

Canadian Fast Fact:

The Canadian Coat of Arms has a motto on it: A Mari usque ad Mare -- this means **from Sea to Sea**. The motto is based on biblical scripture: "He shall have dominion from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth." [Psalm 72:8]



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You might be a Canadian if:

- If someone at your local hardware store offers assistance and they don't work there.
- If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time.
- If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number.
- If you measure distance in hours.
- If you know anyone who has hit a deer - *more than once*.
- If you've switched from 'heat' to 'A/C' In the same day and back again.
- If you can drive 90 km/hr through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching.
- If you carry jumper cables in your car, and your wife knows how to use them.
- If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
- If the speed limit on the highway is 80 km, you're going 95 and everybody is passing you. If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
- If you know all 4 seasons: Almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction.
- If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car.
- If you find -2°F degrees 'a little chilly'.

- by Cheryl Lohr

Canadian on Fire: Ronnie came home and found his house on fire; he rushed next door, telephoned the fire department and shouted, "Hurry over here... My house is on fire." "OK," replied the fireman, "how do we get there?" "What?" Ronnie replied, "Don't you still have those big red trucks?"

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!

O Canada... Where 2 pages in newspapers cover world news and 5 pages are needed for ice hockey updates and scores.

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for Thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for Thee.

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Love of country can only come through a love of the Creator.

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Dear God, keep us free to love you!



Join us each Sunday for Worship...

10:45am worship and praise

Thot: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Lighter Side...

American Tourists

We sometimes wonder why we don't see more American tourists in Canada, especially to help celebrate Canada Day. Perhaps its explained by the answer of one American who shared, "I'd love to come celebrate Canada Day with you but I've already spent all my money on healthcare.



Teenage daughter to her dad...

C'mon Dad, let me borrow it. Please! I'll be careful. I won't scratch it. What harm could possibly come to just one credit card?



Something To Think About..

"God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee." Words loaded with deep significance.

By speaking of "**our land**" the anthem reminds us that we are not just individuals but that we belong to a national community. Canada is not mine or yours -it is ours. By asking God to "**keep**" it glorious and free we acknowledge that the freedom we enjoy in Canada is an inheritance from those who came before us. And by asking "**God**" to keep it, we acknowledge that the preservation of freedom requires some divine intervention into the regular state of human affairs.

Nevertheless, our National Anthem does not merely throw the responsibility all on God. The next line speaks of our promise: "*We stand on guard for thee.*" We're reminded we must be aware our freedom is fragile and always under threat from the dark forces that manifest themselves in the world in the form of 'isms' and ideologies, tyrants and terrorists both internationally and domestically. More and more as Christians, we are seeing our fundamental freedoms for worship and expression challenged by the secular world in which we live.

And that brings me to the claim of Psalm 33:12, "*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.*" What we once took for granted in Canada is no longer the case. . Though it is enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which states Canada is founded upon

principles that recognize God and the rule of law - a statement which tells us something of the time in which the document was written - the reality is that for many Canadians, God is no longer in the picture. God-centred principles have been replaced by man-centred values that undermine biblical principles.

Time and again we hear that people serving the public good need to keep their Christian convictions private. But is that possible? Is it possible to believe one thing and do something contrary to what you believe? The reality is we're bombarded by denials that God is the Creator. It's considered scientifically absurd resulting in more people – including our own children – denying God as their Creator; denying that Adam and Eve are the first people to live on this earth; denying the fall into sin is the reason for all our wrongdoing and misery. When people deny these things they also refuse to acknowledge God and the need for salvation in His Son, Jesus Christ. However, it is precisely the recognition of God in Christ that brings God's blessing to us as individuals, as families, as church and as a nation.

A nation whose God is the Lord is blessed because God's values in life promote morality, decency, honour and truth for the well-being of all its citizens. A nation under God has stability and such a nation praises God for his care. Such a nation does not have some whimsical deity as its head. Their Head of State is God who has been from the beginning and who seeks the good for his people. God is the Lord who bends over backwards, so to speak, to help, guide and protect

Mark your Calendar...

July 1st – Canada Day

July 5th 8pm – Youth Camp
Fire and wiener roast

July 6th – Communion Sunday

Mondays 6-7:30pm – Youth
Nite at MBBC

July 21-24th – ½ day children's
camp at MBBC

Sunday Theme in July
We continue to explore the
message of the Psalms!

His people. As Christians who celebrate our nation's birthday; as Canadians proud of our land, let us be happy in God who is Lord of lords and King of kings and thank Him we live with assurance that whatever happens, the world is not out of control but under His direction.

What will be blessed as **Faithful Canadians** must be through God's expectation that we put our trust in Him rather than in the things most people will celebrate as the strengths of Canada this July 1st.