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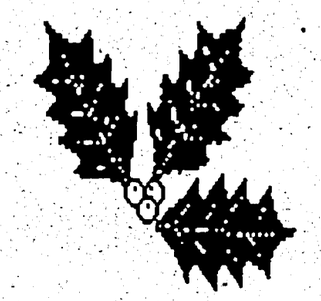
A NEW YEAR

The storm clouds had gathered
One cold winter's night,
As the snow started falling
So clean, pure and white.
Each flake was unique as
It twirled through the air;
Lightly dancing to earth,
Softly settling there.
And a blanket was formed
Over all down below,
Clean, soft and lovely
Of fresh fallen snow.

In the morning the storm clouds
Were scattered and gone,
As the sun rose in beauty
To herald the dawn.
Where yesterday's rooftops
Were smoke stained and grey,
They now sparkled brightly
To greet the new day.
The gnarled, twisted oak by
The edge of the road,
Was a fantastic sight
With its white, fluffy load.

A new year is starting --
Before us we see
The days fresh and sparkling
As the rooftops and tree.
With storm clouds of yesterday
Now passed and gone,
New days lie before us.
Clean, bright in the dawn.
With the help of the Lord
Let us so keep the days
That each one shall be filled
With His glory and praise.

-- *Ivy MacKay*



"Old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17

A Look Backward -- And Forward

by S.F. Timmerman

My earliest memories of the churches of Christ go back to the small country congregation in Alabama where I first went to Bible classes back in the '20s. Most of the churches back then were small and were found in rural areas. They were still licking their wounds following the tragic division that came about with the introduction of the missionary society and musical instruments. Most of the larger urban churches had gone into the "digressive" movement.

Many changes have taken place since those days. With the migration of the general population to the cities, the larger and more affluent congregations of our brotherhood are now located in urban centers. And logically, that's where they should be, because that's where most of the people are.

But, partly perhaps because of this move to the cities, there has been a shift in the thrust of much of our preaching. When I moved from Alabama to Texas with my parents, I grew up under the preaching of such men as A.S. Landiss, O.C. Lambert and other great proclaimers of the word. The preaching in those days was very fundamental in nature. It was doctrine-centered and a great deal of scripture was quoted. Whatever else may be said about preachers then, they knew the Book and were eager to prove what they taught by a "thus saith the Lord".

Today less scripture is used in the pulpit and much of the preaching deals with personal and societal problems. Experts in the fields of sociology or psychology are as likely to be quoted as the Bible. This shift has been brought about, no doubt, because of the complex society in which we live and the confusion and fragmentation that exists in many homes and in many personal lives. But surely the word of God is still where the answers to life's problems are to be found. It still "furnishes the man of God unto every good work" (II Timothy 3:16, 17).

During the early decades of my life, down through the '50's, the churches of Christ were said to be the fastest-growing religious movement in the United States. There has been a noticeable downward trend over the past three decades. Many factors, of course, must be considered in accounting for this drop in church growth. But it is my personal observation that it has coincided with the decline in Bible-centered preaching and with a blurring of our distinctiveness as a people. Many within our ranks, not to mention most of those without, look on the church as being another denomination. Our pleas for the restoration of simple New Testament Christianity have been largely muted.

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On the other hand, one of the most heartening developments within the church over the past several decades has been the revival of missionary zeal. The decade of the '40s, which brought on the devastating Second World War, also awakened an interest in taking the gospel outside our own national borders to the countries of Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. I had the privilege of being the first missionary to Belgium in modern times, having gone there in 1948. Many others at about the same time and since then have gone abroad to take the "Good News". Today, there are churches of Christ in dozens of countries around the world where none existed only a few years ago. In fact, most of our numerical growth over the past thirty years has been outside the North American continent, particularly in the third-world nations. The task is far from finished, and new doors are even now being opened into Eastern Europe and other parts of the globe.

But sadly, as I look back over the past seven decades, I can recall many controversial issues that have absorbed too much of our attention, turning us from the accomplishment of our principal mission, that of preaching the gospel and saving the lost. Some of these controversies have had tragic results, leading to alienation and division: i.e. the premillenial controversy during the '30s, the controversy over congregational cooperation and benevolent institutions beginning in the early '50s, and more recently the "discipling" movement. The bitterness and fragmentation caused by these controversies has hurt the progress of the church as much, perhaps, as any other one thing.

Are we to assume from our past history that the churches will always be plagued by disputes and division? It would seem that some tension can be expected when an attempt is made to restore New Testament Christianity. Sincere men and women do have honest differences of opinion -- and, unfortunately, some tend to elevate into matters of "faith" what would be called matters of opinion by others. When this happens, tension is inevitable. But even in the midst of honest differences -- and frank discussions of these differences -- love and mutual respect should be maintained. It's earnestly to be hoped that we'll restore these brotherly attitudes towards each other, as well as the true doctrine of the New Testament.

On the whole, while I have some concerns and misgivings about the direction the churches are taking in some areas, I am encouraged and grateful for so much good that I see. As we enter the last decade of the 1900's and look forward to the 21st century, these are some of the things I hope and pray for:

1. That the churches will remain true to the Book, recognizing that restoration depends on a faithful adherence to the "pattern of sound words" (II Timothy 1:13).

2. That the churches will have a con-

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Walking By the Spirit

by Terry Codling

We have long been concerned about the revolving door in our churches. People come and sit, and then disappear. Where do they go? Why? More often than not they cannot even answer those questions. There was just no meaning there for them. Nothing to really grasp.

Many times I have sat and talked with people who are terribly frustrated in their Christian lives. I call it the "yo-yo syndrome". They are in and out, or better, up and down. One day they are on a spiritual high, the next day they wonder if they even believe in God, and if they even care.

They are frustrated, and so am I. They are expecting me to tell them how to get over this perpetual roller coaster ride. For years and years, the things I have told them have been less effective than useless. The tragedy is that what I was telling people was the same thing I have heard elders and other preachers tell other people. Things like, "You have to develop a better relationship with God." Is that not wonderful? It is what they have been trying to do all along.

They almost scream, "How do you do that?"

"Well," I would respond, "You have to go to church, every meeting. You have to read your Bible and pray every day," etc. I might even give them a Bible correspondence course.

And it was all absolutely pure dribble! Useless! A waste of their time and mine!

So what do we do? Churches try all kinds of things. Make assemblies more exciting. More holy. Develop a system to check up on people to make sure they do the required things. Try to make people feel good about themselves. Still, the door revolves and the yo-yo goes up and down.

Is there no hope then? Is there no way for people's lives to be effectively changed? Praise God! There is a way, and it has been right under our noses, but we have missed it. The solution to the whole mess is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God consciously alive and real in the lives of believers.

The Corinthians were facing similar problems. There had been no real, long-lasting changes in their lives. There had been many superficial changes, but they were still abusing one another and squabbling with each other. Paul says, "The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power" (4:20). Words are easy, but words do not change lives. The kingdom of God is a life-changing force. If our churches are to survive into the 21st century, we, like the Corinthians, must go beyond the words and help our brethren to catch hold of that life changing power.

Daily, through the power of the Spirit, we are being changed into the likeness of Jesus.

To the Ephesians, Paul says, "I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. . .to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of the fullness of God" (3:14-19). It is the Holy Spirit filling your inner being that empowers you to love as Jesus loves, and to experience the fullness of God.

Verse 20 speaks of our Lord "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." It is time we stopped thinking of this verse in the context of building church buildings, of having wonderful gospel meetings, or of evangelizing the world. It is the power of the Spirit of God that will change our lives! He has the power to change our lives more than we could possibly imagine, or dare to ask. "We. . .are being transformed into his (our Lord's) likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Daily, through the power of the Spirit, we are being changed into the likeness of Jesus.

If this is true, then why is it not happening? For the same reason it was not happening to the Corinthians. Paul writes, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). And again, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself?" . . . "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?" (1 Corinthians 6:15, 19). Despite their numerous spiritual gifts, the answer for the Corinthians was "No"! They did not know.

I believe that we have the same problem. Oh, we have an intellectual knowledge of these truths. We can quote the verses. But we do not know it in the depths of our inner being! We have not experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He has not become a reality to us. We have not listened to Him"testify with our spirit that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16). Have you let the Holy Spirit lead you, literally (Romans 8:14)? Have you let the Holy Spirit control your mind (Romans 8:6)? Paul tells the Corinthians, "We have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). The Holy Spirit will change your whole mindset, the way you think and act, and cause you to be like Jesus in this world. Only the Holy Spirit can enable us to "walk as Jesus did".

The love the Spirit will enable us to experience is "love that surpasses knowledge". We do not put our intellect in our pocket, but we must realize that walking with the Spirit takes us beyond where our intellect will go, or even understand. The Holy Spirit will take us beyond what we ask or imagine with his life-changing power. --*Ajax, Ontario*

Guest Editorial

The 21st Century

by Keith Thompson

(Ed. Note: Keith Thompson has been the editor of the teaching portion of this issue other than the regular features. We appreciate his good work. E.C.P.)

We are beginning a New Year! In just a few years, we will begin a new century and even a new millennium. Those of us who have lived through the greater part of this century have been constantly overwhelmed by the numerous changes that have taken place. It boggles the mind to try to even imagine the changes that will come in the 21st century, assuming that the Lord tarries that long.

Futurologists like Alvin Toffler continue to make their uninspired predictions about what will happen. Some evangelicals are getting into the act and telling us to get ready for the changes that are ahead. Will we read them? Or are our minds so encrusted by tradition that we cannot think beyond next Sunday's order of service? We trust the articles in this special issue will get us thinking about how we can better face the inevitable changes the future will force upon us.

Time is running out on those groups whose leaders predicted the return of the Lord in this century. But it is also running out on us, if we think we can be ready for the future and His return, if we are not walking with Him every day. We have done a lot of preaching about the Great Commission, but as far as practice is concerned, it has been the Great Omission.

Whether we live to see the 21st century or not, we must all prepare for the next really significant event of all history -- the glorious return of our Lord and Saviour to judge the world in righteousness and to take His people to be with Him forever. We must learn to walk with Him each day, if we would walk with Him in the future here and hereafter.

We are to glorify him "throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" (Ephesians 3:21). This includes this New Year, the next century and the next millennium and throughout eternity! We cannot count on anything in this world, including our reckoning of time, but we can count on Him who is "the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

To prepare for the future we must study the past. As we observe the problems among nations, we are continually reminded of the old saying, "We learn from history that we learn nothing from history". In the church we can profit tremendously from restudying the movement to restore New Testament Christianity. Recent books such as **I Just Want To Be A Christian, Discovering Our Roots** and **The Cruciform Church** should be carefully studied by every concerned Christian. One does not have to agree with every concept in any of these books to find needed stimulation.

However, to best prepare for the future, we must go back even further. We must get back beyond our interpretations and traditions to what the Bible actually teaches. As we can see from some of the books mentioned above, we have often accepted the teachings of the restorers instead of the teachings of Scripture. As can be seen from looking at some of the tools we use for teaching the unsaved, we have emphasized such matters as the autonomy of the local church and the none-use of instrumental music to the neglect of the real foundation of the gospel -- the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Jim Woodroof has done a good job in helping us to see the need of getting back to the gospels. We have preached so much from Acts and the letters that we have neglected the foundation of truth to be found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

A Jewish Savior Through Gentile Eyes is the latest work from the pen of Rubel Shelly. He encourages us to see what Luke wrote about such vital themes as women, children, joy and repentance. Although we have read Luke for years, it is amazing how much we can continue to learn from this beautiful gospel. It will show us what it really means to walk with Jesus and to be prepared to meet Him in glory.

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FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping reader's to have strong Christian families. It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

Books To Make Your New Year Happier

by Ron Pauls

Greetings are in order for this glorious New Year! It's the beginning of the second year of the last decade of the second millennium since the coming of Christ. It is also time to get serious about living in the 21st century. Investing in your family is one of the surest ways to survive the ''gay'' nineties of the 20th century and be ready to thrive in the 21st.

The three books reviewed here have been especially useful in the past year. With the information provided, you can order them through any bookstore. We highly recommend that you use them for your growth in the next year.

INTIMATE DECEPTION

(This 156 page paperback by P. Roger Hillerstrom was published by Multnomah Press of Portland, Oregon during 1989).

God's Word is pretty plain about sexual intercourse. It is an intimacy reserved for those who have made a commitment to be together in marriage for the rest of their lives. Sexual intercourse outside of that commitment is sin. Faith tells us that is right. Here is a book that helps us understand just how right that is.

This book explains why so many couples who live together prior to marriage have more difficult sexual adjustments than couples who don't. The author helps us understand why sexual encounters too early in a relationship tend to block the development of true intimacy within that relationship. This book helps us understand why sex pursued for selfish gratification sooner or later falls flat; it is incapable of providing growing fulfillment. On the other hand, sexual intercourse within the bounds of a lifetime commitment has the potential to grow and provide greater and greater fulfillment.

As well, the author helps us see how very real various sexual traps can be. Yet he provides hopeful advice on how one can escape those traps and regain true freedom, even after the damage is done.

You will enjoy the balance in this book. He deals with the abstinence trap just as he deals with the illicitness trap. He helps us steer a clear course for balanced attitudes toward sex.

You will want to read this book if you are a parent, a young person or a people helper. It will give you logical, non-religious information that you can share with the people you know who are hurting because they have fallen into one of the sexual traps. It will help you gain perspective on one of the most beautiful experiences that God created. I highly recommend this book as one that will make a genuine contribution to the Christian who is wanting to do what is right and yet experience the fulfillment that God meant to be part of sexual intimacy.

TELLING EACH OTHER THE TRUTH

(This 189-page paperback by William Backus was published by Bethany House Publishers of Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1985)

''You don't need a book to teach you to tell the truth, right?'' Those are the opening words of this unusual book. Most of us were taught long ago not to lie. However, even the most moral people often slip around the truth without ever realizing it. Someone has estimated that each of us tells about 200 lies a day.

You may want to argue with that astounding declaration. But you are unlikely to get far into the book before realizing it is more true than it first appears possible.

An earlier book, co-authored with Marie Chapian, was called **Telling Yourself the Truth**. This one applies some of the same principles to relationships with others. Can relationships be sound, healthy and growing if they are fed on lies? You owe it to yourself to investigate your own relationships in the light of this astounding book. By the end of the introduction you are quite likely to see the need for this book in your relationships.

Then follow chapters with intriguing titles like ''Say What You Want to Say'', ''Nothing's Wrong with Saying 'I''', ''How to Make Requests'', and ''Free to Say No''. Other chapters lead one to see clearly how we often tend to attack and defend instead of simply speaking the truth in love, and that we often manipulate by guilt. What's better, we are shown how to mend our inadequate ways and speak honestly to others.

The book is filled with actual sample conversations that make it easy to identify the problem. Others illustrate a better way. Each chapter has a concluding section, ''For Review, Prayer and Discussion''.

You won't find this book easy reading. It gets too personal. You may find yourself feeling that the author has been reading your mail. He demonstrates such a wise knowledge of how people function. If you're grateful for teachers who can find you where you are in life and then lead you on to where you need and want to be, this book is for you. This, for me, was that kind of book, and that's why I want to recommend it to you.

BUILDING YOUR MATE'S SELF-ESTEEM

(This 255-page paperback by Dennis & Barbara Rainey was published by Here's Life Publishers of San Bernadino, California in 1986).

Sometimes the very things that we like least about our mates are the signs of something that we could help them overcome. After encouragement to provide acceptance in the life of one's spouse, the authors provide a whole chapter on recognizing the signs of low self-esteem in a mate.

Is your mate afraid to be open and vulnerable with you? Does s/he become discouraged easily? Is there difficulty in decision-making? Does s/he always

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A Pause Can Be Fatal

by Max Craddock

When one considers living the Christian life, it is very necessary to recognize how easy it is to become involved in the sin of the world in which we live. In the prayer of Jesus on behalf of his disciples in John 17, he expresses his concern for them (us) as they lived in this world. He says, "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name -- the name you gave me -- so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by the name you gave me. . .My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one" (John 17:11, 12, 15). Jesus wanted his disciples to remain faithful to God so that they could enjoy his blessing. He understood the power of evil and of the evil one to turn men's hearts from God.

The apostle Paul recognized the importance of associates in the life of men and women. He was aware that friendships and relationships have great power to either bring out the best or worst in an individual. The church at Corinth was an example of a congregation with problems. There were likely several causes for their problems, but one was some of their associates. In 1 Corinthians 15:33, 34, Paul writes, "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.' Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God -- I say this to your shame."

Think about it!! Don't you know someone who was a really good friend and perhaps a leader of the young people in your congregation? However, he became very self-centred and thoughtless. He began to show less and less interest in good things and more and more interest in evil things. Most likely, there was an evil influence directed at the person by one or more of his "friends". It is sad that the appeal of evil is often stronger than the appeal of right, when one is dealing with a peer. One must take control of his/her life and flee from evil.

Our problem is that sometimes we pause too long in the presence of evil. While one may be relatively strong, the time that he pauses to spend with people of the world **in worldly activities** may be just what it takes to destroy his zeal and dedication to the Lord.

. . .friendships and relationships have great power to either bring out the best or worst in an individual.

This is certainly not to suggest that we cannot have friends who are not Christian people. **In fact, we need to have friendships with the people of the world**. However, we need to be concerned about how long we stand around and allow ourselves to be tempted by what the world has to offer that is ungodly. While realizing the attractiveness that is often displayed by sin, we need to be wise enough to look past what appears on the surface to see what is the real result of our response to it.

A good illustration of this principle of too long a pause at temptation is Psalm 1. "**Blessed** is the man who **does not** walk in the **counsel** of the **wicked** or **stand** in the **way of sinners** or **sit** in the **seat of mockers**". This is a very clear outline of the progress of sin as one walks with and listens to the counsel of those who are wicked. After a while of listening while walking, one may stand around to observe and be involved in the way of sinners. Finally, he ends up in the seat of the mockers as he makes light of his former life and his former devotion to God. A sad sight is the person who has lost his commitment and love for God and his fellow man because of the influence of the evil ones. One may think that he/she is only going to stop for a few moments and simply view the sins the world has to offer. He may then find himself walking along and partaking -- **just a little bit** -- of some of those sins. Often that "little bit" is enough to whet the appetite and lead one into greater involvement in sin.

We need to realize and encourage others to realize that even though we have a good Bible background and knowledge, and while we have used our time to attend and be involved in church activities, it is still possible to wander away. Do not allow yourself to be overcome by sin. Do not stand around in the sinner's way or the devil will throw his net over you, and you will be captured by the power of sin to overcome even people with good intentions.

We can illustrate the problem of temptation and capture by sin with a story from nature. Butterflies can be deceived into capture by decoys that naturalists make. They cement the wings of a dead butterfly to a head and body that have been sketched on cardboard. The object is then cut out and covered by cellophane to protect it. When suspended from a twig by a thread, it will turn in a life-like manner whenever a breeze strikes it. While real butterflies will not stop or touch it, they will hesitate and flutter around it momentarily so that the naturalists have opportunity to net them. God's people often make the mistake of pausing to view some temptation of the world and thereby meet their downfall.

Remember, a pause can be fatal. Be sure of what you are looking at, and be careful not to be led away and enticed by the false beauty of sin. The end result (separation from God) is not worth the joy of the moment!! God bless.

Will Christianity Be Outdated?

by Don Whitfield

Remember the feeling you had the day you drove that brand new glistening automobile from the dealership lot? Some of you may be thinking how that was a long time ago, what with the recession we're now in. Regardless, everything about that car smelled new and fresh. "Oh, what a feeling!" (to borrow an advertiser's line). You were especially pleased with yourself for driving such a hard bargain and getting that vehicle for the lowest possible cost; in fact, the salesman even had remarked, "I've lost almost all my commission on this deal!" In addition to all that, you now had the pleasure of knowing you possessed the latest fashionable set of wheels!

It seemed only a few months later that the new models in all their glory were announced by the media. The latest in engineering technology and style had replaced your 'pride and joy', and you found yourself having to accept the fact that you were not just a little out of date. The crushing blow, too, was realizing how terribly much your car had depreciated financially. And, when you talked to that same salesman about a trade-in, he actually said, "Well, let's see what we can give you for your bucket of bolts". Oh, you knew what he was doing, all right; he was intentionally manipulating and toying with your emotions, while methodically calculating in his mind how much profit he would extract from your pocketbook in trading up for a new model.

The same is true in so many other areas we might mention. . .clothes, furniture, office equipment including computers, hair-styles, yesterday's newspaper, and so on. They all have a tendency to go out-of-date so quickly. Yes, that is one of the stark realities of this life and its possessions.

No wonder our Lord told us to ". . .not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear" (Matthew 6:25). Further on in that same passage, it states "the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:32-33).

What about Christianity? Is it outdated today? Was it outdated yesterday? Will it be outdated tomorrow or in the tomorrows of the future? Just how fashionable is Christianity today, let alone for the future?

One very important fact that we must consider is that this modern world didn't just give us telephones and televisions; it also gave us Hiroshima and Auschwitz. Should I take my cue from this world's offerings? I should not allow this modern world to dictate to me that which it considers important and even, for that matter, beneficial.

In their book, **Anchors For the Asking**, Harold Hazelip and Ken Durham have this interesting quote, "Alfred Nobel was a Swedish chemist who made a fortune from the invention of powerful explosive for military weapons. When Nobel's brother died, a newspaper mistakenly printed Alfred's obituary instead. The article identified Alfred Nobel as a man who would be remembered as the inventor of dynamite, a scientist who used his skills to create weapons of destruction. When Nobel read this accidental "preview" of his life's legacy, he determined to change history's appraisal. He gathered his fortune and established the Nobel Prizes to honor those achievements in arts and sciences and statesmanship that would benefit humanity, not destroy it? (chapter 5, **Faith and Newness**, p. 53).

I want to be distinctively, peculiarly Christian in order to win the prize that's set before me. The only way to live on planet earth and find the way to heaven is in the imitation of Christ in my life. There's no way to weasel out of the truth proclaimed in God's word. The Bible doesn't necessarily want to simply address our modern world; it wants to create a whole new world that cannot be seen without conversion. Paul says it this way to the Ephesians: ". . .be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:23-24).

There are plenty of people who have been devastated by today's morality. The so-called "new morality" is not really new at all. Its roots spring forth over the ages of time from the mind of Satan and his angels. The moral vision of Christianity is odd, and certainly out of step and, yes, out-of-date to this age. Is it because many are opposed to it, or is it that they simply haven't been exposed to the real thing?

People today seem to be on a materialistic treadmill. They have an unrelenting zest for happiness and pleasure. When will we understand that the acquiring of things and treating others like things in no way guarantees our happiness? Could it be that deep down they are hungering for some good word from outside this world? Just like the song says, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love!" People are ripe for a voice that gives them something significantly worth living and dying for. And even that's kind of frightening, because it could be the wrong voice.

Now, recall back to the day when you accepted Christ into your life as Lord and Master. Picture the scene. . . you've just risen from the watery grave of baptism and you're dripping wet. What joy! How new and clean you felt with all those ugly, shameful sins wiped away! You had dedicated your entire life with all its energies to God and His will. . . and you were extremely glad you did!

Have you depreciated in value since? Has the world, with all its hidden agenda and scheming, soiled your white spiritual garments? The problem is that we cannot get excited about our Lord and the "good news" of salvation, if we have been encumbered with worldly influences. Being in tune with criteria other than the transforming power of the gospel, we find ourselves up-to-date in the world's view, but sadly out-of-date in the eyes of God.

We need to 'trade ourselves in' now while the dealing is in our favour. The high cost of automobiles today is nothing when compared to the tremendous price which has already been paid for our soul's salvation. "For it is by grace you

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Evangelism in the 21st Century

by David McMillan

I have a fear. . .and I have a confidence!

My fear is that someone's interest in one more article on evangelism is that he will learn some new way to slip his own view of salvation over on his "contact" from another church.

My confidence is that there has been a fundamental change in the way our church fellowship wishes to treat people, and that change is seen clearly in our use of the John 5 model of "wellness" to describe our evangelism rather than the "church membership" model of Acts 2.

My confidence is not born of idle wishing, but of travelling among 40 - 50 churches of our fellowship each year. I am excited by the articulation of life-style evangelism in our Bible classes and pulpits. We are treating people as Jesus treated people, and evangelism is taking place! This definition of evangelism centers on having the kind of nature you need to have to be used by God, rather than doing the kind of things you need to do to be approved by God.

We in the church of Christ are ideally poised to be used by the Holy Spirit in the lives of those with whom we have a relationship during the 21st century.

The topic of evangelism suffers from much talk and little action. Some would insist that we should regress to manipulating people through some five-step plan, while others urge a friendship evangelism that is little more than an excuse to avoid commitment. Let us avoid continued selfish discussion of how we can convert people to our way of thinking and **let us direct our evangelism efforts towards being used by the Holy Spirit in the lives of people with whom we already have relationships**.

Traditionally, Christians have had one message for saved people and one message for lost people. This necessitated making a decision, usually on the spur of the moment of being introduced, as to which group people fell into. Ironically enough, this very decision often inhibited the kind of **relationship** that would allow evangelism to happen!

If evangelism is to take place in the 21st century, it will be because Christians worry less about what group people are to be put in and more about treating people as Jesus did, regardless of the spiritual state of those people!

There are a number of excellent books and seminars available on this style of evangelism. Most Christian bookstores can provide them for you.

Life-Style Evangelism (from the Critical Concern Series by Joseph Aldrich (Multnomah Press, 1981) has several valuable models of evangelism that will work in the 21st century context.

Aldrich concentrates on "the bride" (Christians) being "made beautiful" (changed in nature) by Christ cherishing and nourishing us. We "display the bride" to the world through our holy character and blameless conduct, and the world "responds to the beauty of the bride".

In his effort to be practical (and he certainly is), Aldrich comes close to reverting to some forms of traditional evangelism, but the book will be a classic for 21st century evangelism.

Jim Dethmer (who ministers to a church of some 14,000 near Chicago -- why is it that we assume large numbers qualify a person on evangelism?), presents some excellent observations in a seminar called "Communicating to Baby Boomers".

Dethmer suggests five contrasts between "life-style" evangelism and traditional "goal" evangelism. Life-style evangelism will succeed in the 21st century because it is:

1. People driven rather than goal driven.
2. Market driven rather than product driven.
3. Process oriented rather than event oriented.
4. Prayer based rather than persuasion based.
5. Personality driven rather than method driven.

If we are to evangelize in the 21st century, we must redefine and clearly articulate caring directives that are in keeping with the person of Jesus. Dethmer helps us with some of these.

1. Live a full and devoted life. The key to "having an answer" is not a clearly-designed set of "steps", but rather to have Christ "rule in your heart" (1 Peter 3:15)

2. Value lost people. Luke 15 is the model for interest in the person who has alienated himself from God.

3. Understand lost people. Read magazines! Yes, and watch TV! Spend time where lost people spent time. . .and relationships will happen.

4. Befriend lost people. "Befriending" sees people not as targets, but as people to relate to.

5. Develop evangelism models that flow out of various life-styles. Evangelism is not "shot-gun blasting" one message at the world. It is applying the life-style of Jesus to the personal situation of the individual.

6. Pray for open doors (Col. 4:5). There is a notable difference between looking for open doors and "kicking in" doors!

7. Prepare yourself to present the teachings of Jesus. Study!

8. Respect people's processes. The goal is to show people Jesus, not to have them "do what I think they should do".

9. Celebrate "conversions". Whenever people turn from destruction to relationship, we have reason to rejoice.

Useful new resources for evangelism in the 21st century are being produced by those within the Church of Christ heritage. Marshall Leggett, in his recent book called **MegaOpps: Major Opportunities for Christians** (College Press, 1990), urges us to seize the moment and walk through the doors that God is opening for us. He lists five major opportunities for Christians facing a new century.

1. Our shrunken world. Technology and travel have put the entire world within our reach, and within our ability to hold up the person of Jesus to the world.

2. The failure of communism. The real enemy is not some ideology, but the selfishness that so easily destroys each of us. We are freed to fight the real enemy.

3. A shift in morality. No one

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Media Missions: Electronic Missionaries of the 21st Century

by Michel Mazzalongo

If the boast of the 20th century media types is that we can talk to the whole world in a moment, the response of the 21st century will be that the whole world will be able to talk back.

It seems that the "ages" slip by at an increasing speed. They come and go at such a rate that no sooner have we coined an expression to describe them than they are replaced with yet a new social reality that breaks over us, changing our possibilities and problems.

In our lifetimes we have witnessed the "Information Age" being replaced by the "Communication Age", and now this mass media wonderland is fast becoming the tool of an electronic pot-pourrie of ecumenic philo-social thinking called the "New Age".

People have talked to machines during the Information Age, have been talked to by machines during the Communication Age and are now talking to themselves during this latest New Age quest for "inner awareness". By the 21st century, there will only be one option left; talking to each other, and because the Communication Age has provided the technology, "talking back" will become the new reality. By the year 2090, they'll be talking about the "Interaction Age".

Already there are glimmers of this in our present situation. T.V. News uses satellites to broadcast a conversation between the anchor person and a reporter at the scene of a story, whether it be in the city or in another country. When a way can be found to profitably mass market this service, all of us will be able not only to see and talk to each other in our private homes on a "videophone", but we will also be able to interact with politicians, artists, teachers, and yes, even preachers holding presentations and demonstrations in public places as well.

Television as an Evangelistic Tool

It is a well-established fact that the electronic media, especially television, is the most effective tool in introducing the gospel to developed countries.

In the last decade, there has been a rise in the number of Media Mission efforts made by different churches throughout the world, and our experiments with television have taught us several lessons:

1. T.V. evangelism cannot revive a dead church. Hope that a single T.V. program can replace an entire community of active and spiritually-minded Christians is unrealistic. Only repentance and prayer revives the weak.

2. T.V. evangelism cannot convert people. Media evangelism generates "contacts", not "converts". T.V. doesn't convince anyone; it merely introduces them to an idea and directs them to the source.

3. T.V. evangelism can saturate an entire area with a single message more quickly and more inexpensively than any other media.

We are getting used to talking to people in their homes via television (albeit the number of churches who are media-wise is very low compared to the corporate, political or denominational world), and this is a good sign. We have discovered, like New Agers and Golden Agers, that television is the most effective tool available for targeting the faithful and locating possible contacts.

Electronic Missionaries

As we enter into the 21st century, however, we must again adapt our approach to the existing circumstances of the Age. The future will demand that we be prepared to have **dialogue** with those we contact through the media because they will be able to talk back to us by then. The times will require electronic missionaries who will be comfortable interfacing with a potential contact via a computer terminal through a central library where our Bible Correspondence Courses are stored, and also have the ability to respond to a question from an interact caller during a video Bible class session broadcast through a local cable network.

The message of Christ will always remain the same, and people will always need to hear it because in every generation men realize that technology never enables them to rise above their mortality, and ingenuity never conquers their sinfulness.

In the end, the task of the electronic missionaries of the future will be the same as it has always been in the past for those who have gone out on foot or horseback or reached out by tent-meeting or tract; to go and preach the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all nations and teach others to do the same into the 22nd and following centuries until He returns.

--St. Catharines, Ontario

Look Forward -- Backward

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tinuing renewal of zeal to push the borders of God's Kingdom into the far corners of the earth, that they will be faithful to their primary mission of seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10; Mark 16:15, 16).

3. That the churches will be known for the love that prevails within them and among them, as it is by such a love as Christ had for us that the world is to know that we are his disciples (John 13:34, 35).

May God help us to that end!

--Beamsville, Ontario

What is Drunkenness

Those who support social drinking on the argument that drunkenness, not drinking, is what the Bible condemns should consider the following from **The Journal**:

"Some countries already have practices of zero tolerance for drinking and driving and researchers now find there is no safe blood alcohol level (BAL) that does not cause some impairment of psychomotorcognitive performance."

A visitor in Hungary reports that, "After he and his host had enjoyed one glass of wine each with dinner, his host absolutely refused to drive him back to the hotel, even though he had to go by streetcar in the pouring rain."

*--**The Journal**, October 1, 1989*

"Great churches are built the same way: majoring on the fundamentals, the basics. The spiritual fundamentals for the church are Bible teaching, prayer, and visitation." *--Author Unknown*

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New Year's Resolutions -- Yes or No?

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It's hard to believe that time has passed so quickly, and we are now entering another year! Where does the time go? There's something refreshing about a new year, something that makes us feel renewed and full of hope. By about the middle of December, if not sooner, many of us start looking back over the past year, remembering things that have happened that we wish hadn't and the things in our lives that we wish were different. Many of us have habits that we would like to break; many of us would like to change the way we treat our family members and friends; some of us don't attend church or work for the Lord like we would like to; and the list could go on.

Yes, January 1 often brings with it the making of long lists of New Year's resolutions. Going hand-in-hand with these is a determination to keep them at all costs. But, it would seem likely that, even as you read this article, many of the resolutions have already fallen by the wayside. How can we make these resolutions more useful?

It is a good idea to examine our lives and evaluate our behaviour -- that's a biblical principles (2 Corinthians 13:5) -- but not just at the dawn of a new year. As Christians this looking at ourselves should be a daily practice. New Year's Resolutions should not be necessary. One blessing we have as Christians is knowing that we have a chance to change our ways on a daily, even momentary, basis. As we see areas in lives that are contrary to God's ways, we have the assurance that we can be forgiven for these mistakes, if we repent and try to change.

One of my favourite passages is Psalm 118:24, which tells us, "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it." As each new day dawns, if we remember this scripture with emphasis on the fact that **God** has given us this day, perhaps it will be easier to live for Him. Each new day brings with it many marvellous opportunities to start afresh and live as God would have us live. I heard a saying some years ago that has stuck with me and, although it's not from scripture, it has a biblical principle. "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." This says to me that no matter what I've done yesterday, I can start fresh today. That should be a great feeling for us. However, we must be careful not to become too wreckless in thinking that we can do anything we want, good or bad, because we can start over tomorrow (Roman 6:1).

God never promised that the Christian life would be easy. We are all faced daily with outside influences and tests (born of the devil) that try to get us off the path, and no matter how hard we try, this will always be true. What we must do, then, is to study God's word daily to discover and learn ways that will help us deal with and overcome these obstacles. The devil would have us give up when we err and throw our hands in the air in despair when we fail to walk the straight and narrow. But we must keep on keeping on for God, realizing that he will forgive us when we repent and try to do what is right.

