



"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another."

~ Colossians 3: 12-13

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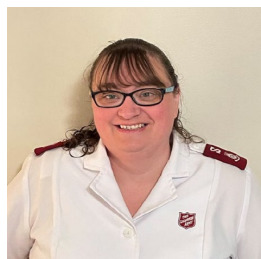
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A Note from the Desk of Major Brandi LeDrew

More?

Have you ever sat and watched an infomercial while you drank your morning coffee/tea?

Most of them are pretty standard. They list all

the benefits of owning said product. Then add its price. *for only three easy payments of \$19.99... but wait... there's MORE. Act in the next 30 minutes and we will throw in a second set.*

We as consumers sometimes buy into this because we always want more. More TV channels, more gigabytes, more options. The world is obsessed with wanting more.

When it comes to our spiritual lives though, do we want more? Do we go after this like we do with material things? I certainly could use quite a bit of less stuff but I am sure in need of More of Jesus.

In Mark 6 there is an interesting story. Jesus and his disciples were leaving in a boat to get some rest but the people that Jesus had been ministering to ran ahead of them to the other side of the lake.

These people wanted more of Jesus. They were there waiting for Him. This ultimately ends with the familiar story of Jesus blessing the loaves and fish to feed 5,000 men.

I wonder if we should run ahead a little and wait for Jesus. I mean meet him in the morning and be there waiting for what He will teach us today.

I know in a time when the world feels like its pushing in all around me, I can certainly use more of His compassion, more of His word, more of His love. I've had my fill of what the world offers and I'm never satisfied. I pledge to start this year with more of Jesus.

A chorus I have learned in my ministry says,

"More of you, more of you.

I've had it all, but what I need, is more of you.

Of things I've had my fill, but yet I hunger still

Empty and bare, Lord hear my prayer

For more of you.

May we always look for More from the Lord!

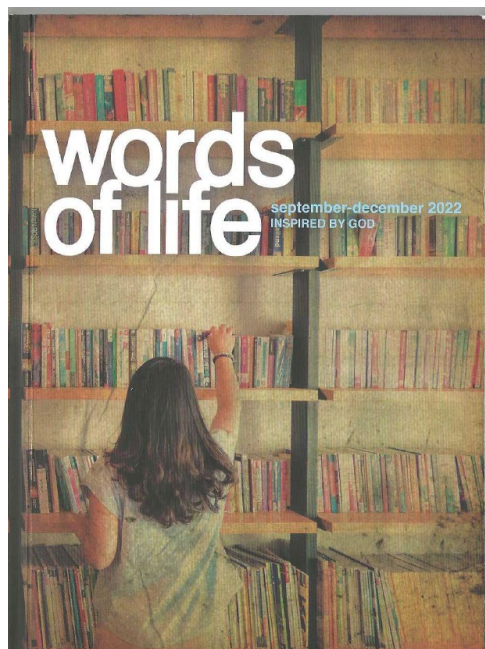
*Major Dwayne LeDrew,
(Corps Officer, Ottawa Citadel)*

Looking for Devotionals?

Have you ever noticed that, sometimes you find yourself saying, *I wish that I had something that would get me looking into God's Word more than I do.* Once in a while we discover that the *something* is really just under our noses but we haven't noticed it yet. In this case, maybe that item is The Salvation Army's own publication, *Words of Life*. This excellent source for inspiring us to spend our *quiet time with the Lord* self-describes itself as a guide to:

Reflect on bite-sized Bible readings that provoke thought and deepen understanding.

The most recent edition of *Words of Life* (September-December 2023) focused on *Mercy, Truth and Justice*, and was written by a team of Canadian Officers: Lt. Alecia Barrow, Corps Officer at Cornerstone Community Church, Mississauga, Ontario; Capt. Bhreagh Rowe, Community Ministries Officer, St. Albert Church and Community Centre, St. Albert, Alberta; Capt. Laura van Schaick, Divisional Secretary for Women's Ministries (Ontario Division); Maj. Pamela Pinksen, Advocate for Gender Equity (Women's Ministries, THQ) and Corps Officer, Kitchener Community Church and Family Care Centre, Ontario; Capt. Sheldon Bungay, Corps Officer, St. John's Temple, St. John's, Newfoundland. It was a superb source of thoughts on Scripture passages which could be followed at any time of the year, regardless of dates ... or year!



If you would like to have a copy set aside for your use from now on, please let our Corps Administrator, Rosemary Parker know. She may even have a few copies of the final edition of the year 2023 available. On the other hand, if you don't mind using earlier editions, the editor of the *Contact* has kept many back issue of *Words of Life* which he would be happy to share with you. He can be reached at j.ferguson29@rogers.com or by telephone at 613-254-8566.

P.S. Did you know that Major Beverly Ivany, formerly Corps Officer at Ottawa Citadel along with her husband Major David wrote the *Words of Life* in 2021 and 2022?

When the 'Unexpected Happens'

- by Major Jim Mercer



In the summer of 1994, at the age of 29, the unexpected happened that would change the course of my life forever. I was a school teacher at the time, and at this point, God was far from my mind. Little did I know, however, that He was working out His plan for the next chapter of my journey. The next six months were filled with a roller coaster ride of events as I tried to process what was happening. It was through a number of unexpected events and changes in my life at the time that I began to experience an inner turmoil that resulted in weeks of restlessness and conviction. It was at this point that God was getting my attention and often, I would wonder if He was who others were claiming him to be and if He could actually love a sinner like me.

