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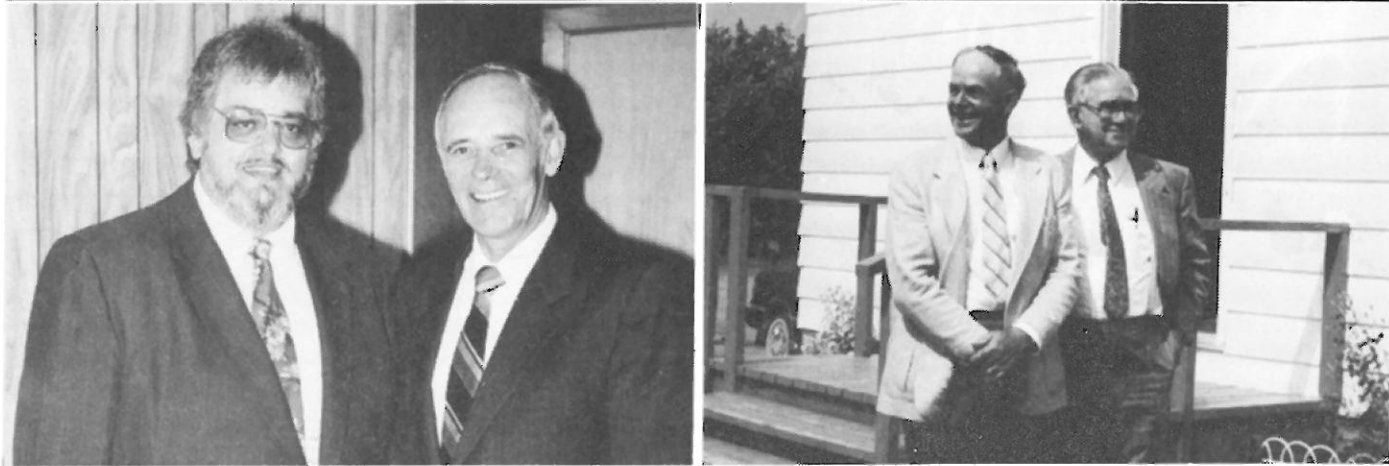
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Northern June Meeting, Ice Lake, Ontario, June 17, 1990.

Clockwise from upper left: The speakers, Max Craddock and Murray Smith; Lloyd Bailey, Ice Lake preacher and brother Cecil Bailey of Calgary, AB; part of audience.

The Grand Plan of God

by Kelly Carter

It is not uncommon to find religious groups adamantly proclaiming the imminent return of Christ to establish God's kingdom. Their zeal and faith are commendable. They speak and act as though Christ really is intending to return and to transform all reality as we know it. They call Christians to prepare for the end with a renewed and spiritually vigorous faith. They are perhaps too ready to announce that they are certain that Christ will return within their own generation, and their interpretation of biblical apocalyptic may need some significant adjusting. However, it is hard to fault the sincerity and commitment which goes along with their claims.

What is most commendable in the teaching of modern-day trumpeters of the end is the vision of process and culmination which is present in their projections concerning the second coming of Jesus. They see themselves as part of a grand plan of God. They know that the events of the present are not just random occurrences or isolated events which bear no significance in God's working out of history. They know that they, as individuals, and the world in general, are headed toward God's final end. And what is more, they live like it!

God is working and moving and shaping and leading the world through a magnificent drama which began with the raising of Jesus. Christ, himself, is the forerunner, the firstfruits of the time when a general resurrection will take place (I Cor. 15:20-23). Then, Paul says, those who belong to Christ will be raised like him -- raised imperishable, raised in glory, raised with the splendour of a heavenly body. Finally, the kingdom of God, given to Jesus until all enemies (even death) are placed under his feet, will be turned over to the Father so that God may be all and in all (I Cor. 15:24-28). We are proceeding toward a grand and glorious finale.

Christians have purpose and a role to play in the unfolding drama. Just as

Christ is the firstfruits of resurrection, Christians are reborn as "a kind of firstfruits of all he created" (James 1:18). All creation groans, hopes, awaits and anticipates the liberation from bondage to which it has been subjected (Rom. 8:19-23). We, too, having been redeemed and liberated through Christ, await the final redemption that will take place as the earthly and mundane realities are transformed by his coming. Christians possess the firstfruits of the Spirit (Rom. 8:23), a special gift which grants us status as children of God. Now we live, through his Spirit, in anticipation of the final evidence of our adoption.

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Many specifics concerning the cosmic forces which do battle until the end, concerning the nature of heavenly bodies, or concerning God's timetable for culminating reality in a new heaven and a new earth are beyond human comprehension. Yet, the sense of process, direction, purpose, and anticipation which a knowledge of the final end instills within those who wait for Christ's return is a valuable ingredient in the faith of those who live as part of the plan.

All of this means that we are privy to that which philosophers, scientists, and mystics have struggled to know and understand throughout recorded history. We have received from God a description of just what it is that He is about. We know where He is headed and what He is

doing with this world created by Him. Then, He has paid us even more of an honor by granting us a special place in His divine plan, that of being firstfruits.

People often remark that they are confused or baffled when faced with the prospects of the future. Others are disoriented because they cannot make head or tails of their past and/or present. Perhaps we need to gain a sense of process and direction.

When I realize that the world is heading toward a definitively established outcome, my own life can become ordered in that direction. The verities of life may still cause anxiety and struggle within my limited and personal perspective. But knowing God's grand plan and the sense of process which accompanies that knowledge can give me ultimate direction. There is at least one concrete reality to which I can cling! The ups and downs and dips and turns of life can be put in perspective next to the vantage point of God. Life is not arbitrary. We are not victims of a random order which wreaks havoc on those of us who wish to organize and systematize and make sense of life's offerings. Our experiences and the outside forces which push us to and fro are part of the grand scheme of which God has allowed us to see a glimpse.

When the grand plan of God is understood (as far as human limitations and God's revelation permit), struggle, pain, and even death are seen from a divine perspective and in light of God's timing. Questions about why God allowed the loss of a loved one or why expected occurrences of a positive nature just did not pan out can be viewed against the background of God's direction and plan. Not that negative circumstances, physical pain, or mental anguish can satisfactorily be explained or justified. The capriciousness of "hard luck" is a given of the human condition and cannot adequately be answered with a standard "it must be the Lord's will" cliché. If it was only that easy! But we may hold confidence in

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Restoring the Holy Spirit to the Godhead

by Lance Penny

On that Pentecost written about in Acts 2, a wonderful new phenomenon occurred that ushered the church of Christ into existence. That new phenomenon was the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, the third member of the Godhead, into those who were being baptized into Christ for remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). Jesus said that God the Spirit would become the earthly representative of divine presence once He, God the Son,

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returned to heaven to sit down at the right hand of God the Father (John 14:15-17). We are told in Acts 2:32-33, as Peter preached the first gospel sermon to a massive crowd in Jerusalem (many of whom had likely witnessed the crucifixion), "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you see and hear".

So, whatever happened to our recognition of this third member of the Trinity that was "poured out" into the lives of those who were being saved and added to the Lord's church? It seems like some brethren today are committing the unforgivable sin of blasphemy against the Spirit by denying His presence in our lives and in the church. There appears to be a great fear in the body of Christ of Divine possession. They don't want to talk about his indwelling. They don't like to think that God could actually live in them, going where they go, experiencing what they do, and listening to the very thoughts and intents of their hearts. It's not black and white enough, not scientific, not of this world, and besides it

causes fear. They are perhaps afraid of a power that they may not be able to control. And so, the resistance is present to nurturing this internal God relationship because of the mystery. Somehow, when you've got your religion all nicely compartmentalized into some sort of calculated, logical philosophy, this indwelling Holy Spirit teaching of the New Testament is not empirical and thus is to be ignored or rejected.

Can my beloved, but fearful, Brethren in the Lord's church ever balance their preoccupation with the love of truth with a love for the Holy Spirit? Jesus teaches that you can't have one without the other and still be acceptable to God. In John 4:23-24 He said, "The hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth".

Perhaps the cold legalism that has killed so many congregations of the Lord's people could be avoided by getting our relationship with God back into a healthy balance of spirit and truth. Perhaps it would behoove us to at least consider the words of the apostle Paul in this matter as he writes in 2 Corinthians 3:6 that we are "servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life".

