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THE GREAT SACRIFICE OF JESUS

by pastor jeff potts

Spring is just around the corner. Easter is only a month away. My thoughts turn to the great sacrifice Jesus made for us. The cross reminds us all that God's love for us is stronger than death. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them." (2 Corinthians 5:19 NLT) The cross was never about Jesus appeasing an angry God. The cross has always been the greatest demonstration there is of God's love for His wayward children. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.

Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of John 3:16-17 is poignant...

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted..." (The Message)

As we place our trust in Jesus alone at this Easter season, we are reminded that because of Him we stand acquitted of all our sins. We are reminded that the cross is about reconciliation with God. Jesus came "to put the world right again." One day soon, there will be no more war. One day soon there will be no more death. One day soon there will be no more pain. We thank God for the great sacrifice of Jesus!

In view of Christ's great sacrifice for us, I invite you to make a sacrifice for Him. In response to all that Jesus has done, I invite you to give a sacrificial gift to further the cause of Christ.

- Perhaps to help Ukrainian Refugees.
- Perhaps to help fund our new Director of Praise & Worship.
- Perhaps to give a boost to our Social Media initiative to reach more people for Jesus.

The opportunities are endless. At this Easter season, I appeal to you, as Paul appealed to the church at Corinth, "Since you excel in so many ways... I want you to excel in this gracious act of giving." (2 Cor 5:7 NLT)

Jesus gave everything for us! What will you give for Him?

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Mark 16:7
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INDESTRUCTIBLE LOVE

by pastor honey todd

Discover the love you've always wanted yet didn't know existed: God's Indestructible LOVE! We all long for love, love that is safe and secure. Love that answers these three questions in the affirmative: Are you there? Are you with me? Will you be there for me when I need you most? This series of five meetings presents the real story of humanity that comes full circle from the beginning to eternity. The resounding answer to the three questions is YES! God's love for us is Indestructible! We will never cease to be amazed at the indestructible love of God, who refused to give up on His children.



Attend in person meetings at College Heights SDA Church in Lacombe or online for the live stream. If participating online, invite people to your home to watch it as a group. Perhaps have a meal together then tune in to watch Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Roy Ice share the biblical God of Indestructible Love. During the meetings we will watch the video and there will be times for discussion. Please invite friends to join this wonderful adventure into the heart of God.

Friday nights, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, at 7pm; Saturday morning May 28 during worship services



Friday, May 6	The Plan
Friday, May 13	The Promise
Friday, May 20	The Rescue
Friday, May 27	The Assurance
Sabbath, May 28	The Reunion

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FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

by darrell huether



What's Your System?

According to research done from 2006 to 2012 by Dr. Robert K. McIver, a seminary professor at Avondale College in Australia, as reported in The Compass Magazine in the article "The Tithe Conundrum: What Percent of Adventists Actually Tithe?", survey results showed the most common reason for not tithing was "I forgot".

It is important to have your own system to meet your commitment to return tithe and give offerings on a regular basis. It really doesn't matter what the system is providing you have one that works for you.

Some systems to consider:

Simple - Every time you receive a pay stub, return your tithe and offerings and make note on the pay stub

