



“For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by.”
 ~ Psalm 90:14

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A Note from the Desk of Lieut-Colonel Shawn Critch

Happy New Year!

While calendar time is linear, beneath it there is the mystery of eternity. All

that has been is not lost in the transition to a new year. The presence and meaning of everything that has shaped us to this point in time is integrated into the rhythm of a new year that will be filled with simplicity and complexity, learning and ignorance, joy and sadness, hope and frustration. This is not intended to minimize the mental, emotional and spiritual dimensions of our human journey. If only things were so simple. Yet, the sacredness of each day that is before us will extend an invitation to be overwhelmed by the presence of God, in all things. For the grace we have experienced, we are thankful. And we are humbled by the grace that is promised.

For a moment consider the words of John. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:1-4, English Standard Version). For all that the new year will hold we can have confidence that the kingdom of God is not at risk. The darkness has not, and will not, overcome the light of Jesus Christ in the world! In mercy and steadfast love God has become our Saviour.

I pray that as we stand on the threshold of a new year that God will give us the longing to follow him into places of surrender where holiness is more deeply experienced and places of service where His name is proclaimed so that we can bring hope wherever there is hardship, building communities that are just and know the love of Jesus Christ.

***Lieut-Colonel Shawn Critch,
Divisional Commander***



GROWING UP IN WARTIME ENGLAND

*Allan Bacon, in this Short Series,
Recollects His Growing Up Years
During World War II*

When food or clothing was purchased during the war, a retailer would cancel the coupon in the ration book or cut the coupon out. A typical weekly allowance of rationed food for an adult was (and it all depended on the availability of the items): bacon and ham 4 ounces (1 ounce = 25g); other meat to the value of one shilling and two pence (= about 2 small chops); butter 2 ounces; cheese 2 ounces; margarine 4 ounces; cooking fat 4 ounces; milk 3 pints; sugar 8 ounces; preserves 1 pound (16 ounces) every two months; tea 2 ounces; eggs 1, plus a small packet of powdered egg; candies 12 ounces a month. Children were entitled to extra food, including concentrated orange juice, milk and cod liver oil. It was quite common for families to ‘swap’ food items. Pauline was often very upset because her mother would exchange the candies ration for tea or butter with the next-door neighbour.

Some types of imported fruit virtually disappeared from shops, such as bananas and lemons. Oranges rarely appeared, and these were usually reserved for children and pregnant women. I do not recall having an orange until after the war ended. Many items became difficult or impossible to obtain, although this did not affect me as a young boy. Such items included razor blades, baby bottles, alarm clocks, pots and pans. Newsprint was strictly limited, with the result that newspapers during the war were gradually reduced to 25% of their pre-war size. Wrapping paper for most goods was prohibited. Toilet paper was a rare luxury and most folk made do with newspaper cut into small squares.

Rationing of clothing was introduced because of the increased need for clothing materials for uniforms. Each item of clothing was ranked and allocated a number of points. At first a clothing ration book contained 66 points or coupons. This allowance was gradually cut back until by 1945 the annual allowance was 24 points or coupons. A woman’s dress could be had for 11 coupons, stockings for 2 (not nylon, as this was needed for parachutes), shoes for 5. Men’s shoes required 7 coupons, an overcoat 18 and a suit 26-29, depending on the type of

lining. Children aged 14-16 were allowed an additional 20 coupons. Second hand clothing was not rationed. It was always difficult for civilians to get shoes and boots. The government constantly urged the need for people to make do and mend.

As a young boy I developed a love of music. We had a large wooden cabinet that housed a gramophone and required constant winding to maintain the correct speed for playing the vinyl records. I recall that it was my job to do the winding and there were frequent occasions when Beethoven’s 5th symphony (which I believe was on a set of about 6 or 8 records) had strange and unusual changes of tempo, to the annoyance of the adults in the room. I enjoyed listening to Vera Lynn (“the Forces Sweetheart”) on the radio, and later in the war the music of Glenn Miller. Although young, I was very much aware of the increasing anti-American sentiment, which seemed to centre around the contention that there were “three things wrong with those Yanks: they were over-paid, over-sexed and over here!”

As I have mentioned in an earlier article, in 1944 my family (not including my uncle George or my grandmother) moved to 74 Lincoln Street, about two blocks away from Richmond Buildings. The house was much bigger, with six rooms on three floors, plus a small kitchen/scullery. The toilet was outside in the garden. My Mum quickly became a good friend of our next door neighbour Mrs. Spencer, with whose family Pauline and I maintained contact for many years after moving to Canada. Bath nights were always scheduled for the day that Mum did the weekly laundry in the stone copper in the kitchen. The hot water was then scooped into a bucket and poured into a long tin bath that was placed in front of the fireplace in a downstairs room, and we took it in turns to bathe. I had, and still have, an intense dislike of having a bath in water covered with scum, and have always preferred to shower. My brother Eric and I had to develop new balancing skills, as we were given the great honour of carrying the chamber pot down two flights of stairs to the outside toilet. In spite of everything, the house was a great improvement on what we had lived in before.

