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Pictured above is the congregation of the Pinehill Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, taken in November 1989. A notation says there were "30 missing". We congratulate this church on the celebration of fifty years of service. See advertisement on page 16 and enjoy the day with them, if you can.

The True Sanctuary

by Roy Davison

In accordance with Old Testament usage, the temple at Jerusalem is called 'the sanctuary' or 'the holy place' by New Testament writers (Matt. 24:15; Acts 6:13; Heb. 13:11).

They make clear, however, that the temple at Jerusalem was only a shadow. In Hebrews 9:1 it is called 'an earthly sanctuary'. The true holy place is in heaven (Heb. 9:11), is not made with hands, and is not of this creation. "For Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb. 9:24).

By the grace of God, followers of Christ may also enter the sanctuary, where Christ has gone before: "Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb. 10:19-22). Our hope in Christ is an anchor which reaches into the heavenly sanctuary! "We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf" (Heb. 6:19, 20).

The place where Christians meet is never called a sanctuary in the new Testament for the simple reason that it is not a sanctuary. The first Christians were spiritually minded and understood that the true sanctuary is in heaven. They could call on the name of the Lord and pray 'in every place' (1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Tim. 2:8) because they understood that their prayers ascended to the throne of grace in the heavenly sanctuary. Whether their prayers reached the throne depended not on where they were uttered, but on the attitude of the heart.

Jesus explained this to the woman at

the well after she said: "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship" (John 4:20). [Notice the word 'place'.] Jesus told her: "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:21-24).

As Stephen told the furious Jews: "The Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands" (Acts 7:48-50).

Recently I was amazed to read the statement that a Christian place of worship is never called a sanctuary in the Bible because Christians had no special place to worship until after the New Testament book was written! This statement is wrong on two counts.

In the letter of James, which is considered to be among the earlier books of the New Testament, mention is made of "your synagogue" (James 2:2). The Greek word rendered here as "assembly" in some translations is actually "synagogue" which means a "place of assembly". Do not be deceived by commentators who say this refers to a Jewish synagogue. James is writing to Christians (James 2:1) who had their own separate assemblies from the beginning (Acts 2:42) and who would have little to say as to where someone sat in a Jewish synagogue! Can you imagine Christians breaking bread and passing the cup in a Jewish synagogue?

That being said we must keep in mind that the New Testament writers, being of a spiritual mind and understanding that the true sanctuary is in heaven, did not place any special importance on the place of assembly. Whether a place of meeting was rented, belonged to one of the brethren, or was owned by the congregation is not considered worthy of mention. In Acts 4:31 mention is made of "the place

where they were gathered". The church at Troas met in "an upper room" (Acts 20:8). The church at Corinth came together in some public place where the Lord's supper was eaten, for any who were hungry were to eat "at home" (1 Cor. 11:34).

That the word "synagogue" is deemed appropriate by James to describe the meeting place of Christians would also indicate that they had a similar attitude toward their meeting places as the Jews had to their synagogues. Jews considered the temple to be the sanctuary. They did not classify synagogues as "holy places".

The true sanctuary is in heaven. The prayers of the saints rise up as incense before the throne of God (Rev. 5:8; 8:3, 4).

"The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven" (Ps. 11:4). "For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit'" (Is. 57:15).

--Alken, Belgium

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Why Are Young Jews Alienated From Judaism?

(Part VI in a series)

by Wayne Turner

Like many preachers, I like going to book sales, especially those which feature used books. While browsing through the religion section at the Children's Hospital Book Sale at the local mall, I came across one of those rare treasures which is sometimes found. The jacket was virtually new. In fact, if it weren't for the inscription in the front, I might have believed it to be new. Yet the inscription itself was from April 22, 1975. It sat, obviously untouched, on the shelf of someone named Tervin, to whom the inscription was an expression of appreciation.

Many are familiar, in some way, with Apologetics. Most commonly, we encounter "apologies", or defenses of certain beliefs through people like John Clayton, who presents apologies for belief in God. Many of the tracts we use are apologies of Christianity. The book I picked up, **Eight Questions People Ask About Judaism** (Tze Ulmad Press, Whitestone, New York, 1975), was written by two 27-year-old Jews, one a rabbi, as an apology of the Jewish religion, aimed primarily at those young Jews who "cut their roots to Judaism -- and for only one reason: ignorance".

As I leafed through the book, I came across the sixth question, "Why are so many young Jews alienated from Judaism and the Jewish people?" And I wondered about the person who had originally received the book. By his name, I took him to be Jewish. Was he young? Was he one of those for whom this book was especially intended? The condition of the book suggested this as a real possibility. Then I realized that if this were true, likely Tervin was still alienated. I bought the book and took it home, especially wanting to see why Jewish young people were turning away from their faith.

The sixth section dealt with the problems of alienation, identity and intermarriage. I was struck by the parallels between what the authors described and what I saw happening in the church today. The frankness of the authors, Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin, chal-

lenges us to careful self-examination as well.

To solve the problem of young Jews who are alienated from Judaism and have therefore abandoned the Jewish identity, the authors contend, one must understand what it is they are rejecting. At the bottom line, there is a conflict within them between a caricature of Judaism, which they have grown up with, and the real values demonstrated in their parents' home.

The caricature is of something often called "nominalism" in the denominational world, and too often seen as acceptable in the church. "Most Jewish parents and institutions have been treating Judaism as if it were a pastime, something to which one devotes some of one's time, some effort and some resources, but surely not most of one's time, efforts or resources." Also within the caricature is the portrayal of Judaism as "an adjunct to the other, really important things in one's life". As well, there is "more fear that children will become 'too Jewish' than too secular".

This description sounded uncomfortably familiar, and accurate. Perhaps this is true because of the almost universal truth which lies behind it. Young people, growing up in a "religious home", are not influenced by the ideals of their parents' faith as much as they are by the realities, i.e. the demonstrated priorities and values of their parents' example. Unwittingly, parents, by their example, have undermined their children's faith.

At this point, the obvious question is, "How has this been done?" The authors point to three specific ideas which again sound alarmingly familiar. Each area communicates a set of relative values which place faith at the lowest level of priority.

The greater importance and stress on the secular professions shows that law, medicine or other "respectable" fields are superior to the rabbinate or some other Jewish profession. The desire to produce accomplished professionals rather than dedicated Jews has produced an overabundance of "unaccomplished

Jews". Jewish parents point with pride at their children's wonderful careers, but can only speak softly of their children's ignorance of and lack of interest in their religion.

Could this explain why many of our most capable young men are not becoming preachers, and who, in coming years, will have neither the time, Biblical knowledge or desire to serve as elders?

The second area is the greater importance of secular values. The authors suggest that many Jewish parents have demonstrated an attitude which they call "pseudo-universalism". This view believes that there is no absolute moral truth and that all ethical/religious systems are of equal value. Thus, the parents seek to refrain from raising their children in "too Jewish" an educational and home environment, thus "closing the children's minds and smacking of provincialism". The result of this lack of clear-cut standards is a moral vacuum which leaves young Jews to flounder, "prey to any (or no) ideology which catches their imagination".

This parallels the "pseudo-intellectualism" which is creeping into the church. The questioning of Biblical authority, the lack of clear-cut standards and the unwillingness to stand for truth and confront error, either personal, moral or religious, all work to undermine the identity and effectiveness of the church, as well as to deny the scriptures and the One who gave them.