On February 12, 1995, the wondering was over, as I knelt at a mercy seat at The Salvation Army Church in La Scie, NL and prayed a simple prayer: "Jesus, forgive me for my sin, and if you are real and are willing to take my life and make it into something new, then this morning, I ask you to be my Saviour." Amen. I did not expect anything supernatural, but the unexpected happened. I felt free and everything around me – people, nature, life – it all looked different. At that moment, not only did God save me from my sin, but He radically changed who I was. As I went to school the following day, word had already spread throughout the small community of 1200 people. I did not know what to expect when I arrived at school the following day. While some close colleagues responded with "Good for you Jim," others said nothing and appeared perplexed at what had happened. For the next couple of months, life was good, and through Bible Study and Church Fellowship, I was growing in my faith. But, then, the unexpected happened. I received a notice from the school board that my position at the local school was becoming redundant, and effective June 30 of that year, my position would no longer be available. As I tried to make sense of this news, something supernatural was happening within my soul; an unexpected sense of peace filled my being, and as a new believer in Christ, I chose to trust God for the next chapter of my journey.

As I began to try and figure out the unexpected change of events in my life, I thought it wise to start applying for new teaching positions. Within a couple of months, God had provided a new opportunity on the other side of the province. It would become clear to me that God was 'in the details.' This next chapter of my journey would see a number of new, exciting, and unexpected events continuing to unfold - including meeting my wife Michelle, a calling to become a Salvation Army Officer, an acceptance into The College for Officer Training, a resignation from teaching, and a wedding 😊 - all within 16 months. God's plan was continuing to unfold before me.

Following two years of intensive training at CFOT in St. John's, NL, Michelle and I were appointed to Spryfield, a Corps in inner city Halifax. Following a seven-year appointment and completion of a building project, TSA moved us to Orillia with our two children (both born in Halifax) - son Kaelan age 4 and our daughter Olivia just 5 weeks old. After six wonderful years as Corps Officers in Orillia, we were appointed to The Barrhaven Church (and another building project). After seven great years at Barrhaven, the unexpected happened again. This time, we would be staying in Ottawa but with separate appointments. Michelle was appointed at Divisional Headquarters as Divisional Secretary for Women's Ministry and I was appointed as Social Mission Officer at The Ottawa Booth Centre. This is where my journey in ministry and mission took on an unexpected, yet fulfilling twist, as God once again showed Himself in every detail of my experience.

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When the 'Unexpected Happens' - continued

A New Chapter

Little did I know after arriving at The Ottawa Booth Centre how God would work out the details of this appointment. For the first few months, I began to question whether this was the 'right move.' There were days when I wondered what God was up to. For the first time in 20 years, I felt like I had no significant leadership responsibility. My title as Social Mission Officer did not even have a job description. While I knew that I was 'in training' to become an Executive Director of a Social Ministry, I found the transition from Corps Officer to Social somewhat challenging - as I am a Pastor at heart and have a passion to share the Gospel with others. So, how can this be? Then, God gave me a verse to remind me of my calling and His faithfulness. *"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."* My presence here at Ottawa Booth has not only become a training ground for executive leadership but more importantly, it has become a mission field for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Almost every day, God provides opportunities to sow seeds for the Kingdom. Whether it is teaching Celebrate Recovery to men at The Salvation Army Anchorage Program, or engaging clients and staff at a weekly coffee house, or simply speaking life into unhoused men and women who frequent the parameters of our shelter on a daily basis, God continues to remind me that He is at work in every detail of my journey.

As I continue to embrace this new ministry opportunity, I hear God saying that whether it is at The Ottawa Booth Centre, in a Corps setting, or simply in a community context, the mission is the same – people need the Lord! There is no other greater mission field for the work of The Salvation Army in these days than at its social ministry units. On any given night, 150 men sign in to our shelter at 171 George Street. Many are men who are broken and bruised from trauma, addictions, and homelessness. Some are simply men without a place to live and life's circumstances have led them down a path they had never expected. Others are new to Canada, and with the housing crisis, they are unable to find a place to live. Whatever their circumstances, God has raised up The Salvation Army to be a neighbour to these men here at The Ottawa Booth Centre. Daily, it is our mission to provide hope and dignity to those who feel hopeless and marginalized. *'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'* (Matthew 25:35-36)

I am not certain what the next chapter of my journey will look like, but as I look back and see God's hand in and through the details, I am confident that "He who began a good work in me is promised to carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil.1:6) And, so for the next chapters, I simply choose *"to trust in the Lord with all of my heart, to lean not on my own understanding, but in all of my ways, acknowledge Him, and I am confident that He will direct my path."* (Proverbs 3:5-6) (paraphrase mine).

As I reflect on the 'unexpected' in my life, I am reminded of the words from a contemporary Christian song by Big Katy Nichole & Big Daddy Weave:

God is in this story
God is in the details
Even in the broken parts
He holds my heart, He
never fails

When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus
Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me
God is in this story

WORD SEARCH

(Bible Word Search Puzzles, Vol. I: Bible Basics #64)

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

S	A	N	C	T	I	F	Y	K	N	O	W	N	G	Q
M	I	N	E	Z	G	X	B	Q	R	A	E	B	T	R
T	R	Q	F	A	S	E	E	K	G	O	Q	E	C	M
S	R	S	E	E	N	S	T	H	R	O	U	G	H	F
H	A	U	O	E	D	I	B	A	T	H	C	L	X	F
C	S	K	T	S	P	E	A	K	J	H	Q	F	A	N
X	O	R	E	H	D	O	S	F	T	R	L	T	E	C
D	W	M	A	S	S	W	D	E	K	E	H	I	O	P
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L	L	I	I	I	K	T	J	R	N	Y	R	O	L	G
F	W	E	N	N	N	O	E	U	P	T	L	F	L	V
I	Q	A	W	G	G	G	E	R	V	Q	O	N	I	E
F	C	V	N	D	H	O	U	R	Y	N	C	L	W	Q

THE TRUTH

ABIDE	MINE
BEAR	MYSELF
BRING	NEITHER
COME	PRAY
COMFORTER	SAKES
CONTINUE	SANCTIFY
DOETH	SEEK
DWELL	SEEN
FATHER	SPEAK
GLORY	TAKING
HEARS	THROUGH
HOUR	TRUTH
KNOWN	WILL
MAKING	

Please See the Scripture References for the Solutions to the Puzzle on Page 4.