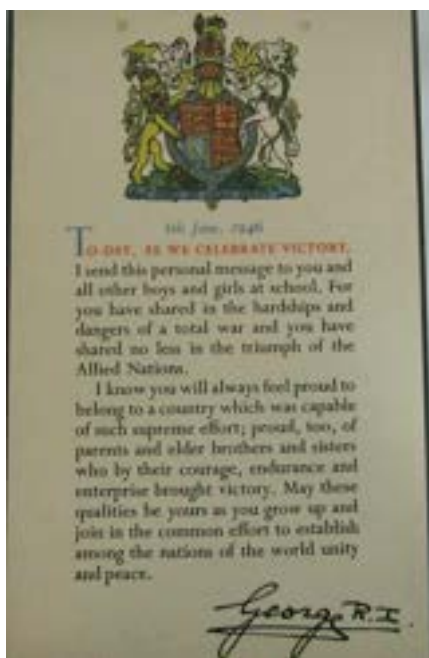
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A new home also saw me move to a new school, Finsbury Road Junior School, where I was to spend the next four years. Class sizes were much larger, and I see from my school reports that in my case they ranged from 42 to 54 students. I have fond memories of my time at the school, and was privileged to be taught by some very fine teachers. We still had a weekly drill when we had to file into the air raid shelters behind the school, but by 1944 we no longer had to have lessons wearing a gas mask. Also weekly was a class visit to the swimming pool at St. Luke's Secondary School. This visit always resulted in my being punished. I had on two occasions earlier in life nearly drowned and hated being in the water, where I felt very vulnerable (although I have always loved being on the water.) The St. Luke's pool was only 4 feet 6 inches deep, and so, when we were being taught to do the breast stroke, I was able to walk along the bottom of the pool while performing perfect arm movements as though I was swimming. Mr. Davies, a Welshman with an Adam's apple the size

of a golf ball and a volatile temper (although an excellent and likeable teacher) always took exception to this and delivered some sharp blows to my backside with a running shoe when I emerged from the water.

When the war ended in Europe (VE Day) there was great excitement, and a few days later, all over England there were celebratory street parties. Eats, ice cream and sandwiches miraculously appeared and the street was festooned with bunting. My memory of that day, however, is of the sadness of our next door neighbour Mrs. Patching, whose son was still a Prisoner of War in Japanese hands, having been captured at the fall of Hong Kong. When he did return some time after VJ-Day, he was a broken, shell of a man, and he never recovered. In June 1946 all of us schoolchildren were presented with a certificate from King George VI with a celebratory message, thanking us for "sharing in the hardships and dangers of a total war...and in the triumph of the Allied nations." (see photo) The certificate hangs on the wall over my desk as I write.

(This concludes this short series.)



Certificate presented to all schoolchildren in 1946.

Brighton Congress Hall.



Brighton Congress Hall Band on the march, just before war was declared.



Brighton Congress Hall Band on the grounds of St. Dunstan's Home for blinded military personnel soon after the war ended. Allan is standing behind the Band at the far right.



Allan sent me a note to say, "I will be taking a break from writing while I concentrate on some research for a couple of military history research projects". (See page 3 for more)

- the Editor

PERSONALS

Our Prayer List

Please Remember Our Friends in Your Prayers

The Buehrer Family on the Promotion to Glory of Fred. (Celebration of Life was held on November 26th.)

The Sharp & McDormand Families on the Promotion to Glory of Major Bert Sharp.

The Mampasi / Makela Family as they grieve the loss of Prosper.

Jorden Suley & Hunter Suley (Ruth Fifield's nephews) with health concerns.

Cathy Goddard who is now recovering at home.

Gwen Holland – health issues.

Madeline Elliott – health concerns.

Markham Wilson – health concerns.

Richard Guertin – health concerns.

Fred Lang – at Grace Manor.

Archie Smith – health concerns

Marg Peppy – health concerns

Derek McKinnon (Former web master and Bandsman at Ottawa Citadel), son of Lorraine Vlcek is recovering from serious surgery on December 30th.

Norlande St. Pierre Oreste and John Stanley Oreste. Please pray for them as they seek refugee status and eventually a permanent home in Canada.

Kathleen Whittingham – resident of the Osgoode Care Centre and member of the Ottawa Citadel Women's Fellowship was Promoted to Glory on December 16th. She was the mother of four children and blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please pray for Kathleen's family.

Shrley Danis on the death of her two-year-old grandson. Pray also for the boy's parents as they return from Mexico.

Sincere Appreciation

To

Allan Bacon for his faithful support of and regular contributions to the *Ottawa Citadel Contact* over the past fourteen years. He began

by writing for the *Band Corner* to keep everyone informed about the activities of the Band. Following that, he initiated a series of articles entitled *THE SAGA OF SALLY ANN: Vignettes from Salvation Army History* which detailed some of the violent opposition the Army encountered in its early days.

Following that series, Allan embarked on a new journalistic adventure called, *Jottings from My Journals* in which he shared many interesting accounts of his travels around the world as Director of Overseas Development for The Salvation Army. After a brief break due to health issues, Allan returned and instituted a new series, *Tales of a Travelling Teacher* in which we enjoyed stories of his adventures around the world as he served as the president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Finally, Allan shared some of his personal experiences in *Growing Up in Wartime England*. For many years, Allan assisted his late wife, Pauline in taking pictures during the services for the *Contact*.