While all three areas strike very close to home, the third, as the old saying goes, "quits preaching and starts meddling" with the example set by too many Christian parents. The authors speak of the greater importance of secular education:

By relegating Jewish education to a few hours per week for a few years. . . we are telling our children ever so eloquently that we deem math, grammar and social studies. . . of far greater significance than Jewish history, philosophy, religion and ethics. Furthermore, the importance of Judaism implied by the small

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The Cost of Truth

by Roy D. Merritt



In 1536 a middle-aged Englishman languished in a dungeon at Vilvorde, Belgium. His crime was translating the Bible from its original languages into English. He had been imprisoned for nearly a year and a half. His clothes were worn thin and his health was deteriorating in the cold, damp cell. He expected execution at any time but had no certain idea of when it would take place. This prisoner was William Tyndale, one of the great heroes of biblical translation. His work is the basis of between eighty and ninety per cent of the King James Version of the New Testament as well as much of the Old Testament.

Soon Tyndale would be taken from his cell, strangled to death and his body burned. His dying words were a brief prayer: "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." While awaiting his fate, Tyndale wrote a pathetic letter to one of the authorities, requesting warmer clothing and a lamp. His most urgent request is indicative of his burning desire to translate God's Word into the language of his people. Near the end of the letter he wrote: "But most urgent of all I beg and beseech your clemency to be urgent with the commissary, that he will kindly permit me to have the Hebrew Bible, Hebrew grammar and Hebrew dictionary, that I may pass the time in that study."

Some time previously, Tyndale had finished his translation of the New Testament. Now he felt a great sense of urgency in finishing the translation of the Old Testament before his death. His letter held no plea for his life but a strong request for tools to get on with his life's work.

Centuries before this great English scholar lived, another courageous prisoner awaited his fate in a Roman prison. He, too, asked for warmer clothes. This prisoner was the apostle Paul. Like Tyndale, they could shut up his body but they could not quench his zeal to study and write. We can read his request to Timothy to bring him ". . . the books and the parchments. . ." It is reasonable to believe that the parchments at least would be portions of Scripture. Like John on Patmos, Paul was there in prison "for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus." It is likely that he was soon executed.

The incredible single-minded devotion to Scripture of such men as the apostle Paul and William Tyndale should make many of us ashamed at the casual manner in which we approach the study of God's Word. This generation has the advantage of centuries of scholarship, freedom from persecution, good personal Bibles and well-stocked libraries. With all these advantages we too often remain unwilling to sacrifice time and energy for a deep study of God's Word. Paul's admonition to the young evangelist Timothy is ever-timely: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a

workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15, ASV).

It is interesting to note that both Paul and Tyndale were absorbed in the study of God's Word for the benefit of others. In each case there was a strong desire that a multitude of other seekers might profit from their studies. Each had the burning zeal of scholar and evangelist combined. For some, advanced study in the biblical field is but a means to recognition as a scholar and selfish pride in their own scholarship. There is justification for some satisfaction in goals attained, but such satisfaction must never obscure the most important goal of all -- the saving of souls.

One of the useful aims of diligent study is the ability to refute error effectively. It seems that each new decade brings a new challenge to refute, some new error or an old error revived. The Lord's church will always need dedicated defenders of the truth who have prepared to meet such challenges with the utmost effectiveness. In reality there are few new errors that are new to this century. What we see are simply old errors in new garb.

Whether it is the single-minded sharing of scriptural truth or the refutation of error, God expects our best preparation. Where are the capable young men who will seize the tools of biblical knowledge and get on with the greatest of all occupations -- preaching and teaching God's Word?

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Faith and Self-Esteem

by Ron Pauls

Self-esteem has been described as the mainspring that slates every child for success or failure. How you feel about yourself may or may not be accurate. However, it does determine in large part how you relate to others. If one's sense of self is inflated (pride) or deflated (low self-esteem), it will adversely affect interpersonal relationships.

This has serious implications for friendships. There are many lonely people in this world. Some are so because they cannot bring themselves to risk the rejection they convince themselves is certain if they reach out to another. Others, though fewer, are lonely because their pride causes them to look down upon others and ruin potential relationships by their disdain.

This problem is serious enough at the workplace. But it takes on drastic proportions when we return home to find the same problems plaguing us. We are unable to relate effectively with those we love the most. Husband/wife relationships wither. Parent/child interactions become jammed. And children grow up to face life with the same problems that low self-esteem has created for their parents.

What's A Person to Do?

Do you sense that your own self-esteem is inadequate for the challenges of life? How can you ever contribute to the process of building the self-esteem of another? Take heart! Jesus came to this world so you could have life and have it to the full (John 10:10 NIV). When he left, he did not leave us desolate (John 14:18).

Fortunate indeed is the person who was raised in a home where one could not only know intellectually that he was loved but could also feel loved. He has a sense of belonging. How blessed is the

person raised where proper praise and appreciation was shared so that he has a proper sense of worth. How happy is the person whose early years provided him with opportunities to feel competent and useful.

The basic foundations of self-esteem are found in achieving a sense of belonging, a sense of worth and a sense of one's competence. However, those who missed out on these blessings in their formative years are not forever excluded from the possibility of happy and fulfilling circumstances and relationships. The secret of this key to successful living is found in knowing God and his Son, Jesus Christ (John 17:3; cf. Phil. 3:8-11). Faith has some answers to low self-esteem.

Faith Gives Promise

Remember Romans 12:3? God urges each of us to think of ourselves, not only with sober judgement, but "according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him". There are some matters of faith that can contribute toward reconstruction of a poor self-image. Reminding ourselves to think about these things over and over again will allow them to begin to affect our thinking, then our feelings and, finally, our actions. The Christian has a head start in re-building a sagging sense of self-esteem.

A sense of belonging is the first element supporting a healthy sense of self-esteem. The Creator of the universe himself has chosen us to be his children (Eph. 1:3-5). We can go to him as "Abba! Father!" (Rom. 8:16, 17). We belong! And we experience that belonging in His family, the church. Landon Saunders refers to the church as "God's forever family!" We never need to be unattached again. Yes, we belong!

A sense of worth is the second support for healthy self-esteem. As God enables

us to feel like we have a place to belong, so Jesus gives us a sense of worth. If you are a Christian, you have two bases from which to understand your personal worth. Look who made you (Col. 1:16; John 1:2, 3)! Through Christ, God made you and He doesn't make junk! Oh, it's become trite. But it's true! You don't judge the value of a manuscript on the materials that went into it. You don't value an artistic masterpiece on the cost of paint and canvas. You determine their worth by who the craftsman is. And you are His workmanship (Eph. 2:8)!

But there's more! Look at the price Jesus paid to buy you back when you wandered away from the Creator's love. You were ransomed, "not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18, 19)! You're his possession (1 Cor. 6:19, 20). He paid the price! He thinks you're worth it! Should you think less of yourself than He does?

A sense of competence has a faith dimension, too. The more mature you become in Christ, the more you will feel inadequate. "That's the good news?" you ask. Yes! Because it is the truth and when we recognize it, we become free to resign as "boss of the universe" and accept a non-compulsive, non-perfectionist standard for ourselves. For the first time we can measure up. But there's even more.

When we accept our own incompetence [Jesus called it becoming "poor in spirit" (Matt. 5:3)], we become free to draw on His resources (John 15:4, 5). We can't become fruitful unless we stay attached to the Source of Life. Here's where the Spirit comes in.