Celebrate with Our People

BIRTHDAYS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

(Names will be omitted for the web page issue for security purposes.)

60. The Truth

“I am the way. The truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. If te had known me, ye should have known the Father also: and from henceforth, ye know him and have seen him Believest that not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwellevh in me, he doeth the works.” (John 14: 5-6, 10 KJV)

“If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed: And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

“If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” (John 14:14-17 KJV)

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it all known to you.” (John 16:12-15 KJV)

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.. God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4: 23-24 KJV)

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” (John 17:16-19 KJV)

Women's Ministries Report

It's been a nice fall of coming together. In November we had a coffee break for the ladies to join us for freshly baked croissants and tea/coffee. We chatted and shared in each other's lives as well as in devotions and prayer together.

On Saturday December 5th, we had approximately 55 ladies who came to our *Christmas Brunch*. Major Robin Cory was our guest speaker and her daughter Melissa Simard was our guest vocalist. Our guest pianist for the day was Sharon Dean. All three were great as they set up the Christmas season for us. We shared in fellowship around the table as well as some singing and a Christmas left/right game with small prizes to be won.

The men in the kitchen were great cooks as always. A big THANK YOU to Warren, Brian, Greg, Dave and Nick for taking care of the details as well as food preparations and clean up. It was much appreciated.

Also - a big THANK YOU to the Women's Committee for planning this event. We look forward to our next gathering together on March 2nd. (Details to follow).

In addition to meeting in person, we still have an online presence as well. Our Virtual Women's Fellowship meets every Wednesday on Zoom from 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Deanna Verhey and Major Robin Cory have been recent guests.

We care for each other so stay in touch with cards, delivery of meals, phone calls or even an outdoor visit if someone hasn't been able to join us on Wednesday.

We welcome any woman who wants to keep in touch with other women to join us on our Wednesday Zoom meetings:

Meeting # 991 6312 735

Phone # 1-855-703-8985

Password 1350

Thank you to Marlene Hope for her commitment to this group.

BELOW ARE SOME PHOTOS OF THE FUN HAD AT THE DECEMBER 5TH EVENT



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministries

Save the Dates

March 2, 2024

May 4, 2024

*Watch the Bulletin for
more details.*

Men's Ministries

Save the Dates

January 13, 2024

April 6, 2024

Watch the bulletin for
more details.



*Please Join Us in the Fellowship Room for Coffee and
Refreshments following the Morning Worship Service.*

*Thanks to Monika and Rey Cealleja and Modupé
Oresegun for Their work in Setting this Up for Everyone!*

The Corps Prayer List

**If you have a prayer concern
and have permission to share
it with us, please contact the
office and we will
communicate with the Corps
as needed.**

~ Major Brandi

For All Members of Ottawa Citadel

**If you have a family event or
celebration you would like to
share with the rest of the
congregation, feel free to send
along announcements and/or
pictures. We will be glad to join
in your special happenings.**

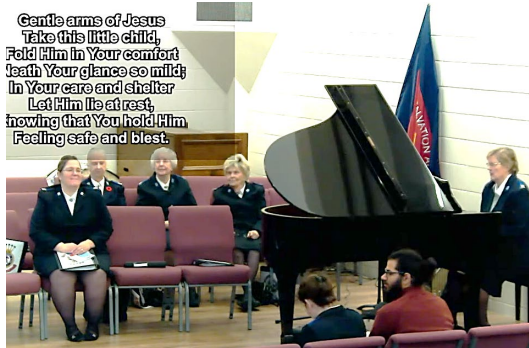
~ the editor

Men's Ministries

On September 21st, 2023, a Men's Ministries Team was formed to revitalize the Men's Ministries at Ottawa Citadel. It was decided that we would hold 3 or 4 Men's Events per year. On October 14th, 2023, we held a Board Game/Nacho Night with 11 in attendance. Everyone had a great time as we shared together. We are now planning our next event for January 13th, 2024.

Some Special Events – November to January

On November 12th, 2023 Ottawa Citadel was blessed to be part of the Dedication Service for *Rupert Alexandre Simard*. Below are some photos of this special occasion.



Laurie accompanied the singing of the first verse of the Dedication Song, *Gentle Arms of Jesus*.



Pictured above are Grandfather, Major Gerald Cory holding Rupert with ACSM Jorden holding the flag as Grandmother, Major Robin Cory looks on. Isabelle, Rupert's sister stands with her grandmother while Melissa, Richard and Clara stand together. Richard's sister, Bernadette holds her daughter while Richard's parents, Lorna and Brian look on approvingly.



Left: The dedication is complete.

Right: With Grandmother Lorna on piano and Richard on guitar, Melissa, with Isabelle and Clara sing *Goodness of God*. In spite of the whole family feeling under the weather, the youngsters acquitted themselves very well.