Thank you so very much, Allan for all you have done to aid the process of communication at Ottawa Citadel. We look forward to hearing more from Allan in the near future!

Congratulations!

To

Nerlande St. Pierre Oreste and John Stanley Oreste, Abigail's parents on their safe arrival in Ottawa via Montreal following a difficult trip from their home to Port-au-Prince airport and on to Montreal. We thank God for their safe arrival. (See more on Page 26)

WORD SEARCH

(Bible Word Search Puzzles, Vol. I: Bible Basics #)

Instructions: The words are found in all directions; vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward and backward.

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Please See the Scripture References for the Solutions to the Puzzle on Page 20

Celebrate with Our People

BIRTHDAYS:

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES:

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Please Note: Personal information is removed from our web site version of the Contact.



Ottawa Citadel Women's Fellowship Citadel

- Marlene Hope -

The Women's Fellowship ladies who meet at noon on Zoom every Wednesday held their final meeting of 2022 on December 14th. We resumed these Zoom meetings today, Wednesday, January 11th.

Again this Christmas we took part in the *service project* which involves each of us sending a Christmas card to Belleville addressed to "Any Canadian Armed Forces Member" and signed with our name and Women's Fellowship of Ottawa. Many groups do the same and all the cards are then sent to the Service Members.

I know that many women are wondering when we plan to resume in-person meetings at the Corps. Those on Zoom are not yet comfortable with meeting in person and have become accustomed to the format we have been using each week. We do not follow a regular schedule with the four groups (Education, Service, Fellowship and Worship) as was the case when we met at the Corps and different women led a program each week.

The primary need amongst those of us who meet on Zoom is to have a time each week in which we can just chat and share what is going on in our lives. Those who wish to talk, can. Otherwise, we feel free to just listen. Because several of us are unable to go out anywhere, these Zoom meetings are very important.

TO JOIN US: Meeting ID: 991 6312-7351
Passcode: 1350
Canada Toll Free Number: 1-855-703-8985

Special Christmas Remembrances at Ottawa Citadel

Christmas Card Donors

Linda Colwell
Jim & Carol Ferguson
Brent & Jessica Ferguson
Linda Weatherall
Majors Brandi & Dwayne LeDrew
Albert & Deanna Verhey
Brian & Karin Verhey
Esther McTier
Shamina Maccum
David & Madonna Hall
Elizabeth St. Aimee
Joyce Ramsahoye
Rachael Ola Peters
Ruth Berry
Archie & Ruth Smith
Darlyn & Warren Thompson
Kathy & Dan Morel
Martyn & Kathelene Hodgson
Modupe Orsegun
Connie Brown
Erin Verhey
Vanessa Morel
Martha Lalonde

Poinsettias in Memory of

Dave & Gwen Holland
(Family)
Majors Dwayne & Brandi LeDrew
(Family)
Jane Moulton
(Family & Friend)
Esther McTier
(Sister)
Linda Colwell
(Friend)
John, Donna & Erin Verhey
(Family)
The Morel Family
(Family)
Ottawa Citadel Women's Fellowship
(Two Members)
Gary & Dawn Smith
((Family))
Len & Trinette Goddard
(Family)

Worship Service, Sunday, November 13, 2022



Simon conducted the Band's Prelude: *Jesus, Lily of the Valley* and the march, *The Galtonian*.



CSM Linda welcomed the congregation on line and in person and then brought the morning's announcements.



Major Dwayne read the Call to Worship from Psalm 63.



The Band accompanied the singing of *Jesus is My Light and Majesty, Worship His Majesty* after which Geoff accompanied *He is Able, More than Able* on the piano. This morning's Band selection was Howard Davies' arrangement of *Jesus Came*.



Major Dwayne gave Thanksgiving to God for the Tithes offered.



Kathy led the singing of *The Heart of Worship*.



Major Dwayne read Scripture from Psalm 124



Julie introduced the Songster selection, *How Can I Keep from Singing?* which Laurie led from the piano.



Abigail led today's Children's Time

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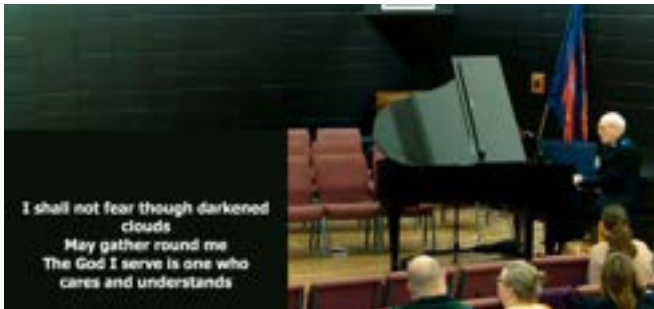
Worship Service – Sunday, November 13, 2022 - Continued



Message: “Hazards Ahead”

Major Dwayne reminded us that, if we are believers, then the Lord is on our side no matter what circumstances may befall us. Furthermore, the Word of God contains a message and direction for us day by day. As we walk our spiritual journey, we are redeemed but God expects us to continue growing to become Holy people. Just as the Israelites encountered hazards such as robbers, ravenous wildlife, dry streams and torrents of rain, on their journey to Jerusalem so, too, do we encounter temptations

in our path by Satan. Like the Israelites, we must draw closer to God, trusting him to guide us through the put turmoil which may overwhelm us or the discouragement that may drag us down spiritually. God is there for us, waiting to respond to our cry for help. Sometimes, it is hard for us to see beyond the hurt. Nevertheless, God is there for us. The devotional song that concluded this message was *I’m in His Hands* – a most appropriate and encouraging song.



