

January 25, 2023

20 Trafalgar Street
St. Thomas, ON (not a mailing address)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The believers gathered to the Lord's name in St. Thomas invite our brethren to join us on the weekend of April 7-9, 2023 for a time of prayer, worship, and opening of the Word of God.

A passage brought before us in considering a conference was the story of Deborah and Barak in Judges 4 and 5. At that time in Israel's history, travel was restricted due to the activity of the enemy as it is recorded that "the highways were unoccupied" (Judges 5:6). This is similar to the travel and gathering restrictions of the past three years. No doubt the Lord has allowed these things so that our hearts and consciences would be exercised. In Deborah's time, one of the reasons recorded that God allowed the Canaanites to have dominion over Israel is because "they chose new gods" (Judges 5:8). No doubt we too have been tested as to where our affections truly lie and who we truly look to as our Lord and Head. Our desire and prayer for the planned time together is that each one would be encouraged to do as the Israelites did when their hearts and consciences were awakened. They "willingly offered themselves" in service to the Lord (Judges 5:2). We follow One who is so worthy of a willing offering on the part of His redeemed ones.

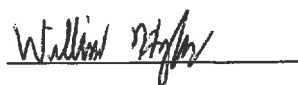
Other Scriptures considered in prayer about the conference connected to this thought of willingly offering ourselves include the following:

- Acts 14:22 – "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God".
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 – "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver".

Lord willing, the meetings are planned to begin with prayer at 1:30pm on Friday afternoon, April 7, at Parkside Collegiate Institute, St. Thomas, the same location as in previous years. It would be appreciated if all those planning to come notified us by March 24. Please refer to the attached page for registration instructions, travel directions, additional planned activities, as well as some exercises and desires from the local assembly. As of the date of this letter, there are no travel restrictions for entering Canada, except for testing requirements for travellers from Mexico or China.

Please join us in praying that the Spirit of God will be free to bring out from the Word of God whatever is needed for exhortation, comfort, teaching, rebuke, or encouragement and that our hearts would "receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls". Then, upon returning to our homes that we would be "doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (James 1:21,22).

With much love in our Lord Jesus Christ from the saints gathered in St. Thomas, Ontario,



William Hayhoe



Myles Gibson



Jeremy Judd

Further Information and Requests

St. Thomas Bible Conference, April 7-9, 2023

Registration:

Initial conference registration online at www.bibleregistry.ca/conferences/st-thomas opens for registration January 29, 2023 and closes March 24, 2023. You will receive an automatically generated confirmation email after registering.

Contact Will & Sue Hayhoe for registration issues (*do not use for initial conference registration*)

- o Email: wshayhoe@sympatico.ca
- o Phone: 519-476-4520

Assembly Correspondence:

Contact Ed Hughes for correspondence (*do not use for conference registration*)

- o Email: stt.assembly@gmail.com
- o Mail: 46 Greenbrier Crescent, London ON N6J 3X8 Canada

Hotel Location: [Four Points by Sheraton London, 1150 Wellington Rd. S., London ON, N6E 1M3](#); (519) 681-0600 (see directions below)

Meetings Location: [Parkside Collegiate Institute, 241 Sunset Dr., St. Thomas ON, N5R 3C2](#) (see directions below)

Prayerful Requests of Local Brethren:

Anyone under assembly discipline that would preclude it, cannot be provided with meals or lodging.

Inquiry to the appropriate assembly will be made for any guest with whose personal testimony we are not familiar with prior to the conference.

Those aged 16 and under be under the supervision of a responsible adult.

When deciding how late to stay up, all guests are asked to be mindful of all other guests in the hotel, as well as remember that one of the primary reasons we are hosting the conference is to be together at each of the meetings.

All guests stay in assigned room. If there is an issue with room assignments, please see Will or Sue Hayhoe for possible consideration.

Parents are asked to be aware of the activities of their children at all times (including at the school and at the hotel).

The hotel pool to be used safely and respectfully, at the appropriate times, with children monitored at all times.

All activities and conversations be carried out in mind that we are a testimony of the Lord to hotel staff, school staff, and each other.

Young People

Friday activities at 8:30pm will be at the gym in Parkside Collegiate (where the conference is held).