So, as we embark on this new year, let us resolve to live each day for God. Perhaps it will be helpful to make a list of the things we want to change in our lives this year as well as the opportunities we want to take advantage of. It might be wise to also keep track of our progress in keeping these resolutions. But most important in this idea is not to become discouraged when we slip and fall, realizing that tomorrow is another day, full of many more opportunities and hope.

May God bless us during this new year as we strive to live for Him!

The Cancelled Certificate

by George Mansfield

"And when you were dead. . .He made you alive. . .having forgiven us. . .having cancelled out the certificate of debt. . .having nailed it to the cross" (Col. 2:13, 14). We formerly made use of this text to point out that forgiveness is God's divine act of sending away the sins we could not shake off and making alive that which was once dead. The sentence continues, ". . .having cancelled the certificate of debt". The word behind the concept is *cheirographon*, literally a "note of hand". It was, in days past, a note signed by a debtor acknowledging his indebtedness. We would simply say, I.O.U. In a more technical sense, criminals, in the reign of the Caesars, were placed behind bars and their "certificate of debt" -- all the offences against the Emperor -- was nailed to the wooden door for all to see. If, for example, a citizen committed two crimes each bringing him 7 years, the bond of ordinances assured interested parties that this man would serve 14 years.

Sin has placed us all in prison before Emperor God, because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Our list of indebtedness is long, maybe endless. Since the picture is of human sinners on spiritual death row, all of whom are impotent with regard to changing their status, wherein lies the answer to this seemingly hopeless situation?

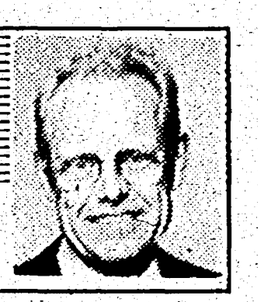
Our text tells us, "having cancelled out the certificate of debt". Paul could have used either of two words, both signifying a cancellation. Had he used *chiazesthai*, he would have been indicating that a large "X" had been written across the document, showing plainly that the writing was no longer binding. Yet he chose another word, *exaleiphein* -- "to sponge or wipe off". The King James Bible says, at this place, "blotting out".

The beauty of the passage is this: ancient ink was very black but without acid. Therefore, it sat on the surface and did not penetrate the writing material. It could easily be rubbed off. A scribe's equipment included both a pen and a sponge. If the former word had been used, we could infer that the "certificate of debt", though cancelled, was still visible. What the Bible tells us is that God has obliterated our debt. It is gone!

"What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

--Grimsby, Ontario

NEWS — EAST —



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Ottawa, ON: Plans are being made to have the Eastern Canada Lectures on the last weekend in April each year. The 1991 program is scheduled for April 26-28.

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: As of mid-November, about 1/4 of the needed funds to support Peter and Judy Morphy in the proposed work with this congregation has been committed.

Bramalea, ON: On November 25 an evening social was held to bid farewell to the Dave Langeman family, who have moved to St. Thomas and will be a part of that congregation.

"The elders continue their search for a full-time worker. The members look forward to having a preacher join with us in the Lord's work. During the interim, the congregation has been blessed with having a variety of visiting speakers. Included in this number are Magnar Knutson, Rick Pinzcuk, Jason Knight and Eugene Perry. Each speaker presents the truth in his own way.

"Bramalea is truly a multi-national congregation. Members come from South Africa, Ghana, Cayman Islands, Trinidad, the Bahamas and China. This melding of different cultures is a challenge for the leaders of the work here.

--as submitted

Grimsby, ON: Kelly Moore, a Christian, has been welcomed as a part of this congregation. She and Randy have been attending for some time.

Beamsville, ON: "Train yourself to be godly", I Timothy 4:7b, has been selected as a scripture to express a focus of this congregation for 1991.

St. Catharines, ON: "Our teen class has collected a 'good works' box containing canned goods, shampoo, kleenex, etc. to be divided equally between Women's Place and Bethlehem Place here in St. Catharines. They are now collecting mittens for needy children.

"We are happy to report the good news from our **Fractured Families Seminar**, which was held for seven nights, with different speakers each night. The average attendance was over 100 each night, with a total of 111 visitors, with 60 non-church members. The process of follow-up with the contacts has begun. We want to thank all those who participated in our seminar.

"Lee Ann Delean wishes to be identified with this congregation."

--Ina Allcock

Niagara Falls, ON: "Edward Flynn put on Christ in the waters of baptism on Sunday, November 4, 1990."

Members and friends enjoyed a most interesting and informative slide presentation of Rick and Carol Pinczuk's visit to Eastern Europe.

Port Colborne, ON: Aaron Sevenpifer was baptized into Christ. Janet Cope and her adopted son, Martin, of New Guinea, visited recently.

Small group home Bible studies have been started. A contact resulting from the "Moment of Truth", conducted over radio station CHOW (1470) Welland, was followed up by David Lock and S.F. Timmerman, who conducts the program.

David and Karen Lock were speakers at the pre-Marriage Orientation Weekend in Port Colborne. Thirteen couples participated. David has been asked to start a self-esteem/self-awareness program for all grades in one of the public schools. A Friday evening activity for all ages has been started in a public school gym. Worship services were held in the local hospital in November.

Sue Johnson's grandmother, Ada Hayes of Dannville, passed away in November.

"Each week visitors are attending and a number of new families are coming regularly. We thank God for all he is doing through us." *--David Lock*

North Buffalo, NY: Ron Cameron, who grew up in the Niagara Falls, NY congregation, is now serving this church. On the last Sunday of October, Tina Chapman was baptized and Beverley Conner was restored.

Guelph, ON: Regarding the Parenting Seminar by Ron Pauls, we quote, "A major goal of the seminar was to reach out into our community. This was only a beginning, but a good beginning, as nine individuals from the community (all new to us) participated".

Brantford, ON: Leslie Kerr's letter after her relief trip to Rumania stated, "The relief goods were delivered, and opportunity was found to be with many needy children and equally needy staff."

Meetings have been held to consider the spending and outreach priorities for the year ahead.

Sandra Ulysse, a teacher at Brantford Collegiate Institute, recently from Pickering, has been attending for some 2 months and after a recent Bible study, recognized her need to be buried with her Lord in baptism. This was done on November 28.

London, ON: Rafael and Sonia Rosales with their two boys have moved from the Strathmore Toronto congregation to London where Rafael will be studying and working with Ron Pauls and Harold Byne and exploring the opportunities of working with the Spanish speaking people of London.

Windsor, ON: This church has been helping one of its members, Lewis Mutuma, to conduct a ministry among his own people in Zimbabwe. On November 4 there was a deficit of some $4,000 in this effort.

Gerald Rockwood was baptized in early November.

Pine Orchard, ON: Matthew Preston was baptized here on October 7.

Newmarket, ON: The Perry Baker family has moved to Georgia. Leslie Honey was baptized into Christ in early November.

Keith and Marie Thompson have returned from Nashville, Tennessee where they visited relatives and spoke to some churches.

Sudbury, ON: The Sudbury church has closed the P.O. mail box. Mail should now be addressed to the building. See directory.

Blind River, ON: The church which formerly met at Elliot Lake sold the building in Elliot Lake last summer and has been meeting in Blind River in the school building since then. We regret any inconvenience caused by the continuance of the Elliot Lake directory listing until now.

Thessalon, ON: A one-time gift was pledged to Mill Village, N.S. church in response to a letter indicating the need of help to support a prospective preacher.

Don Smith of Sundridge preached a

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

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(Ed. Note: Once again, I thank my correspondents for this month: Don Husband in Dauphin, Hugh and Irene Lock in Saskatoon, John Smith in Yorkton and James Willett in Weyburn. B.C.)

Dauphin, MB: We rejoice with a number of young people attending our congregation who have put on Christ in baptism since September. These include: Aaron Morland, Lisa Hamilton, Charlotte Bell, Becky Andreas, Trevor Seibel and Joel Muller.

Brother Cecil Bailey of Calgary conducted a leadership workshop on October 12-14. Five lessons were presented to prepare leaders in the Dauphin congregation. Topics discussed were: Christ's Philosophy of Leadership (Principles of Leadership). What is an Elder? What is his Role? Authority: What is it? Who has it? What is a Deacon? What is his Role? The Wonderful God-Given Role of Persuasion in Church Leadership. This is part of our preparation program to select elders in 1991. We have had a number of talented speakers in October: Cecil Bailey, Mark Husband, Bill Ernshaw and Dryden Sinclair.

Jack Close is teaching the Sunday morning class on "God Himself"; thanks to brother Close for stretching our minds.

Two of our Dauphin men are preaching in other congregations each Sunday; Jim Pennington has been travelling to Brandon and Hugh and Donna Gannon have just begun traveling to Arden, MB to preach and teach on Sunday mornings.

On November 9, 30 junior high and high school students traveled with Don and Loreen Husband to attend the Youth Rally in Winnipeg. Enroute, a car hit the side of the bus and ran head-on into a vehicle behind us. We suffered no injuries, but the occupants of the vehicles behind us suffered a lot. Larry Elford and Ryan Nelson, both skilled in first aid, were the first to administer first aid. I was very proud of these young men skillfully carrying out procedures and being dedicated to saving life. We did manage to get to Winnipeg to hear Tim Pippus bring us messages from 1 Timothy 4:12 and listen to Sonshine sing.

November 25 was a special time for Ron and Pam Johnson and Elissa. A new baby, Kaylee Renee weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Thank you to our guest speakers in November. John Smith of Yorkton spoke on the 18th and Blair Roberts of Antwerpen, Belgium spoke on the 25th.

December 2 saw all of the Sunday School classes from cradle roll to junior high present a program for the congregation. Thanks to Don and Judy Adair and all the children's teachers for your effort in instilling God's Word in our children. The same day, Bill and Gwen Wright were honoured for 50 years of marriage. A meal was held at the WCC cafeteria and a special scrap book was prepared to honour their commitment to each other.

$500 was sent to assist in the Slavic Evangelism work led by Rick Pinczuk. These funds were the contribution in excess of our budget figure, which was taken up at Lectureship in October.

Saskatoon, SK: Our young people meet every weekend for fun and fellowship. Our "Good News" singing group traveled to Yorkton and Moose Jaw recently to help with the worship services and sing. They are putting on a program for us on Sunday evening, December 2. The Kelsey Institute Bible Talk is going very well. Twelve people watched one of the recent John Clayton videos.

At the end of our recent Sunday School quarter, the teachers and the children put on a program showing what they had learned. It was delightful to watch and an encouragement to everyone!

Yorkton, SK: V.B.S. was held July 23-27. A group from the Raleigh church in Memphis, TN came and helped with this special effort. Attendance averaged about 40 and interest was good. Quite a number of parents came to the closing exercises. One of these families is now attending on Lord's Days.

Scott Roberts of Swift Current came here and conducted a seminar on "The Reality of Sin in My Life" September 14-16.

The "Good News Singers" from Saskatoon were here October 21.

We have a somewhat new schedule for Lord's Days. Assembly worship commences at 10:30 a.m. The Lord's Supper is at 11:00, followed by Bible classes. The evening worship is at 6:00 p.m.

Our numbers are depleted by several families moving away. Reinforcements would be welcome.

Weyburn, SK: Our seminar on "Grief and Bereavement" with brother Ted Archbold was very successful. Our annex was full, and over half of those present were from the community. Those who attended were impressed with brother Archbold and felt it was a most informative and helpful workshop. We would recommend brother Archbold to you.

We will soon begin the second series of Herald of Truth study tapes on our local cable station on the subject, "Building a Faith that Lasts". More and more people are watching the program.

During this past week we have taken our turn at holding services at the Souris Valley Extended Care Hospital, The Special Care Home and Pioneer Place, a retirement home.

Sister Hannah Bell was the unanimous choice of the service clubs of Weyburn for their annual "Achievement Award" because of her volunteer work in the community. She is a seemigly tireless worker in the community, but she still finds time to visit and look after the needs of our shut-ins and elderly and supervise the purchase and filing of all the educational materials for the church.

Brother Lawrence Anderson has undergone radiation treatment for cancer and is now staying with his daughter and family in Moose Jaw. He needs your prayers.

When Western Christian College moved to Dauphin, Manitoba, we expected to miss the steady stream of visitors it brought our way. However, we continue to have visitors from other congregations across the country every Sunday, and we enjoy and appreciate having them with us. Make it a point to stop and worship with us when you are in the area.

Wawota, SK: November 10-12 was our "Leadership and Followship" seminar. The teaching was down-to-earth and practical. We thank Dan Weib and Bob Parker for coming to share with us. We are now in the process of setting up ministries for the coming year. It is our hope and prayer that these will serve to help us become more effective as well as involving more. The ladies Class continues to be a big hit, with almost 100% participation of our ladies. We commend our ladies for all their good work. Hugh Gannon, a Bible teacher at WCC, was our

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

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(Ed. Note: We have not heard from brother Bryant for two months. We hope all is well out there. We are including a few items that should have been in this column previously. E.C.P.)

Calgary, AB: The growth of the church in Calgary continues by God's grace. The Sunday morning attendance often surpasses the 300 mark, and there is an appreciable growth in all the other services as well. Our various ministries continue to expand.

A 'Bring a Friend Day' is scheduled for November 4. It is generating no small enthusiasm. We are anticipating an attendance of nearly 500, all from Calgary. There have been 18 baptisms this year, with more expected shortly.

The church in Calgary is very proud of the work being done by our two young evangelists, Bob Harrington and Eric Nyrose in their respective areas The strength and enthusiasm of our young people insures a great future for the work here.

It was my pleasure to hold a 'Leadership Workshop' for the church in Dauphin, MB on the October 12-14 weekend. There is a renewed optimism both in the church and in Western Christian, which was most gratifying to note.

--Cecil T. Bailey

Red Deer, AB: Dave McMillan of Beamsville, Ontario held a "Know the Book" seminar the weekend of November 23-25.

Christianity Outdated

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have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God'' (Ephesians 2:8). For us the gospel with all its power is the bargain of all ages and it has not changed today. The message of love extended to mankind in the life of Christ will never be outdated. Let us kneel at the cross and pray earnestly that God will rekindle that love in our hearts.

''He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all -- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? . . .No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, **neither the present nor the future** (Emphasis mine) nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord'' (Romans 8:32-39).

The prayer recorded in the Ephesians letter is most appropriate for each of us today: ''. . .I kneel before the Father, from whom the whole family of believers in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, **throughout all generations, for ever and ever** (emphasis mine)! Amen'' (Ephesians 3:14-21.

How absolutely exhilarating to know the peace that comes from allowing the Spirit to live within us. No matter what is going on around us or what anxieties we may have for the future, we must communicate today the compelling message of Christ and Him crucified with all the vitality it takes. That message is never outdated. *--Toronto, Ontario*

Family Ties

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have to be right? Is your mate a driven person or a perfectionist? Is your mate critical of others or self? All of these things may be signs of a low self-esteem.

Jesus said, ''you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free'' (John 8:32). However, it is not just how much truth you know that sets you free. It is how much truth you use. The authors provide nine truths that will begin to liberate you and your mate as you build into each other's lives and strengthen each other's self-image.

The main portion of the book is devoted to ten plain, practical things you can do to set your mate free from the shackles of low self-esteem. The wonderful thing about it all is that, as you give to help another, you are doing one of the very things that will enhance your own sagging self-esteem.

The book is written in a practical and useful way with an ''Esteem Builder Project'' in each chapter and lots of ''boxes'' containing material that will benefit you even, if it was all you read. Two of them include ''Things for a Man to Do to Please His Wife'' and ''Things for a Woman to Do to Please her Husband''. We gained a lot from this excellent book. You, too, may benefit from this book!

Conclusion

If you have time to read only one book to improve your relationships, make it God's word, the Bible. However, the books recommended here are written by people who have a deep respect for God's Word. They are written in such a way that you will apply more of the truth in God's Word to your life. We believe that you can benefit from reading such excellent books.

News Prairies

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guest speaker on December 2. He brought us two excellent messages from God's Word (one in Wawota and one in Whitewood). In the evening, he was the guest speaker at the Moose Mountain Alumni Association meeting. We deeply appreciate Hugh's commitment to God and the Bible Department at WCC. We were truly blessed to have him with us.

A very special night of fun, food and fellowship is being planned for February 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Kenosee Inn. Family Reunion is the musical entertainment. This is a fund raiser for Western Christian College; we invite all Alunni and friends of Western to come and share with us in this great evening. Tickets are $25 a plate and are available from Garnet Goud and Glen McMillan.

BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to
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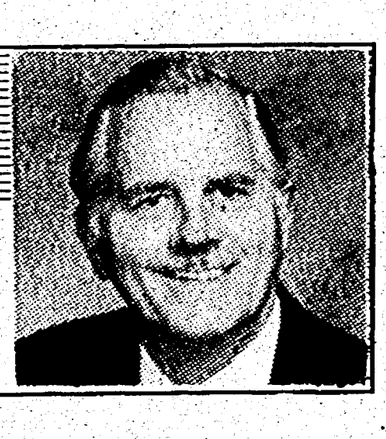

A Jewish Savior Through Gentile Eyes, Studies in the Gospel of Luke *by Rubel Shelly, 20th Century Christian, Nashville, TN. 150 pages, $6.95 (US).*

The Gospel of Luke has a distinctive message that is desperately needed in the church today. I know of no book that brings this out any better than this new work by Rubel Shelly.

Luke shows that "Hearts from every quarter rejoice over Jesus. Illiterate peasants and physician-historians. Itinerant farm workers and established company executives. Well-heeled North Americans and poverty-stricken Latin Americans. Aching hearts beat in chests of all colors and classes of people." Shelly discusses how Luke has "Selling Points": common points of interest and concern between the speaker/writer and the target audience. Luke sought to bridge the gap of communication between the Jewish and Gentile worlds. He wrote about several key themes: women, children, joy and repentance. Shelly says, "If we succeed in reaching out to unbelievers from our own subculture (and Christian discipleship is a subculture in our world!), we would do well to develop some of these same themes."

The principles taught in Luke are applied to such "modern" problems as abortion, child abuse and pornography.

Another great emphasis of Luke that is pursued is the great doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Luke is also seen as being at great pains to underscore the important teachings of Jesus about discipleship.

Shelly writes in a very engaging style. He uses illustrations from such diverse sources as a Soviet poet, Olympic games and Charlie Brown! He quotes **Psychology Today** and the **Guiness Book of World Records**. He cites authors like Dietrich Bonhoffer, Francis Schaeffer, A.W. Tozer, Leon Morris and C.S. Lewis. An excellent source book for personal reading or class use. Also it would make an ideal gift for someone who needs to know what the gospel is all about.

Churches of Christ Around the World, *Edited by Mac Lynn, Ph.D., Gospel Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee. 424 pages, $14.95 (US).*

Mac Lynn has been editing "Where the Saints Meet" for a number of years. This has had limited information on countries other than the United States. This new volume contains the most complete listing of acappella churches of Christ in the rest of the world.

The Gospel Herald is cited as a source of information for Canada. The author admits to an American bias and says, "prepared primarily for the American user, it has not attempted to list national evangelists, missionaries from other countries, and the sponsorship of workers by churches outside the U.S." It will be helpful to anyone seeking information about churches in "mission areas".

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Evangelism in the 21st Century

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dreamed of the attitude shift on smoking, and there will be more shifts in the coming century. We have an opportunity to point people to Jesus as they are shifting in their thinking.

4. The technological pulpit. Even with the recent abuses of technology, it is obvious that we have undreamed of opportunities to communicate the person of Jesus.

5. The demise of denominational loyalty. This is of particular interest to our fellowship. At a time when other groups are moving away from denominationalism, let us not be guilty of moving towards it! **Our plea as a unity movement has more room for growth in the 21st century than ever before!**

No article can adequately describe the possibilities of the Spirit working in the relationships of believers for the next century. I am content to call us to being the kind of people He can use in evangelism. *--Beamsvillle, Ontario*

News East

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meeting November 17-18.

Kenora, ON: "Greetings from Kenora to all brethren everywhere. In October we baptized Jason Lile into Christ. We had a visit from Rob and Kathy McRury of Kingston (a preacher starting fresh from Bear Valley school). Please pray for him and the work there. He is a good man and very enthusiastic.

"On December 2 we had a congregational meeting in which we selected (volunteered) for a wide range of ministries in the church and in the community for the 1991 year. If you happen to be travelling through Kenora, please stop and visit us." *--Earle Rattai*

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BRIGHT IDEAS. . .

Articles for this publication and/or reactions to this page should be sent to Rick and Susan Gamble, 53 Marvin Avenue, Brantford, ON N3S 3C3.

Where There's A Will, There's a Way

by Rick and Susan Gamble

(Next time you get a Bright Idea, we want to know about it. Starting with this edition, we'll be sharing practical suggestions from across the brotherhood on everything from outreach and evangelism, to follow-up and fellowship. What has worked for your congregation? Inquiring minds want to know. If you have a success story in terms of sharing the gospel, improving classes or worship services, reaching out to contacts, or building up the brethren, your idea will likely work for other Christians. Just send a brief description to Rick and Susan Gamble, 53 Marvin Avenue, Brantford, ON N3X 3C3. Please include the name of a contact person, a phone number, and a mailing address.)

(Brantford) Here's one time when you **can** have the final say!

At one time or another, most of us muse that it would be interesting to be a spectator at our own funeral. Well, this **Bright Idea** is the next best thing. It involves the preparation of a funeral plan designed to make sure your send-off goes exactly the way you want it to, and achieves the most good.

Why should **you** care what happens once you're dead? Several reasons: a well-planned funeral can make things a lot easier for the family and the one who conducts your service; it can be a wonderful blessing to saddened friends and relatives; and it can have a much more meaningful impact on those outside the church.

In Brantford, we introduced the idea of personal funeral plans during a Sunday night class. During a round-table discussion, we talked about the purpose and value of funerals, different types of services, and special touches that can make the occasion more meaningful. Emphasis was placed on the impact a funeral can have on the living, and on the unique opportunity a Christian death presents for evangelism.

"This exercise made people aware, in a practical sense, of how unprepared they really are for death," said one member.

Here are the questions each member was asked to complete:

Which funeral home do you want to use?

Do you want to be buried or cremated?

Are there any particular clothes or items of jewelry you want to be buried in?

Do you want an open or closed casket, provided there are no special circumstances to be considered?

Do you want the service at the funeral home or the church building?

Do you want congregational singing?

If so, which hymns would you like sung?

Who do you want to give the message?

Is there anything special you would like that person to say?

Do you have any special scriptures you would like read?

Is there anyone in particular you'd like to do the readings?

Do you have any specific requests for your funeral (anything special you'd like said or done)?

What is the one message you want your funeral to convey?

What do you want to be remembered for?

Most members agreed to have their sheet kept on file at the church building, but some chose to forward the information to a close friend or relative, or the executor/executrix of their estate. Some members placed their sheet with their other important documents.

You, too, can have the last word.

60+ at Camp Omagh

The 1990 '60+ session' at Camp Omagh had as its theme "How to act your age and still be in touch with others" **or** "Intergenerational Dynamics". Resource people were Ed Broadus, Eileen Dale, Harold Parker, and Cyndy Allcock. Janet Banks was once again our excellent cook. Claude Cox directed the session. Participants came from congregations in Windsor, Stratford, Bramalea, Grimsby, and Meaford.

Next summer's session will be in the same time-slot -- the beginning of July. Suggested topics include health, estate planning, 'restoration' history, hobbies, and the history of Camp Omagh. Look for further details about registration and speakers next spring when materials will be sent out to congregations.

--Claude Cox

Shuswap Christian School

A new building, completed this past summer at Shuswap Christian School in Salmon Arm, B.C., furnishes space for two large classrooms, a library and other facilities, according to Director Sam Tumlinson.

The largest yet enrollment of 53 students is seen as one result of this expansion. These are elementary-age children from throughout the Salmon Arm region and are, for the most part, from non-Christian families.

New Bible School Literature Project

A group of over 30 volunteers has been considering the production of an entirely new Bible school literature program called *Into God's World*. Looking over materials currently in use, questions about them included, "Did a denominational person write the material?" and "Is the material generic, so that it can be used in denonominational churches?"

It is acknowledged that this is a tremendous project needing broad financial input. If interested, write: J.C. Choate, Burton Drive, Route 2, Box 156, Winona, MS 38967; (601) 283-1192.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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MISSION NEWS

Zambia

During the 80's the Lord's church in Zambia saw phenomenal growth with at least 195 new congregations started. The 29 more started from January to October of 1990 brings the total to 461 congregations of the Lord's church in the country.

A container of used clothing from America has been distributed to some 17 churches in the area under the advice of the various church leaders.

India - Hallett

Turmoil, curfews day and night, delays and shortages have made the operation of Alpha Bible College difficult. However, they have persevered, and graduation was scheduled for November 18. Thirteen were to receive the Two Year Diploma, one the Honorary Diploma and eight the Honours.

Four baptisms in September bring the total for the year at the school to 13. Fifteen other baptisms are reported.

Enrollment of new students for 1991 means commitment through 1992. Most who begin are not in the body of Christ so that every class is "an outreach now and into the future".

The financial needs continue as it costs about $715 per student per year for a total of $25,000 to keep going for a year.

New Guinea - Mission 1000

There are now over 100 churches with 4,000 plus members. There are 22 active missionaries, of which nine are wives. Thus, most of the work is being conducted by national church leaders and preachers.

At Mission 1000 in Memphis, Tennessee, the present class is the largest, numbering 17. There are 6 from Alberta, Canada; 5 from Maine; 3 from Ohio; 2 from Malaysia; and 1 from Texas. Of 95 who have completed the program, 71 have gone out to serve in 31 countries.

Slavic World

A group of young men in the city of Rovno are active in distributing over 500 Bibles and New Testaments sent last June and will assist in the distribution of over 5,000 copies of the scriptures to be made available on the Herald of Truth broadcast.

"On each of four Sundays in March, 1991, Herald of Truth will broadcast four half-hour programs over Television Kiev. Since Stephen Bilak, who has been preaching on the radio for 30 years, will be part of these programs, many of his hearers will now be able to see him."

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.

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EVANGELIST REQUIRED
in Edinburgh, Scotland

The Hyvots Bank church of Christ is looking for an experienced evangelist to work with us. We have an ongoing outreach entitled **Back to Your Future**, which has enjoyed a successful first year but has not yet reaped a harvest, and as we have no full-time worker at present, we feel we need someone who can be committed to outreach on a daily basis. The congregation has a regular attendance of 35-40, made up of a wide spectrum of society from teens to retirement age and is one of two congregations in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. The population of Edingburgh is around 500,000; however, the two congregations have a total membership of no more than 80.

If you have full support (or most of it) and would like the opportunity and challenge of going **Back to Your Future** and working in a city steeped in history, or would simply like more information, please write, enclosing your resume, to:

Mr. H. Strang, Secretary
Hyvots Bank Church of Christ
9 Moredun Dykes Road
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OBITUARIES

BILL NEILSEN
A Pioneer Passes On
July 10, 1891 - November 3, 1990

One of the founding members of the church that resumed meeting in Brantford in the 1950's has gone to be with God. Bill (Hans) Neilsen died quietly in his sleep last month at the Brantford General Hospital, where he had been confined to a chronic care ward for some time. He was eight months away from his 100th birthday.

At a funeral service conducted by Rick Gamble, tribute was paid to the role Bill Neilsen played 40 years ago, when some brethren from Tintern first moved to Brantford and began to hold worship services in the city. He and his wife, Edie, were faithful members of the fledgling church, which met in their home at one point. Bill also served as a trustee during the late 1960's and was instrumental in preparing for construction of the church building here. Pictures taken 20 years ago show the then 79-year-old saint handily wielding a shovel at the sod-turning for the present meeting place.

Cheerful and uncomplaining -- especially during the last few years -- Bill's visitors usually heard the admonishment, "Keep smiling!" as they left him. Born and raised in Denmark, he leaves no surviving relatives in this country.

V.B.S.S. Videos Now Available

The "Jule Miller" filmstrips were first released in May, 1956. Since that time, the "Visualized Bible Study Series" has been updated about every 8-10 years, including the recent 1988 update.

Over 70,000 sets of these filmstrips have been distributed all over the world. In addition to the regular English edition, Miller produced a Spanish edition and one for the blacks with black models.

In order to keep abreast of the times, brother Miller and his associate, Tex Stevens, have now produced the series on VHS Video.

The Video project began about four years ago when a number of friends continued suggesting to brother Miller the idea of producing this series. All this started with a $50,000 budget which has grown to over $150,000.

To begin with in 1986, for over a year, brother Miller searched religious art libraries for additional art that would be compatible with the existing filmstrip art. Arrangements were made to acquire the rights to use over 800 new art pieces. The entire video series contains over 1,200 frames, three times the number in the five filmstrips.

I truly believe that the video series is the "now" method of reaching the lost world. The five videos begin with the creation and take the student through the Bible, the plan of salvation, and through an exciting and interesting overview of church history. This is so very necessary in today's religious world.

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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.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10,11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

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, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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;P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 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.

BLIND RIVER: W.C. Eaket Secondary School, Woodward Avenue; Sun. 10; Herb Weir, ev., R.R #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

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

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL:1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

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; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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, 1 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; 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.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 778 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; c/o Peter Speek, 95 Longwood Drive, Waterloo, N2L 4B6; (519) 885-0752.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:30; 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. 9:30, 10:30, 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.; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; c/o Lyle Dennis, 871 McCaw St., N7V 2X4; Mark Bryson, ev. (519) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

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

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

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 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; Rupert Comrie, sec.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 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 Twsp.; 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 Street, N9B 1X6 (E.of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sunday 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., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

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. 10:00-12:00; Glen Davies, 1451-94th St.; (306) 445-4231.

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

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

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

REGINA (7th & Pasqua): 4205 7th Ave. S4T 0P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; (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;Ph. (306) 783-6877; Sun. 10:30, 6;mid-week in homes; John Smith, ev. 783-6877.

Inclusion in this listing does not mean complete endorsement of all teachings and practices.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1991

8... Preachers' Rendezvous at Great Lakes Bible College, Beamsville, Ontario

14-18... Family Counselling Seminar at Great Lakes Bible College, Beamsville, Jim Hawkins

February

3-8... Freed-Hardeman University Lectureship

15-17... Youth Rally, Meaford, Ontario

17-20... Abilene Christian University Lectureship

22-25... Ron Pauls will be with the Beamsville, Ontario church for a series on **Parenting**

March

2-3... John Clayton, "Does God Exist", Grimsby

15-17... Adult Retreat - Meaford, Ontario

29... Training for Service, Toronto, Ken Durham

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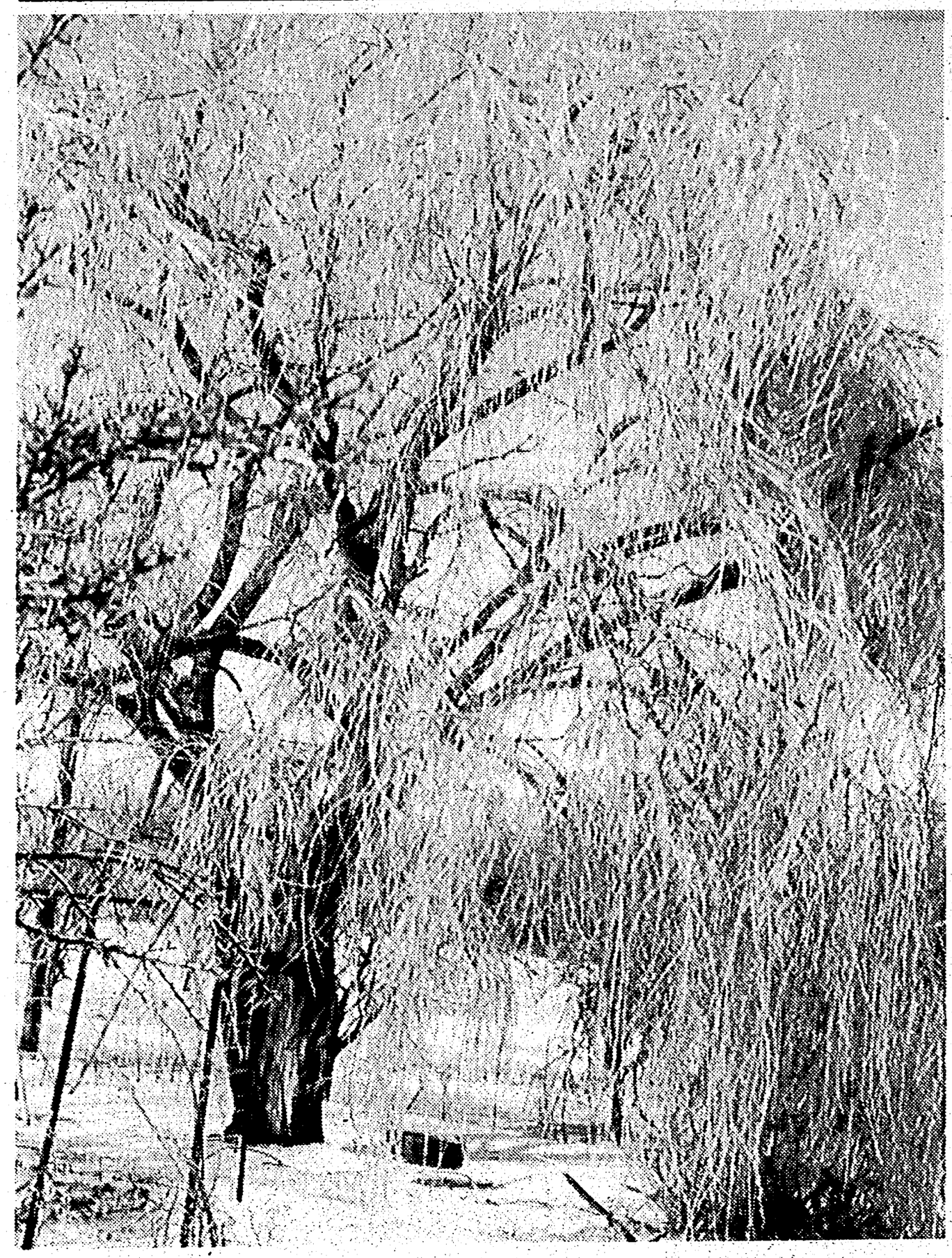

WINTER

It's a clear, cold day, crisp with frost and snow,
As the sunlight glistens on all below.
Thick ice now covers the lake nearby,
No clouds appear in the bright, blue sky.
Outlined with ice is each bush and tree
In a scene of winter tranquility.

Yesterday the wind was wild and strong,
Piling snow in drifts as it blew along.
You could not see, through the whirling snow,
The sky above or the ground below.
The sharp snow stinging against your face
Made you hurry home to the warm fireplace.