- Top Left: Geoff accompanies the singing of Stanley Ditmer’s Prayer Song, *I’m in His Hands*
- Top Right: The Band plays the Closing Song, *All the Promises of God are Sure*.
- Left: Major Dwayne gives the Closing Prayer and leads the sung Benediction, *This, This is the God We Adore*.



The Band’s Postlude was *The Light has Come*.

Did You Know?

Pretty well all the regular programs that operate out of our Corps building are now up and running as of January 9th.

Leaders of these activities are welcome to send information to the editor of the *Contact* at any time.

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

-In-Person Attendance / Views

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| Sunday, November 13 | 121 / | 235 |
| Sunday, November 20 | 102 / | 255 |
| Sunday, November 27 | 110 / | 217 |
| Sunday, December 4 | 106 / | 187 |
| Sunday, December 11 | 120 / | 184 |
| Sunday, December 18 | 106 / | 292 |
| Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 | 76 / | 180 |
| Sunday, December 25 | 35 / | N/A |
| Sunday, January 1 | 114 / | N/A |
| Sunday, January 8 | 118 / | 115* |

UPDATE on BUILDING ISSUES

Your Building Advisory Committee (BAC) has not met since its Zoom meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd. There is, however, progress on a number of projects which are noted below:

1) Projects at the Corps Building:

- a. Upgrade of Emergency Lighting – All of the interior exit signs have been replaced and are now up to code. The light socket over the front door canopy was also repaired.
- b. Snow Plowing – the company doing this work will be asked to plow some of the snow to the south end of the parking lot so that fewer spaces are lost at the Walkley Road end of the lot and the access to the building is widened around the handicap parking spots.
- c. Replacement of the commercial refrigerator in the kitchen – this has now been completed and a very user-friendly unit is now in place.
- d. Repairs to the Office roof top HV/AC unit – have not yet been completed as the parts have still not arrived from Texas.
- e. Electric Heater inside front foyer – has been repaired and is working again.
- f. New Handrails installed – David has installed them at the back of the platform to help people transitioning from Band to Songsters and back again safely.
- g. Black Walls on Platform to be Painted – now that we have more sensitive cameras, the walls will be repainted to their original colour.
- h. New Waste Disposal Company – a contract has been signed with Tomlinson, a local company.
- i. New Sound Booth – John and Sean van Gulik have built and installed a new sound booth and system. A big word of THANKS is due to both of them. See page 23 for details.
- j.

2) Projects at the Officers' Quarters:

- a. Water Leak in the Basement of the Quarters – Shortly after our last newsletter was sent out, Majors LeDrew reported that some water was leaking into the basement from an undetermined source. In spite of the large amounts of rain we have had during the past two weeks, the leak has not recurred. We will investigate possible sources in the spring.

Opportunity to Help Out!

Over the last few years, several people have helped out with some of the efforts to contribute much needed items for the women's and men's shelters in Nunavut, as well as the maternity ward at the hospital there. Kathy McDormand will be heading to Iqaluit, Nunavut in April and has indicated that if anyone wishes to contribute items, she would be happy to bring the items with her and deliver them to the shelters and hospital. Every contribution is greatly appreciated! Please submit your donations by Sunday, April 9th.

The types of items that are needed for the maternity ward are as follows:

- knitted baby items (blankets, sweaters, bottles, booties, mitts, etc.)
- all types of baby clothing
- diapers
- wipes
- baby shampoo
- formula
- baby food

For the men's and women's shelters, Kathy will be collecting all types of toiletries and personal care items (no aerosol containers). The women's shelter also appreciates new toys, colouring books, crayons, etc. for the children who are staying there with a parent.

If you would like to help out, please provide your items to Kathy and she will package everything for transport.

Thanks to everyone who wishes to participate.



Worship Service, Sunday, November 13, 2022



For its Prelude the band played the Hymn Tunes, *St. Theodulph* and *Shall You, Shall I?*



CSM Linda welcomed everyone and brought this week's announcements. Major Dwayne read Psalm 150 as our Call to Worship.



Major Brandi led the song, *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* accompanied by the Band.



With the help of the Worship Team, Major Dwayne sang *We want to See Jesus Lifted High, When I Look into Your Holiness* and *I Love You, Lord and I Lift...*



Major Dwayne Opened in Prayer.



Major Dwayne assists Geoff in introducing the Band Selection, *Thank You, Lord*.



Major Dwayne the tithes and Gives Thanks to God.

Following the giving of tithes and prayer, the Band accompanied the song, *King of Kings*.

Worship Service, Sunday, November 20, 2022 - Continued



Major Brandi reads Scripture from John 1: 1-5 & 12-14



Kathy introduced the message the Songsters would sing: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.



Kassandra led the Children's Time in Today's Service.



Prior to the Message, the Worship Team led the singing of *In Christ Alone*.