The key to the success in the growth of the early Christian church is likely connected to an oft-repeated phrase used throughout the New Testament, "in the Spirit". We read of "singing in the Spirit" (1 Corinthians 14:15); "walking in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:6); "live in (by) the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25); "pray in the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:18); "Worship God in the Spirit" (Philippians 3:3); "love in the Spirit" (Colossians 1:8); and over and over again. It doesn't require a degree in theology to recognize that God the Holy Spirit was a central power in the New Testament church.

Does it not seem appropriate, therefore, that a church that seeks to restore

New Testament Christianity today would also seek to restore the Holy Spirit to His rightful position in the Godhead and the body of Christ? Could it be that, in our efforts to avoid the charismatic extremes of our Pentecostal cousins, that we in the churches of Christ have fled Babylon and run past Jerusalem?

A restoration of the Holy Spirit to the Godhead, the church and in the hearts of biblically redeemed souls is what we need to turn the world rightside up for Christ in these last days. Let us preach the gospel that leads to repentance toward God, immersion into Christ for the forgiveness of sins and faithfulness unto death through the power of an indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit. With the restoration of the Holy Spirit to the rightful place that He was intended to hold, we could truly become the restorers of New Testament Christianity.

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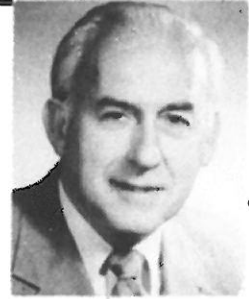
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Seeking True Understanding

by Roy D. Merritt



Considerable attention has been focussed recently on what is called "the new hermeneutic". This is basically an examination of the correct application of Scripture to an understanding of God's will at the end of this century. How valid is the rule of using direct command, approved example and necessary inference as a basis for scriptural authority? We believe that this three-pronged rule is the surest approach to a practical understanding of God's Word. Many of those who fault the use of approved example and necessary inference are simply looking for loopholes through which they may be able to bring in highly questionable innovations.

As we seek to understand and submit ourselves to the will of God more perfectly, we are aware of certain roadblocks to a true understanding. These must be removed if we are to arrive at a healthy doctrinal position.

There is the roadblock of over-simplification. Most of us are aware of certain trends toward making one important factor the only essential for pleasing God. "Faith only", "Grace only", "Morality only" and "Love only" are among these over-simplified prerequisites to salvation. "Only" is a lonely word, and it must be used with care. Some of the greatest errors have been supported and taught by its abuse. Grace or love would come as close as any factor in the order of importance (if it were within man's power to determine such an order). Even one of these cannot safely be used with the word only except in a carefully qualified way.

A second common roadblock to biblical truth is an overemphasis on the place of feelings in determining what is right religiously. Over and over men reject the plain message of God's Word by saying that they feel some other opinion is just as good. Human feelings and opinions are made to sit in judgment on the truthfulness of Scripture rather than Scripture judging the safety of man's opinions. The wise writer of Proverbs has summed up the folly of such humanism very succinctly: "A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinion" (Proverbs 18:2, NIV).

Another common obstacle to a correct application of Scripture is a misunderstanding of the role of conscience. "Let your conscience be your guide" is no more valid in deciding the path of truth than are human opinions. Men fail to realize that the conscience is not intended to be the teacher of what is right. It is the student. To use another analogy, it is not the legislator but the policeman. It cannot tell one what God's way is. This distinction

must come from God's Word.

A fourth roadblock is reliance on what is believed to be the voice of the Holy Spirit apart from the Spirit-recorded Word. All sorts of dreams, warm feelings, inner voices and impulses have been attributed to the Holy Spirit in a manner that contradicted truth. It is difficult to reason with a person who claims such experiences, because they are peculiar to him and he claims to know what happened. He may even advise us to "Taste and see, brother". We cannot taste and we cannot see because there is nothing objective there. He is under a personal delusion.

Finally, some brethren have been influenced significantly by a popular philosophy of the last decade called "Existentialism". This simply refers to human experience as the means by which a person is able to discern truth in any situation. Truth in this system is not objective or definite. It is said to change through the individual's colored glasses of experience. What is truth for one "knower" may be falsehood for another. Christianity for the existentialist would only be true to the degree that he finds it meaningful. The Bible will have authority to the degree that it speaks to his own outlook on life. This makes fallible man his own guide.

We should be eagerly searching for that which is both new and true. Modern scholarship has provided us with some powerful new insights. Let us remove all roadblocks to a healthy understanding of God's Word.

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It Is Of Man

by Geoffrey H. Ellis

Recently, in a discussion regarding the church growth movement, a brother delivered this assessment, "It is of man". By this he meant that the movement is attempting to do God's work by applying human wisdom and employing human methods. Further comments included, "The church growth movement is score keeping: Jesus never kept score". In fact, the spreading negative view of the church growth movement is that it is gimmickry. Many view it as just another evangelical fad: people in search of short cut methods take it on with a burst of enthusiasm, but when seen not to be working, they just as quickly drop it.

It may be well, however, for Bible-centered believers to take another look at "church growth" precisely because it is "of man". Now this may sound strange coming from this writer, who believes that we must do God's work in God's way and that both his work and his way are carefully detailed in the Scriptures. There are two Biblical principles which are relevant here: (1) the evangelical Christian is to be skilled in handling the Word of God (II Tim. 1:15), and (2) he or she is to be attentive to the condition of each prospect, adjusting carefully to such, as the gospel is presented (I Cor. 9:22). Christ's commission, "Go into all the world to preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15), requires two competencies: in the Word and in the world. Jesus commended us to "be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves" because he is sending us out "like sheep among wolves" (Mt. 10:16). Be as knowledgeable about men as you can, but don't use this knowledge to exploit and manipulate them. Jesus' incarnational model included the necessity of his being "made like his brothers in every way" (Heb. 2:17a); thus he suffered and was tempted while sharing fully in man's humanity (Heb. 2:10, 14, 18). "His brothers" are the population of the earth we are to reach with the gospel. His disciples will also enter with full humanity into the world of men. While bringing

the message of heaven, the evangelist will be street-wise as he goes about the earth.

Much has been learned in this century about human behaviour through the social sciences. Church growth thinking encourages the employment of the insights gained in communications, cultural anthropology, psychology, organizational theory, etc., as efforts in outreach are maintained. Churches today commonly use the benefits of technology to speed the gospel through the use of modern transportation and the electronic media. Their work is strengthened by a strong Western economy and the safeguards of modern medicine. Their supporting members seek personal career success through the equipping of advanced learning and professional training in the universities. What wisdom, then, is there in saying that when it comes to communicating the gospel, the spokesman is to restrict deliberately his understanding of his prospect, where he is, how he is feeling, what pressures, problems, and cultural conditioning are affecting him? The quick answer might be that in this way we can be sure that it is the power of the gospel and the activity of the God who gives the increase which are accomplishing the conversion, i.e. spiritual values and influences not human techniques and sly come-ons. Such restraint has a ring of piety, but the restraint can also be afflicted with severe hindrances which can arise when the preacher functions out of ignorance. This quick answer confuses the source and the content of the message with the context and the spokesman of the message. To do all that is humanly possible to adjust the human activity so that it will favour the spiritual activity is good stewardship.

Church growth recognizes formally what we instinctively know and practice. A spiritual message is being delivered to social creatures for their spiritual benefit by servants who are both spiritual in their training and social in their nature. The

apostle Paul clearly details the spiritual kingdom of the second Adam into which we are called (cf. Col. 1:14). At the same time, he acknowledges that we remain with one foot in the realm of the first Adam (cf. Rom. 5:12-21). Social forces will continue to influence man as long as he is on the earth. The evangelical Christian will want to know how these social forces impact himself or herself as well as those to whom the gospel is being presented. Reginald Bibby says:

A well-worn phrase in social psychology is that ideas are socially created, socially sustained, and socially changed. Religion shows no sign of having been granted an exemption from that pattern (*Fragmented Gods*, 1987, p. 43).

Bibby's statement doesn't allow for ideas which originate in God, i.e. revelation, and which are divinely implemented, i.e. providence, and thus is not totally accurate. Yet, in considering how men process God's ideas and work, his maxim expresses accurately the power of social influences upon religious ideas and practices. The church will be blindsided by social forces unless it becomes alert to their presence and skilled in their management.