Every season has those lovely days
When the sun shines down with its golden rays;
And each season has its dark days, too,
With clouds obscuring the skies of blue.
We see winter, summer, spring and fall,
God in His wisdom planned them all.

Though the winter snows
Cover hill and dell,
God still rules the world
And all is well.

--Ivy E. MacKay

"While the earth remaineth,
seed-time and harvest and cold and heat,
and summer and winter,
and day and night shall not cease."
Genesis 8:22

"Hope For A Dollar"(?) - Part I

by Walter N. Hart

"Canadians have become a nation of gamblers" ("Those Crazy Lotteries," **Maclean's**, Jan. 23, 1984, p. 15). "During the past 80 years, gambling in Canada has evolved from an activity socially tolerated only within narrow restraints to a broadly acceptable leisure-time activity. The social, legal and economic consequences of these activities have yet to be chronicled" (R. Ronald Sheppard, "Gambling," **Canadian Encyclopedia**, 2nd ed., 1988, p. 870).

As we shall note, it appears as if everyone is doing it, and governments are even encouraging it. We, as Christians, need to be prepared to deal with the issue. Is gambling right, or godly, or in accord with the Spirit of Christ? We know, of course, that we have a commitment not to go blindly along with what others are doing (Romans 12:1, 2). What are we to think about the concept of "hope for a dollar"?

What is gambling?

Gambling may be defined as "to play games of chance for money, etc.. . . to take a risk in order to gain some advantage" (**Webster's New World Dictionary**). It is "to stake or risk money, or anything of value, on the outcome of something involving chance" (**Random House College Dictionary**). Some gambling is pure chance (lotteries, for example) and some combines chance with a use of knowledge or skill (betting on a ball game or the horses).

Economist Arthur A. Smith noted that gambling involved "the deliberate creation of risks of a kind not inherent in or necessary to the functioning of economic society." Frank Pack was blunt as to what gambling really is: "It involves taking a risk in order to obtain something for nothing, and often means losing what one has and obtaining nothing".

In gambling one does not give value for that sought and can gain the prize only at the expense of others. If I buy a $20 raffle ticket on a $15,000 automobile, I have risked my money in hopes of getting that for which I am obviously not giving value. And I cannot win unless hundreds of other people lose their $20. My gain must be at their loss.

But don't we take risks in all that we do? Doesn't the farmer take risks when he puts in a crop? Don't those who are involved with stocks and bonds take risks? The farmer invests in land, plants his crop, expends money to harvest his crop. He puts considerable money and effort into his farm. Why? For the purpose of producing goods that are essential to human life. There are risks involved, necessary risks, but he is doing so for a very necessary purpose, and he is not seeking to gain at the loss of others. Indeed, his gain will be to the benefit of others.

For governments to promote and depend upon gambling is wrong, unethical, harmful.

Stocks and bonds, if viewed properly, are investments in industry and business and represent partial ownership of productive facilities. And again, any gain here also involves gain for others. "Corporate business must raise capital to build plants, buy and install machinery, buy raw materials and hire workers, all in order to produce goods. Stocks represent ownership in such enterprises. Bonds represent loans to them. Risks are involved, of course, but they are necessary risks that have to be assumed by someone. . ." (Arthur A. Smith, quoted by Jimmy Allen, "The Problem," **The Gambling Menace**, p. 5). This is quite different from artificially creating a risk in order to gain something for self without giving true value for it, and if something is gained, it must be gained at the loss of others.

Gambling has many facets: betting on the horses, casino operations (blackjack, roulette, wheels of fortune), lotteries, bingo, raffles, sports betting.

An old and growing activity

Archaeologists have found evidence of gambling far back in man's history. Ivory dice dating before 1500 B.C. have been found in Thebes. Among the artifacts of ancient Egypt, China and India have been found gambling implements. In Canada, native people had been using gaming sticks for centuries before the arrival of Europeans.

In the late 1500's in England, the government used lotteries as a money-raising tool, considering it a painless form of taxation. Lotteries were also a part of life in the U.S. colonies. Harvard, Yale, and Dartmouth Universities all used lotteries at one point in their histories. Lotteries were used to support the American Revolution and to build the city of Washington. The amount spent for lottery tickets in eight states in 1832 was five times the federal budget of that year! But there were abuses and corruption, and such widespread lottery activity was eventually outlawed both in England and the U.S.

The history of lotteries shows that they "have alternatively been banned by governments concerned about their harmful moral influence or enthusiastically promoted -- as they are today -- as a valuable source of revenue" (Betty Lee, "The Favorite Game," **Canadian Business**, August 1989, p. 82). As Lee pointed out, we are in the latter situation. Whatever its ups and downs in the past, gambling is a widespread phenomenon in our world today. In Spain there is a lottery called **El Gordo** ("The Fat One"), and gambling is widespread in Great Britain and Japan. Lotteries are now legal in 32 American states, and **Sports Illustrated** headed a feature article, "Gambling: America's National Pastime?" (March 10, 1986).

Gambling in Canada

A 1910 amendment to the Canadian Criminal Code allowed pari-mutual betting at race tracks and also allowed charitable and religious organizations to con-

duct occasional games of chance. But in sweeping changes to the criminal code in 1970, the provinces were given authority to license and regulate gambling, including bingo, raffles and casino games. The flood gates had been opened. The result is a multi-billion dollar gambling "industry" in Canada.

Over $1.5 billion is bet yearly at race tracks across Canada. In North America generally, more people attend horse racing than attend pro football, pro baseball and pro basketball combined! And bingo is no longer "little stuff," with an estimated 250,000 regular players in Canada. In Ontario alone gross revenues from bingo amount to between $600 and $800 million annually (up from $80 million 15 years ago!). Casinos are just beginning to make their appearance in Canada, but we may expect their numbers to increase (B.C. this year could boast 17 casino outlets).

Sports gambling is the most popular form of illegal gambling in Canada, part of what **Sports Illustrated** calls a "gigantic industry" in North America. **It is also recognized as, along with drugs, the largest source of income for organized crime.** There is a movement now to combine sports gambling with government-sponsored lotteries, and this has understandably upset those concerned with purity in sport.

But the most obvious and advertised form of gambling in Canada must surely be lotteries. The present situation began in 1973 with a lottery designed to raise money for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Today all of the provinces and the two territories are involved in conducting and managing lotteries, and gross revenue from lotteries is about $3.5 billion annually. The Ontario Lottery Corporation offers eight games one might play, and it is estimated that 85% of Ontario residents buy tickets for the provincial draw. I wonder how many Canadians are like the Halifax cabbie who admitted that he spends $30 **each week** on tickets (that is $1,500 a year!)? And this at incredible odds (the chance of winning the jackpot in Lotto 6/49 is 1 in 14 million, and the chance of even recovering the bet is 1 in 53!).

Government involvement

An alarming facet of the current gambling scene in Canada is the increasing desire of **governments** to raise needed funds by means of gambling schemes. Of course, for many years certain charitable and religious groups have come to rely on gambling revenues to meet annual budgets -- it is not surprising that governments want to get into the act.

A third of the total revenue from lotteries in Canada goes to the regional corporations. In some cases (the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec) it goes into government general funds; in others it goes toward sports, fitness, recreation, culture, health research, hospital capital projects, social-service programs, environmental protection, education.

It is evident that what is now happening is only the beginning, as gambling seems a "relatively painless way" to raise money and certainly may seem more politically safe than raising taxes! People demand services but resist tax increases; so, governments look at gambling revenues for the needed funds. A few years back, Halifax County council looked at a proposal to operate a lottery to raise funds for capital water and sewer projects, and towns in financial difficulty (Crowsnest Pass, Alberta, for example) have considered town operated gambling casinos as a way out.

Once governments begin to depend on such funds, the challenge is to keep them coming in, for gambling revenues are undependable, and a game once lucrative may begin to lose its appeal to the public. Thus, we see new lottery games, the introduction of casinos, and likely in the future electronic poker machines in hotels, 24-hour instant lottery terminals and television betting games.

Stephen Brunt of the **Globe and Mail** rightly observed in regard to government-sponsored lotteries: "It is voluntary taxation, to be sure, but voluntary taxes solicited through a massive advertising blitz, and based on the public's desire to get rich quick despite astronomical odds. . .No one thinks lotteries are a fair and equitable way to raise public money. But there is little political will to impair the procreative capacities of this golden goose in any way" (March 18, 1989, p. 8).

Now, I must admit that there is a part of me which says, "Fine! That's one tax I won't have to pay! Let those ignorant enough to buy the tickets pay for government services." But I know that is not the Christian response -- the response out of love for my fellow man. It is wrong for governments to deliberately exploit human weakness, to appeal to one of the lowest human qualities -- greed. In doing so they are not contributing to the improvement of society but rather to its corruption. I am not sure if he meant it as a joke or not, but N.Y. Governor Mario Cuomo spoke truth in reflecting on the madness surrounding a large jackpot in the State lottery, "There's something going on in this state. It's called greed."

Government-sponsored lotteries function as a form of regressive tax. Studies in Canada show that "low-income families. . .spend a higher percentage of their total income on lotteries than do families at high-income levels" (Mary Blickstead, "Lotteries in Canada," **Canadian Social Trends**, fall 1988, p. 11). A study in Michigan found that the proportion of income spent on lottery tickets declined 12% for every 10% increase in income.

Much government income from gambling will be from people who really cannot afford to gamble. The government in essence is taking advantage of their lack of wisdom in handling money. And the more desperate a person's financial circumstances, the more appealing "hope for a dollar". N.Y. State Rep. Tony Van Vliet commented, "I always felt that it was an insidious way to re-collect our welfare dollars."

As Russ Pulliam observed, "The irony in all this is that while some government agencies spend time and money to promote the work ethic, another part of government deludes citizens with the dream of being an 'instant millionaire'" ("Unlucky Lotto," **Christianity Today**, October 18, 1985, p. 17). For governments to promote and depend upon gambling is wrong, unethical, harmful. We need to demand that our governments be responsible -- cut corruption, curb wasteful spending, operate more efficiently, and bite the bullet when tax increases are required.

(To be continued. Next: An Assessment of Gambling from a Christian Perspective.)

--Guelph, Ontario

EDITORIAL

On the Eve of D-Day

As we write this, vast armies are poised to engage in a war of unparalleled ferocity. Tomorrow night is recognized as the deadline, after which the use of force to evict Iraq from Kuwait will be authorized by a United Nations warning. None of us has any idea of the terrible nature of such a conflict, since it will unleash weapons of horrible deadliness. If such a war erupts in the Mideast, we shall see how potential life-giving technology can be employed in scientific death-dealing. We shudder and pray that it may not be.

As we contemplate the dreadful possibilities that lie ahead, we are strengthened by our faith that God will bring good out of evil. Man's extremity of hope is often God's season of benign providence. We have never appreciated more the old trite but true adage which states that: "I do not know what the future holds, but I do know **Who** holds the future."

Two great wars "to end all wars" have been fought during this century, and yet wars persist in coming. Evil men as dictators at times make war unavoidable. We believe that Satan is behind the fierce and greedy intents of those who seek to build their reputations and their power at the point of the sword -- or the muzzle of a cannon.

One truth will never go out of style nor be replaced by some new insight -- the need for fervent, persistent prayer through Christ to the Father of spirits.

The greatest warfare is that spiritual struggle that the apostle Paul described in 2 Corinthians 10:3-4: "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world." Again in Ephesians he reveals the true struggle behind the scenes of his work: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." The Christian is encouraged not to hate anyone, not even those who would consider themselves his enemies. At the same time, the Christian must hate every sin with a vehement consistency. Sin is a deadly enemy, even when it assumes an innocent appearance.

There can be a civil war at work in a man's body. Strife can erupt in the Body of Christ. We took note of a section in the article by brother S.F. Timmerman in last month's **Herald**, where he reviewed some controversies that have plagued the church over the last several decades. To his list of divisive matters that slowed the growth of the church over about 50 years or more, one could add the charismatic movement. Many of these controversies found their beginnings in denominational sources and posed as new insights to old truths.

One truth will never go out of style nor be replaced by some new insight -- the need for fervent, persistent prayer through Christ to the Father of spirits. As the foreboding events in the Mideast take on a new intensity, let us pray that our all-wise and loving Father may intervene in such a way that mankind may see the clouds of war dispelled by His Son, the Prince of Peace.

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FAMILY TIES

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It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem"

by Ron Pauls

As I begin to write today, the holiday season is over. The brightly wrapped gifts have disappeared from under the tree. The ornaments are packed away. My wife wishes I would hasten to get the tree discarded. The turkey and most of the candies are eaten. Even the turkey soup is pretty well gone. It was a great holiday filled with family, fun and relaxation.

But a lingering doubt surfaces as I journey through the memories of these past weeks. Did I see in my closest relationships the lack of one of God's finest gifts? Did I see some things done, or left undone; some things said, or left unsaid because that gift was not unwrapped often enough, thoroughly enough, over the years? I wonder!

The great thing is that this gift is not limited to the Christmas season. And if, through neglect, ignorance or indifference, I failed to give the gift in the past, I can start today. It is the gift of helping someone else develop a healthy today. It is the gift of helping someone else develop a healthy sense of self-esteem. It is one of the best gifts God has to give. Often I am the agent through whom he must work to bestow his gift.

A Starting Place

We may feel helpless and hopeless. We have seen in those closest to us those life responses that irritate, frustrate and even embarrass us. We begin to give in to the temptation to take these things personally. We allow ourselves to assume that it will never be different. We forget that many times these responses originate in a low self-esteem. And we forget that we can be part of the solution.

We can begin by helping to create a climate that makes it safe to communicate. Our homes are the training ground for life. Both children and spouse need to live in an atmosphere where openness and transparency are encouraged by an atmosphere of psychological safety. Home ought to be the haven to which we escape from the turmoil and strife of the world not the place from which we must escape in our search for healing.

This atmosphere begins when we allow ourselves to actualize our belief that every person is made in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:27). There is a great need to see God's image in every person and to treat them like persons deserving respect. It is so easy to let self-concern ruin this perfect perspective. When we begin to take others for granted, label them or otherwise abuse their exalted status [only a little lower than the angels - (Ps. 8:5; Heb. 2:7)], it becomes easy to say and do things that are aimed at belittling them rather than building them up. A study of John 9 will illustrate the abuse and neglect that comes when people label instead of love another.

Respect for another is a gift you give whether it is deserved or not. Too often we wait for people to measure up to our expectations before we respect them. It is nice if others earn our respect. But even heathen respect those who earn respect. It takes God's power to help us give respect because of what we know about a person that even s/he may not know or fully comprehend; s/he is made in God's image and thus worthy of respect.

What Kind of Love Is This?

Love is another obvious component of an atmosphere that allows self-esteem to develop. What is not so obvious is what such love is. Everyone enjoys the warm feelings of romantic involvement or parental joy. Almost everyone realizes that these feelings tend to come and go. They cannot be, therefore, the basis upon which we create a consistent atmosphere for the enhancement of self-esteem.

The New Testament concept of **agape** is the basic love that one can build upon. It is the love of will. It seldom begins with feelings all in place. It is primarily a decision. It is an act of the will to serve for the good of the other no matter what. It waits for no one to go first. It waits for no one to respond appropriately. It simply wills to keep on doing what is best for the other regardless. Often it is rewarded by responses beyond our fondest hopes. But it never quits even when such expectations are not realized.

It is an unconditional love. Come to think of it, there is no other kind. Love that is based upon conditions is not love at all. When the recipient of our love senses strings are attached or learns to realize that love will be withheld until certain requirements have been fulfilled, love is tainted and becomes worthless. Implications that I will love you "as soon as", "if only", or "whenever" erase true love. All love with conditions is basically a business deal. Such love differs from prostitution only in degree.

Real love is described best in the midst of God's explanation of spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 13). It is portrayed as the gift above all others. Read I Cor. 13:5-7a using your name instead of the word "love", and you will gain a revealing evaluation of your "love-quotient".

Acceptance may be the most vivid portrayal of what this true love is. But it is significant enough to consider as another vital building block in creating an atmosphere where self-esteem can take root and grow. Acceptance is the gift we give that communicates, "You are okay!" "You may not do things just the way I would. You may not make the same choices I would. But I accept you as you are." Respect and love are never more real than when we sense that someone really does accept us for who we are.

Remember the first time, when you were growing up, some adult looked at you or spoke to you as a real person? You knew you were immature. You knew you were incapable of many of the

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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What Did I Gain?

by Danny Yaksich

(Editor's Note: Brother Danny Yaksich is self-employed in the heating and air-conditioning business. He recently fell from a ladder and severely broke his leg. Because of complications with the healing process, it was necessary later to amputate his leg just above the knee. He is presently undergoing therapy to learn to use an artificial limb. These recent troubles make his thoughts even more timely and helpful. M.C.)

I wanted too much. I wanted to make more money and have more profitable jobs. I tried to do it all on my own. By myself I was not capable of such a feat. My reluctance to look to friends and business acquaintances for help was my own downfall.

Thinking that I could do it all on my own was indeed stupid and stubborn.

Busy is nice but not necessary!

This you may think has nothing to do with slipping from a ladder and injuring myself. It was lack of concentration just for a second, but it could have cost me my life. I am, fortunately, still here and have learned a valuable lesson in living. I always used to preach to people, "work for a living and not live to work", and I didn't listen to my own words of wisdom. A day's work is enough for a man.

Have goals to reach but don't be blinded by your goals! Goals, just like healing, take time and patience. They can be reached with persistence but shouldn't drive the wits from a person. If goals are to be reached, take that direction, but don't allow them to devour you.

The times I missed playing with my children and spending time at home with them are gone now. I only have the future to look forward to. Yes, from all my work I am further ahead, but now as I sit and heal from my accident, I wonder, where is the prosperity? While I suffer the pain of recovering, my wife and family are alone without me at home. Financially, we are okay, but not as good as I had hoped to be.

So, back to the question, Why? What is wrong with allowing life to just happen and enjoy each day as a gift from God? I do believe I made a big mistake by wanting too much.

As I sit here in self-examination, I see so many people around me who are much worse off than I. I think of Jerry and his M.S. He is a gentle and friendly man of approximately 40 years of age. We chatted a couple of times. He has a family -- a little girl and a wife. The sad part is that he has very little as far as a future is concerned. His illness is terminal. Yet, in chatting with him, he is kind, he smiles, he laughs; you wouldn't know he has a debilitating disease. When I look at him, I pray for a miracle to help him. A person could not help but admire his smile and his courage in his situation. I pray for God to help him and his family.

This is an apology to God, my family and friends for my self-pity, stubbornness, unwillingness to listen, and overworking which caused this setback. I really want to enjoy my life now and take the time to watch it go by.

It is so true about life being so short. But why rush it? Enjoy your life and your work, for it is indeed a man's heritage. Busy is nice but not necessary!

Thank you to all of my brothers and sisters who are praying for me, and thanks for the comfort you give me.

--Pine Orchard, Ontario

"Are There Any Questions?"

by Don Smith

"Are there any questions?" An offer that comes at the end of college lectures and large meetings. Said when an audience is not only overdosed with information, but when there is no time left anyhow. At times like that you sure do have questions. Like, "Can we leave now?"

The gesture is supposed to indicate openness on the part of the speaker, I suppose, but if in fact you do ask a question, both the speaker and the audience will give you "drop-dead" looks. And someone --always someone -- asks! And the speaker answers. By repeating most of what he already said.

However, sometimes a question is asked and a good answer is given.

At a seminar in Greece, Dr. Alexander Papaderos was giving a lecture. Papaderos is a philosopher, teacher and politician. One look at him and you see strength and intensity -- energy, physical power, courage, intelligence, and vivacity radiated from his person. Few men live up to their reputations when you get close. Alexander Papaderos is an exception.

At his last session, he concluded his remarks by asking, "Are there any questions?" Quiet filled the room.

"No questions?'

Then. . .someone asked.

And what a question! **"Dr. Papaderos, what is the meaning of life?"**

Laughter followed. People, still snickering at such a foolish question, got up out of their seats and prepared to leave.

Papaderos held up his hand and stilled the room and looked at the one who asked the question, trying to surmise if the question was sincere. Acknowledging sincerity, Papaderos, said, "I will answer your questions."

Taking his wallet out of his hip pocket, he fished into a leather billfold and brought out a very small round mirror, about the size of a quarter. And what he said went like this:

"When I was a small child, during the war, we were very poor, and we lived in a

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The War Is On

by J.C. Bailey

As the year 1990 comes to a close, dark war clouds hover over the world. But as Christians, we are a part of this war. (But we do not war according to the flesh.) The forces of the Muslim world would destroy Christianity, if they could; and this battle is joined in India in particular. We call your attention to the statement made in the scriptures, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; and having a readiness to revenge all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled" (II Cor. 10:4-6).

Some years ago, brother J.A. Johnson (now deceased) converted a Muslim to the Christian religion. This man, brother Paul Subhan, has made an exhaustive study of the Muslim religion and has been very successful in turning Muslims to Christ. This has brought upon them persecution, but he is pressing the battle more and more zealously. The battle has not been without fruit, for more than 240 former Muslims are now devout Christians in India. Brother Subhan has started a school to train these former Muslims to go out into the villages of India and convert Muslims to Christ. I had the privilege while in Indian this time to visit this work, and despite the many calls for help from various good works, I can think of none that is more worthy of help at the present time than his effort to reach the Muslim world for Christ. I heard the beautiful singing of these men who joyfully proclaimed to the world their faith in Christ. There is probably no place in the world that the Muslim can be won for Christ better than in India. It is true that Muslims sometimes persecute severely those who dare to become Christians. I saw the scars on the head of a beautiful girl of about 18 whose only offence was that she had accepted Christ. The laws of India are supposed to give religious freedom; so, the Muslims are not going to be as vicious as they would be in some other countries.

Brother Subhan may visit America early in this new year but, if he does not, I want to assure you that with all confidence we can support his effort to bring Muslims into subjection to Christ. This conflict between Christianity and the Muslim religion has gone on from the very days of Mohammed himself. From the Christian standpoint, many times it has not been too successful, for Christianity was vastly corrupted. Now, however, the battle can be joined by men who accept Christianity as it is revealed in the New Testament.

I am calling upon my brethren to join in that fight. Paul said, (by the Holy Spirit), "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life whereunto thou art also called and has professed a good profession before many witnesses" (I Tim. 6:12). Brethren, the war is on. There is no force that is so determined to destroy Christianity as the Muslim religion. Brother Subhan has proven that we can win decisively. Are we prepared to join the battle? (*Bro. Bailey refers here to a spiritual not physical battle. R.D.M.*)

We have seen the truth triumph in India. More than one half million people have become obedient to the faith. Some 1,000 preachers proclaim Christ and him crucified. Some of these men are of outstanding ability. This conflict with the Muslims is just a new phase of our effort to bring the Indian people to the foot of the cross. Brethren, we cannot fail and face the judgement uncondemned.

My twenty-second trip to India has ended. The outward man is decaying, but the inward man is being renewed day by day. I have passed my 87th birthday, and there is serious question that I will ever be able to go to India again, but I promised the Indian brethren that I would fall with my face to the foe and the sword of the Spirit in my hand. To join in this fight against this terrible religion gives me extreme joy. (*All quotations are from the K.J.V.*)

--Bengough, Saskatchewan

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The Awakening

by Brian Cox

Once upon a time, in a town very similar to the town in which you live, there lived a man, a very successful man. He was a good man; he attended church every Sunday, a church I am sure similar to your own. He had a wife, a good wife; and oh, how they loved each other. Both of them had grown up in Christian homes with loving parents who faithfully taught them the Scriptures. They had met in college and married soon after graduation. She went into teaching; he went into business.

He had been taught while growing up that to succeed in business you have to work hard, and work hard he did. Promotions came quickly, and every promotion served to spur him on to work even harder. Soon the couple was into their own home. The mortgage payments were large, but he knew he could handle it, if he just worked hard. His wife left her job to have children, and God blessed them with a boy and a girl. The nurses in the maternity ward had referred to them as having a millionaire's family when their second child was born.

"I need to start spending time with my family like I keep promising my wife that I will," he thought. But business had never been better. He knew that with some hard work, he could be the youngest vice-president in the corporation's history. So, he put off spending time with his family and worked harder. It wasn't long before his prediction came true -- he was the youngest vice-president that the company had ever had. Now he was in line for the president's job, and the president was due to retire in a few years. "I might never get an opportunity like this again," he thought. So, again, he put off spending time with his family and went to work. He found it was easier each time he did it.

His success in business was nothing short of astounding. Those he worked with thought that he must have the "Midas touch". Everything he touched turned to gold. His family knew better. His success in business came at the price of hard work and long hours away from family. "My wife is doing a great job with the children without me," he thought. "They don't really need me around. Just think of the colleges I will be able to send my kids to, the house I can buy my wife, and I'll be able to retire early and enjoy a life free from cares." He said it so often that he even started to believe it himself.

Family wasn't the only thing being

"I need to start spending time with my family like I keep promising my wife that I will."

sacrificed. His long hours made it impossible for him to be a part of anything but Sunday worship, and now even that had begun to suffer as he had to make more and more weekend business trips. Putting a large cheque on the collection plate when he was there, helped him to justify -- in his own mind -- his many absences. The demands of work grew and grew; the company president would retire in just a year. The board of directors was watching closely each of the vice-presidents. He knew he was one of the front-runners; so, he drove himself even harder. "My duty to God and the church is fulfilled each Sunday," he thought, "when I send my wife and children along with a cheque to worship." He found he had little time to go to church, and when he did have time, he didn't feel like going. "When I work at least six days a week, I need Sunday to rest," he said when he sent his family off to church without him. He found that he really didn't give God or the church much thought anymore. . .

He had been company president for five years. He had been able to bring more business to the company than any other president before him. He sat in his office chatting with his team, his inner circle. They had just closed the biggest deal in the company's history. What a good feeling it was to be at the top and to make those kinds of deals. It was good to be alive. . .The phone rang; his secretary answered it from his desk. She turned to him with a puzzled look and said, "I think it is your wife." "She must be calling to congratulate me," he answered. "Hi dear, how did you find out that we closed the deal?" All he could hear on the other end of the line was crying, and then the voice of a nurse telling him that he had better come to the hospital right away. His children had been in an automobile accident. The crying he had heard had been his wife's. "What accident? Where? Are they all right?" he pleaded. "Please! Just come to the hospital as quickly as you can," responded the nurse. He hung up the phone, and on the way out the door told his secretary to send for his car and driver. . .

In the car on the way he told his driver to get him to the hospital as fast as he could. There was no need to worry about tickets -- his money and power would take care of them. "Now," he thought, "my wife and kids will understand why I worked so hard all these years. Now they will see that with money and power I can get things done; whatever the problem, I can fix it. I have the money and the power."

They arrived at the hospital in record time. As he walked through the front doors, he was met by a man who introduced himself as the minister at his wife's church. "Have I really been gone that long?" he thought. The minister quickly showed him the way to the Emergency Ward and into a waiting room. In the room was his wife; seated beside her was the minister's wife; standing by the window was a policeman. He immediately went to the policeman and said, "You know who I am. I have friends in high places. I want you to catch whoever did this to my children, because they are going to pay!" The minister took him by the arm and

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History in Progress

by Bethel Bailey

The apostle Paul, in writing his second letter to the young evangelist Timothy, glimpsed briefly into the future and made this observation: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Tim. 4:3-4, NKJV). Scarcely was the voice of the apostle completely silent before the fulfillment of this prophecy was in progress.

In an effort to pacify heathen converts as well as some of those converted from Judaism, a spirit of compromise became the order of the day. During the following years, a disregard for the doctrine of Christ, so carefully delivered by the New Testament writers under the direction of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21), gave way to heathenistic practices and inserts from the old law, and led to the establishment of the first apostate church. Catholicism as we know it today is still a mixture of heathenism and Judaism, with a measure of New Testament Christianity injected to identify it from the former.

Attempts to reform this conglomeration (by some very good men, we might add) led only to confusion as many new groups were introduced, all seeking to capture the attention of generations groping in the darkness of illiteracy. But the glorious dawn of a new day focused around new faces: the Campbells, Barton W. Stone, Walter Scott and John Smith, followed a little later by Benjamin Franklin, Tolbert Fanning and Jacob Creath, Jr., men who used as their motto, "Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent". Moses E. Lard and J.W. McGarvey also deserve mention as men who attempted to fight off the introduction of innovations such as mechanical music and missionary societies. As the years progressed, other great men joined in the struggle for New Testament purity in worship.

These men indicated that they believed every scripture to be God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16) and based their teaching on this fact. We do not recall reading anywhere any indication that any of them believed the scriptures to be "sometimes grey and not always black and white". We are quite aware that Peter acknowledged that some scriptures "were hard to be understood" (2 Peter 3:16). Surely the finite mind of man will never totally comprehend the infinite mind of God, but God in His knowledge of the limited understanding of even the most brilliant of His creation made His word so plain that we do not need to err therein.

We are also aware of the argument made by some that the word "scripture" applies only to the Old Testament writings and, therefore, what Paul stated in 2 Timothy 3:16 does not qualify as a truth today. Perhaps those who make such an argument should re-read 2 Peter 3:15-16 in which the Apostolic writer calls the writings of his fellow apostle Paul "scripture". Or perhaps Peter was wrong and did not understand the meaning of the word??? The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews makes it clear that, as participants in a new covenant, Christians are under a better covenant (Heb. 8:6). If God considers it to be a better covenant, is it intelligent for man to conclude that its administration is inferior, that the writings concerning it are not to be considered "scripture" while those concerning the older, inferior covenant are to be so considered?

We firmly believe that 'every scripture is inspired of God" (2 Tim. 3:16, RSV). Furthermore, we have a promise from Christ that, "Though heaven and earth shall pass away, **my word shall not pass away.**" To those who foolishly worry that the great number of translations endanger this fact, we simply ask: How powerful do you believe that God is? The universe which He created, in all its beauty, though exposed to the ravages of man, still stands, still beautiful. Do you believe that God would fail us by permitting His Word to be lost? Which is more important: saving the earth or saving the souls of men? Would God permit the only means we have of saving men's souls, His inspired Word, to pass away? Oh, how weak and foolish our arguments become when we try to find a way around the Word!

History is now being written. Future generations will read the history of the church during the latter years of the 20th century and see either how we "contended for the faith" (Jude 3) or how we yielded in compromise, surrendering principles already fought for and won by greater men than we, but which we have come to dispute with the passing of time. The old excuse that "times have changed" is indeed a poor one. God does not change; His Word will not change. Christ sternly warned those who would attempt to make a change, "He who rejects me, and does not receive my words, has one that judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in that last day" (John 12:48). Like Belshazzar of old, will we at that time be found wanting (Dan. 5:27)?

Paul declared that he had not "shrank from declaring the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Some Christians today would refer to that as "negative preaching". They insist that we preach only on love, coupled with a genuine concern, lest someone be offended. What would they have thought of Peter's sermon on Pentecost: "God hath made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified". Do you suppose that some of the other apostles took Peter aside and cautioned him that this was neither the time nor the place for such a statement???

Yes, others will read our record on the pages of history. As the 21st century (if our Lord tarries) unfolds, and new generations absorb the message we left for them to read, will it be a message of progress in the Kingdom? Or will they need to take time to rebuild? To restore? To correct the mistakes made by the passing generation?

As serious as this thought may be, there is a more serious one: While they are reading our record, no matter if it is good or bad, all opportunities will be gone forever for us to change it. As someone has thoughtfully written:

Only one life, 'twill soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last.

--Sudbury, Ontario

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Some Thoughts On Self-Talk, Part II

by Margaret L. Hefferman

Learn what is important to you. Why do you feel about things the way you do? What pleases you? What makes you angry? Listen to your inner dialogue and observe how you talk to yourself. Do you use phrases like "I feel like such a failure. I never do anything right"? Do you use phrases that contain negative words or labels (failure, loser), that have faulty assumptions (never, always), are guilt inducing (I ought to, I should), or contain errors in thought processing? Try to develop a more accurate internal dialogue. Not a Polly Anna viewpoint which is equally as inaccurate as a distorted negative dialogue, but an accurate and logical conversation that can help eliminate a poor self-image, elevate your mood, reduce your anxieties and can eventually lead to positive changes in your self-esteem and global perspective.

We may need to spend more time simply observing our inner dialogue, our reactions to that dialogue and then how we treat ourselves because of that dialogue. Are we prone to self-flagellation, or do we praise our Creator by loving and caring for His handiwork in our thoughts as well as our actions?

Have you ever walked outside and really felt the rain against your skin? Have you ever fully tasted the foods that you eat? Have you ever just observed what the sun feels like on your body, what the water feels like as you swim in it or how the muscles in your arms and legs feel as you stroke through a pool? Have you ever felt the wet tongue of a dog on your hand? How does this feel differently than a cat's lick?

As the Psalmist said, "We are wonderfully made" (Psalms 139:14). We are only allowed to be in this human body for a few short years. We spend great amounts of time trying to become "better" by self-reproach and flawed self-talk or by striving to change ourselves in some misguided notion of what is "right" or who we "should" be instead of just enjoying who we are and what God has given to us.

Many people come to the end of their lives never having explored their own selves, never having really experienced who they are, always striving to measure up to someone else's rules or someone else's view of who or what she should be.

It has been said that the great question the Lord will ask on Judgment Day will not be "Why didn't you become a Paul, a Michelangelo or a Mother Theresa" but rather "Why didn't you become you?"

In the December 1989 issue of **Psychology Today**, there appeared the following list of 10 Cognitive Traps:

1. **All or Nothing thinking**: You see things in black-or-white categories. If a situation is anything less than perfect, you see it as a total failure.

2. **Overgeneralization**: You see a single event as a never-ending pattern of defeat by using the words always or never when you think about it.

3. **Mental Filter**: You pick out a single negative detail and dwell on it exclusively. One word of criticism erases all the praise you've received.

4. **Discounting the Positive**: You reject positive experiences by insisting they "don't count". If you do a good job, you tell yourself that anyone could have done as well.

5. **Jumping to Conclusions**: You interpret things negatively when there are no facts to support your conclusion. Two common variations are mind-reading (you arbitrarily conclude that someone is reacting negatively to you) and fortune-telling (you assume and predict that things will turn out badly).

6. **Magnification**: You exaggerate the importance of your problems and shortcoming, or you minimize your desirable qualities. This is also called the "binocular trick".

7. **Emotional Reasoning**: You assume that your negative emotions reflect the way things really are: "I feel guilty. I must be a rotten person".

