

SUCCEEDING AT LIFE

It's said there are three ways to get to the top of a tree: climb it, sit on an acorn or make friends with a big bird. But without too much imagination I can think of a couple of other ways – like one that involves a parachute and a poor landing.

However, the point is still well taken: getting to the top of that organization or reaching a new height requires effort. And it is taken for granted that reaching the top is exactly what everyone wants to do. After all, isn't that what "success" is all about? More power? More money? Reaching the top?

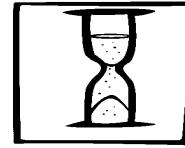
But what about success at living – trying to get it right this go around?

Success at this thing we call living has always been important to me. And climbing to the top of a tree has never been a good metaphor for it. I like to think more about the word "priorities." Getting some basic priorities in order is key. And I know that if one's life can be organized around solid priorities, then a full and worthwhile life will be the result.

It is always risky to use sports illustrations; they just don't speak to everyone. But let me forge ahead with an oft-quoted statement by American football coaching legend Vince Lombardi. He is remembered for saying, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." And Lombardi's dream was certainly to coach winning teams, but it's a mistake to think that climbing to the top of football's ladder of success was his greatest goal. He believed it was more important to succeed at life than at his career or anything else.

Actually, winning football games was not "the only thing" to Lombardi. He once actually listed his life priorities in this order: God, his family and his career.

He knew what was important. And he knew that keeping his priorities straight could bring him joy, peace and, ultimately, success at life. Which is probably the only thing that truly



Time



Talent



Treasure

**Mark this date on your calendar -
limited seating available!**

**Saturday, June 5th
LIVE AUCTION**

Viewing – 6:30 Auction – 7:00 p.m.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURES

Donations are encouraged & welcomed. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to list your donations as well as seeing what will be available for bidding on. Tickets are now available now at a cost of \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (under 12) which includes beverages & dessert.

For tickets and information contact the office or any member of the C.A.R.E. Committee. (Wendy, Gwen G., Dawna, Donna, Geppy or Rev. Doug.)

**COME PREPARED FOR AN
EVENING OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP,
BARGAINS AND
GREAT DESSERTS**





BULLETIN BOARD

MIKE MUNDELL'S FISH FRY, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Carleton Place.
Saturday May 29, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

C.G.I.T. – CAMP KALALLA – for ages 7-16.

Check bulletin board at the rear entrance for details.

You are only poor if you want more than you have.

PRESBYTERY!!!

The Presbytery of Ottawa is meeting at our Church on Tuesday May 18th, 2010 commencing at 7:00pm. Presbytery meetings are open to attendance by any member or adherent of the Congregation. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in what the Presbytery does to come and see first hand. Our own Rev. Doug Kendall will be presenting a report on behalf of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Center Board of Directors. All are welcome to attend.

We also have an opportunity every year to appoint people from our congregation to serve on the different committees of the Presbytery. Right now Clint Gaebel is Convenor of the Finance and Maintenance Committee of Presbytery, Bonnie Anderson serves on the Mission Committee and Doug Kendall is chair of the newly established Board of Directors for Gracefield. The committees of Presbytery are: Vacancy Visitation, Finance and Maintenance, Mission, Ministry and Pastoral Care, Worship and Witness and Policy and Planning. If you think you might be interested in serving on one of these committees, speak with Clint, Bonnie or Doug about

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all the gentlemen that came out so early last Sunday in order to treat us to an AMAZING breakfast. They really outdid themselves this year and everyone really appreciated it (especially the mothers.) The freewill offering after expenses came to \$25.44 which will be going toward the C.A.R.E. Project.

Promises made to God when sick require a better memory than some people possess.

The P.C.W. group is winding down for the summer and are planning an evening out to be held at SCORE'S Restaurant in Kanata on Wednesday, June 16th. All ladies of the church are invited to attend and are asked to sign the sheet at the back of the Sanctuary if you are interested in going. Deadline for signing up is Sunday June 13th.

Anyone interested in having a copy of the church phone directory may pick one up in the Mail Slot at the top of the front stairs.

CAMP AWESOME VACATION BIBLE CAMP July 19-23, 2010

Early Bird Registration till May 30th.
Forms can be found at the back of the church

Invitation to join
the **Goulbourn**
Male Chorus



This newly established male chorus will begin rehearsals this fall under the direction of Robert Dueck, whose passion for traditional sacred and secular choral music has sparked a desire to start a male chorus for singers from the Goulbourn communities. Dueck, a resident of Stittsville, has directed numerous church and community choirs and brings a wide variety of music experience and is also a member of our own church choir. The choir's interest is to provide entertainment at fund raising events or banquets for area churches, selected community charities as well as other community opportunities. St. Andrew's Church on Main St. at Mulkins St. is pleased to be able to support this new initiative and offer space for rehearsals. Rehearsals will be on Monday evenings. For more information contact Robert Dueck at dueckrobt@gmail.com or St. Andrew's Church office at 613-831-1256.

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- Be careful of what you say. Friendship can end in one minute because of a stupid word. Unknown
- A lie can travel halfway around the world before the facts have even put their boots on. Mark Twain