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*Rick and Carol Pinczuk with Natasha and Eleah.*

The Pinczuk family will leave in mid-July to spend three months visiting, scouting and assessing the situation in Rick's native land and in Russia. He wants to determine how soon it will be permissible and practical to move towards planting New Testament churches there.

The family will economize and at the same time gain better exposure to the people by traveling by camper. They will evaluate the economic, social and political situation. Stephen Bilak, who has been broadcasting the gospel into this area from Switzerland for many years, will join them for part of the trip. They will also use the opportunity to consult with Mike Ellis and other workers.

Canadian brethren have really encouraged him in supporting this endeavour to use the wonderful opportunities afforded by the dramatic political and cultural changes in Eastern Europe.

The family will return in the Fall in time to continue the Slavic Evangelism Training Program in Grimsby. Rick is also regularly active in preaching for the Niagara Falls, Ontario church.

# The Growth of Ontario Churches, II

by Geoffrey H. Ellis

An earlier article (*Gospel Herald*, June 1990) detailed the growth of Churches of Christ in Ontario during the nine decades of this century. A moderate four-fold growth, with churches generally plateaued during the '80s, was depicted. An important question regarding the growth experience needs to be asked: What is the receptivity level of the target population?

A random sample<sup>1</sup> of members of Churches of Christ was asked, "How receptive are the people in your area to the church?" The response was as follows: "very receptive", 17.5%; "little interest", 67.5%; "highly resistant", 12.5%; unanswered, 2.5%. It is not an uncommon experience, when Canadian brethren decry "a hard field", to have their commitment questioned. However, in Ontario in particular, or in Canada in general, there is evidence to sustain the view that it is a hard field; the four out of five members who viewed the field as resistant accurately reflect the reality. The religious profile of Canadians includes (1) a growing indifference to church involvement; (2) a strong resistance to changing church preference; and (3) a minimal interest in the conservative evangelical brand of Christianity.

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Concerning church membership in Canada, while an increase in mainline church membership totals continued until 1971, the rate of growth peaked in the '60s, while the proportion of church members to the Canadian population according to "preference" expressed in census enumerations declined with every census since 1941. During the pe-

riod of alleged "peak expansion" from the mid-'50s to the early '60s, "no group increased their proportional share of the national population."<sup>2</sup> Decline in the size of the mainline churches in proportion to the Canadian population is then noted for the decade following 1971: Presbyterian, -7%; Lutheran, -2%; United Church of Canada, -1%.<sup>3</sup> Between 1981 and 1986, the mainline churches decreased their share of the population a further 3%.<sup>4</sup>

Church attendance drop-off is another indicator of growing indifference to church involvement. The beginning of this decline was in the '60s, although not necessarily noticed: 61% of Canadians were attending church regularly in 1956; this had dropped to 39% in 1974.<sup>5</sup> Over a longer span, an average of two of three Canadians attended church in 1946; by 1986 those numbers had reversed to one in three.<sup>6</sup> The Roman Catholic decline in attendance came later, but it also was substantial: from 80% in 1945 to 40% in the mid-'80s.<sup>7</sup>

While involvement in the life of the churches was dropping off markedly in the latter third of this century, identification with the traditional church affiliation of one's family remained remarkably strong. Reginald Bibby describes the condition in Canada as "religious encasement".<sup>8</sup> Eight out of ten Canadians identified a census "preference" for mainline churches, a ratio that has remained, with slight erosion, throughout the century: "Canadians are not abandoning their historical denominational groups. . . In the midst of the attendance bedlam, changes of affiliation have been relatively minor. . . almost 90% of Canadians retain their religious ties. . . only 1% affiliate with a different religious tradition".<sup>9</sup>

Churches of Christ can be grouped generally with the conservative evangelical churches of Canada. These churches have never registered more than 8% of the population in this century, are presently at 7%, and could possibly shrink to 4% by the end of the century. Where there is a

general perception that the evangelical churches are growing by leaps and bounds in Canada, in fact they are not attracting numbers from the mainline churches; nor are they winning members from the growing number of "no religion" preference people. Bibby's research indicates that where successes are registered in the growth of these churches, they are actually a recycling of the "saints", i.e. evangelical believers.<sup>9</sup> Bibby identified that evangelical churches in Calgary in the '70s recruited 1.9 outsiders per church per year. In contrast, the sample of Ontario Churches of Christ reported 2.42 baptisms per church per year from non-church family sources (these are not refined as to whether they are from other evangelical, mainline, or no-previous-church sources). Bibby's conclusion is pertinent: "Outreach is tough in this country. Ironically, however, the seemingly dismal annual average of 1.9 outsiders may represent a feat of sorts."<sup>10</sup> In the light of all the above, the growth of Churches of Christ in Ontario in this century represents a "feat of sorts".

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<sup>1</sup>A random sample of 40 members of churches of Christ in Ontario (1.29% of the total) was questioned in a telephone interview in January, 1990.

<sup>2</sup>Reginald W. Bibby, *Fragmented Gods* (Toronto: Irwin Publishers, 1987), p. 14.

<sup>3</sup>*Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, 1988*, p. 267.

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup>Bibby, "Canadian Commitment: A Preview," *Yearbook of American Churches, 1978* (Nashville: Abingdon Press), p. 246.

<sup>6</sup>Bibby, *Fragmented Gods*, p. 11.

<sup>7</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 16.

<sup>8</sup>Bibby, "Religious Encasement in Canada: An Argument for Protestant and Catholic Entrenchment," *Social Compass: International Review of Sociology in Religion* 32 (2-3 1985): 287-303.

<sup>9</sup>Bibby, *Fragmented Gods*, pp. 48, 49.

<sup>10</sup>*Ibid.*, pp. 30-31. --*Waterloo, Ontario*

# “One Whale of a Lesson”

by Kevin Vance

The story of Jonah is most often associated with the account of Jonah being swallowed by a great fish and coughed up three days later. However, Jonah's story has much more to say about the nature of God than it does the prophet's adventures at sea. This message about God is vital for the church today.

The book of Jonah is unique among the Minor Prophets in that it is largely narrative. The message of the book lies not in his sermon, which is only eight words long (Jonah 3:4), but in the details of the narrative. Attention to these details and an understanding of the history surrounding Jonah's time provide the key that unlocks the message of the book.

Jonah ministered in the first half of the eighth century (c. 800-750 B.C.), during the reign of Jereboam II (793-753 B.C.). Jereboam's reign brought great peace and prosperity to Israel. It was also a period of expansion, when Israel's borders were extended further than they had been since the days of Solomon (2 Kings 14:25).

However, over this period of affluence and optimism loomed a menacing shadow from the northeast: Assyria. The Assyrian Empire had grown to be the size of Modern Europe and was looking in Israel's direction to grow even larger. Nineveh, its last capital, was the economic, political and cultural centre of the empire.

Most notable about the Assyrians was their brutal and bloodthirsty character. When deporting captives, they led them away with hooks through their noses (see 2 Kings 19:28; Amos 4:2). They piled up the heads of defeated soldiers and boasted in the size of these "pyramids". Uprisings were at times put down by cutting off the legs of the enemy officers and skinning them alive. Assyria was well-renowned for her cruelties.

It was to Nineveh, the capital city of this nation, that Jonah was called to preach. Rather than obeying God, Jonah fled in the opposite direction by taking a ship to Tarshish (Jonah 1:1-3). Why didn't he go to Nineveh? Because he was

lazy, or simply rebelling against God?

The reason he didn't obey was that he hated the Assyrians! They were the one dark cloud overshadowing the bright period under Jereboam. Jonah knew that God was going to use them to discipline Israel. [His contemporaries, Amos and Hosea, had already proclaimed this. (See Amos 5:27 and Hosea 9:3)] Nineveh was the most despised enemy, and Jonah found the thought of preaching to them repulsive.

Despite Jonah's attempt to run, God brought him to his knees through a raging storm on the sea and a fish that saved him from death. God had graciously saved Jonah rather than punishing him. Jonah's prayer of thanksgiving indicates his gratitude to God for sparing his life (ch. 2). He concluded his prayer with the confession, "Salvation comes from the LORD" (2:9).

Upon his second call Jonah obeyed, although grudgingly. He entered Nineveh and began preaching. Amazingly, the Ninevites believed God and repented. The king even made it a royal policy that all were to fast and call urgently on God! God, in his compassion, spared the city from the destruction he had planned (ch. 3).

This was precisely what Jonah had feared! He loathed the Assyrians so much that he would rather be dead than see God spare them. His prejudice ran deep.

Then God began to show him how short-sighted his hatred was. God provided a vine that grew up in one day and gave Jonah shade. The next day it withered. Again, Jonah was so angry that he wanted to die. With God having the last word, he challenged Jonah. If Jonah could be so concerned about the vine, how much more should God be concerned for the 120,000 Ninevites?!

This left Jonah hanging. He wanted to answer that God should not be concerned for Nineveh, nor any other heathen Gentile city. However, God's answer was much different. God's love was for outsiders, too!

This answer confronted not only Jonah, but Israel as well. Both Jonah and Israel had missionary myopia. They believed that God's love was exclusively for his chosen people, for "insiders" (Jonah and Israel). It was a rude awakening to see that God dealt graciously with Nineveh just as he had graciously delivered his disobedient prophet. God's compassion was not just for insiders, it was for "outsiders" (Assyria and all nations) as well.

The message of the book is equally vital today. It enlightens insiders that God's love is for outsiders, too. It confronts us with any prejudice or hatred we may have towards our enemies. As insiders we cannot be short-sighted about whom God's compassion reaches. We must affirm and practice that God's love is for every person, no matter how wicked, cruel or brutal. This includes Neo-Nazi skinheads, Boat People, the poor, natives, or anyone else we may hate or who may live on the "wrong side of the tracks".

But the message goes further. How often are we grateful for God's grace in our own lives, and yet reluctant to see that same mercy extended to others? This should not be. But when we dig up dirty laundry in the church (and what church does not have it?), it is often festering wounds from years ago. Hurt and harm was done, and often attempts were made to make amends. But one party, or perhaps both, refuses to forgive and extend God's mercy. The book of Jonah teaches that we cannot freely receive God's love and be selective in passing it on. Jesus taught this same truth in Matt. 6:14-15. Paul wrote, "Accept one another then, just as Christ accepted you" (Rom. 15:7).