Seniors' Luncheon – Thursday, November 16th



After enjoying a delicious and wide variety buffet, Bill welcomed everyone (25)

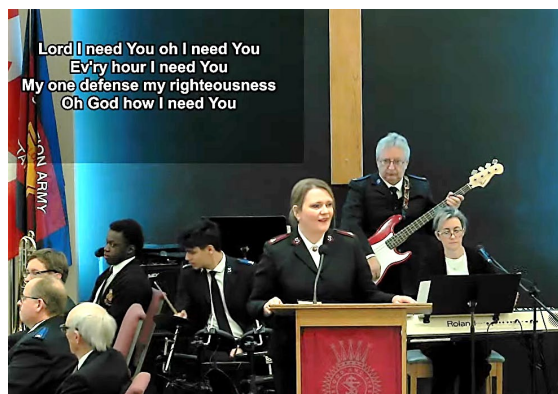
Special guests were Isla Ferguson who played three elections on her violin and did three Highland Dances. We also welcomed Margery Snider who demonstrated making chocolates appropriate for Christmas. Unfortunately, the pictures of the latter two events did not turn out.



MORE Special Events – November to January

On Sunday, November 19th, Majors Michelle and Jim Mercer led the Worship Service in place of Majors LeDrew who were on vacation in Florida. Using as his theme, *The Amazing Race* Major Jim shared his experience in participating in a Triathlon and effectively applied those challenges to our Christian living. Because it was so personal and was so applicable to dealing with the challenges each of us faces in our daily living, his message spoke to each of us.

Below, you will see a few selected photos from the service.



Left: Major Michelle leads the chorus, *I Need Thee* with the support of the Worship Team.



Right: David Nku introduces the concept of *Perseverance* to the children using the story of Noah's Ark as an example of sticking to a job.



Major Jim presents his message effectively with humour and helps the congregation appreciate what it's like to "hit the wall" when a runner's body wants to quit. He pointed out that we encounter the same phenomenon in our spiritual race when we feel we want to quit. The Major emphasized the joy and exhilaration in which we can revel if we persevere and finish the *race*.

SENIOR SOLDIER ENROLLMENT – Ava McDormand

On Sunday, November 26th, Major Dwayne conducted the enrollment of Ava McDormand as our newest Senior Soldier at Ottawa Citadel. The ceremony began with Ava's Dad, Jorden, reading Scripture from Matthew 16. Then Ava's Mom, Kathy, read out the six vows Ava has made prior to becoming a Soldier. Major Dwayne then made the charge to Ava as she officially became a Soldier. Ava knelt at the Mercy Seat along with family and friends as she signed her Articles of War and the Band played its selection *I Bow Adoring* – most appropriate for an enrollment. After this, Major Kathie, Ava's grandmother, prayed, thanking God for Ava's life and the opportunities to serve that lie before her. Major Dwayne then officially accepted Ava as a Soldier of Ottawa Citadel and CSM Linda presented her with her copy of the *Articles War*.

PLEASE SEE A FEW PHOTOS OF THIS IMPORTANT STEP IN AVA'S LIFE ON PAGE 7-A

Photos of the Senior Soldier's Enrollment on November 26th **AVA McDORMAND**



Jorden reads Scripture as the Corps Officers and Ava look on. Donny holds the flag.



Kathy lists the six vows that Ava has made for her Soldiership.



Maj. Dwayne welcomes Ava as a Soldier of Ottawa Citadel in the presence of her family.

Photo courtesy of Kim Hoy



Ava and her parents, Kathy and Jorden, kneel at the altar while she signs her *Articles of War*
Photo courtesy of Kim Hoy.



Top Left: Maj. Kathie Sharp (Ret) prays that Ava, her granddaughter, will use all the opportunities God presents to her.

Above: CSM Linda and Ava show Ava's *Articles of War*.

Left: The band accompanies the last two verses of *Soldiers of Christ*.



Attendance Numbers*In-Person Attendance / Views*

Sunday, November 12 124 / 333
 Sunday, November 19 109 / 266
 Saturday, Nov. 25 – Youth Serv. 176
 Sunday, November 26 136 / 314
 Sunday, December 3 107 / 228
 Sunday, December 10 118 / 232

Attendance Numbers*In-Person Attendance / Views*

Sunday, Dec. 10 – *Windows of*
Christmas Concert - 109 / 319
 Sunday, December 17 158 / 272
 Sunday, December 24 134 / 319
 Sunday, Christmas Eve 134 / 173
 Sunday, December 31 109 / 169
 Sunday, January 7 99 / 134

UPDATE
 on
BUILDING ISSUES

The Building Advisory Committee (BAC) last met on October 25th. While a number of initiatives are under consideration, there are only three which have progressed since the last Report:

- Over Christmas, Sean van Gulik and John van Guilk installed a new camera and made adjustments to the microphone feeds that should improve the overall experience for those who participate via virtual worship.
- Having heard from DHQ regarding the Community Outreach Proposal, in the coming month we will be pursuing the next steps, namely hiring a Kitchen Consultant to develop preliminary drawings and further developing the details of the program itself.
- The City of Ottawa has confirmed that it will plant a red oak tree at the south east corner of the property in the spring as part of the *Trees in Trust Program*.

Comparative Calendar-Year Review of Corps Income

	JAN-DEC. 2022	JAN-DEC. 2023
GENERAL	\$242,387.00	\$238,534.00
YP	\$36,330.00	\$22,379.00
TOTAL (INCLUDING PIM)	\$280,387.00	\$265,379.00
PIM (AUG. – DEC.)	\$1,200.00	\$4,110.00
KETTLE CAMPAIGN	(2022) - \$50,639.00	(2023) - \$50,383.00

The results for the past two years are disappointing. Inflation and competition for donor dollars are taking their toll. In the year prior to COVID our Kettle intake was \$82,041 and in 2020 at the height of COVID, the total intake was \$71,770.

L.J. Colwell

Pictures of the Youth Worship Night – November 25th

(We apologize for the quality of many of the photos as they were adapted from screen shots taken in limited light.)