Since interaction among people is required by the basic nature of the church, interpersonal processes can get in the way of the church's pursuit of its authentic purpose. . . The complexities of human interaction if not recognized and managed, can absorb the attention and energies of a congregation to the neglect of its real purpose (Joe S. Ellis, *The Church on Purpose*, 1982, pp. 121-2).

Yes, the church growth movement is of men. It is of men and about men. It is human theory, open to challenge, susceptible to improvement, and is non-authoritative among the religious efforts of Christian people. Yet, it can uncover practical wisdom which can be harnessed by devout believers to enhance their service to a missionary God and a growing church.

—Waterloo, Ontario

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Mighty Men

by Dean Wright, North Little Rock, Arkansas

People talked about it for years. It was the kind of thing that young boys dream about, and grown men find hard to believe. It really happened, though. It was a day of victory for the people of God, a time of rejoicing. One brave warrior single-handedly had defeated the enemy. His name and his fame are recorded in the Old Testament books of history. He was one of the three mighty men in the service of King David. The kingdom of Israel grew and was firmly established with the help of men like him. He was a hero. Oh, how we need mighty men and women like him today.

The Ancient Hero

What was his name? It doesn't matter. He wasn't seeking fame. Telling others of his accomplishments likely wasn't his style. He was simply striving to serve his king. From what is said about him, from his associations, and by reading between the lines, one gains an inspiring picture of this mighty warrior. Who was he? He was a soldier who stood his ground when all the others ran. Against all odds he engaged the enemy's army. He would rather face the enemy than die running. He would rather die than disgrace his lord. Firm in his allegiance and confident in his cause, he took his stand. Facing an enormous challenge and great risk, he went into battle.

He was a man of character. Character tempered in the white heat of past trials. So, when his fellow soldiers ran, he remained. He honoured his king and set an example for others. Though no one followed his lead, he went into battle anyway. He was a leader. He knew how to lead because he knew how to follow. He was a follower of David. A mark of a great leader is his selflessness, his submissiveness to higher authority, and his willingness to put himself on the line for oth-

ers. He was a man of courage, but when you consider who he followed and the mighty men he associated with, it's not surprising. He was one man who made a difference. There would have been no victory that day, if he had fled like the others. This great man was the humble servant of the king of kings as well as the king of Israel. God was glorified because he was willing to stand alone.

Alone, surrounded, and outnumbered, he took his stand and fought with all his might. He fought for his life, his people, and his king. Although he grew weary, he fought until his hand froze to his sword. After hours of fighting with no help in sight and no chance to rest, he was ready to drop, but he willed himself onward. Each blow brought him closer to the victory. Finally, the last enemy was down. There he was, by the grace of God, still standing. His dedication and perseverance paid off. He stood firm until the battle was won. Though no one stood by his side, he shared the spoils of victory even with the deserters. He didn't fight with his brethren over who should get the glory. This mighty man knew exactly how the battle was won. It was by the power of God. The Bible says that the Lord brought about a great victory that day. He was content to give God the glory and share in that glory with all of Israel. His willingness to stand his ground, to stand alone, and to remain standing until the end set him apart from all the rest. No wonder people talked about him and his fame lives on in history.

The Modern Hero

Who are the mighty men and women of today? Who do our young people admire? Athletes, entertainers, or even fictitious heroes often make up their dreams. Wayne Gretsky, The New Kids

On The Block, The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are the modern heroes. Now to a degree that's not all bad, but they pale in comparison to the heroes among the people of God. Who is the real hero of today? He is the man who stands firm in his conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is both Lord and Saviour. She is the woman who has submitted her life to the rule of King Jesus. They are the rank and file of the church, people who have made a life-long commitment to the Lord. The soldier of Christ who faithfully serves in the Lord's army is the modern hero.

Mighty men and women are empowered by the Almighty, people strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, soldiers clothed with the armour of God (Eph. 6:10). They are people who are well-aware that they are in a life and death battle, people who realize that every victory is by the power of the Almighty, and to him belongs the glory and honour. They publicly or privately battle cancer, alcoholism, immorality, church division, bitterness, complacency, unfaithfulness, yes all manner of evil. Their struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph. 6:12). With the sword of the Spirit in their hand, they stand their ground and fight, alone if need be, that is without any human aid. They know that the one who is in them is stronger than the one who is in the world. They know that faith is the victory (1 John 4:4; 5:4).

Though they become weary and the battle rages on, they continue to fight. Like the hero of old, they stand their ground and fight until their hand is frozen to the sword. In each struggle and triumph in this life, they look forward to the ultimate victory in heaven. Each battle won is to God's glory and to the benefit of all his people. The real heroes never set out to be heroes. They are just serving their king. The spoils of victory and the fruits of their labour are willingly shared with all. Real heroes are hard to find unless you know what you are looking for. They are inconspicuous. Their names are seldom seen in the news, but they are familiar names like Jones, Ar-

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Trying Times

by J.C. Bailey

The U.S.A. has had both floods and cyclones with some loss of life. Canada has had floods with some loss of life. Canada is passing through a very serious political crisis. Only time will show how serious it is. Ethiopia has a civil war. In the midst of this civil war they had a prolonged drought. The press reported more than a million people starved to death. Iran has just had one of the worst earthquakes of this century. Today they reported that more than 500 had died and the number could go much higher. India is subject to tropical storms, and they have just had the worst storm in more than a century. While the loss of life was not as great as in Ethiopia or in Iran, tens of thousands are left with only the clothes they have on their bodies! Do you know what they have asked for more than any other one thing? "Our Bible is gone, get me a new Bible."

Thousands of our brethren are without shelter and without clothes. There has been some clothing shipped, but for light clothes for children and grownups, the demand is almost limitless. Brother Ron Clayton is making an appeal to meet this need. Be sure to respond. In Canada our postage rate is so high that it is better to just send the money and let them buy clothes in India. They produce their own wool, cotton and silk. From these natural catastrophes, I want to draw some lessons.

Jehovah is slow to anger, and great in

power, and will by no means clear the guilty. Jehovah hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and "the clouds are the dust of his feet" (Nahum 1:3).

Then we turn to the New Testament. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed to usward" (Rom. 8:18); and we add, "And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

Paul is on a ship in the sea; they are lost; they are cold; they are hungry; they have not had anything to eat for 14 days. Yet Paul said, be of good cheer. How could they be of good cheer? Paul told them that the God he served had told him that all would be saved. I quote, "...for I believe God, that it shall be even as he hath spoken unto me" (Acts 27:25).

I want to look at the Scriptures we have used and at the Scriptures we shall use and you should say, I believe God that it shall be as he told me. Do you profess to be a Christian? "But if God so clothes the grass of the field which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall not he much more clothe you. O ye of little faith. Be not therefore anxious saying what shall we eat, what shall we drink, or wherewithal shall we be clothed. For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these

things. But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:30-33).

We shall add verses that we do not hear quoted very often, but that doesn't make their messages any less true. "Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive. For the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" (John 7:37-39). We shall see when this measure of the Spirit was given.

Jesus was preached as Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). Those who heard Peter recognized the fact that he was Lord (Ruler) and Christ (the anointed one). They then asked what they should do (vs. 37). And Peter said unto them, "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and he shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". When they repented and were baptized, they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Verse 39 reads, "For to you is the promise and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him." The Lord said that we are to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and the material things would be added. After Jesus was glorified, then the believer would have spiritual power. --*Bengough, Saskatchewan*

Elders Must Be Soul-Winners, Too!

by Jule L. Miller

The beloved Cleon Lyles once wrote, "The Elders of a church are to lead in all phases of their work by deed, as well as word -- not by command. Great talkers are not necessarily prolific doers and the best teachers are the elders who teach by their faithful actions rather than dogmatize."

Elders are leaders. They cannot expect members of their congregations to save souls if they themselves are not actively "seeking and saving the lost" (Luke 19:10). When an elder has no interest in saving a precious lost soul for which Jesus died, he simply has no reason for being an elder in the Lord's

church! J. Oswald Sanders, commenting on true leadership, states, "It is a general principle that we can influence and lead others only so far as we ourselves have gone. The person most likely to be successful is one who leads not by merely pointing the way but by having trodden it himself. We are leaders to the extent that we inspire others to follow us."