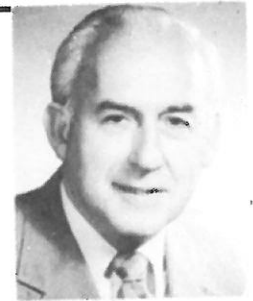
God's people, to truly be his, cannot be myopic about his love. God extends his grace both to outsiders and to our brothers and sisters who may have wronged us, and we must reflect this.

--Red Deer, Alberta

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# How Distinct A Society

by Roy D. Merritt



Last night ten Provincial Premiers and the Prime Minister of our country agreed on a document which would allow Quebec to unite with the other nine provinces under the Canadian Constitution. Quebec has insisted upon a clause that recognizes it as a "distinct society". No one seems to understand how distinct and how different this one province wants to be. At the very heart of the matter is the question of whether or not there can ever be unity in our country if one large part insists on special status in some major areas.

Unity is a beautiful word. It is distinct from mere tolerance. Two people could live together as husband and wife by merely tolerating each other's presence in the same house. What a travesty of marriage that would be!

Many people today live in some sort of association, a "relationship" where either party can walk out at any time. In such a relationship of convenience without commitment, there can be little trust. True love and a resulting unity thrive where there is unselfish commitment.

Obviously there can be various forms of organic union without unity. The bonding together of two people in marriage by law does not necessarily bring unity into the union. Incompatibility is not cured by the words of a preacher or the signing of a certificate. As long as selfishness prevails or radical differences of expectations intrude, the delicate fabric of real unity is ruptured.

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Some would seek religious unity by entering into some type of association with those who have many things in common with them, but who have a different understanding of Scriptural authority. The concept of unity in diversity has both some truth and some attraction. Certainly **absolute** sameness in doctrine and practice is not a prerequisite to unity. Brethren have always had their areas of disagreement. Most of these will be found to be matters of opinion. The crunch comes when we begin to label items of Biblical faith as opinion or to categorize certain of our personal opinions as matters of faith. There is a tendency among some brethren to speak of certain unscriptural practices such as the use of mechanical music in worship as matters of opinion or of

tradition. This is a surrender to a view which denominational leaders have used for years to innovate or substitute practices where they found no Scriptural authority for doing so.

Many of our religious neighbours are sincere and zealous in their faith. There are thousands who believe in the same God, who trust in the Lordship of Christ and who respect the authority of Scripture as they understand it. Are we arrogant or self-righteous in our claim to be different? How different or distinct must we remain as a matter of principle?

We are not different or distinct because we love our religious neighbours less than we should. We remain apart from many sincere people because we love God too much to compromise basic principles of our faith. Unity without principle is unity without purpose.

In a religious environment where humanism and tradition are the guiding principles for the majority, we humbly assert that we have a distinctive claim. There is a deep respect for both the **voice** of Scripture and the **silence** of Scripture. We call for men of good will everywhere to remove walls of divisive tradition and to find a "thus saith the Lord" for all that they believe and practice. As they share with us the only source of religious truth available to men today, our heart's desire is for true unity among those who love the Lord. To whatever degree it is achieved, it must be based on truth. Error divides; truth unites. Love seeks unity to the degree that truth will allow.

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## Building My Self-Esteem!

by Ron Pauls

There is a faith factor involved in self-esteem. The Word of God urges each person to think about himself in accordance with "the measure of faith God has assigned him" (Romans 12:3). Faith is built upon "what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). The more we come to understand Christ and what He taught, the more possible it becomes for us to have the understanding that is necessary to bolster a sagging self-esteem.

### Jesus Is Our Example

One mark of a healthy self-esteem is one's willingness to serve without strings attached. Jesus is our example in this. In the incident recorded in John 13 he knew the cross was imminent. Most of us would have simply resigned from life and faced the inevitable. Jesus did not. "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (John 13:6). And loving them, he "rose from supper, laid aside this garments, and girded himself with a towel" (13:4). While the others were still ruminating about who was the greatest, He who is the greatest went about the humble servant-task they shunned. They feared that someone would think they actually were just servants. He served!

Notice that Jesus knew some things about himself that set Him free to serve. He knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father" (13:1). He knew "that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God" (13:3). In the midst of all the circumstances that might have excused lesser men, He served. He had a sense of self that made it unnecessary to pause. Who He was came through loud and clear whatever the circumstances. And

He said, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (13:17).

### We Need To Learn

We are convinced that much good goes undone in this world for lack of self-esteem. We are equally convinced that we must learn to have a sense of self-esteem that is consistent with the Life to which He has called us. There are some things we can do to improve our self-esteem.

**1. Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.** Being baptized into union with Christ is a beginning but only a beginning. The Christian life is often called a "walk". We need to learn to walk through each day with Christ. Adam and Eve walked, and we assume talked, with God in the cool of the evening. We should strive to maintain a consciousness of His presence with us throughout each day. We should learn to think His thoughts. We should walk as He would walk.

**2. Renew your mind by reading Scripture every day.** Don't read it out of duty to discover duty. Read it as you would read a letter from a dear friend. Then let its Words challenge your thinking. Let it give you new insights and clearer perspectives. Let it sink down into your heart and take root there (James 1:21b). Let it grow up into a renewed lifestyle with new priorities (Rom. 12:2). Let it instruct you to truly value every human being including yourself (2 Cor. 5:16). Let it tell you about forgiveness for your shortcomings, balm for your hurts and acceptance when you fail. Let it change you into the image of Jesus (Rom. 8:29).

**3. Don't let guilty feelings defeat you.** True guilt has been atoned for once and for all (Heb. 10:26-28). Accept His

forgiveness through confession, repentance and prayer (James 5:16; Acts 8:22). False guilt must be denied. "Take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5b). Don't let them run rampant to destroy you!

**4. Be open and honest with yourself, others and your Father as you talk to Him in prayer each day.** "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free," Jesus promised (John 8:32). But you have to "continue in my word", He explained. In other words, it's not how much truth you know but how much you use that will set you free from inadequate concepts. Accept His truth. Then accept the truth about yourself. It's O.K.! Acceptance is one of the keys to growth. Denial leaves one imprisoned in doubt and fear.

**5. Contribute to someone else's sense of self-esteem.** Nothing can build your sense of worth like building another person up. Listen to them. Don't just hear their words. Listen to them! Sense their hurt. Feel their loneliness. Don't try to provide instant solutions. Just be there for them. Encourage them. Let them know it's alright to be less than perfect. Show them love. Accept them no matter what. Be their friend.

**6. Develop several close friendships.** You'll have to come outside your shell. You'll have to risk rejection. But friends are worth it. Students of human relationships tell us we need several friends in each of several areas of our lives: work, play, church, neighborhood, etc. Most do not have one person to call friend. Many settle for calling their acquaintances friends. Friends reflect value back to us. We need friends to give us a sense of belonging.

**7. Read good resources to help you overcome negative tendencies.** Worry, judgmental attitudes, prejudices, pent-up anger, etc. can eat one alive. Depression, loneliness and stress can leave one among the walking dead. There are many good resources available today that can help you tackle any of these pitfalls. Find them. Read them. Eliminate destructive tendencies from your lifestyle.

**8. Sometimes, if your self-image has been badly damaged by childhood experiences, it will be necessary to seek**

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## Bible Characters Quiz

by J. E. Pennington

Check the name which most nearly fits these circumstances:

1. This person is an example of thoughtfulness for the spiritual needs of others. While still a young person, this one was sent to check into the spiritual condition of a congregation and report again to an apostle. The commendation given to this person reads: "I have nobody else with a genuine interest in your well-being".

Phoebe (Romans 16:1-2)

Jonathan (I Samuel 18:4)

Timothy (Philippians 2:19-21)

2. While this person wished to serve others in a leadership capacity, he was refused by his own people. In some ways he could be called an outcast. However, as time went on, God was determined that this person, who was refused by his people once, should eventually be their leader. God sent this man back to them as their deliverer.

Joseph (Genesis 50:19-21)

Moses (Acts 7:22-36)

Ishmael (Genesis 21:10, 14)

3. This woman is recorded in the New Testament as being very devoted to Jesus. Once when she was in very serious condition, Jesus helped her, and she never forgot it. When the Lord was crucified, she was at the scene. This woman was the first at the tomb and the first to see the risen Jesus.

Woman of Samaria (John 4:16-18)

Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-2; John 20:1-18)

Phoebe (Romans 16:1-2)

4. This young person of the Bible did not live to be an old man. In fact, this person is an example of all young people who live by an ideal and suffer for it. A person very close to him hated him and because of anger caused him to suffer. We today honour this young person for his

convictions. His story is known by nearly all children who attend Bible classes. He is an example of faithful worship.

Jonathan (I Samuel 18:4)

Joseph (Genesis 50:19-21)

Abel (Hebrews 11:4)

5. This person was like any other person in his youth. One day a call came and this person determined to follow Jesus. In the company of the 12 disciples, this person was chosen to be a "servant" of the group's money. Evidently, this person was covetous and often stole some of that money for himself. In life, he was a hypocrite and in death he was a shame.

Ishmael (Genesis 21:1-14)

Judas (John 12:5, 6)

John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-12)

Match these persons with some clue that would identify them:

Saul

Peter

Ishmael

Timothy

Phoebe

Joseph

Zacchaeus

Cain

David

Abel

Jonathan

Mary Magdalene

Israel's first crown prince

"he being dead yet speaketh"

A Chief Collector of Taxes

His father was a Greek

Before the cock crows twice. . .

"from whom seven demons had gone out"

Cast out because of mockery

A man after God's own heart

a servant of the church at Cenchrea

a victim of jealousy

first to see the risen Lord

"I restore it four-fold"

A man of violence

Went with Paul on Second Mission Tour

--N. Weyburn, Saskatchewan

## Self-Esteem

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counselling from a competent counsellor with Christian perspectives. Sometimes we need help to re-train our thinking habits. We should not hesitate to seek help. Reject the false notion that seeking help is a sign of weakness. We were made to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2). We don't hesitate to find help with mechanical, electrical or plumbing problems if we have no expertise in those fields. We seek medical help as needed. Why not seek counsel and guidance in matters that affect our spiritual well-being? We owe it to ourselves. We owe it to our loved ones. We owe it to our Lord.

