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"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ... We love because he first loved us."

~ 1 John 4: 16 & 19

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# A Devotional Moment "Favouritism"

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism.

JAMES makes it clear to his audience that caring for the poor and powerless is not optional for Christians. He was following the teaching of Jesus which said:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 5:3)

Matthew's Gospel also records Jesus saying:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart ..." And... "Love your neighbour as yourself" (22:37, 39)

These words of Jesus remind us to love the poor, to love our 'neighbour' – no matter who that neighbour turns out to be, James gives an example of two people entering a meeting – or church service – one obviously very rich; the other wearing filthy rags. We are to treat both equally, not showing any kind of favouritism. In fact, we should be caring *more* for the one who is poor – making sure his or her physical and spiritual needs are met.

In some sense, the way we behave *towards* people gives an indication of what we believe about God. If we show love towards *all* people, we reflect God's abundant love – showered upon his people. If we accept those in our church who have messed up, we are expressing God's grace in a beautiful way. If we show love towards the vulnerable, we are following the direction of God's Word – which tells us to love the poor, to love our neighbours,

Showing favouritism in families can break a family apart. Showing favouritism in the workplace, in places of education, in a church, can cause disunity and inner conflict. James reminds his people:

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right (v 8).

PRAYER
As I love you,
Father God, help
me to love all
people well!

Major Beverly Ivany (ret.)
Former Writer of Words of Life
Former Corps Officer, Ottawa Citadel
Selected from Words of Life, Page 78
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# Some Scripture Passages Concerning Prayer

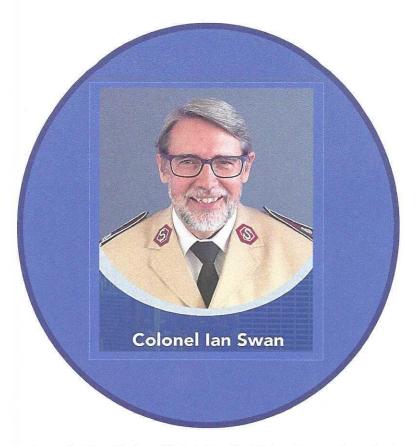
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14
- Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2
- Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:12

- Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <u>Mark 11:24</u>
- The Lord is near to all who call on him to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18
- bout midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:25
- Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know Jeremiah 33:3
- And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Matthew 6:7
- Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16
- For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20
- In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. <u>Psalm 18:6</u>
- But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <u>Matthew 6:6</u>
- And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:15
- Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <u>James 5:16</u>
- But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:6
- The end of all things is near. Therefore, be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

  1 Peter 4:7
- You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. John 15:16
- If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. Matthew 21:22
- They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. <u>Acts 1:14</u>
  - And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13
- But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <u>Luke 6:27-28</u>

# In Remembrance



Colonel Ian Swan was born in KwaZulu – Natal, South Africa from where he began an international journey of discovery that would take him around the world to experience the ministry, service, and contextual expressions of The Salvation Army in all five of its Global Operational Zones. Colonel Ian served God through The Salvation Army first as a lay Salvationist then 38 years as a commissioned officer. As noted above, his ministry encompassed all five Salvation Army zones and his lived discipleship as an educator and leader bore much fruit for the kingdom of God.

An educationalist by professional training and conviction, Colonel Ian greatly enjoyed partnerships with fellow educators, NGOs, and Government Partners who strive to create and support holistic transformational change for individuals and communities. This passion is married to a strong commitment to listen to stakeholders and communities of practice so that grassroots ownership and accountability are mutually understood. Colonel Ian served previously as the VP Academic Dean of Booth University Canada, as a member of the Board of Directors for the United Wesleyan Graduate Institute HK, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Macau University College of Social Work.

While Ian's parents, Majors Alendander and Jeanne Swan were posted in Ottawa, the family attended Ottawa Citadel. During those years Ian, as we knew him then studied at Carleton University. The leadership Colonel Swan has provided over the years and most recently as co-Director of the International Social Justice Commission has been truly remarkable.