Following the Message the appeal Choruses were then sung: *Create in Me a Clean heart and Lord Prepare me to be a Sanctuary*.



**The Message:
*Preparing for Christmas***

(Major Brandi LeDrew)

Based on John 1, Major Brandi listed the practical steps we take in preparing for Christmas: Clean the House; Decorate and organize; create lists of the needs and wants of those we love. But, much

much more importantly, are these steps – *personal cleansing*, preparing our hearts as *pure hearts*. What do we do to have a pure heart? Nothing! All we have to do is *Ask*. Secondly, *arrange our priorities*. Matthew 6:³³ says *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well*. Remember to make room in your heart for all Christ's blessings and put him first in your heart. Thirdly, decorate our heart with God's blessings and get rid of the old concerns for his presence to make it beautiful. Finally, partake of the giving and getting of gifts. Accept the Gift of Christ and welcome him into our hearts. Through faith we

of the living God and citizens of heaven. We love to give good gifts to others. In Proverbs 23:²⁶ God's Word says, *My son, give me your heart*. In preparation for Christmas, are there some parts of your heart that need a cleansing and decorating? With the help of the Worship Team, we sang *Create in me a pure heart* to conclude.



The Band played the Closing Song, *I Stand amazed in the Presence*; the Sung Benediction; *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* and the Postlude, *Will Your Anchor Hold?*

Major Brandi read the *Doxology* from the Book of Jude (24) as our Benediction.



Worship Service, Sunday, November 27, 2022



On the First Sunday of Advent, the Band's Prelude consisted of two Carols: *How Far is it to Bethlehem?* and *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*.



In her announcements, CSM Linda reminded everyone that their help was needed on the Christmas Kettles.



Major Dwayne led the singing of *Sweet Chiming Christmas Bells* accompanied by the Band.



Major Dwayne opened with the Call to Worship and then, with the help of the Worship Team, introduced the Christmas Theme Chorus, *It's Christmas* followed by the singing of *Light of the World*.



The Band's selection was Norman Bearcroft's arrangement of *Away in a Manger* led by Geoff.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath by the Lefu Family (Georgette along with daughters Lazarette, Lucette, Lazarelle and Lader)



After the Lighting of the Advent Wreath, the Worship Team led the singing of *O Come Let us Adore Him* and Major Dwayne led the Responsive Scripture passages from the Old and New Testaments detailing the Prophecies and their Fulfilments concerning the coming of Christ.

Worship Service, Sunday, November 27, 2022 - Continued



The Trombos (John, Jorden, Gary and Murray) played an arrangement of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.



Major Dwayne prayed over the tithes and sought God's Blessing.



Major Dwayne requested and introduced the Songster selection, *More Than Wonderful*.



For the Children's Time, Ann donned the garb of the angel like Gabriel and acted out the promises of the angel's message for the kids.



Today's Message: *Promises*

Major Dwayne thanked Rosemary, David Holland, and Paula for the beautiful job they did in decorating the church for Christmas. He then urged us all to *Look for Jesus* throughout the Advent season. Just as Ann told the young people,

God Keeps His Promises! Not only did Anna and Simeon know the promises of God but they got to see them fulfilled in the birth of Christ because they were close to God in their hearts. It is clear when we consider how many people are seeking help with their frustrations and sense of being overwhelmed that we all sense our need of wise counsel. More and more, we realize that Christ is our *Mighty Counsellor* upon whom we can depend. Scripture also calls our Saviour names like Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. We have a God who hears our cry, who can walk with us through our problems. We don't need to wallow in our overwhelming frustrations – He has your back! We must look to Jesus, the Prince of Peace to settle our broken relationships, fractured family situations and whatever else causes us distress. Prayerfully study God's Word and hang onto the promises God has made in its chapters.

The message was concluded by the Worship Team leading the singing of the chorus, *O Come Let Us Adore Him*.



After the congregation sang the Appeal Chorus, *O Come Let Us Adore Him*, the Band accompanied the Closing Song, *A Starry Night*.



Left: Major Dwayne gave an Advent Blessing and closed in prayer.

Right: The Band played the sung Benediction, *Go Tell It on the Mountain* and as a Prelude, *While Shepherds Watched*.



Worship Service, Sunday, December 4, 2022



The Band played today's Prelude: *While Shepherds Watched* and *Il est Né*



CSM Linda welcomed everyone and delivered the Announcements.



The Band accompanied the singing of the Opening Song, *Angels from the Realms*.



After reading the Call to Worship, Major Dwayne was backed up by the Worship Team in singing this year's Theme Music, *It's Christmas*.

In the Pictures Below are the Participants who did the Readings and Lit the Second Advent Candle



Clockwise: David prayed; Alyssa did a reading; Mike did a reading; David lit the candle while the others looked on; Cassandra did a reading.



Left: The Worship Team leads *Immanuel*. Right: The Band recruited ten extra percussionists to play a Latin style version of *Mary's Boy Child*.



Worship Service, Sunday, December 4, 2022 - Continued



Major Brandi leads the Responsive Scripture Reading



Major Dwayne celebrates the Blessings of the morning's offerings.



As introduced by Aaron, the Songsters sang *Come Thou Fount of 'Christmas' Blessings* led from the piano by Laurie.