8. **Should Statements**: You tell yourself that things should be the way you hoped or expected them to be. Many people try to motivate themselves with shoulds and shouldn'ts, as if they had to be punished before they could be expected to do anything.

9. **Labeling**: This is an extreme form of all-or-nothing thinking. Instead of saying "I made a mistake", you attach a negative label to yourself: "I'm a loser".

10. **Personalization and Blame**: You hold yourself personally responsible for events that aren't entirely under your control.

What a shame it is to exist in this wonderful, miraculous, incredible life and never really live or discover who you really are. I encourage each of us to relax and explore those untapped regions of our own psyche that lie beneath the surface plane of our existence. Begin an adventure of discovery with yourself, and may we reach the end of our journey full and complete and looking forward to the next adventure at home with our God.

--Toronto, Ontario

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NEWS — EAST —

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Belleville, ON: "We have five families meeting in homes in the Belleville Trenton-Frankford areas. John Short (April's husband) was baptized last summer and takes a very active part in worship. Carol and Steve Watson moved to the area in September. Steve was baptized on December 15 by Jim Nicholson in South River.

"We have been praying for more couples to move here and help with the church work. We are excited to have Connie (Langford) and Greg Smith move here in February. We need more Christians and leaders and would talk to anyone who would be interested in coming to this area." ----*Item undated and unsigned but evidently from M. McDonnell of Belleveille. See Directory.*

Sherbrooke, PQ: A two-week campaign is being planned for June 3-14. Students from Harding University, Michigan Christian College and International Bible College will be participating. Others are encouraged to join this effort. Volunteers will need to provide or raise the cost of transportation and $100 for food and housing.

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: "On January 1, Peter Morphy began to work as an evangelist with the Strathmore congregation. Peter will be working with the young people of the congregation, doing outreach through campus work, reaching out to those who are leaving the Discipling ministry church as well as doing some preaching. The full support needed has not yet been raised; so, Judy is going to continue to work for the present time. She plans to quit her secular job and work along with Peter as soon as full support is raised. If any congregations or individuals are interested and able to help support this young couple in this important work, please contact the Strathmore elders. For any information desired regarding this work, please call or write (address and phone number are in the church directory pages of this paper)."

After studies with Peter Morphy, Jacolyn Humphries was baptized in late November. Bruno Taillefer has been welcomed into the fellowship. On December 2, Hai Lin was baptized.

Toronto (Harding), ON: On December 16 Dan Carter and his son, Danny, were baptized after the morning service. Brother Arthur Regis and his wife, Gloria, have been welcomed to the membership at Harding Avenue. Brother Regis preached the evening lesson on December 30, when D. Forsyth was unable to be present. His lesson was well-presented and well-received.

An updating of the membership directory shows an increase of 19 for 1990. "It is encouraging to know of and see members inviting friends and relatives to worship services."

Bramalea, ON: "The elders at Bramalea (Albert Hotte, Bob Hunter, Ron Knight, Fred Whittington and Lee Wood), along with the deacons, are continuing their preacher search. Several guest speakers have been invited to speak to the congregation, and it is hoped that in the near future a decision will be made."

Ministry for the Hearing Impaired

"Under the supervision of Linda Whittington, a fine ministry is being developed. Over the past two years, Linda has been teaching American Sign Language (ASL) each Sunday afternoon at 5:00. Many have shown an interest in the class, and three young ladies have shown great potential. These girls are Sara Hunter and Trina and Adrienne Wood, and they have continued with the class since its inception. Linda interprets the morning service for one of the hearing impaired members, Ruth Moonsammy. Linda is interested in updating her own skills, and has taken night school classes in this area."

Grimsby, ON: During 1990, "five were immersed into Christ and another five (I think) committed themselves to work and worship regularly with us.

"We also lost a few. The Clausens moved south to Kentucky, and Harland Culp moved south to Tintern. Richard Jones left us for Eastern Europe."

--From The Shepherds Quarters

Beamsville, ON: A member has donated two commercial-quality VCR's with 28" monitors, stands, remote control, etc. to this church. These are currently being used to study the Friendship Evangelism videos published by Dan Cooper of New Jersey.

St. Catharines, ON: Connie Bailey, the wife of Trevor Bailey, was baptized on Monday night, December 17.

"Leslie Kerr made a video presentation on the Romanian work to this congregation, after the evening worship on January 20". *--Ina Allcock*

Welland, ON: Don Smith of Sundridge is scheduled for a meeting, February 22-24. An adult breakfast is being planned for Saturday, February 23.

Port Colborne, ON: A member writes that the work is "progressing numerically and, we hope, spiritually". He mentions a recent attendance of 78, an overflowing Sunday School and a committee trying to solve the space problems.

We rejoice with Jim Noel and his family. He was immersed into the body of Christ on December 2.

Randy Morritt, who used to preach here, visited with his family and conducted a special "Christian Education Sunday" service.

The Great Lakes Christian College chorus combined with two local school choirs for a special season of festive music. A good crowd from the community attended at the local school.

Funds are being set aside weekly and possibilities for future expansion of facilities are being explored.

Garth Corman of Hamilton, related by marriage to many in this congregation, passed away on December 27. Milton Hurst assisted at the December 31 funeral.

"We have had a wonderful year here at Port Colborne and look forward to the future." *--David Lock*

Brantford, ON: 1991 pocket calendars bearing the church's name and address and a quote of Eccl. 3:1 are being included in a mail out of Bible material to those on the contact list.

Grant Smith spoke on December 9. He and his wife, Barbara, have since moved to Vineland and will be attending one of the churches in that area.

The Brantford newspaper included an insert entitled "Our Religious Heritage", a profile of local churches and their roots. By taking a full-page advertisement, the Brantford church was given a half-page for an article. In the article, Rick Gamble explained the concept of non-denominational Christianity by tracing our roots to the New Testament. He also outlined the plan of salvation and

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

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(Editor's Note: I thank my correspondents for this month: J.E. Pennington in Brandon, James Willet in Weyburn, Hugh and Irene Lock in Saskatoon and Don Husband in Dauphin. I encourage all my correspondents to keep up your good work and thanks for your help. BC)

Paul Derkach of Brandon leads a group of young people in the monthly "Children's Night" activities.

Brandon, MB: Fall and early winter have seen much activity in our congregation. We have had a monthly "Children's Night" in which we keep in touch with the children who came to our summer VBS. We have scheduled some videos to be used to point out important lessons for children. Paul and Janice Derkach have been quite active in this program.

Work on the physical building and grounds continues. Needed roofing and new steps and entrance walk were completed before winter set in. Now we are in the process of updating the interior preparing for painting to follow. Earlier this year, new blinds were installed in the auditorium windows and new signs placed at the front of the building.

Outreach and benevolence continues. Newspaper advertising is currently in process each month with a different display ad in a local newspaper each month. As need arises, the congregation responds to the needs of others. We are thankful that God has richly blessed us with ability to do so.

For the winter, the Don Penstock family from Saskatchewan is living in Brandon while the children participate in winter sports locally. Winter also brings various other visitors to Brandon due to the schedule of activities centered in the city. All are welcome at our services each week.

Weyburn, SK: The congregational meeting held on December 2 to plan for the coming year was well-attended. While our budget for the coming year will be slightly lower, there will actually be little change in our program of work.

During the month, some renovations were made to our annex. For several years, a local play school has used the facility. They decided this fall to move elsewhere; so, we have taken the opportunity to dress up the area a bit and make it more comfortable for the many functions we conduct there.

Beginning the first Sunday in January, we will not have evening services. Rather, we will have a potluck lunch after the morning service, then hold a service from 1:30 to 2:30. This is being done to accommodate the members of our congregation who live in outlying communities or on the farm, and those who cannot safely venture out at night during cold weather. It is our plan to do this through January and February.

Members of the Roland Olson family conducted the services for us December 23 in brother Wieb's absence. Roland Olson led the singing at the morning service and Bernard Olson of Saskatoon spoke for us. Roland spoke at the evening service. On Wednesday evening, December 26, brother Wilf Olson of Estevan spoke for us. Brother Steve McMillan of Regina will be our speaker for the morning service December 30.

Friday, December 28, brother Lawrence Anderson was laid to rest. He died Saturday, December 22, in the hospital in Moose Jaw. Due to the bitterly cold weather, many were prevented from attending the service, but most of the family were here. Brother Ray McMillan of Regina conducted the service in which members of the family also participated. Congregational singing was led by James Willet. Brother Anderson was 85 years old.

Saskatoon, SK: Pearl Orr spent a couple of weeks back in Saskatoon while on furlough from Papua New Guinea. She gave us an interesting account of her missionary work in that far-off country. What a fine example she is of what a person can do after retirement!

Leanne Berezowski was baptized after our Sunday morning service on December 9. For the past few months, she has been studying the scriptures with Carol Ewing, Debbie Olson and Allen Close.

Allen and Laura Close had a baby girl, Ashley, on December 11, a sister for Luke.

January 20 through February 17 (Sunday evenings) we are showing the Film Series, "Making Things Right" by Paul Faulkner. We expect this will be of interest to our friends and relatives, too.

Dauphin, MB: the church in Dauphin recently made a decision to hire Blair Roberts as an evangelist. Blair, Susan and their family are presently working with the church in Antwerpen, Belgium. They expect to be here this summer.

Thirteen members from here made a trip to Yorkton, Saskatchewan on December 16. They went to encourage and help with singing and other worship activities. The mission trip was funded by the silver and loonie portion of our collection. We plan to make other trips to nearby congregations as we are able.

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

by Ed Bryant
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(This material was delayed in the mails and reached us too late for the January issue. E.C.P.)

Calgary, AB: Michelle Phillips and her fiance, Trevor Ottley, put on Christ in baptism just before they were united in marriage. Gayle Campbell and James Mooney were also baptized.

Walter and Edith Hovind have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Kamloops, BC: Coleen Mosterd and Dan McLean have been immersed into the Lord.

The attendance record was broken recently with 34 people present for the services. Of that number, seven were visiting from the community. To date, there have been four baptisms and two restored to their first love.

Salmon Arm, BC: Since early summer, families have moved into the area: Dave and Erin Myers, Jerry and Kelly Luchtmeyer, from Victoria; Charlie and Dale Lepp from Tumbler Ridge; and Bob and Marg Quinto and son from Newfoundland.

Sam Tumlinson is working with three contacts in the area.

Shuswap Christian School enrolled 51 students for this school year. They are in four classrooms; the single portable was replaced with a double classroom. New teachers on staff are Wendell Bailey and Dick Brockman. Alice Tumlinson resigned as teacher in June.

Dr. John Bailey from Texas spoke at the Annual Lectureship in November for Interior churches. His wife, Rosalyn, also spoke for a ladies' class. Lynn Anderson has been invited to speak at the lectureship next fall.

Ralph Edgett of Revelstoke has been visiting to head a class on Christian Evidences in Salmon Arm.

There was a special ladies' day in October with several speakers from Interior congregations.

Tacoma (Southside), WA: Shawn Reiff was baptized in October by Ed Reiff. Placing membership were Linda Tinsely and family.

(The following are the current news items from the Far West. E.C.P.)

Edmonton, AB: (These notes are excerpts from a report from Scott Laird. from Edmonton. E.B.)

Through some difficult times, the work here has moved forward with six baptisms, a total of 29 for 1990. Latest baptisms were Grace Lun, Malcolm Meier, Andy Neo, Yvonne Gutowski, Jennifer Stroesser and Sam Shragge.

The planting of the church in Fort McMurray was on schedule. At their first meeting, September 2, there were 47 present, including six adult non-members. Their first two baptisms were on October 8, one month after beginning the work. (*We were not given the names of those baptized. E.B.*)

There were two new enrollees in the training program, which has graduated six people, including three who were a part of the new work in Fort McMurray.

October's Youth Rally was attended by 50 teenagers from across the province.

It was decided to send partial support to Peter Morphy for his work with the Strathmore church in Toronto, and to help Louise Blumer with travel funds when she goes to Ghana this year as a medical missionary. Also help will be given to the Maurice Taylor family's present need.

Calgary, AB: Two young ladies were baptized in November: Leslie Russell and Kelly McKeage.

Murray Ververda, having completed his work with the Mission 1000 program in Memphis, Tennessee, now plans to work among the highland people of Mt. Hagen, Papua, New Guinea. The Red Deer congregation will contribute to his initial expenses and a part of his monthly support. They are asking the help of others who might be able to do so, to make up the difference needed.

The Mt. Hagen people are tribal, and jealousies and fights are frequent; they are the people Murray will try to reach. He plans to depart March 1.

(Ed's note: I want to express my thanks to congregations that have been so faithful in sending monthly reports, without which this column could not be written. I am looking forward to your help again this year, and wish for all my readers peace and love in Christ, throughout the New Year).

News Prairies

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We have been blessed with lessons from visiting preachers Brian Cox and Allen Close in December. Thanks, fellows, for your teaching.

Manson, MB: The church in Manson, after a few renovations, has moved their worship service for the winter months to their house in town. This will save them a great deal of money on furnace fuel. On December 31 a number from Manson, Wawota and a lot of family home for the holidays enjoyed an evening of skating, fellowship and devotion to God at the rink in Manson.

Wawota, SK: Guy, Cheryl, Braden, Erin and Kristen Holmes welcome a new daughter and sister, Shelby Lynn. She arrived Monday, November 26 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz.

On December 16 we had a Renewal Sunday where our leaders and representatives of each ministry group made public commitments for 1991. There was also a time for any individual who wished to make his commitment public for 1991; a good number took advantage of this opportunity. That same day we had a special collection in an effort to meet our 1990 budget. $4,287.55 was collected, bringing us closer to our budget. We also pledged in writing our giving for 1991; we were all thrilled to see $51,595 pledged for 1991 or $992.21 a week. Our budget committee is now working on a budget based on the commitments made. Our Renewal Sunday was a very challenging and encouraging beginning to a year of service to God.

On December 14, our young people went caroling in town and delivered holiday treats to some elderly and hospitalized friends.

Whitewood, SK: On December 22, the Moose Mountain Alumni Association sponsored a Volleyball tournament in the school gym in Whitewood. Five teams from across the Prairies braved the -35° to -45° temperatures to come, with a number of spectators present as well. We were treated at the noon break to a delicious meal (thanks to Kay McMillan and the ladies), some devotional thoughts from Tim Pippus and a skipping demonstration by Michelle Hill. It was a great day of fun and fellowship together. Special thanks to John and Monica McMillan for their work in planning it.

BOOK REVIEWS

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

The Case for Christianity, 15th Annual Lectureship of the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions, 344 pages, price unknown.

Edwin S. Jones, Lectureship Director, writes, "Our world is filled with a bewildering morass of conflicting and fanciful philosophies that vie for the allegiance of mankind. Standing out from this confusing and often seemingly hopeless picture is the one and only reasonable and satisfying explanation of life -- Christianity." Every year we express appreciation for this fine lectureship. This year is no exception.

We all need the faith building that comes from volumes such as this. The lectures by Hugo McCord are especially helpful.

Living Ethically in the 90's, J. Kerby Anderson, editor, Scripture Press Publications, Paris, ON. 239 pages, $16.95 (Cdn).

Never in the history of Christianity have we faced such overwhelming difficult issues as we do today. How do we respond to aids, drug abuse, abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, homosexuality, pornography and artificial insemination?

All of the authors of this book have some association with Dallas Theological Seminary. As a result they are very conservative in their approach but bring in such errors as their premillenialism. Except for this the book is a good introduction to some very troublesome problems.

***Mastering Contemporary Preaching** by Bill Hybels, Stuart Briscoe and Haddon Robinson, Multnomah, Portland, Oregon, 200 pp. $12.95 (US).*

This is the first of the "mastering Ministry" series co-published by Leadership, Christianity Today and Multnomah Press. The writers are all well-known as very capable evangelical authors. To have them combine their efforts in this book is a bonus. They deal with today's audience, the preaching task, the toughest topics, and living out the message.

Preachers will find much stimulation and encouragement in this excellent book.

The Bible Visual Resource Book for Do-It-Yourself Bible Scholars, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, ON. 286 large pages, $25.95 (Cdn.)

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remote village. One day on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place.

"I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was impossible; so, I kept only the largest piece. This one. And by scratching it on a stone, I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated that I could reflect light into dark places, where the sun would never shine -- in deep holes and crevices and dark closets. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find.

"I kept the mirror, and as I went about my growing up, I would take it out in idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew up to understand that this was not just a child's game -- BUT -- a metaphor for what I might do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of light. God is light and life radiates from Him. But light -- love, truth, confidence and grace -- will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it!

"With what God has given me -- and gives to me -- I can reflect this goodness into the dark places of this world -- into the black places in the hearts of man -- and help others to reflect light. This is the meaning of life."

Papaderos took his small mirror, and holding it carefully, caught the bright rays of daylight streaming through the window and reflected them onto the face of the gentleman who asked, "What is the meaning of life?"

In the wallet of my mind, I carry a small mirror.

"Are there any questions?"

--Sundridge, Ontario

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Family Ties

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things that adults could do. However, they treated you as if you were whole! Do you remember the response within yourself? Somehow you wanted to live so that you would never betray that acceptance.

Remember the other times when someone treated you as if you were incompetent and immature. What did you want to do? Hide? Crawl in a hole and pull the hole in after you? It was hard to try harder with the threat of rejection hanging over you. Right? The same thing is true now that you have grown and are capable. Give the ones you love the most -- the gift of your total, loving respectful acceptance. Watch them thrive on it!

If all of this is going to become a reality, it will likely call you to major surrender. You will have to give up your demands, your rights, your judgments, your self. You will have to surrender the pride that prompts you to elevate yourself by pushing others down. Maybe that is part of what it means to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Eph. 5:21). The struggle for "who is the greatest" (Matt. 18:1) still rages on even in our homes. Becoming like little children again will not only gain entrance to the eternal kingdom, it will open to us the possibilities of a home filled with an atmosphere of love, respect and acceptance that will enhance self-esteem.

You can't do it!

Oh, yes! One other thing! You can't do this! Not by human power. You will need to tie into the power that comes only from the Creator himself. Only he can provide this kind of power. It is he who accepts you this way and gives you the room to grow. It is he who can give you the power to be able to pass that gift on to others. Before you are tempted to think this is too big a bill for you to fill, remember "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

If you are in Christ, his Spirit is within you. You have the power to do all things. Do not resist the Spirit. Instead, become like Him (Gal. 5:22, 23). Then you will be able to do the impossible. And your loved ones will have received a gift that will make all the others more meaningful. And next holiday season you will all be better people, more capable of experiencing life and relationships in a rewarding way.

The Awakening

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asked him to sit down. When his wife looked up from her tears, he said to her, "Don't worry, dear; I'll make everything right. You'll see." His wife wasn't comforted; she just cried all the more.

He now turned to the minister,"Do you know what happened? I don't even know what happened!" "They were on their way home from school in the car that you had bought them, when there was an accident," answered the minister. Just then the doctor came into the room. "Doc," said the man, "I want my children to get the best of care. Money is not a problem. We'll fly in the best in their field. I know people in high places, I can pull strings. Just tell me what I can do." "I am afraid there is nothing anyone can do," said the doctor. "They are both gone. They didn't have a chance. I'm sorry." The doctor then moved to the policeman and, although he said it quietly, everybody heard that both of the children had over the legal limit of alcohol in their blood. Whoever was driving shouldn't have been. . .

There was a long silence in the room. A rage soon began to build in him until he could not hold it any longer. "There was nothing I could do! Nothing I could do!" he screamed. "I have power; I have money; what I say goes. Yet none of it was any good when I needed it most. It is all worth nothing," he said bitterly. "I don't know what I am going to do. . ."

"Would it help if we prayed?" asked the minister softly. "Yes," his wife replied through her tears. "That will help." He wasn't sure it would help, but he closed his eyes and listened. The minister prayed for comfort and strength, thanking God and remembering that God had lost a Son, too. Slowly the bitterness and anger were pushed out as the love of God flowed into his heart. When the minster finished, the man began haltingly, searching for words. "I have been such a fool. In my search for wealth and power, I gave up my family and my faith. If only I had learned my lesson before I lost my children. Please! Please! Please! God forgive me and help me to forgive myself. . ."

When they had finished praying, a calmness had taken over. His wife had stopped crying. The minister's wife stood up and said, "Come and sit here beside your wife." When he had sat down, he took her in his arms and whispered, "Can you ever forgive me?" "Yes," was all she could say as the tears began to flow again. They sat there for a long time crying on each other's shoulders and praying. Although the road ahead was a rough one, they knew that they would make it because the God of love had forgiven them, His comfort was upon them, His strength flooding into them and His spirit changing them. . .

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--Wawota, Saskatchewan

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News East

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emphasized our committment to using the Bible as our only guide to faith and worship.

Waterloo, ON: Mike, Sherry and Tristan Cameron recently returned to Ontario. They found an apartment in Waterloo and are worshipping with the church there.

Kelvin Hoover of Stratford was guest speaker on December 9 for the re-instatement of the elders and deacons.

Stratford, ON: Late news includes an encouraging visit of a group from Plymouth, Michigan on November 3, 4 and visits by Tom Clark and the chorus of G.L.C.C. on November 18.

Brian Thompson of St. Thomas and Kelvin Hoover of Stratford exchanged pulpits on November 25.

Sarnia, ON: "Mark Bryson and his family have now been working with the church here for one year. They received their Landed Immigrant status this December. They had been on a Visitor Record up to then. This new status allows them to remain in Canada indefinitely.

"A Seniors dinner held on December 7 was attended by 30 of our members along with some visitors. This is an annual event. The young people of the congregation provided a presentation in song after the dinner.

"Two couples from Huntsville, Alabama visited with the church in December. This was in order to consider a cooperative effort this coming July for their young people to work with us during our VBS."

Newmarket, ON: The Perry Baker family has left to take up employment in the U.S.A.

A "Does God Exist?" Seminar by John Clayton is scheduled for May 4, 5.

Meaford, ON: The annual youth rally is to be on February 15 to 17. Then, an Adult Winter Retreat is planned for those 20 and older with Bill and Alma Bunting and Jeff Davison as speakers.

Collingwood, ON: Evan Scott was baptized on November 18 and Laura McKee on December 2. "Our work continues to go well here at Collingwood for which we are indeed thankful to God."

--Ray Lee Overton

Sundridge, ON: Due to his father's illness, Lynn Anderson was unable to speak for the meeting planned in January.

The Family Bible Week in December saw good classes and good attendance (146 on Sunday).

Murray Smith of Thessalon is to speak on "The Cross" February 8-10.

Photo Contest

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--E.C.P.

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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., 569-2817; 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.

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

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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: 1317 Ethel Street; 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.

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VANCOUVER (Eastside): Best Western Hotel -- 3075 Kingsway; Sun. 10:30; Phone 525-4353; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6;English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krmnis, 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.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

BLIND RIVER: W.C. Eaket Secondary School, Woodward Avenue; Sun. 10; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

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

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

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HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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, 1 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; 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.

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.).

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LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byrne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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

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

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

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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.)

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SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E. N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Mark Bryson, ev. (519) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Comrie, sec.

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

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

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.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

15-17... Youth Rally, Meaford, Ontario
17-20... Abilene Christian University Lectureship
22-25... Ron Pauls will be with the Beamsville, Ontario church for a series on Parenting
22-24... "Living to the Praise of God's Glory" Don Smith at Welland, Ontario
23... Adult Breakfast, Welland (contact: 735-1445)

March

2-3... John Clayton, "Does God Exist", Grimsby
15-17... Adult Retreat - Meaford, Ontario
29... Training for Service, Toronto, Ken Durham

April

26-28... Eastern Canada Lectures '91, Ottawa

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"God Cares"

Speakers

Keith Thompson
Newmarket, Ontario

Brian Garnett
Kentville, Nova Scotia

Max Craddock
Toronto, Ontario

S.F. Timmerman
Beamsville, Ontario

Earl Weldon
Ottawa, Ontario

Ron Pauls
London, Ontario

Schedule of Events

Friday:

8:00 p.m.	"God Cares -- We Care"	Earl Weldon
9:00 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Fellowship	

Saturday:

10:00 a.m.	"God Cares About How I View Him"	Keith Thompson
11:00 a.m.	"God Cares About Families -- Parents	Ron Pauls
12:00 - 3:00	**Lunch** (map of area restaurants in foyer)	
1:30 - 2:30	(Special Class) Computers in the Lord's Work", #1	Brian Garnett
3:00 p.m.	"God Cares About Families - Children"	Ron Pauls
4:00 p.m.	"God Cares About Senior Citizens"	S.F. Timmerman
5:00 - 8:00	**Dinner** (see map for restaurants)	
6:30 - 7:30	(Special class) "Computers in the Lord's Work", #2	Brian Garnett
8:00 p.m.	"God Cares About World Evangelism"	Max Craddock

Sunday:

10:00 a.m.	"God Cares About How I View Worldliness"	Brian Garnett
11:00 a.m.	"God Cares About How I View Righteous Living"	Max Craddock
12:00 - 2:00	**Potluck Dinner - Everyone Welcome**	
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	

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The above picture was taken some years ago. Some readers might recognize one of the characters.

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these? He said unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

John 21:15

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep.

John 21:11

I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me.

John 21:14

For ye were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

I Peter 2:25

"Hope For A Dollar"(?) - Part II

by Walter N. Hart

Is gambling merely one form of leisure activity, exciting entertainment, a chance for the ordinary man to buy a dream ("hope for a dollar")? Or are there real reasons to be concerned about it, to avoid it, and to do all we can to discourage it?

Hooked on gambling

Gambling is not the innocent, harmless thing many make it out to be. Among its victims are a growing number of people who are compulsive or pathological gamblers. Gambling is to a compulsive gambler as alcohol is to an alcoholic. Compulsive gambling is a destroyer of careers, of families, of personal integrity. It is a major force in embezzlement and often in suicide.

It is hard to know how many people are compulsive gamblers. In the United States, estimates range all the way from one to ten million, and an article in **Canadian Living** put the Canadian figure at more than one million (Oct. 7, 1985, p. 9). There is a growing number of Gamblers Anonymous chapters in North America, as people try to deal with the problem. The cause of one becoming a compulsive gambler is debated, but one thing is clear, as stated in an article in **Psychology Today**: "The problem of compulsive gambling is rapidly growing and difficult to ignore" -- and the problem increases with the increase in lotteries. With the opening of more and more gambling avenues, is it any surprise that compulsive gambling may be, as one counsellor stated, our "fastest growing addiction"?

The article in **Psychology Today** gives us a glimpse into the mind of a compulsive gambler and his life of delusion. Arnold Wexler said one of his biggest highs was to park his car at the Aqueduct racetrack. "I looked at the stands, and there were 60,000 people in there. I had $6 in my pocket and owed $10,000. And I was thinking, 'Look at all those people there --- and I'll be taking home all their money.'" But, then, delusions are inherent in gambling, aren't they?!

If we care about our brother, we cannot be unconcerned about the growth of gambling.

Bad company

Gambling has a long and well-documented connection with organized crime. It has been clearly shown that out of gambling revenues, the syndicate -- organized crime -- finances operations in narcotics, prostitution, and loansharking. The corruption of government officials, the courts, and police are also often involved.

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But, someone says, that is because gambling was illegal. Won't legalization and government control solve the problem? Not so, according to the evidence. Nevada, with the longest experience in legalized gambling, has had chronic difficulty controlling casino operations. In 1986, for example, organized crime leaders were convicted of criminal activities in connection with Las Vegas casino operations. The mob forced itself into the operation of two casinos by threats of violence to the owner's family and then skimmed some $2 million from the casino operations. In Ontario, there is evidence that not even bingo is immune: "Criminal activity in Ontario's bingo business has forced the province to bring in more controls. . .There are allegations that organized crime may be involved" (Alan Story, "Bingo under the eyes of investigators," **Toronto Star**, July 13, 1989).

All types of problems follow open, legalized gambling. Legalized casinos came to Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1978. Murders, rapes, assaults and armed robberies had increased 300% by 1981! The editors of the **Toronto Star** were right when they opposed the introduction of casinos to solve the Canadian National Exhibition's financial problems: "Whatever profits a casino might earn, they would more than likely be offset by unacceptable social costs. . . Even if the games themselves are untainted, a casino's lure of easy and plentiful money attracts criminal elements and encourages criminal activities" ("Keep casinos out of the CNE," Jan. 24, 1981).

Nor does legalized gambling diminish the illegal variety. Illegal gambling has increased along with legalization and even seems to feed on it. Illegal numbers gambling revenues increased an estimated 25% from 1982 to 1988 (John W. Merline, "A Substitute for Illegal Gambling?" **Consumers Research,** Jan. 1990, p. 14). "Legal gambling also prompts more illegal wagering. . .the illegal games usually flourish alongside the legal ones and sometimes even piggyback on them. . .state-sponsored gambling has been the driving force behind the huge increases in all types of wagering. . . spreading the message that wagering is respectable" (George J. Church, "Why Pick on Pete?" **Time**, Cdn. ed., July 10, 1989, pp. 19, 20).

Let's face it. Gambling keeps bad company. The kind of company no Christian will want to encourage.

A violation of the Spirit of Christ

But there is a much stronger reason for the Christian to reject and to oppose all forms of gambling. Gambling violates the very Spirit of Christ. It lives on the basis of attitudes that are contrary to the will of God and to the welfare of mankind.

Will we live by **love** or will we live by **lust**? That is the question. The spirit of love urges us to "do good to all men" (Gal. 6:10), to benefit, to bless, to share. The spirit of lust, of greed, leads us to advance ourselves at the expense of our fellow man -- to seek for self whatever it does to others. Which is the spirit of gambling?

For someone to win at gambling, someone else always has to lose. Nobody

ever gets something for nothing -- somebody always has to pay. There are no "free meals" and no "free trips". For a person to win a million dollars on a $5 ticket means that over 199,000 other people have lost their $5, many of whom simply could not afford it (actually many more than that lost, for only about 33% of the income goes to the winners).

Consider the lady in Halifax who admitted that almost every month she loses the grocery money at bingo and has to appeal to charity for food for her family the last week or two of the month. Do the winners of her money realize that they have taken the children's food? But one will say, "Tough luck! If she can't afford it, she shouldn't play! I didn't force her to play; she did it of her own free will. If I hadn't won it, someone else would have." And of what spirit are such sentiments? Not the spirit of love, but of callousness, selfishness, and unconcern for the interests and well-being of others.

Years ago, Frank Cox expressed this point well: "In the practice of gambling, one man's gain is another man's loss. This is contrary to the letter and spirit of Christianity. In all of our trades or transactions with our fellowman, we should see to it that our gain in material things does not come at his loss. In all of our dealings, we should earnestly endeavour to give value received."

Labour or luck?

Will we live by **labour** or by **luck**? That is another question that gambling raises. To what does one look for life's needs? Do we expect to do our own work and to earn our own living (II Thess. 3:12)? Do we look to God to provide "life and breath and all things" as we cooperate with Him in productive labour and careful planning and good stewardship of our resources? Or do we look to "Lady Luck" and "Dame Fortune" as we risk what little we have, hoping to "make a killing"? Hope is not bought for a dollar, or $5, or $30. How sad if we should exchange hard work and responsible stewardship for lottery tickets or bingo cards!

What a sad false hope gambling presents! What a lie our governments are promoting in their advertising ("Is this **your** week?" they say, as if everyone would have a week if they just bought tickets long enough!). The chances of being hit by lightning are several times better than the chances of a major lottery win!

The sadness false hope produces was well-documented by a **Toronto Star** reporter who visited a low income area of Toronto. She found great anger and frustration in the lottery ticket buyers, yet they still buy. "The Hoods live on welfare; the Penneys barely eke out a living. They. . .regularly buy lottery tickets. . . They are buying with quiet desperation, reaching out for some power, some control over a piece of their lives." They and their neighbours are angry that they don't win the big one. "Why don't they give us a break," they say. "The lottery gives people false hope." But they continue to buy tickets. They say to themselves: "Sooner or later, you've got to win" (That is not true, of course -- continuing to play does not increase chances of winning. Economist Adam Smith argued that the more tickets you purchase in a lottery the more likely you are to be a loser). "After all, $50 is nothing. . .You might as well buy tickets." Anyone with the Spirit of Christ, and thus with a heart of compassion, cannot help but be angered that our governments are promoting such false hope and such an irresponsible attitude toward life.

As social commentator George Will pointed out, "The more people believe in the importance of luck, chance, randomness, fate, the less they believe in the importance of stern virtues such as industriousness, thrift, deferral of gratification, diligence, studiousness" ("In the Grip of Gambling," **Newsweek**, May 8, 1989).

Where is life to be found?

The people mentioned above and their false hopes should cause us to raise another question: "Where is life to be found?" In getting, in receiving, in accumulating, in material possessions and big bank accounts? You should be far ahead of me on this one. "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12;15). "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap" (Luke 6:38). "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need" (Eph. 4:28). It is clear that the Lord points us to a spirit of giving, of helping, of benefiting as the spirit that is blessed.

But we have a far different spirit abroad in our land, even being abetted and encouraged by governments, churches, and charitable organizations. It is a spirit that says, "Do not ask me to give, to support worthwhile public projects -- schools and hospitals and health research and social welfare. Don't ask me to part with my money unless there is a chance that I can get back much more money than I paid out." Why, I have even heard it charged that there are some in the Lord's church who will not volunteer to serve unless they see direct benefit for **themselves** in the area of service (That is not true, is it?).

Terry Fox is known to all Canadians for his heroic run across half of Canada -- a run that terminated in a renewal of his cancer and eventually his death. He ran to generate funds for cancer research, and with massive publicity on top of his sacrifice, $22 million was raised. Does that seem like a large amount? Realize that in 1984 Canadians bet $67 million on **one** lottery draw, and that racetracks in Toronto have been known to take in one to two million day after day! Terry Fox and cancer research apparently did not touch our hearts nearly as much as the "something for me" syndrome touches them.

Why would governments think to raise millions by lotteries but not by taxes or direct appeal for donations? Because the spirit of selfishness and greed will not move unless there is a chance of much more in return. And gambling further destroys the spirit of giving. The Roman Catholic bishop of Victoria, Remi deRoo, has recognized something based on years of experience: "The dark side of bingo is that motivation for giving decreases." That is also true of other forms of gambling.

What can we do?

What can we as Christians do about

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EDITORIAL

Has Armageddon Begun?