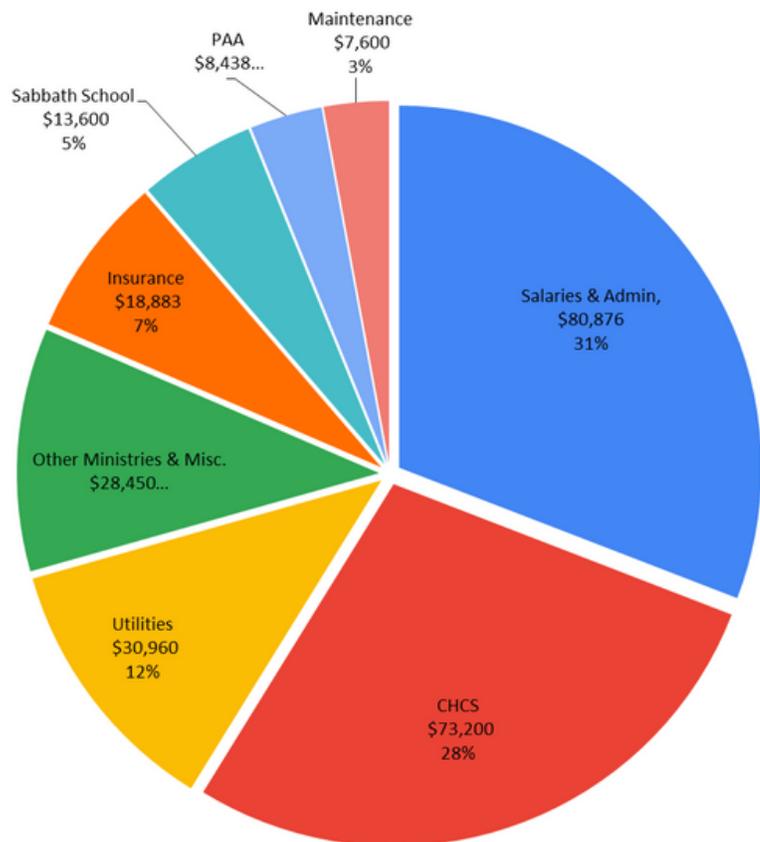
Set it and Forget it - If your income is consistent, set up a Recurring Donation on the Adventist Giving App

Tickler - Set a reminder in your calendar to process your tithe and offerings at the end of each month

Spreadsheet - Use this spreadsheet (available on the church website at <https://www.chsda.ca/stewardship-resources>) to record your income every time you receive a pay stub and personalize the calculation settings so it calculates your tithe and offerings automatically for contribution each month (two side benefits are, 1. each time you receive a pay stub you will easily see what the differences are from the previous pay periods, and 2. at the end of the calendar year you have information to plan for tax purposes before you receive your T4). (Make sure you make your own copy before using.)

If you have a different system that works for you we would like to share it, maybe others would find it useful. Call or email (office@chsda.ca) the church office to share your system. Also, check out the NAD website on stewardship for more information and ideas at <https://www.nadstewardship.org/>.

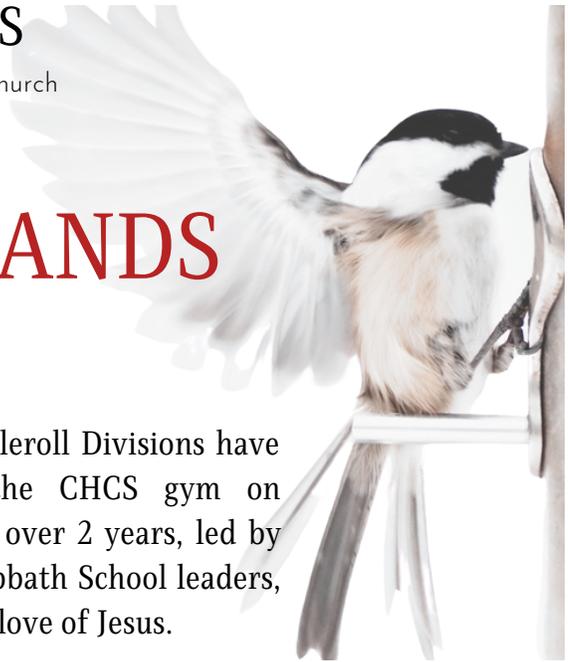
CHSDA Church Family Budget 2022
Total Budget \$262,007



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IN GOOD HANDS

by tena zazulak

giving



The Nursery and Cradleroll Divisions have been gathering in the CHCS gym on Sabbath mornings for over 2 years, led by faithful and caring Sabbath School leaders, to teach and share the love of Jesus.

This has required an extra amount of time and effort in prep for these classes so we just want to acknowledge all the leaders and extra helpers during this time and say a big word of THANKS!!!