Joshua, Taylor, Abigail, David, Cassandra and Ginton lead the singing of *All My Life You have been Faithful* and *So I Throw Up My Hands ...* after Abigail had read Scripture from Psalm 107: 1-4.



Major Erin read Scripture from Ezekiel 34:1-2 and Led a Devotional



The Junior Worship Team led the group gathered in well-loved pieces such as:

- Walking into the Night
- Hell Lost another One, I am Free
- Holy, Holy is the Lord
- The Lord Bless You
- He is for You (pictured at left)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for OUR ANNUAL WINTER WEEKEND

February 10th & 11th – KEEP CALM and SPLATT ON

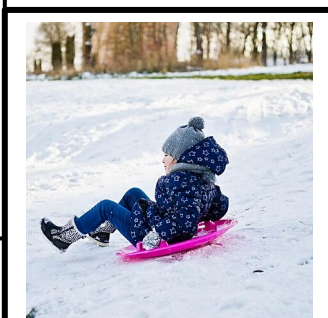
A Mexican Fiesta Theme

Special Guest – Our Area Commander, Major Wendy Broome

Saturday

Will Include

- *Indoor & Outdoor Sports
- *Board Games
- *A Chili Supper
- *Trivia Games for All Ages



Sunday

Will Involve

- *Morning Worship
- *A Bunwich Lunch
- *The Traditional Exit of Splatt for This Year

Still MORE Special Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd:

In the absence of the Corps Officers who were sick, a variety of Corps people assumed leadership roles. Here are pictures of a number of them:



Kathy leads the Opening Song, *Angels from the Realms*



Maj. Gerald Cory (Ret.) leads our *Call to Worship*.



Jessica leads the singing of *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*



The Lefu-Lemvo Family lights the first candle of the Advent Wreath.



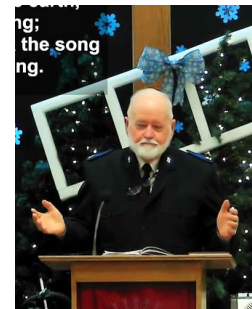
Deanna Verhey Leads the Congregation in Prayer



Bil Downham leads the Responsive Reading of Scripture



Ruth Fifield Announces the Recognition of Tithes and gives Thanks to God.

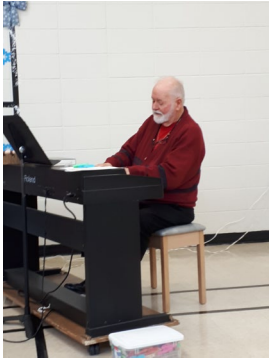


**Far Left: Kathy & Becca lead the Children's Time
Next Two: Jorden & Rosemary share their *Windows of Christmas*
Next: Len leads *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear***

Our sincere appreciation to David Holland. Rosemary Parker, Paula & Greg Christiansen and Ruth Fifield for the beautiful work they did in decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Seniors' Luncheon – Thursday, December 14th

Roughly thirty seniors gathered at the Corps for a delicious meal of Ham & Scallops followed by cup cakes for their Christmas luncheon. No Christmas gathering would be complete without a visit from Santa (courtesy of Bill). Here are some photos of the fun that was had thanks to Ruth Fifield.



Len played the keyboard for the Carol Sing.



Santa had some equipment failures – hat, belt, pants!



Santa was host to not one but TWO Ruths – Fifield and Berry!



There was lots of hilarity when David visited Santa!



Donna, Jean, Modupe and Monika paid Santa a visit as well.

Normally, with Santa it's Ho! Ho! Ho! but with Bill, Santa produced Oh! Oh! Oh!



**A HUGE & WARM WORD OF APPRECIATION TO
BILL AND DONNA DOWNHAM AND TO THE
MANY DEDICATED FOLKS WHO HAVE HELPED
MAKE THE SENIORS' LUNCHEONS A
WONDERFUL SUCCESS!**

(The Meals have been Spectacular and the Guest Presenters Fascinating)

Windows of Christmas - a Concert of Christmas Music

Presented by the Ottawa Citadel Band and Songsters
Sunday, December 10th



The Band opened the concert with the March, *Christmas Joy*.



Major Dwayne welcomed everyone and opened the program in prayer.



The Songsters and the Audience joined in singing *Joy to the World* as the Brigade moved into position to perform their first selection, *Beautiful Child* after which they sang a cappella the *African Christmas Spiritual* in which Abigail sang the Soprano Solo part. (Pictured at left.)



Interspersed throughout the concert five friends of very different backgrounds and traditions presented *Windows* on their Christmases. The top two frames were of Rosemary and Ruth who shared the Newfoundland tradition of mummies. Above Nigel shared a background of a typically busy TSA Canadian Christmas. In the far left photo, Jane shared the exhausting Dutch Salvation Army traditions and finally, Glinton brought the customs of preparing the family home Guyana for Christmas for the month before. Thanks so much to all who shared their Christmas customs.

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Windows of Christmas - a Concert of Christmas Music – cont'd.



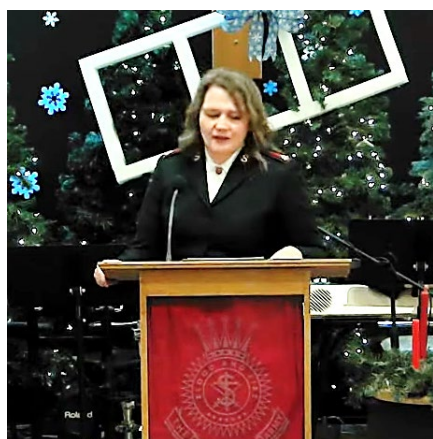
After the Band played *Christmas Presence* and *Masters in This Hall*, The Capital City Trombone Quartet presented *Baby, Its Cold Outside* and *Mr. Grinch*.



