

January 21, 2024

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with thankful hearts for past happy times together and dependence on the Lord for future blessing that we again invite our brethren to a Bible conference in St Thomas on March 29-31, 2024.

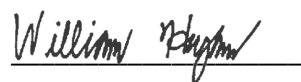
We have been going through the gospel of John in our local assembly readings and found helpful instruction in the contrast in chapter ten between the fold of Judaism and the flock of Christianity. In the Old Testament fold of the law, the key to preservation and blessing was to remain within the confines of the fold. However, the key to preservation and blessing in the flock of Christianity is much different. "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice" (John 10:4). It is in following our Shepherd and knowing and heeding his voice that we will find blessing. This is ever more important for knowing the correct path in an ever darkening world. Our prayer is that the time together at the conference will be used by the Spirit to encourage the sheep to value their Shepherd and better know his voice. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

While praying about whether to go ahead with the conference, we also noticed I Chronicles 12:39-40. Here we find of Israel that "they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them" and as a result "there was joy in Israel". Fellowship with brethren is a wonderful gift from the Lord to encourage us on our pathway. The Lord has again opened the door in the practical needs for us to prepare for our brethren, and we pray that the time together with the One who is our David will result in joy in the hearts of each one.


Lord willing, the meetings are planned to begin with prayer at 1:30pm on Friday afternoon, March 29, 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.

Please join us in praying for blessing during the planned time together.

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



William C Hayhoe



Curtis Simpson



Aaron Hayhoe

Further Information and Requests

St. Thomas Bible Conference, March 29-31, 2024

Registration:

- Initial conference registration online at www.bibleregistry.ca/conferences/st-thomas opens for registration January 29, 2024 and closes March 24, 2024. You will receive an automatically generated confirmation email after registering.
- Will & Sue Hayhoe for registration issues (*do not use for initial conference registration*)
 - Phone: 519-476-4520
 - Email: wshayhoe@sympatico.ca

Assembly Correspondence:

- Please address any cheques for assembly fellowship to "Christians Gathered in the Name of the Lord"
- Ed Hughes is the contact (*do not use for conference registration*)
 - Email: stt.assembly@gmail.com (*do not use for conference registration*)
 - 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)

Meeting 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 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 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.
- That all activities and conversations be carried out in mind that we are a testimony to the Lord to hotel staff, school staff, as well as to each other.

Young People's Activities:

- Friday evening activities will be at the gym in the school where the conference is held
- Saturday evening activities will be at a local hockey rink
- Sunday evening activities will be a hymn sing at the home of Will & Sue Hayhoe (133 St George St, St Thomas, ON, N5P 2M3)

Children's Activities:

- Supervised activities during some of the meetings in the Children's Room (details and schedule to be announced).
- Intended for ages 4-10. Children under the age of 4 are welcome with a parent.

Other Fellowship Opportunities:

- Evening hospitality room at the hotel in a conference room (evenings and details to be determined)

Recordings of Meetings: Meetings will be recorded and uploaded to the conference website shortly after the bible conference

Directions:

Freeway to Sheraton Four Points

- 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

Four Points Sheraton to Parkside Collegiate Institute

- 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

Hwy 401 or 402 to Parkside Collegiate Institute

- 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