When Paul reflected on how God valued us enough to take us on as partners in the task of reaching the perishing, he asked, "Who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Cor. 2:16). Then he explains that our competence is not from ourselves. It comes from "God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant" (2 Cor. 3:4-6). Truly, God has not given us a spirit of timidity but of power and love and self-control (2 Tim. 1:7). God, through His Spirit, has empowered us for the tasks to which He has called us.

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The Devoted Mary Magdalene

by J. E. Pennington

"Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out. . ." (Luke 8:1-2).

Imagine that! Seven demons!

Mary Magdalene must have been as miserable and wretched as the man who lived in caves and tombs and cut himself with sharp rocks -- who avoided society and shouted and screamed in misery through the night! Seven Demons!

But that is just the beginning of the story. Jesus was the beginning of a happy life for Mary, for Jesus came to Mary and freed her from the bondage of seven demons. When she was free, she followed Jesus and ministered to him with the gratitude and loyalty she had in her heart.

Jesus was not always popular. In fact, toward the end of his life Jesus was very unpopular with the men who controlled the police -- and finally Jesus was seized and condemned to die. It is in times like this, when you learn who are truly your friends and who are not friends. Because the mob seized Jesus, it would have been dangerous to let them know that you were Jesus' friend, for that would have endangered your life, too. But Mary was unafraid of the danger of being near her Saviour even in death.

In the Gospel of John there is a scene that tells us of the devotion of one person to another even in death. Occasionally we hear of a loyal dog that lingers at a graveside mourning the death of a master -- but more to be noticed is the devotion of a true friend at the graveside of a departed loved one.

Mary Magdalene was as close to Jesus as a near relative. On the evening of the

day Jesus died, after Joseph of Arimathea had taken the body to its tomb, Mary was seen lingering close by. She had no thought of the Resurrection -- in fact, none of the disciples expected Jesus to be raised from the dead. She left the tomb in the darkness that night and did not return until after the Sabbath Day, which was the day following. But very early on the next day following the Sabbath she is seen out in the town collecting spices to use on the dead body. It was in the wee hours of the morning when she came to the tomb and learned of the open, empty burying place. She ran back to tell Peter and John. Both Peter and John ran to the tomb and after looking, they left. But Mary returned to the tomb to cry her heart out in grief.

It was here, while she was in tears, that a figure drew near and Mary thought it was the gardener or the grave-keeper. She spoke to the man, and the man spoke back with a familiar voice and his first word was, "Mary. . ." She recognized Jesus' voice. Young people, think of it this way; if one knows the voice of Jesus in every-day-life, one will also recognize the voice of Jesus in sadness. Yes, Jesus knew her name. He does not forget. He knows your name. He knows who you are. You are somebody to Jesus.

--Dauphin, Manitoba

Alienated from Judaism

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quantity of Jewish study is confirmed by the general low quality of Jewish education.

Consider the parallels with the church today. According to the New Testament, the church and the family are to be teaching institutions. Paul admonished Timothy to teach, verbally and by example. What example is being set? What is being communicated to our children to-

day?

If the Jews have found that a "few hours per week" are inadequate, how much less only one or two? If we stress that we want our children, in their secular education, to be in a good school with qualified, well-trained teachers, the finest of materials, resources, facilities and curricula, and stress that they are to attend regularly, be on time, be well-behaved and actively involved, then what do they perceive about the relative importance of Bible classes, when we are frequently late or absent because we want to sleep in, go to a game or participate in some social or recreational activity; when we stick them in small, poorly equipped basement rooms with well-meaning teachers who try to make up for their lack of training and support with sincerity and love; when we use curriculum materials that are two grade levels below the actual class level; and when many, if not most, young people never see their parents interested enough in the Bible to regularly and openly study it at home or to actually teach a class?

The consequence of the caricature is the abandonment of Judaism by many of its young people, and their intermarriage with outsiders because of the lack of any standard or identity based on their faith. Given a choice between real feelings of love, and a vague feeling of guilt because their parents are unhappy about the marriage, Jewish young people, naturally, refuse to sacrifice the love.

According to the authors, it is often the time of an imminent intermarriage that the parents' efforts to prevent the marriage "constitute the first time that they have ever shown a serious interest in Jewish identity". Up to this time, these parents, from their caricatured viewpoint, would have described the active Jewish community as "provincial, close-minded and too Jewish". Yet the only argument now available to them is based on family or ethnic bases: i.e. the superiority of the Jew. Or they can accept the consequences of their "universalism" and accept the intermarriage, proving that there is nothing meaningful or distinctive about their faith, and, therefore, that all faiths are equal. On the other hand, the active Jewish parent can offer

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Word Perfect for the PERFECT WORD

by Brian Garnett



Computers are becoming very common in the church office. You may be faced with having to decide on which type of computer to buy and what programs you'll need. Computer hardware is not the only expensive part of the set up. A great expense can be getting the right program, especially if you buy several before finding the one that does what you want it to do.

Word Processors have grown greatly in their capacity in the past few years. Users are demanding more and more from the programs. Yet, the programs are more "user friendly" than ever before. As a result of these demands, the size of the program has grown extensively.



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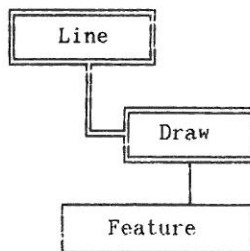
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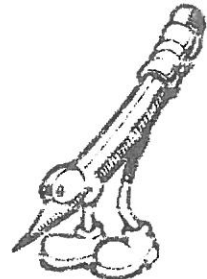
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Pray For This Challenge!

by *Tim Johnson*

New Brunswick's largest city, Saint John, has been a concern of mine for many years. Not having a congregation with whom we can have fellowship, Moncton Christians long for the day a sister congregation is begun there. The need has been outstanding for centuries because Saint John is Canada's oldest incorporated city. At the present time, there is one family who are members of the Lord's church living there. They "commute" to Moncton regularly to have fellowship with us. They feel, as we do, that an evangelist is needed to live and work full time in Saint John in an effort to preach the gospel to the lost and begin this second New Brunswick work. Perhaps our work in Moncton shows that this can be done successfully in the province with some hard work, patience, and faith.

All concerned Canadian Christians need to be aware of this need, and of a "recruiting" trip that I'm scheduled to make March 13-30. Lord willing, I'll be visiting the White's Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies in W. Monroe, Louisiana and the Mission 1000 school in Memphis, Tennessee to make presentations about Saint John. These are schools that have a special concern for the Canadian situation, and for missions in general. Visits will also be made to some of the congregations that support the Moncton work, and it is our prayer that someone will be found who will seriously and prayerfully make Saint John his goal. I believe this is possible if brethren know of the need and the opportunity, and that is the goal of this trip -- to make it known.

The expense of this effort is being borne by several churches in the US and Canada, as well as the Moncton church and the family I referred to in Saint John. What we really need is for all of us to pray earnestly that a man will be found to preach the gospel in our neighboring city. Please join me in praying for this effort, and for the souls of men and women who have not yet heard the gospel.

--*Moncton, New Brunswick*

The Grace of Giving

by *Cecil T. Bailey*


Giving from hearts aglow with Divine love is a common theme in both the Old and new Covenants. Indeed, the best-known verse of the entire Bible, John 3:16, has to do with giving: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life". We know that giving without love is like trying to worship God without spirit. In John 4:24 Jesus told us that "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth". In Acts 20:35 Paul told the Ephesian elders of the memorable words of Jesus that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We all need to learn that giving is not only a blessing, but is a grace or privilege as well.

