

# Christianity 101 - Basic Training

My sister went to see the movie *The Two Towers*, which was the second instalment of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. She'd heard that it was a great movie, but after seeing it she had one piece of advice for any would-be movie-goers: "You should really see the first movie before seeing this one." You see, the second movie

assumed that you had already seen the first. While she enjoyed the movie she wasn't able to see the big picture, to place these characters and events within the larger context of the overall story.

Many people face the same problem when it comes to church. We've all heard about how it's supposed to

be good for us, but darned if we can figure out how or why! The problem is that many of us can't see the big picture. We can't place the Bible readings, sermons, hymns and prayers within the larger context of the overall story of the Christian faith because most churches assume that we already know all that. Like my sister and *The Two Towers* we're left with a vague impression of the fight between good and evil and some of the characters involved in that fight, but it's all rather difficult to follow.

The good news for my sister was that she was able to rent the video of the first movie a few days later. The good news for us is that we can also go back and learn about the basics of the Christian faith. And in order to help you do just that, Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church is hosting a four-week course called Christianity 101. Using videos, talks, and small group discussion, this course deals with issues such as *The Biggest Questions of Life; This Thing Called Sin; Where Does Jesus Fit Into This; Following Jesus; Am I Good Enough; and A New Direction For Life*, among others.

But Christianity 101 isn't only for those who are new to faith and the church. Maybe you're like my brother. He saw the first movie, but he still rented it and watched it again before going to see *The Two Towers*. He wanted a reminder of the characters and story before moving on. As for me, I've read the books many times and I still enjoyed watching the movies. So, whether you're a church neophyte, a Biblical scholar, or any-

where in between, Christianity 101 offers something for everyone.

Where: Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, 15th Sideroad, just east of Guelph Line.

When: Monday, March 24th through Monday, April 14th, 2003 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

How much: No cost, but please call 905-854-1055 to register.