Following the Songsters' rendition of *Calypso Lullaby*, the ladies of the Songsters sang a beautiful arrangement of *Were You There on that Christmas Night?*



Joshua McArthur was the featured soloist in both the *Peace Carol* sung by the Songsters and *Christmas Angel* performed by the men of the Songsters.



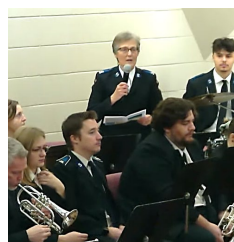
Left: Major Michelle Mercer led a brief Christmas devotional and introduced the Carol, *Away in a Manger*.

Right: Major Dwayne acknowledged all the participants and closed in prayer.

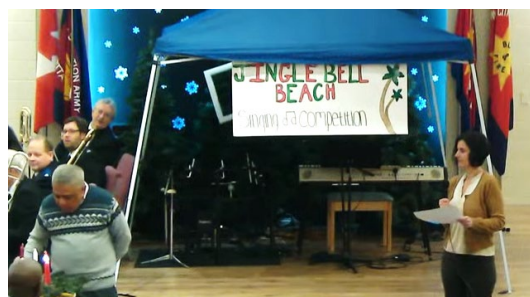
Below: Geoff leads the Band and everyone in the closing Carol, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.



Ottawa Citadel's Annual Christmas Pageant – December 17th



The Service began with its standard format – The Band played the Carol, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* and a selection, *Christmas Presence*. CSM Linda bid everyone welcome and gave us the morning announcements after which Major Dwayne gave the *Call to Worship* and the Band accompanied the singing of *O Come All Ye Faithful*.



Rey and Monika Cealleja light the third candle – the Joy Candle – in the Advent Wreath.

The Songster selection this morning was *African Christmas Spiritual*.

Pageant: *Jingle Bell Beach*

The young people did an excellent job of portraying a novel format of Christmas under the direction of Ann Hardman, Kathy McDormand and Cassandra Nelson with support from Zoe LeDrew and Ben Kwan. Below is random selection of photographs of the pageant.



Please see Page 15 for more photos

Christmas Pageant - continued



Well Done - One and All!



Left – The Band and part of the Congregation seen singing *Go Tell It On The Mountain* and on the Right – The Band plays *Mary's Boy Child* while members of the Congregation wish each other a Merry Christmas.

SERIES on CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD LEADERS – Part 1

In the last edition of the Ottawa Citadel *Contact*, we introduced our plan to establish a series on the qualities and practices of “Good Leadership”. Focusing a spotlight on the basics of leadership, it is hoped that this will be a helpful series for those considering taking on a leadership role or for those already in leadership positions, providing a reference to alternative solutions for challenges they face.

There is an endless list of source material on line and, amazingly, the assessment of the various traits and techniques employed by leaders is pretty consistent. For the purposes of this month’s edition, the *Centre for Creative Leadership’s* articles has been selected as a reliable source. Below is their analysis of **WHAT GOOD LEADERSHIP LOOKS LIKE**. It opens with “Based upon our decades of research and experience working with leaders at organizations around the world, we’ve found that the best leaders consistently possess certain fundamental qualities and skills. Here are 10 essential leadership traits”.

10 Essential Leadership Qualities

1. **Integrity** – Integrity is an essential leadership trait for the individual and the organization. It’s especially important for top-level executives who are charting the organization’s course and making countless other significant decisions. Our research has found that [integrity may actually be a potential blind spot for organizations](#), so make sure your organization reinforces the importance of honesty and integrity to leaders at various levels.
2. **Delegation** – Delegating is one of the core responsibilities of a leader, but it can be tricky to delegate effectively. The goal isn’t just to free yourself up – it’s also to enable your direct reports to grow, facilitate teamwork, provide autonomy, and lead to better decision-making,. The best leaders [build trust in the workplace \(church\) and on their teams through effective delegation](#).
3. **Communication** – [Effective leadership and effective communication are intertwined](#). The best leaders are skilled communicators who are able to communicate in a variety of ways, from transmitting information to inspiring others to coaching direct reports. And you must be able to listen to and communicate with a wide range of people across roles, geographies, social identities and more. The quality and effectiveness of communication among leaders across your organization directly affects the success of your business (ministry) strategy too.
4. **Self-Awareness** - While this is a more inwardly focused trait, self-awareness and humility are paramount qualities of leadership. The better you understand yourself and recognize your own strengths and weaknesses, the more effective you can be as a leader. Do you know how other people view you and understand how you show up at work and at home?
5. **Gratitude** – Being thankful can lead to higher self-esteem, reduced depression and anxiety, and better sleep. Gratitude can even make you a better leader. Yet few people regularly say “thank you” in work settings, even though most people say they’d be willing to work harder for an appreciative boss (committee leader). [The best leaders know how to show gratitude in the workplace \(church\)](#).
6. **Learning Agility** – Learning agility is the ability to know what to do when you don’t know what to do. If you’re a “quick study” or are able to excel in unfamiliar circumstances, you might already be learning agile. But anybody can [foster and increase learning agility through practice, experience and effort](#). After all, great leaders are really great learners.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD LEADERS Part 1 - concluded

7. Influence – For some people, “influence” feels like a dirty word. But being able to [convince people through the influencing tactics of logical, emotional, or co-operative appeals](#) is an important trait of inspiring, effective leaders. Influence is quite different from manipulation, and it needs to be done authentically and transparently. It requires emotional intelligence and trust.