Ann dressed again as we would imagine Gabriel would look to tell the Children about *Why we Celebrate Christmas*.



The Band accompanied a Carol Favourite, *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Message: HOPE – Major Brandi

The foundation of Major Brandi's message today was Matthew 1 beginning at verse 18. The crisis that stirred the need for hope, however, goes back to the very beginning when Adam and Eve tasted of the forbidden fruit and sin entered the story of mankind. Throughout the Old Testament, however, God slowly unfolds his plan to deal with man and sin by sending someone to Earth. Mankind's hope was that He would keep his promise. Indeed, we have to believe this promise in order to keep our

lungs and our dreams from collapsing. Hope is essential to living – hopelessness is not an option. In Romans 15:¹³ we read, *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace*. Jeremiah 29:¹¹ much earlier promised, *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you*. Jumping forward to the Book of Matthew, it is revealed to Joseph that this baby, Jesus, would bring hope and save his people from their sins. Joseph chose to hope that Mary's claim of the virgin birth was true. As we now know, Jesus brought joyful hope to the Earth – a transforming love and hope and God was in the midst of it, giving Himself as a babe in a manger to sacrifice for our sins thirty-three years later. Major Brandi closed by reminding us of the words of the beloved carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem: *The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonihjt*.



Left: The Band accompanied the closing song, *Hark the Glad Sound* (to the Tune, *Joy to the World*) and the Benediction, *Go tell it on the mountain*.

Right: Major Brandi gave the Advent Blessing



Worship Service, Sunday, December 11, 2022

Pageant Sunday



Julie leads the Band in playing *How Far is it to Bethlehem?* for the Prelude.



Major Dwayne welcomes everyone and brings the announcements for today. He then read the Call to Worship after which Major Brandi led the opening Carol, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* accompanied by the Band.



With the support of the Worship Team, the congregation sang this year's theme song, *It's Christmas*. Major Dwayne then opened in prayer.



Lighting of the Advent Candle by the Smith Family



Top: Kyle does the first of two readings.
Middle: Gary does a reading.
Bottom: Dawn does a reading as Gary prepares to light the candle.

At the Right is the List of Participants in the **COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS** Pageant
Please see Page 16 for a Collage of Pictures from the Pageant.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST

Camila played by: Lazarette
 Victoria played by: Lazarelle
 Mrs. Marlin played by: Ava
 Peyton played by: Grace
 Dylan played by: Joshua
 Ashley played by: Becca
 Haley played by: Veronica
 Caesar played by: James and/or Jamie

Choir
 Stacey, Isabelle, Catila, Bianca, Damian, Lael, Danick

Thank-you to David, Kathy, and Ann for their leadership of the Christmas Pageant!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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PICTURES from the PAGEANT



The young people of our Corps who participated in this year's Pageant COUNTING DOWN to CHRISTMAS are to be highly commended on a number of levels. The 2022 Pageant was the first such event in several years due to Covid; in spite of a number of technical glitches, they carried on as though nothing had happened; the quality of both their diction and their singing was wonderful. Appreciative recognition is due to David, Kathy and Ann who did such an effective job of preparing the young folks so thoroughly that only their enthusiasm and the message of their presentation shone through. Well Done, Everyone!

***Band & Songster Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 11.
2022 at 2:30 pm***



The Band's Repertoire Included:

- **March – *Christmas Rejoicing***
- **Carol Arrangement – *Do You Hear What I hear?***
- ***Sweet Chiming Christmas Bells***
- ***Mary's Boy Child* with audience participation**
- **Arr. – *Away in a Manger***
- ***Personent Hodie* – 14th Century**
- **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**



The Songster's Repertoire Included:

- ***Worship the King***
- ***Saviour Lord Jesus***
- ***Ring Out Those Bells***
- ***Come Thou Fount* (Chrstmas Lyrics)**
- ***My Heart is Bethlehem***
- ***More than Wonderful***



Special thanks to our guests!
Becca – The Teddy Bear Story
Joshua - Dialogue with Santa via Text.



Major Michelle Mercer brought a powerful devotional message and Majors Dwayne and Brandi led the program along with lots of encouragement for the participants.

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The Junior and Senior Bands joined forces this morning. Their joint prelude items were the Carols, *Away in a Manger* and *As with Gladness*.



CSM Linda welcomes everyone present as well as those on line and makes the weekly announcements.



Right: The bands accompany the Opening Song, *Angels from the Realms*.



Major Dwayne reads the *Call to Worship*.



The Praise and Worship Team leads the singing of the theme, *It's Christmas*.



Major Dwayne opens in prayer.



The Louembo Family Lights the Advent Candle



Top Row: Samuel does the first reading; Darlee does the second reading; Veronica does the next reading
Bottom Row: Myriane does the final reading and Samuel lights the candle.

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Left: Trevor Smith reads Scripture from Luke 2



Centre: Both Bands accompanied the Carol, *See amid the Winter Snow* and later, the Senior Band played its morning selection, *Do You Hear What I Hear?*



Major Dwayne prays a Thanksgiving for the Tithes & Offerings.



Adam Harvey conducts the Youth Band as they play an arrangement of *Angels We Have Heard on High*.



