

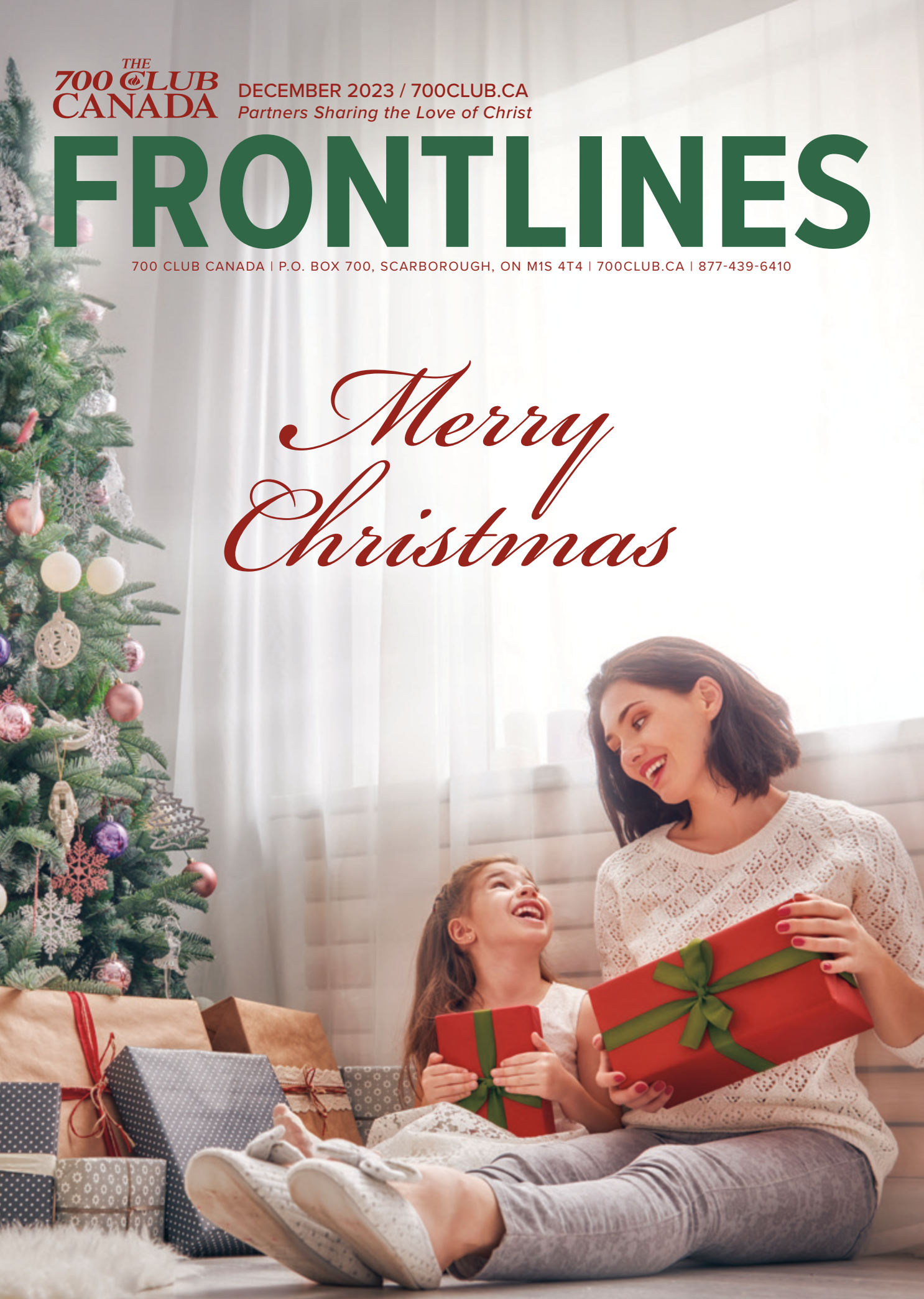
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*Merry
Christmas*



Embracing the Power of Childlike Faith

by BILL MARKHAM

Co-Host, *The 700 Club Canada*



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Two thousand years ago, a child was born who would lead us back to God, our Father. This child would grow up and proclaim, **“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”** (Matthew 18:3).