### Conclusion

For want of adequate self-esteem, this world is lacking many a good deed, many an encouraging word, many a helping hand. Many lives are not offered up as living sacrifices because of false evaluations of the worth of the offering. Jesus died to set us free! Let us appropriate to our lives that which will make us truly free. Free to be! Free to serve! Free to die! So that we can live! Truly LIVE!

--London, Ontario

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# “Except a Man Be Born Again He Cannot See the Kingdom of God.”

by Ed Bryant

Following the infamous Watergate scandal, the term, “born again Christian” began to be heard in the land again. Not since the days when Billy Sunday “hit the sawdust trail” had so many public figures made admissions of conversion to the status of “born again”.

The term is, of course, scriptural, for Jesus told Nicodemus “except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). But does the mere claim to be born again make it so? What does it mean? How does one get it or go about it? Is it the same for everybody?

We must first recognize that Jesus is the “author of our salvation, and as such, He alone can set the terms of admission into His body. What He has to say on the subject is the final word, and is binding on everyone, regardless of what men might devise.

Well, then, what **did** He say? To the question of Nicodemus, who asked, “Can a man be born again when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus replied that Nicodemus had not understood that the rebirth was not a physical matter, but a spiritual one. “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (v. 6). “Except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”.

But what does “born of water” mean?

In His Great Commission, Jesus told His disciples to preach His gospel to every creature in the whole world, and to “baptize them” in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Baptism requires water, as shown by the fact that John was baptizing where there was “much water”. Noting that Noah and his family -- eight souls -- were saved by water, Peter adds, “the like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us”. Can anyone doubt that being “born of water” means being baptized in accordance with the orders of Jesus? Can everyone who says he is born

again also say that he has been baptized? It hardly seems likely, in view of the fact that many groups do not believe in or practice baptism for the remission of sins. So a lot of people who claim a re-birth may not have been baptized at all, without which there can be no re-birth.

How will anyone be able to answer the question asked by Jesus, “Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” Our very worship is vain if we teach for doctrine the commandments of men.

Being born of the Spirit is not hard to identify. We are baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost”. Peter says we have been **begotten again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God. The Holy Spirit is the Administrator of the word, as shown by the news that He was to guide the apostles “into all truth”. He was active in bringing to their remembrance the things which Jesus had taught them.

When a person is “born of water and of the Spirit” he is given the Holy Spirit of God to dwell within him, to help his infirmities in daily living and in prayer. We “know not how to pray as we ought”, so He helps us, making intercession for us “with groanings which cannot be uttered”. Through the word of God, He helps us to know how to live our lives acceptably in the sight of God.

Contrary to the opinions of many, which are not supported by Scripture, He does not endow us with a miraculous measure of His power, to enable us to do miracles of healing or speaking in tongues, which seem to be the hallmarks of those who mistakenly believe these miraculous gifts are for all Christians today. It is significant that none who so believe have made any claim to be able to raise the dead or walk on water.


The so-called “faith healers” deliberately or ignorantly ignore that when people were healed in New Testament times, having faith was not a requirement

on their part. It must be obvious that Lazarus was not asked about his faith before Jesus called him forth from the tomb; nor were statements of faith called for from the man who was born blind, or the man who was lame from his birth, or the woman with a 12-year-old issue of blood, or the lad who fell asleep and dropped to his death from an upper window while Paul preached. The “faith healers” cover their failures with “You just didn’t have enough faith!” This is reminiscent of the old chestnut about doctors “burying their mistakes”.

Let us admit that they have been able to bring off some pretty astonishing stunts. How they do it we don’t know, except that some illnesses result from a frame of mind, and once the mood is changed, the illness seems to disappear. But, of course, Simon the Sorcerer was also able to convince the people of Samaria that he was some great one by some of the real cute things he did. To their credit, the people of Samaria recognized the “real thing” when they saw the things that Philip was able to do through the power of God. They dropped Simon like a hot rock and believed Philip.

Many “faith healers” in the past have been exposed for the frauds they were. Many others got by scot-free, and some of these are still able to spellbind the gullible. This is not too strange when you realize that a person suffering from some debilitating and long-term illness is often desperate to try anything that might give hope of relief. There has to be a special torment reserved for these “fake healers”.

Of the same ilk are those who seek to make conversion into a sugar-coated pill that goes down easily. That is why so many have written, printed or broadcast such appeals as “Just kneel down by your radio, right where you are, and let the Lord Jesus come into your heart”. Jesus did not say anything like that. In fact, we seem very slow in learning that

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## Prairie Profile

by Ray McMillan

Yesterday an inquirer asked me, "Is the Church of Christ big in Canada?" Number-wise and comparison-wise, I guess that is simply answered in the negative. However, even though numerical growth may not be obvious as we might wish, it does not follow that the Church of Christ has been static in recent decades. Sometimes those of us with a few decades of memory are tempted to reflect, even glowingly, on the "good old days". For some that even includes the "dirty thirties"!

Today I am part of the same church-family that I was 30 years ago! It has the same address but it is far from the same in many other aspects. Would I turn back the calendar? Not for a day. My assessment is that God has blessed us with a splendid heritage of prairie fellowship whose quality today is progressively "attaining the full measure of perfection found in Christ". It is exciting to have a part in this heritage and to be alive at this point in the history of God's people. So much is ours in the way of opportunity and challenge. As I observe our "teens and twenties" group I see a segment of our fellowship which is precociously concerned, challenged, and equipped for

service in the kingdom.

With this sense of appreciation and anticipation, we in Regina organize an annual "leadership Rally" aiming at inspiring visionary leadership on the prairies. For the last four years, attendance has averaged in excess of 100. That includes many elders, deacons, ministers, and their wives, but the youthful element predominates. That indicates strongly that our youth has not "gone to the dogs" and leaves me wondering sometimes where the rest have gone!

Last October our theme "Prairie Projections" attempted to catch a vision of the Church of Christ on the prairies: past, present, future. Besides presentations assessing the present and forecasting the future, we set out to compile histories of every prairie congregation which has ever existed. Enthusiasm and cooperation was (and is) gratifying. Reproduced on our Canon copier and bound in an adjustable binder are updated histories of: Alliance, Bengough, Bromhead, Brooking, Calgary, Camrose, Dauphin, Edmonton, Estevan, Gravelbourg, Harptree, Horse Creek, Kisbey, Manson, Moose Jaw, N. Battleford, Outlook, Radville, Red Deer, Regina, Saska-

toon, Shaunavon, Swift Current, Wawota, Weyburn, Whitewood, Yorkton.

Histories of other congregations have been gleaned from sources such as the **Gospel Herald** (esp. Dec. '64, July-Nov. '75, Nov. '79). I am indebted to Great Lakes Christian College for its cooperation in this area of our research.

New histories have tricked in, but the trickle seems to have dried up; so, we are about to print and compile an updated version of last October's effort. If your congregation is not included, please consider writing a three-page history and sending it along immediately. The entire document is in excess of 250 pages, and we have been making it available for \$20 plus postage. Profits are not going to charity -- there aren't any (profits)!

Joyce Patterson is diligently gathering material for a comprehensive history of the Regina Church of Christ. Our plan is for this all to culminate in our 75th anniversary homecoming to be held July 31 - August 3, 1992. If you have ever been a part of the Regina Church of Christ, please mark your calendar and plan to be with us for that mega-family event.

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--Regina, Saskatchewan

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## Cancer: My Story of Faith, Hope and Love (3)

by Joan Smith

When I was going for my first surgery, I asked God to hold my hand. I felt Him hold my hand! That may be hard to believe, but whether or not it was so, I believed so hard that I knew He was with me and giving me the strength I needed to get through the ordeal.

I am never alone. The following is one of my favourite selections:

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

### How Important is My Body to My Life?

A part of my body is missing, a part that many women consider very important to their being a complete woman. I want people to see me, the real me, not how I appear physically. This was probably brought home to me when our son,

Scott, wanted to take a picture of me one day. At home, when my hair has fallen out, I wear a kerchief; so, when he wanted to take a picture, I said no because I didn't have my wig on. He said that it didn't matter because I was still his mother.

In a TV interview, a woman who had had her breasts enlarged, told how pleased her husband was with her and how everyone on the street was looking at her and thinking how beautiful she was. "Do not judge by appearances but judge with right judgment" (John 7:24).

God looks at our hearts, and we should be sure our hearts are right with God.

Some day I will go to heaven. "The dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:52) and "this mortal shall put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:53). I will be whole again, the way God wants me to be.

### Who Suffers from the Illness?

In 1982, we, the Smith family, Harold, Joan, Patty, Laura, and Scott got cancer. I had the disease physically but Harold and the children also had to cope with the disease. Patty was fifteen, Laura eleven, and Scott nine. They were approaching the teenage years which are usually not the easiest years. Now they had the added pressure of a parent with an illness. I believe they have handled it extremely well and will probably be stronger adults for their experiences.

I'm sure it has not been easy for Harold, my husband, either. He has encouraged me to keep on going. When the drugs were upsetting my stomach, I would throw up, go to service, come home, and throw up again. But I kept going and being involved. Many husbands cannot handle the everyday problems that go along with an illness and leave, making living with cancer very

lonely.

I now come to the point that I want to make. The person with the illness gets encouragement and support from everyone. But what about those who are living with and caring for a loved one who is ill? I believe they need as much encouragement, support and prayers as the one who is ill, if not more. My family is living with a time bomb that could go off at any time. I'm proud of the way they are coping.


I want my family to live as normal a life as possible. I don't expect them to give up their activities and responsibilities to wait on me. I don't want to be remembered as a selfish person.

### How Can You and I Help Someone with an Illness?

1. Smile. I had an experience when I was last in the hospital that proves that a smile probably makes more of an impression than we realize. The woman in the bed across from me had been on welfare for at least ten years, was a single parent of a handicapped child, and had abused her child. She spent most of her time talking on the phone and going out for a cigarette. It was a part of society that I had never experienced before. All of a sudden one day, she said, "I wish I were like you. No matter what they throw at you, you smile."

2. Visit. Don't worry about what you will say. Sometimes a sick person just needs someone to listen. If they don't want to talk about their illness, talk about something else. Personally, I would rather that someone talk to me and say the wrong thing than be ignored. That hurts. Not saying anything is also a way of avoiding hearing something you don't want to hear or face.