It seems unfortunate that we tend to link giving almost exclusively with monetary matters, when in reality it is only a portion of it. No doubt the greatest gift that we can give to God or to others is ourselves. To the saints in Rome Paul said, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." And of the generosity of the Thessalonians Paul said, "For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, begging us with much entreaty for the favour (grace) of participating in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God" (2 Cor. 8:3-5).

However, monetary giving is important in the life of each Christian. Paul devoted two entire chapters of one of his letters to this topic. Furthermore, the tradition of 'laying by on the first day of the week', as in the advice that Paul gave to the saints in 1 Cor. 16:1, 2, has remained a worthwhile and fruitful custom in the Lord's church unto this day.

But why should Christians give of their means? The answer seems obvious. There are so many cries for help; there are so many needs to be filled. We can never do all there is to do. Nevertheless, we must ever do good as we have opportunity. Not only must we give, but we must give generously. Our love for God and for our fellow-man compels us to do so.

From the two chapters in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, which Paul devoted to giving, we are able to glean many valuable principles to guide us in our giving:

1. Every congregation should be prepared to meet emergencies that arise within the brotherhood.
2. Church leaders should emulate Paul in using powerful psychological motivation in the matter of giving. Paul's exhortation to these saints as recorded in 2 Cor. 8:1-15 is most inspiring in its suggestiveness, and potent in its persuasiveness.
3. Giving becomes a joy when we share Paul's closing exultation in chapter 9, "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable (indescribable) gift." We love because He first loved us; we freely give because He so freely gave His Son for us. 

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Cancer: My Story of Faith, Hope and Love (I)

by Joan Smith

Psalm 121:2 -- My help comes from the Lord.

"I have cancer." Why do I make this statement? I believe in order for me to cope with my illness, I must acknowledge the fact and be able to say, "I have cancer".

I would like to share with you my experience of living with an illness. Please do not judge yourself or others with my situation. What I am going to tell you is what has worked for me. It may not necessarily work for anyone else. I really want to give encouragement and hope and try to portray what I believe to be good attitudes toward living with an illness.

My Story

In August of 1980, I discovered a lump in my right breast, accidentally, while lying in bed reading. Needless to say, the next day I made an appointment with my doctor. He thought that it was just a thickening. Also, since it was sore each month before my period, I thought that it couldn't be cancer. A doctor I had heard talk about cancer had said that if it was sore it probably wasn't cancer.

The next June, ten months later, I went in for a checkup and the doctor said again that he thought it was a thickening. By the next March, I knew something was really wrong. The skin over the lump had dimpled. This time I saw the other doctor in the building, and he immediately made arrangements for me to see a surgeon.

Three weeks later, I saw the surgeon. He tried to insert a needle into the lump. If he could penetrate the lump and get fluid, it might not be cancer. However, the lump was so hard, all he could get was a piece of tissue. This was sent for tests and a week later the results showed that it was, indeed, cancer. Arrangements were made for surgery in a week.

I had a radical mastectomy, complete

removal of my right breast and the glands under my arm. In four days I was able to leave the hospital and in three weeks I started a program of chemotherapy which lasted nine months. During that time, my hair fell out. However, when it grew back in at the end of the nine months, it was very curly. I was able to keep teaching at Great Lakes Christian College, I went to Family Week at Omagh Bible Camp, and I made a garbage bag full of crafts for our Waves' bazaar (ladies' organization for Great Lakes).

The next three years I seemed to have overcome the disease, but in the summer of 1986 I found a small lump on my back. Upon removal, I discovered that some of the cancer cells must have escaped the chemotherapy for now I have cancer in my right lung and in my bones. I will have cancer for the rest of my life and will be on some program of treatment. The kind of cancer I have is breast cancer but it has taken up residence in my lung and my bones.

How Did I Get Cancer?

I know that God did not give it to me. God only gives good things. God is not sitting up there saying, "Let's see who I can make trouble for today."

One possibility is stress. I am a person who puts a lot of pressure on myself to achieve, to be the best I can be. I went to Niagara College to take some courses to help in my library work. At that time I was teaching and working in the library full time. Also, my mother was dying. Still, I reverted to the kind of student I had been in high school. I had to do the best work and get the best marks. Was it worth it? I'm not suggesting that we shouldn't care about how we achieve, but some of us put too much pressure on ourselves.

Another possibility is the environ-

ment, the pollution in our air and water, the additives in our food, pesticides, smoking (I have never smoked), and the nuclear power industry. This is where I know that God did not give me this disease. He gave man a free will, His creation, and intelligence, but man has used and abused these gifts.

So, whether it is stress or otherwise, I believe my cancer is a result of what we have done.

My doctor believes that breast cancer is a result of the fats in our diet. He, therefore, recommends that we eat no fats, no pastries, and no dairy products except yogurt, buttermilk, and Gouda cheese.

Perhaps the cause of cancer is a combination of all these factors. I wonder, since five of us who live within a mile on our street have experienced cancer.

Am I Angry?

This was the first thing the doctor asked after he told me that I had cancer a second time. I replied, no. In fact, I had been visibly shaking until he told me the results of the tests. As soon as I knew, I quit shaking.


Because this was the second time with the disease, the doctor requested that I see the Psychiatrist at the clinic. I visited him twice and know that he's available any time I need his help.

Each time I was told that I had cancer, I went through a period of mourning. It was as if I had lost someone in my life. Once the grieving was over, I got on with facing the situation and going on with my life.

Am I angry with the doctor who let the disease advance and neglected to realize what was happening to me? No, but I am disappointed in him.

Should I have charged this doctor with malpractice? Some people have suggested that I should have. I asked that he not be in the operating room but he appeared twice in my hospital room, once saying hi and another time asking me a question. He then had the nerve to charge me for two hospital visits, and at that time he charged more than the insurance covered.

Should I have been angry? Romans 12:17 says, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil." Romans 12:19 says, "Do not

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Reminiscences, No. 18 (Part II)

A History of the Rise and Progress of Our Cause in Canada
by Joseph Ash

(Ed. Note: This series of 21 Reminiscences, written from memory by the elderly Joseph Ash in 1882-3 was first published in the Christian Worker from November 1882 to October 1884 and was reprinted in the Gospel Messenger from January 1895 to August 1896. This one was copied from the June 1884 Gospel Messenger. E.C.P.)

There is another small congregation in the township of Stanley. They also meet in a private house and observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper every Lord's day. Bro. John Butchart, who was for several years Elder of the church in Dorchester -- a very intelligent, active Brother, a good speaker and consistent Christian -- is the principal man in the congregation of eight members. They meet every Lord's day in his own house. The zeal, piety and devotion to the Lord and His glorious cause is well known, and that he will let his light shine to the end of the Christian race is not at all doubted by any.

In the Township of McKillop lives a brother Samuel Smith who deserves special mention for his great love and devotion to the Lord, and great anxiety to see His cause prosper and sinners come to him in penitence and humble obedience. It seems he located himself on a farm there where there were no brethren, and seeing almost the whole of people given up to human systems of worship, his whole soul was stirred within, so much so that he almost entirely alone built a comfortable house of worship on his own land. Bro. Smith is surrounded by people who have eyes, but they close them, ears, but they stop them, lest they should see with their eyes and know the real object of Bro. Smith in the erection of a house of worship. They entirely misrepresent his object, and take it rather as an insult than to praise him for his magnanimity. He has a small band of faithful brethren about him that keep the light burning,

and will do so. This small congregation, holding on to their begun confidence and showing forth the Lord's death every Lord's day under such adverse circumstances, offer a fitting and strong rebuke to congregations which are under so much more favorable circumstances who neglect the assembling of themselves together on every first day of the week to break bread in memory of the Lord's death.