8. Empathy – Empathy is correlated with job performance and is a critical part of [emotional intelligence and leadership effectiveness](#). If you show more inclusive leadership and empathetic behaviours toward your direct reports, our research shows you’re more likely to be viewed as a better performer by your boss (leader). Plus, [empathy and inclusion are imperatives](#) for improving workplace (church) conditions for those around you.

9. Courage – It can be hard to speak up at work (or a church committee), whether you want to voice a new idea, provide feedback to a direct report, or flag a concern for someone above you. That’s part of the reason courage is a key trait of good leaders. Rather than avoiding problems or allowing conflicts to fester, having courage enables leaders to step up and move things in the right direction. A workplace (church) with high levels of psychological safety and strong conversational skills across the organization will foster a [coaching culture that supports courage and truth-telling](#).

10. Respect - Treating people with respect on a daily basis is one of the most important things a leader can do. It helps ease tensions and conflict, fosters trust, and improves your effectiveness. [Creating a culture of respect](#) is about more than just the absence of disrespect. Respectfulness can be shown in many different ways, but it often starts with showing you truly value others’ perspectives and making an effort to [build belonging in the workplace \(church committee\)](#)—both critical components of supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion.

(Please Note: The editor of the Ottawa Citadel Contact has inserted occasional parentheses to remind us that we are talking about church leadership specifically.)

Be sure to watch for the CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD LEADERS SERIES Part 2 in the next issue of the *Contact*. The focus in Part 2 will be *Efficient Leaders and Effective Leaders – Is There a Difference and What Would That Be?* Naturally, this will entail a brief look at leadership styles in order to be more meaningful.

Unique Events in Worship Services – December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE – Morning Service



CSM Linda gives the announcements from her "wee small corner".



YP Band members were interspersed amongst Senior Band members as Adam conducted the combined groups in the Opening Song, *It was on a Starry Night*.



The van Gulik Family gather to light the Advent Candle – the *Peace Candle* as John does the reading.



Left: Joanne does the reading

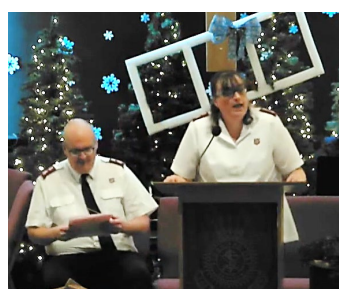


Right: Katie does the reading

Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service



The Band Ensemble played *Away in a Manger* and accompanied *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*.



Majors Dwayne and Brandi welcomed everyone to the Service.



Rosemary and Owen did the readings and lit the final Advent Candle



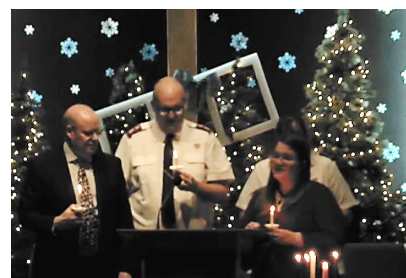
Far Left: Veronica sings the classic Carol, *O Holy Night*.



Left: The quartette consisting of Geoff, Jorden, Alyssa and Kathy, accompanied by Laurie sang *O Little Town* and then later, *Emmanuel*.

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Christmas Eve – Candlelight Service - continued



Left: Geoff and Laurie play *What Child is This?* as a piano duet;
Above Left: The Band Ensemble accompanies *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*;

Above Right: Jorden, Major Dwayne, Kathy with Major Brandi behind stand with lit candles as everyone sings *Silent Night*.



The Band Ensemble accompanied the singing of several of the Carols.



Rosemary and Owen did the readings and lighting of the final candle of the Advent Wreath.



A Choral Quartet consisting of Geoff. Jorden, Alyssa and Kathy sang several Carols accompanied by Laurie.



Veronica sang the classic Carol, *O Holy Night*.

The Candlelight Service Concluded with the Singing of Silent Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Special Events – Family Service, December 31, 2023



Geoff and Laurie played a prelude duet on the piano.



Major Dwayne prayed for God's blessing on the offering.



Sean played a beautiful Cornet Solo, *All to Jesus, I Surrender* accompanied by Laurie.



Major Erin shared her testimony based on the years she has attended Ottawa Citadel followed by a brief devotional.



Myriane, Georgette and Lazare sang *How Great Thou Art* en français with the help of John on percussion.



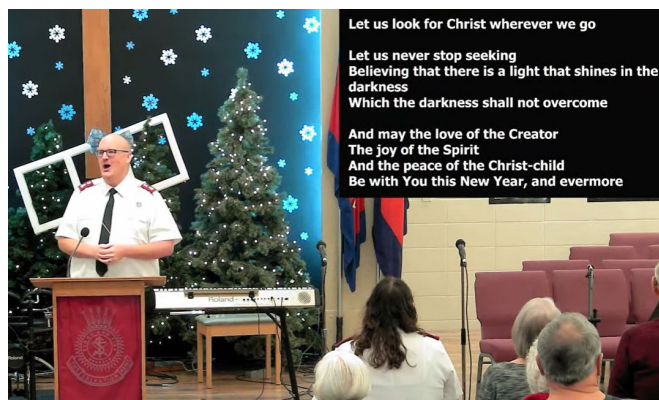
Jessica accompanied herself as she sang *Every Breath*.



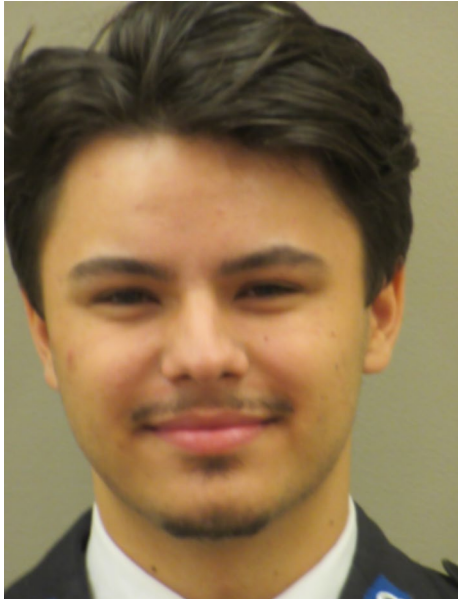
Gay and Ruth led the congregation in prayer.