3. Share experiences. I made friends with an older couple in the waiting room. She had cancer and was in the beginning stages of chemo. Her hair had not fallen out yet and she was concerned about wearing a wig. I, at that time, was wearing a wig, and we talked about it. I saw her quite often at the clinic until her treatment was finished. Some time later I met them in a local grocery store and she told me how much easier it had been to adjust to wearing a

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# Reminiscences, No. 19 (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 July 1884 Gospel Messenger.)*

The church in Aldboro, meeting in Rodney, had an existence as far back as 1817. They then met on Talbot Street, near New Glasgow. In 1820 Elder James Black labored for them a good deal while teaching their school. Their principal men there were Donald McVicar and John McKellar. McVicar was their principal speaker for some years. In 1818 Arch. Monroe, Geo. Monroe, Robertson McKillop and others came there and in 1819 a Bro. Ewan also came. These intellectually and spiritually were a strong body. All these excellent men have paid the last debt to nature and have gone home, save Arch. and Geo. Monroe, who all are very aged. Quite a number of the sons and daughters of the above veterans in the cause of Christ are among us following the teaching and example of their fathers. The principal men in this church now are the Monroes, McKillops, Fergusons, Purcells, Johnstons and others.

The church meeting in the village of Appin, situate on the G.W.R.R. in the Township of Eckfrid, was gathered by our young and talented preacher, Bro. Wm. D. Campbell, from Lobo. There had been a few members in that neighborhood for many years among them Bro. Wm. Black, well-known to many brethren. They had occasional meetings several years held by D.B. McKellar, of Mosa, but not to meet as a church to break bread, but have been doing so for the last three or four years. They were set in order in 1883. This is the first place

young Bro. Campbell put forth a continued effort in preaching, and was very successful baptizing a good many I think over 20. They have had the labors of Bros. Oliphant, Keffer and others. Their regular meeting place is the town hall, Appin. At present Bro. Campbell preaches for them. Their principal men are Wm. Black and Nelson Storing, Elders; Bros. Butler and Dobie, deacons.

The church in the town of Welland, situate on the Welland Canal, was only recently brought into being. There was a strong desire on the part of many in that part of the country to have a church of Christ in that important town. It is a fine place, commanding a large influence in those parts. How to accomplish that desirable work was a problem hard to solve for a long time, as there were but few brethren there, and it required a goodly sum of money, a large sacrifice of time, and strong and continued exertion to accomplish the work. At length the Lord raised up brave and good men to solve that problem. This was done in the persons of the Brothers Swayzee, father and son of the Wainfleet church, who purchased a good house of worship in a central place from the Methodists. The Ontario Co-operation sent Bro. Sherman there to carry on the work. He commenced preaching in his plain, simple, touching, truthful and convincing style, and continued the work for several weeks, resulting in the establishing of the cause strongly, and we all hope permanently, in that place. From those meetings the word was sounded out over a large area in that part of the old Niagara District. They have a fine Lord's day school in full operation also. It is a source of great rejoicing that so fine a congregation has been planted there. There are many large towns and villages in Ontario where the noble example set by Brothers Swayzee and others, assisted by co-operative work, could be followed and fine

congregations established. I shall call special attention to this in another paper.

With this article I finish the history of the churches. Many of the old brethren preachers allowed that the number of churches in Ontario would reach 50. I have found 68.

## My Story of Cancer

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wig after we had talked.

The waiting room at the cancer clinic is a good place to share experiences. I have enjoyed meeting Helena on Tuesdays. We share what we're doing and how things are going because we are on the same treatment. She is a widow and lives alone but is very active. One Tuesday her hands were sore but she thought it was because she had been digging worms to go fishing. She plans to take an English course to improve her English this year and to learn to knit.

4. Send a card with a little note.

5. Send flowers. Sometimes an ill person does not want visitors so we need to find other ways to show we care.

6. Give a book. If conversation is difficult, give a book you've read and use it as a source of conversation.

7. Give a compliment. The psychiatrist I saw said that saying you're an inspiration should be avoided. This puts too much pressure on the person to always be at her best. No one is always at his best.

8. Do things together.

--Tintern, Ontario

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**Lachine, PQ:** Michel Mazzalongo spent his last few weeks here, before moving to St. Catharines, Ontario, in training and organizing to ensure that the normal operation of church affairs will go on smoothly. Different men are heading up areas of work providing evidence that the "goal of self-supporting, self-directing churches is becoming a reality".

"Young men are preparing themselves to preach (Bob Hickson and Alexander Best are leaving Lachine to go to college in order to enter the ministry.)" and "young men are stepping forward to fill the breach (Michael Toby has agreed to replace me in Lachine).

"The future for the church here in Montreal has never looked brighter and we thank you for your participation in this effort through your prayers and support."  
--Michel Mazzalongo

**Sherbrooke, PQ:** In May Albert Charette, having completed studies at International Bible College in Florence, Alabama, moved with his family to Sherbrooke to teach New Testament Christianity there.

**Kingston, ON:** "Bro. Robert MacRury, a recent graduate of the Bear Valley School of Preaching in Colorado, expects to begin work with the church in Kingston July 1. Originally from Belleville, Ontario, and a former resident of Kingston who was converted in Kenora, he has long had a desire to return to his home area where he has many relatives and friends with whom he wants to share the word of God. Tentative arrangements were made with the Kingston brethren and our late brother Harold Garrison that Bro. MacRury would return when his three-year course at Bear Valley was completed.

"Bro. and Sis. MacRury and their little son, Alex, will be living in the church's house at 50 Woodstone Crescent, Kingston K7M 6K9. They are coming with very little family support. It is hoped the Ontario churches will rally around him and the work in Kingston, a

rapidly-growing city where many businesses from the Toronto and Montreal areas are planning to relocate. A good nucleus exists for the growth of the church, and two families are expected to move in this summer. Inquiries may be directed to Bro. Deloy Oswald, 258 Queen Mary Road, Unit #18, Kingston.

"Bro. Roy Merritt, who has worked with the Kingston church the past two years, while awaiting the arrival of Bro. MacRury, has moved to Winnipeg. His new Address is 46 Elsbury Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 2H8.

**Belleville, ON:** This church has just been added to the directory.

**Toronto (Strathmore), ON:** Some 700 are reported to have attended the Training for Service day in April

The Strathmore church committed \$500 to the Eastern European Project. Ray Lee Overton of Radcliff, Kentucky preached in a meeting on the Fruit of the Spirit, June 21-24 with accompanying Spanish translation by Santiago Molina. A meeting with Glenn Dods of Texas is planned for October 11-14.

**Toronto (Bayview), ON:** Besides its own program, this church is involved in 1990 in helping support efforts in North Bay, West Hamilton and India as well as the Spanish work at Strathmore and Mission 1000.

**Bramalea, ON:** After hosting the Ontario June Meeting this year, this church is considering doing it again in 1991, unless there are other "takers". The Tintern congregation wishes to have it in 1992 as it celebrates 100 years in the community.

The Bramalea church is seeking a full-time evangelist.

**Grimsbey, ON:** On May 13, besides the "regular" contribution, this church gave \$1524 for work in Czechoslovakia and \$1000 for the building fund.

Sue Dominez has been welcomed as a part of this congregation.

**Beamsville, ON:** There were 163 present on the evening of May 13 for a "bring-a-friend" meeting. Bill Wheeler, with support from Beamsville and some other congregations, has begun his summer work with David Lock at Port Colborne. He will return to Great Lakes Bible College in the fall.

A number of Great Lakes students have been baptized: Heather Banks in March, Chris Curry a few weeks ago and

in early June, Kevin Whitfield of Sault Ste. Marie, Kebby Musokotwane of Zambia (his father is Zambian High Commissioner in Ottawa) and Jennifer Rinehart of Wiarton.

Eighteen young people from Oklahoma City will be coming for VBS, July 30 - August 2 to present lessons on Daniel.

The special Eastern Europe collection amounted to \$1530.55. Some in the Beamsville church are involved with the developer and consultants in plans for a co-op, non-profit assisted housing project across Concord Avenue from the church building.

**Tintern, ON:** The seminar on How to Get What You Want and Want What You Get by Willard Tate was received with enthusiasm by church members and many visitors from surrounding communities and congregations.

**St. Catharines, ON:** \$1304.25 was contributed for Eastern European Missions. Michel Mazzalongo has moved to work with this church and will begin duties on July 1.

**Niagara Falls, NY:** The LaSalle church held a Bible Lectureship, June 10-13. Many personal friends will rejoice to learn that, after many years, Roy Akers has been restored to the fellowship of this church.

**Port Colborne, ON:** Congratulations to Donny and Lynn Cole on the birth of Ross Frederick and to Gary and Cindy Pineli on the birth of a daughter.


The David Locks and Randy Dennises participated in the 50th Anniversary event at Sault Ste. Marie with David speaking at 10 a.m. Many from Port Colborne enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the Willard Tate Seminar at Tintern.

Bill Wheeler has joined David Lock in the work for a 15-week period this summer.

"We continue to thank God for the spread of the kingdom in this community as hearts and lives continue to be touched."  
--David Lock

**Welland, ON:** Charlotte Cooper, who was baptized in April as reported last month, is the mother of Pat, Sandy and Debbie Cooper, who obeyed the gospel in 1986.

Attendance has been on the increase over the past several weeks with a number of non-members in the number.

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by Brian Cox

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**North Battleford, SK:** The church in North Battleford would like to thank the church in Saskatoon for making available to them on a once-a-month basis a speaker. They have enjoyed the lessons and fellowship of all who have come. They also thank the Baileys for their once-a-month commitment to North Battleford.

On June 20 the Sojourners out of Conroe, Texas will be arriving to work and visit in North Battleford. They are a group of retired couples who travel across North America encouraging and working with congregations that can use their help. If you would like to visit with the church in North Battleford while the Sojourners are there, give them a call at 445-4231.

**Estevan, SK:** April and May were months of both rejoicing and sorrow. We rejoiced on April 25 when Kirsta Kopp gave her life to Christ by being baptized for the remission of sins. This took place after sister Diane Jocelyn had shown the fourth Jule Miller Bible film to Kirsta and her mother. Kirsta is 15, which is both a wonderful and difficult age; so, we appreciate that much more her decision to serve the Lord.

There are presently three home Bible studies in progress, and Tim Pippus is in town making arrangements for a place to live while he works with the Estevan church for the next three months.

Sister Emma Johnson, Lillian Peterson and Marguirite Brooks have spent time in the hospital since last report, but all three are back home again. Sister Ann Johnson, a faithful member of this church for over 68 years, is not well but at home.