Elders are shepherds. Jesus pictures the loving shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine in search of the one that was lost (Luke 15:1-7). Our Lord also speaks of "other sheep" which were not of the fold (John 10:16), referring to the Gentiles of his day. Are these not indicative

of the multitude lost in denominationalism and worldliness today? As a faithful shepherd, an elder must reach out as a soul winner to rescue the perishing from the ravenous wolves of hell!

Elders are to teach. This is a specific qualification according to 1 Timothy 3:2. In Timothy's day, an elder's aptness to teach was tested daily against unbelievers. Do we not also live in a world of unbelief? Are the challenges for elders today any less? Most assuredly, teaching privately as well as publicly should be a ministry in which every overseer of the Lord's church is involved.

Elders are leaders. Elders are shepherds. Elders are teachers. However, in all of these aspects, an elder must be first and foremost a soul-winner!

-- *Houston, Texas*

The Grace of Giving, III

by Cecil T. Bailey

Although giving through some agency may help us to remain incognito as the Lord suggests, the receiver of gifts through agencies may well feel that they are cold and impersonal, and thereby accentuate one's feelings of deprivation and loneliness. Moreover, if our giving is to be done non-personally through an organization, let it be, whenever possible, the Lord's church, that therein Christ may be glorified.

Even when one gives through or on behalf of the church, it ought to be carried out with the utmost delicacy and graciousness. Why should we thoughtlessly wound others when our intent is only to do them good?

Finally, can we expect to inspire others to give freely and cheerfully for such mundane projects as a new or improved meeting facility? Yes, if we are careful to teach our people that buildings and other conveniences are merely the means to an end, and never, never an end in themselves. To desire a gorgeous building in whose grandeur or structure we can or will take an inordinate pride, as apostate religion began to do centuries ago,

and as is emulated throughout Christendom to this day, is, in my understanding of the Scriptures, sheer idolatry. Moreover, to hold any building made by mortal hands as being too sacred to be used for worthwhile ministries or Christian fellowship is likewise unwitting idolatry.

If and when larger or more practical facilities are needed for church growth or in order to carry out essential ministries, let us not be hesitant or tardy in raising the needed funds to accomplish the work of God. Knowing that it is 'God that gives the increase', let us do our part to provide facilities for 'planting and watering' through our ministries and fellowship groups. Let us remind ourselves as well that our own selfishness and covetousness, not our poverty, are our most serious handicaps.

We need to remind those who are in charge of the expenditures from the church treasury that they must perform their tasks competently and effectively so that all the saints will thereby be encouraged to grow mightily in the grace of giving.

--Calgary, Alberta

MISSION NEWS

Zambia -- Roy Merritt

The *Whole Bible Correspondence Course*, being edited by Roy Merritt of Namwianga, Zambia specifically to upgrade the Bible knowledge of church leaders, is being distributed in English and Citonga. Enrolment has increased to 1525.

"There have been so many questions that I have started printing a little magazine called 'The Question Box' which I distribute to the people taking the course. Many of the questions have to do with Seventh Day Adventist doctrines, polygamy and the 'one-cup' controversy. There are many other questions of wide interest. We are presently working on 'Question Box number 5'."

The Tintern, Ontario church and two U.S. churches are contributing to this program. Brother Merritt has hired three nationals to help with this program.

He also reports, "Workers from Namwianga have started or helped start 15 new congregations this year. This is very exciting. Three or four teams travel out preaching every Sunday."

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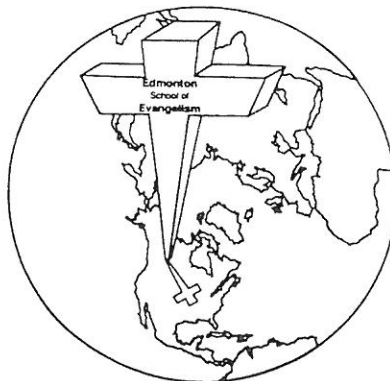
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Cancer: My Story of Faith, Hope and Love (4)

by Joan Smith

9. Be a friend. I met a patient with her friend in the waiting room. The friend expressed what a privilege it was to be a friend and to be able to do things for others.

10. Pray for each other. Share your problems with others. God has given us the privilege to pray for one another, but we can't have that privilege unless we know there are problems.

11. Laugh. The saying, "Laughter is the best medicine" proved true last spring when I hadn't had a good night's sleep for weeks, getting as little as three hours sleep some nights. But the night we had our Secret Sister supper to reveal our Secret Sisters, we became so confused over whose Secret Sister was whose that we spent most of our time laughing. That night I really slept.

12. Have a sense of humour. I hope people get to know me well enough that we can joke about going in for a refill and having my battery changed. One day someone suggested they sell my pump to pay off some of the bills at school. Another person said, "No." He was going to sell the Business Manger's wheelchair first.

When I had been on my new treatment for about two weeks, I got sores in my mouth. The doctor says that this only happens to four in one hundred patients. The secretary's comment, "Show off!"

13. Love. Choose to love and make others happy. You will find happiness and love in the process.

Love because it feels good. Love makes life worth living and increases the likelihood of healing. Let your heart smile on the inside no matter what happens on the outside.

Remember you are love. So let your love expand, and love yourself and

everyone. When you love and really feel joined with everyone, everything, and with God, you can feel happy and safe inside. You will surely find a rainbow on the other side of any dark cloud.

Emmet Fox, *The Sermon on the Mount*:

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; no disease that enough love will not heal; no door that enough love will not open; no gulf that enough love will not bridge; no wall that enough love will not throw down; no sin that enough love will not redeem. . . It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble; how hopeless the outlook; how muddled the tangle; how great the mistake. A sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all. If only you could love enough you would be the happiest and most powerful being in the world. . .

(from *Love, Medicine and Miracles* by Bernie S. Siegel, M.D., Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, 1986, pp. 176-77).

How Do I Feel About Dying?

I believe death is not an end but a beginning of a journey to a more wonderful, beautiful, perfect place. When I am ready to die, I want my family and friends willing to let me go on that journey, with an assurance that they will meet me someday in heaven.

Cancer is so limited. . .
It cannot cripple love.
It cannot shatter hope.
It cannot corrode faith.
It cannot eat away peace.
It cannot destroy confidence.
It cannot kill friendship.
It cannot shut out memories

It cannot silence courage.
It cannot invade the soul.
It cannot reduce eternal life.
It cannot quench the spirit.
It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection.

My doctor requested that I bring you a very important two-word message, "Don't smoke". I have cancer in my lung, but it is not lung cancer. Lung cancer is caused by smoking or living with someone who smokes. I would like to tell you what it has been like to live with breast cancer in my lung.

Cancer in the lung creates a fluid that collects in the lining around the lung. This causes the lung to be squashed out of position and thereby causes breathing problems. I know what it is like to panic because you can't get your breath; what it is like to not be able to sing a hymn because you haven't enough breath to get to the end of the first line; what it is like to catch a cold, with the congestion adding to the fluid already around the lung; how you cough and cough and cough and your ribs get sorer and sorer and sorer; how the only way you can sleep is by sitting up; how you have to take three Tylenol 3 to relieve the pain so you can sleep; how you wake up in the morning feeling spaced out because of the heavy dosage of pain killers. Now it's time for the doctor to perform a procedure called Thoracentesis which is draining the fluid from around the lung. A needle is inserted through the back between the ribs into the lining around the lung, being careful not to puncture the lung. A tube is attached and the other end put in a vacuum jar. As the fluid is withdrawn, the lung starts to expand. This can be very painful. I have had as much as a litre and a half removed at one time -- a quick but painful way to lose three pounds in ten minutes.

My doctor also would like people to become involved with the Cancer Society. Volunteers are needed to drive patients for appointments and treatment; to weigh patients and take them to examining rooms; to serve coffee, tea, and cookies; to provide information; and to canvas for donations. The Cancer Foundation provides all of my drugs except
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Reminiscences, No. 20 (Part I)

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 September 1884 Christian Worker. E.C.P.)