A Celebration of Life for Colonel Ian Swan will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Calvert Room, Territorial Headquarters Canada and Bermuda Territory on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Please remember in prayer Colonel Wendy. Son Jason and daughter Brianna, as they grieve the loss of a beloved husband and father.

Sources – Katy Searl, Manager of Internal Communications, THQ & others)

# In Remembrance



Jean Beer

Jean Beer was a regular attender at our Sunday worship services as well as the Ottawa Citadel Seniors' Luncheons. She was described as a very kind and friendly lady who enjoyed gathering with the friends she had made at the Corps. This picture of Jean was taken in November of 2024. Ruth Emeribe reminisced about Jean's having "treated Waverly, Martha, and me to a delicious birthday dinner! I really miss her." What more fitting tribute can friends offer for a colleague lost from their midst.

A private family grave-side service was held for Jean.

## Comfort in Our Time of Loss

"For prayer is hope put to the test.

And hope is faith in what is best.

Faith is power to do great things.

Thus, prayer is faith's enabling wings."

- Richelle E. Goodrich

"The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help."

- 1 Timothy 5:5

#### WORD SEARCH

(Bible Word Search Puzzles, Vol. I: Bible Basics #71)

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

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#### THE HOLY SPIRIT

**ABIDE** MINE ABODE **PROMISE** ANOTHER REPROVE COME **SAMARIA** COMFORTER **SEASONS** COMFORTLESS SEETH DEPART **SHOW EXPEDIENT SPEAK** GLORIFY **TEACH** HENCE TIMES HIMSELF **UTTERMOST** HOLY WATER JUDGMENT WORDS KEEP

Please See the Scripture References for the Solutions to the Puzzle on Page 6.

#### Celebrate with Our People

**BIRTHDAYS:** 

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 

(Names will be omitted for the <u>web</u> page issue for security and privacy reasons. If you would like to have your name included in the special events, please let Jim Ferguson know.)

### Scripture References for the Word Search on Page 5

LARGE PRINT - Bible Word Search Puzzles with Scriptures, Volume I: Bible Basics

### 71. The Holy Spirit

"And I will 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. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me and I in you... If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him... But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father shall send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance; whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:16-20, 23, 26 KJV)

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is <u>expedient</u> for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I <u>depart</u>, I will send him unto you. And when he come, he will <u>reprove</u> the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of <u>judgment</u>... I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. <u>Howbeit</u> when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of <u>himself</u>; but whatsoever he shall hear, that he <u>speak</u>: and he wil <u>show</u> you things to come. He will <u>glorify</u> me: for he shall receive of <u>mine</u>, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you."

(John 16:7-8, 12-15 KJV)

"...wait for the <u>promise</u> of the Father, which" saith he, "ye have heard of me. For John baptized with <u>water</u>; but ye shall be baptized with the <u>Holy</u> Ghost not many days <u>hence</u>... It is not for you to know the <u>times</u> or the <u>seasons</u>, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come <u>upon</u> you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in <u>Samaria</u>, and unto the <u>uttermost</u> part of the earth." (Acts 1:4-5, 7-8 KJV)

# The Ottawa Citadel Musical Groups and Guests Who Helped Us

# "Spring Into Summer"







Six Band Members Played the Hymn Tune, *Keep in Step* to March the Band and Songsters into their Places on the Platform. The Balance of the Band Joined in to Play One More Verse Once They Were in Place.



The Band opened the concert with an arrangement of My Redeemer Lives and the Festival March,

Concord.

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# "Spring Into Summer" continued





Left: The first soloist of the concert was Rowan Ferguson who sang, I've Got a Crush on You in the style of its composer, Ella Fitzgerald..

Right: Laurie led the Songsters as they sang their first two selections, *Be Still My Soul* and *Holy Forever* accompanied by Barbara on the piano.





