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Sunday Morning Service – May 17th,

Via Zoom 11:00 am

The Meeting ID is 753 0384 5783

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Scripture: **Revelations 1: 4 - 8**

Sermons on Audio

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website- [click here](http://churchofchristfennellave.homesitead.com/Sermons.html)
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Birthdays

Magdalena M.....May 27

Looking For Answers

Randy Morritt

Many people's lives are a real quandary; and they live in uncertainty, not knowing who they are, where they came from, how they got here, where they belong, what they are doing, where they are going, and so on. Numerous expressions may be used to describe how they feel about things: at loose ends; in a fog, spinning my wheels, at a loss, going nowhere, and trying to find myself. Numerous similar phrases might also be employed. Having more questions than answers, they are upset and unsettled; and are often disturbed or, even, depressed. Often, they feel lost, helpless, hopeless, and despondent. They are discouraged, disappointed, and frustrated. They wind up leading empty lives that are unfulfilled and unsatisfying because they are devoid of meaning and/or purpose.

Various people respond to this situation in different ways-some positive, and some negative. Some, in apathy, complacency, and/or indifference resign themselves to a fatalistic approach to life saying that the meaning is beyond them and there is nothing they can do to change their situation. Whatever is going to happen, is going to happen; and they don't believe there is anything they can do except accept and put up with what comes along, regardless of it being good or bad, enjoyable, constructive or destructive. A drastic approach taken by some is to seek relief from their situation by ending it all. Unfortunately, this raises more questions and creates additional burdens for those they leave behind.

The positive approach is to seek answers to our questions, then come up with a solution to our problem(s), and, finally, put the plan into action. Unfortunately, most people have no idea where to find the answers to their questions. The natural response is to look within ourselves and try to figure things out. Years ago, Solomon said: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Prov. 14:12; 16:25) The prophet

Jeremiah expressed a similar thought: "I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps." (Jer. 10:23). This should not be surprising to us. We did not create ourselves, so why should we expect to understand how we work. If I purchase something that has "some assembly required" I need a manual to put it together or if I buy some new equipment or tool, chances are I will need some operating instructions either from a person who is familiar with it or in written form. How much more is this true of us? Being left on my own to figure things out will most likely lead to an unsatisfying result, at least most of the time.

As Christians, we believe that we have been created in the image of God. (Gen. 1:26, 27; 5:1, 2) We are not God; but we do possess many of the traits and characteristics of Deity. God had a reason and purpose for making humans. He made us to have a relationship with Him and to honour and glorify Him. To this end, He made plans for us before the world was even created and fixed the conditions of our lives. so that his purposes might be accomplished. (Prov. 20:24; Acts 17:24-28; Eph.1:3-5, 11, 12; 2:10; 2 Tim. 1:9). He is at work in every situation of life for our good. (Jer. 29:11; cf. Rom. 8:28-30)

Lastly, God has provided us with help in finding the answers we seek. He has given us his inspired, authoritative word. (Ps. 119:105; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 4:12, 13; 2 Pet. 1:3, 4, 20, 21) Secondly, Jesus is our "friend at court" (1Jn. 2:1, 2) who is presently in the Father's presence acting on our behalf. (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:23-25). Thirdly, we have help in facing temptations and trials. (1 Cor. 10:11-13) Lastly, The Holy Spirit lives within us to lead us, to help us overcome evil, to confirm our relationship with God and to help us in our prayers by interceding on our behalf. (Rom. 8:5-17, 26, 27; Gal. 5:16-26). The Spirit is the guaranteeing deposit of our eternal salvation. (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14). Our God has all the answers; and he has given them to us. Our responsibility is to accept his answers and do what He says. (Eccl. 12:13, 14)

Prayer List:

- Julie Van Alstine's mother is on a waiting list to go to a Long Term care home. Please keep her in your prayers
- Pray for Dianne G. Sister-in-law, Heather Johnson, and her family. Her father has passed away. It was not Covid-19 related. He was in palliative care in the nursing home and had not been well for some time.
- The Covid-19 situation worldwide, and that it can be contained
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Sue Jones is asking for prayers for her niece's father Andrew Heron and his wife Mae and their family. Andrew has begun chemo treatments. Mae is in a longterm care home for Alzheimer's. Because of Covid-19 - No one can visit. Their daughter is Bev Boden, Brian and Mary's daughter in law. Please pray for this family

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17



LIVE Broadcast

Prepare to Join Online:

10:00 a.m. – Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Intermission

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Option 1: To view on [Youtube](#)

Step 1: Go to

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX_eiaOaX9-7cSZLS_u0DGw

Option 2: To Dial in and Join over the phone:

Step 1: Dial +1 647 374 4685 OR +1 647 558 0588 Canada

Step 2: Enter the Meeting ID: 103 220 258, followed by “#” button

Step 3: To enter without a participant ID, press “#” button



Christ walking on the Sea of Galilee

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<u>Benevolence</u>	\$	
Weekly Average:	\$	482.03



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Chris & Dianne Gardner

2019 Corporation Meeting for the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ

Due to the Corvid-19 Isolation, we were unable to have the Annual Corporation Meeting. We shall reschedule once we are able to return to the Church Building.



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