We sorrow along with John and Margaret Dyck, in that Bonnie, John's sister of Hamilton, Ontario, departed this earthly life. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Chris, and children as well as to all the Dyck families.

Our V.B.S. will be held the Lord willing from August 13-17 under the direction of Tim Pippus and our education committee.

Estevan congregation's weekend at Clearview Bible camp will be July 13-15.

--Carl E. Johnson

**Moose Jaw, SK:** Moose Jaw is looking forward to and preparing for their "Mini-Lecture", July 15-17. Speakers for the weekend are: Dan Wieb, Albert Kleppe, Dwight Morris and Bruce Tetreau.

Moose Jaw sends monthly support to Larry and Gayle Good in Belgium and to two men in Nigeria. The congregation has been in regular correspondence with these men through an interpreter.

The "Secret Prayer Sisters" program begun in February has been a real success and a real means of bringing the ladies together. There are 32 ladies involved in this program, which will end the middle of June with everyone finding out who her secret sister was.

VBS will be July 30 to August 3.

Grant, Barb, Krisin and Ryan Hannan will be leaving soon for Dallas, Texas, where Grant and Barb will be studying for two years at the Preston Road School of Preaching. Their plans are then to return to Canada to preach. God bless you, Grant, as you prepare for full-time ministry.

**Bengough, SK:** The first Ladies Day (hosted by the Bengough Church of Christ) was held on April 7, 1990 and was a great success. Approximately 65 ladies from surrounding congregations attended to hear various speakers develop thoughts on the chosen theme, "The Gentle Rain". We hope to enlarge upon our efforts another year.

Bengough's annual V.B.S. will be held the week of August 12, with Bob Lewis of Colorado in charge.

**Gravelbourg, SK:** On March 10, a S.A.D.A.C. Parent Awareness Workshop was held at the church building. The topic was "Helping Children to Say No to Drugs and Alcohol". Glen MacDonald conducted the seminar. On March 10, Caroline Carr was baptized; on March 14, Jennifer Bell was baptized; and on April 22, Andre Lorrain was baptized. April 12 marked the completion of the MacDonald family's fifth year with the Gravelbourg congregation. April 13-15 Cecil Bailey presented lessons from his series, "The Day the Church Was Bought". On May 26 Clarence and Ann MacDonald (Glen's parents) were baptized.

**Yorkton, SK:** One of the young teens in Yorkton is now involved regularly in the reading of Scripture at the Sunday morning services. The Bible text for the sermon is read by Brian Gurel in English,

then our brother Ringo Leung reads the text in Chinese, and John Smith follows that with a reading in either French or Dutch. Everyone has these multi-lingual Scripture texts on a sheet of paper so that they can follow along. This has fostered participation and increased interest from our teen group as well as the immigrant visitors to our services. John Smith recently had a sermonette printed in both local newspapers. On April 26 John and Jane Smith were blessed with an 8 lb. 7 oz. girl named Selina Marie.

**Men's Retreat 1990:** On the weekend of June 1-3 men from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba gathered together at Clearview Christian Camp for the annual Men's Retreat. Over the course of the weekend, there were 42 men who registered.

This year's retreat was organized by Glen MacDonald, who ministers with the congregation in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. The theme chosen for the weekend was, "Christians Only. . . But Not the Only Christians". The weekend included three lessons presented by the following speakers:

Ray McMillan - "The Mark 9:38-41 Episode"

John Smith - "Who Is A Christian?"

Scott Roberts - "Churches of Christ: What Are These People?"

In addition to these well-prepared and well-presented lessons, there were two video presentations by Dr. Bill Humble of Abilene Christian University: 1. "The Meaning of Restoration"; 2. "The Continuing Restoration". Another part of the weekend included a panel discussion. The panel consisted of Carl Johnson, John Smith and Dwight Morris.

The result was a retreat that provided a wonderful opportunity for Christian men to discuss and discover some of our historical roots and ruts. I would like to thank everyone who participated in making this year's retreat a huge success.

--Glen R. MacDonald

**Clearview Christian Camp:** Every year we need a host of volunteer help at Camp. We hope by the time you read this to have all the volunteers we need, but there still may be some openings. If you would like to volunteer at Camp, please call me today at 739-2103 (office) or 739-2528 (home). We are so thankful to all those who have volunteered this year and in past years. We know that some of you have taken a week of your

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by Ed Bryant

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**Alliance, AB:** Ted Archbold reports in his newsletter that several doors of opportunity have opened for the church here to spread its influence into the surrounding area of at least 80 miles.

Many in that region have for the first time been introduced to the local church, and the effect is positive.

One ministry is that of counseling among people who have suffered grief or bereavement. It has had considerable impact on the people in the area of East Central Alberta. Ted says that he approached this work with apprehension, feeling inadequate, but God has rewarded the work with blessings.

New opportunities for community service have also opened doors. In February, he attended a workshop sponsored by the East Central Communities Association for Sexual Abuse Treatment. In the area, an average of 75 incest cases are being handled at any one time. He was asked at the workshop if he would consider being trained as a therapist. Ted agreed to do so, and to work within the guidelines of the association, as a means of entering into the lives of people who are hurting, and bringing them the comfort of God's word.

Archbold held a Grief and Bereavement Seminar for Eastpark Education and Opportunities Council in Provost, which is near the Saskatchewan border, last year, and they invited him to repeat it this year.

Along with a minister from the United Church, Archbold was interviewed by a newspaper reporter regarding grief and its effects on people. The article was run in two successive issues of the **Community Press** newspaper. He reported "positive feedback" from those in the community who had found the article to be helpful.

Ted was also able to discuss community building issues with people from the area at a Skills for community Building workshop.

As a result of attending a Suicide Advanced Seminar in Calgary, Ted has had three suicide interventions and one counselling case.

The local branch of the Canadian Legion asked Ted to be their chaplain, which he had to decline because the work in other areas uses all his time.

Archbold is to conduct grief counselling once a month in the church building in Camrose.

The church at Alliance has had a number of visitors from the community attending services on a regular basis. "I believe that the initial point of contact was the Grief Ministry," writes Ted.

Clarence Wold was united with Christ in baptism in March.

**Red Deer, AB:** News from the church here reports that many people are studying their Bibles a great deal and enjoying it. The study is called Look at the Book, and requires the reading and study of Old Testament books that do not get as much attention as they should or are neglected in favour of other books.

Lisa Elchuck is to enter Western Christian College in the fall.

A Mission Emphasis Day, in which various areas of the work of this church were discussed, resulted in the announcement that Pam Meadows will attend the Missions 1000 program in Memphis, Tennessee. The congregation here will support her fully.

**Calgary, AB:** The church here rejoiced in reporting that Ryan Bien, Lorna Osborne, and Jason Holmgren were baptized in April. Also Tom Williams, husband of Linda Williams was recently baptized. They now live in Midland, Texas.

The Joy of Marriage seminar by Jim and Carolyn Hawkins was to be an event in early May.

**Delta, BC:** The Delta Family News reports that a permanent name is being sought for the series of annual meetings that began at the Coquitlam church on April 13. Congregations in B.C. are asked to submit their suggestions to Doug Williams or Jim Hawkins.

A workshop on "Building Healthy Relationships" is a first-ever kind of workshop to be conducted by Jim and Carolyn Hawkins June 15-17.

**Victoria, BC:** An Imaginability Workshop for Bible School Teachers and others interested was to be conducted here by Beverly Scott of Duncan, Oklahoma and Jana Smith of San Antonio, Texas early in June. Bulletin board ideas, visual aids and other areas were to be explored.

## News Prairies

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holidays in order to work at camp. Your commitment encourages, inspires and challenges us.

The Board of Directors of Clearview Christian Camp have determined to keep the camper fees as low as possible in an effort to keep camp affordable for everyone. This makes it necessary for us to seek your help financially. If you would like to send a gift to camp, please send it to our treasurer, Cameron Husband, Box 94, Kennedy, SK S0G 2R0. Even though we have tried to keep camp affordable for everyone, there still may be some who cannot go to camp unless you send them. Look around your congregation and around your community; there may be someone who needs you to send him to camp. --Brian Cox, Camp Coordinator

### Evangelist Required

to work with the Church of Christ  
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# BOOK REVIEWS

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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald.)



**What Every Christian Should Know.** Jo H. Lewis and Gordon A. Palmer. Part of the Christianity Today Series. Whitby, Ontario, Victor Books, Scripture Press, 1989. Hardback. 188 pages. (\$16.95) Reviewed by Weston Walker.

Many studies have shown that our educational systems are failing: today's children do not know what the previous generation knew. The authors of this book see this same trend among evangelical Christians' understanding of Christianity.

The focus of this book is a list of about 180 items Christians should know. The list was compiled and narrowed by many Christian leaders and then refined through two larger surveys of Christian people. The list of words, phrases, titles, dates, etc., includes items from the Bible, church history, and current Christian experience.

The authors give suggestions for determining what is the essential core of the Christian heritage. They also include tests which can be used to determine your own Christian knowledge. Then you can compare what you know with what literate Christians and young Christians in their surveys knew. They found that literate Christians knew an average of 88% of the essential items. Also included are suggestions of how the current erosion of Christian knowledge can be ended.

This is an interesting book which can give direction in both our personal study and in our churches' education programs.

**When Skeptics Ask** by Norman L. Geisler and Ron Brooks, Scripture Press, Paris, Ont., 348 pages, \$22.95 (cdn.)

This is the most comprehensive book available on defending the faith. It is designed to help the average Christian to answer the many questions that are asked by unbelievers.

Topics covered are God, Other gods, Evil, Miracles, the Bible, Bible Difficulties, Archaeology, Evolution, the Afterlife, Truth and Morals. Each of these is given very thorough treatment. many illustrations and charts enhance the book.

The authors believe that unbelievers have good questions that must be faced. But Christians have good, even great an-

swers that can be given. 1 Peter 3:15 commands us to give them the answers.

Current skeptics like Carl Sagan and Anthony Flew are quoted. An appendix shows Reasoning to Christianity from ground Zero. Also included are Glossary of Terms, Suggested Readings and Topical, Persons and Scripture indices. This would be an ideal text for college age classes.

**The Church on Purpose. Keys to Effective Church Leadership** by Joe S. Ellis. Foreword by Donald McGavran. Standard Publishing, Cincinnati, Ohio. 220 pages. \$10.95 (cdn.). Reviewed by Don Smith.