In my last (No. 19) I finished my history of churches and now desire to speak of how the cause of Christ has spread in Ontario apart from church organizations. There are to my certain knowledge, brethren in the following cities, towns, and villages quite sufficient to form a nucleus, in each place, of a church proper. Cities of St. Catharines, Brantford, London; towns of Whitby, Oakville, Strathroy, Chatham, Windsor, Sarnia, Berlin, and I think Amherstburg; villages of Port Dover, Blenheim, Wardsville and Orangeville. There may be others beyond the reach of my knowledge. These are important places, within the borders of which the light of the gospel should be shining. Then there are numerous families in places isolated from the church all over the land who would rejoice to have the gospel preached in their neighborhoods. We have churches in the following cities, towns and villages. Cobourg, Port Hope, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Toronto, Aurora, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Meaford, Stratford, Guelph, Wiarton, St. Thomas, Stouffville, Jordan, Smithville, Walkerton, Stayner, Erin, Acton, Hamilton, Welland, Selkirk, Priceville, Ridgetown, Rodney, and some others. This gives a birdseye view of how the cause has prospered since 1830 and 1835 considering the limited effort put forth and for a long time our ignorance as to how continued effort should be managed. The terrible odds against us, I consider it marvelous that so much has been effected. It is too a matter of satisfaction and rejoicing that

so very few churches have failed and their light gone out. And even those that have failed, the cause has been deaths and removals and not apostasies. Again I am much pleased to know that so very few members have apostatized. In regard to church innovations, only one has been pleased to introduce a machine made by hands to help (?) in divine worship. A wise and renowned brother in Kentucky, a few years ago said "we (the brethren of wisdom and foresight) are looking to the brethren of Canada and Great Britain for the real success of our distinctive plea". Brethren of Canada should feel proud of such a compliment and see they do not prove themselves unworthy of it. I am sure our prospects for a widespread increase are remarkably good if we do not by our own foolishness spoil everything.

I do not desire to pass over one of the most important points connected with the progress and prosperity of the cause among us. I have been speaking in my various numbers of principal men and their talents. I will now speak of another point that I like to dwell upon. It is Christian knowledge and Christian graces. I feel like boasting a little just here and I think I could do it truthfully. As to scriptural knowledge I do know we as a body are very far in advance of any body of religionists in Canada. Our preachers stand pre-eminently higher over preachers of any or all religious bodies of whatever name they are known. I do not mean as to native talent or education, but for a full clear truthful knowledge of the way of salvation and the way of making their hearers appreciate and understand it. There certainly is room for improvement in the piety of our members, but in this also we are on a par if not greatly in advance. In regard to devotion, godliness, steadfastness, and prayerfulness I do not feel ashamed of my brethren.

Now it is clear that we as a people are

under obligation to 'sound out the word' into the places named and to other openings, this can be done for there is talent and wealth enough among us to carry on a successful warfare. In regard to how it can be done. I think there is only one way to accomplish that very desirable end and that way is by a co-operative effort. The definition of co-operate is to "act or operate jointly with another or other; to concur in producing a result". "Co-operation is concurrent labour or joint operation". This gives us a close idea of what co-operate and co-operation is. One person alone cannot co-operate, he can operate but not co-operate, two may co-operate so may millions. Things may and do co-operate as well as persons. In the creation there was co-operation. God used instrumentalities, he said let us make man in our image and after our likeness."

Mighty Men

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nill, Graham, Walker, and many more. They are people who sit next to you in worship each Sunday, people who have served in the kingdom longer than you can remember. Praise God for old warriors, and may he bless us with many more young recruits. The Lord will bless the faithful soldier of Christ with victory.

Who was that mighty man of Israel? He was a faithful soldier whose name and fame will go down in history as an example to all (2 Sam. 23:9-10). He is remembered as a mighty man who stood his ground, stood alone, and stood firm until the battle was won. Like that mighty warrior of old, the faithful soldier of Christ today inspires others and glorifies God. C. Wesley wrote, "Soldiers of Christ arise and put your armour on; strong in the strength which God supplies, through his beloved son."

My Story of Cancer

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for any pain killers and antibiotics I need. The infusion pump I wear, valued at \$6,000, is on loan by the Cancer Foundation. Lastly, be aware of the latest information on cancer. Toll free numbers for a Cancer Information Service are listed in most telephone directories.

--Tintern, Ontario



by Eugene C. Perry
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Quebec City, PQ: Max Dauner of Montpellier, France was invited to give public talks on the book of Revelation in Quebec City in June.

The brethren in France have produced a new hard-cover hymnal containing 596 titles.

Sherbrooke, PQ: Albert and Diane Charette have a new son, Mathieu. They are making contacts by means of advertisements in the Saturday paper. Studies and discussions have resulted in about 10 who show some continuing interest but many of whom are hesitant until there are regular church assemblies.

Albert hopes to start meetings in August with assistance from other congregations sending some members over.

Lachine, PQ: The Mazzalongo family has moved from here but requests our prayers on behalf of this church as they seek and select a new evangelist.

Cornwall, ON: A second congregation has begun meeting in Cornwall and is listed in the directory beginning this issue.

Nora Granger and Edna Carries were recently baptized.

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: Recently welcomed into the congregation were Kala De Castro with her two children, and Lynda Schott.

Plans are in process to repair the ceiling, paint the walls and refinish the floors in the auditorium.

Ottawa, ON: "Greetings from the Lord's church in Ottawa. Things and events have been happening at a rapid pace with us. Our prayer is that God has been and is being glorified in each effort we put forth.

"In April our ladies were able to fulfill their plans for Ladies Day '90 in an exemplary manner. The Ladies Day of April 28 was very successful. There were in excess of eighty people in attendance. The theme, 'It Only Takes A Spark', was expressed in every speech, song and prayer. Our ladies did a mag-

nificent job with every facet of the program, which they did themselves without having an outside speaker. We are extremely thankful for them and their use of the talents they have in serving the Lord here in Ottawa. They are looking forward with an air of excitement to Ladies Day 1991.

"The next event that took place was the Eastern Canada Lectures '90. Brethren, those of you who missed this event missed one of the best lectures I've been involved in for a long time. The speakers, without exception, did a masterful job with their assigned topics. The theme, 'Becoming All I Can Be For Christ' was certainly put forth in each lesson. Those who came went away refreshed and edified. We are thankful to all the men who gave their time and effort to make this lecture a glorious spiritual feast. They were: Bayardo Cortes, Max Craddock, Dick Forsyth, Keith Thompson, Michel Mazzalongo, Roy Merritt, S.F. Timmerman and Don Whitfield. We are already in the process of getting things on the road for 1991. The attendance exceeded last years and we are thankful to God for blessing this event in His honor. We ask your prayers for the continued success of this event to God's glory and the spreading of the simple New Testament truth in this part of Canada. We are in many ways isolated from the majority of the brethren, and this is a means for us to be edified and have fellowship with a great number of brethren at least once a year.

"We look forward to July and the Weldon's mission trip to Southern Italy. We will be going home (our old home anyway) for three weeks of teaching, preaching, and fellowship with brethren that we love very dearly. We covet your prayers on behalf of the Lord's work in Southern Italy and particularly the River-view Park congregation's efforts there in that work. VBS will be coming up in August under the direction of Bayardo Cortes and we are looking forward to a very successful one.

"The final big event for 1990 will be our Homecoming on October 14. We invite all former members and their families to come and be with us on this great day. Brother Colin Cameron is in charge of this even, and if you have any questions concerning it, you may contact him at (613) 731-9312.

"When in Ottawa pay us a visit. We will be honored to have you and we have a warm welcome awaiting you. God

bless you all in His service until next time."

--Earl Weldon

Belleville, ON: John Short was baptized on Saturday, July 15. There is a good possibility of another church family moving into this area.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: The baptism of Shanna Tubman and Tammy Klassen were recent occasions for rejoicing. VBS is scheduled for August 13-17 using the "Friendimension" series.

As the search for a preacher continues, we have been blessed by the efforts of many area men who have come to speak to us. (*We understand that a preacher has been selected since the above was written. E.C.P.*)

"We recently mourned the passing of our sister Bonnie Gardner."

Grimsby, ON: This church has just completed a very encouraging VBS with high attendance of 57 and average of 48.6. The closing program saw a full building.

Tintern, ON: VBS the first week in July saw a high attendance of over 100 students.