Since writing about the churches in Wellington County, Bro. Fowler has removed from Elgin Co. and located in Wellington, so I have missed him in my writing. I have never had the pleasure of hearing him preach but understand he is a fine speaker and hard worker, desiring to do efficient work for the Master. I had a very pleasant acquaintance with him running over several years before he began to preach. I have much confidence and hope that he will continue faithful to his high and honorable position, and not pay any attention and respect to the glitter of sectarian follies which in this our day are made so fascinating.

Alienated from Judaism

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argument based on values and the ideals of faith and scripture, rather than family tradition or ethnicity.

There are those within the church today who view the brotherhood as "provincial, closed (or narrow)-minded and too conservative". Often they seem to be reacting to the excesses and extremes of a few who have turned the concept of the New Testament church and Biblical Christianity into quasi-ethnic feelings of inherent personal superiority. In their reaction, they appear to abandon belief in New Testament standards and authority. They lose the distinctive values of non-denominational Christianity. In their open-mindedness, they get caught up in an "ecumenical universalism" in which the absolute truth of God's word is aban-

doned for relativism. And the refusal to "judge" outsiders is often exchanged for severe criticism and judgement of those within the church and feelings of personal enlightenment and superiority. As parents, these people are surprised when their children, using the same "open-mindedness" they learned from their parents, want to marry a Pentecostal, Catholic, Hindu or atheist. Since they have not been taught any distinctive values in the caricatured non-denominationalism of their parents, their values are compatible with anything. In this case, the caricature says that we are not a denomination only because that is our choice, rather than because denominationalism is wrong and anti-scriptural. Or that our practice or custom of acapella music is only our "tradition" instead of being based on the personal conviction that musical instruments in worship lack New Testament authority and are, therefore, unscriptural.

The authors' solution to these problems is very straightforward and direct: become serious about Judaism, to make the home into a "makom-Torah (a place of torah) where Judaism is studied and practiced" with great respect. To this end, they have devoted the eighth section to a lengthy and very practical response to the question, "How do I start acting Jewish?" Here, they discuss the personal and religious practices, the development of a Jewish identity and areas for personal study. In the authors' view, the influence and example of the parent as one who is seriously committed not only to the externals of Judaism but also the distinctive teachings and values, will do more than anything else to impart their faith into the lives of their children.

The basic principle here is one that we already know. Yet some would ignore or deny it. The evidence is clear and unmistakable. Children will become what their parents' example and influence have demonstrated, valued and reinforced. If we want our children to be faithful Christians, we must be the very best, most active Christians we can. If we are content with only the empty caricature of Christianity, our children, at best, will be the same. More likely, they will be alienated from the church and lost for eternity.

--Winnipeg, Manitoba

NEWS

— EAST —



by Eugene C. Perry
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Lachine, PQ: "Once again the Lord has blessed us with 3 more additions to his church. Brian Shute and his mother, as well as another young man, Richard Brais, put on Christ in baptism this month (March). We rejoice that there are so many young Christians serving the Lord in Lachine.

"Lise and I hosted a 'Babes in Christ' night in our home in order to encourage these new Christians. We invited all of those who were less than one year old in the Lord to come over for a devotional and fellowship evening. Sixteen people showed up and we were very blessed through singing, sharing and lessons given."
--Michel Mazzalongo

Toronto, ON (Bayview): "It was recently announced to this congregation that the Building Department and the Fire Department of the City of Toronto have placed their stamp of approval on the renovations and addition to the Bayview Avenue church building. We are also thankful to God and the generosity of the congregation and a few other Christians that everything is completely paid for from donations and accumulated funds. To God be the glory."

Hamilton, ON (West): Sixteen ladies from West Hamilton met at the home of Elizabeth Lock in Selkirk for an overnight retreat. All of the ladies participated in either the devotions or the three major lessons on "Growth Through Conflict". The first lesson included definitions of conflict with Biblical examples. The second lesson showed the necessity of conflict resolution, while the final session dealt with practical resolutions.

Grimsby, ON: The new building was first used for services on February 25. There is space at the back of the auditorium for socializing. A number of visitors brought the Sunday School total to 88 surpassing a goal of 75.

The old building is in process of being dismantled.

Judy Shoni of Burlington and Willis and Sandra Johnstone, also of Burling-

ton, have been welcomed at Grimsby.

Beamsville, ON: David Adams will be going on a four-week campaign in Europe with the Harding University Chorus. They will be working with the churches in several countries. Churches and individuals are contributing to the \$1,800 U.S. needed for this.

Fenwick, ON: Cindy Koosman was baptized in late March. She plans to attend Harding University this fall.

Welland, ON: Michael Rene Dickie confessed faith in Christ and was baptized on April 6. Michael has been studying "Studies in the Bible" correspondence course. He has been encouraged by his sister, Debra West, baptized a year ago, and Magnar Knutson. Follow-up studies are planned.

Readers of the *Herald* are encouraged to tune their radios to 1470 at 8:30 a.m. Sundays. S. F. Timmerman conducts the "Moment of Truth" broadcast at that time. This could be used as a medium to reach people you would like to win to Christ. Encourage them to listen. The Welland church would like to hear from you if you are a listener. Write to them at P.O. Box 20, Welland, ON L3B 5P2. Taped or printed copies of the lessons are available upon request.

Port Colborne, ON: The congregation here has decided that on the first Sunday of the month they will have a potluck meal together, followed by a period of singing and fellowship. The service at 6:30 on that particular Sunday will only be a communion service.

"We continue to make a number of new contacts in the community with lots of home Bible studies going on."

St. Catharines, ON: Ed and Lena Reimer were united with Christ in baptism during the week of March 18. Rejoice.

The Murray Smiths will be leaving this congregation at the end of April.

Brantford, ON: The first of five special mailouts for 1990 to friends, relatives and church contacts contained "a letter of introduction, a Bible Correspondence Course enrollment card, a copy of *Upreach Magazine* and a brochure explaining who we are and what we're all about, and offering our services to anyone who has a need we can meet."

Stratford, ON: Kelvin Hoover is excited about his study with Lyndsay

Splandler and his fiance, Joy.

Ron Babbit was scheduled for a meeting for April 6-8 on the theme, God In Our World. Topics included, "Homosexuality, Equality, Abortion and the Pursuit of Pleasures".

Barrie, ON: "Sherman Corey, a local OPP officer, was baptized on October 29. Bob and Judy Cober and their sons, Robbie and Jordan, are now members here. Minnie Bowman, who previously worshipped with the Bayview Avenue (Toronto) congregation, has been living at Grove Park Home for more than a year and worships with us. We also welcome Duane and Terri Ellison, Shelley and Emily, following their move from Hamilton.

Terry Codling of Ajax was with us January 19-21 to talk about "When God Doesn't Seem to Answer".

The annual meeting of the congregation was March 4. A major advance for us in 1989, aside from all the newcomers, was the improvement of our Sunday School programme, thanks to leadership shown by Karen Perry, Eunice Johnston, and Pat MacRiner. The weekly budget for 1990 is just under \$700/week."

60+ at Omagh?

"The '60+' session at Omagh will be July 2-5. The director is Claude Cox. The theme is "Intergenerational dynamics or How to act your age and still be in touch with others." Resource people are Eileen Dale, Harold Parker, Ed Broadus, and Cyndy Allcock."

