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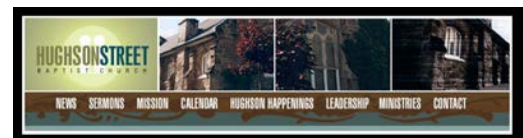
**125TH ANNIVERSARY**  
 On Sunday June 3rd, 2012 we will be celebrating God's faithfulness to Hughson St Baptist Church for 125 years! We would like to invite you to save the date for our 2 hour celebration and service that will begin at 10 am and be followed by lunch. Mark it down! Further details will be coming

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
 We praise God for the progress on the Capital Campaign and His incredible provision. There is a video for the campaign on our website, highlighting many of our ministries and the opportunities God is providing for us. Check it out at [www.hughson.ca](http://www.hughson.ca)

**JOIN US ONE SUNDAY ...OR LISTEN ONLINE**  
 We'd love to have you join us one Sunday. We are currently meeting in the Bennetto School Gymnasium which is located at 47 Simcoe St E (across the street from the church). We meet at 10 am.



You can also listen to our sermons online at [www.hughson.ca](http://www.hughson.ca).



**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**  
 We are praying God will allow us to deliver Christmas Hampers to 200 families this Christmas. We are so very thankful for the donations of food and toys each year. The hampers would cost us about \$25,000.00 without the food and toy donations. As each year we still need to purchase a number of items we are believing God will provide us

with a bounty of food and toys and \$12,000.00 in cash, for the hampers.

We are also thankful for all the volunteers who assist us with the hampers. If you would like to volunteer this year please select a time and let us know when you can come by calling us at 905 527 3972 and asking for Jenna or by e-mailing us at [office@hughson.ca](mailto:office@hughson.ca)

**December Christmas Hamper Schedule**

<b>Monday</b> <b>12</b>	Morning / Afternoon 7pm - 8:30pm	<b>TOY SHOP SET-UP</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>15</b>	7pm - 9pm	<b>SORT &amp; PREP</b> Donations and prepare boxes
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>13</b>	11am - 2pm	<b>TOY SHOP OPEN</b> for parents to select gifts and then have them wrapped	<b>Friday</b> <b>16</b>	1pm - 4pm	<b>PREP BOXES</b> for delivery
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>14</b>	7pm - 9pm	<b>SORTING</b> Donated Goods and Toys	<b>Saturday</b> <b>17</b>	8am - Noon	<b>DELIVER 200</b> Hampers, Boxes, and Turkeys

# FALL 2011 HUGHSON HAPPENINGS

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**PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE**

"Moved." Last night I saw Courageous. Ethan, our 10 year old son, came with me. Courageous reminded me of the privilege it is to be a husband and father but also stirred within me a desire for God's continued work to call me to be a godlier spouse and parent. As I watched the movie, with its emphasis on fatherless homes and their effect on children, a number of times I thought of the fatherless children we minister to. Ministries where we have dozens of children, youth and young adults who have either never met or never see their fathers. Ministries where some of our children and youth, who live with their fathers, also live in drug infested homes, filled with stolen goods and watch various women leave their father's room several mornings a week.

According to American research:

- 63% of youth suicides occur in fatherless homes
- 71% of high school dropouts are from fatherless homes
- Youth from fatherless homes are 5 times as likely to join gangs
- 70% of imprisoned youth come from fatherless homes

A number of years ago, a couple of young men from our church were investing in the lives of two boys from a fatherless home. Every week they would spend time with the boys, helping with homework, taking a hike, throwing a football and talking about life. Occasionally they would go bowling or enjoy a round of mini-putt. One Father's Day, one of the boys wrote a Father's Day card for one of the young men saying, 'Kyle: If I had searched the whole world, I couldn't have found a better Dad than you! Thank you!'

And so with a new resolve, I am reminded of the necessity of investing in the lives of these young men and



women, who have no positive male role model in their lives. The devastating effect leaves many of these children and teenagers turning to unhealthy males for affirmation or even to gangs. What would happen if with increasing intentionally, several healthy men and families from our church, continued to invest their lives into a couple of children or teens who are yearning for a father's love? Maybe the suicide rate in our neighbourhood could be eliminated, maybe the high school dropout rate could be cut in half, maybe gangs would be a part of our history but not our future and maybe our local detention center would sit half empty.

More than that, maybe a group of God-centered, gospel transformed men and families would be used by God to see the cycle of fatherlessness broken in our neighbourhood as God saved these children and teens and called them to Himself and they one day began healthy, Christ-honouring homes where the gospel is proclaimed and their children are known and loved by God.

Because of God's grace and for His glory,  
 ~Pastor Dwayne

# Giving

**Partnering with Hughson Street Baptist**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to financially partner with Hughson St. Baptist Church.  
 Here is my gift of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Christmas Hamper fund  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Capital Campaign  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the benevolent fund to help keep the food supply strong  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the general fund and the money can be used where it is most needed

Please contact me, I'd like to help out with the Christmas Hampers.