The singing weekend with Ray Walker scheduled for September has been rescheduled for May 24-27, 1991.

St. Catharines, ON: After a vacation in the U.S., Michel Mazzalongo began serving with the St. Catharines church in July. Since this congregation is able to support him, others need no longer assist with his support.

Fenwick, ON: Sylvia publicly requested prayers in mid-June. Roy Puckelwartz has left this work and moved back to the U.S. A replacement is being sought.

Port Colborne, ON: On June 7th we welcomed Justin Gordon, brother for Jason, second born to Dan and Dale Scherer. On June 10 Geoffrey Ellis presented a series of lessons at both worship services, Bible class hour and afternoon session on the "Church and Family". We were glad to have Doreen with him, also.

"On June 13, Donna Jenson and Ryan Haymes were immersed into Christ. We had a special baptismal service with many visitors attending.

"On June 19 sister Orpah Haymes passed from this life into an eternal rest with God.

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by Brian Cox

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(Editor's Note: I want to thank again my faithful correspondents who write reports for this column. Those reports are so much better than just sending me your bulletins because they allow me to include what is important to you. I would encourage more congregations to appoint someone to write a report for this column. I would also like to remind you that I must receive your reports the first of each month for the following month's issue. Some reports have been arriving late and the news is old by the time it can be reported. Thank you again for your help and encouraging comments. B.C.)

Saskatoon, SK: On May 6, our little Jamie Nelson passed away (see obituaries for more information). Harold, Mary and Robert Orr and Mary's father, Jim Lidbury, arrived back from Oklahoma for the summer months. Allen, Laura and Luke Close will return from a month trip to Brazil on June 10. Melanie Hobbs is in South America with Harding University helping with campaigns. The Mark Borsheims and Hugh Gannons took the Jr. High Youth group on a trip to Edmonton (to meet with the Jr. High Youth there). The Gannons will be moving to Dauphin the end of June as Hugh is the new Bible Teacher at Western Christian College. Jim and Wanda Hobbs are moving to Winnipeg on June 5. We are looking forward to various summer Bible Camps.

Estevan, SK: Bro. Tim Pippus has now been with us for a month, because of our June schedule having been set up before he came to Estevan, he has only had the opportunity to preach one Sunday morning. But he has been active in visiting many of the church members as well as many other contacts. Tim has also taken over the leadership role of singing at one of our senior citizens homes every other week. Beginning July 1, Tim will be preaching both Sunday morning and night for the next nine Sundays.

We are thankful for the visiting preachers, J.C. Bailey, Tom Goud and Ray McMillan for the fine lessons they brought us in June, as well as the efforts

of our local brethren.

Three home Bible studies are in progress, four food hampers were presented by our church ladies to people who have moved into our area. The ladies held their last sewing get-together for the summer on June 26. Plans for our teenage activities have become a reality, and Estevan members are very active in the many programs for July and August being held at Clearview Christian Camp at Kenosee Lake. May being our debt reduction month was blessed with a \$10,000 plus payment against our loan.

The Lord is good and has blessed us with beautiful rains, we thank Him for His showers of blessings.

--Carl E. Johnson

Moose Jaw, SK: On May 27 Joe Lunde and Heath Kai put on their Lord in baptism. We rejoice with the angels in heaven. The "Mini-Lectureship" Weekend was well-attended. I do not know the exact figure but people came from Medicine Hat, Lloydminster, Swift Current, Gravelbourg, Regina, Weyburn, Estevan, Horse Creek, Bengough, Yorkton and Dauphin.

Dauphin, MB: Dwayne Davis, Jenny Cox and Robin Adair have all recently put on their Lord in baptism. Darrell Buchanan from Regina spoke in Dauphin on June 10.

Arden - Neepewa, MB: The church in Neepewa began meeting at the Community Hall in Arden on June 24. They had been meeting in the home of Jack and Margaret Anderson in Neepewa for many years. It is believed that this will be a much better arrangement. Plan to visit and worship with them when you are in the area. The Bible study on Thursday evening continues to generate a lot of interest. People from the community have begun to attend the study. Don Killough of Carman teaches the class.

Wawota, SK: On May 20 Jonathan Cox put on his Lord in baptism upon returning home from the Western Christian College Youth Rally. Almost everyone in the congregation as well as a few visitors returned to the church building at 9:30 p.m. to share in this encouraging event. May God's name be glorified. We have with us Steve McMillan of Regina as a Student Ministry Intern. He will be with us for ten weeks. During that time he will be teaching the young people's class on Sunday mornings, a young people's class in Whitewood on

Sunday afternoon, and a class in our local care home on Thursdays. He will alternate with Brian Cox in preaching assignments in Wawota and Whitewood. Steve will also be working with our young people, teaching at VBS and helping out at camp. Steve is organizing the Student's Rally in Regina for the first of September. During the summer months, Steve will be conducting a survey among our members. The purpose of the program is to encourage our young people to consider full-time ministry as well as to give them an opportunity to experience it. We ask for your prayers for this important work.

Whitewood, SK: On June 17, Christians from Wawota, Manson and Whitewood met here for worship with 65 present. It was an encouraging time of fellowship and worship. During our afternoon singing time, many young and old alike led singing for the first or almost the first time. We look forward to future opportunities to be together and to encourage one another in this way.

Clearview Christian Camp, SK: The summer activities are already under way. A recent highlight was Family Camp with approximately 150 present. Lynn and Joy McMillon from Oklahoma City gave excellent lessons on the family. It was a thrill to see so many young families and children there. Plans are already being made for next year. Be sure to reserve that weekend for Family Camp; you will not want to miss it.

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Great Lakes Students Conduct Kids' Rally



Affection and relationship are obvious as community kids and Great Lakes chorus members celebrate their kids' rally on the steps of the Sault Ste. Marie church building.

"A chance to reaffirm kids in grades 1-6 and to present the Soo church as being concerned about kids in the community were our main reasons for the Rally," said Dave McMillan, director of the GL chorus and organizer of the Kids Rally held in May in Sault Ste. Marie.

"A great day for kids and a helpful image for the church in the Soo" was the comment by members of the Soo church involved in the rally.

Students from Great Lakes presented five learning stations, and Doug King, Soo member and a police officer, presented a sixth station on crime, obedience, and kids' relationship to the law.

Stations presented by the GL students included drama, singing, Bible baseball, personal creativity, and puppets. Kids were challenged to care about each other and to fit into God's will for them.

The diverse nature of the students at GL allows the group to bring a wide variety of talents to this kind of ministry. GL students leading in the Soo rally were: Brian Williams, Toronto; Lyssa Spiers, Petrolia; Anita Adams, Jamie Tallman, Heather Veerman, Matt Walker, Melissa Book, Robyn Hannah, Beamsville; Becky Hibbard, Hamilton; Nicky Appell, Wallaceburg; Kevin Whitfield, Jeff Whitfield, Sault Ste. Marie; Julie Codling, Jodie Codling, Ajax; Barry VanAlstine, Guelph; Paul Taylor, Halifax; Scott Smith, Pelham; and Sylvia Griffiths, Thunder Bay.

Churches interested in a youth rally, kids' rally, or other similar ministries provided by Great Lakes should contact Dave McMillan or Rick McBay, 4875 King Street, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0 for details.

MISSION NEWS

Mission Showcase - J.C. Bailey

The campus of International Bible College in Florence, Alabama, will be the location of "Expo '90, A World Evangelism Showcase", September 26-29. Evangelism ministries of various kinds will be featured in exhibitions and daily conferences will be held concerning works on different continents. Featured speakers will include such veteran missionaries as Otis and Irene Gatewood, Gordon Hogan, Bob Hare and Bob Brown.

Space will be provided for booths to display a showcase of good works across a worldwide brotherhood. Space can be reserved by calling Charles Payne at 1-800-982-4807. Housing will be provided in Christian homes in the area as far as possible as requests come in, along with "tour guides" for area attractions for those who want to combine a family vacation with attendance at the gathering. Some 10,000 brethren are expected.

Free advertisement of various ministries will be offered as the Alabama brethren seek to publicize "Expo '90". They request a letterhead and a one-page summary of the work being done. This will be included in packets of material being distributed.

