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Great Zeal and Industry

Happy 19th of June. What a fantastic celebration we enjoyed! We had the delight of seeing a living pageant representing the struggle and the victory for the New Church that this day involves. We begin this article by expressing our gratitude to Justine and Jared Buss for presenting us with a powerful and moving worship service. What a special day to help remember and celebrate the Lord starting a fresh process, a new day in the Life of His Church!

Think about what this precious event means. We commemorate it yearly, reflecting on what the Lord accomplished once the “work was finished.” What was finished was the publication of the *True Christian Religion*. The “work” was more than a published book; it was all that was accomplished by means of the Lord bringing the heavens, the hells, the world of spirits, and the church back into order. The “work” of the Second Coming of the Lord is show to us this both in the book of Revelation as well as the whole of the New Evangel, culminating in TCR.

When we think about the literal story of June 19th, and reflect on pictures drawn or pageants reenacted to depict this event, what comes to mind? Twelve men who hundreds of years earlier had been found, called by Jesus, are again called, reassembled, and reassigned. They are now all angels (TCR 4). We assume even Judas Iscariot was among them, as we are told these were the “disciples who followed Him in the world” (TCR 791) And they are sent to preach the New Gospel.

They went everywhere. Think about that! From the highest heavens to the lowest hells and all the places in the world of spirits. These preachers each went forth, each to a particular region most suited to receive their particular kind of preaching (TCR 108). They went to “preach the gospel anew.”

How did they do it? Two particular words are mentioned: zeal and industry.

In other places in the Word, working and preaching with zeal and industry are mentioned together, referring to those especially who love the Lord by means of the uses of their occupations and employments. No wonder we often hear newcomers to the church say they were attracted by means of seeing how people in the New Church live their lives with spiritual dedication and purpose. The 12 disciples went about their new assignment on June 19th with a zeal and alacrity that they had never before experienced.

We too are daily called and sent to be the best disciple of the New Church in the particular spheres of responsibility and influence in which we find ourselves. Each of us is unique; the 12 disciples stand for the whole complex of the Lord’s teachings, which we hold in mind from our lifelong study of His Word. Each disciple, upon going out, returns as an apostle, meaning that it is applying what we know to the way we live that solidifies and affirms the head and the hands of our spiritual beings. Our unique, particular reception and application of the Lord’s life in us calls to us and sends us forth to particular spiritual uses that may be

different from that of our brother, sister, parent, or child. The Lord has a role and place for us in His church, and in spreading His church, unlike any one else.

We celebrate the new gospel. The story of June 19th also reminds us that, though each of us is different, we are also each called to be unified, called to “marriage supper of the lamb.” The Lord wishes to “gather us together” (TCR 791e) to His church.

The story is not over; it is ongoing. Interiorly, June 19th is the quintessential spiritual spring of angelic life. It is no mistake that this day is just before the longest day of the year, reminding us of the fact that in Heaven, and in our internals, it is eternally spring. There are shorter and shorter evening states of darkness as we approach His celebration in our regeneration journey.

Though our annual celebration of this event has come and gone, our spiritual celebration must become a daily event. It arises in our hearts as we begin each day asking the Lord what we can do to serve Him. Pray that the Lord may inspire you with a spirit of zeal and industry for the development of His church within you and around you.

From the Pastor

July and August will find the pastors off in many directions, such as serving at church camps, taking holidays, or making pastoral trips and visits. However, one or both of us will be near or in Toronto throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you during these warmer days and cool evenings.

Save the Date—Olivet School Alumni BBQ!

Olivet New Church invites all former Olivet Day School, Olivet New Church School and Olivet School students, parents and staff to a BBQ in West Deane Park (Martin Grove Road north of Rathburn) on Friday, September 16, starting at 4:30 pm. Olivet has been running a school for 123 years so we hope to see a lot of classes represented. Details will follow in the September Chatterbox but for now, please plan to set this evening aside to gather together with some old friends.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with this event. Please contact the church office if you are able to lend a hand.