Ann quizzed the children about how they deal with good and bad news.



Left: The Songsters sing *Worship the King*.



Centre: The Worship Team sang the chorus of *Jesus Messiah*.



Message: Gospel-Appeal

Major Brandi, in the garb and role of a shepherd walked us through the daily trials of shepherds and the spectacular happenings of that night of nights when Christ was born.

In her shepherd role, Major explained how stubborn and prone to wandering off sheep were. Like us, they needed a shepherd – one who knew them by name and accounted for them constantly. The townsfolk of the day regarded shepherds as rather strange, unkempt, ignorant folk with whom they wanted nothing to do. The prophet Isaiah said that we are like sheep in need of a shepherd. Remember David? He was a shepherd boy but he became KING! The shepherds found Mary, Joseph and the babe in a barn in which the baby was in a manger. Truly, as the angel said – *Unto YOU is born this day...*



Major Dwayne with his Advent Blessing: Prayer/Benediction

Below: The combined bands played *It was on a Starry Night* and *Go Tell it on the Mountain*. The Senior Band played *Mary's Boy Child* as the Postlude.



79. A Time for Everything

**This page provides the
Scripture references for the
Word Search on Page 4.**

To everything there is a season,
And time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to cast away;
A time to rend,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 KJV)



Laurie & Geoff played three Carols as a Prelude to the Service.



Christmas Eve - 2022



Kyra Christiansen participated virtually in singing a beautiful arrangement of Noel.



Throughout the service, Majors Dwayne, Brandi and CSM Linda lit candles and did Christmas readings on the theme of Light coming into the darkness of sin in the world.



During Kyra's solo snippets of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem were shown.



The McDormand Family, Jorden, Alyssa, Ava, Becca and Kathy sang *Here With Us* accompanied by Laurie.

Major Dwayne's message capped the various readings done during the service. He reminded us of God's promise that Jesus would come to *Light the World*. More than ever, our world needs the Light of Christ.

God's love has been given in Christ, the *Light of the World*.

The service closed with the singing of *Silent Night* followed by *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.



A Final Look at a Few More Christmas "Events"



The Ottawa Citadel Band Ensemble on the Salvation Army Float in the Help Santa Toy Parade in November.

And ... Three Shots of Our Office Staff in a ... More Serious Moment!



David Lapp and Patti Harvey on the Christmas Kettle.



Why Couldn't I Find the January 1st Service on You Tube?

The answer is simple in one sense! The entire audio and visual system of components was due for a complete overhaul. With much appreciation to John and Sean van Gulik who worked many hours during the Christmas/New Years week to upgrade not only the electronic components of our system but the actual sound booth as well.

Here, in John's words is a description of what they did:



The Lower Framework and Signal Feed Conduit

*It was time for a full replacement of the sound console at **Ottawa Citadel**. Having Sean in town to spearhead the work, John and Sean put in over 45 hours each over the holidays and a full tank of gas in the corps van running around getting materials.*

All the computers, audio cables and components including the Behringer XR-18 digital mixer were relocated to the audio rack in the sound room. KVM type extender docks for the live sound / live stream and the easy worship presentation computers were run to the new 8 foot wide raised console desk with dual 24" monitors for each.



The flooring being installed.

Work started on Dec 23/24 picking up materials and delivering them to the gym. On Dec 26-31 the old desk was removed, cables pulled out of the conduits and the build of the raised platform was started. The system was working and functional for the service on Jan 1(although not used).. Final trim for the desk was finished on Jan 2nd.



The walls and shelf installed.

Last remaining task : carpeting for under the chairs.

Lower Two: The wiring installations

Below: The unit in place is almost complete.



The next time you see John or Sean, be sure to say a word of thanks to them for spending so much of their holiday time bringing our electronics in the Sanctuary up by four or five notches at least. We are fortunate to have this level of expertise in the Corps.

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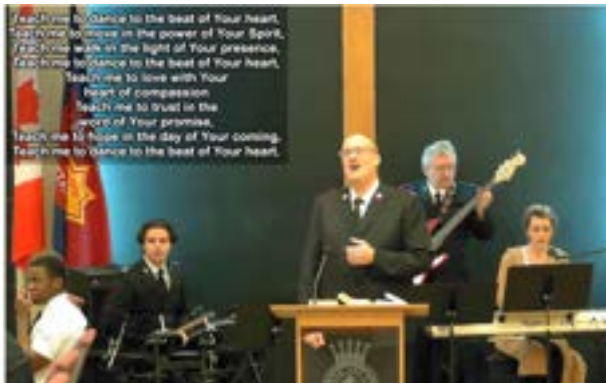
The Band played the Hymn Tunes, *Wells and Shine Jesus, Shine* as the morning Prelude.



CSM Linda welcomed everyone, gave the announcements and read Psalm 96:¹⁻⁴ as the Call to Worship



Major Dwayne led the Opening Song, *Shout Aloud Salvation* accompanied by the Band.



Far Left: The Worship Team leads the singing of *Teach me to dance* and *This is my desire*.



Major Dwayne gives thanks to God and acknowledges the tithes.

Enrollment of Don Bond

The Band played the march, *Star Lake* and the Songsters sang *His Provision*.