Washington, England - Al Meakes

The new church planting in Washington, Tyne and Wear enjoyed an encouraging "Friend Sunday" on June 24 with 52 in attendance.

They rejoiced in the baptisms of Sharon Richardson, married mother of three and Trevor Owen, married father of two.

An Era Closes for Ontario

In mid-June, Roy and Nelle Merritt quietly ended their work with the church in Kingston and moved their effects to Winnipeg. This concluded nearly four decades of service to the cause of Christ in the province of Ontario.

The Merritts pursued new frontiers in Ontario. They were involved in church planting in Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), Ottawa, and Thunder Bay. Roy was active in Christian education serving as a visiting teacher in the Bible Department of Great Lakes Christian College at its founding in 1952, and serving as Dean of

the GLCC School of Bible and Missions, which he helped to found in 1969 and which he served until 1981.

Following two years in the mission field, in Bangalore, India, the Merritts returned to Ottawa for the second time, serving there from 1983 to 1988. For the past two years they have encouraged the recently decimated church in Kingston.

With the exception of the Merritts' overseas service, Roy has been a co-editor of the *Gospel Herald* throughout this period; and for a number of years, Nelle edited a column surveying world mis-

sion activity. Roy's regular editorials have been contemporary, pertinent, well-written, and trenchantly expressed. Roy has been respected for his moderate stance, his scholarly approach, and his steady confidence in the authority of the Scriptures.

The church throughout Canada has been blessed by the influence of the Merritts. The work in Ontario, in particular, has gained immeasurably. Those in this regions say, Goodbye for now, and thanks.

--Geoffrey H. Ellis

News East

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"Our family had the privilege of worshipping with the church at Owen Sound and Thessalon this past month while Bill Wheeler conducted the preaching services here. Bill is doing a great job with us this summer. He has fit well into our church family and has been accepted in the community.

"We thank God for the continued growth. Plans are set to have Gordon Dennis come September 28-30 to conduct a "Learning to Love Video Seminar".

--David Lock

Buffalo, NY: Kevin Ross and Barb Buttino recently placed membership; Uly Hankerson, Jr. and Adrian Amadori were immersed into Christ and Robin Green was restored.

The Barnett family moved from the Buffalo work to Lexington, Nebraska at the end of June. A replacement preacher is being sought.

Brantford, ON: A "custom-made" VBS on the life of Daniel is scheduled for August 21-24.

Guelph, ON: Now meeting in better facilities in Conestoga College, the congregation hopes to soon outgrow the present room -- capacity 50.

Waterloo, ON: The Waterloo young people and their teachers hosted a youth retreat for area young people at Camp Omagh over the May 24th holiday weekend. Some 30, including staff, were in attendance.

The congregation said goodbye recently to Edith McNab who moved to Gore Bay, to Kelly Seabrook moving to St. Catharines, and to Tom and Karen Clark to Beamsville where Tom will take up his work as president of GLCC on July 16.

Preparations are being made for VBS, August 27-30, an evening program, for the annual men's retreat at Camp Omagh, September 14-15, where Larry MacKenzie of Memphis, Tennessee will teach on the subject of prayer, and for a one-day seminar on prayer at Waterloo to be conducted by Larry MacKenzie, September 16.

Plans for a gospel meeting with Alex Strachan of Glenrothes, Scotland, originally set for Sept. 23-27, have been postponed due to knee surgery which brother Strachan will undergo in late August.

Stratford, ON: Recent activities in-

clude a Ladies Night Out and a Sunday School picnic. Kelvin Hoover is still studying with the couple he recently married.

Newmarket, ON: During May the contribution was about \$300 per week over the budget. Mark Beattie was baptized on June 24.

Collingwood, ON: Donald Robinson and Marie Sawyer were baptized on July 10. Bill and Alma Bunting will be concluding their work in Collingwood on July 31, and after completing immigration procedures, will begin evangelistic work with the Livonia, Michigan church.

Ice Lake, ON: "Our 'June Meeting' was a successful one with nineteen different congregations represented. The sermons were of excellent content. We had brethren from Calgary, Alberta to Little Rock, Arkansas.

"I have decided to retire from preaching, effective the end of July."

--Lloyd Bailey

Sudbury, ON: Last month Isabel Newton was baptized and has become an active part of the fellowship here in Sudbury. In May, Todd Schell, after a thorough review of his former conversion, was baptized.

Recently, David Tarjan and his newly acquired bride visited with us briefly. Dave now lives in Zurich, Switzerland and is an active part of the church there. He was baptized in Sudbury in December of 1984.

As was stated in the July issue of the *Gospel Herald*, Albert and Diane Charette have moved to Sherbrooke, Quebec, with plans to set up house for the Lord in that city. We deeply admire their courage. It will not be an easy task. Please remember them often in your prayers, and if you are ever in the area, stop by and lend them encouragement. Both Diane and Albert are formerly from Sudbury.

Around the first of August, Charles and Darlene Chartrand will complete their move to Wawa, Ontario. Though the purpose of their move is for secular employment, they have every intention of setting up the church of our Lord in this isolated area.

We have promised personally to lend assistance. If a replacement could be found for the work here, we could give more time to this goal.

The West Huntsville congregation in Huntsville, Alabama deserves a word of

thanks. After assisting the work in Sudbury for almost thirteen years, they have willingly taken on the financial responsibility of the work in Sherbrooke.

Thessalon, ON: VBS dates are July 30 to August 3. Attendance has been good and average contributions are believed to be at an all-time high.

Marquette, MI: Mark Rowden became the new campus minister in June. Congregations are asked to help with the work fund and campus ministry.

Evangelist Required

We are looking for an evangelist to work with us. We are a small church located in the historic seaport city of **Halifax, Nova Scotia**. Our city has a population of 115,000, with the surrounding areas totalling 280,000 people. Partial support is available.

For inquiries call:
(902) 443-9628 or 876-7402

Send application and resume to:
Search Committee
Halifax Church of Christ
48 Convoy Avenue
Halifax NS B3N 2P8

Evangelist Required

to work with the Church of Christ
in
Dauphin, Manitoba

Western Christian College is now located in Dauphin. The congregation's membership is about 65 plus the college students.

Partial salary provided. Some outside funding needed.

Dauphin Church of Christ
378 Rivers Avenue E.
Dauphin, MB R7N 0H8

ORPHA HAZEL HAYMES

Orpha Hazel Haymes was born to George and Clara Huffman on October 18, 1904, one of ten sisters. On November 18, 1921, she married Raymond Haymes. To that union were born seven children.

In her 85th year, sister Haymes passed from this life on June 19, 1990. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey Marr (Lois), Mrs. Gordon Vittie (Elsie); two sons, Keith and Bruce; 22 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and three sisters. She was predeceased by daughters Dorothy Haymes, Phyllis Elliot; son, Graham Haymes; granddaughter Cindy; parents, George and Clara Huffman; and six sisters. Sister Haymes was laid to rest at Zion Cemetery, Wainfleet.

Although I only came to know sister Haymes really closely during her illness, she has left a remarkable impact on my life. Her constant cheerfulness, strength, and faith have helped all who knew her to deal with "crossing over Jordan"; and for those who remain to go on living. Her faithful 69 years of marriage left its impact on so many. The relationships of a strong family surrounded by love was an example for all. Truly, Proverbs 31, "a wife of noble character", is apt. To those of us living, we can be comforted by Jesus' words in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life; He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

--David Lock

JAIME LAUREL NELSON

Jaime was born on April 3, 1985, at Medicine Hat, Alberta. After one year on the farm at Wishart, Saskatchewan, her family moved to Saskatoon. At age 4, she was diagnosed as having Rett Syndrome, a rare degenerative neurological disorder. She was in and out of the hospital many times over the years. While her illness brought much suffering to her life and her family, she gave so much warmth and joy to all who knew her by her cheerful disposition.

Many lives were touched by Jaime in the few years that she lived among us, and she will be greatly missed. She passed from this life on Sunday, May 6 at the age of 6 years. Her funeral service was attended by close to 300 relatives and friends on Wednesday, May 9 at the church of Christ building in Saskatoon.

Bob Parker gave the message of comfort.