This is one of the most practical books that I have read in recent years, dealing specifically with the commission from Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. The major premise of this book is that commitment to purpose (Matt. 28:18-20) is the key to a congregation's effectiveness.

Among many strong chapters, the one I like best is chapter 4, entitled "Equipping the People". We must form congregations of God's people who will look to Jesus as their King. As a group of people who look to Jesus, we then resolve to do His will in our community. The church views itself as paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines on Monday with the expectation of making their way back to the supply depot on the following Sunday.

Opportunities for growth have never been brighter, as McGavran says, "Christ's command is so clear to disciple all the neighborhoods, organizations, suburbs, and on and on that nothing but a mighty emphasis on the Great Commission is going to achieve it."

**Paul: Pride and Penitence** by Cecil T. Bailey, Star Bible Publications, Fort Worth, Texas, 219 pages, \$11.50.

The author, our good Canadian brother, Cecil T. Bailey, writes in the Preface "A dream come true. A lifelong dream. As you walk the dusty roads of Palestine and listen to the words of your companions you will get to know Paul the great apostle and you will start to see and understand what makes ordinary men

great. You will be moved by Paul's human weaknesses yet you will realize that it is 'the struggle' that makes men great. 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course'. This book is the author's desire to walk with a great man and we, too, can share in the dream. From my earliest youth I have been intrigued by the words found in Acts 9:9, 'And he was three days without sight and did neither eat nor drink.' How casual this sounds! However, I have always felt that it carried an unspoken message. It reveals a man who is undoubtedly experiencing a traumatic inner distress, a bewilderment of epic proportion. . . Did the Holy Spirit shroud its cryptic message in order that we might depict for ourselves the unspeakable anguish which this once so proud but now penitent man was undergoing?"

We agree with Alvin Jennings that this is a "monumental work" that shows "the unusual linguistic and poetic skills of Cecil T. Bailey". This gem of a book will inspire and encourage the reader.

## Born Again

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He said what He meant, and He meant what He said. Must we wait until we hear him say, "Depart from me. . . I never knew you," before we realize what He means by being "born again"?

Jesus was direct and He was specific: from His own words we draw these: "Except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." . . "I tell you, nay, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" . . . "Whosoever will confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father, who is in heaven" . . . "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Nothing is said by Him about "just kneeling down" where you are.

Who would risk being barred from admission to heaven by not being born again exactly as Jesus said we should? Who could be satisfied with half-way measures that will fail? Jesus wants us with Him in heaven. He wanted it enough to give His life for it. "And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him" (Heb. 5:9).

It is He who says: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

--Surrey, British Columbia

## Bonnie Gardner

Bonnie Gardner, young mother of four children, succumbed to cancer in mid-May after a long struggle. Formerly Bonnie Dyck, she and her husband, Chris, have been well-loved members of the Fennell Avenue congregation in Hamilton, Ontario.

Our sympathies are extended to the Dyck and Gardner families and the Fennell Avenue congregation. Brian Meneer officiated at the funeral.

## Victoria Ballantyne

Victoria Ballantyne, born in Crowlind Township in 1899, passed from this earthly life on May 17, 1990 in her 91st year.

She was baptized at Raymond and Beecher Street church in St. Catharines in the late 1920's and had continued a faithful Christian from that time.

Those who mourn include daughters Mrs. Charles Newton (Dorothy) and Mrs. Ron Chamberlain (Lillian) of St. Catharines; Mrs. Wesley Varney (Margaret) of North Tonawanda, New York; Mrs. Bill Flanagan (Joyce) of Springville, New York; two sons, James and David of St. Catharines; sisters Mrs. Frank (Lily) Freere of St. Catharines and Nancy Homes of Sandimas, California; and a brother, David, of St. Catharines. There are also 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by husband, Ernest, in 1954 and son, Ernest, Jr., in 1968.

Sister Ballantyne, who had been in ill health for several years, suffered a stroke about seven weeks before she passed away in Hotel Dieu Hospital. The funeral at the Tallman Funeral Home in Vineland was conducted by Murray Smith of Thessalon and Gordon Harris of St. Catharines. Internment was in Victoria Lawn Cemetery in St. Catharines.

## Church Directory

It has been pointed out to us that in many cases, the information in the directory pages has not been updated as changes take place. We hasten to explain that, even though we often know by reading the news that some item has changed, it has not been our practice to make changes in these listings until specifically instructed to do so.

One reason for this is that hearsay in-

## Of Special Interest



The Omagh Church of Christ in Milton is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Bolton to serve as the new minister. Mike and his wife, Debbie, their sons Timothy, Jonathan and Stephen, hail originally from the province of Saskatchewan in Western Canada. Mike attended Western Christian College in Weyburn, Saskatchewan and graduated with his Bachelors Degree (1986) in theology. The family then moved to Marquette, Michigan where Mike began his tenure as Campus Minister for the Church of Christ on the campus of Northern Michigan University.

After 5 years in Michigan, the Boltons have come to the town of Milton in Ontario. Mike holds graduate degrees in Business Administration from Northern Michigan, and Religious Education from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. Both avid in sports, the Boltons are excited about living in the area and being involved in the life of the town.

formation may not be sufficiently accurate. Another is that there is a \$4 charge for changes, and thus they need to be authorized by the church involved.

Brethren, in order to insure that these pages are as useful as possible, please update the information as changes occur. Along with any changes, we would encourage the payment of the \$4 charge along with the \$8 now due (in most cases) for the 1990 listing.

Our apologies to the West Hamilton church for failing to make changes requested in late January. We do make some mistakes and appreciate the opportunity to correct or make right when possible. Your attention is drawn to the new information in this issue.

We have added Belleville and updated Thunder Bay this month. --E.C.P.

## News East

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**Brantford, ON:** Announced plans and projects include leadership training, a personal evangelism workshop, mailouts, advertising, involvement in the World Bible School Program in the Third World and a unique welcoming venture for new converts and new arrivals in the city.

A VBS showcasing the life of Daniel is planned. Decision has been made to support the work of Doug Watts in starting a new congregation in Terrace, B.C. at \$100 per month.

A special contribution of \$672 for Eastern Europe will be rounded off to \$700.

**Stratford, ON:** The Stratford congregation contributed \$100 towards Rick Pinczuk's trip to his homeland to spread the gospel there.

Nineteen brethren from Plymouth, Michigan visited on April 5-6. A group of 18 travelled to London for the evening service on April 29 when Kelvin Hoover was the speaker.

Kelvin performed the wedding on May 11 of a couple with whom he has had continued studies. On the evening of May 13, "we gathered at Charlie Kippax's house and watched a film on the Jehovah's Witnesses." --Kelvin Hoover

**Sarnia, ON:** "On April 29 over 150 were present for our first Friendship Day. Many were visitors of the church for the first time and all enjoyed the worship, luncheon and open house. We hope to have this event on an annual basis.

"We have had two baptisms in the last month. Terry Kingston is a grade 12 student here and has become an active member in our youth group. Linda Deman is from Port Huron. She is married with three children. We welcome these two into our fellowship as God has added them to the church.

"Early in May we had a gospel meeting with Cecil Cole from Winchester, Tennessee. Our VBS will be from July 16-20. Again this year about 20 members of the church in Lebanon, Tennessee will be here to help with this event."

**Windsor, ON:** Steve Ennis of Lapeer, Michigan conducted a gospel meeting here on May 25-27.

**Lakeview, MI:** Visitors from the local community and local members have attended this new congregation making a pretty encouraging beginning.

## College Appoints New President

Tom W. Clark of Waterloo, Ontario has been selected by the Board of Directors as the fifth president of Great Lakes Christian College, effective August 1, 1990.

His selection comes after an extensive search by the GLCC board subsequent to Edwin Broadus' resignation last November. Clark, who is originally from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, received his Grade 13 diploma and his Associate of Arts degree from Great Lakes in 1977 and 1978, respectively; his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harding University in 1981; and his Master of Science degree from Abilene Christian University in 1985. His graduate major was in Management and Human Relations.

While doing graduate work, he served as an admissions counsellor at Abilene Christian University. He returned to Ontario to work as a career advisor at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, and then for nearly four years was employed by EDS of Canada in several capacities that included, among other responsibilities, corporate communications, advertising and public relations,

supervision of recruiters, marketing, and designing and delivering training programs. Most recently he has been Career Advising Co-ordinator at Wilfred Laurier University, where he has managed the career advising staff as well as being responsible for budgets and other aspects of the program.

According to Doug Tallman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Clark's selection by the board was "with an overwhelming majority vote". He adds, "He is the first alumnus to serve in this way and comes to this position well-qualified, with vision and plans for GLCC's future."

Edwin Broadus, outgoing president, states, "I am extremely happy with the board's selection of Tom Clark as my successor. He is a man with enthusiasm and outstanding native ability for the work, an appropriate educational background, and a wide range of relevant practical experience in the business and educational world. He is also known by a large number of our alumni and others in our larger community, having graduated from GLCC and having lived in the Waterloo, Toronto and Sault Ste. Marie areas. GLCC should prosper under his leadership."

Clark and his wife, Karen, plan to move to the Beamsville area soon. He will be here in time for a two-week transition period before taking office August 1.

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# SARNIA HOMECOMING

## SEPTEMBER 9, 1990

All Friends, Family, and Former Members are invited to enjoy a homecoming celebrating the **66th anniversary** of the Lord's church in Sarnia, Ontario. Former member, **Murray Smith**, will preach on the topic "**Coming Home**".

- ◇ 9:30 Bible Study
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- ◇ 12:00 Luncheon
- ◇ 1:15 Singing and Impromptu Speeches

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Contact:

Rick McBay, Admissions Director 563-5374

Trevor Hodgson, Admissions Counsellor 229-9674 (Toronto)

Great Lakes Christian College

4875 King Street

Beamsville, Ontario L0R 1B0

# Directory of Churches

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. Listings are \$8.00/year and changes are \$4.00 each.

The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

## PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

**ALLIANCE**, Rec-Center: Sun. 10, 11: Wed. 7:30; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0, (403) 879-2232 (res.), 879-2103 (off.)

