

## WE'VE NOT BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE!

What is it about the New Year that gives us that sense of starting over with a clean slate? We see it everywhere, people excited about exercise and good health who just months ago were chomping down on Big Mac's and French fries. Some make grand promises to love and cherish family and moments like never before. Many even do house cleaning this time of year... "out with the old, in with the new". We often venture into the New Year with a renewed sense of purpose, tenacity and determination.

I often smile to myself once we have rounded the 3rd month mark of the new year as most are right back into the old habits they so valiantly "left behind".

Even with this perpetual routine that happens each January, I cannot help but have a sense that this time things are different. Not so much in reference to what one might consume for dinner, lets face it...French fries are awesome...but more so in the sense of what God is doing in our midst. I have this sense that what 2020 is bringing is new and

exciting but at the same time will require new levels of faith that we have never needed before. Indeed, I feel like where we are going, we've not been this way before! I am reminded of the story in Joshua chapter 3.

*"Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. <sup>2</sup>After three days the officers went throughout the camp, <sup>3</sup>giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. <sup>4</sup>Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before..."*

As we venture into 2020 let's remember that God is leading us. He is taking Kelowna Harvest Fellowship into a new place where God's blessings will be poured out as we covenant to follow His lead. Prepare your heart and minds; gather your provisions and family; and don't get left behind. Amazing days are ahead!

-H.Lucier

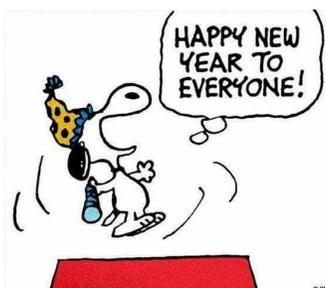


This year we are revamping our communication efforts a little bit. Each month we will be printing a Newsletter which will have current and future events listed for you. If you are leading a department or have something significant to announce or share with the congregation, please contact Heather Lucier at [heather@theharvest.ca](mailto:heather@theharvest.ca)

## New Year Wishes for you in 2020

May God give you...

- ◆ 12 Months of Peace
- ◆ 52 Weeks in the Knowledge of His Will
- ◆ 365 Days of Success
- ◆ 8760 Hours of Good Health
- ◆ 525600 Minutes of Awareness of His Presence



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Harvest Fellowship

# Best Friday the 13th Ever!

Kelowna Harvest Fellowship hosted a dinner for the homeless. The Eagle Rider picked them up and brought them to our studio for an amazing turkey dinner. There was lots of food, Christmas stockings for everyone and even some fun while our amazing "strong men" did feats of strength while the gospel of salvation was shared.

Truly, the best "Friday the 13th" ever! Thank you everyone who helped with the cooking, serving, set-up and clean-up. Looking forward to doing it again in the New Year!

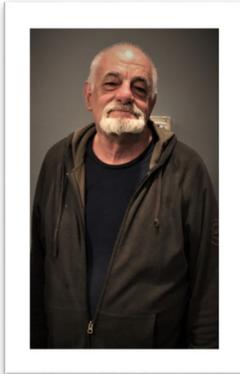


Meeting new friends...

Lots of good food to go around...



Marlin blowing up a water bottle!



beautiful people...



Christmas Elves!



feats of strength...

sassy servers...



# January 2020

Look What's Happening

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 <b>New Year PARTY</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>2020</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR	<b>2</b> BFC Steering Committee Meeting	<b>3</b>  <i>Vision to Voice Conference</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> HMI Directors Meeting 6:00PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Prophetic Prayer</i> 6:30PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Mercer Home Group 7:00PM	<b>10</b> <i>Worship Team Dinner</i> 6:30PM	<b>11</b> Saturday Nite Service 6:00 PM
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Prophetic Prayer</i> 6:30PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Mercer Home Group 7:00PM <i>One Heart Gathering: Vancouver</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Saturday Nite Service 6:00 PM
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Prophetic Prayer</i> 6:30PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Mercer Home Group 7:00PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Potluck</b> 4:30PM
<b>26</b> Women's Ministry 4:00PM 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Prophetic Prayer</i> 6:30PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Mercer Home Group 7:00PM	<b>31</b> <i>KHF Leadership Meeting</i> 6:30PM	

## New Year PARTY

Come join the fun  
 December 31st - 6pm-Midnight  
 Where: AB & Roxanna's Home  
 Bring: Appy or Dessert  
 TXT:250-801-2186 for address  
 Or talk to Roxanna

## W KHF Women's Ministry

Ladies, Come join us @ Harvest Studio!  
 January 26th  
 4:00PM - 7:00PM

Our plan is to meet on the last Sunday of each month. Come on out and bring a friend.