Saturday activities at 8:00pm will be a hymn sing and skating/hockey at the Joe Thornton Centre ([75 Caso Xing, St Thomas, ON N5P 3V7](#)).

activities at 7:30pm will be a hymn sing at the home of Will & Sue Hayhoe ([133 St George St, St Thomas, ON, N5P 2M3](#)).

in the School Room are available during selected conference meetings, as noted on the schedule.

Intended for ages 4 to 9.

Other Fellowship Opportunities:

Saturday and evening hospitality room at the hotel in a conference room (details to be announced)

Monday brunch available after 8:00am will be at the St Thomas meeting room ([20 Trafalgar St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1N9](#))

Recordings of Meetings: Meetings will be recorded and uploaded to www.bibleconferencerecordings.com

Directions:

Freeway to Hotel

Westbound - exit Hwy 401 at Exeter Rd. (Exit #187)

- turn north (right) onto Wellington Rd. and the Four Points Sheraton is a half-mile on the right

Eastbound - exit Hwy 401 at Wellington Rd. (Exit #186)

- turn north (left) onto Wellington Rd. and the Four Points Sheraton is a half-mile on the right

Hotel to Conference Location

- take Wellington Rd. south and go approximately 17.5 km to St. Thomas

- at the roundabout at the bottom of the hill (with the train monument), take the SECOND exit onto Sunset Dr towards Port Stanley

- go 3.5 km on Sunset Drive past a Petro-Can gas station and a cemetery, turn left into Parkside Collegiate

Freeway to Conference Location

Eastbound - exit freeway at Hwy 4/Colonel Talbot Rd (Exit #177A from Hwy 401, Exit #98 from Hwy 402) and go south towards St Thomas

- at the roundabout at the bottom of the hill (with the train monument), take the FIRST exit onto Sunset Dr towards Port Stanley

- go 3.5 km on Sunset Drive past a Petro-Can gas station and a cemetery, turn left into Parkside Collegiate

Westbound - exit Hwy 401 at Wellington Rd. (Exit #186)

- turn south (left) onto Wellington Rd. and go approximately 16.5 km to St. Thomas

- at the roundabout at the bottom of the hill (with the train monument), take the SECOND exit onto Sunset Dr towards Port Stanley

- go 3.5 km on Sunset Drive past a Petro-Can gas station and a cemetery, turn left into Parkside Collegiate

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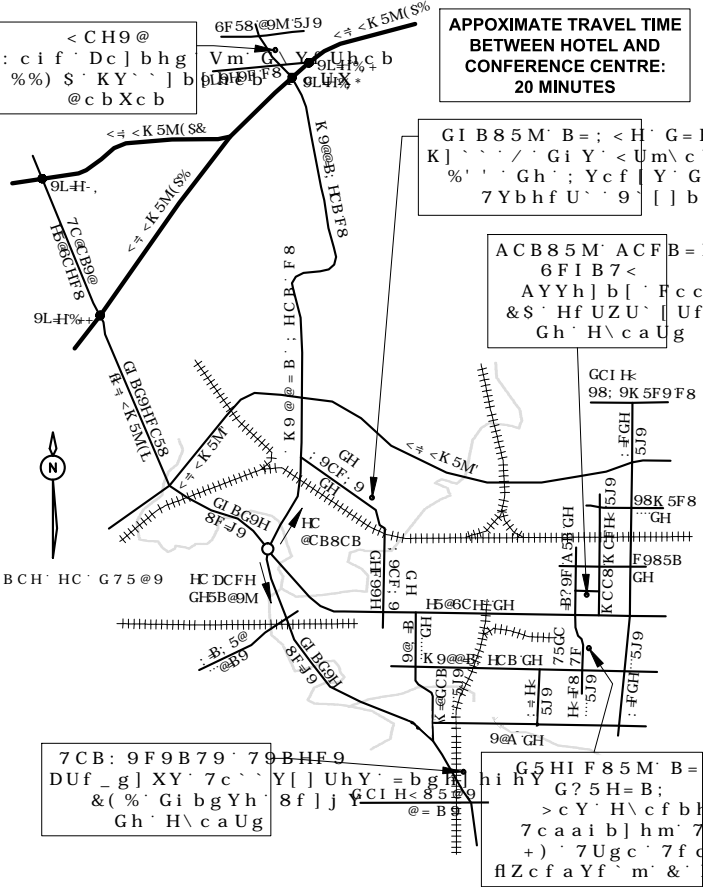
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