St. Thomas, ON: "A wonderful day was shared March 25, 1990 as the church in St. Thomas celebrated with Milton and Marjorie Kneeshaw their 50th wedding anniversary.

"A good number enjoyed the festivities of the day which included a lesson on Marriage, a delicious full course meal, reminiscing with the Kneeshaws, the opening of cards and gifts and a good time of fun and laughter.

"It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless them with many more years of happiness together."

A meeting is scheduled for May 12-13 with Cecil Cole of Winchester, Tennessee as the speaker.

Newmarket, ON: Keith and Marie Thompson vacationed in England, land of his birth, in early April. Local brethren covered most of his duties while he was away. Lori Keough was baptized into Christ on March 4.





by **Brian Cox**

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Estevan, SK: On March 17 Estevan's Western Christian College Alumni Association held a curling bonspiel in Bifenfait. On March 11 Dan Wieb of Weyburn was the speaker at both the morning and evening services. On March 25 the Western Christian College Chorus presented a program here at 1:30 p.m. On Saturday April 7 Estevan's Western Christian College Alumni had a Spring Fever Banquet; Dox, a male quartet from WCC presented a program. On April 8, Brian Cox of Wawota was the speaker at both morning and evening services.

Saskatoon, SK: On March 10, a Teacher's Appreciation Brunch was held to recognize all teachers, helpers and subs who taught classes from cradle roll to grade 9 during the past year. Our Spring Banquet took place on March 24 to honour our University and Kelsey graduates. Once a month, someone from this congregation will be going to North Battleford to speak and encourage the brethren there. We are glad to have our minister, Bob Parker, back in the pulpit after a month of recuperation following surgery.

Manson, MB: Over the past few months there have been some changes at Manson. Joe DeYoung, their minister, has moved to Williston, N. Dakota to work with the church there. Various men in the congregation have been doing the speaking. On Sunday, they meet only in the morning, except when they have a visiting speaker, at which time they have lunch together and an afternoon service. They now meet on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. for devotion; the last Wednesday of each month is reserved for recreation. While the number at Manson is getting smaller, those who do attend do so regularly. They are doing what they can to support missionary efforts and plan to begin to offer Bible Correspondence Courses later this year. They plan to have a Vacation Bible School this summer. They are centrally located and ask anyone passing by to visit them.

Carman, MB: On Tuesday, March

11, Wayne Turner of Winnipeg was the after-dinner speaker at a Teachers Banquet. On March 29 the chorus of WCC presented a program.

Winnipeg (Central), MB: Dan Wieb of Weyburn presented a workshop March 3-4 on getting the most out of our Bible studies. On March 30 the WCC chorus presented a program.

Regina, SK: On March 18 Ray McMillan, the minister here, was appointed an elder. On March 23, the WCC chorus presented a program.

Moose Jaw, SK: June 15-17 the congregation here is hosting a Mini Lecture Weekend. Proposed speakers include Dan Wieb, Bruce Tetreau, Albert Kleppe and Dwight Morris. They welcome any who wish to attend. On March 27 the WCC chorus presented a program.

Weyburn, SK: On March 17 a Seminar on Aging was held here with about half those attending being visitors. Those who attended indicated that the day was very worthwhile. On March 24 the WCC chorus presented a program.

Whitewood, SK: On March 28, the WCC chorus presented a program here in the Legion Hall. Those attending came from Wawota, Manson and the community, in all 92 were present. It was a very encouraging time.

Wawota, SK: A special collection was taken on April 1 to help with a Student Ministry Intern Program for the summer months. Approximately \$1,000 was raised at that time. It is our hope to operate this program for 8 - 10 weeks giving a student experience in various aspects of ministry within the local congregation.

Swift Current, SK: On March 23-25 Brian Cox of Wawota taught a series of lessons on the parables of Jesus.

Word Perfect

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tions can be moved from one to the other and back again if desired. For example, you might produce a detailed sermon text on one screen and transfer the main points to the second screen to produce an outline of the sermon without having to retype any of the work. The second outline could be reformatted and made into a transparency for the overhead.

Spelling Correction

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Thesaurus

The thesaurus will offer various words to use in place of words that you wish to change. As an example, the word "example" could be changed to "case", "illustration", "instance", "sample", "archetype", "model", "pattern", "prototype" or "standard". Again, the replacement of the word and text adjustment is automatic once it is selected.

Conclusion

These are only a few of Word Perfect's many features that have helped to make it the top selling word processor. The program comes with an excellent manual, tutorial guide, on disk learning program and free telephone support, if problems arise. There is a toll free number that is good in Canada (1-800-541-5096). The program is available with a US or UK dictionary and there is a French version as well as several other languages.

The program works best on a hard disk, but can be used from floppies. It requires nearly 400 K of RAM to load. It sells for from \$300 to \$400. At this point, I believe that Word Perfect is your best buy for a word processing program. Watch for version 5.1 now being tested. Version 5.1 will have a few new features including pop-down menus and mouse control. --Kentville, Nova Scotia

My Story of Cancer

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take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to revenge; I will repay,' says the Lord". --Tintern, Ontario



by Ed Bryant

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Edmonton, AB: "February saw the baptism of Keith and Tammy Carver into Jesus Christ. This makes five baptisms for 1990. We are looking forward to our Alberta Spring Fellowship on April 13-15. Leonard Gray and Frank Worgan will be our featured speakers." This year's fellowship is entitled "We Proclaim Him", and will focus on the church's responsibility to the lost around us.

Red Deer, AB: Kevin Vance sent the following report: "In March, the young adults hosted a Senior's Appreciation Dinner in honour of the senior members of our congregation. The young people provided all of the food, as well as rides for the seniors.

"Some of the ladies helped with the spring cleaning at the Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter in Red Deer, a good opportunity to serve our community.

"In the fall of 1989, the church in Camrose began a Bible study in Stettler that meets every two weeks. The churches in Alliance and Red Deer are assisting with this initiative. Stettler is a city of about 5,000, nestled in the middle of Camrose, Alliance and Red Deer. The study has begun meeting in the home of Glen and Rae Munden, who meet with the church in Camrose. Our hope was that a church would begin meeting there regularly. God certainly answers prayer. In March, Lance and Pam Penny and their family, formerly of Medicine Hat, moved to Stettler. This was a surprise, but definitely another step toward the realization of our dream of establishing a church in Stettler."

Calgary, AB: Youth leaders of the Calgary church held a Youth Rally March 24 and 25.

The elders and the evangelist have proposed that Sue Neufeld be considered by the congregation for the post of Women's Resource Minister -- a staff position in which she would be working directly with the women of the church and the problems that face them. She proposes to work from an office in the

church building, on a volunteer basis, being accountable to the oversight of the congregation.

The job commitment is to be subject to review annually by the Women's Resource Minister, the elders, and the congregation as a whole.

The Calgary bulletin, *Cross Ties*, announces an invitation to attend a special weekend seminar at the church in Red Deer, March 30-April 1. Jim Hawkins was to conduct the seminar on the theme "The Nature of the Church".

Kamloops, BC: A study is in progress with Kathy and Harold Horsman. The church is also seeking to help Harold with his employment situation. The firm he was employed by for 16 years was sold, and the new owners fired all the people who were approaching retirement age.

A young couple, recently married here, had said that they would start attending church services with this congregation.

Steve Crews reported becoming a member of two local clubs and meeting new friends in each. The Kamloops Fish and Wildlife Club is sponsoring the 1992 World Championship Fly Fishing Competition. Steve will try to work with the committee involved in this event.

Crews has also joined the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America).