Melissa Simard leads the congregational song. Shine, Jesus. Shine accompanied by the Band



Above: The Band presented two selections. The first (pictured above) was a Euphonium Solo, *The Saviour's Name*, performed skillfully by Samuel Louembo. The second selection was the processional, *Shine On Us*.



Jessica Ferguson accompanied herself as she sang *Thank God, I Do* in a moving rendition.

#### Spring into Summer - Continued





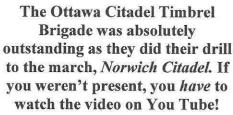
Left: Simon steps out of the Bass section to introduce the Songsters' next selections: I Will Love the Lord and Swing Down which featured Melissa Simard's singing of the soprano obligato part



















Top Row: The Timbrellists are marched in by the Band and then begin their drill. Second Row: The Brigade begins its drill featuring a great deal of mobility. Third Row: The drill is concluded and the ladies march out. Their precision creativity was superb.



Following the Band's selection, See What a Morning, the Songsters sang a beautiful selection – I Have seen the Glory of the Lord (at left).



Major Erin Verhey reprised the words of the Songster selection in a very effective Devotional.

## Spring into Summer - Review Concluded



The final selection from the Songsters was a very powerful message in the composition, *He Will Hold Me Fast*.



The final selection by the Band was a lively number entitled, *Song and Dance*.



Major Gerry acknowledged the contributions of all the groups and individuals whose combined efforts made the *Spring Into Summer* concert such an uplifting event for everyone.

The musical feast ended with the congregational song, My Great Redeemer's Praise to the glorious tune, Grimsby and the sung benediction entitled – Benediction – a selection written by Canadian Staff Bandsman, Phillip Rayment.



### Did You Know?

Pineapples take two years to fully grow. Pineapples undergo a lengthy and intricate growth process that spans approximately two years.

From the planting of the pineapple crown or the offset, it goes through stages of vegetative growth, flowering, and fruit development before reaching full maturity. (Getty's Top 10 Facts)

#### Attendance Numbers

In-Person .	Atten	dance /	,	U-Tube
Sunday June	8	135	1	232
Sunday, June	15	115	1	338
Sunday, June	22	100	1	161
Concert - June	e 22	107	1	845
Sunday, June	29	110	/	311
Sunday, July	6	84	1	284
Sunday, July	13	103	1	216
Sunday, July	20	95	1	211
Sunday, July	27	101	1	178
Sunday, Aug.	3	71	1	130*

#### **UPDATE**

on

#### **BUILDING ISSUES**

Your Building Advisory Committee (BAC) has not met for some time now. Because there are several issues now pending, the group will likely meet in the near future.

#### Income Comparison 2025 v/s 2024

,J	anuary – June 2025	January – June 2024		
General Account	104,027.00	102,704.00		
YP	18,913.00	9,610.00		
PiM	13,007.00	12,631.00		
Total	135,947.00	124,945.00		

**Good News:** 8% Increase in overall Giving

- 1. Significant increase in YP income attributable to support for the paid Youth Director
- 2. Small increase in PiM for the period: WE MET OUR 2025 GOAL

**Bad News:** Salaries, utilities and other expenses continue to increase

#### Operating Position at 30 June, 2025:

Number of days of working Capital - working capital required = 90 Number of days of working Capital at 30 June = 175 Excess Working Capital over minimum required = 85

Courtesy – CSM Linda Colwell

# Out and About in the Community

Ruth Emeribe reported that earlier in July, Johnnie and she were out for a drive when they saw Marlene Hope walking close to her home. As it turned out, Marlene mentioned that she had a book for Marg Peppy who has been shut in for some time. Ruth agreed to deliver the book to Marg and, while chatting, Ruth and Johnnie were invited into Marlene's home. This led to meeting Marlene's husband, Hugh. He was happy to show them his beautiful flowers – a garden of which he is justifiably proud.

The pictures below were taken during the visit:



Ruth, Marlene and Johnnie pose in this picture.



Hugh is shown with Johnnie and Ruth after admiring his plants.