## Potluck

Saturday  
 January 25th  
 4:30PM

Bring your favorite dish and let's fellowship together.

## Prophetic Prayer

Every Tuesday night 6:30PM  
 @Harvest Studio  
 Come get plugged into the prophetic prayer and flow that changes lives and nations!  
 Led by Katheren Welwood and Will Dunford

**VISION to VOICE 2020**

New Life Church  
 2041 Harvey Avenue  
 Kelowna, BC

January 3, 2019  
 6:30pm  
 January 4, 2019  
 2:00pm & 6:30pm

Two days of prayer and contending for our prophetic voice

No registration. Limited seating. Free live streaming at [www.battleforcanada.com](http://www.battleforcanada.com)  
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# PERSEVERANCE

## The Key to Breakthrough in 2020

-by Marlin Kroeker

The end of the year is a time of personal assessment for many of us. For some there is satisfaction in a year of fulfilled goals and desires. If you're a list maker, accomplishing goals brings a great deal of satisfaction and productivity. For others, it may be discouraging and disheartening to realize another year has slipped by without much being accomplished.

Let's face it, whether you are a person who analyzes your progress and sets goals, or if you are a person who goes with the flow, all of us have faced disappointments in life through unmet goals, expectations and desires. What we do when we find ourselves in these situations is critical to how God can work and move through us.

When we lose hope, our dreams and visions get put on the shelf. Hope deferred does make the heart sick and we have all been there in one way or another (*Proverbs 13:12*). Our hope is constantly being attacked by the enemy and we must guard our hearts to ensure that our hope and faith is alive and well.

When we are born again we sign up for God's development program. This program lasts a life time. Its sole purpose is to build in us the character of Christ and to draw us into intimacy. It is a preparation time for eternity. How we deal with the faith testing situations that we find ourselves in on this earth will determine both the outcome for us here and for eternity.

One of the main qualities that God is seeking to build in us is perseverance. This seems to be a key word in the Body of Christ in this season. Many of us find ourselves believing for things and it seems like it has been a long season as we wait for breakthrough. Weariness may well be knocking on the door, beckoning us to the temporary comfort of giving up, of stepping out of the ring, so to speak.

Perseverance is not a popular word. It often doesn't meet the top ten on the desire for growth list. Why? Because perseverance is often painful

and stretching. It means staying the course when the facts and physical manifestations of life are crying out to us to just drop it and move on and to give up. This may be aided by well-intending people around us who are questioning our sanity and faith. Job's wife is a good example of this. She outright told him: "Curse God and die" (*Job 2:9*). This is exactly what the enemy is attempting to get us to do as he relentlessly attacks our faith and hope. He will often do it through friends and loved ones who speak negativity and doubt into our lives.

God knows how important perseverance is to us and for this reason it is on His top ten-character quality list. Perseverance, it seems, is the prerequisite for Godly character and for experiencing the depths of His love. In *Romans 5:1-5* we are told that we have been brought into a place of undeserved privilege and that one day we will confidently look forward to sharing God's glory. To get to this place we need to learn to persevere, because in our trials and tests, our character is strengthened and developed. To persevere is to remain in faith. This in turn builds our confident hope of salvation. This hope does not disappoint because through it we are able to experience the love and grace of God given to us through the Holy Spirit.

The amazing thing about the grace of God is that we can be in the middle of a severe test and be overwhelmed with His love. Have you been there? Despite the circumstances you are in, you find yourself more in love with God than ever. Paul obtained this level of character and intimacy with God. In *Romans 8*, he declared that nothing could separate him from the love of God. There was no trial or test that Paul endured which would make him give up on his hope in a loving God who was working in and through him through Christ Jesus. This is the identity that God is building in us as we traverse the tests of life. This is the place where God wants us to get too, to be able to confidently say, "My situation may look hopeless and what I am experiencing in the natural is not corresponding to what I am hoping for, but I know that God is true to His Word and He is coming



  
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- ◆ Children on the Frontlines
- ◆ Hospitality
- ◆ Prayer Ministry
- ◆ Altar Ministry
- ◆ Registration
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Ushering
- ◆ Security
- ◆ Set-up/Tear-down
- ◆ Audio/Visual
- ◆ Administration
- ◆ Runners