Our modern world brims with chaos, confusion, and uncertainty. This statement by Jesus captures a liberating truth. Children embody qualities that challenge us to reclaim innocence, curiosity, and an unwavering sense of wonder. These attributes have the potential to transform the world as we learn to trust in a benevolent God who is willing to bring His peace into the chaos of our world.

In a society often saturated with cynicism, rationality, and worldly knowledge, we can glean valuable insights from a child's remarkable capacity to trust in loving authority. Placing our faith in God's wisdom (the Wonderful Counsellor), His power (the Mighty God), and His love (the Everlasting Father) will lead us to His Peace (the Prince of Peace).

As we celebrate this Christmas season, may we embrace the peace and transformation that is found in “becoming like children.” In a world besieged by turmoil, adopting attributes like innocence, curiosity, and wonder will guide us back to God's love.

Scripture is quoted from the NIV.

Choose Wisely

Live your best life God's way!



December is here and the holiday season is upon us. What a great time to also plan for the new year!

“We have set ways,” says Dr. Wendy Patrick—author of *Why Bad Looks Good: Biblical Wisdom to Make Smart Choices in Life, Love, and Friendship*. “They can either be great routines that bring us love, life, and happiness, or ... that are continually leading us down the wrong path.”

She tells Lorie Johnson of *Healthy Living* that “it’s all about learning biblical wisdom,” and each chapter in her book is complete with applicable Scripture verses.

Because Dr. Patrick has been a prosecutor for almost 30 years—in addition to being an ordained minister with a master's degree in divinity and a doctorate in theology—her unique insights into human behaviour offer sound advice.

“Recognize the real from the fake,” she says. “The only way to actually discern what's false is to know what's true.” And she encourages us to ask questions and look past what we see. “We more often misjudge a book by a cover instead of actually having a look and taking a read.”

But how do we break old patterns and create better routines? “Through reading Scripture, and that illuminates your path,” she says.

Dr. Patrick wants “not to have people be secularly happy, but to learn to know Him and internally be able to have the best life ever. Healthy living ... at its best.”

So, set your mind, plan in advance, and determine that 2024 will be simply amazing!

Visit WendyPatrickPhD.com for more information.

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Bringing Hope

TO SUFFERING PEOPLE IN CANADA

We are so fortunate to live in a country full of wonderfully generous people, and that is never more accurate than during the Christmas season! I have no doubt that you've heard the adage "It is better to give than to receive." In fact, I find that the older you get, the joy that comes from finding just the right gift for someone increases. If you're anything like me, you're not worried about yourself, and you really love to see the expression on a family member's face when you've managed to get them exactly what they wanted or needed.

But did you know that this familiar expression is actually biblical? It comes directly from **Acts 20:35**, where Paul writes, *It is more blessed to give than to receive* (NIV). And for believers, it goes so much deeper as we celebrate the most important gift that man has ever received in the form of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

At CBA, one of our priorities is to partner with other ministries as they serve the vulnerable and marginalized, offering hope and practical assistance, right across Canada. However, this is only possible because of your continued generosity.

Some of those ministries include:

Prison Fellowship Canada

Prison Fellowship Canada's mandate is to meet people who have committed crimes or who are affected by crime—families of prisoners or victims of crime—wherever





they are in their journey, to facilitate reconciliation and the freedom that it brings. They understand that the complete journey of reconciliation and restoration for prisoners and ex-prisoners critically includes supporting their families, particularly their children. Their Angel Tree program partners with churches, individuals, and the community to provide opportunities for children to feel connected to their parents and help them develop their unique skills and gifts.

Union Gospel Mission

Serving those who are living in poverty, experiencing homelessness, and battling addiction in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, UGM also offers their Gifts of Hope Hamper Program to amazing families in their community. Parents work so hard to provide for their kids amid complicated situations and during the Christmas season, the financial burden can be just too much. Each hamper contains food gift cards, a gift per person, winter gear, a hygiene kit, and some household necessities, all packaged up in a tote bin. Volunteers offer to wrap the gifts and provide parents a ride home if they'd like.