There are many more dedicated volunteers working with the children and youth, and we will do our best to feature these lovely folks in upcoming newsletters.

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VOLUNTEERS ARE

community-minded *cheerful*

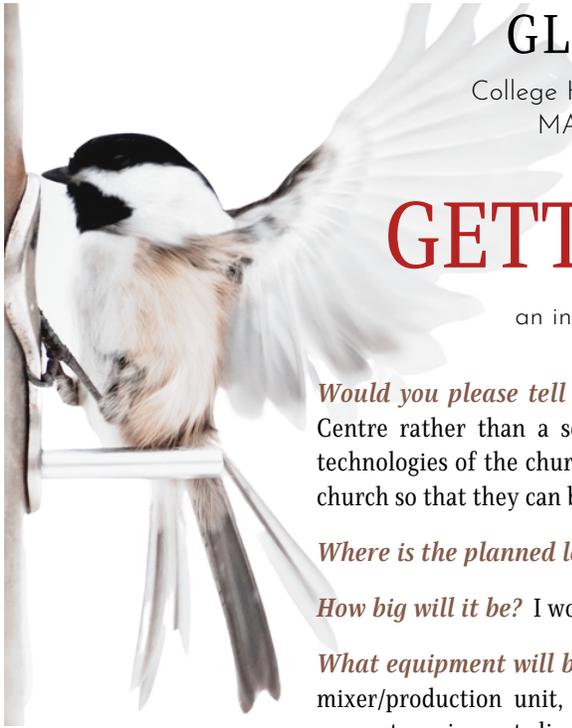


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GETTING TECHY

an interview with larry murrin

Would you please tell our readers about the proposed sound booth? I'd call it a Tech Centre rather than a sound booth. It is a location to support the various visual/sound technologies of the church, and will allow technicians to see what exactly is going on in the church so that they can better anticipate needs.

Where is the planned location? On the balcony, back middle section.

How big will it be? I would guess we could get up to 10 people in the space.

What equipment will be in the tech centre? Livestream video production (usually a video mixer/production unit, related computers, etc.), visual media production computer and support equipment, livestream audio sound board, equipment needed to network all the equipment such as network switches, routers, etc.

Do we need updates on our current equipment? Yes! The church really needs to get their own equipment. The video production computer we use actually belongs to Burman. Most of the video cameras we use are Burman's as well. Visual media would like a new computer to handle their production needs. Then we will need to get the network distribution systems in place to distribute the video/sound around the church as well as getting on the Internet.

Will there still be a camera person on the main floor? Probably. That would be up to the video production crew. There are cameras called PTZ that can be controlled remotely and are quite small (we currently have one in the balcony). I am not sure if that is an option; the livestream production crew will have to make that call.

Will we still use the current sound board in the balcony? Yes. Sound mixed for the live church service is totally different from the sound needed for livestream. The audio technician for the church needs to hear what is going on. Room acoustics is a major factor as well as how various instruments carry in the church building. For example, the organ is loud enough in the church without going through the PA system, yet livestream needs to have it mic'd and mixed into their sound.

What trends in technology have impacted this project? The biggest factor is livestreaming services. It requires a whole new level of technology and personnel. Visual media is getting more and more complicated, and there seems to be a trend to having various display devices show different things. One example is the front floor monitor showing one thing for the people on the stage as opposed to what is displayed to the church on the main projectors. There is also a request to display a different image on each projector.

Do we have the plans drafted yet? As it stands now, it will have two sections and an entrance on either side. One of the complaints from the tech personnel is that they cannot see what is going on in the church and have to depend on cameras. The Tech Centre will have a full glass front, allowing clear views for everyone in the tech room.

How can we help get this done in a timely manner? Donate money please! The projected cost is \$50,000. We need this project to get done soon. Right now all the equipment is in a temporary location that was never designed to be used permanently. It is vulnerable to theft and vandalism, plus people can mess with it, which leads to a lot of re-configuration. Also, the amount of wires and equipment at the current location is a safety issue. It is located in a direct route of a fire exit. One of the main ideas of the Tech Centre is to protect the thousands of dollars the church has invested in equipment and provide a stable location from which to produce the media requirements of the church.