If you need assistance registering for this event, or if you need help completing the **volunteer sign-up** please call our office and Devonne-Dee will be happy to assist you.  
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## A WORD FOR CANADA

by Sharon Clark

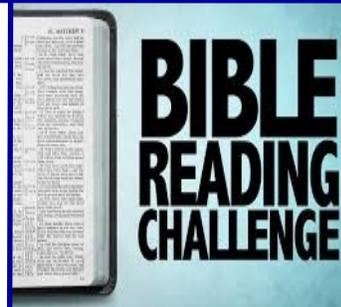
*I had a recent experience that I feel to share with the church. I personally was feeling very hopeless about Canada. So I started praying, and the Lord took me right into a spirit of prayer. As I was praying I saw all these bright lights all around Canada and I heard the Lord say "I LOVE CANADA!" I continued on praying into that, and then He said "I HAVE A PLAN FOR CANADA!!"*

*He spoke with such assurances! He renewed my hope that He knows the future, and that Canada is going to be ok. He's got this!*

### RECIPE FOR CAKE OF JOY

1 cup of thanksgiving to God  
 1 cup of worthwhile thoughts  
 3 cups of forgiveness  
 1 cup of kind deeds  
 2 cups of sacrifice for others  
 1 cup of consideration for others  
 2 cups of well-beaten thoughts  
 Mix thoroughly and add tears of sympathy for others.  
 Flavour with little gifts of loving and lively service.  
 Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith to lighten the other ingredients and improve the texture of Christian living.  
 Bake well at a high degree of human kindness and serve with a warm smile.

*-submitted by Gloria Merchant*



### THE WORD, THE WORD, THE WORD!

Got questions? The answer is in the Word...**GUARANTEED!**

For the month of January, the challenge is to get the **Book of Colossians** into your mind and spirit. This little book has more in it about how to live and be victorious as a believer whether single, or married, young or old, than most books put together...just my opinion.

So, let's read it **10 times** this month, (it's only 4 chapters). Then you can see what you've learned as you tackle the crossword puzzle on the back of this newsletter because it's all about the book of Colossians.



We have set up a prayer chain for our Harvest Church. If you have a prayer need, **OR** if you would like to be a part of the prayer chain ministry you can email us at [laverne@theharvest](mailto:laverne@theharvest) or you can call the Harvest Offices at **236-420-1980**

444

## A Dream

by Gwen Mercer

I had a dream on December 10, 2019. I was looking right into the sun and on the face of the sun were the numbers 444. They were spread out. The 4's were big and it looked like I was looking at a clock. When I first looked at the sun and saw the 4's, I gasped at the overwhelming magnitude of the image. (End of Dream)

The Lord led me to **Psalm 44:4**, where it says, *"You are my King and my God. Decree victories for your people."* (Living Bible) I believe the Lord is saying as we come into the year of the voice, we need to increase our prophetic voice, our decrees and declarations. He reminded me of the verses in **Amos 3:8** *"The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"* As well, **Job 22:8**, *"Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways."*

I believe the Lord is encouraging us to go deeper in prophetic declarations and decrees in order to create an atmosphere for Him to work in. He reminded me that Holy

Spirit could not do anything without the spoken Word. **Genesis 1:2-3** *"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light..."* The Spirit of God is brooding, waiting, for more and more of the word to be released into the atmosphere, into dark, hellish chaos so that He can bring divine light and order.

The number 4 denotes creation made by God, which happens when we decree. The shining sun represented the SON and the Lord was saying, IT'S TIME! It's time to speak the word only and decree and declare the truth, and not to give any ground to the enemy by speaking words that contradict the word, no matter how bad it looks. A habit of speaking anything contrary to His word brings weakness to our decrees. He is jealous for His word. He is looking for those who truly believe **Proverbs 18:21** *"Life and death are in the power of the tongue."*

I feel the Lord saying many are being used by the enemy to speak contrary to His word, some without knowing. **James 3: 8** says the tongue is set on fire by hell. No man can tame the tongue, but the Lord says He can, if we humble ourselves and allow Him to.

The atmosphere we create is our death or our life!

## TWO ANGELS

I heard two angels chatting one day,  
about the time that I did pray.

They carried their swords so high - so proud,  
demonstrating what happened when I prayed out loud.

One would take the sword and wield it,  
the other would laugh and shout, "She nailed it!"

For you see I prayed the word of God,  
and gave them something to really applaud.  
Once was their existence when yawning abounded,  
now they exist to make the enemy dumbfounded!

All it took was a prayer from a saint,  
to get them in battle and not to faint.

The power of prayer and its affect on mankind,  
makes all demons flee - and all chains unbind.

"Pray the Word-so you can be heard!"

The angels proclaimed it from their heavenly courts,  
"When you pray the Word, there's nothing but good reports!"

It also gives angels something to do,  
besides sitting around having their nails to chew.  
Then the word will return like rain to water the earth,  
making kingdoms bow, hell tremble and new births!