In a newsletter from Bear Valley School of Biblical Studies, where Steve and his family prepared themselves for the mission field, is an item that reads: "Steve and Joyce Crews and family are settling into the work in Kamloops, British Columbia. Exciting plans are being developed. There are about 20-25 members in the body of Christ meeting there. Many contacts are being made and there is much involvement by the members.

A youth rally is scheduled for early spring. Steve plans to write a weekly column in the local paper and also have opportunity to do some teaching on the university campus. They are scheduling a special outreach this summer.

In August, a team will be there from "Campaign for Christ", for a door-to-door campaign. Groups will be coming from the Northwest, areas of British Columbia, and the Westside church in Bakersfield, CA (their sponsoring congregation).

"Their daughters, Stephani and Jennifer, are enjoying school and the extra-

curricular activities -- music and drama being some of their interests."

The return of Lela Hughes after a breakdown suffered because of conflict in her marriage was reported. She was restored through repentance and prayer, but is still being treated in hospital.

Coquitlam, BC: After two decades, the Beaming Christ to British Columbia Mission Forum, formerly held at the Oakridge church in Vancouver, is being discontinued. Instead, the church in Coquitlam is beginning this year the Good Friday Fellowship on April 13. It is planned for an all-day series of meetings, three of which will be just for teens. Two of them will be on the New Age movement by John Greenlee, and the other is to be a "rap" session on "What's Happening" with teens in B.C.

Delta, BC: John and Brenda Coghlin were baptized into Christ. The Delta Family News greeted them, "Welcome, John and Brenda, to God's Forever Family"!

Jay Don Rogers, of this congregation, will share speaking duties at the Good Friday Fellowship in Coquitlam in April with Sam Tumlinson and John Greenlee.

Tacoma, WA (Southside): Plans are being made to host the Columbia Christian College Choir on their spring tour in May.

Tina Sankwich, Dexter Hutton and Kyle Hutton have made the good confession and put on Christ in baptism. Willie B. Spivey made known his desire to work and worship with the Southside brethren.

Used eyeglasses are being collected here on behalf of a group in Africa who are trying to furnish glasses for those who need them, but cannot afford to buy them.

Self-Esteem

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Conclusion

"I believe," cried the father who appealed to Jesus to help his son, "help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). If we can learn to think of ourselves according to the measure of faith which God has assigned, we can grasp His gracious gifts of belonging, worth and competence. Our flagging self-esteem can rise. We can be aglow with the spirit (Rom. 12:11). And we can contribute to the self-esteem of those around us. May God be praised!

--London, Ontario

BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to
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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald.)



Your Child and the New Age by Berit Kjos, Scripture Press Publications, Whitby, ON. 180 pages, \$8.95 (Cdn.)

Berit Kjos, a registered nurse, was first exposed to New Age thought through holistic medicine. Now she sounds a warning concerning the infiltration of this philosophy into many areas affecting children. She sees its influence in television, movies, music, children's books and toys, and most troubling in the classroom.

Her research deals especially with what is happening in the United States. But as is so often the case, Canadians are influenced by what happens south of the border. This book gives helpful suggestions on what parents can do to counteract New Age influences.

The Cruciform Church, Becoming a Cross-Shaped People in a Secular World by C. Leonard Allen, ACU Press, Abilene, Texas, 191 pages. Paper \$11.95, cloth \$17.95 (US prices).

Lynn Anderson, our Canadian brother who preaches for the Highland church in Abilene, Texas, says of this book: "Those who found *The Worldly Church* provocative and meaningful will want to run, not walk, to the nearest copy of *The Cruciform Church*. Here, Leonard Allen further nuances questions left dangling in *The Worldly Church*. He addresses the larger issues surrounding Churches of Christ at this delicate time of uncertain identity and confused agenda -- a time when many feel that our whole future may be up for grabs. The book is scholarly but carries compelling devotional impact. Its message and mood hit this God-hungry pilgrim right on the numbers."

We agree with Lynn Anderson that this book demands reading. Some will not want to read it because it reveals shortcomings in our movement. It shows where we have made incorrect emphases. It even criticizes Alexander Campbell and N. B. Hardeman! But we can be thankful for our predecessors and not enshrine them as apostles.

We could write many pages in review of this book but it would be better for all members of the church to read it. Yes, "run, not walk" to get this book!

Bible Study Textbook Commentaries. College Press Publishing Company, Joplin, MO. Various prices. Reviewed by Don Whitfield, Bayview Avenue Church of Christ, Toronto, Ontario.

Of all the commentaries I've used, I find this set to be the most helpful! All volumes provide a storehouse of information to the Bible class teacher, preacher and student alike.

They each contain valuable introduction material for the book being studied,

maps and drawings, verse by verse commentary with paraphrasing, and discussion questions, as well as special in-depth study sections and sermon outlines in some cases. Each volume is written by a different well-respected scholar and serves not only as a commentary, but a workbook and teaching manual.

Other preachers have recommended this series to me and I, therefore, gratefully suggest you look into getting this set of commentaries, if not for yourself, for your local congregation's library.

This set of commentaries, as well as others, is available for ordering from the Gospel Herald Bookstore and may be purchased as a set or in a book club arrangement at one per month at a 20% discount.

Come With Us to Bethany. . .

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June 4-7

This Restoration Study Tour will include --

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 - ✓ travel through Ohio's Amish Country
 - ✓ the fellowship of a holiday together with believers
- Tour Cost: \$140 cdn. (from Beamsville) plus 6 restaurant meals.

For more information contact:

David McMillan

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Dean of Student Life Required

Western Christian College is accepting applications for the position of Dean of Student Life commencing August 1, 1990.

The Dean of Student Life will:

- be responsible for students during out-of-class hours
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- give direction to the Dormitory Directors
- maintain a regular schedule of social activities for the students
- chair the Student Life Committee

This is a fulltime position and carries a good package of salary benefits. Closing date for applications: May 31, 1990.

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**WORTHY OF PRAISE:
A Tribute to Annie
Laurie (Hotchkiss) Bailey**

Her children rise up, and call her blessed. A woman who fears the Lord is worthy of praise (Proverbs 31:28, 30).

Honoured and respected by all who knew her, Annie Laurie Bailey was indeed a woman worthy of praise. As a grandson, my life was enriched and continues to be blessed by her godly influence. Fashioned by the hand of God, His beauty radiated from her life blessing the lives of everyone around her. On March 9, 1990, in her eighty-fourth year, "Gramma" Bailey passed from this life into the glory of the next. Now in the presence of the Almighty, she is doing what she did so faithfully here. . . Serving.

Born on July 3, 1906, Annie Laurie Hotchkiss was the second oldest child in a family of eight children. Her mother died when she was at the tender age of ten. The family stayed together, and she took on the responsibilities of the mother. She was the only mother the younger children ever knew. She became wise beyond her years, and her guidance was respected and accepted by the other children. Her ability to cook, sew, and tend to the needs of others was admired and appreciated by many throughout her life. Truly, she had the heart and hands of a servant.

Nelson Bailey married Annie Hotchkiss in September of 1928. She raised seven of her own children and lost another as a baby to leukemia. She was devoted to her husband, her children, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren. Sweetness, kindness, patience and dignity graced her life. True motherhood was demonstrated in Gramma's life. Children thrived in her presence. She had the

innate ability to calm, comfort and nurture. Gramma brought the best out of people. When others saw a mean, bad tempered little boy, she saw a child who needed love and guidance so that he could become what he ought to be. For that, and more, this grandson is deeply grateful. The inspired apostle, Paul, described her well, "Faithful to her husband, and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds" (1 Timothy 5:9, 10).