CSM Linda reads the *Articles of War* which Donald has read and signed.



Major Dwayne reads the *charge* to Don as his role as a *Soldier of The Salvation Army*.



Don swears to maintain his spiritual expression as a *Soldier*.

Worship Service, Sunday, January 8, 2023 - Continued



The Message -Prayer

Major Dwayne's plea this morning was that God would strengthen each of us through the growth of our prayer lives because the power of prayer is immense. We need to train for a strong prayer relationship just as we do in any other endeavor in our lives. Where else should we turn for this training than to Jesus? Indeed, Jesus teaches us how to develop a vibrant prayer life in The Lord's Prayer. Beginning at the 5th verse of Matthew 6, we read that we address our God *as Our Father in Heaven*. Truly, He is personal and intimate – virtually our *Dad*. God is not only in heaven but He is all around us and with us – when we call out to Him, He is there.

Then Christ taught us to acknowledge He is a holy God who is *King of Kings* by confessing, *Hallowed be Thy Name*. In spite of this standing, we are worshiping a personal God. Christ said we are not to be reluctant to ask *Give us this day our daily bread* – this is not just a question of our food but our basic needs. It is important for us to recognize that we are dependent on God who cares about us and that we can pray to our Heavenly Father with confidence. When we go on to pray that we will not be led into temptation, we move into a critical area of our faith. If we are not daily praying to God, we won't grow but as we remain close to Him, Satan will attack us all the more and attempt to cause us to stumble. Thankfully, God will sustain us. Finally, God embodies power and glory forever. As we enter 2023, let's pray, acknowledging that He is the *King of Kings* – but he loves us dearly. Praise God! Major closed his sermon by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.



The Band accompanied the closing song, *To the Front* and then played *Victory in Jesus* as the Postlude.



Kathy McDormand and CSM Linda stood on either side of Major Dwayne as Kathy prayed for journeying mercies on his travel to IHQ and for a blessed experience of spiritual growth for him there. She also prayed for Major Brandi and the family during his absence.



Donald Bond stands with his signed Articles of War.

Welcome to Ottawa Citadel in your new status, Don!

More Bits 'N Pieces

| FINANCIAL REPORT – December 31, 2022 | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Jan. – Dec. 2021 | Jan. – Dec. 2022 |
| General | \$ 226,099.00 | \$ 209,154.00 |
| Roof Fund | 21,868.00 | 17,783.00 |
| YP | 21,741.00 | 36,330.00 |
| Total | \$ 269,708.00 | \$ 263,267.00 |
| PIM (Aug 0 Dec) | 2,250.00 | 1,200.00 |

Thank you to CSM Linda for gathering the data for this issue of the Contact. She reports that there is still “quite a bit of money to be added to the 2022 results but the exact figures are not as yet available.”



How often do we see Dave washing his car outside on January 2nd??



Welcome!

Praise God for the safe arrival of Abigail’s parents, Nerlande St. Pierre Oreste and John Stanley Oreste. After a harrowing trip to Port-au-Prince airport, they arrived in Montreal and then drove to Ottawa.

In the picture from left to right are: Abigail, Nerlande, Guerline and John. Abigail’s parents joined us in our worship service on Sunday, January 1st.

Please Pray for Major Dwayne as he travels to International Headquarters in London, England

As some of you are aware, on Monday January 9th, Major Dwayne will be traveling to London England for a period of six weeks at the International College for Officers. Throughout the 6 weeks he will be gathering with approximately 40 officers who represent all continents and a diversity of Salvation Army service. He was selected as the representative from Canada and Bermuda territory. This will be a time of learning and nurturing personal holiness and spiritual leadership through study. It is indeed an honour, a privilege and a great opportunity. He asks for your prayerful support for him and for his family. (~ Major Dwayne)

JANUARY, 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--------|---|
| 1 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *BIBLE STUDY 1:30 pm | 2 | 3 *FAMILY SERVICES -by apptmt. | 4 | 5 *FAMILY SERVICES -by apptmt. | 6 | 7 *PRAYER GROUP on ZOOM 2:00 pm |
| 8 *WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 am *BIBLE STUDY 1:30 pm | 9 | 10 *FAMILY SERVICES -by apptmt. *Music Rehearsals 7:00 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 SR. BAND | 11 *WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 12:00 NOON *MISSION BOARD MTG. 7:00 PM | 12 *FAMILY SERVICES -by apptmt. | 13 | 14 *PRAYER GROUP on ZOOM 2:00 pm |
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Please accept our apologies for the fact that many Corps Events are not included on the calendar pages included but the Mission Board will not be meeting until the evening of the distribution of our newsletter. Perhaps it would be useful to write them in on the date boxes once the events are announced?

FEBRUARY, 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 *FAMILY SUNDAY 11:00 am | 30 <i>Legacy Chorus rehearsal</i> | 31 *FAMILY SERVICES -by apptmt. | 1 | 2 *FAMILY SERVICES -by apptmt. | 3 | 4 PRAYER GROUP on ZOOM 2:00 pm |
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MARCH, 2023

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Humour from the Pen of Lindsay Cox



Once again, warm thanks to Jane Moulton for gathering our cartoons and sincere appreciation to Lindsay Cox for permitting us to print his handiwork!