**CALGARY** (Northside): 803 -- 20A Ave. N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; 276-8088.

**CALGARY**: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N. E., T2A 2S8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; also various mid-week home Bible Study groups -- call the office (403) 272-2111; Cecil Bailey, ev., 238-2679; R. W. (Bob) Harrington, ev., 278-1469; Eric Nyrose, ev., 242-3164.

**CAMROSE**: 4901 - 42 St., T4V 1A2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Will Hart, ev. (403) 672-1220 ;

**EDMONTON**: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9, 455-1049; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Eric Limb, 13919 117 Ave., T5M 3V3; 452-4750; Herb Anderson, 458-9428, 16 Seymour Cr., St. Albert.

**LETHBRIDGE**: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; M. Nerland, 328-0855.

**MEDICINE HAT**: 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V2; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Bob Shaw, ev., 527-7429 (off.), 548-6986 (res.)

**RED DEER**: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Kevin Vance, ev., 347-3986 (off.), 343-3926 (res.)

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**BOSWELL**: c/o George Clarke, RR 1, V0B 1A0; Sun. 10; (604) 223-8381.

**BURNABY** (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10, 10:45, 6; Wed. 7:30; 522-7721 (off.)

**CHILLIWACK**: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 42441 Peters Rd., P. O. Box 327, V2P 6V4, 24 hr. phone 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 823-6218.

**COQUITLAM**: 2665 Runnel Dr., V3E 1S3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Phone 464-2836; Hugh Minor, ev.

**CRANBROOK**: 450 Van Horne St. S. (on Hwy. No. 3, S. of town) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 351, V1C 4H8; (604) 428-5653, Eamon Morgan, ev., 927 4th St. S., V1C 1H6 (604) 428-6895.

**CRESTON**: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2329, V0B 1G0; 428-7411 (off.)

**DELTA**: Ladner Community Centre; Sun. 10; Tues., Wed., Thurs., 7:30; Off. no. 202-1318; 56th St., Box 1195, Station A, V4M 3T3; J. D. Rogers & Doug Williams, evs., (604) 943-0515, 943-1468.

**KELOWNA**: Knights of Columbus Hall, Rutland Rd. & McCurdy; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7; Box 2697, Sta. R, V1X 6A7; Wayne Muirhead, (604) 861-4008; Charles McKnight, ev., 765-8739.

**LANGLEY**: 6654 197th St., V2Y 1A8; Sun., 10:30; Ivan Eastwood (604) 534-0485; Steve Basar (604) 530-9610.

**NANAIMO**: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Les Beamish, 758-6929.

**NORTH BEND**: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; Thurs. 7; SS 1, Boston Bar, B.C. V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

**PRINCE GEORGE**: 933 Patricia Blvd., V2L 3V6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Sunday evening in homes. (604) 562-0502; Paul and Tom Harrelson, evs.

**PRINCE RUPERT**: 104 Raven Cres. (call for service times); P. O. Box 324, V8J 3P9; Jerry Mitchell, ev. (604) 624-4449.

**SALMON ARM**: Community Center; Sun. 10; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; P.O. Box 51, Salmon Arm, V0E 2T0, (604) 832-3828; Sam Tumlinson, Jr., Wendell Bailey, evs.; Shuswap Christian School, Doug Kendig, ad.

**SALTSPRING ISLAND, GANGES**: Contact Jim Wlasitz, RR 1, V0S 1E0, (604) 537-9684 or 537-5267.

**SURREY** (Greater Vancouver): 15042 82nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev. 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 594-0321.

**VANCOUVER** (Eastside): Best Western Hotel -- 3075 Kingsway; Sun. 10:30; Phone 439-9291; F. McLure, 3262 East 44th Ave., V5R 3B1.

**VANCOUVER** (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z8; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Gary Marrs, ev., (604) 226-4626 (off), 271-6197 (res.); Spanish Services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 321-8046 (res); Chinese Services: Sun. 1:30; Lai Sing Mah, ev. 266-8415 (off.).

**VERNON**: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 541, V1T 6M5; 545-6892;

**VICTORIA**: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9:45, 10:45, 6; Wed. 7; Kelly Carter, ev. 592-4914 (off.), 727-0351 (res.)

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

**ALONSA**: Irvine Anderson home; Sun. 11; Wed. 7; Box 67, R0H 0A0.

**BRANDON**: 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, Sec. 726-4723.

**CARMAN**: 2nd Ave. and 2nd St. S.W.; Sun. 10, 7; Wed. 7:30; c/o D. B. Laycock, Box 266, Miami, R0G 1H0, 435-2413; Don L. Killough, ev. 745-3786.

**DAUPHIN**: 378 River Ave. E., R7N 0H8; Sun. 10, 11, 7; 638-6321 or 638-5283; Ron Hegdahl, ev. (204) 638-8645.

**MANSON**: Bldg. at Manson Village; Sun. 10; Wed. 8; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Gilbert Jacobs, sec. 722-2148 or Lloyd Jacobs, 722-2278.

**WINNIPEG** (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 257-2713; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

**WINNIPEG** (West): 600 Burnell St., R3G 2B7; Sun. 10, 11, 5; Wed. 7:30; (204) 772-8970.

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

**MONCTON**: Kinsmen Bldg., 18 Botsford St., E1C 4W7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 855-4134, or 386-1682.

## NEW YORK STATE

**NORTH BUFFALO**: 350 Kenmore Ave.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; J. D. Barnett, ev.

**BUFFALO** (Linwood): 481 Linwood Ave., 14209; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 882-5434.

**HAMBURG**: 6105 South Park Ave.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 517, 14075-0517; (716) 649-6331; E. Schnell, ev., 652-0429.

**LEWISTON**: 975 Ridge Rd., (Rte. 104), 14092; Sun. 10, 11, 6; (716) 754-7050 or 754-8768.

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**YELLOWKNIFE**: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 873-3875. Elders: David Lidbury, Robbie Robinson, Bernard Straker; William Chidowe, ev.

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**HALIFAX**: 48 Conroy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 11, 10, 6; (902) 443-9628 (off.); Wayne Taylor, sec., (902) 878-7402.

**KENTVILLE**: Middle Dyke & Moe Rd.; Sun. 11, 10, 1; Wed. 7; c/o 895 Gracie Dr., B4N 4M2; Brian Garnett, ev. (902) 678-1168 (res.); 678-8881 (off.).

**SHUBENACADIE**: Mill Village Church, 2 miles west of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7:30; J. Mackey, RR 1, B0N 2H0, 758-2633; church office 758-3215.

**TRURO**: 295 Glenwood Dr., B2N 1X1; Sun. 10, 11; David W. Nicholson, ev., 893-7794 (res.); 893-4424 (off.).

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**AJAX** (Serving Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Phone for mid-week; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Blake Steel, 433-7692 (Oshawa); Terry Coddling, 683-1072.

**BANCROFT**: Hwy. 28 South; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Box 1552, K0L 1C0; Peter McPherson, ev., 332-3608 (res.)

**BARRIE**: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 4T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 722-7155 (off.) Claude Cox, ev. 737-2272.

**BEAMSVILLE**: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:15; 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Arthur Fleming, sec. (416) 563-4914; Weston Walker, ev., (416) 563-7655 (off.).

**BELLEVILLE**: Meetings Sun. & Wed. For information, please contact M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741 or L. Bartley, 392-0487.

**BRACEBRIDGE**: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P0B 1C0; John D. Preston, sec.-treas. 645-5797.

**BRAMALEA**: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; (416) 792-2297; (416) 792-2297 (off.).

**BRANTFORD**: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7; Joe Jones, 756-6206; (519) 759-6630 (off.)

**COLLINGWOOD**: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Wm. Bunting, ev. 445-1531 (off.), 444-2711 (res.)

**CONCORD**: 23 Concord Rd.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 8; c/o Mrs. A. Young, 30 Kinghigh Dr., Thornhill, L4J 3N4, 886-2685; A. E. Atkinson, ev., 51 Concord Rd., Thornhill, L4J 3M2; 886-1738.

**CORNWALL**: Tolgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Allen Bojarski, ev. (613) 933-8064 (off.), 933-1825 (res.)

**ELLIOT LAKE**: 58 Ontario Ave.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Bert Johnson, Box 496, P5A 2J9.

**FENWICK**: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Roy Puckelwartz, ev., (416) 892-0820.

**GORE BAY**: Gore Bay Town Council chambers; Sun. 10:30, 11; Wed. 7; Box 406, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Jerry Gardner (705) 282-2869.

**GRIERSVILLE**: RR 4, Meaford, Grey County; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 4051, Meaford, N0H 1Y0.

**GRIMSBY**: Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. 11:10, 9:50, 6; Wed. 7; Box 181, L3M 4G3, 945-3058; George Mansfield, ev. 945-1070.

**GUELPH**: Victoria Road Rec. Centre, 151 Victoria Rd. N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. in homes, 7; c/o 428 Cole Road, N1G 3J8; David Azzopardo, sec., (519) 821-0530; church phone, 821-9179.

**HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD**: Meeting in homes. Times flexible. Mike Tinney, Box 702, Haileybury, P0J 1K0, 705-672-2642; Kathy Woolley, 647-4478.

**HAMILTON**: 666A Fennell Ave. E. at 27th St., L8V 1V2 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; (416) 385-5775; Ron Hoover, sec. (416) 388-4248.

**HAMILTON** (Centre): 33 Highcliff Ave., L9A 3L3; Sun. 10, 11; Steven Rudd, ev., (416) 575-8437.

**HAMILTON** (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave. and West 5th St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Tues. 7:30 (phone for place); P.O. Box 1499 Station "A", L8N 4C3; Ken Page, ev. (416) 574-8142; Brian Tolcher, sec. (416) 689-8683.

**HEATHCOTE**: Sun. 11; Larry Eiford, RR 1, Clarksburg, N0H 1J0.

**HUNTSVILLE**: Hilltop Dr. off Hwy. 11B N; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; GR Box 108, Rte 3, P0A 0K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

**HUNTSVILLE**: Chaffey Community Hall, Muskoka Rd. 3, one km north of Hwy 60; Sun. 11, 10:30; Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630; David Preston, sec., R. R. #1, Group Box 174, P0A 1K0; (705) 789-7697.

**ICE LAKE** (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, (705) 377-4555; Lloyd Bailey, ev., RR 1, Gore Bay, P0P 1H0, 282-3089.

**JORDAN**: Hwy. 81, Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 11, L0R 1S0; John Maddocks, ev., (416) 562-4739.