Windsor Life Centre

The Windsor Life Centre provides a therapeutic environment that supports the care and well-being of the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of their residents as they fight against addiction. Christmas can be a very difficult and lonely time for the residents, and your support helps provide a ray of hope and warmth by helping to fund Christmas gifts for those receiving treatment.

This year, as you celebrate the Christmas season, I want to express our immense gratitude for your financial support that helps with these programs!

Merry Christmas!

ANDREW BURDITT
PRESIDENT

THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING ASSOCIATES



THE 700 CLUB CANADA

Trust God

by LORIE HARTSHORN

Co-Host, *The 700 Club Canada*



I remember hearing very clearly from God five and a half years ago that He was taking me out of the pastoral role that I

was in and placing me in a new role. A new "kingdom assignment."

That role was co-host of *The 700 Club Canada*. I wasn't looking for it, but as soon as I sat in the host chair, I had a peace and confidence that this was what God was asking of me. I'm truly grateful for my time on *The 700 Club Canada*.

My heart burns strong for the nation of Canada to hear the Good News of Jesus. That has not changed, but God has once again made it clear to me that my assignment is done—and He has a new season ahead for me. He hasn't made it clear what that season looks like, but I know that I can trust Him.

Thank you for the love and support I have felt over the years. This ministry matters, and God has great plans in store. I am stepping out in faith, simply obeying what God has asked of me, and I pray that you, too, will live your life in step with His direction. It's a little scary, but I hold onto His promise to me—and this is for you too.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9 NIV)

Whatever God asks of you, do it! You can trust Him.



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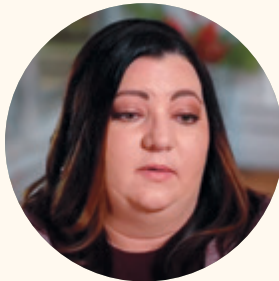
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WHEN SUCCESS DOESN'T SATISFY

Tree became successful by working hard in life. One day, she attended a Christian conference and learned the satisfying truth about Jesus.



A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

Although DeAnna made it through a C-section, her newborn son didn't have a heartbeat. See how prayer turned this situation around.



FREED FROM THE PAST

Mellisa's good intentions led her down a path she never expected. She became addicted to painkillers and alcohol until she cried out to God one Christmas Eve.



A SECOND CHANCE

Four years into marriage, Chris turned his back on God and his wife, Stephanie. After their divorce, Stephanie continued to pray for him. Discover how the Lord can restore what's broken.

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In this season of giving, consider giving a gift that could last for generations. A well-planned Will is a gift to others that endures beyond the holiday. As you spend time with family, would you take a moment to consider one of the most meaningful gifts you could give? We look forward to hearing from you in the new year.
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THE FIRST AND SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD



"Your redemption is drawing near."

by GORDON ROBERTSON
President and CEO, CBN



When Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to the Saviour of the world, she knew her pregnancy could bring shame on her family. Yet Mary's reply in Luke 1:38 should be the response of every Christian: *"Let it be to me according to your word."*

This reflects Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane: *"Not my will, but yours, be done"* (Luke 22:42). As believers, we should live according to God's Word rather than on our own terms, no matter the cost.

Interestingly, Jesus likened birth pangs to the sign of His coming at the end of the age. *"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains"* (Matthew 24:6-8).

Jesus continued in verses 12-14 by giving His followers specific warnings that we should take seriously today:

"Because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

No matter what trials we face in the world, let's not allow our love to grow cold. We must focus on the great task of preaching the Gospel to every nation, tongue, and tribe for the final ingathering. His Word gives us the assurance of His love, His peace, and His power. And by preaching the Good News, we show forth our faith.

As Jesus said in Luke 21:28, *"Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

So as we celebrate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas, let's look forward to that glorious day when He returns and our joy will be complete. May God bless you!

Excerpted from a teaching at CBN Staff Chapel. Scripture is quoted from the ESV.

*Lorie,
please accept our love
and sincere appreciation
for your work over the past
five years, and for allowing
God to work through you.*

I thank my God every time I remember you.

(PHILIPPIANS 1:3)



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