Events in the Middle East have had a sobering affect upon the population of North America and Europe. Church attendance and religious discussions have increased dramatically. The "in-word" in Fundamentalist and Evangelical books and journals is "Armageddon". This weighty word is used but once in the New Testament in Revelation 16:16. There it designates the arena where an evil coalition of "the kings of the whole world" unite to do battle against God's people. The name appears in a highly symbolic context and in an obviously apocalyptic setting. The message of the chapter has been mangled and repeatedly misapplied to a literal date.

Some writers are trying to cash in on the interest and anxiety concerning the Gulf conflict with sensational books and statements. **Time Magazine** reports that one book alone, John F. Walvoord's **Armageddon, Oil and the Middle East Crisis,** has an initial print order of one million copies.

There is a long history of dismal failure . . .to pin-point the time of the end of the world.

Certain TV and radio evangelists are claiming that we are about to see a cataclysmic "battle on the great day of God Almighty". Such preaching is often self-serving from individuals who have more than their share of egotism, emotion and ignorance. The reality of a catastrophic final conflict in which the forces of evil will be vanquished is vividly proclaimed. Its time is in the mind of God and beyond the folly of human speculation.

There is a long history of dismal failure in the efforts of certain individuals who have misinterpreted various prophecies and apocalyptic passages in an attempt to pinpoint the time of the end of the world. This history includes some pathetic attempts which at a later date must have embarrassed and frustrated their proponents. Modern forecasters do not seem to learn from past failures.

In 1843 William Miller decided that the end of the world would come on March 1, 1843. When this prediction failed, he recalculated and produced a new terminal date -- October 22, 1844. obviously he was wrong that time, too, and his followers in the Adventist movement experienced the Great Disappointment.

Among the more vigorous and misguided attempts to predict Armageddon as to time and nature have been those of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Beginning with the confident statement of its founder in 1889 that the "battle of the great day of God Almighty" was already commenced and that it would end in 1914, he went on to make this a central dogma of that cult. His successors were not daunted by his failure but continued to set dates and wrest prophecies to establish time frames for final events. The most recent effort pointed toward 1975, when it was claimed that they had all the evidence to conclude that God's timetable would then be complete.

There is every reason to believe that the present Gulf War will bring profound changes in the Middle East. Among other things, it is almost certain to leave a legacy of hate among various Arab people for the nations arrayed against Saddam Hussein. Christians must refuse to return hatred for hatred. It would be easy to be caught up in the wartime hysteria of hate when losses begin to mount and more atrocities are reported. This is not the Christian response.

Armageddon will come. When it will come is known only to God. The graphic description of the great end-time battle from which Christ emerges as conqueror should give us reassurance that we are on the winning side. Christians can face the future, whether it bodes war or peace, without fear.

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FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping readers to have strong Christian families. It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem" - II

by Ron Pauls

The foundation stone of every effort to help another sustain healthy self-esteem is simply a deep abiding respect for the basic nature of a person. With labels eradicated, judgments discarded and hope enshrined, we simply acknowledge that every person is made by the great God of the universe in his own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26, 27). Inherent in being a person is all the potential for power, purpose and peace entailed in being like God.

How Jesus Treated People

The way Jesus treated people made this apparent. It didn't matter how small and insignificant the child was in the eyes of the adults around him (Matt. 19:13-15). It didn't matter how non-productive a person might be (Luke 10:38-41). It didn't matter how caught up in making money one had become or even if one had fallen into the dishonesty trap to do it (Luke 19:1-10). It didn't matter how often one had given in to the attempt to trade sex for love (John 4:16-18) or even for money. It didn't matter if one had become a Pharisee (Luke 14:1). It didn't even matter if deceit was your name and betrayal your game (John 6:64). Sinful, socially-outcast, snobbish, diseased, disenfranchised, deserted (Luke 15:1, 2). He welcomed them all! And, in person after person, his acceptance provided the room they needed to change!

Jesus had made them (John 1:3). He knew whose basic image and likeness they possessed. That was what was important! What they had done to themselves was not the bottom line. Whether others approved of them was not the issue. Not even how they responded to him was accounted as the main motivation for how he would respond to them. He loved them just because they were (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8). And his love, respect and acceptance called them higher.

His Love Was A Choice!

But the love of Jesus was a choice. It was a decision based on his Father's will. It did not originate in some erotic, romantic or even parental instinct. It was not dependent upon his feelings of attraction or warmth for a person. It was based on the choices of a will surrendered to the will of the Father (John 5:30; 6:37, 38).

And his love did not culminate in spreading "warm fuzzies". It found its expression in self-giving actions that culminated in the cross (Rom. 5:6). Now don't miss this! The road to Golgotha was dotted with crosses. You see, on the road to **the** cross, he kept laying down his life for every person he encountered. He did it for a careless groom (John 2), a religious leader (John 3), a divorced woman (John 4), a neglected invalid (John 5), a shepherdless throng (John 6)., an adulterous woman (John 8), a blind beggar (John 9), and so many more. And he's doing it for us!

He invites us to pass it on! Now consider. How can we make love real in the lives of those around us? How can we make our respect for their God-likeness more tangible? How can we contribute to their adequate sense of self? The answer is the same to each question. Treat them like a person. Treat them as you need to be treated. Love them as you love yourself (Matt. 5:43; 19:19; 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Rom. 13:9; Gal. 5:14; Jas. 2:8). "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matt. 7:12; Luke 6:31).

Practical Suggestions

Here are some specific suggestions of things that can be done. Hopefully you will find these practical. And we pray that you will grow in your ability to practice them.

Say nice things to your mate. Gracious speech seasoned with salt (Col. 4:6) should not be reserved only for those outside your household. **Appreciation** should not only be felt but expressed. Don't forget to say, "Thank you!" Even for the things you think you should be able to count on. Think how many people don't have what you are able to take for granted. Then take it for granted no longer!

Praise should be expressed to one's spouse. Don't reserve it only for accomplishments. Especially don't reserve it only for achievements that meet your high quality control standards. Be cautious about providing it only for accidents of birth like beauty, brawn or intelligence, although your honest admiration for those should not be hidden. Effort, sacrifice, integrity, supportiveness, faithfulness, etc. are all praiseworthy and should be praised.

Encouragement is such a necessary part of the support that keeps us all going. Partners should be especially conscious of each other's need for encouragement. And they should be the front line force in providing that encouragement in generous amounts.

Here are some examples of the type of statements that ought to make it into the conversations of married couples frequently: "I thank God for the privilege of being your husband"; "I'm sorry. I was wrong. Please forgive me"; "I appreciate you"; "That was a good meal. Thank you" (Maybe add, "Let me help with those dishes."); "You just keep on getting better all the time"; "I enjoy being with you"; "I am so thankful that God gave me you"; "Honey, your blueberry pie is in a class all by itself". Get the idea? Adapt these or think up a few of your own and sprinkle them through your conversation over the next month.

Conclusion

That should give you a great place to renew your efforts to contribute to your mate's sense of well-being. You can adopt these same sentiments and adapt these practical suggestions for the benefit of your children, too. Incidently, if you are one of those fortunates whose mate

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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"Looking Toward Home"

by Lance Lindenberger

(Editor's note: The following articles are by brother Lance Lindenberger, a minister with the 38th Street congregation in Canton, Ohio. Young people, we need to be sure our eyes are on the right goals. It is easy to look toward the wrong things or to put our trust in the wrong places. These two articles encourage right looking and right trusting. M.C.)

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they see a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city (Hebrews 11:13-16).

A fierce storm was sweeping across one of the Great lakes and a tugboat towing a barge began to founder. The tug's captain and his crew abandoned the sinking vessel and took to a small boat. All that night, they were tossed to and fro by the wind and high waves, their lives in jeopardy every minute. When morning finally came, and the storm abated, they were rescued by another passing ship. The captain later testified to the fact that, all night long, as they were beaten upon by the tempest, there was one thing which strengthened them and kept them from giving up. Shining through the stormy darkness they saw the lights of home.

Storms are a natural part of the physical climate of this world. They are also a natural part of our personal lives. How we weather the "storms" of life, how we handle life's difficulties and problems, is determined in large part by our attitude -- our attitude toward the problems and toward life itself. If we look only to this world and in this life for the answers to our troubles, we will probably be disappointed. On the other hand, if we view this world and this life as only a transient stage, a temporary dwelling place, with something greater and far better before us to look forward to, then we can put the problems in perspective. The fact is, as the Bible makes clear, we are not "at home" in this world, we are "looking toward home".

It must be that hope that helps us to persevere and to go on, like those storm-tossed seamen who kept hope alive because they could always see "the lights of home". Home is the place where we are most comfortable. Home represents security. Often, when we face difficulties, the thought enters our mind, "If I can just get home everything will be all right."

If we are counted among God's faithful children, then we must be conscious of the fact that we are just passing through this world and this life, as "strangers and pilgrims on the earth", in order to get to our real home in the city prepared by God (John 14:1-3). As the Hebrew writer pointed out, the faithful people of the past generations knew this and desired to go to that city -- that heavenly dwelling place of the eternal soul. We must live, and manage the affairs and meet the challenges of the problems of life, now, but we must realize that life is short and there is a need to make preparation to leave this world and to go home for eternity. To care for the spiritual person is nothing more nor less than "looking toward home".

"Trust in God"

A pilot was experiencing difficulty landing his airplane because of fog. The controller at the airport decided to bring him in by using the radar. As he began to receive instructions from the control tower, the pilot suddenly remembered a tall pole that would be somewhere in his flight path and, panic-stricken, radioed to the tower about it. He received a blunt reply: "You obey instructions and we'll take care of the obstructions".

How often do we hesitate to obey the commands of God because of potential problems and difficulties, or because of personal fears? If we only obey, He is capable of taking care of the difficulties. In Proverbs 3 the writer says, simply, "trust in the Lord". Put your faith, your confidence, in Him and He will direct you. In the sixth verse of proverbs 3, the literal translation of the word "direct" is "to make smooth or straight". A blind man must place his full confidence in the one who leads him over unfamiliar ground. A person caught in a life-or-death situation must place his complete trust in those who seek to rescue him. So, we must rely upon God to lead us. He can make the pathway smoother if we trust Him.

Everyone is in his own spiritual life-or-death situation and God is the only one who can save us. But that can be true only if we let His power work in us as we obey His instructions. Place yourself in His almighty and merciful hands, and He will take care of you.

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already understands and practices these things, let him/her know how grateful you are. Today!

Lord willing, we will return with a continuation of this article next month. The acceptance and encouragement we have already discussed will form a good foundation for additional practical guidance in building your mate's self-esteem.

In the meantime, don't forget the rich promise of Jesus, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9).

The Tie That Binds Us - Part I

by Wayne Turner

When you hear the word "fellowship", what comes to mind? Is it a cup of coffee, a pot-luck supper or a social gathering? It seems all too easy to allow such a meaningful concept as fellowship to be reduced to a very simple, if not superficial, idea. Yet, it is human nature to allow the external activity or thing to be named as, and therefore to represent, the greater concept. For example, consider how the religious world has shifted the use of the word church from referring to the assembly of people to the building in which they assemble. Similarly, fellowship has become more a social concept than a spiritual one. The failure to understand the Biblical concept makes it difficult to follow the scriptural practice of fellowship, which may result in confusion and division in the church. It is imperative that the church today understand what fellowship really is, what it is based upon and where it must and must not be extended.

A Shared Belief?

The confusion about fellowship comes from the fact that the word has some very general meanings. It means "to have or to share in common". For example, when two people have a cup of coffee together, by definition, they are having fellowship. However, that fellowship is based on the coffee they have in common. No spiritual connotation is necessarily implied. Labour unions use the word fellowship, sometimes even in their name. By this, they are referring to an association of people who work in the same or related fields. Thus, they become a "brotherhood" for collective action, because of what they share in common. Social organizations use the same concept. As well, this is often the sense that is used in the religious world. Fellowship is based on having a similar faith or belief system. Thus, anyone who professes even a nominal belief in Jesus has something he shares with all others. Few would suggest such a broad, inclusive concept. However, by emphasizing the concept of a similar faith, fellowship is broken down into a more widely acceptable level. For example, those under the Evangelical umbrella tend to view other Evangelicals as within the "common" faith, despite some very difficult doctrinal differences between them.

If fellowship is based on sharing a similar belief system, then fellowship must be seen as a very broad and inclusive concept. To exclude others with a similar belief from fellowship would be to judge the sincerity of their faith, something that could not be fairly done. In the New Testament, fellowship between Christians was not based solely on a similar belief system. It was based on something far more important and more distinctive. We need to move away from the concepts of the fellowship of a social club or the fellowship of the like-minded and back to the fellowship of Christ.

Cause and Effect

In 1 John 1:3, John showed that fellowship is based on our relationship with God. Initially, it may appear that he spoke of having fellowship because of holding a similar faith. However, a careful reading of the whole chapter shows the full idea. "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. . ." Fellowship must obviously include having a shared faith. By teaching others the Gospel, the apostles were bringing them into fellowship. But how? Was it simply an association of like-minded individuals? The rest of the verse makes this clear. "And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." Fellowship is based on a relationship that all Christians share with God. Because we have fellowship with God, we, therefore, have fellowship with one another. Since faith is a prerequisite for fellowship with God, we share a common faith. However, we need to understand the difference between cause and effect. Our common faith is not the cause or basis of our fellowship. It is the effect, or result, of our common relationship with God. When we come into a saved relationship with God, we are added to the fellowship of the church. We do not derive our relationship with God because we are socially connected with the church. To paraphrase the old adage, sitting in the assembly of the church will not make you a Christian any more than sitting in a henhouse will make you a chicken.

Fellowship With God

That spiritual fellowship is not based on a shared belief system can be further seen in the fact that fellowship between Christians is based on having fellowship with God. What could human beings have or share in common with their creator? In verses 5-7, John shows that we share His nature. "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all" (v. 5). Those who are in fellowship with Him must share that. They must walk in the light. "If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth" (v. 6). If we do not have the light in common with God, we cannot be in fellowship with Him, no matter how much we may claim otherwise. This parallels Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven". Jesus was not teaching a system of salvation by works. He was talking about the difference between profession and possession. The one claims to have fellowship with God but denies it by his heart and actions. The other has fellowship with God because he is walking in the light with Him. Thus, John declares, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light," (that is, if we are in real fellowship with God), "we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son, purifies us from all sin" (v. 7). Therefore, we have fellowship with all who are in the light, all who are in Christ. We share a common Father, a common Saviour, a common salvation, a common body, a common faith. We are bound together in the body of Christ by His blood.

From this perspective, fellowship is a very inclusive concept. It includes all who are part of the body of Christ. There are no distinctions, all are equally members of Christ and are able to share the blessings and benefits of being Christians, including being accepted in the practical and personal fellowship of the church. Yet, there are also some limits to fellowship. We will look at these in the next article. --*Winnipeg, Manitoba*

Is the Old Testament Binding on us Today?

by Ed Bryant

One of the criticisms leveled at the hurch is "You people say you believe he Bible, yet you don't follow the Old estament." Is this a valid objection? Is t true?

First, let us reply that we firmly beeve the entire Bible to be the inspired ord of God, from Genesis to Revelaon. As such, it is certainly worthy of ur very careful study. Where its prinples and teachings apply to us today, hey must be faithfully followed and beyed.

Let us view briefly the history of man or our perspective. In the beginning, od dealt with man through men, the eads of families, or patriarchs. Abraam was such a patriarch, and this period ould be referred to as the Patriarchal \ge.

After the Exodus, God gave his laws o the people through His servant, Moses, eginning at Mt. Sinai. This continued rough many years, and the laws given rough Moses remained in effect, even ears after his death. Many prophets of od were sent to warn the people of how ey should live and behave in the sight f God. This period could be called the Mosaical Period or Age. Even while he ved, Moses told the people that God ould raise up from among them a rophet, like unto himself, whom they ould hear in all things.

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God old the people that He would establish a ew covenant with the house of Israel, riting His laws on their hearts, instead f tablets of stone.

Let us now shift ahead to the Mount of ransfiguration, where the voice of God s heard to say, "This is my beloved Son, n whom I am well pleased. Hear ye im." The Sonship of Jesus was also cknowledged by the same voice when esus was baptized of John in the Jordan.

The law given through Moses came to n end when Jesus, groaning in His final gony, gave up the ghost on the cross. 'aul wrote that the law had "been taken way, nailing it to his cross" (Col. 2:14). hus was ushered in the Christian Age, he age in which we live today. These are the "last days", or the final age of man's existence on earth.

All the Old Testament rituals of offerings and sacrifices passed out of the lives of the people, to be replaced by the Christianity of the New Testament.

During His ministry on earth, Jesus taught, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time. . ." ". . .but I say unto you. . ." and then would follow a refinement of many of the old laws. For example, the overt act of murder was condemned in the old law, but now Jesus says if a man has hate in his heart toward his brother without a cause, he has murdered him already. The same thing applied to the sin of adultery and personal revenge. This moved the emphasis from the letter to the spirit of the law. The Pharisees were great keepers of the letter of the law, without regard to the spirit of it. Jesus blistered them with scathing denunciation for this in Matt. 23.

Paul wrote that all the Galatian Christians who sought to be justified by the law were "severed from Christ, and **fallen from grace**" (5:4). Again, to the same group, he wrote, "But before faith came, we were kept in ward unto the law, shut up unto the faith, which should afterward be revealed. So that the law is become our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor" (3:23-25). To the Romans he wrote, ". . .ye also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ; that ye should be joined to another, even to him who was raised from the dead. . ." (7:4).

To the church at Corinth, Paul wrote these words, ". . .who also made us. . .ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Cor. 3:6).

The writer of Hebrews announced the new dispensation thus: "God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us in his son" (1:1, 2). And, "for this cause, he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance" (9:15).

It is quite true that "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning" (Rom. 15:4). Our study of the Old Testament reveals to us how God dealt with men and their sins, how the earth and all living things came to be, how God is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent, and has been from all eternity. We learn that He changes not, and that He proposed in His mind a great plan for the saving of the souls of erring men from the guilt of their sins. How could we **not** read of these things without great reverence?

Since Christ became the head of the church at the awful cost of his own life's blood, and since the head of the church says, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?", it seems obvious that we must hear and heed the words of God Himself: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear ye him**" (Matt. 17:5).

The New Testament witnesses who wrote the gospels give us sufficient evidence to generate faith in the honest heart. Overall, the New Testament furnished us with "all that pertains until life and godliness". Paul advised Timothy and us that scripture given by inspiration of God "furnished us unto every good work".

While we will be judged by, and are presently governed by, the New Testament teachings of Christ and the apostles, is there anyone among us who would not **want** to explore the Old Testament for all the riches that are there? Who has not gathered relief from feelings of guilt, unworthiness, despair and loneliness from the reading of the Psalms of the shepherd boy, David? Or who has not been the wiser for having studied the proverbs of Solomon, with all the practical teachings that we can use in everyday life?

The sweeping panorama of the majestic might of our God is seen in the scope and range of His miracles: the parting of the Red Sea, the sending of manna from heaven to feed His people, or making life-giving water to gush

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She Is Distrubing My Peace of Mind!

by Don Smith

There is a person who has profoundly disturbed my peace of mind for quite some time. She does not know me, but she goes around minding my business. We have little in common, although we both believe in and love God.

She is an old woman, an Albanian who grew up in Yugoslavia; she is a Roman Catholic nun who lives in poverty in India. I disagree with her on fundamental issues of population control, the place of woman in the church, and I am turned off by her naive statements about "what God wants". She stands at the centre of great contradictory notions and strong forces that shape human destiny. I get upset just hearing her name.

I have a big picture of her in my office. . .why don't I take it down? Why does she haunt me so?

I have another picture of her also. . .it's a contrast really. On one side of the picture there is a preacher wearing a silk suit, tears of emotion (I suspect fake ones), a huge orchestra behind him and an arena full of standing-more-than-sitting people. But then, there she is. In contrast to the wealthy preacher, she stands carrying a load. She is sweating; she is dirty; I suspect she stinks, too. Flies crawling up her nostrils, she is carrying a dead child. . .dead of disease from the dirty part of the world.

So, now you know who she is -- Mother Theresa. Why does she disturb me so?

No shah or president or prime minister or scientist, no banker or oil company president or ayatollah holds as much power as she has, for hers is the invincible weapon against the evils of the earth: the **Caring Heart**. . .you know, the kind of heart Jesus has. Uncompromising love; to make manifest the capacity for healing humanity's wounds; to make the story of the Good Samaritan a living reality. It's okay to say Jesus is like that because it gives me space. I rationalize it. "Yeah, Jesus is like that. . .I'll never be able to do it." Then, that little old lady haunts me. . .because she does it. No fan fare, just lives a life in the dirty streets of Calcutta by loving God and people.

I disagree with her on so many positions. . .theologically. But her life haunts me and robs me of my peace of mind.

I heard her being interviewed one evening. She didn't want to talk. Finally, she did. She said, "We can do no great things; only small things with great love".

There is such a contradiction in my life between "knowing" (I'll agree with the best of them) and "doing". While I **wish** for more power and resources, she **uses** her power and resources to do what she can do at the moment.

She upsets me, disturbs me, shames me. **What does she have that I do not?**

If ever there is truly peace on earth good will to men, it will be when we develop the "heart of Jesus". Maybe that's what she has.

Peace is not something you **wish** for; it's something you **make**. Something you **do**, something you **are**, and something you **give away**!

--Sundridge, Ontario

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Julia's Last Hope

a book review by Linda Hammett

Not long after moving back home a little over four years ago, I became aware of a Canadian author who writes books from a "Christian" standpoint. Her name is Janette Oke and she is a resident of Didsbury, Alberta. I have been very impressed by the books which I have read so far. They have all been based on research mostly involving the settling of the Canadian West.

The latest book that I have read is written in her usual historical fashion and was a pleasure to read. Set in a small lumber town, Calder Springs, tucked away in the remote setting of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, the story unfolds as word is received that the lumber mill, which provided the livelihood for most of the towns people, is going to close. For most, this news means it will be necessary for them to pack up their belongings, board up their homes, and move to some other town where they can find new jobs and set up housekeeping. The homes they now lived in were worthless because, without the mill, there would be no new citizens moving to buy these homes. The future seemed quite grim as, without the mill, the town would likely die.

But John and Julia Harrigan, who had worked very hard to build a beautiful "mansion" and set up roots for their twin daughters, could not so easily give up their hopes and dreams for life in this little town, which for them had become home. Although John worked for the mill and would be unemployed like the other men, Julia went to work to come up with a plan to save the town.

Soon after the news of the mill closure was announced, she gathered some of the other wives who didn't want to have to leave and formed a committee to come up with an alternative to moving. It wasn't hard to think of something Since their town was nestled in the midst of mountains and springs and beautiful scenery, it was only natural that they make their little town a resort town for people from the cities who might like to get away for a while.

It required a lot of letter-writing to newspapers and friends and family from other cities to spread the word. It also took a lot of work to get things ready for any visitors who might come their way. The committee had decided to use their own homes as the "hotels" for the tourists and they worked together to get things ready. Vegetables and fruit were preserved for use and crafts were made by all these women to have for sale to their visitors. But responses to their ads were slow in coming, and some of the guests they had they could have done without.

Because of the scarcity of income, pennies were pinched to make do with what little they did have. It was especially hard for Julia, who had grown up in a wealthy home in the East and had been educated in a fine school. She was used to fine things and servants and now she had to scrimp and scrape and do a lot of the work by herself.

These were not priorities for her, however, because she had a very strong faith in God and went to him constantly for strength in coping with the situation. She struggles daily with the cares of her family but manages always to have peace of mind and love because of her belief that God will care for them.

This book is especially appropriate during the depressing economic times we are now experiencing. It teaches a great lesson on the importance of family and faith in God over the acquisition of things and finery. I recommend it highly for enjoyment and encouragement.

Other books that have been written by Janette Oke are Seasons of the Heart Series (**Once Upon a Summer, the Winds of Autumn, Winter is Not Forever, and Spring's Gentle Promise**); Love Comes Softly Series (**Love Comes Softly, Love's Enduring Promise, Love's Long Journey, Love's Abiding Joy, Love's Unending Legacy, Love's Unfolding Dream, Love Takes Wing, Love Finds a Home**); and Canadian West Series (**When Calls the Heart, When Comes the Spring, When Breaks the Dawn, and When Hope Springs New**). All of these make for light, enjoyable yet inspiring reading -- you won't want to put the book down! *(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald.)*

Financial Matters

Subscription Rates

Readers are reminded of the new subscription rates which became effective the first of this year. Some are using old subscription envelopes which list obsolete rates. We recently received an envelope which had been saved from the days when subscriptions were $6????

We apologize for the rather big increase but it was deemed necessary because of the length of time since the last increase and because of the application of the Goods and Services Tax. Subscription prices are G.S.T. inclusive.

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There has been a generous response to our 1991 donation appeal for funds to enable the Gospel Herald Foundation to supply some free subscriptions and to pay for sending materials to the mission field. We thank all those who have provided this encouragement. Your trust is appreciated. We will make every effort to honour it.

This has been a very busy period for us. On top of this, we have had to take some time off for health reasons. Consequently, some receipts have been delayed. We assure you that they will be mailed out soon and in plenty of time for income tax use.

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Some may wish to make donations in honour of or in memory of others. These can be done as a tribute to the living or in memory of those who have departed.

A donation has been received from Violet M. Whitfield in memory of Clifford Whitfield, who was a part of the Thessalon congregation.

Carman Bible Lectureship XXXIX

March 29 - 31, 1991

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Friday, March 29

1:30	Welcome	Alan Winkler
2:00	"Becoming a Servant" (Phil. 3:8-11)	Wayne Turner
2:45	"More than Conquerors"	Roy Merritt
3:30	Classes	
	Children	Westend Winnipeg
	Adults	Central Winnipeg
4:45	Shining as Light in Crooked and Perverse" (Phil. 2:15)	Dan Wieb
7:00	"Having the Answer for Anxiety" (Phil. 4:4-7)	Vince Anderson

Saturday, March 30

1:30	Welcome	Dennis Laycock
2:00	"Strength to Hold Fast" (Phil. 4:13)	Roy Merritt
2:45	"Having the Attitude of Christ" (Phil. 2:5; 3:15-16)	James Pennington
3:30	Classes	
	Children	Westend Winnipeg
	Adults	Central Winnipeg
4:45	"Having a New Citizenship" (Phil. 3:20)	Jack King
7:00	"Considered Worthy to be Put Into Service" (I Tim. 1:12-17)	Vince Anderson

Sunday, March 31

10:00 a.m.	"Having Given Self Away" (Phil. 2:7)	Dan Wieb
11:15	"Having Joy and Crown" (Phil. 4:1)	J.C. Bailey
1:30	"Others Better than Self" (Phil. 2:2)	Ron Hegdahl
2:15	Classes	
	Children	Westend Winnipeg
	Adults	Central Winnipeg
4:00	"Wearing the Name of Christ" (Phil. 2:11)	Hugh Gannon

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To motivate each member to get involved in the work of the congregation; to help each member realize the joys of being a Christian; to help each member find a way to be an encouragement to other members and thus help them become involved to the best utilization of their abilities; to accentuate the value of each and every positive action, no matter how small it may seem, to the fulfillment of the entire work.

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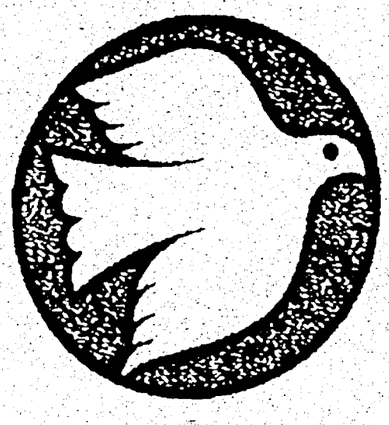

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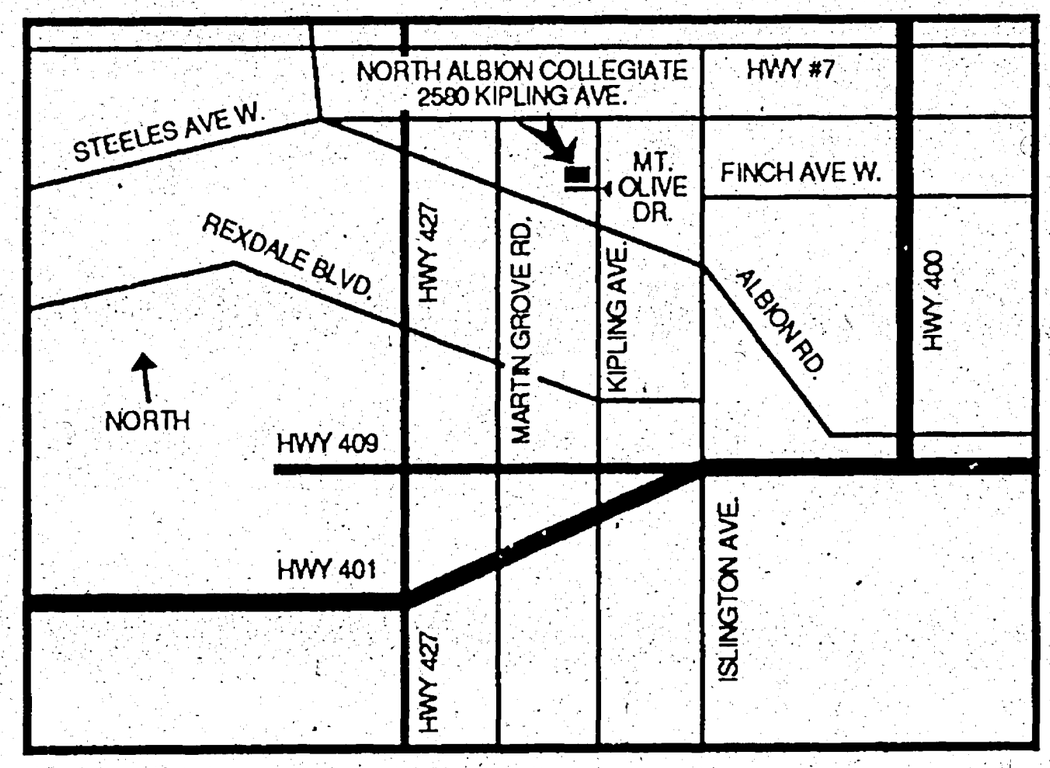

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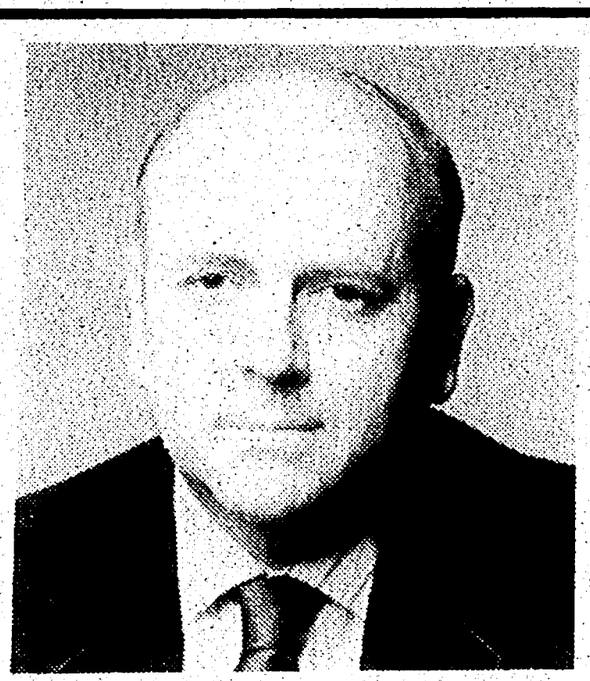

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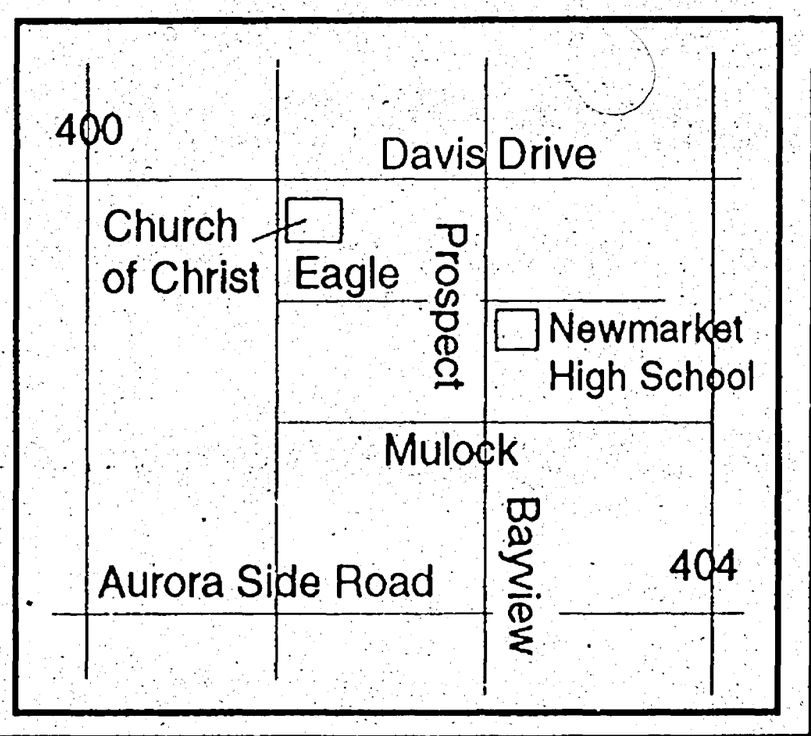

NEWS — EAST —

by Eugene C. Perry
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Sherbrooke, PQ: In earlier correspondence, Albert Charette mentioned a number of regular interested visitors. He also stated, "We have started to have regular Wednesday night Bible studies."

Attendance on February 10 was 20. Two more have been baptized. It was necessary to go to Montreal for these baptisms.

This church and the one in Plessisville, Quebec have been added to the directory listing this month. We are glad to be made aware of this increased number of congregations in Quebec.

Cornwall (Dover Road), ON: Al Bojarski reports the baptism of Terry Melynczenko on January 20.

Ajax, ON: Shirley Beckett was baptized on Sunday afternoon, January 27 at John Sanna's.

Blake Steel has resigned his work with the Ajax church but plans to seek employment in Oshawa.

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: Gabriel Lopez was baptized on December 23 and is a member of the Spanish congregation.

Toronto (Bayview), ON: Don Whitfield has resigned as the evangelist.

Bramalea, ON: "Allison Knutson (daughter of Fred and Suzanne), was added to the Lord's body when she acknowledged Jesus as her Saviour and was baptized into Christ. Her father baptized her, and there was joy in our hearts.

