Candlelight service



Rev. James Min with a Christmas message



Ella Fletcher receiving a gift from Santa



The Peever family performing—Dean, Emma, Alyssa playing the Dulcimer, Margaret and Keith on piano.



A Fairytale Land Christmas Nativity

L-R Emma Peever, Brittany McFarlane, Cassie Hogan, Chancellor Brouellet, Annette Louis, Maggie Hogan, Tiffany Cadham, Olivia Peever, Jessica Giroux, Wesley McKenzie, OTHERS - Elizabeth McFarlane, Alyssa Peever and Emily McKenzie



William Min singing a Christmas hymn.

HYMN STORY "BEYOND THE SUNSET"

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4

During the summer of 1936, the Rodcheaver School of Music was in session at Winona Lake Bible Conference, and "Rody" invited all the faculty members to Rainbow Point for the evening. Among them were the well known Christian musicians, Virgil Brock and his wife, Blanche Kerr Brock. On this particular evening, the sunset was fabulous. As the faculty members talked about the splendour of the setting sun against the lake, one of them—a blind man named Horace Burr, Virgil's cousin—exclaimed, "My, that sure is a wonderful sunset. Thanks so much for picturing it for me. I would have missed a lot if you folks hadn't been here to describe it." When someone commented on Horace's "seeing," he replied, "I *can* see. I see through other people's eyes, and I think I often see more, I see beyond the sunset." By and by the conversation shifted to the subject of heaven. Someone asked if we can really visualize what lies beyond death's door. Recalling Horace's words, Virgil replied, "Horace Burr has never seen the glory of an earthly sunset, yet was blessed as we tried to describe it to him. In the same we, as Christians, have never seen what is beyond, but God in His love and promise has told us in the bible of the glory that is awaiting us beyond the sunset." Back in their own lodgings later that evening, Virgil and Blanche relived the evening. Sitting down together at an old piano, they began putting together words and music. "To us it seemed as if a bright light of truth had streamed into our hearts and lives and had become a song," Virgil later said. The song was completed that evening and dedicated to Horace and Grace Burr.

*Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning,
When with our Saviour heav'n is begun;
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning -
Beyond the sunset when day is done.*

*Beyond the sunset no clouds will gather,
No storms will threaten, no fears annoy;
O day of gladness, O day unending -
Beyond the sunset, eternal joy!*

100 POINTS TO GET INTO HEAVEN

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates.

St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay" the man says, "I attended church every Sunday"

"That's good, says St. Peter, " that's worth two points"

"Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church"

"Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?"

"Two points? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point, " he says.

"hmmm...", the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"THREE POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!"

*Beyond the sunset a hand will guide me
To God the Father, whom I adore;
His glorious presence, His words of welcome,
Will be my portion on that fair shore.*

*Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion
With our dear loved ones who've gone before;
In that fair homeland we'll know no parting -
Beyond the sunset forevermore!*

TO RESERVE THE CE CENTRE FOR YOUR EVENT CONTACT

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Schedule of
Events

FEBRUARY 2011

***Games Night:** Included will be a slide show on the house built in Guatemala Nov. 2010. Euchre and cards to follow with refreshments. Free will donation towards the Guatemalan team projects in 2011. Any questions call Ted at 646-2985.

**** Senior's Lunch** Come out, bring a friend and enjoy good food, good friends, and wonderful entertainment. If you need a ride, call Grace U.C. by 11:30 at 646-2518 and we will pick you up and take you home.

*****Praise Night** – Entertainment from Trinity U.C. Choir from Foresters Falls, Cobden Presbyterian Church Choir, Hymns for Fun and Grace U.C. Choir. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

PASTOR'S CALLING CARD
A new pastor was doing his rounds visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it was evident that someone was within but no one answered his repeated knocks. Eventually he wrote on the back of a calling card: 'Revelation 3:20' and stuck it to the door. The following Sunday he was surprised to find his card in the offering plate. Below his writing was scrawled: 'Genesis 3:10.' He reached for his Bible and thereafter broke into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..."
Genesis 3:10 - "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked..."

LORD'S DAY	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 *Games Night 7:00 p.m. at Grace	3 Bible Class 10 a.m. at Grace	4	5
6	7 **Senior's Lunch 12:00 at Grace	8	9	10 Bible Class 10 a.m. at Grace	11	12	
13	14 	15	16	17 Bible Class 10 a.m. at Grace	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24 Bible Class 10 a.m. at Grace	25	26	
27	28						

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MARCH 2011



* *Queen's Line Pancake Supper*, 4:30—6 :30 p.m. Goodwill donations only.

** *Senior's Lunch* If you need a ride, call Grace U.C. by 11:30 at 646-2518 and we will pick you up and take you home.

*** *Shrove Tuesday* is also known as Pancake Day. Pancakes are traditionally eaten on this day.

*****Lent* begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9th and continues for 46 days until April 23rd on Holy Saturday. The six Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days of lent because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter", a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death.



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