Summary of Youth and Young Adults Backyard BBQ—June 18, 2016

A total of fifteen people attended the youth and young adults BBQ social event”, held in the Reids’ backyard. My “chef” husband John made delicious barbecued chicken and vegetable kabobs and cheeseburgers. We also had homemade potato salad, chocolate chip cookies, grapes, and strawberries. After dinner and lots of lively discussion, I asked everyone to introduce themselves and talk about something they intended to do over the summer. I shared a dream that I had recently about the danger of building your life on the unstable foundation of a completely secular lifestyle. After my introduction, Rev. Jared Buss led a discussion around the second of the Ten Commandments, which speaks against taking the Lord’s name in vain. He asked us to consider that when we disrespect the Lord in any way, our words and actions relate to taking the Lord’s name in vain. Rev. Buss asked us to consider how it would feel if you said your friend’s name disrespectfully every time you are angry or upset about something and how this would degrade that friendship; also, speaking about our Creator and Saviour in a degrading way will damage our relationship with the Lord. After the discussion, we drew for the door prize which was a beach mat and water bottle. I heard from one older teen that he really enjoyed participating in Rev. Buss’s discussion. The next social event is planned for Saturday, Sept 24th at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you there!

Naomi Reid (social event organizer)



CELEBRATE A CAMP THAT'S BEEN GOING FOR
MORE THAN 45 YEARS!
July 7th to July 13th

A NEW CHURCH CAMP for TEENAGERS

Maple Leaf Academy 

Over the past 40
come to Maple from
to learn about
and experience
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even called it "a

This year's theme is
*"Now choose life, so
and that you may
voice, and hold fast to him."* – Deuteronomy 30:19



years, hundreds of teenagers have
across the United States and Canada
themselves, form lifelong friendships,
worship in a whole new way. It is a
from civilization, enjoy sports and
teens from other societies. Some have
taste of heaven."

"Choices"
*that you and your children may live
love the Lord your God, listen to his*

"Maple has completely changed my life around and I can't/don't want to think how my life would be without it. It has taught me so much and has made me work on myself to become a better person."

"Maple was GREAT!! I have never really done any spiritual work with/on myself, and so I have definitely learned a lot. Family was amazing and I had a good connection with all the other people. All the worship services were very powerful and creative. The electives were always fun and hard to choose from!"

"This year (my 3rd) I have felt a wide range of emotions. Joy in singing hymns, love and peace in prayer. Overall, I have felt like I had a good balance of fun and meeting new people and working hard on myself. I feel like I have been given tools and opportunities to work through issues I have in relationships with the Lord, myself, and with others."

"Liked meeting new people, quiet time, coming out of my shell in a safe environment, family, worship services, counsellors, campers."

"I enjoy the times where we are able to share with each other our problems so that we can get the support we need."

"I really enjoyed all the counsellors this year. Each of them have a certain connection with campers, which makes Maple what it is. The electives and quiet time and free time are amazing."

"I've learned a lot about myself and about others, and it gives me an example of the attitude I want to have in my whole life."

Maple is located in the rolling farmlands of southern Ontario. Fee: **\$285**. Financial assistance is available.

Americans will need a passport. (Think what you can use it for after camp is over!)

For registration forms of more information, contact **Stephanie Kuhl** at gcic.mapleleafcamp@gmail.com or call **519-895-1891**.

~ July 2016 ~

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| 10:30a Worship (MKC) | 7p Tentative Olivet Board Meeting | 7p Closed AA | | | | |
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Sunday Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Usher | Chancel | Organist | Supervised Play | Greeters | Refreshments | Flowers |
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| Jul 3 Long Weekend | S. Cho | S. Gatti | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | Need volunteer | Need volunteer | S. Gatti |
| July 10 | P. Bailey | S. Gatti | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | L. Holmes | A. Schnarr | S. Gatti |
| July 17 | P. Horigan | C. Herterich | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | M. Broderick | M. Broderick | S. Gatti |
| July 24 | J. Jutras | S. Gatti | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | Need volunteer | A. Jutras | S. Gatti |
| July 31 long weekend | C. Reid | A. Reid | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | J. Jorgenson | J. Jorgenson | S. Gatti |
| Aug 7 | D. Simpson | S. Bradfield | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | Need volunteer | Need volunteer | R. Schnarr |
| Aug 14 | G. Cresswell | S. Bradfield | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | Need volunteer | Need volunteer | R. Schnarr |
| Aug 21 | G. Moran | C. Herterich | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | L. Holmes | A. Schnarr | R. Schnarr |
| Aug 28 | J. Cooper | J. Jorgenson | A. Nater | (parents or N. Reid/K. Jutras) | J. Jorgenson | J. Jorgenson | R. Schnarr |

July and August Anniversaries

Details available in the print and emailed versions of the Chatterbox.

The delight of true marriage love not only endures to old age in the world, but after death becomes the delight of heaven and is there filled with an interior delight that grows more and more perfect to eternity. HH 379

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