"Two preachers from Texas, Glen Dods and Walter Straker, conducted a special weekend meeting from Thursday, January 24 to Sunday, January 27, under the general title, "Victory in Jesus". Several of the individual topics included "Our Reason for Living", "Practical Aspects of Congregational Growth" and "Holiness in the Home". Glen's wife, Gwen, and Walter's wife, Shirley, accompanied their husbands on this visit."

Grimsby, ON: Clark Hannah is teaching a new course being offered for recent converts.

Great Lakes Christian College, Beamsville, ON: Gary Anderson has been employed as a full-time recruiter.

There are two new students, Michael Toby of Lachine, Quebec, and David Stevensen of Sundridge, who plan to preach, enrolled in the Great Lakes Bible College.

St. Catharines, ON: John Osborne from Oklahoma preached on Sunday morning, February 3. He is raising support for his mission to Leningrad this summer.

Tintern, ON: Ray Walker is scheduled to be with this church for the weekend of May 24-26. Meetings begin on Friday evening. Saturday will feature a song leaders' workshop with an old fashioned community hymn sing in the evening. Sunday services will be in song.

Port Colborne, ON: During January, the church enjoyed a visit by Joe Cannon, new families began attending and home Bible studies were continued. David Lock was asked to conduct one of the five services during the week of prayer for unity.

David was also invited to present a series on self-esteem and self-awareness to every class in one of the public schools -- a total of 32 twenty-minute sessions.

There has been considerable sickness in the congregation. Morning sermons are based on I Peter.

"We continue to thank God for His work among us as we move forward to His glory." *--David Lock*

Guelph, ON: This church has responded to appeals from Jason Knight of Bramalea, who will participate with other college students in Campaigns Northwest this summer, and from Lewis Matuma of Windsor in his work in Zimbabwe.

Stratford, ON: "Our Building Fund is officially started! In 1990 we were able to give above budget by $2,500, and this has been designated as the beginning of our fund." The 1991 budget designates $4,000 for this fund.

During 1991 a search will be conducted in hopes of finding a facility to "set our sights on acquiring in '92". Then some fund raising will need to be done.

Fifty copies of **UpReach** magazine will be distributed each quarter to a mailing list made up by each family submitting 5 names and addresses. This will be done for one year after which those who have not reacted will be contacted personally.

Sarnia, ON: Several members of the congregation are working with about 25 World Bible School students who have completed the introductory course. Two of our ladies are also getting involved in working with the French World Bible School. Both of these programs continue to need congregations and individuals to help with their work.

"Ron Rentola has moved here from Lloydminster, Alberta, and his family will be joining him in the next few months. We are excited to have this new family moving to our area and a part of our fellowship. We also had to part with the family of Kevin and Cathy Pickles as Kevin's work took them to Kincardine. They will be a part of the Owen Sound congregation.

"We rejoice over the baptism of Kelso Sharp. Kelso is a part of our youth group and had been influenced by sev-

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

by Brian Cox
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(Editor's note: I once again thank my correspondents for this month: Ray McMillan in Regina, Dan and Linda Goud in Moose Jaw, Ron Hegdahl in Portage la Prairie, James Willett in Weyburn, Carl Johnson in Estevan and Don Husband in Dauphin. Your faithful reports make this column what it is. Please, keep up the good work. B.C.)

Regina, SK: As we say goodbye to January, we also say goodbye to Dwight & Janine Willett and their two delightful girls, Denae and Kamara. The Willetts have moved to Mississauga. We are missing them but Omagh will be blessed.

With the beginning of 1991, we have added a half-time secretary, Sandra Elsaesser, and a half-time youth minister, Steve McMillan, to our staff.

Beginning in March we will be having two services on Sunday mornings in an effort to reduce the after-service congestion in our foyer. Times will be: first service - 9:00 a.m.; classes - 10:00 a.m.; second service - 11:00 a.m.

After 13 years of involvement with Blair and Susan Roberts' mission in Belgium, we anticipate their return to full-time ministry in Dauphin this summer. March 31 has been set aside for a special collection for their return travel fund. We want to urge all those who have an interest in the Roberts to designate that day for special giving to this fund. June 23 will be a special Sunday to honour the Roberts. We invite all those who have ever had a part in their ministry in Belgium to come to Regina for the morning service, a potluck picnic in the park and an afternoon service especially for this special mission family.

Our annual Leadership Rally for (present, past and future) elders, deacons, ministers and wives will be April 12-13. Our featured speaker is Bob Harrington from Calgary. Our emphasis: "Christ-styled Leadership". The rally begins with a banquet Friday evening at 6:30. Call (306) 757-0293 for particulars.

1991 will be the 75th anniversary for this congregation. In order to properly celebrate, we are organizing a grand homecoming for July 31 - August 2. If you have ever been a part of this congregation, you are invited to come back for the weekend.

Moose Jaw, SK: This congregation holds a monthly "Birthday Tea" at Pioneers village, which is a seniors home here in the city. The afternoons are always well attended, and the church ladies and men serve lunch and provide entertainment. The January tea was held on the 8th.

The ladies meet every second Tuesday for a time of fellowship and Bible study. These morning classes are always well attended. The ladies take turns leading the class. They are also involved in a "Secret Prayer Sister" program, wherein you remember your special sister through prayer and notes, small gifts, etc. . .This has been a wonderful program!

Don Maxwell completed a study through the book of Luke for the Sunday morning adult class at the end of the year. Lew Young is now taking us through a study of the book of James on Sunday mornings.

The Moose Jaw congregation is involved with support of Larry & Gayle Good and their family in Belgium, and John Ekpo and Edet Bassey, both in Nigeria. One week in January this congregation delivered "Meals on Wheels". The "Plus 50" group shared supper together on January 22 followed by a crokinole tournament; 38 people attended.

Another precious soul was added to the Moose Jaw congregation. Mary Duncan was baptized by Dwight Morris on January 22. Mary is a very special lady.

Dwight Morris has a weekly series on our local television station wherein he brings a message from God's word to the people of Moose Jaw. He has also just begun another TV series called "Profiling our people Helpers". He will deal with various subjects and interview people in our community who are involved in various activities. The first material is a three-part series focusing on "Alzheimers Disease". This program is aired three times each week.

Portage la Prairie, MB: The church here is involved in teaching a Bible class to the 5th grade class at Yellowquill Elementary School. This is a 30-minute class, once a week.

We are also conducting services, on a rotation basis with other churches at the Lions Prairie Manor and the Extended Care Ward of the local hospital.

Meetings of the congregation have been held to begin planning for Jubilee Bible Camp, July 14-20, as well as other up-coming events.

Weyburn, SK: January is often a slow month and with so much bitter weather this year, things in Weyburn have been extra slow. We began having an afternoon service on Sundays instead of a night service, and that has made it possible for more people to attend. Bro. Wieb is continuing his study of Ecclesiastes at that service and as usual is bringing some excellent lessons. His Sunday morning lessons on the Ten Commandments are proving to be quite valuable, also. He is giving us a better understanding of their place in the Christian life.

Brother Larry Good will be with us Wednesday, February 7 to bring us up to date on the work in Belgium. He is presently touring the West seeking additional support. He plans to attend Homecoming at WCC also. Part of the motivation for making the trip home at this time is to help his Grandmother Good celebrate her 100th birthday.

Estevan, SK: Our winter schedule continues with enthusiasm; Bible classes at 10:00 with the Lord's table and preaching at 11:00. At 12:00 we all have lunch together in the fellowship hall. At 1:15 Tim Pippus has a 15-minute sing song with all the children, followed by a devotional period conducted around the tables in the hall. Brother Robert Petrere concluded a study of the book of Proverbs on January 9. Now brother Wilf Olson continues with the Wednesday night adult class on "What's a Body To Do?"

The annual meeting of the church was well attended. It was held Friday night, January 11 with Ron Ward of Minot, N.D. as guest speaker. Ron brought a very fine lesson on commitment. This was followed by several reports. The budget was presented and accepted for 1991. This was followed with 30 minutes of different brethren leading us in prayer concerning the Persian Gulf crisis.

On Sunday, January 13, we welcomed newlyweds Sean and Winona Morland of Oxbow, Sask. Both are former students of WCC, and Winona is a granddaughter of the Dan Wiebs.

The cold weather has put a hold on

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

by Ed Bryant
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Edmonton, AB: During the year 1990, there were 29 baptisms here, and average attendance was 243. The figures for baptism exceed those of 1989 by 12 souls.

The church was planted in Fort McMurray by families from this congregation, along with Waterview church of Christ. It was noted that this is the first planned church planting by a native congregation of Alberta. Families willingly gave up their local jobs to move to another city for the sole purpose of preaching the gospel.

Four people baptized in 1990 were reached through work at the University. This work is being continued.

Eric Limb, an elder of this congregation, was to undergo kidney transplant surgery in late February. His daughter, Margaret, will be donating her kidney.

Herb Anderson stepped down from the office of elder. He will continue to serve the congregation in sharing the duties of an evangelist with Scott Laird. Eric Limb and Francis Pati serve the congregation as elders.

Randy Schilling has been engaged as evangelist with focus on the University of Alberta campus. He and his family expect to complete arrangements for immigration and be in Edmonton by July.

Calgary, AB: Garth Ashmore has made the good confession and was immersed into Christ.

A meeting was held to formulate direction and objectives for the new year. A majority of individuals present recommitted themselves to purposes and objectives previously set.

The 1991 Alberta Ladies' Retreat was planned for May 23 to June 2.

Kamloops, BC: The Annual Men's Spring Fellowship is to be held March 1 & 2 with Garth Smith of Federal Way, Washington as speaker. Theme for the fellowship is "Integrity in Leadership".

The Great Northwest, U.S.A. and Canada: For the 17th year, Campaigns Northwest will bring a team of dedicated college students to this area for a summer of evangelistic effort. The work is overseen by the elders of the Downtown Church of Christ, Searcy, Arkansas, and the students will be involved in every aspect of the work of the local congregations of which they will become a temporary part. Over 458 students from college campuses of Harding, Freed-Hardeman, Columbia Christian and Pepperdine have participated in the annual campaigns, which have been held in 99 different locations in the past 16 years. Originally, the teams worked with churches in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. They have been expended to include the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, as well as other states below the border. The campaign will run from mid-May to the end of July, before the students return to their schools.

Red Deer, AB: Angela MacDonald has been immersed into Christ here, and Cory Vance has placed membership with this congregation.

Pam Meadows and Murray Ververda finished their preparation at Mission 1000, and Murray now plans to go to Papua New Guinea, along with Jason Moriarity of Calgary.

The church here is planning a Road to Recovery Workshop with Lance Penny to help people deal with "addictive, compulsive behaviours, dysfunctional parenting and emotions". It was locally advertised as a public service to the community. A 12-step program called "A Spiritual Journey" is to follow the workshop.

Coquitlam, BC: The B.C. Spring Fellowship is planned for March 29 on the theme, "Of First Importance". Many of the preachers of the Lower Mainland and Interior will bring lectures, classes and panel discussions on the various aspects of the theme,

Victoria, BC: Forty-two students from Abilene Christian University, along with Lynn Anderson, will conduct an evangelistic campaign March 17-24. Young families with children and single parent families are to be two of the focal points of campaign efforts.

News Prairies

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some of the Bible studies in homes, and the BCC courses also have dropped off.

Dauphin, MB: We rejoice with three young ladies who put on Christ in baptism on three consecutive Wednesdays in January. Added to the Lord's church were Pam Malowski of Dauphin, Jennifer Neimen of McGreary and Josie Bellavance of Radville. Eighteen ladies from the Dauphin congregation enjoyed a breakfast meeting on January 19. Speaking well to the needs of sharing with and encouraging each other was Pam Johnson. This began our initial attempt at praying for and encouraging each other as Secret Sisters.

On the 16th of January, Gordon and Ruth Goldsmith were blessed with the arrival of Thessali Selina.

Members of our congregation traveled to two small congregations in the area to encourage and to participate in their worship. On January 13 the van went to 'Arden and on the 20th it went to Reedy Creek (Alsona).

On March 8 and 9, the congregation is hosting a seminar on Leadership. We would invite members from surrounding congregations to join us in these meetings with brother Jim Hawkins. Brother Jack Close (638-8729) can be contacted in regard to this meeting.

We are looking forward to the appointment of elders on March 17. Four names have been put forward by the congregation and will be formally installed on the 17th.

Is the Old Testament Binding on Us Today?

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forth from a solid rock, and many more.

Who can fail to thrill to the prophecies made by men of God in old times which came true to the very letter? The many prophecies about Jesus as to His manner of birth, place of birth, lineage from which He would be born, His sufferings and death, etc. have been seen to be worked out in detail in the New Testament.

There is no part of the Bible we can dispense with, but our eternal salvation is governed by our obedience to what Jesus taught while He lived on earth. Let us by all means mine the Old Testament for its wealth, while learning what God would have us do under the terms of the new Covenant, as revealed in the New Testament!

--Surrey, B.C.

BOOK REVIEWS

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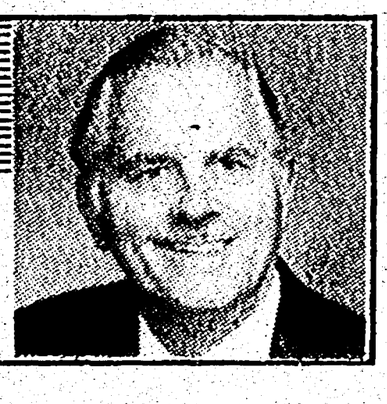

Gender and Ministry, The Role of Woman in the Work and Worship of the Church, *Freed-Hardeman University Preachers' and Church Workers' Forum, 1990, 189 pages, $8.95 (U.S.).*

This is truly a landmark volume in the history of the church. The issues discussed here could be the basis of future division among churches of Christ. Dr. Douglas A. Foster of David Lipscomb University says, "It is the 'instrumental music' of our time."

Freed-Hardeman University has been hosting discussion forums yearly since 1985. These deal with vital issues confronting our brotherhood. The program for these discussions includes initial speeches, questions and answers, follow-up speeches, more questions and answers and summary speeches. Although similar to debates, they are conducted on a more cordial basis than most debates.

On the side of a greater use of women even in public roles was Robert M. Randolph, one of the preachers of the Brookline, Massachusetts Church of Christ and Head of Student Assistance Services at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. Lynn Mitchell, an elder in the Bering Drive Church of Christ, Houston, Texas and the Resident Scholar in Religion and Director of Religious studies at the University of Houston. Both of them are very well-informed and gave probably the best presentation possible of their position.

On the side of more limited use of women in public roles was Don McWhorter, the pulpit preacher of the 2nd Avenue Church of Christ in Fayette, Alabama. He has preached widely in gospel meetings. His wife, Jane, is also a well-known speaker for women's programs. On the same side was Dr. Ralph Gilmore, one of the preachers in Jackson, Tennessee and a teacher at Freed-Hardeman,

Although dealing with much technical material, the discussion makes for very interesting reading. A number of charts are included in the book. Most of these were used very effectively by the brethren opposed to a greater use of women in a public way.

You may think you can ignore this issue because it is not a problem in your congregation, but it is going to be. Hear what Randy Hall, minister of the Woodland Hills church in Los Angeles says. "There is no 'issue' that threatens the peace and unity of my own congregation more than the one addressed here. Frustration and resentment are building; cultural pressure is growing weekly. Significant changes in leadership roles will be traumatic, since it will immediately affect the Sunday morning worship hour. What change, if any, should be implemented to ease the growing frustration of many of our sisters in Christ? Read this book with an open heart in an attempt to understand the viewpoint opposite yours." They say trends often start in California and move east. But this trend can be found already in many places in the United States and in some places in Canada. Are we ready for it?

News East

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eral members of the congregation to make his decision to accept Christ."

--Mark Bryson

Meaford, ON: The addition to the building has been completed and was first used on February 10 for the congregational review and projection meeting.

In January Al and Bev Robinson and Cindy, wife of Andrew McCutcheon, were baptized for the remission of sins.

Members of the Meaford church will staff Camp Omagh for one week and Strawberry Point Camp for one week this summer.

Sundridge, ON: "Our building is undergoing changes as we, as a church, grow. . .Jack Frost will be employed by the church to complete the construction in the auditorium. . .Interest was expressed in starting a new congregation in Novar/Emsdale and Parry Sound. Jack Frost is investigating a time and place for the Christians to meet in Parry Sound." *--Sundridge Bulletin*

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BRIGHT IDEAS. . .

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(Editorial note: In our initial column, we shared some suggestions on how Christians can personalize their funeral arrangements, in the belief that "a well-planned funeral can make things a lot easier for the family and the one who conducts your service; it can be a wonderful blessing to saddened friends and relatives; and it can have a much more meaningful impact on those outside the church." While we still believe those objectives can be met, through the suggestions offered, we want to pass along some valuable and thought-provoking insights from brother Brian Cox that may influence whether -- or how -- those suggestions are followed. R & S. Gamble)

"Funerals are for the living, not the dead! They help those left to mourn to accept the reality of their loss and to experience and accept the pain in a supportive environment. Having your funeral go 'exactly the way you want it' is a low priority. How can we predict while alive how our loved ones will react to our loss and thus plan a helpful funeral?

"Planning a funeral is a very important part of the grief work that those mourning must do. Most families are drawn together by the process.

"When I have visited families to determine what they would like said and what should be said at the funeral, I have seen the family benefit greatly from sharing their memories of the deceased. They begin to receive God's comfort as they think of scriptures to be read, hymns to be sung, and themes for the message. To be sure, tears are shed, the pain is real, and most times quite intense. But it is healthy and normal grief work, without which one may not recover as he should.

"While it may be all right for one to express one's wishes to family concerning one's funeral, please do not make families feel bound to a plan that doesn't give them the comfort they need. Funerals are for the living, not the dead."

(We want to thank Brian for his sensitive and compelling thoughts, and we urge everyone to give his excellent comments prayerful consideration. R.G.)

(We) Care Packages

(Waterloo): Ask most out-of-town college students what a "Care Package" is, and they'll tell you it's the next best thing to being home: a survival kit of treats and hard-to-come-by treasures designed especially for those who are out of sight, but not out of mind.

Care Packages are ideal for missionaries, too, as the Waterloo brethren found out when they sent one to Andy and Melissa Bacic, who are working in Yugoslavia.

The effort began with a bulletin article that asked members to contribute specific goods, or money that could be used to buy a few items the Bacic's would be sure to like. Of course, knowing what to send is half the battle, and the folks in Waterloo have some suggestions to offer.

(1) Try to identify items that can't be easily purchased in the missionary's country. Hard-to-come-by commodities usually include food items such as peanut butter, chocolates, chocolate chips, cookies and candies. Special treats might also reflect the missionary family's food preference. The Bacic's, for example, love Mexican food; so, Waterloo sent lightweight dry mixes of cheese sauce, sour cream, and taco flavouring, along with a can of salsa.

(2) Send items that tend to be very expensive in the missionary's country: razors, shampoo, shaving cream, feminine products, Q-tips, bandaids, panty hose, and cold remedies (don't send anything that could be mistaken for illegal drugs).

(3) Remember some of the common things that are anything but common overseas. Reading material is always appreciated, especially the funny papers, or newspaper clippings that are particularly timely and relevant. Stationery and English-language greeting cards are also popular among those working in foreign lands.

(4) Always consider what you know of the missionary's family (individual needs and preferences) and the specific country they're living in. If, for example, they're in a rural area -- away from large cities where most consumer goods are -- certain items may assume even more importance.

(5) Consider broadening the scope of the Care Package to include the mission church, with items such as Bibles, Sunday School materials, glue, scissors, paints, crayons, and other scarce materials that can be put to good use.

(6) Don't send anything in glass, which tends to be heavy and easily broken.

When it comes to packaging, use a good strong box, and surround the contents with popcorn, which is light and biodegradable. Seal the box with strong packing tape -- preferably the kind with fibre in it -- because the carton could be in transit for more than a month.

It costs about $10-15 to send a medium-sized box by surface mail, depending on weight, and air mail is twice as expensive. To cut down on cost, always send relatively small, light packages instead of big ones. Large boxes often come under closer scrutiny in some countries, and are more prone to be hijacked by unscrupulous customs agents. In fact, the Bacic's have a mailing address in nearby Austria so that packages don't have to be sent to Yugoslavia, where they often fall into the wrong hands.

The brethren in Waterloo suggest that, if your church is going to send a Care Package, get the kids of the congregation involved. Show them the missionary's city on a map, make posters and bulletin board displays, and have the youngsters bring donations for the package -- especially if there are children in the missionary family.

Don't assume your congregation has to be supporting a missionary before you send a Care Package. The boxes serve many useful purposes in their own right.

"They're very much appreciated by the missionaries," says Amy Dale of

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OBITUARIES

Lawrence Anderson (Carl Gustave)

A friend and encourager to everyone. A model elder in our Lord's church for years. He was the first elder I ever saw appointed to the task, more than 30 years ago, while I was attending WCC! Hospitality and visitation were his specialties. After 85 years of faithfulness, he went to be with his Lord and Maker on December 22, 1990.

His family is well-known and greatly appreciated in Western Canada and elsewhere. They include: a son, Lynn (& Carolyn) of Dallas; and three daughters: Kathleen (& Dean) Hotchkiss of North Bay; Audrey (& Allen) McCrea of Moose Jaw; and Margaret (& Wayne) Muirhead of Kelowna. He has 22 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. He also has a sister, Ruby Linnel, living in Siren, Wisconsin. These are just the beginning of those who feel a part of his loving family.

Funeral services were held December 28 in the Weyburn Church of Christ building with Ray McMillan officiating. The weather was fierce -- the equivalent of -75°. Those who shared the warm spiritual confidence of the service were only representative of multitudes who would have been there if miles, weather and responsibilities had permitted.

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Hope for a Dollar

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the current gambling mania in our country? Several things.

(1) We can be informed about the gambling problem and support moves to control it.

(2) We can commit ourselves to reject the spirit of greed which is the support of gambling.

(3) We can conscientiously avoid involvement in all gambling. We can urge organizations to which we belong to stand on their merits in their fund raising activities. If the work being done is worthy of community support, then the community should support it. We should not appeal to greed or covetousness as a way of getting support. People need to know that, if they want services, they should be willing to pay for services -- schools, hospitals, health research, etc.

(4) When we are approached for support, we should ask, "Is this a valid request? Is this a good work worthy of my support?" If so, we should generously **give**. If not, then we should not get involved. We should refuse to buy raffle tickets, regardless. We will not act on the **greed** motive; we will act on the **need** motive.

(5) And, finally, we will believe the Lord Jesus Christ, and live accordingly. "True happiness is found, not in getting, but in giving." --*Guelph, Ontario*

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The Way It Was is the Way It Is

by Ed Bryant

Times and customs certainly do change, but human nature remains the same. Solomon observed that "there is nothing new under was sun". In today's religious world, one can see some things that were no doubt observed and commented upon in the days of Paul and the other apostles.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of man to want to be in the church and in the world at the same time. This "warring within your members", the flesh against the spirit, has been going on all the time and is no different now. The ideal situation in the minds of some is to have one foot in the world and one in the church. Thus, he finds himself behind the eight ball. Like Paul, "the things I would, I do not, and the things I would not, those I do".

The Lord called for the church at Laodicea to get off the fence and either blow hot or cold but not lukewarm. This would seem to be indicated in the case of today's ambivalent Christian, too. The world judges the church by what it can observe of Christianity in action, and if the performance doesn't match the profession, will give no credibility to our message to leave the world and come to Christ. We should get out from behind the eight ball!

--Surrey, British Columbia

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"Without Controversy Great is the Mystery of Godliness" (I Tim. 3:16, ASV)

by Cecil Bailey

Before we examine '*godliness*' and its part in our relationship with God, we must first comprehend what the '*mystery*' of godliness signifies. As used by Paul in the New Tetament, 'a mystery' indicates something that *has been* hidden or unknown in the past but is *now* made manifest through the life and teachings of Jesus. In Vine's **Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words**, he states:

Mystery - In the N.T. it denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those only who are illumined by His Spirit.

(a) Spiritual truth generally, as revealed in the gospel, I Cor. 13:2

(b) Christ, who is God Himself revealed under the conditions of human life, Col. 2:2

(c) The ways of God in grace, Eph. 3:9. The word is used in a comprehensive way in I Cor. 4:1.

Our word *godliness* is the English rendering of the Greek 'eusebeia' which Vine defines as follows:

Eusebeia - to be devout, denotes that piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him.

Godliness then is best conceived as an attitude, but a very creative one. Godliness is the revelation of the dynamics of one who is earnestly desiring to be pleasing to God. It follows that a pre-requisite to godliness must be, that one 'knows' God and is in tune with the mind of God. Perhaps a fitting example of 'godliness in action' is found in Micah 6:8. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

The word 'eusebeia' in its various forms occurs 23 times in the N.T.; 17 times as a noun, twice as a verb, twice as an adverb, and four times as an adjective. Examples of its usage are as follows:

As a Noun

"But refuse profane and 'old wives' fables; and exercise yourself unto *godliness*: for bodily exercise is profitable for (a) little; but *godliness* is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (I Tim. 4:7, 8).

"Holding a form of *godliness*, but having denied the power thereof; from these also turn away" (II Timothy 3:5).

As a Verb

"But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let THEM learn first to SHOW PIETY towards their own family, and to requite their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God" (I Timothy 5:4).

As an Adjective

"Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of the band called the Italian (band), a DEVOUT man, and one that feared God with all his house (family), who gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:1, 2).

"And when the angel that spake unto him had departed, he called two of his household servants, and a DEVOUT soldier of them that waited on him continually; and having rehearsed all things unto them, he sent them to Joppa" (Acts 10:7, 8).

As an Adverb

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying UNGODLINESS and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, and righteously and GODLY in this present world" (Titus 2:11, 12).

Dear brothers and sisters, you know the almost limitless power and influence of a 'godly' life. Have you determined that by God's grace **your** life will be an exposé or a revelation of the inspiration provided for those around you by the constant example of *godliness* in your daily walk of life?

--Calgary, Alberta

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Waterloo, "because they're like a little bit of home. It's special to get a little bit of care from people so far away.

"It can be very easy to forget the missionaries. We read their reports, but they only visit once a year or so, and we just don't think about them," she says. "A Care Package can get the whole congregation involved and keep the missionaries in everyone's minds."

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.

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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.

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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: 1317 Ethel Street; 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.

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VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6;English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krrmis, 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.).

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PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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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.).

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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.).

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BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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.)

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GUELPH: Conestoga College, 460 Speedvale Ave. W; Sun 10, 11; Wed in homes,7;c/o 428 Cole Rd. N1G 3J8;DavidAzzoparde,sec, (519) 821-0530; Walter Hart, ev., 821-9179 (of); 824-7565 (res.).

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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; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, L9C 7N5; Ken Page, ev. (416) 574-8142; Brian Tolcher, sec. (416) 689-8683.

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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.

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sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, (705) 377-4555.

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

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KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; c/o Peter Speek, 95 Longwood Drive, Waterloo, N2L 4B6; (519) 885-0752.

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ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 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) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

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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.

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TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81. Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 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), Peter Morphy (784-4000), Santiago Molina (Spanish) (751-6879), evs.

VANDELEUR: 5 mi. S.E. Markdale, Artemesia Twsp.; 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 Avenue; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 20, L3B 5P2; S. F. Timmerman, evangelist, Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cres., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten Street, N9B 1X6 (E.of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sunday 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., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

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

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. 10:00-12:00; Glen Davies, 1451-94th St.; (306) 445-4231.

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

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

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

REGINA (7th & Pasqua): 4205 7th Ave. S4T 0P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; (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.

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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; Ph. (306) 783-6877; Sun. 10:30, 6; mid-week in homes; John Smith, ev. 783-6877.

Inclusion in this listing does not mean complete endorsement of all teachings and practices.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

2-3... John Clayton, "Does God Exist", Grimsby
15-17... Adult Retreat - Meaford, Ontario
29... Training for Service, Toronto, Ken Durham
31... Special Collection for the Roberts' Return Travel Fund, encouraged by Regina, SK church

April

12-13... Leadership Rally, Regina, SK - "Christ-styled Leadership" by Bob Harrington
19-21... GLCC Youth Rally with David Lock
26-28... Eastern Canada Lectures '91 - Ottawa

May

4-5... John Clayton, "Does God Exist?" - Newmarket, Ontario
24-26... Ray Walker Hym Sing, Tintern, Ontario Song leaders' Worshop (Sat.); Hymn Sing (Sat. p.m.); Community Service in Song, Sun.

(If you have events that you would like to have listed in this Calendar of Events, please contact Eugene Perry)

Eastern Canada Lectures 1991

April 26 - 28

"God Cares"

Speakers

Keith Thompson
Newmarket, Ontario

Brian Garnett
Kentville, Nova Scotia

Max Craddock
Toronto, Ontario

S.F. Timmerman
Beamsville, Ontario

Earl Weldon
Ottawa, Ontario

Ron Pauls
London, Ontario

Schedule of Events

Friday:

8:00 p.m.	"God Cares -- We Care"	Earl Weldon
9:00 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Fellowship	

Saturday:

10:00 a.m.	"God Cares About How I View Him"	Keith Thompson
11:00 a.m.	"God Cares About Families -- Parents	Ron Pauls
12:00 - 3:00	**Lunch** (map of area restaurants in foyer)	
1:30 - 2:30	(Special Class) Computers in the Lord's Work", #1	Brian Garnett
3:00 p.m.	"God Cares About Families - Children"	Ron Pauls
4:00 p.m.	"God Cares About Senior Citizens"	S.F. Timmerman
5:00 - 8:00	**Dinner** (see map for restaurants)	
6:30 - 7:30	(Special class) "Computers in the Lord's Work", #2	Brian Garnett
8:00 p.m.	"God Cares About World Evangelism"	Max Craddock

Sunday:

10:00 a.m.	"God Cares About How I View Worldliness"	Brian Garnett
11:00 a.m.	"God Cares About How I View Righteous Living"	Max Craddock
12:00 - 2:00	**Potluck Dinner - Everyone Welcome**	
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	

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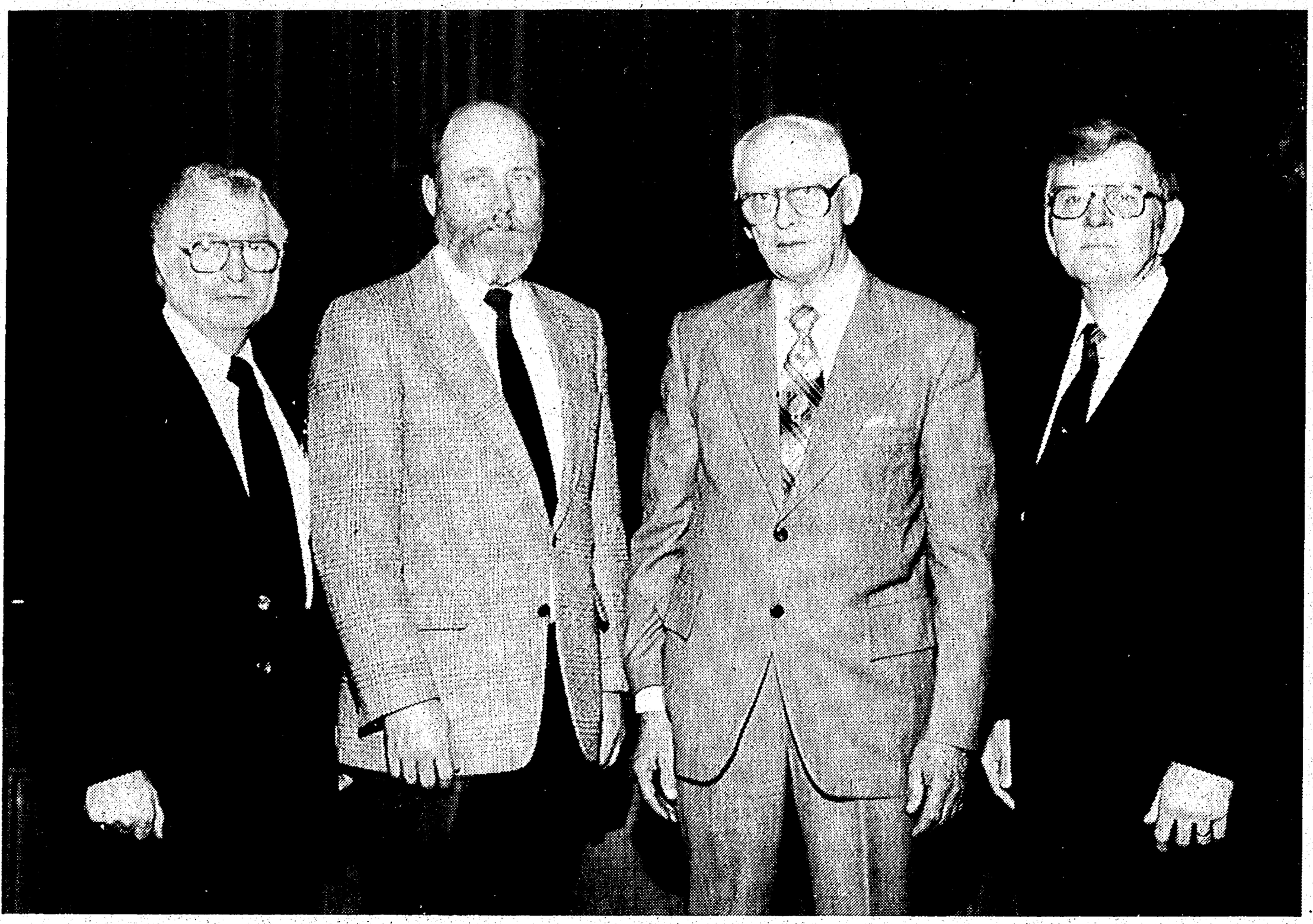

Pictured above (l to r) are Ray Smith, Bill Muirhead, Carl Johnson and Bob Goud, the four elders of the Estevan, Saskatchewan church. Bill Muirhead, formerly a deacon, was appointed to the eldership on February 17. Two former elders, Elwood Goud and Welland Drader have relinquished this responsibility.

No Word Without Interpretation

by Dave McMillan

"Is that what the teacher **really** said, Danny?"

"Why yes, those were her exact words, Dad!"

"But I want to know what she meant by those words, Son."

"Well, I think she meant that **I** was the only student who didn't need to do the homework!"

Most of us readily acknowledge that reciting a teacher's words does not somehow magically render the meaning that the teacher wished to convey! When words pass through a son's ears-mind-mouth, they may render a new meaning, not because he has changed the words, but because he has changed the context, tone, purpose, and inflection of those words.

