



Bible Studies in 2014

Ezekiel Part 5

Teacher: Ruth Warkentin No. of Students: 129
New Students: 2

Ezra & Haggai

Teacher: Ruth Warkentin No. of Students: 116
New Students: 5

So Great a Salvation

Teacher: Ruth Warkentin No. of Students: 129
New Students: 10

Hebrews Part 2

Teacher: John Gould No. of Students: 109
New Students: 1

Hebrews Part 3

Teacher: John Gould No. of Students: 100
New Students: 1

Hebrews Part 4

Teacher: John Gould No. of Students: 105
New Students: 5

Topical Studies in 2014

Jesus' Last Words to the Churches

Teacher: Ruth Warkentin No. of Students: 75
New Students: 5

Jerusalem, The City of our God

Teacher: John Gould No. of Students: 55
New Students: 3

2014 Events

- ◆ Summer Prophecy DVDs
- ◆ Christmas Bazaar

Financial Activity

	General Ministry	Israel Ministry
	\$	\$
Beginning Balance	24,757	1,122
Revenue		
Donations & Fundraisers	189,403	0
Course & Seminars	58,912	0
Other	3,435	0
	251,750	0
Expense		
Teachers/Office	155,551	0
Facility & Lease	29,158	0
Course/Seminar	8,079	0
Supporting Activities	23,332	112
	216,120	112
Ending Balance	60,387	1,010

(Detailed Financial Statements available upon request.
Contact the office at (519) 745-6115)

2014 Saturday Seminars

Eternal Destinations

Teacher: Ruth Warkentin No. of Students: 99
New Students: 13

Spiritual Gifts

Teacher: Ruth Warkentin No. of Students: 38
New Students: 2

Prophecy 102

Teacher: John Gould No. of Students: 86
New Students: 7

Contending for the Faith—St. Thomas

Teacher: John Gould No. of Students: 16
New Students: 1

Board Members: Cynthia Atkinson (Chair), Norma Clayton (Treasurer), Lisa George (Secretary), Catherine Browne, Sharon Brubacher, Martin Grinwis, Jessie Horowitz and John Warkentin

Staff: Ruth Warkentin, John Gould and Monica White

Teachers' Report

by Ruth Warkentin & John Gould

Ezekiel & Ezra & Haggai

The first months of 2014 were spent completing the two-year study of the book of Ezekiel taught by Ruth Warkentin. We focused on chapters 40 through 48, the most detailed description in the Bible on the Millennium, the 1000-year reign of Christ on the earth after His glorious return. It was encouraging and motivating to struggle to understand the joyful and mighty things that lie ahead for the people of God. The visions and prophecies of Ezekiel, given to him while in captivity in Babylon, led naturally to our study of Ezra and Haggai. These two books explain how the God of Israel brought His people back to their promised land after their 70-year captivity, amidst many challenges, frustrations and much opposition from their enemies. There were many practical lessons for us all to learn.

345
students
taught

1,149
registrations

55
new
students

Hebrews

John Gould continued to teach our study in the book of Hebrews. What an amazing book! We have been so encouraged by the way our students have responded to the truths we have found in Hebrews. Much of the material in our study was very difficult, both in the challenges it posed that we had to think our way through and in the challenges it presented for how we must live. And yet many of our students shared about their struggles to believe what God has said, in particular their presumption about the salvation of people they love. This has been especially hard. Others have begun to realize that what we say we believe must be proven by what we do, and this has been a challenge since we rarely hold one another accountable to live the way God demands of us – a faith that submits in obedience! It has also been good to be able to go back into the Old Testament and see the beauty of how God foreshadowed the glory of Christ so that our faith is all the more certain and robust.

So Great A Salvation

The Lord has led SGM to focus on the teaching of the things of His glorious Salvation and the true Gospel which results in the regeneration of sinners, spiritually dead in their transgressions, to eternal life and complete forgiveness and reconciliation to the God against Whom they have sinned. We studied the Scriptures carefully to understand the truth about mankind's sinful and hopeless condition. This helped us to appreciate how precious the gift of God's mercy in the Gospel of Jesus Christ really is!

Now, what was intended to be one 13-week study is becoming a series of studies focusing on various aspects of Salvation—the Cross, the cost, the call, the response and the resulting life of righteousness. The adventure continues! To God be all the glory!

Saturday Seminars

We introduced a new seminar – **“Prophecy 102 – Whose Land Is It Anyway?”** taught by John Gould. We are so thankful for all the people that God brought to this seminar. It gives us hope that God is still stirring in His people a love and devotion for Israel, the Jewish people and a desire to see God keep all His promises to them. It is a difficult topic and in spite of some opposition we are grateful that the majority of those who came, left encouraged to know more and to be engaged in what God is doing – to be a voice among those they know concerning the truth.

It was also exciting to be able to teach **‘Contending for the Faith’** seminar at St. Thomas Evangelical Missionary Church (John's brother's church). Pastor Rob has given us such a warm welcome and plans to have us return to do other seminars as well. This is a great opportunity and it is encouraging to see God is at work among them.

Israel Ministry



Moshe and Jonathan (friends in Israel) were a significant focus for the ministry when they visited K/W for 2 days in August. Ruth and John were able to spend an entire day going through the Scriptures and teaching them the fundamental truths that they must hold onto and, in turn, teach to those they are leading in Israel. It was such a hope-filled day. And yet there has been no real contact since they went back to Israel. In spite of repeated attempts they simply fell silent. We are confused as to what we accomplished and why it did not seem to continue and grow. This is something we were so excited about and must choose to simply leave in the Lord's hands.

Coming in
2015

<https://sgbiblestudies.org>
New Website