Johnnie and Ruth prepare to leave after a pleasant visit.

## Recent Citadel Happenings

Here are some photos of the ECC Picnic held on July 5th at Vincent Massey Park









Good Food, Good Friends, Good Conversation!

~ Courtesy – Rosemary Parker



Marlene Hope (Leader of the Women's Virtual Fellowship)

## Women's Virtual Fellowship

The Women's Virtual Fellowship will recommence its weekly virtual meetings on WEDNESDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesday after from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m.

Our normal format is to open the gathering with volunteers leading the opening devotional and prayer time. We often are joined by special guests who bring interesting backgrounds and experiences to share with us.

> All Ladies Are Welcome to Join Us! Here's How:

Meeting ID: 991 6312 7351 Toll Free: 1-855-703-8985

Pass Code: 1350

As We Enter Yet Another Fall Season,

Please Remember

All of Our Groups, Programs

- MINISTRIES –

In Your Prayers.

# Some Summer Thoughts on Leadership

My word! Summer is more than half spent. Have you, in your leadership routine, taken a break? Rest is an essential part of our lives. Without it, we deny our body, soul and mind of the opportunity to refresh and renew our energy and more importantly, do a check of whether our leadership behaviour is in line with God's will – not only for our personal goals but for the direction we are helping guide our group to achieve.

This entire matter of assuming the reigns of leadership once more, was jolted as I read Captain Leah Fowler's devotional piece in the *Words of Life* for July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Scripture portion about which she was writing was from Exodus 33:12-19 which she titled *Moses moments*. Here are some excerpts from that devotional:

"The account of Moses in the Old Testament is one that strikes a familiar chord from young children to Bible scholars. (I guess that would include you and me. ed) Moses was a man on a mission. He overcame the most unlikely of circumstances, faced the most overwhelming of obstacles and experienced first hand the joys and challenges of leading God's people. He saw miracles, he witnessed God moving and he was equipped by God to do mighty things."

"With all of that in mind, with all of that power in hand, Moses could easily have taken the reigns. We see it constantly in the chronicles of God's people and, if we are to take an honest account, in the timeline of our own lives. It's the cycle of faithfulness, sin, repentance and returning to the Lord, and ending as a one-man or woman race.

It's the temptation of independence. The quicksand of self-reliance. When we consider service for the Lord – visions of mission – we must take great care to ensure it is the will of the Lord and not self-seeking. That it is serving his people and his Kingdom, not looking for earthly praise and pats on the back, both individually and as a movement.

What did Moses do in these moments, when the next steps seemed uncertain? He sought the Lord: 'The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

# Some Summer Thoughts on Leadership - Concluded-

None of us can, nor should we, assume or aspire to be a Moses. What we ought to do is prayerfully consider our goals and our openness to the leading of Holy Spirit as to where our group should go in the coming season and then share it with our group. Even better, demonstrate that you are serious about this commitment by gathering a representative group of your team to create a committee willing to review the progress being made and identify potential adjustments that might be needed. Above all, this committee should communicate the goals and progress being made with the rest of the group and, where appropriate, with the entire congregation. By following a pattern of behaviour like this, every member of the group will understand his or her role in achieving the goals of that group.

Here are a few guidelines for being the most effective leader that you, with God's help, can be:

- Interact as often as you can with members of your group to ensure a caring positive relationship is being maintained.
- Be vigilant that your leadership style is adaptable responding appropriately to the situations that arise and ensuring you listen to concerns that are expressed.
- Always always remember that you are only one person and you won't have the answer for every situation that arises. That's why you need the option to ask your committee or the group as a whole for advice.
- There is efficient leadership and there is effective leadership. The former style is necessary on occasion because circumstances sometimes arise that require immediate action but be aware that this should not be your pervasive style. Effective leadership may require a bit more time but ensuring that the group knows what's happening and why is critical to creating and developing a sense of ownership of what the group is doing. Doing everything yourself as the leader is largely an exercise in futility because no one is taking a measure of the group's support. The membership comes to expect that the leader will do everything and communication sometimes becomes woefully ineffective. (Remember, on the world stage both historically and currently, one individual as the sole leader often becomes dictatorial in behaviour not something we would want in our church setting.) So.... as a leader, remember, the more you involve your group members in planning, the fewer problems you will have with people who aren't onside with the course of actions taken.