It is interesting, then, that someone would assume that a person could pass God's word through his eyes-mind-mouth and still guarantee that the meaning remains what God intended.

Historically, various attempts have been made to "guarantee" an interpretation. One attempt was the "universal church" or catholic position, that the interpretation of "the church" was guaranteed correct. Another attempt was the assertion of a single individual to guarantee his own interpretation. We refer to this as a cult interpretation. Sometimes the interpretation of the majority of the group's members has been pushed as correct. Others, such as the Pentecostal movement or the Mormons, have claimed special revelation as a guarantee for their interpretation.

It is a frustration to us that groups with poor interpretation methods often grow more quickly than groups with a legitimate hermeneutic.

In the final analysis, none of us can guarantee that what we mean is what God meant, when His Spirit spoke through the original authors.

We can study carefully, think spiritually, and address people as we think Jesus would have, but the last step in our communication of God's word must be to recognize our own limitations and praise God for His ability to communicate through "clay jars" (II Cor. 4). This is what we mean by "hermeneutics".

Hermeneutics involves a decision on what God's word meant when it was first spoken, and a decision on what it means today. Hermeneutics involves exegesis (drawing out the meaning of scripture) and exposition (expressing the meaning of scripture to others).

It has become popular to speak of "the new hermeneutic" as opposed to some traditional way of finding the meaning of scripture. Since every Bible reader seeks meaning under some hermeneutic, and since everyone's hermeneutic is constantly changing, I suppose that all of us have a "new hermeneutic"!

Each religious group will define "new hermeneutic" in the context of what issues are important to that group. In the past few years in the churches of Christ, we have been plagued by a fast growing group among us who operate from a hermeneutic style similar to the generally held hermeneutic of the church from 30 years ago.

Hermeneutics involves a decision on what God's Word meant when it was first spoken, and . . . what it means today.

Our interpretation methods have changed, but old/new refers to more than just the natural changes that time brings. Since the late 1800's, the churches of Christ have centered on "inductive hermeneutics", which often resulted in circles and lines and complex steps of logic that made sense only to the person making the point!

Unquestionably, our fellowship in 1990 is interpreting from a less clearly defined position. This "new" position centers more on the nature of Jesus and how He treated people.

Many of us from the "old" hermeneutic of "command-example-inference" are not comfortable with the flexibility (even looseness) of this "new" hermeneutic. The "new" hermeneutic people will argue that their emphasis upon the nature of Jesus enables the interpreter to see more clearly what God means in His word.

While looking for commands, examples, and inferences in scripture will continue to be a part of any "new" hermeneutic, we need to realize that they have always been only a small part of our hermeneutic. This is not an either/or situation! Our task is to retain the distinctive nature of our fellowship's approach to scripture while we improve and broaden our hermeneutic.

If one wishes to understand the hermeneutic of the churches of Christ, he would do well to begin with D.R. Dungan's book entitled **Hermeneutics**. A classic example of the improved hermeneutic that started some 30 years ago is A.B. Mickelson's **Interpreting the Bible** (Eerdmans). Excellent recent resources are Stuart and Fee's **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth** (Zondervan 1982) and the heavier **Biblical Hermeneutics** by Donald Ferguson (John Knox Press 1986).

--Beamsville, Ontario

Moscow Project
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The International Bible Society and the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association are co-sponsoring a plan to send 4 million New Testaments to the Soviet people this year. One million have already been shipped. More then 20 ministries in the Soviet Union will be involved in distribution. . ."nationals reaching nationals".

There is a sense of urgency in this project, as according to the news release, "Ominous reports indicate the present window of opportunity could close at any time."

A New Hermeneutic?

by E.D. Wieb

To speak of a "new" hermeneutic is to speak of a "new" approach to the study of scripture. It must be understood, however, that this new approach may be new only to our fellowship, since one may read in history of the various approaches that have characterized biblical interpretation since the earliest days of the Christian faith.

The reason for wanting a new approach may rest on the fact that our current approach appears to be going nowhere in terms of growth, and even in terms of personal satisfaction and fulfillment. Consequently, we are likely experiencing a felt need to broaden our fellowship. The temptation to question our methods of Bible interpretation is understandable and, in the light of current trends, we may expect this questioning to lead to some sort of radical change.

At the present time, there appears to be no single expression of the new hermeneutic, and no common position has, as yet, crystalised; so, any sort of definition seems to be premature. A few characteristics appear to be common, however. For example, reference to the scripture as "God's love letter" appears to be a common expression of the new hermeneutic. Also, there appears to be resistance to the idea of finding "pattern authority" for the church in the New Testament. Some of the literature on the subject indicates that the new approach may be "existential" with emphasis on personal understanding of truth rather than objective truth. This is to say that truth becomes truth for the individual only when that person sees it as such.

In order for there to be a new hermeneutic, there must, of necessity, be an old hermeneutic. That which comes under the heading of "old" in this case would be the position formulated in the latter part of the 19th century. Three characteristics, among others, will serve our purpose in this study: the belief that the Bible is God's inspired word; the belief that the new covenant has replaced the old and thus that the New Testament is the Christian's only creed book; and the belief that the silence of scripture provides a law of exclusion for the church.

In this article, the position stated in the first of these three characteristics will be assumed. That is, we assume that we continue to believe in the inspiration of scripture. We will also pass over the second point rather quickly assuming that, for the most part, we accept the teaching of scripture on the two covenants or testaments. If either of these assumptions is incorrect, then a different approach will be necessary.

It appears, however, that the third position, that of belief in the authority of silence, may well be the focus of concern. The accepted hermeneutic, which finds basis in our oft-stated position with regards to scriptural silence, finds expression in the well-known triad: expressed command, approved example and necessary inference.

A word of caution may be appropriate here. While we generally accept the inspiration of scripture, this must not be confused with "inspiration or method of interpretation".

Even the most cursory inspection of the history of churches of Christ in Canada and the United States will convince the reader that we have often divided, using the same three-fold formula. Though we might agree on the fact that scriptural silence prohibits the addition of certain things in church practice, we have not always agreed on what things are prohibited. In an attempt to clarify things, for example, we have divided expressed commands into "generic" and "specific" commands. In trying to find unity on approved example, we have focussed on "cultural" and "scriptural" practices, and in an effort to agree on necessary inference, we have called upon Aristotelian logic and good old "common sense".

Indeed, that which is under consideration now is whether our position on the "silence of the scriptures" is, indeed, valid. Again, this may be a "new" hermeneutic for some segments of the Restoration stream, but to others it is not.

Some of the adages which characterized restoration in times past are being revived. Consider, for example, "speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where it is silent". Again, "add not to, nor take away from, what the Bible says". One may well hear statements like these from advocates of both the status quo and the new hermeneutic. The challenge to the former is now, once again, to defend the approach to Bible interpretation which has brought us to the place where we now stand.

It appears, at least at first blush, that we are once again knocking on the door which opened the way to restoration in the first place. Restoration leaders rejected the position that, "whatever is not expressly condemned in scripture becomes a matter of expediency," as they embraced the position that "whatever is not expressly allowed must be excluded".

Hence, we find advocates of instrumental music, other than first day observance of the Lord's Supper, and various other issues returning to a position once argued and which ultimately brought serious division to the church. Once the hermeneutic is generally accepted, the way is opened for all sorts of innovation which, deemed expedient, are seen as possible ways to enhance our position in the religious world.

What will surely happen, then, is that the statement, "In essentials, unity, in opinion, liberty and in all things charity", will take on new meaning for many of us. The number of essentials will become fewer and fewer as the number of items considered to be opinion will multiply. The difficulty, however, remains. Who makes the final decision as to what is essential? There is no position that is not open to serious question when the new hermeneutic is in place. What shall be said of "immersion for the remission of sins?" Who is to say that our stand on the clergy-laity distinction is correct? Is weekly observance of the Lord's Supper essential?

This is not to say, of course, that the present hermeneutic is flawless, nor that our position is not open to question. However, it appears that the hermeneutic that is being proposed will only compli-

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Guest Editorial

Do We Need Hermeneutics?

by Max Craddock

"Do you understand what you are reading?" "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?"

We are familiar with this exchange between Philip and the Ethiopian in Acts 8. This Ethiopian was reading a description concerning the death of a man in which the man's actions are compared to "a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth". The Ethiopian wondered if the writer was talking about himself or some other person. Philip, the evangelist, began at that scripture and taught him of Jesus.

In Luke 24 we read of the two who were walking towards Emmaus on the day of Jesus' resurrection. When Jesus asked them about what they were discussing as they walked along, Luke says, "They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?'" Upon further questioning, they tell Jesus of their dashed hopes that Jesus was indeed the Christ. Jesus joined them in their journey and "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

. . . these examples show the need for interpretation of scripture so that we can understand the message for us today.

Both of these examples show the need for interpretation of scripture so that we can understand the message for us today. That is what "Hermeneutics" is. In his book, **Interpreting the Bible**, A. Berkeley Mickelsen says, "The term 'hermeneutics' designates both the science and art of interpretation. The Greek verb 'hermeneuo' means 'to interpret or explain'. The Greek noun 'hermeneia' means 'interpretation', 'explanation'" (p. 3).

I can remember Bible classes in which we made a "'verse-by-verse" study of some Bible book. Sometimes the teacher would read a verse and ask if anyone had any comments to make about it. If there were no comments offered, the teacher might say something like this: "Well, it is pretty clear. The verse means pretty much what it says." That answer did not very often actually meet the need. We often missed so many of the good lessons in the Word because we did not interpret the passage and apply the message to our day and out situation.

In this special issue, we have five articles dealing with some aspects of hermeneutics. We have only touched the hem of the garment as far as the subject is concerned, but we pray that these five articles will encourage your thought on the matter of proper Biblical interpretation and application to life. In these articles we attempt to underline the fact that the Bible must be interpreted, if we are to apply it properly to our life of service to God. We examine the idea of a "New Hermeneutic" to see if there is a place and a need for change. We spend time thinking about how language effects interpretation and see the need to think both in literal and figurative ways. The place of silence is considered with some thoughtful questions asked for the reader's consideration. Finally, we look at an exegesis in which good rules of interpretation are used. We pray these articles will be a blessing.

Let us know of any questions raised in your mind by these articles. Also, are there topics around this theme you would like addressed in the **Gospel Herald** in the future? Please contact me at 5 Lankin Boulevard, Toronto, ON M4J 4W7.

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Is it Literal or Figurative?

by Doug Williams

Can we all understand the Bible alike? I've heard that if anyone would read the Bible without prejudice, with an honest heart and sincere interest, the answer is, "Yes, we should agree on everything -- God's one truth on every Biblical issue is easily clear". It was implied, and sometimes stated explicitly, "If you disagree with my understanding, you are just dishonest and insincere". It seems that this is a simplistic and unrealistic view. While I believe that the Bible is the inspired message of God, there are substantial obstacles that must be scaled before we can understand God's truth on a matter. Not the least of these obstacles is our struggle with knowing whether a passage is to be interpreted literally or figuratively.

So, when should we spiritualize and when should we take a passage literally?

When Amos 9:13 says, "New wine will drip from the mountains", we realize that this is a beautiful metaphor, a figure of speech, depicting a time of God's rich blessing. We accept Biblical comments about God's "eyes" or "mouth" as simple anthropomorphisms, not to be taken literally. Taken literally, Solomon's love with eyes like doves, hair like goats, teeth like sheep, temples like pomegranate halves and a neck like a tower must have been an interesting sight (Song 4), but we recognize his use of simile and allow liberty for his poetry. Common sense handles most of these simple figures of speech, guarding us from gross literalism. We also know not to let a figurative interpretation of one passage contradict clear teaching of another. But there are more difficult questions.

The Bible's Hidden Messages

It could be argued that the Jews missed Jesus as their Messiah because of a too-literal reading of their prophecies. They were looking for a ruler from Judah over the nations (Gen. 49:9-10), one shepherd, David, to be prince (Eze. 34:23-24). We, with 20/20 hindsight, now understand these prophecies in a spiritualized sense to be referring to Jesus as King of his spiritual nation, the Church. The Jews should have interpreted these passages figuratively. Can we miss truth today by being too literal? This is a problem as some work with apocalyptic material such as the Revelation, for example. So, when should we spiritualize and when should we take a passage literally? This is not always easy to tell, and maybe we should remain open to both senses of some passages.

Paul, in 1 Cor. 9:9-10, quotes Deut. 25:4, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." He then questions whether God was really concerned about oxen and allegorizes that God actually wrote those words for us so that we would know it is right for Christians to support apostles materially. The original writer was apparently unaware of the "real", or at least "other", meaning behind his words. Paul reveals to us a "higher" and previously hidden meaning of an Old Covenant passage. He uses this method again in 1 Cor. 10:1-13, Gal. 4:21-31, and Eph. 5:31-32. Similarly, Peter in 1 Pet. 3:20-21 teaches that the water through which Noah and family were saved symbolizes baptism. Do these New Testament examples sanction the use of an allegorical method of interpretation so despised in our logical, scientific age? It seems that even clear and simple passages can have additional figurative meanings and uses Biblically. In reality, when we apply a scripture to our lives -- move from what it meant to the author to what it means for us today -- allegory is difficult for us to avoid.

Jesus tells us that he speaks in figurative parables so that the secrets of the kingdom of heaven would be revealed to some and not to others (Matt. 13:11). Paul makes it clear in 1 Cor. 2 that God has secret wisdom that has been hidden and is not available to everyone, but only to those who, by the Spirit, have the mind of Christ. Logic and scientific Bible study will not bring these truths to light. Jeremiah 33:31-34 prophesies of a time when God will put his law into his people's minds and write it on their hearts. When this happens, the literal word seems somewhat displaced.

Can We Understand the Bible Alike?

We can read most of the Bible in a straightforward manner. Believers of all stripes hold a great body of truth in common. But there are also many issues, some with tremendous importance, others petty, which divide us into innumerable factions. No doubt the accusation of insincerity leveled against those who disagree with us is sometimes valid. But many people sincerely, with reasoned positions, come to different interpretations from us. We will not all agree on everything and one reason is that it is not always a black-and-white matter determining how literally to take a passage.

We are left in a tension between disagreement (which Paul acknowledges in Rom. 14-15 and 1 Cor. 8 and 10) and hope that God will help us come to his one truth. These passages give us some clue as to what to do with the inevitable disagreements. Unity does not require unanimity, but love. As we all grow to be more Christlike, we will be more alike, despite where we started Biblically.

--Delta, British Columbia

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Jopseph: The Optimist

by J.E. Pennington, N. Weyburn, Saskatchewan

Have you noticed that most of the characters of the Old Testament are great men and women? One such example is Joseph. But Joseph did not become great overnight. No, Joseph became great as a result of his optimistic character. He suffered long in the ill fortune of being a slave before patience yielded to him the good fortune of being a Minister in the Egyptian government. It happened in this way:

First of all, Joseph was his father's favourite son. Jacob had honoured Joseph in several ways, not the least of which was the gift of the "coat of many colours" that distinguished him from his 10 older brothers! Family favoritism will eventually result in sorrow, and sure enough, Jacob was projected into sorrow when Joseph was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. Take a good look at the picture: a pampered, favourite son suddenly becomes a slave in Egypt!

Joseph became great as a result of his optimistic character. . . knew his own position and refused to leave it.

Secondly, Joseph, although a slave, was not a pouting child! There is no indication that he felt "sorry for himself". In the house of Potiphar, Joseph did not expect or encourage favours. When Potiphar's wife would have encouraged his immorality, Joseph refused to accept such as a "favour", and determined to maintain his position as a slave rather than assume the role of "playboy". Look again at Joseph. He knew his own position and refused to leave it. But he was put into prison for being good!

Thirdly, Joseph could have been bitter at his ill fortune of being a prisoner because of goodness. But he did not turn to bitterness. Somewhere Joseph understood that there was an "all-seeing eye" that will correct all errors and vindicate the innocent. Even in prison, Joseph was not sullen or angry, and before long, even the prison officials elevated him to a position of honour! It was in this position that he met the chief baker and chief butler for Pharaoh. When Joseph foretold their destinies, the butler promised to "remember Joseph to Pharaoh" -- but when he left the prison, he promptly forgot Joseph for two more years! That is how some people say "Thank you". But during those two boring years, Joseph still did not lose heart-- he still "looked up".

Finally, Pharaoh called for Joseph to hear his dreams. Joseph was ready for Pharaoh. He had kept his faith and his goodness even in adversity. Pharaoh could see in Joseph the materials of a great helper; so, Pharaoh elevated Joseph from the Prison to the Minister's Office. It was here that Joseph recognized his evil brothers as they came begging for grain. They had long ago forgotten him, but he immediately recognized them! It was on the occasion when they recognized him and later feared him that he said to them:

> Fear not, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones (Gen. 50:19-21).

So, do not hold a grudge, and remember that God's way is to make you "great through suffering".

New Hermeneutics

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cate the situation.

If what we suspect is true, and the new approach is largely a matter of individual interpretation, it follows that there is little room for form or structure. One has to wonder where the lines of fellowship would eventually be drawn.

One also has to wonder whether the need to redefine our stance in regard to Bible interpretation is not born from a genuine reaction against the exclusiveness of our fellowship. If this is the case, then, it seems logical that a "new" hermeneutic would seek to broaden the fellowship to include all believers in Jesus Christ. If this were to be accomplished, one wonders whether the next move would not be to find a hermeneutic which would allow for a universal fellowship embracing men and women of all world religions based upon their faith in "God".

Without wanting to be facetious, we may someday find ourselves, once again, searching for a reason to give Jesus His rightful place as the saviour of mankind and trying to "reinvent the wheel of restoration".

We must not be naive enough to think that we can stand still. Nor must we be so proud that we believe that the status quo is perfect, needing no criticism. However, before jumping into change, let us be sure that the change we are contemplating will keep us in harmony with the will of God. History has shown the results of hermeneutical changes. These, too, need to be examined. Before we reject that upon which we stand, let us attempt to examine the reasons why we are failing. Before we reject the old, if indeed we are ready for a "new hermeneutic", let us be sure we know why and what, if anything, will take its place.

--Weyburn, Saskatchewan

Errors Up Front

Scripture references on last month's front page were incorrect due to our carelessness. We do know better but didn't notice that the second and third quotations were from John 10 instead of John 21 until we started doing the mailing. Too late to correct them! When we make a mistake, we do it "up front"! *--E.C.P.*

The Silence of Scripture

by R.W. Harrington

The silence of scripture has played a crucial role in the way that we have understood the Bible in churches of Christ. The Canadian churches of Christ have descended from the American Restoration Movement (sometimes by way of Great Britain), and though most of our people know little or nothing of the early leaders and roots of this movement, we have all been heavily influenced by it. This movement established the belief system that we advocate and teach in our churches.

The Restoration Movement began in the United States in the late 1700's and early 1800's with just a few people, but by the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, it was the fourth largest religious movement in the United States. Alexander Campbell was the most influential leader in this movement. Through his writings, his debates, and his speeches, he molded and shaped the way that churches of Christ have looked at and understood the Bible.

Campbell himself was influenced by a document that his father, Thomas, had written in 1809 known as the "Declaration and Address". One of the main tenets of the "Declaration and Address" was the belief that the New Testament was a perfect and final constitution for the worship, discipline, and government of the church. The Campbells held that the New Testament was to be understood in a similar fashion as the constitution of the United States. It was looked upon as a law book, a divine blueprint for the church of all time.

Because the New Testament was understood to be like a law book or consitutional blueprint for the church, the Campbells tended to advocate the view that anything which was not taught in the Bible by command, example, and necessary inference was not allowed. Thomas Campbell soon coined the phrase, "where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent". Alexander later refined his thinking and stated that in the areas of "faith", "worship" and "morality" nothing was to be allowed unless it was positively taught by the Bible. In these areas Campbell said that Biblical authority was exclusive -- anything not authorized was wrong. To Campbell, the silence of the scriptures meant prohibition: instrumental music was unauthorized, and therefore, wrong; sprinkling or pouring as a means of baptism were both unauthorized, and therefore wrong; the Papacy and the denominational clergy system were unauthorized, and therefore wrong.

As Campbell's influence grew, countless churches were established based upon these principles (For more information on Campbells' views, see R.W. Harrington, **An Introduction to the Hermeneutics of Alexander Campbell.** Unpublished Paper, available upon request.). Up until the civil war (1861-1864) most of the churches adopted the view that the silence of the scriptures in these three areas meant restriction. But after the war, the churches in the Restoration Movement soon were divided. Most of the contention came about because of differences of opinion on the exact meaning of the silence of the Bible. The first division was over missionary societies (whether or not they were authorized), but the real basis of ultimate division was over instrumental music. The churches of Christ, following Campbell, claimed that there was no New Testament authority for the instrument in worship, and that because of this it was wrong and sinful to use it. Where the scripture was silent in this regard, the people were not allowed to "add to the prescriptions of the Bible".

David Lipscomb emerged as the leading figure among churches of Christ in the period that extended from the end of the Civil War to the turn of the century (1831-1918). Lipscomb was even more emphatic than Campbell that the silence of scripture had the force of exclusion -- "A failure to authorize a thing is equivalent to a prohibition of it", he often said. And the use of instrumental music "violates the oft-repeated prohibition to add nothing to, take nothing from, the commandments of the Lord".

G.C. Brewer (1884-1956) was another leading spokesman who advocated the same viewpoint. "To remain silent means that we will stop practicing where the Bible stops teaching; that our practice in matters of religion is limited by the word of the Lord, restricted by divine revelation." He is followed in our day by men such as J.D. Thomas, J.D. Bales, and Jack P. Lewis, who hold to a similar viewpoint.

Recently the question of the silence of the scriptures has been at the forefront of scholarly studies among a younger generation of people in our churches in the United States. Several articles have appeared in the **Restoration Quarterly**, in **Image** and in **Mission Journal** (before it was discontinued) that relate to this topic. Many people are questioning the traditional position. Some of the questions that are being raised demand further study.

1. Did God intend for the scriptures to be viewed as something akin to a constitutional law book that authorizes only what it positively teaches in the areas of faith, worship, and morality, and excludes what it does not positively teach?

2. Everyone agrees that the silence of the scriptures allows for some inventions (church buildings, song books, etc.), but is there a consistent basis taught or approved in scripture that will allow some inventions, but restrict others?

3. Is there a way to faithfully follow the Bible and oppose the Papacy, sprinkling, missionary societies, and the like without saying that they are wrong simply because they are not mentioned in the Bible?

4. Is it more in keeping with the nature of the Bible and with normal human communication to determine the appropriateness of practices that the Bible does not mention by their harmony with explicit New Testament teachings? Stated another way, is it possible to uphold all that the Bible teaches and positively affirms, so that nothing that is in the Bible is lost or taken away from, while at the same time allowing practices that the Bible doesn't talk about, but that help and encourage God's people to follow what the Bible says?

These are some of the questions that

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I Corinthians 3:16, 17 (An Exegisis)

by Terry Codling

The Corinthians had been blessed with many spiritual gifts; indeed they lacked none (1:7). It seems that pride in these gifts caused them to become spiritual elitists. They thought themselves to be superior to others, including other Christians. They were Spirit-filled people. They did have the mind of Christ (2:16), but they were living like people without the Spirit. They were worldly, and acting like mere men (3:1-4).

The evidence of their Spirit-less life is in the way they treat one another. They are filled with jealousy and quarrelling; they do not have a serious attitude toward sin (ch. 5); they take advantage of one another (ch. 6); they mistreat their spouses (ch. 7); they are stumbling blocks to their brethren (ch. 8-10); they do not show respect for one another (ch. 11); they look down on others (ch. 12); and the ultimate evidence is their lack of love for one another (ch. 13). The Spirit will cause them to love each other, and, therefore, to treat each other in a Christ-like manner.

It is this evidence that causes Paul to ask, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you" (16)? This rhetorical device (the first of 10 such usages in this book: 5:6; 6:2, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19; 9:13, 24.) speaks not of something they needed to be taught, but of something they should know by experience, by nature. In essence, he is asking, "Don't you know who you are?" And they do not. At least they have not considered the implications of who they are, which is shown in the way they live with and treat one another.

The word "temple" will produce a vivid picture in the minds of both Jews and Greeks in Corinth. In our society "temple" does not carry much sense of importance, but to them it is significant. The Greeks intimately blended religion and social life, and it all revolved around their temples. Not only were they places of worship and sacrifice, but the temple was also the focus of important social events. Banquets commemorating special days were held in temple dining halls. Papyrus invitations have been found which read, "The god invites you to a banquet. . ." (Gordon Fee, **The First Epistle to the Corinthians**, pp. 466-467). So, the temple was a sharing place with their god.

We are more familiar with the place the temple played in Jewish society. It was God's dwelling place. It contained the mercy seat on which they found atonement and were brought into a harmonious relationship with God. In the temple they had fellowship with God.

Paul uses a word that specifies the sanctuary, the place of deity's dwelling. Significantly, the pronoun "you" is plural, and the "sanctuary" is singular (Leon Morris, **1 Corinthians**, p. 67. In contrast to 6:19, where both are singular and clearly speak of individual Christians). He is addressing Spirit-filled individuals as a singular community (One wonders if this plural/singular feature is sufficient evidence to bring in the sense of community rather than of individuals. Clearly the Spirit is not in the community apart from its indwelling of individual believers.), a community in which God's Spirit dwells (cf. Eph. 2:21). This community is the sanctuary of God. The Jewish and pagan temples have been replaced by a Spirit-filled community of believers.

There is a kind of tension here because Paul returns to the plural with, "God's Spirit lives in you". It is the blending of Spirit-filled individuals that fills the community with God's Spirit. It is a vivid picture of the whole church, the sanctuary of God made up of many Spirit-filled people.

There is a crisis in Corinth. The sanctuary of God is being destroyed (17). How? By the destructive way in which the Christians are treating one another! Their bickering, their quarrelling, their abusive behaviour, their arrogance, their Spirit-less life, is destroying God's community, and God's presence in Corinth. Paul's warning is blunt, awful and final. "God will destroy" the ones who destroy his community. Remember, these destructive ones are part of the community. They are spiritual people who are living like those without the Spirit.

The severity of the punishment is particularly stunning when compared with the grace of verse 15, "he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved". Why does God take the destruction of his community so seriously? Because "God's temple is sacred". There are two ideas involved here: (1) it is set apart, dedicated to God; and (2) it is holy because God is present. The people being destroyed are God's people, and the life being snuffed out is God's life. And the punishment will fit the crime.

The last phrase is difficult because there is nothing to indicate if Paul is saying, "you are that temple" (NIV) or "you are holy" (NASV, not a direct quote). The context would suggest that the NIV is correct in its interpretation. It is what he clearly says in verse 16. However, the sanctuary is Spirit-filled because it is made up of Spirit-filled people, in the same way that the sanctuary is holy because it is made up of holy people, people in whom God dwells. And so, perhaps both interpretations are correct.

They are holy because God lives in them. But they are not living holy lives, they are not living by the Spirit of God. God, by his grace, has made them holy. And only God, through his Spirit, can enable them to live holy lives. When God's Spirit truly empowers them, they will cease to treat each other destructively.

--Ajax, Ontario

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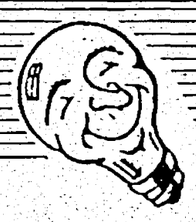

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The church in St. Catharines is trying to help members who have fallen away remember their rebirth days -- and the brethren there are hoping for many happy returns!

To identify and restore members who have forsaken the fellowship, the Evangelism Group in St. Catharines has done a survey of the past 10 years. Using memory, church bulletins, and old directories, it has made a list of all members who, for whatever reason, no longer attend services. Those who have died or moved from the city have been subtracted, but there is still a significant number of names on the list.

Those names have been distributed among members of the Evangelism Group, who have each taken the contacts with whom they are most familiar or feel most comfortable. Every person on the list will be contacted, without any judgments being made about whether or not they are likely candidates for restoration.

"If you're a member of the church, faithfulness is not an option," says evangelist Michel Mazzalongo. "That's the message we want to get across -- with love, but without compromising the truth."

Michel, who has been with the St. Catharines congregation for about 9 months, says there are many reasons why people fall away. "Probably the number one reason is that they haven't made friends in the church. Number two is that they haven't been taught properly after baptism. And number three is that they love the world more than Christ.

"Many are lukewarm because they're married to a non-Christian or they have a habit that interferes with faithful attendance."

The first approach is usually a call or a visit. Those making the contact try to consider each individual situation and personalize it as much as possible. They also remind the unfaithful Christian that he or she, at one time, walked with God, and that it's a rare privilege to be a part of Christ's body.

"We try to stress that, if you're not faithful to the body, you're not faithful to the Head," says Michel.

If an unfaithful Christian chooses not to respond after the initial contact, the congregation sends a loving letter. It stresses the need for faithful attendance, explains that they are no longer considered a faithful member, and cautions that if they don't respond, their name will be taken off the church roll.

Michel says that care is taken to make sure unfaithful members understand they're not being "thrown out". Instead, the church explains to those who have fallen away that they, themselves, will be formally removing themselves from fellowship if they don't respond within 30 days. The letter reiterates the church's strong desire for their return.

When people do return, there's no public drama. A short announcement from the pulpit is usually made, expressing joy that a brother or sister has returned to fellowship. Often, those who come back need counselling, visiting, and teaching.

"The ratio of those we win back is very small," concedes Michel, "but we do have a good chance with those who just weren't taught properly, or who felt ignored.

"So far, the reaction has been mixed. Some are grateful to be called or visited and others don't want us at the door."

The brethren in St. Catharines are now trying to practice some preventative medicine, working on changes within the congregation to make sure former problems won't be repeated. Their goal is to more perfectly pursue the New Testament pattern for winning and keeping souls.

Michel explains that "warning lights should go off, and people should be ready to respond to those warnings -- before people get into real trouble.

"Instead of trying to be legalistic with this work, we're trying to make sure the congregation is more aware of the warning signs of spiritual illness."

The brethren in St. Catharines offer the following advice to others who may want to try a restoration program of their own:

-- Always call before dropping in on contacts.

-- Be polite. Never say, "We haven't seen you in church lately." Assume that, in some way, the congregation has failed them. ("It's very biblical to look to your own sin," says Michel. "Express that to them by saying, 'In some way we haven't met your need, and we want to.'")

-- Give the person a chance to get any grudge or problem off his chest . Encourage him to be open and honest.

-- **Never** cop out by refusing to rebuke them if they are, or were, wrong. Don't soft soap or compromise, agreeing with them when it's time to rebuke.

-- Reassure them that the congregation is not trying to embarrass or publicly humiliate them. Stress that your motives are love and concern, and that the church is trying hard to make sure old problems don't resurface.

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The Passing of a Champion

JOAN SMITH - 1937 - 1991

Beginning with the May, 1990 issue of the **Gospel Herald**, this page contained a series of articles entitled, "Cancer: My Story of Faith, Hope and Love", which ran for five months. The story was written by our sister, Joan Smith, who was diagnosed in 1981 as having cancer. The article, which began with a quote from Psalm 121:28, told of how she has coped over the years with the daily battle against this disease, mostly because of her faith in God and the strong support of her physical family and her church family. She wrote, "I am a survivor. I am not a loser. God is allowing me to stay here a while longer. I can be with my family and still work for Christ. If I don't survive, I am still not a loser. I have a home in heaven waiting for me" (**GH**, June 1990, p. 9). She was invited to many sister congregations to share verbally this story of faith and courage. Because she shared her story with so many of us, I thought it fitting to pay her tribute on this same page.

On February 24, 1991, Joan lost her battle with cancer, but her spirit triumphed over death. The last few months of her life were spent in a hospital, where she slowly deteriorated. She was a strong fighter, however, and did not give up easily. At one time, when the doctors were certain the end was near, she rallied for a period of weeks. Her doctor gave her permission to go home for a weekend visit not long before her death. We were all surprised (though not really) to see her in her usual spot that Sunday morning, wearing her usual smile, though obviously in pain. Her church family and worship of her God were very important priorities in her life.

When I think of Joan, I think of our sister, Dorcas and the account of her life and death as recorded in Acts 9:36-39. We could, like the widows surrounding Dorcas, hold up many garments (or quilts or collars or slippers) that she has made. She was hardly ever seen without some needlework in hand. She spent many of her hours in the hospital working on quilts for her children. These items will become treasured keepsakes because they were made by her loving hands. Many of her labours were done to raise money to help with the cost of the school yearbook, for which she served as sponsor for many years.

Joan touched the lives of all who knew her. Her faithfulness in attendance at worship services was an example to all of us. She participated in as many activities of the church as she was able, right up to the end. Over the years, she was active as a Bible school and VBS teacher. She also helped in setting up the library for the Tintern church.

Shani Waller, a long-time friend of Joan's daughter, Patti, has written a beautiful song for Joan, which was recorded for and sung at the funeral service. The lyrics speak not only for her but for all of us:

We have taken steps beside you
We have seen the pain
We have seen the sun burst through
And then get lost in rain.

In your heart you held the hope
That seemed to make you strong,
And silently we told ourselves
That courage led you on.

Often we have tried to find
The words to say to you
That you have been a light for us
And ones like you are few.

But words can be reluctant,
And sometimes even wrong,
If eyes could speak, you would have heard,
Your courage led us on.

And through the hazy mist that lies inside our minds,
We cherish all you've helped us find.
Maybe it was easy for you
To show what courage means,
But most of us could only find
That courage in our dreams.

We have taken steps beside you
Until the very end.
You're our mother and our daughter,
Our sister and our friend.

Now we realize the hope
We see before the dawn
Is something you have left with us,
Your courage leads us on.

And maybe it was easy for you
To show what courage means,
But most of us could only find
That courage in our dreams.

Born on January 5, 1937 in Grantham Township, Joan lived most of her life in this area except for a few years when she taught at a school for the deaf in Belleville. She was a school teacher by profession, having taught in public schools as well as the school for the deaf. In September of 1980, she joined the faculty of Great Lakes Christian College in the English department. She later became librarian when the need arose and worked there until November of 1990, when her condition would allow it no longer.

The funeral service was conducted at the building of the Tintern church of Christ on Wednesday, March 6 by Steve May. Joan is survived by her husband, Harold; daughters Patti (and husband, Dan) and Laura (and fiance, Brad); son, Scott; father, Wallace Cox; and brothers, Gordon and Robert Cox. Pallbearers were colleagues from Great Lakes: Brian Boden, Jeff Davison, Art Ford, Dana Zartman, Ed Whittington and Tom Clark. Burial was at the N. Pelham Cemetery.