Submitted by SEAN HOWARD, Associate Pastor

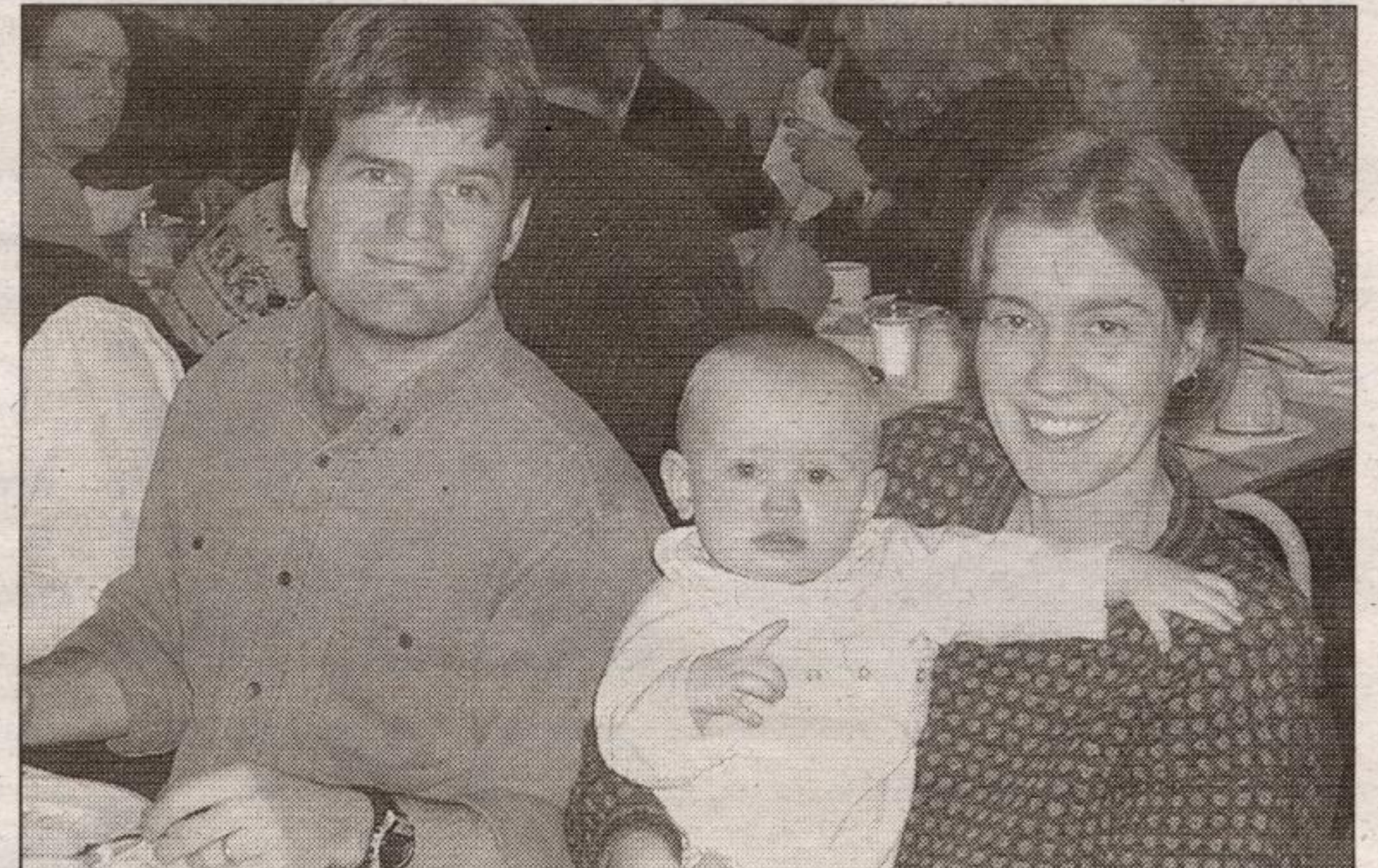


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Sean, Mary and Rhoda Howard enjoy the Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Supper at the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church on February 21st.

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Minutes from February 12, 2003.

Events: Tentative dates for the year's activities: Campbellville Birthday Celebration is June 28th-29th, the October Festival is October 4th-5th, Christmas in Campbellville is December 6th-7th, and the Santa Claus Parade is December 21st. Harry Yates has drafted a schedule of tasks for each event. The next meeting will focus on preparations for the Birthday Celebration. Ideas include a hot air balloon tethered at the ballpark, antique cars and an art show. Ideas for the October Festival include a pub-crawl to eating/drinking establishments around Campbellville. Dawn will approach outside groups to help with activi-

## CAMPBELLVILLE COUNTRY NEWS

Prepared by Harry Yates

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. at The Trail Eatery.

ties in the village because shop owners must be in their shops during these celebrations. The CABA Christmas float needs a new home. CA Towing has offered to store it the week before the parade. Other activities propose included regular euchre parties and BBQs for residents. Local artists could be invited to highlight their art on some weekends. Lions Hall is available.

Advertising: Dawn will lead an Advertising Committee for activities. Going Places magazine is distributed in B&Bs and has a web site with links. There also is the Burlington Post or the Toronto Star. The Welcome Wagon does not allow advertisements for competing busi-

nesses. Therefore, a Campbellville Welcome Basket could be prepared which includes coupons, gifts and business cards from local shops for real estate companies to give to new homeowners. A table is available at the Hitherfield School for shops to donate items for the school's private fundraising auction. A historic walk pamphlet could be prepared.

Discount for CABA members: Members will be invited to participate in a 10% discount program around the village.

New Business: Campbellville businesses could have a cardholder with several slots for business cards from other village shops. This might include a map of the village.



TRACEY MCGRATH  
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## Dear Tracey

With every publication Tracey will be answering your questions about Tax, Estate and Financial Planning. Tracey has lived in Halton Hills for 30 years and is raising her family here.

Dear Tracey,  
I lie awake every night wondering what to do about my Investment Portfolio. It's down about 30% and I just don't see a bottom. What do I do: cash in and go into GIC's or stay sure-footed? Please put my mind at ease.  
Signed, Counting Sheep

Dear Counting Sheep,  
Stop counting! This is a very difficult time for us all. I want to share some numbers with you to help you make your decision. On January 1, 1973, if you were to invest \$1,000,000 in the Standard & Poors 500 which signifies the top 500 companies in the United States:

Value of \$1,000,000 invested January 1, 1973  
3 months later...Market Value is \$951,200  
6 months later...Market Value is \$896,310  
9 months later...Market Value is \$939,510  
12 months later...Market Value is

\$853,450  
1 year and 9 months later...Market Value is \$573,780

Ouch! We are down 43%. At this point you decide you cannot take it any more and get out.

Value of \$573,780 removed from the market and reinvested in an interest bearing GIC of 5%:

6 months later...Market Value is \$588,130  
12 months later...Market Value is \$602,470  
2 years later...Market Value is \$632,590  
5 years later...Market Value is \$732,300  
10 years later...we are back where we started- Market Value is \$934,620.

If you stayed invested in S&P 500:  
Value of \$573,780 Left in the market and you stopped listening to the news!  
6 months later...Market Value is \$771,570  
12 months later...Market Value is \$792,620

2 years later...Market Value is \$1,034,040  
5 years later...Market Value is \$1,247,680  
10 years later...we are up 326% - Market Value is \$2,444,370

History has shown us that the markets will always come back - the key is what you do in the mean time. If I can quote the great Warren Buffet, "Do what the rich do...When others are greedy, be afraid, but when others are afraid, be greedy." Make sure that you are positioned for the recovery. The goal is to create long-term wealth by creating an Investment Plan that is not dependent on day-to-day activity in the market, but to stay invested in a high quality diversified portfolio. Post these numbers on your fridge for a daily reminder of why you should stay invested.

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