



Dear Friends, reflecting on the past years while the holidays approach, we thank God for his merciful protection as we look forward to the New Year.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of Christ coming to this earth as a babe. Isaiah wrote that a young woman would conceive and bear a son and his name would be called Emmanuel which means, "God with us." -Isaiah 7:14 May this Season bring you happiness and joy in your family. May God be with us indeed!

How quickly this past year has gone by. We started the year, with few people being able to gather and now we are reunited and back into our place of worship. Over the pandemic, we had to readjust and upgrade almost all of our IT infrastructure and online platforms in order to be able to fellowship from afar yet somewhat be close to each other virtually.

We found creative ways to assist the elderly amongst us, making arrangements for them to get their groceries or get their hospital appointments. We coordinated ways in which we could still have pastoral visits to hospitals, homes, and caregiving facilities. We creatively arranged fun activities for the children and youth group. All these brought us closer as much as possible.

Recognizing the struggles in our community, we kept our doors open for many AA/CA (Alcoholic Anonymous/Cocaine Anonymous) groups, music groups that serve the community to still use the church facilities while keeping safety necessary measures. We saw our community needed help as many struggled, so we helped in our own little way.



We've been relentless in spreading the good news of Christ and his Love and helping the youth and young adults in the community. We actively created a community for International Students who are studying in Montreal. We launched our Next Generation ministry: called CrossRoad, to create a loving community and one that inspires the next generation of leaders.

We have exciting Projects in the pipeline for 2023! These include, Winter Gift Giving to the homeless in Downtown and other neighbourhoods. A renewed Outreach effort to our communities, universities and prioritizing evangelism. We hope to create a community that thrives on helping others navigate challenges in life. All the more, we want to see both the young and elderly from all walks of life find a renewed sense of hope in Life through Christ.

We lost significant donations (about 90% of the church revenue) during the pandemic years and as a result we have an ongoing urgent need to raise funds to undertake huge renovations due to our aging church facility.

Would you consider partnering with us by donating to help our Children/Young Adults ministry, food bank/helps ministry, renovations, and charitable community projects?



If you would like to make a donation, you could send a check to our church address, 411 Roslyn Avenue. A donation can also be made online through www.westmountbaptist.org

In closing, on behalf of the board and team of Pastors, thank you for your generous support during these challenging times.

Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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