To our leaders and leaders-to-be, thank you for all you do. Please enjoy a rest at some point this summer. We pray for you and appreciate the wisdom and talents you bring to your role.

# SEPTEMBER, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am	LABOUR DAY	2	3	4 *MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	WORSHIP JAS 7:00 PM	6
*WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship *Bible Study 1:30 pm	8	9 SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	* WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 pm *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY	*MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	12	13
*RALLY DAY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship *JAS	15	16 SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	* WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 pm *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY	*SENIORS' LUNCHEON *MLLB Reh. 7:00 PM	19	Special Event in the Gym 2:00 – 8:00 pm
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PLEASE NOTE: There is a time of Prayer in the Fellowship Room prior to the Sunday Worship Service

# OCTOBER, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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*SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am *Coffee & Fellowship * YOUTH RETREAT	27	28 SONGSTER & BAND REHEARSALS 7:15 PM	*WOMEN'S VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP 12:00 PM *GODDARD BIBLE STUDY	30 **MLLB Reh. 7:00 pm PM	31	1

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# Humour of Lindsay Cox and Friends





The Corps' String Quartet struck a chord!



Umm! No donuts whilst playing!





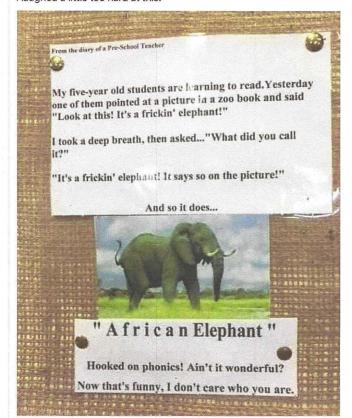
When the cornets sabotage the timbrels





Kitchen Fun With My 3 Sons

I laughed a little too hard at this!





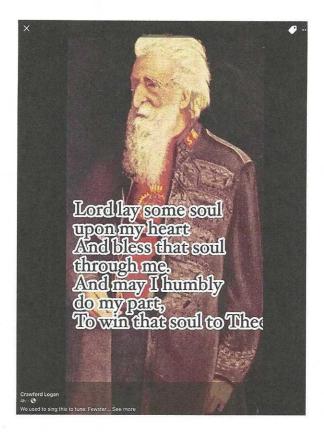
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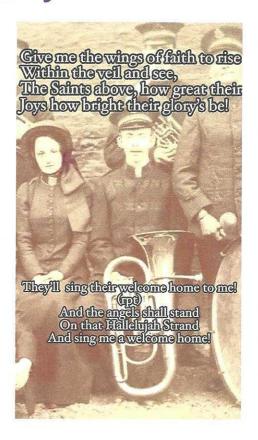


YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE US ALL PLAY THE SAME

Thanks, again, to Jane Moulton for keeping in touch with Lindsay Cox and for picking up other funnies to give us a smile.

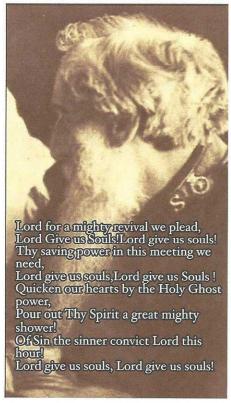
## Jane Unearthed Some Really Old Photos











Many of the choruses of this vintage have faded into obscurity but two of these ones are particularly powerful. The top left will challenge everyone who claims an interest in the Army's quest for the salvation of souls. The middle photo in the bottom row shows a chorus included in a majestic selection played recently by the *Legacy Brass*.