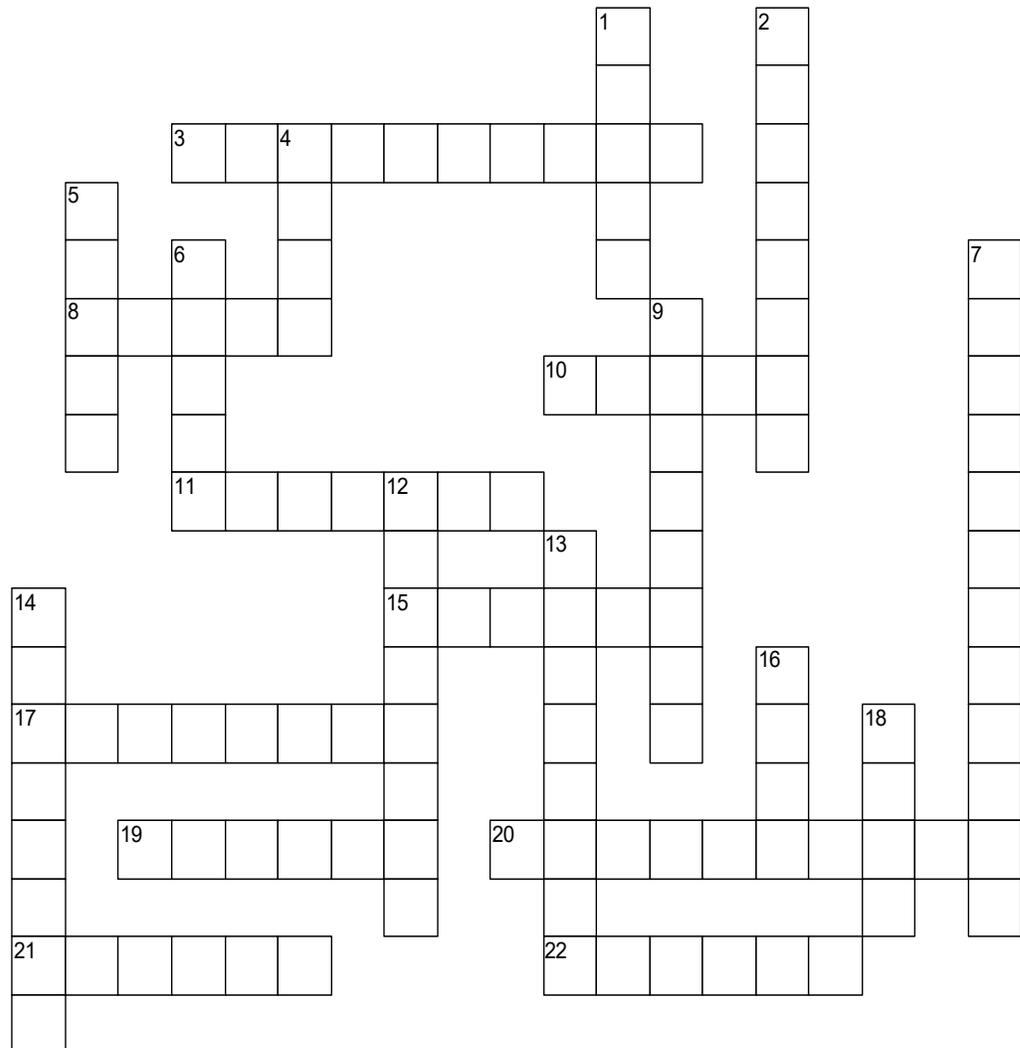
Always remember that an angel draws a sword,  
when you pray to your Father proclaiming His Word!

-by Gwen Mercer



# THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

All Bible references are taken from NIV



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## ACROSS

- 3 Clothe yourself with this also (3:12)
- 8 Part of the earthly nature (3:5)
- 10 Set this on things above. (3:1)
- 11 Kill this nature (3:5)
- 15 Get rid of this (3:8)
- 17 Always be \_\_\_\_\_ (3:15)
- 19 Who is the mystery of God? (2:2)
- 20 A garment for believers (3:12)
- 21 We are God's \_\_\_\_\_ people (3:12)
- 22 To wives regarding husbands. (3:18)

## DOWN

- 1 Christ in you the hope of ? (1:27)
- 2 Part of the earthly nature (3:5)
- 4 Set this on things above (3:2)
- 5 Rid yourself of this (3:8)
- 6 This should rule your heart. (3:15)
- 7 This charge was cancelled (2:14)
- 9 We were rescued from ? (1:13)
- 12 We must wear this also (3:12)
- 13 Clothe yourself with this (3:12)
- 14 Another piece of our clothing (3:12)
- 16 To husbands regarding wives (3:19)
- 18 To children regarding parents (3:20)