Please make all cheques payable to Hughson St. Baptist Church.

## A HAPPENIN' PLACE

Hughson is definitely a happenin' place. In our efforts to bless the North End we continue to plan, staff, and energize a variety of ministries that have been foundational to us for many years. This is of course part of our Core Values as church: that what we start, we stay with, we call it "sustainability". This is important for many of our neighbours whose lives feel anything but stable. So we continue to be a part of the neighbourhood Breakfast Club in partnership with the North Hamilton Community Health Center. Mike Kleinhuis and I supervise breakfast every Wednesday morning, with some Hughsonites helping out, but mostly other volunteers that the NHCHC oversees. It involves scrambling about 150 eggs, making toast – both regular with butter or jam, and a cheese specialty we melt in the oven – cutting up fruit, cereal and juice. But more than food it's an opportunity, especially for Mike, to be with the youth from Bennetto and St. Lawrence public schools. These are the children we want to connect with in our Kid's Club and Impact ministries.

We also continue to hold quarterly Clothing Give Away Days. The latest was Oct 1st. About 135 people came to our new building to look through our heaps and heaps of clothing spread out on tables by a volunteer crew made up mostly of Young People that came as a part of a service day called Cross-Culture. This is a co-operative effort of our sister churches through True City that gathers the young people for a hands-on ministry experience. This is a day that we simply bless the neighbours who need a fresh set of clothing for the new season, and pray that some new relationships will be



built up through Coffee's On, or other ministries. Again, we keep doing this over the long-term so that our neighbours will know we're here as a place of help and comfort.

That's why Coffee's On has become so important to us as a ministry. Every Friday we are having anywhere from 25 – 40 people come and join our team for some refreshments, some conversation, maybe some help from our Food or Clothing supplies, and some time in God's Word together. It's become the place of connection for many to Hughson, for many this is church. For a few now, this has been the gateway into our Sunday services and a greater involvement in the body of Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will take hold of more people's lives in deeper ways as we continue on.



Another ministry that has continued for many years is our Christmas Hamper program. This year we are praying for the Lord to provide the resources for 200 Hampers. That means 200 Turkeys, potatoes, canned vegetables, fruit, cereal, pasta, rice, cranberrys, gravy, and dessert. It also means the toys for about 200 children as well. To top it off, it also means the volunteers to sort and pack the Hampers the week of Dec 12 so that we can deliver them all on the morning of Saturday December 17. Every year I am amazed at the generous support of our partnering churches and friends, we couldn't do this without your help. If you haven't heard about how to get involved through your church yet, feel free to call our office for some details, and we will send you some information by mail or email. Or you could just choose to help us out with a gift for the Hampers.

We continue on in these ministries, and many others, so that the grace of Lord Jesus Christ may be known in our neighbourhood. Pray with us for spiritual blessings.

~ Pastor Paul



## ALL GOOD, ALL THE TIME

God is good, all the time. I want to use this few paragraphs to let you know how I've seen God working in the last few months. Hopefully you'll feel as encouraged as I've been, and that you'll redouble your prayers as you see how God has provided answers to many questions and requests.

This past summer we were able to send 8 youth to summer camp, all of whom wouldn't have been able to go otherwise. All but one wants to go back next summer, with one hoping to do the leadership program at Camp Widjitiwin! He's already started saving up money to go, and I let him know that we'd do everything we could do to make sure he goes back.

The North End Soccer League ended off on a high note once again. This year we were again at capacity and through the summer saw our best weekly attendance ever! Because there has been such a huge request for an older age group we have started a partnership with Reach Forth Ministries to have some of our senior players join that league next year, with some of our coaches going over there as well! While this will cost more money, both us and Reach Forth are committed to seeing this happen.

Our new youth space is quickly coming together. I'd hoped to be able to get a pool table – two were donated! I'd hoped to bring our air hockey table over from the old building – a better one was dropped off before I could get around to it! Our Wii was stolen two years ago and I was going to buy another one to replace it – before I could do that a new one was donated! We're in the process of opening a weight room for the youth and it is almost ready to go and so far it's cost less than \$100! And we've literally got a tonne of weight!! It's as if God can read my mind!!

We've just kicked off our school year programs and every program is fully staffed, some with one or two extra leaders! We've started a new Jr. High discipleship program because the weekly bible study we'd been doing wasn't long enough for the youth who were coming out! Please be in prayer for this program (Junior High Live) as many of the youth who are attending, or will be attending, come from non-Christian homes. Pray that their young faith will flourish and grow and will be an example to their parents and siblings.

As you can see, God is at work here in the North End. I have the privilege of seeing it each day as I walk through the halls of the local schools, or through the neighbourhood itself. God is changing lives, some more quickly than others, but He is at work here. Please continue to lift us up in prayer each day

Blessings,  
~Pastor Mike