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CHURCH GARDEN CLUB

information provided by carleen blabey

Our church has started a community garden on Burman University land in the field by Barnett Lake. This is a great place to grow your own food, meet new people and socialize together. Plots are 10'x20' and will be tilled, reducing costs of purchasing expensive equipment and ensuring that gardening is an affordable project. Water will be available, either from Barnett Lake or the City of Lacombe. These amenities help you have a more successful, less labour-intensive garden project. There will be a fee to cover the expenses of preparing the plots and keeping water at the site.

This year we will collectively plant tulip and gladiolus in a portion of the garden, which will be operated as a u-pick fundraiser. The proceeds will go toward maintaining the garden and future developments such as a permanent water supply. If you want to help plant and weed the flower garden, and/or pick flowers and support our project, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like a garden plot, please let Carleen Blabey know how many people are in your family and how many plots you would like.



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GATEWAY TO HEAVEN

by warren kay, worship committee chairperson

We run the risk of having a meeting each Sabbath where we simply talk about God. Yet the purpose of a worship service is to experience God, connect with Him, and leave inspired to live for Him. This is not done by chance. We can be intentional in what we do to create an environment where the participants are enabled to connect with God in a powerful and personal way. In response to his dream of the ladder that reached from heaven to earth, Jacob declared,

"What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very GATEWAY TO HEAVEN!" (Gen. 28:17)

Wouldn't it be amazing if we left our worship services each week with the sense that we had met with God and experienced His presence in a way that would empower us to live for Him in a bolder, more joyful way? There are many things that our worship leaders can do that will facilitate that reality. Rather than just leading a song service, they are actually leading worship themselves. They are doing more than singing songs; they are imagining God before them as they lift their hearts in praise to the one who has redeemed them. Their songs are prayers to God and their comments are directed to God instead of the congregation. The focus of the service becomes one of our worship of God and lifting Him up in praise.

The Worship Director will work with the praise teams to educate and enable them to be more effective in leading worship each week. Wouldn't it be nice if our church became known for its moving worship experiences? When you reflect on all the ministries and activities of the church, I believe there is nothing that the church does that impacts more people every week than the worship service. Our intention is that we will continue to grow and be even more intentional in how we worship.

I am excited to share that nearly half of the funds needed for this position have already been raised! I look forward to the time, in the very near future, when we will be able to hire a talented person who will enable us to have a moving worship experience each week as a result of your faithfulness and generous donations.

Bonnie's Vegan Cooking



Raw Nut & Cranberry Bars

1 cup of chopped nuts such as almonds, cashews, pecans or a mix

1 cup of finely chopped Medjool dates*

1/2 cup dried cranberries

Optional: 1/8 tsp flaked sea salt

In a food processor, chop nuts. If you like chunky bars, add 1/2 cup nuts first, chop finely, then add second 1/2 cup nuts and pulse briefly. Add dates and cranberries, and pulse until mixture starts clumping. Hand form balls or press into a pan for bars.

**If dates are dry, the bars may not hold together. Either presoak dates and drain water off, or add 1 tablespoon water and 1 tsp coconut oil during mixing to help keep the bars together.*

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JUST FOR KIDS

Foothills SDA Summer Camps are open for registration!

This is your opportunity to attend a week of summer camp. You can participate in some pretty awesome adventures! Be prepared for activities like water-skiing, horsemanship, skate-boarding, archery, BMX, swimming, hiking, tumbling and more. Get crafty with ceramics, candle-making, and glass-etching. Learn about nature with pioneer life, outdoor survival, adventure challenges and so many more cool activities. Make memories that you will never forget.



Best of all, you will be in a place where Jesus will become your Best Friend for life.



<https://www.foothillscamp.ca/summer-camp/activities>

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