

LOVE AND TIME

Writer Gary Jennings said this: "Love and time, those are the only two things in all the world and all of life, that cannot be bought, but only spent.

I love that. And HOW I spend my love and time is what it is all about.

My work and interests require me to spend probably an inordinate amount of time in front of my computer. At least according to my wife Bev. She and I were talking one day about death and funerals and what to do with each other's remains. I asked, "What will you do with my body? Burial? Cremation?"

She answered, "I think I'll just have you stuffed and propped up in your chair by the computer. That way when I walk through the room I won't even notice that you're gone."

I got the point - too much computer time. And how I spend my time and my love is all important. The question I ask myself is this: "Do I generously and freely give love and time away - and especially to those closest to me?"

Charles Francis Adams was the United States ambassador to Great Britain during the Lincoln administration. He had the habit of keeping a daily diary. He also taught his son Brooks the value of journalizing his activities in a diary.

One memorable day, eight-year-old Brooks recorded, "Went fishing with my father, the most glorious day of my life." It must have been a glorious day, for the next forty years Brooks repeatedly mentioned it in his diary. It became a life-long memory.

His father also wrote about the fishing trip. His own diary on that pivotal day for his son reads, "Went fishing with my son; a day wasted." He didn't get it. That one single day he generously and freely gave love and time away to Brooks may have been the one of the most important days of his son's life. Did he feel that, as a United States ambassador, his time was too valuable to be "wasted" with his children? History seems to show that a fishing trip with his son paid huge dividends in Brooks' life.

I only hope I will spend love and time so well.

-- Steve Goodier

Don't forget to see a member of the Senior Youth Group to get your Loblaw's prepaid/gift cards during coffee time.

The cards can be redeemed at
**Loblaw's, Your Independent,
Loblaw's Superstore and Value mart.**

The cards come in denominations of \$10.00; \$25.00; \$50.00 and \$100.00 and the youth group will gain 4% on the amounts sold.

You can not only use these cards yourself but they can also be used as gifts. The young people are enthusiastic about supporting the Church. Just think, for every \$100 the church will get \$4.00 at no cost to anyone.



There is need of a few more people to help in the nursery on an as needed basis. A great way for teens to get in some of their Community Service Hours.

We have exciting news for the new year!

On January 22 there is to be combination pot luck supper and Christian Education session. All are welcome!
Pot luck from 5:30-6:30 pm with C.E. section starting at 7:00 pm – discussion to follow.

Our topic will be "What is a Presbyterian anyway?"
We want to also address questions you might have about Presbyterianism.
Beginning today and for the next few weeks you will find a box at the back of the church into which you may drop your questions into about being Presbytetian.

More information to follow so stay tuned.

C.E. Planning Team

The Wise Guys and Gals Drop-In

Community Bible Church welcomes all seniors to visit our free monthly daytime coffee drop-in. Please come laugh, learn, meet new friends, and be our honoured guests, all while enjoying free coffee, tea, and baked nut-free snacks. And there are no hidden strings attached to this sweet deal! Honest!

Community Bible Church is at 1600 Stittsville Main Street, 613-836-2606 by phone, and on the web at www.cbcstittsville.com. Please see the web calendar for month specific themes / speakers. All drop-ins run from 10 AM to 11:30 AM with the speaker, when scheduled, starting at 10:30.

(2011 - all are the second Monday of the month except for October):

FREE TO A GOOD (OR NOT) HOME

All of the pointsettias in the Sanctuary are up for grabs to anyone who would like them. Please feel free to take them home after service today.

The best way to get even is to forget.

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD

Community Hymn sing with Garth Hampson Sunday afternoon @ 2:30 – **January 16, 2011**. St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Bridge Street, Carleton Place

The Sons of Scotland, BURNS NIGHT, **January 22**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel , 101 Lyon Street, Ottawa.