

# bible studies



# annual report 2021

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| REVELATION              | RUTH WARKENTIN<br><b>total = 158 new = 17 online &amp; zoom = 117</b> |
| ZEPHANIAH               | JOHN GOULD<br><b>total = 92 new = 2 online &amp; zoom = 67</b>        |
| REVELATION MATTERS Pt 1 | RUTH WARKENTIN<br><b>total = 128 new = 4 online &amp; zoom = 101</b>  |
| GENESIS Pt 1            | JOHN GOULD<br><b>total = 105 new = 3 online &amp; zoom = 73</b>       |
| REVELATION MATTERS Pt 2 | RUTH WARKENTIN<br><b>total = 110 new = 4 online &amp; zoom = 92</b>   |
| JUDE                    | JOHN GOULD<br><b>total = 87 new = 3 online &amp; zoom = 65</b>        |
| REVELATION MATTERS Pt 3 | RUTH WARKENTIN<br><b>total = 118 new = 3 online &amp; zoom = 82</b>   |
| GENESIS Pt 2            | JOHN GOULD<br><b>total = 92 new = 1 online &amp; zoom = 70</b>        |

## kid's ministry

## financials

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| <b>WHAT'S NEXT?</b><br>Wendy Wiens<br>Catherine Browne       | <b>total = 11</b><br><b>new = 0</b> |
| <b>COVENANT</b><br>Wendy Wiens<br>Catherine Browne           | <b>total = 13</b><br><b>new = 4</b> |
| <b>LIVING FAITHFULLY-</b><br>Wendy Wiens<br>Catherine Browne | <b>total = 16</b><br><b>new = 7</b> |

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| beginning balance >>>              | \$144,825        |
| <b>revenue &gt;&gt;&gt;</b>        | <b>\$267,931</b> |
| DONATIONS/FUNDRAISERS              | \$212,861        |
| COURSES/SEMINARS                   | \$54,393         |
| OTHER                              | \$677            |
| <b>expenses &gt;&gt;&gt;</b>       | <b>\$241,761</b> |
| TEACHERS/OFFICE                    | \$179,609        |
| FACILITY/LEASE                     | \$30,111         |
| COURSES/SEMINARS                   | \$4,567          |
| SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES              | \$27,474         |
| <b>ending balance &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> | <b>\$170,995</b> |

**313**  
STUDENTS TAUGHT

**930**  
REGISTRATIONS

**48**  
NEW STUDENTS

\*DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.  
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# God's Leading! "Thus far the LORD has led us" (1 Sam 7:12)

This year, 2021, marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Solid Ground Bible Study Ministries. Sometimes it is hard to believe that what started out as a longing from God in the heart of Ruth Warkentin to teach the Bible full-time, He Himself has now grown into an established ministry with two full-time teachers, a permanent home and an outreach that includes students of the Word of God from all over the world.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8)**

In the early days, Bible study classes were held at various churches. This required the transporting and set-up of equipment from church to church for four to five classes every week. Over time the classes grew and finding churches that could accommodate our student numbers became more difficult. The Lord led us to our first permanent location sharing the gymnasium and office space at Fellowship Christian School on Glasgow Street in Kitchener.

**"The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way" (Psalm 37:23)**

With continued growth and stretching came many opportunities to trust the Lord who had brought this ministry into existence. Over the years, as our faithful God provided for all our needs, we learned to trust Him more and more. He encouraged us to step out in blind faith when He expanded the Ministry by calling Ruth to live and teach His Word in Israel for about 5 years. He provided a teacher to step in and carry on with the Bible studies in Canada. Organizing and hosting tour groups to Israel, weekend teaching retreats and Saturday Seminars were never a part of our original vision for the ministry and yet, He made all these possible too.

**"Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)**

In 2009, totally "out of the blue" we had the opportunity to take over the "old fire-station" on Ottawa Street, our current ministry home. The Lord was once again stretching us greatly! With only \$475.00 in the bank designated as "building fund" and a \$300,000.00 plus renovation expense, He was again calling us to trust Him and to step out in faith. Humanly speaking this would seem quite foolhardy, but we knew that the Lord was at work and clearly leading us into this blessing.

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

Over the past 30 years, Solid Ground has never brought in outside consultants to help us determine future plans as the world would do it. Nor would you find any of the above highlights listed in a 3 or 5 year 'Strategic Plan'. Our primary focus has always been and will always be to simply and faithfully do what the Lord has called us to do – to teach His Word, pray and trust in Him! Looking forward, we have the confidence that the Lord will continue to lead us in the days, months and years ahead.

**All glory and honour belong to Him!!**



**1991 Commissioning Service**  
Ruth wearing the "full armour of God"

John Warkentin  
> CHAIR  
Norma Clayton  
> TREASURER  
Lisa George  
> SECRETARY  
Catherine Browne  
Jessie Horowitz  
Jim Leichnitz  
Paul Mainprize  
Murray Schneider

**board**

Ruth Warkentin  
John Gould  
Cynthia Atkinson

**staff**

## volunteers

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who serve so selflessly in so many areas of the ministry – you are truly a blessing to all of us!