**KENORA:** 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; phone for midweek; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; (807) 468-7523 (bldg.); 548-2245 (res.).

**KINGSTON:** 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Bruce Stewart, 720 Sussex Blvd., K7M 5B1, (613) 389-4196; Roy D. Merritt, ev., 50 Woodstone Cr., K7M 6K9, 545-3380.

**LONDON:** 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2, Sun. 9:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Harold Byne, ev., 5 Aponi Cres., (519) 453-9917 (res.), 455-6730 (off.).

**LONDON:** 120 Falcon St., N5W 4Z1; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 5; Thurs. 7; Paul Sheehan and Tim Buchanan, evs., 649-1113.

**MEAFORD:** Nelson St.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Fri. 7 (Young People); Jack Yager, Box 1268, N0H 1Y0; (519) 538-4095; Wayford Smith, ev., (519) 538-2605 (res.), 538-1750 (off.).

**NEWMARKET:** 230 Davis Dr., Box 65, L3Y 4Y3; Sun. 9:30, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; A. W. Jackson, 67 Robinson St., Markham, L3P 1N7; Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (416) 853-0892.

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 3901 Dorchester Rd. N. (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E.); Sun. 10:30-12, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, 5904 Atlas St., L2S 1S8; 356-0107 or 356-3412; Rick Pinczuk, Henry Boland, evs.

**NORTH BAY:** 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 9:30, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8, Dean Hotchkiss, ev., 474-2676.

**OLD MILL ROAD:** Cambridge; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; c/o Peter Speek, 95 Longwood Dr., Waterloo, N2L 4B6, (519) 885-0752, 653-2035 (bldg.).

**OMAGH:** 1412 Britannia Road W., Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Brent Forsyth, sec. 878-2972, Michael Bolton, ev. 875-3345.

**OTTAWA:** 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; 733-2580; Earl Weldon, ev.

**OWENSOUND:** 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Thurs. 7; Felix Turner, ev. (519) 376-8259, 376-6702 (off.).

**PINE ORCHARD:** Sun. 10, 11; Bruce Brandon, sec. 852-5026, RR 2, Uxbridge, LOC 1K0.

**PORT COLBORNE:** 700 Steele St.; Sun. 11:15, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; Kenneth Stuart, 535 Stanley St., L3K 3B1; David Lock, ev. 465 Davis St., L3K 1Z7; (416) 834-0911. (Every 1st Sunday, potluck followed by singing; communion at 6:30.)

**ST. CATHARINES:** 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. S.S. 10:30, Assemblies 9:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Gordon Harris, ev., 935-9581 (off.); 685-5870 (res.).

**ST. THOMAS:** 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., 633-2210.

**SARNIA:** 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Mark Bryson, ev. (519) 399-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

**SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside):** 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; (705) 946-1930

**SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill):** 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; (705) 949-4988; Guy Stopard, ev., 942-7999 (res.), 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., 949-7612.

**SELKIRK:** 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, NOA 1P0.

**SMITHVILLE:** 246 Station St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Art Garner, Box 144, L0R 2A0; (416) 957-7745.

**SOUTH RIVER:** Jaspas St. S.; off. Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, 386-2628, church bldg. 386-2551.

**STONEY CREEK:** 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (416) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Robert Priestnall, sec.

**STRATFORD:** Romeo Public School, 49 Rebecca St., Sun. 10, 11; Box 941, N5A 7M3; 273-5280 (off.); Kelvin Hoover, ev.; 273-5381.

**SUDBURY:** 2663 Bancroft Dr.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Box 2024, P3A 4R8; B. W. Bailey, ev., 865 Danforth Ave., 566-2898, 560-3964 (off.).

**SUNDRIDGE:** Hwy. 11 N., Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7; Don Smith, ev., Quirt Cres., 384-5142; Paul Frost, sec. Box 617, P0A 1Z0; (705) 384-5214.

**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842-6533; Larry Hoover, ev., 842-2333.

**THUNDER BAY:** 501 Edward N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11, (10:30 summer); Wed. 7:00; JoAnne Toews, (807) 577-4081 (res.); Ed Jermacowicz, ev. 577-2213 (off.).

**TILLSONBURG:** 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118; Rayburn Lansdell, ev., (519) 842-7118 (off.); 688-0082 (res.).

**TIMMINS:** W. E. Miller Public School, Victoria Ave.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. call (705) 264-0240; John Hains, ev., 466 Hart St. P4N 6X4.

**TINTERN:** Spring Creek Rd.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Oliver Tallman, Campden, L0R 1G0; 563-8223; Steve May, ev., RR 1, Vineland, L0R 2C0; 563-5043.

**TORONTO (Bayview Ave.):** 1708 Bayview Ave. M4G 3C4, (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 9:45, 11, 1; Wed. 7:30; Chris McCormick, 16 Hurlingham Cr., Don Mills, M3B 2R1; Don Whitfield, ev., 489-7405 (off.).

**TORONTO (Harding Ave.):** 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Bob Donaghy, sec. 252-8146.

**TORONTO (Metro East):** 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 1X6, 762-5668.

**TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):** 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Marvin Johnson (752-0325) and Wm. Harvey (757-4619) elders. Max Craddock (461-7406), Santiago Molina (Spanish) (751-6879), evs.

**VANDELEUR:** 5 mi. S.E. Markdale, Artemesia Twp.; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Ian Boyce, RR #6 Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143.

**WATERLOO:** 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Box 183, N2J 3Z9; Bob Sandiford, sec., (519) 886-4162 (res.); Geoff Ellis, ev., 885-6330 (off.); 885-3702 (res.).

**WELLAND:** 72 Summit Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 20, L3B 5P2; S. F. Timmerman, ev., Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cres., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

**WINDSOR (West Side):** 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Stuart Bailey, ev., 3139 Curry Ave., N9E 2T2; 966-6749.

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

**MONTREAL (French):** 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:30 (Fr. worship), 11:30 (French, English, Italian, Spanish classes); Wed. 7 (Fr. class); Silvio Caddoo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

**MONTREAL (English):** 760-44th Ave., Lachine, H8T 2K8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; Wed. 7; 637-3931 (off.); Michel Mazzalongo (514) 630-4355.

**MONTREAL (Russian):** 7095 Chester, H4V 1L3; Sun. 10; Yvan Kolesnikow, ev. 482-2280; Lily Stesk, sec. 483-6693.

**QUEBEC CITY:** 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Verteuil & Jean-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Jerrel Rowden, ev. (418) 658-0103 (res.), 651-3664.

**VERDUN:** (Conveniently located near the Verdun subway station at 503 5th Ave., H4G 2Z2), (514) 765-8919; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; 1412 John F. Kennedy, LaSalle, H8R 2C7; Roger Sammur, 595-1178, ev.

## PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**BENGOUGH:** E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

**ESTEVAN:** 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; (1:15 Dec.-Feb.); Wed. 7.

**GRAVELBOURG:** 300 2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; 648-3435; Glen R. MacDonald, ev., Box 821; (306) 648-3645.

**HORSE CREEK:** Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); Lonnie Goodwin, Box 58, McCord, S0H 2T0; (306) 478-2518.

**LLOYDMINSTER:** 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10, 11; Bruce Tetreau, Ev., (403) 875-4056 (off), 875-7884 (res.).

**MOOSE JAW:** 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Dwight Morris, ev. (306) 693-4064 (off.); 694-1789 (res.)

**NORTH BATTLEFORD:** 1462-110 St., S9A 2J2; Sun. 10:30-12:00; Glen Davies, 1451-94th St.; (306) 445-4231.

**PERRYVILLE:** Grid Rd., 7 1/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. N.E. of Punnichy; Sun. 10, 11; Box 158, Wishart, S0A 4R0; 835-2681.

**PRINCE ALBERT:** 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; 763-3057; Sun. 10, 11, 7:30; Tues. 7:30.

**RADVILLE:** 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 9:30 (Winter: 522 Bertrand Ave.); Mrs. Clarice Mooney, sec., Box 94, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-2558.

**REGINA (7th & Pasqua):** 4205 7th Ave.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 673, S4P 3A3; (306) 757-0293; Ray McMillan, ev., 7301-7th Ave. S4T 0T2; 949-0969.

**SASKATOON:** 2240 Albert Ave., S7J 1K2; (306) 343-7922 or 1589; Sun. 10, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7; Robert Parker, 343-7884; Allen Close, 374-6089, evs.

**SWIFT CURRENT:** 400 2nd S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11, 1:30; Wed. 7:30; Scott M. Roberts, ev., 1238 Jubilee Dr., S9H 2A3, 773-4986; Susan Gusikowski, sec. 773-1185.

**WAWOTA:** Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 10, 11; in Whitewood at the Legion Hall; Midweek in homes; Box 454, S0G 5A0; 739-2103; Brian Cox, ev., 739-2528 or contact G. Husband 739-2915 or G. McMillan 736-8260.

**WEYBURN:** 1115 First Ave. N.E. (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; (306) 842-6424.

**YORKTON:** 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 10, 11, 7; 783-6877; 783-6850; Ernest Andreas, ev. 782-2989; John Smith, ev. 783-6877.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

- 6-8... Preachers & Families Weekend - Clearview Christian Camp
- 8... Camp Omagh, 8-14, Ages 7-10; 15-21, Ages 8-10; 22-28, Ages 8-10; 29-Aug. 4, Age 11-13
- 27-29... Radville Christian College Reunion - Clearview Christian Camp

### August

- 5... Camp Omagh, 5-11, Family Week; 12-18, Ages 11-13; 19-25, Teens; 24-26, Teen Weekend
- 11-17... Camp Manitou, John Clayton
- 18-14... Ca-nu Retreat for adults, "Healing My Broken Past", Jim & Carolyn Hawkins
- 19... 5th Anniversary, Stratford, ON church. Speaker, David Thompson of Plymouth, Michigan

### September

- 9... Homecoming, 66th Anniversary, Samia
- 14-15... Men's Retreat, Camp Omagh - Larry McKenzie, "Prayer"
- 16... Larry McKenzie Seminar on Prayer at Waterloo church

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**Developing Leadership in the Small Church**  
**The Christian Man in Today's Church**  
**Overcoming Conflict**  
**Developing a Sense of Togetherness in Today's Church**  
**The Christian Woman in Today's Church**  
**The Christian Youth in Today's Church**  
**Working Together to Achieve God's Purposes**

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