She was laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Left to cherish her memory are her loving parents, Garth and Edith Nelson; her younger brother, Caleb; her grandparents, Roy and Maureen Fleming of Saskatoon, and David and Ethel Nelson of Wishart, Sask.; her great-grandmothers, Agnes Johnson of Saskatoon and Helen Fleming of Radville; also many other relatives and friends.

"Jaime, we miss you terribly and long to be with you again in that home where there will be no tears and no goodbyes."

Study Available

"Inquiry into the Growth of Churches of Christ in Ontario"
by Geoffrey Ellis

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Phone: (519) 885-6330

Write: Geoffrey Ellis
Box 183

Waterloo, ON N2J 3Z9

Second Bethany Study Tour Proves Successful



"Study Group Visits Bethany, W. Virginia"

L-R (Back Row): Mabel Needham, Ruby Green, Durnville; Joyce Harvey, Pauline and Jim Ford, Wilma and Wayford Smith, Meaford. (Front Row): Steve May (Instructor), Tintern; Alexander Best, Montreal; Keith Thompson, Newmarket; Ed Jermakowicz, Thunder Bay; Dave McMillan (tour director), Beamsville; Elwin Moore, Tintern. (Missing from the picture.): Phyllis May, Tintern; Jim Yarian, Amherst, NY; Dot Wilson, Bradford, PA; Ann Confer, Bradford, PA; and Harold Parker, Beamsville.

Fifteen continuing-education students joined tour instructors, Steve May, Dave McMillan, and Phyllis May, for the 1990 study tour of Bethany, West Virginia, and other historic sites that relate to early efforts at restoring the New Testament church in America.

The group explored church buildings built as early as 1836 and visited sites such as The Brush Run church site (1811), where Alexander and Thomas Campbell formed their independent church group.

The Campbell mansion, which was built in 1793, was under renovation during this tour and will be completely open for the 1992 tour. Make plans now

to be on that tour!

Tour instructors gave eight lectures on the background and thought of churches of Christ. Time was available for personal investigation, and the tour instructors offered helpful insights as the tour progressed. Participants were enthusiastic about the educational side of the tour.

The Bible College offers Restoration study tours each year at the end of May. One year the tour visits important American sites, and the next year the tour covers important Canadian sites.

For further information and bookings, contact Dave McMillan, 4875 King Street, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0

The Grand Plan of God

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God's panoramic view of all of history and reality and the grand plan which is coming to fruition. Because the plan is God's plan, I can trust, I can hope, even against hope!

Too often, I am afraid, the church loses sight of God's grand plan. We grasp at different elements of the Christian faith, whether it be evangelism, social action, discipleship, Christian mysticism, church growth, or the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts and focus on one of these to the exclusion of other significant elements of Christian responsibility. Although change in focus is necessary in order to remain contemporary and to fulfill God's desires for us in particular situations, we need to not lose sight of the overarching process which legitimates Christian service wherever that service is performed in the name of the grand direction of it all.

The Lord may not return for a million years. I cannot imagine the change in focus and method which could occur between now and Christ's return. The carrying out of our faith within the

churches of Christ is already full of a multitude of choices, approaches, and attitudes. If we lose the broad and grand picture in what may be the early part of the game, our perspectives on faith, unity, and Christian responsibility will become irreconcilably fragmented -- without any bond to hold the pieces together.

As firstfruits we must play out to the end the role which God has given us. The church can live and flourish knowing that while all creation groans in expectation of the end, God has already established a little bit of the end within us. We can boldly work knowing that our deeds are performed in concert with the general scheme and direction of all of existence. This means that a vision of God's grand plan does more than just give a sense of comfort or direction. It helps to cure the church of apathy and to rid God's people of myopia regarding their own effectiveness.

People work hard when they know that the cause for which they labour is a worthy goal. Yes, the final consummation of the world will only come with the return of Christ. But Christians who

have grasped the grand plan of God can know that their labors are performed in behalf of something which is eternally significant and eternally encompassing. Every seed planted, every kind word, every act which promotes life over death and which supplants that which is evil by that which is good, if performed in line with a larger framework which is moving toward a glorious end in Christ.

May we all come to a fuller understanding of the grand plan of God, and may it change the way we live!

--Victoria, B.C.

Evangelist Required

The Lachine Church of Christ is seeking a full-time evangelist to work with us. Located in metropolitan Montreal's West Island area, the congregation serves the city's English-speaking community. An excellent opportunity for evangelism in a vibrant multicultural setting.

For inquiries call: (514) 637-3939 (day) or 634-6802 (evening)

Or write: Search Committee
Lachine Church of Christ
760 44th Avenue, Lachine, PQ H8T 2K8

CALLING ALL MEN!!

Annual Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh

Sponsored by the Waterloo Church of Christ

September 14 (7:30 p.m.) to 15 (4:00 p.m.), 1990

Featuring: LARRY MCKENZIE
Memphis, Tennessee

Theme: "PRAYER"

Pre-registration

Fee: \$15.00

Write: Waterloo Church of Christ

Box 183, Waterloo, ON N2J 3Z9

Phone (519) 885-6330

WESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE LECTURESHIP

October 5, 6 and 7, 1990

“FELLOWSHIP -- IMITATORS OF CHRIST”

Friday, October 5

- 5:00 Men's Leadership Dinner (Price \$6.00)
“Faith of our Fathers” -- Darrell Buchanan
- 7:00 Classes
“Sharing Confidently” - Dwight Morris
“Love Not This Present World” - Charles McKnight
“There Is A Work That You Can Do” - Jim Pennington
“Holding the Coats” Youth Class - John Smith
- 8:30 “Imitators of Christ” - Bob Parker

Saturday, October 6

- 9:00 W.C.C. Annual Meeting
- 11:30 W.S.C. Luncheon & Annual Meeting
- 2:00 “No One of Like Faith” - Don Killough
- 2:00 “No One of Like Faith” Grades 7-12 - Hugh Gannon
- 3:30 Fall Fair
- 7:00 “The Wondrous Story” - Brian Cox
Sonshine and Choral Performance

Sunday, October 7

- 10:00 “Meeting on the Other Shore” - Harold Parker
- 2:30 Singing
- 3:30 “Bearing One Another's Burdens” - Dan Wieb
- 7:00 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” - Harold Parker

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

220 Whitmore West P.O. Box 5000 Dauphin, M R7N 2V5 (204) 638-8801

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 Seymore 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., 627-7429 (off.), 548-6986 (res.)

RED DEER: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Kevin Vance, ev., 347-3988 (off.), 343-3928 (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) 426-5653, Eamon Morgan, ev., 927 4th St. S., V1C 1H6 (604) 426-6895.

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) 824-4449.

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

SALT SPRING ISLAND, GANGES: Contact Jim Wiasitz, 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 3Z6; 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. 257-7928; (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 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 11, 10, 6; (902) 443-9628 (off.); Wayne Taylor, sec., (902) 876-7402.

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Mee 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 Codling, 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.

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.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 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 7; 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: Conestoga College, 460 Speedvale Ave. W; Sun. 10, 11; Wed in homes, 7; c/o 428 Cole Rd. N1G 3J8; David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-0530; Walter Hart, ev., 821-9179 (of); 824-7565 (res.).

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 Highdiffe 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 Elford, 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.

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, 87 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, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, 6904 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.

OWEN SOUND: 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, L0C 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.; 685-5870 (res.); Michel Mazzalongo, ev. 646-8436 (res.); 935-9581 (off.).

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) 339-1181 (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: Jasper 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) 684-1130 (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 Banoroff 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; Murray Smith, ev., (705) 842-2741.

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11, (10:30 summer); Wed. 7:00; JoAnne Toews, sec. (807) 577-4081 (res.); Ed Jermakowicz, 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., 468 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.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 8 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 1W6, 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 Caddeo, ev., 387-6183 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Vertheuil, Ste-Foy (corner Vertheuil & 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) 478-2516.

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.

RAVILLIE: 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 Gusikoski, 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

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

12-17... Northern Bible Camp, Thessalon

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, Sarnia

14-15... Men's Retreat, Camp Omagh - Larry McKenzie, "Prayer"

16... Larry McKenzie Seminar on Prayer at Waterloo church

28-30... Learning to Love Video Seminar at Port Colborne, Gordon Dennis

October

5-8... Atlantic Canada Bible Lectures, Haliac

5-7... Western Christian College Lectureship, Dauphin, Manitoba

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