In her humble way, Gramma would say that she was not very educated, but her knowledge and her wisdom was evident in her counsel. She always read, and her word power was easily seen when she played Scrabble or did crossword puzzles. Gramma's education was received in the school of life and at the feet of the master teacher, Jesus Christ. She had the mind of Christ. She learned what many have yet to learn -- how to live and how to die for the glory of God.

Gramma knew pain, sorrow, and hard work yet she never became bitter, she never complained. She also knew joy and love and laughter. She lived a full life and was ready to go to be with her Lord. Her serene gentle spirit was strength to us. Her warm smile brightened our lives.

This old world is a better place because of Annie Bailey. Though we miss her, this Christian woman is blessed and now at rest. Though she is no longer with us, her godly influence continues to radiate out touching the lives of many. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them (Revelation 14:13).

--Dean Wright

N.E. England Effort

Washington, Tyne & Wear, England:

The new church planting, from Broadway church in Lubbock, Texas, is now becoming established in the Northeast of England.

The most recent event has been a film presented in March on "Jesus". This was done by the "Genesis Project", and was very true to the Gospel of Luke.

A total of 115 visitors attended three weekend showings. An incredible 82 signed the guestbook. Previously, 20,000 leaflets had been delivered, covering almost every household in Washington New Town. Visitors were also present from the biggest cities of the metropolitan area: Newcastle Upon Tyne, Gateshead, Durham and Sunderland. The Washington church was assisted in leaflet distribution by five British Bible School students from Corby.

Currently, Washington members have three personal studies in progress. All three are encouraging.

Twenty visitors were present at a recent Valentines party. Other pre-evangelistic activities have included craft class, volleyball, an indoor games night and many other personally arranged activities. A weekly Friendship Bible Discussion is also benefitting from the presence of visitors.

At least one major activity is planned for each month in 1990.

The Washington church includes two British families, two American families and the Al Meakes family from Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada.

The Meakes family wishes to thank numerous Canadians who helped pay for their travel to Britain.

--Al Meakes

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Church of Christ is seeking an evangelist to work full-time. A family man is preferred.

Send resume to:
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A teacher is needed for the 1990-91 school year, with duties to begin on August 29, 1990. Salary per scale.

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19th Annual Northern June Meeting

The Supremacy of Christ

Ice Lake Church of Christ
Sunday June 18, 1990
10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Speakers:

Murray Smith
Max Craddock

Beverages provided.

Friends & Former Members are Invited to . . .

50th Anniversary Homecoming Celebrations

at the Pinehill Church of Christ

Time: Sunday, May 20, 1990
Place: 132 Cunningham Road,
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
Theme: "We Are Pressing on to Higher Ground"
Program: 10:00 Bible Study - David Lock
11:00 Worship - Jim Casey
2:00 Kelly Seabrook
3:00 Lloyd Hotchkiss
4:00 Closing

There will be no evening service.

Phone: (705) 949-4988

1990 June Meeting

June 3, 1990

Mayfield School, North of Bramalea

“Serving God from the Heart” -- Col. 3:1-4

Activities for the Day

10:00 - 10:45 “Giving God Our Heart” Everett Ferguson
11:00 - 12:30 “Setting Our Hearts on Things Above” Walter Hart

The Lord's Supper will be observed during this time.

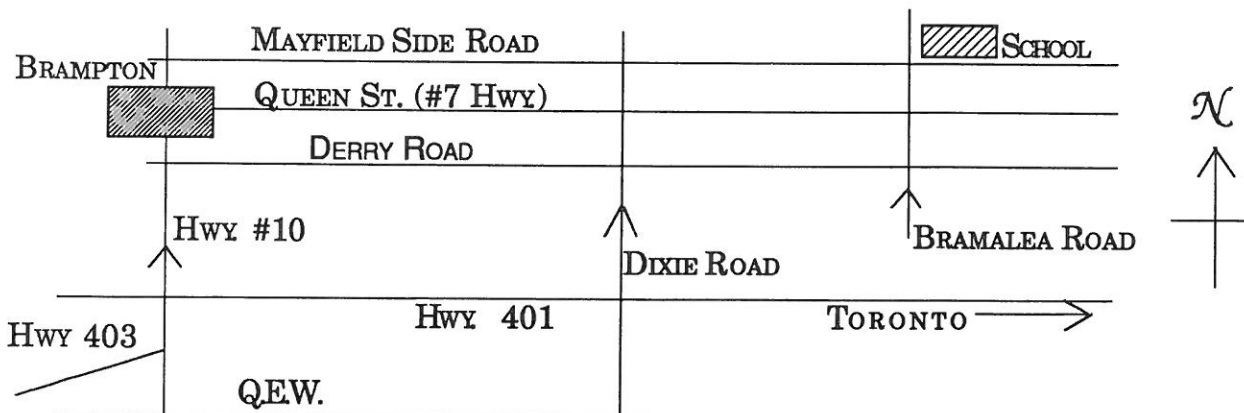
12:30 - 2:30 Lunch and Fellowship
2:30 - 3:00 Hymn Sing
3:00 - 4:00 “The Servant's Heart” Don Smith

Come and be with us as we honour God with our worship and encourage one another by our fellowship.

We have left plenty of time for lunch and visiting; so, pack a lunch and join us in the cafeteria or visit any of our many eating places in Bramalea.

If you have displays that you wish to set up, bring them along.

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Eastern Canada Lectures '90

May 25-27

"Becoming All I Can Be For Christ"

Speakers

Bayardo Cortes, Ottawa	Michel Mazzalongo, Montreal
Max Craddock, Toronto	Roy Merritt, Kingston
Dick Forsyth, Toronto	S.F. Timmerman, Beamsville
Keith Thompson, Newmarket	Earl Weldon, Ottawa
Don Whitfield, Toronto	

Schedule of Events

Friday:

8:00 p.m.	"Becoming All I Can Be as a Believer"	Earl Weldon
9:00 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Fellowship	

Saturday:

10:00 a.m.	"Does it Matter What I Believe About the One God?"	Roy Merritt
11:00 a.m.	"Does it Matter What I Believe About Jesus Christ, as the Son of God?"	Keith Thompson
12:00 - 2:00	Lunch	
2:00 p.m.	"Does It Matter What I Believe About the Holy Spirit?"	S. F. Timmerman
3:00 p.m.	"Does It Matter What I Believe About the Resurrection of Christ?"	Michel Mazzalongo
4:00 - 4:15	Break	
4:15 p.m.	"Does It Matter What I Believe About the Forgiveness of Sins?"	Bayardo Cortes
5:00 - 7:00	Dinner	
7:00 p.m.	"Singspiration"	
8:00 p.m.	"Does It Matter What I Believe About the Bible?"	Don Whitfield

Sunday:

10:00 a.m.	"Does It Matter What I Believe About Prayer?"	Dick Forsyth
11:00 a.m.	"Becoming What I Believe Will Make a Change in My Life"	Max Craddock
12:00 noon	Potluck Dinner	
6:00 p.m.	P.M. Worship Services	Earl Weldon

Attended nursery at all services. Accommodations available on a limited basis in homes of members. Call to make reservations in advance (613) 733-2580. Tapes will be available of all lectures.

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A warm welcome awaits you here in Ottawa!!! Looking forward to seeing you in May. Mark your calendar now and plan to be a part of this spiritual feast.