Members of the congregation wished God's blessing on their neighbours in 2024.



Major Dwayne led the congregation in a corporate prayer for 2024.



Well Done, Mike!

In our last edition of the *Contact*, we congratulated Mike van Gulik on being selected as one of two delegates from Ontario to represent the Territory in the annual Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, California.

Although we weren't able to connect in the days since his return last week, nonetheless, Mike said it had been a really exciting event.

There were fifteen percussionists in the massive Band in addition to five ranks of Timbrellists. Below are a few screenshots of the Salvation Army Parade Band and we may be able to get Mike to point out where he is located. For now, we can ask the question, *Where in the World is Michael?*



The Band and Timbrellists enter the Parade above. Right: The Percussion Section of the Band at the Rose Bowl itself.



The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band
Rancho Palos Verdes, California

135th Annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade
Presented by Honda
Pasadena, California

Rose Parade Theme:
Celebrating A World Of Music - The Universal Language

Monday, January 1, 2024

Isn't it wonderful to have a celebrity in our Corps? Take advantage of the situation to chat with Mike about some of the marvelous experiences he enjoyed.

JANUARY, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 *FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6 PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM
7 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	8	9 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	10 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	11 *SENIORS' LUNCHEON 12:00 PM *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	12	13 PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM *MEN'S MINISTRIES *COLLEGE & CAREERS 6:30 PM
14 *SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship *BIBLE STUDY'S POT- BLESSING SUPPER 5:00 PM	15 <i>Legacy Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm</i>	16 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	17 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *BAC Mtg. 1:00 pm *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	18 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	19	20 PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM
21 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	22 <i>Legacy Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 pm</i>	23 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	24 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	25 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	26	27 PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM *COLLEGE & CAREERS 6:30 PM *Rental 1:00 to 4:00 pm
28 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship *BIBLE STUDY 1:15 PM	29 <i>Legacy Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm</i>	30 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	31 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	1 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 PM	2	3 PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM

FEBRUARY, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship *BIBLE STUDY 1:15 PM	29 <i>Legacy Brass Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm	30 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	31	1	2	3 PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM
4 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	5 <i>Legacy Chorus Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm	6 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	7 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	8 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	9	10 WINTER WEEKEND
11 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *WINTER WEEKEND *Coffee & Fellowship	12 <i>Legacy Brass Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm	13 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	14 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00 *ASH WEDNESDAY *VALENTINE'S DAY	15 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	16	17 *PARTNERS IN MISSION CAMPAIGN LAUNCH *PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM
18 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship	19 *FAMILY DAY * <i>Legacy Chorus Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm	20 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	21 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	22 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	23	24 *PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM *CORPS PLANNING 9:00-12:00 *COLLEGE & CAREERS 6:30 PM
25 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship *BIBLE STUDY 1:15 PM	26 <i>Legacy Brass Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm	27 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	28 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	29 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 PM	1	2 *WOMEN'S MINISTRIES *PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM

MARCH, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *BIBLE STUDY 1:15 PM *Coffee & Fellowship	26 <i>Legacy Brass Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm	27 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	28 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00	29 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	1	2 *WOMEN'S MINISTRIES *PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM
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10 *WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *BIBLE STUDY 1:15 PM *DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS *Coffee & Fellowship *CORPS ANNIVERSARY #139	11 <i>Legacy Brass Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm	12 Music Rehearsals 6:45 pm – YP BAND 7:15 pm – SONGSTERS 8:30 pm SR.BAND	13 *MID-WEEK VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM *CCTQ at 6:30 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY 7:00 *VALENTINE'S DAY	14 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	15	16 PRAYER MEETING 2:00 PM
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Humour a la Lindsay Cox & Friends

Lindsay Charles Cox
Nov 23, 2018 · 📍
PENDING DISAPPOINTME!



Major decision for the day dining room or kitchen ?

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I better get out of bed.....
I'm late for the couch !



Perhaps less "Forte" in the Fortissimo !

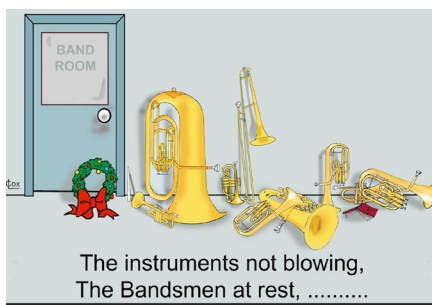


Inoculation Booth

Lindsay Charles Cox
Nov 8, 2019 · 📍
THE INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY.



Trombonist as a Conductor



The instruments not blowing,
The Bandsmen at rest,

Lindsay Charles Cox
Dec 7, 2018 · 📍
MELTING MOMENTS too much gliss.

MELTING MOMENTS ... too much gliss!



Friction causes heat !

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Lindsay Charles Cox is with Ko Be and 5 others.
Nov 23, 2018 · 📍
PENDING DISAPPOINTMENT.



For just a moment, the Bandmaster
thought the trombone was in tune !



He's an excellent Trumpeter

Lindsay Charles Cox
Dec 11, 2022 · 📍
RUDOLF THE RED KNOWS RAIN, DEAR !



Rudolf the Red Knows Rain, DEAR!

Fanfare for the New Year !



Staff Band Party-Whistle Quartet