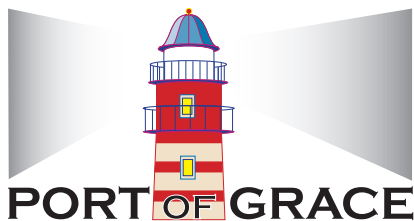


# BEACON

Sunday February 7, 2010



**PORT OF GRACE**  
"Showing Jesus'  
love in action"

### MEN'S AREA!

You can find a men's area at the Welcome Table. You take some of the resources, there or have those same resources delivered to your home for free - monthly.

*"Pray for  
one another."*

### Ladies' Coffee Hour

Friday morning at 9:30AM  
POG Upper Room  
Coffee/Study/Prayer/Fun



### OFFERING JAN

Offerings  
\$ 7226  
Expenses  
\$ 7768

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- resources for devotions
- calendar of activities
- beacons
- POG sermons

### THE POG RELATIONSHIP CHALLENGE

One of the biggest challenges for every church family, is to truly become, in experience, the family that we really are in Jesus Christ. This doesn't just happen! It takes work, commitment and risk on our part. As part of our effort to truly become family and true friends at Port of Grace. We are issuing a challenge for the whole church.

Set apart, at least, two times a month to either have someone over or go over to someone's house. Especially people you don't know well. You can get together for meals or just for coffee and dessert. You could also just meet at Tim Horton's for a coffee. But get out there getting to know one another.

**REMEMBER! SET ASIDE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY POTLUCK!**

### New Phone Directory Coming Soon!

Please fill in your up to date information

If we don't have your name in our mail files - let us know!

### PLEASE HELP US!

(out of love and respect for each other)

- Please don't get coffee while the message is going on.
- Please don't talk during communion as people use this time to prepare

### Wednesday Night Connexion

What's holding you back? Come and enjoy good discussion, good friendships, and an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus.

Wednesday's at 7PM - Pastor Ed's House - 124 Catharine St.

### Take Control of Your Finances!

Shaun Somers is offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course at Welland BIC Church.

Course Begins February 22nd and runs for 13 weeks  
cost: \$125 (per family) - See Shaun Somers for details

**WELCOME TO POG!** PLEASE USE THIS SPACE & BACK TO COMMUNICATE WITH US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

age: under 19 / 20's / 30's / 40's / 50's / 60+ .

#### Decision I made today...

- Follow Jesus
- Back on track with Jesus
- I want to be baptized
- I want to join this church family
- I want to join a "Living Room"

#### I would like to...

- Know more about Jesus
- Know more about "POG"
- Visit from the pastor
- Help out wherever needed
- Help out in following area

James: Everyday (normal) Christianity

James 2

*"<sup>1</sup> My dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? <sup>2</sup> For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting<sup>[b]</sup> dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. <sup>3</sup> If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor"—well, <sup>4</sup> doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? <sup>5</sup> Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name<sup>[c]</sup> you bear? <sup>8</sup> Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself."<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>9</sup> But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. <sup>10</sup> For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. <sup>11</sup> For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," also said, "You must not murder."<sup>[e]</sup> So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law<sup>12</sup> So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. <sup>13</sup> There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you."*

*<sup>14</sup> What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? <sup>15</sup> Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, <sup>16</sup> and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?*

*<sup>17</sup> So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.*

*<sup>18</sup> Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."*

*<sup>19</sup> You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God.<sup>[f]</sup> Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?*

*<sup>21</sup> Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. <sup>23</sup> And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."<sup>[g]</sup> He was even called the friend of God.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>24</sup> So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.*

*<sup>25</sup> Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. <sup>26</sup> Just as the body is dead without breath,<sup>[i]</sup> so also faith is dead without good works*

**What is God saying to you this morning?**

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**We want to hear your praise items / prayer requests / questions / God-stories...**

I give permission for pastor Ed to share my God-story     anonymously please     please keep confidential