We who knew her were richly blessed by her life. We recognize her as a true Champion for Christ!

NEWS — EAST —

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Sherbrooke, PQ: One more has been added by baptism bringing the total to seven Christians who meet regularly. All are "very dedicated to the work and are faithful to all of the assemblies and activities." It being winter, a two-hour drive to Montreal has been required in order to use the baptistery there.

One of the converts was married in "our first wedding". This resulted in four more contacts for studies.

"Our campaign is approaching soon. Michel Mazzalongo has agreed to do the speaking during the second week of the campaign. He will also produce the television commercial inviting the community to the meetings." *--Albert Charette*

Ottawa, ON: "We have several new members since our last report. We are happy to have Bob and Lil Evans and boys, Kim Boyd, and Bob and Louisa Hickson as a part of the family here now. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship together.

"The next big event on the schedule for the church here in 1991 is The Eastern Canada Lectures on April 26-28. Several good speakers will speak on a very important theme: **God Cares**. We pray that you will bless us with your presence at all the services. The schedule is on the back page of the February and March issues of the **Gospel Herald**. Please pray for us and this effort to God's glory. An addition to the lectures this year will be two special classes conducted by brother Brian Garnett of Kemptville, Nova Scotia. The classes will be on the use of computers in the Lord's work. I spoke to Brian recently and he is bringing some software along that will be of interest to all who use the computer in the work of the church. We are also happy to announce that the chorus from Great Lakes Christian College will sing at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday prior to the last session of the day, a real treat for us who live so far away from the school. Come and be a part of history being made in Eastern Ontario. We can all learn, be edified, edify others and worship God in spirit and in truth. A warm welcome awaits you at Riverview Park always! *--Earl Weldon*

Ajax, ON: The Ajax bulletin has a new look. We quote the following from the February 24 issue, "Derek Gibson, who was just recently on our prayer list, was baptized this past Wednesday in Kingston."

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: "Estela Molina, upon the confession of her faith, was baptized on February 24."
--Strathmore Searchlight

Bramalea, ON: "A new class has been set up during the mid-week service on Thursday evenings. Students involved in this class range from 2 years to grade 9. Although this seems to involve a wide gap in age, the class has been set up as a buddy system where older children and younger ones work as partners. The older ones are learning how to help and teach in a class situation. The younger ones love working with a big buddy.

"The class consists of puppets, skits, role playing, memory work, lessons, singing, as well as hands on work. This setup is encouraging closer relationships in the congregation.

"Winter Picnic: Recently the annual winter picnic was held outdoors and provided great fun for all. Evan and Debbie Whittington were the leaders in this activity." *--as submitted*

Hamilton (Fennell), ON: "We held our congregational meeting on February 10 to hear reports from the ministries as to our plans for 1991. We are planning to have our VBS in July this year instead of August. On February 3, we had a potluck dinner to honour Don and Sylvia Snure and also Doug Snure. Don and Sylvia have moved to Brantford and are worshipping with the church there. Doug has moved to Bramalea. We continue to have our monthly birthday fellowships.

"We welcome Joe and Sumutra Sandassie and Angeline Ghourala, who are now worshipping at Fennell."
--as submitted

Stoney Creek, ON: "At Stoney Creek we are excited about 1991. As of January 1, Harold and Linda Parker began working full-time with the congregation. Harold is active in visiting with members as well as visitors to our meetings.

"Early in January, we had Jim and Carolyn Hawkins for a weekend seminar focusing on the family. Over the past six months we have been looking at having shepherds for our flock. Four men will be appointed in the very near future."
--as submitted

Beamsville, ON: "Ruth Zimmerman was baptized here in Beamsville on February 17 after returning from the youth rally in Meaford"..."Dan Bringelson, a grade 12 student at GLCC, was baptized at the church building on Monday, March 4...His home is in Elliott Lake."
--The Bulletin

St. Catharines, ON: "Chantale Roux was baptized here on Tuesday, February 12.

"The sympathy of this congregation is extended to Edith Williamson and her family on the death of Edith's husband, Eric, on February 11. The funeral service was conducted by Michel Mazzalongo and Gordon Harris."
--I. Allcock

A contribution towards John and Kelly Osborne's fund for mission work in Leningrad, Soviet Union reached approximately half of the $5,000 needed.

This church has been sending men once a month to preach in Sardina, New York.

Port Colborne, ON: "We rejoice with Ben and Margaret Hamilton on their decision to be baptized on February 2. We welcome them and their children, Brian and Terry, into our church family.

"We were saddened by the loss of Don Elliott's mother, grandmother to Tom Elliott and Donna Bidgood, great-grandmother to Sterling.

"We also mourned the passing of David Lock's grandfather, Birnie Hotchkiss. The Lock's attended the funeral in Sault Ste. Marie.

"The congregation is planning an evening of singing on Friday, April 26 beginning at 7:30. For further information, contact David Stuart, 834-5652. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow." *--David Lock*

Brantford, ON: A recent mail-out to a selected mailing list included a cover letter, Dobson bulletins, a calendar, **Upreach Magazine**, a Bible Correspondence Course enrollment card and a "Making A Start and Making it Stick" sheet (practical advice for establishing the habit of daily prayer and Bible study).

A letter from Leslie Kerr in the **Brantford Beacon** reports on her relief

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

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(Editor's Note: Thanks again to all of you who faithfully correspond with me each month. You make this ministry a work of joy. B.C.)

Dauphin, MB: The week of February 3-9 was not declared Respect for Life Week in our town when our mayor, Virginia Jamieson, refused to sign the proclamation. The proclamation was brought to the mayor by members of the Parkland League for Life, which the mayor does not support. A large number of Dauphin citizens, including many from the church, visited town council. Brother Vince Anderson spoke on behalf of the group saying, "the Proclamation is general and basically states our town respects life". Although nothing changed for this year, the town officials know there are people here who respect life and are working to save life.

Several missionaries were in Dauphin this month and took time to strengthen and encourage the church. Susan Roberts spoke to the ladies about her role as a missionary's wife. She also looked forward to future goals when she and her husband, Blair, and family plan to move to Dauphin this summer to work with the church. Larry Good, also from Belgium, spoke to the church when he was here for Western Christian College's Homecoming. The Leslie Williams family and his 80-year-young Gramma, Pearl Orr, from Papua New Guinea were also at the Homecoming. Leslie spoke to the staff and students of WCC urging us to think about spending a year or two in full-time missionary work. That is what he did and then decided to return to PNG for a longer period of time, after getting his university training. The month ended with our own Gordon Goldsmith devoting two Sunday morning class periods to discussing what is expected of a missionary out on the field. Gordon and Ruth Goldsmith worked and taught in Papua New Guinea.

Ron Pauls was in Dauphin to receive a Certificate of Merit award at Western Christian College. His message on Sunday morning to the church and visiting alumni of WCC urged hearers to remain in Christ in order to bear fruit.

We were blessed to have the "Good News" singers from Saskatoon on February 17. They took charge of teaching and preaching Sunday morning before they sang for us.

Portage la Prairie, MB: During Respect for Life Week, beginning February 3, we had the opportunity to take part in a peaceful demonstration at Portage General Hospital, and Ron spoke on the theme of being informed and involved. On Monday night, Ron was invited to speak to the St. John's Catholic Women's League on the subject of pro-life matters.

On Valentine's Day we were able to treat students and staff of Western Christian to a delightful and delicious Sweetheart Banquet. The formal evening attire and special decorations highlighted the theme of Valentines' Day.

On Friday, February 15, we enjoyed a Valentine's Party at our church building and invited brethren from Carman. The laughter and fellowship were good medicine for the stressful and tension-filled times in which we live.

Estevan, SK: The congregation rejoiced on February 17 when William Charles Muirhead (known as Bill) was appointed to the office of elder. His service as a deacon for many years fulfilled 1 Timothy 3:13. He has a faithful son and two faithful daughters, along with his faithful wife, Mary. The existing elders welcome Bill as a fellow elder.

We also pay tribute to two men and their wives who served well in the office for several years and are still active in the church, but for reasons of health have stepped down from the office. They are Elwood Goud and his wife Mildred, and Welland Drader and his wife Leila.

The church is now blessed with four elders: Ray Smith, Bill Muirhead, Carl Johnson and Bob Goud (See photo on front page). We now have seven deacons. They are Calvin Elford, Ron Jacobs, Daryl Tucker, John Dyck, Skip Hill, Dana Schnieder, and Wilf Olson. With our evangelist, Tim Pippus, we look forward to a good year for the Lord in 1991.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over" (Ps. 23:5).

Regina, SK: Dwight Morris was our last-Sunday-of-the-Month guest speaker (February 24). Ray was speaking in Moose Jaw. Leadership Rally for elders, deacons, ministers and wives is planned for April 12-13 with Bob Harrington of Calgary as featured speaker. Susan Roberts was back from Belgium for a couple of weeks. We are looking forward to the Roberts' return in June. Beginning in March we will experiment with double Sunday morning worship services: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Our Wednesday evening service will feature one adult class and five relational groups.

Moose Jaw, SK: The Moose Jaw ladies are planning a Ladies Day for March 16. Speakers for the day will be Judy Morris and Terri Lynn Fowler. There will be a time of discussion after each talk, as well as a time of singing and prayer. On February 12, a Tea was held at the Pioneers Village with 25 residents in attendance.

The first "Preacher Exchange" was held on February 24, between Moose Jaw and Regina. Ray McMillan from Regina spoke to us here in Moose Jaw, and Dwight Morris spoke to the congregation in Regina.

The "Secret Prayer Sister" wind-up was held on Tuesday, February 26 for the past four month period. A very good time was enjoyed, and it was good to find out who everyone's Secret Prayer Sister had been. We will begin another three-month session the beginning of April.

Yorkton, SK: Several personal studies are under way, and some people seem almost persuaded. A van load from Dauphin has come twice and helped with our services. The starting time of our Lord's Day morning assembly worship has been moved up to 10:15 a.m. Twice a month a devotional is held at the Nursing Home, and occasionally, one is held at the Anderson Lodge. The other weeks we meet from house to house on Wednesday evenings. The Ladies Bible class, men's prayer meeting and children's 7-12 class (Based on Matthew 7:12) are held regularly. At a congregational meeting, almost everyone volunteered to help in some of the various ways that were suggested.

Saskatoon, SK: Saturday, February 2 was another of those "red letter" days in the life of the congregation. Eithna Morris obeyed the gospel and was baptized into Christ. We greatly rejoice in wel-

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

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Kamloops, BC: Steve Crews reports that the War in the Gulf gave rise to many latter-day prophets of doom and their books. Studies undertaken recently have been with people influenced by the books, but no real headway was made, as some are of Islamic background. These try to walk a tightrope between Islam and Christianity.

Grews also noted that he is working with the local Crisis Centre and with ACOA (Adult Children Of Alcoholics), similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. Those in the program are not necessarily addicted to alcohol, but are referred to as dysfunctional, a condition due largely to a lack of self-esteem. He has a study under way with a married couple from this group.

One lady who had fallen away from the church has been restored and is active in talking to friends about the church. Ladies in the church have helped bring her back.

Advertising of the free Bible course in the local TV Times has produced five studies so far.

Coquitlam, BC: The second Annual B.C. Fellowship was held on March 29 at the Coquitlam church building. This annual series of meetings takes the place of the old BC to BC forums held in the past at the Oakridge church in Vancouver. This year's theme: "Of First Importance".

Victoria, BC: This church was to host a Spring Break Campaign with students of Abilene Christian University. Their efforts will be among young families and single-parent families. The campaign is to run from March 17-24.

Dr. Lynn Anderson was to speak on March 21 at the University of Victoria and on the 22nd at the church on Shelbourne Street with Dr. June Breninger.

A series of film strips with Dr. Larry Crabb, titled **Inside Out**, is being shown here each week.

Tacoma (Southside), WA: Four souls were recently baptized here: Annie Ryah, Nora Tillotson, Eddie Daniel and Eric Cimuchowski. Placing membership were: Angela Matherne, the David and Fannie Smith family, Phil and Barbara Thompson, Janet Costanti and Sharla Craeter.

Bob Bobko and Ralph Javins were installed as elders on February 3.

Yellowknife, NWT: Two fine couples have surrendered their lives to Jesus by becoming members of His body. Grant and Judy Scott and Andy and Janet Story were baptized into Him here. Andy is a carpenter and Janet is a dental assistant, and they have a son, Christopher.

Randy Crossley, a "Yellowknife Oldtimer", is living in Yellowknife again, soon to be joined by his family. He is looking for work.

Shuswap Christian School: A letter from Al and Cheryl Pimental, who have been closely involved with Shuswap Christian School for the past 13 years, gives a brief history of the school's growth and appeals for financial assistance.

"The school has grown from 6 students and 1 teacher to its present size of 51 students, from kindergarten to grade 7; 4 teachers; 4 teachers' aides; and an administrator.

"This past summer, at a cost of over $60,000, the school replaced our old one-room portable with a much-needed and larger portable. This increased the classroom facilities from three to four rooms and added a new library. With much prayer and hard work, the school opened on schedule on September 4, 1990.

"However, it also created a $35,000 mortgage that the school is now paying. Now, we would like to see the portable mortgage marked 'Paid in Full'; and with your help, we can do just that."

The Pimentals are encouraging others to join them in giving $1,000 to make this goal possible. Smaller donations are welcomed. Address "Portable Fund", Shuswap Christian School, P.O. Box 789, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N9.

News Prairies

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coming this young lady into our midst and trust that we may encourage her as she begins her new life in Christ.

Allen Close has announced that he and Laura have committed their lives to the mission field and intend to join a mission team in Brazil. This was not an unexpected announcement as Allen and Laura spent some time this last year in Brazil with the Mission Team, and the Lord's work in South America has been on their hearts for some time. Allen, Laura and family will be missed as Allen has served this congregation in Saskatoon for three years, and his ministry as an evangelist has been fruitful, especially with the young people. Varga Con Dios, my friend. Go With God!

Wawota, SK: On March 24 we are planning an Encouragement Sunday. We plan to encourage our leaders by a show of support for them. On April 21 a Joint Assembly of Christians who meet in Manson, Whitewood and Wawota will be held in Wawota. Vince Anderson, President of Western Christian College, will be with us to share a message from God's Word and to speak with us about the Bible Department at Western. On June 23 we will have a Prayer Sunday to encourage our prayer lives and our reliance upon the power of God. We are now in the planning stages for our annual VBS and Kid's Rally.

Clearview Christian Camp: The Camp is now accepting applications for counsellors. If interested, please contact Brian Cox, Box 454, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to enter into a long-term plan to replace the existing cabins at Camp. The plan is to build one cabin this year. The cost of material for this cabin will be over $5,000. Building will not commence this spring unless we have half that amount of money on hand by the end of April. If you would like to help with this, seek further information or have helpful suggestions, please contact any of the camp board members or the Camp Coordinator, Brian Cox. Please send your donations directly to our treasurer: Cameron Husband, Box 94, Kennedy, SK S0G 2R0

New Translations

Both the **New English Bible** and the **Revised Standard Bible** have been revised. Among reasons for these revisions are new textual finds, new knowledge of the Bible languages and the evolution of the English languages.

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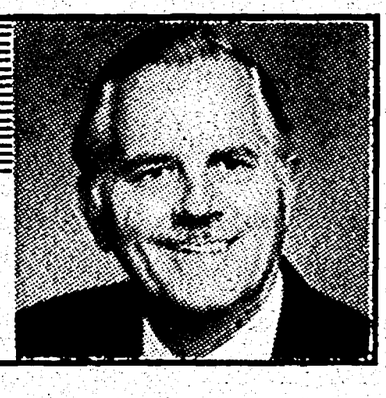
BOOK REVIEWS



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The New Revised Standard Version, *Oxford University Press, Don Mills, ON $23.95 (with Apocrypha, $27.50). Reviewed by Ben Wiebe.*

Since the RSV New Testament was published 45 years ago, there have been 51 other translations, at least of the New Testament. At the same time, the King James translation (1611) is still holding a significant place. What reason then is there for another translation?

In general terms there are clear reasons for new translations from time to time: (1) we recognize that language continues to undergo change; (2) study in archaeology and of ancient languages, texts and cultures continues; (3) the endeavour to explore and understand the world and the Word will continue as long as human beings continue to seek the meaning and the wholeness of life. If there are good reasons for new translations, there are also less honorable reasons for them. For one, translators are in the business of translating (that is what they do best) and can do so when there is no clear need. Again, translations may be produced to reflect or support the doctrinal views of a particular group.

In this connection, what is in the main a strength in the NRSV may also at times be a source of weakness. The Translation Committee included a wide spectrum of scholars (Protestant, Orthodox, Catholic and Jew, including at least one from our fellowship, J.J.M. Roberts) with differing perspectives. This will encourage thoroughness as well as a check on distorted perspectives or bias in translating. John 1:14 and 18 may serve as an example of strength and weakness. The more probable reading is "Son of the Father" instead of "a father" in 1:14 (see **A Greek Grammar of the New Testament**, by Blass, Debrunner, Funk). But the deity of Jesus could not be more clearly expressed than it is at 1:18. As a whole, the wide research in the langauge, text, and background of the Bible here yields a harvest of thousands of insights for the determination of text and meaning. For instance, compare the NRSV and RSV at 2 Sam. 22:36; 23:1. Fresh light from the Dead Sea Scrolls has made for a clearer more precise translation. As well, the new translation often yields a more literary and exact sense. Compare NRSV and RSV at Gen. 3:7; 32:32; Deut. 29:5; Matt. 10:29; 20:2; John 21:7; Acts 3:21; Luke 13:14; Rom. 2:14; 2 Cor. 6:11; Col. 3:7 among many.

The one aim of the NRSV to deal with sexist language has received wide publicity. The aim was to use inclusive language at all points where it could be justified. When both men and women are in mind, the NRSV says so. The term "brethren" usually refers to the whole church and the NRSV translates with "brothers and sisters", "believers" or some equivalent term. To deal with the lack in English of a common gender third-person singular pronoun the translators have sometimes shifted to a plural (Psalm 32:1, "Blessed is he. . " becomes "Happy are those. . ." [cf. Mark 4:9; 1 Cor. 1:25]). Sometimes the third person has been shifted to the second person (Matt. 18:6). "Sons" when women are clearly included becomes "children" (Rom. 8:19; Gal. 3:26). With reference to God, masculine pronouns ("he" and "him") have been translated as they appear. This honors the recognition that God is like a loving Father (At the same time both men and women are included in the image of God.).

The NRSV stands in continuity with the KJV, taking the freedom to make changes as warranted (it was to be a new translation). I am on the whole impressed with the precision and with the clarity that marks this translation in comparison with some others. At the same time, I am glad to have access to more than one translation! There are bound to be weak points in a major effort like this. There is to be a second edition in 1995 that provides time for appropriate criticism and then corrections to be made.

The Church of God in a Pagan World, Studies in First Corinthians, Harding University Lectureship, 1990. Don Shackelford, Director, 695 pages. $15.95 (U.S. estimate).

David Burks, President of Harding University, says, "At no other time in history has there been a more pressing need for the church of the living God to reach out to a dark world full of sin. The study of 1 Corinthians. . .can provide an anchor for God's people who are willing to reach out to others in sharing the message of light and peace, a message of hope and salvation for the lost."

Earlier we praised the previous year's lectureship book which was on "Acts, The Spreading Flame". This is an equally outstanding volume. It is a virtual library on 1 Corinthians, dealing with the many problems faced by the church in Corinth. The best of the commentaries on the text are cited in regard to the issues being discussed.

Many outstanding speakers contribute to this great book. Lectures are given by such men as Landon Saunders, Prentice A. Meador, Jr., Harold Hazelip, Ken Durham, Jimmy Allen, Howard Norton, and Charles Hodge. The difficulties of the book are pursued by scholars like Jack Lewis, Jimmy Jividen, Hugo McCord, Richard Oster, Jr. and Wendell Willis. These lectures cover the background of the book and many textual studies. Preachers will appreciate the section on "Preaching and 1 Corinthians", which includes ideas on preaching by Philip Slate, Allen Black, Avon Malone and Charlie Hodge.

There are three lectures on World Evangelism by veteran missionaries. Among the most practical lessons are those for the women's classes. Also there are the discussions from the "Scholar's Forum".

Harding University is doing a great job in making available such outstanding lectureships. Highly recommended!

Silence of Scripture

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we will have to address in the churches of Christ in Canada in the years that are ahead of us. May we be faithful to God in the process. (The most helpful work on this whole question, though it is in need of minor critique, is by Woody Woodrow, "The Silence of Scripture and the Restoration Movement," **Restoration Quarterly** [1985/86]:27-39; and "The Nature of Biblical Authority and the Restoration Movement" [M.A. Thesis, Abilene Christian University, 1983].)

News East

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trip to Rumania and thanks those who helped. Over $10,000 were donated by churches, individuals and service clubs to pay for shipping and purchases. In addition to a wide range of medical and hygienic supplies, 400 Bibles were shipped. Two metric tons of rice were purchased to be taken on an upcoming trip.

Guelph, ON: Flyers advertising the film series, "Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong" were distributed in early February. This Sunday evening series began well on February 17 with 20 community visitors present for the first film.

Marilyn Fountain, a member of the Lord's church, has been welcomed from Valleyfield, PQ.

Stratford, ON: "We have had 19 and 20 out to our mid-week study the last two weeks and have averaged 31 on Sunday morning the last two weeks."

Thirteen adults signed up for a March 8 Teacher Appreciation Dinner; a mailing list is being finalized for **Upreach Magazine**; and Clyde Lansdell is scheduled to return in the fall for a series on "Deterrents to Family Health".

Sarnia, ON: This church plans a bus run for VBS in July and may have to rent a bus commercially but is hoping to find a congregation that would rent them their bus for a week. See address in the directory.

Windsor, ON: Lewis Mutuma is looking for children's clothing to take to Zimbabwe. Also, help is needed on the $2,000 deficit from his last trip.

Pine Orchard, ON: The church bulletin has been named **The Pine Orchard Proverb**. The John Clayton videos are being shown on selected Sunday afternoons.

Help is being sent to Wesley Jones for a Bible Correspondence Course in Russian; to Windsor for the Zimbabwe work; and to "Campaigns Northwest" to help Jason Knight. Also, a 50% subsidy of Omagh campers will be continued.

Newmarket, ON: Decision was made to send help to Jason Moriarity, who is going to Papua New Guinea, Peter Morphy at Strathmore, the Windsor church for the Zimbabwe work and Jason Knight re the summer campaigns.

Sundridge, ON: A year long study on a "Growing Faith" is being planned. Don Smith has begun a series of sermons on the book of Galatians. Murray Smith preached a weekend meeting on "The Cross". He will be returning for another weekend meeting in the fall.

Sudbury, ON: John Haines of Timmins held a weekend meeting the first of March.

Marquette, MI: After 7 years, the Broadway congregation in Lubbock, Texas will discontinue its support to this work. Also, support from Xenia, Ohio dating back close to 30 years is being cut by 50%. This leaves the Marquette congregation with a real challenge.

A fire in the preacher's home (Jay Allen) caused quite a bit of damage but there were no injuries.

Sault Ste. Marie (Eastside), ON: Gordon Dennis of Vandeleur was recently invited to conduct his "Learning to Love" series here. The response was gratifying.

Stop the Press!!

An update informs us that brother Hallett's mild stroke (reported elsewhere) may not be so mild. It continues to affect his sight and his mouth. He is isolated from family and is unable to get proper evaluation of his condition.

CAMP OMAGH 1991

Staff Needs

Senior Lifeguard*

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Camp Sessions

June 28 - 30	Girls' Weekend Retreat - Phyllis Stanley	
July 1 - 4	Sixty Plus - Claude Cox	
July 7 - 13	Wk. 1:	7 to 10 years - Ed Whittington
July 14 - 20	Wk. 2:	8 to 10 years - Les Cramp
July 21 - 27	Wk. 3:	8 to 10 years - Max Craddock
July 28 - August 3	Wk. 4:	11 to 13 years - Brian Thompson
August 4 - 10	Family Week - Mike Toohey	
August 11 - 17	Wk. 5:	11 to 13 years - To be announced.
August 18 - 24	Teen Week - Rick McBay	
August 23 - 25	Teen Weekend - Rick McBay	

Watch for brochure soon.
Register early -- don't be disappointed!!
Week 1, children should be 7 as of July 1, 1991.
Weeks 2 & 3, children should be 8 as of July 1, 1991.

OBITUARIES

C. "BIRNIE" HOTCHKISS

Our relationship with brother Birnie goes back about 65 years. So, with sadness, we observed the once sharp mind and body deteriorate with Alzheimer's disease until death made its claim on February 8, 1991. He was in his 86th year. He was tenderly cared for by family through the declining years. When rational judgment wrestled with compassion, compassion always won. The "milk of human kindness" was personified in him. His large family was all present for the funeral.

His passing is mourned by his wife, Della, and seven children, 32 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters and 1 brother. He was predeceased by three children and one grandchild, two sisters and two brothers. Many relatives and friends also feel a personal loss with his demise. But we sorrow not, as those who have no hope.

Vernon Bailey led the congregation in several well-chosen hymns for the occasion. Brother Guy Stopard assisted at the service, which was conducted from the Pine Hill church building in Sault Ste. Marie with spring internment in the family plot across the road from his birth place.

The writer was privileged to speak on the "Assurances of the Resurrection".

--Lloyd F. Bailey

HERBERT (BERT) S. KENEE

Herbert Kenee passed from this life on February 9 at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital after a short illness. In his 76th year, he was a veteran of B.E.F.

He leaves his wife, Bunty, children Colleen MacKenzie of Nepean, Jeff of Tennessee, Steve of Zimbabwe, Patrick of South Africa and eight grandchildren. Memorial service was on February 12 at Tubman Funeral Home.

--Submitted anonymously by someone from Riverview Park Church of Christ, Ottawa, Ontario

MISSION NEWS

Zambia - Wilson Siazilo

Brother Wilson Siazilo, a fellow worker and translator for us during our time in Zambia, has requested us to try to find a sponsor for Shadreck Sibwaalu, who is presently enrolled as a student at Namwianga Christian Secondary School. Shadreck is making application to attend Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

Wilson writes, "Please advertise him in the **Herald** magazine. He is such a wise man that I feel need to go for further studies and serve the Lord better."

Shadreck's immediate needs are for a $50.00 Housing Fee, a $25.00 Application Fee, a $500.00 Emergency Fund Fee and Financial References. Other Zambians who have had this opportunity have done well, and most have returned to Zambia where they have become actively involved in a fruitful service.

This is an opportunity for someone who is able and willing to do a rewarding and meaningful service.

Anyone who is interested, please write either the Gospel Herald or Wilson Siazilo, Zyangale Christian School, P.O. Box 620273, Kalomo, Zambia or to Shadreck Sibwaalu, Namwianga Christian Secondary School, P.O. Box 620022, Kalomo, Zambia.

Reports inform us that during 1990 there were over 4,000 souls baptized in the Lord and 29 new congregations established. There are now over 440 independent congregations of the church of Christ worshipping and serving in Zambia. *--E.C.P.*

"Does God Exist?" Lecture Series

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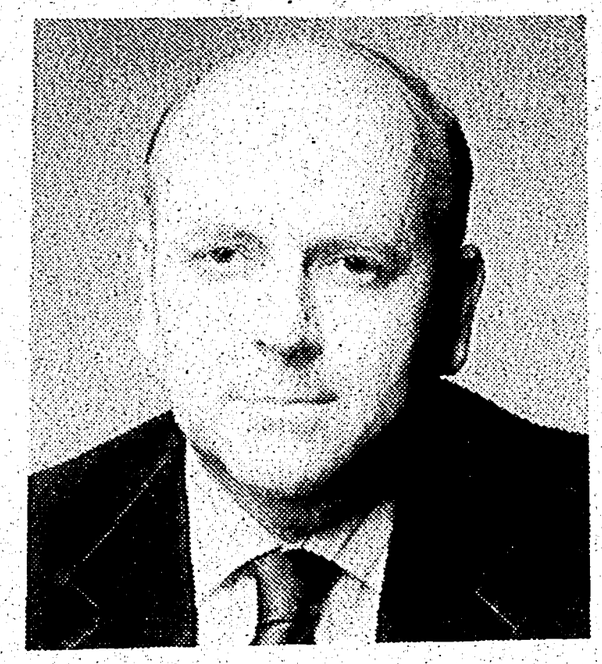
May 4 and 5, 1991



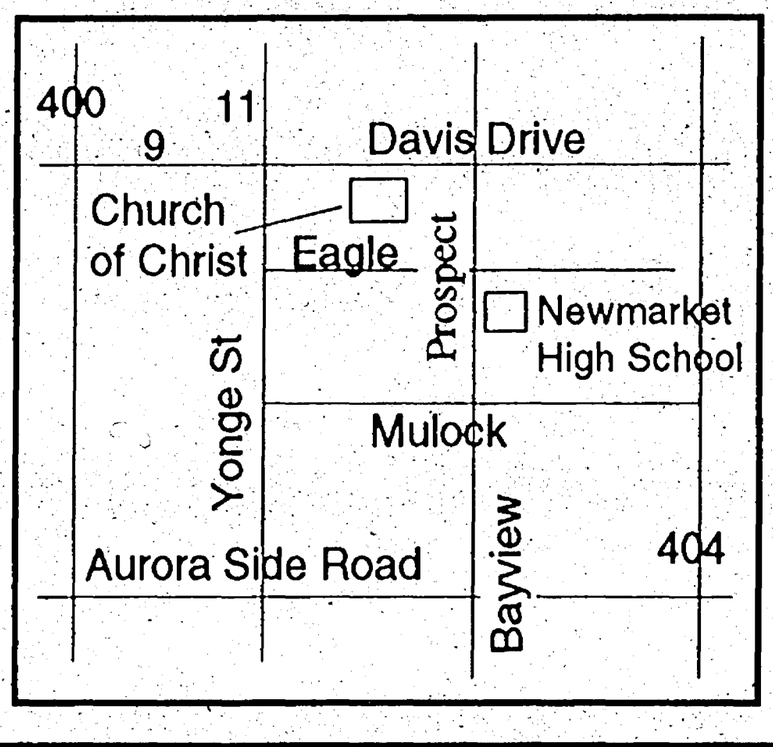
Saturday, May 4: **(Newmarket High School** - Prospect St. just south of Gorham, next to Pickering College)

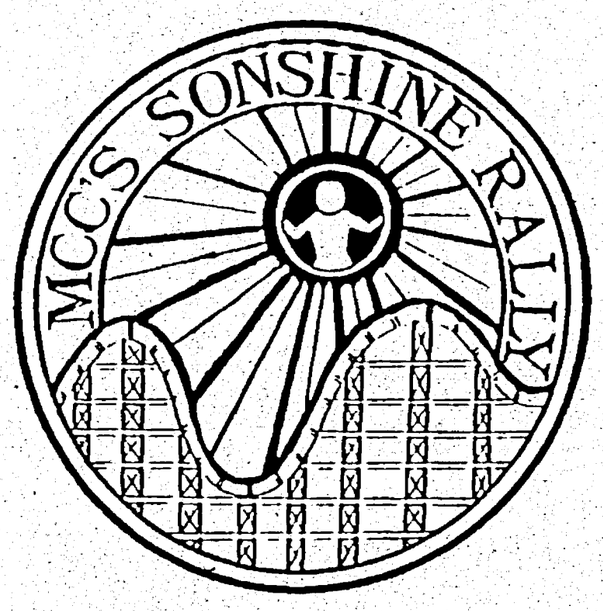
10:00 a.m. Cosmology and Evidence of God's existence
11:00 a.m. The Source - Design or Chance
2:00 p.m. The Nature of God
3:00 p.m. UFO's, Ancient Astronauts and God

Sunday, May 5: **(Church of Christ,** 230 Davis Drive)

9:30 a.m. Is the Bible the Word of God?
11:00 a.m. Why I Left Atheism

For more information contact:
Keith Thompson, (416) 853-0892





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India - David Hallett

At Alpha Bible College, finances continue to be a major problem. Inflation is making matters worse. Thirty people are needed to provide money ($300/year) to feed a student, and congregations are needed to provide "a helping hand month to month". In view of the plan to close in 1994, the Board has authorized pre-arrangement of selling the property and buildings in order to find funds to continue until that date. Brother Hallett writes, "We still toy with the idea of going beyond such a date; we dream of such. But how?"

The graduation of 22 on November 18 brings the total graduates to 124. Fifteen new students were being selected from nearly 70 applicants for 1991.

The St. Catharines, Ontario church bulletin reports that David Hallet has suffered a mild stroke.

Thailand - Richard Taylor

Brother Taylor writes, "With this issue we are launching a drive for $60,000 with which to construct the new literature building." They hope to raise $40,000 from churches and $20,000 from individuals by August, 1991.

He also announces preparations for a campaign for January 1992. Up to 30 campaigners are being sought to "knock on doors" for 2 weeks in Bangkok and 12 days in India. Gordon McWhorter of the Landmark church in Montgomery, Alabama is to be the campaign speaker. Each campaigner will need $2,200 (US).

Early-Bird Information ---

V.B.S. 1991

So far we can offer the following Vacation Bible School series. Others will be added as information is available.

1. **JESUS AND YOU AT CAMP CAN-DO.**
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   Gospel Light Publications - $24.95 (US)
   (Note: This is by the same publisher that published the "Island in the Son" V.B.S. many used last year. However, this time the series has not been edited for use by churches of Christ. Those who choose to use this course will likely find adjustments and adaptations necessary and could be misled especially by the teacher books. ECP)

Early Order Discounts: Complete V.B.S. orders postmarked prior to March 31 receive a 10% discount; prior to April 30, a 5% discount.

Descriptive literature and/or sample kits may be ordered now from

Gospel Herald Bookstore
4904 King Street, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B6

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., 569-2817; 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., 527-7429 (off.), 548-6986 (res.)

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

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

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

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

CRANBROOK: 450 Van Horne St. S. (on Hwy. No. 3, S. of town) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 351, V1C 4H8; (604) 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: 1317 Ethel Street; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7; Box 2697, Sta. R, V1X 6A7; Wayne Muirhead, (604) 861-4008; Charles McKnight, ev., 765-8739.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd 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 525-4353; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6;English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krrmis, 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.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10,11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

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, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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;P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 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.

BLIND RIVER: W.C. Eaket Secondary School, Woodward Avenue; Sun. 10; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

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

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL:1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, 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;DavidAzzoparde,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; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, L9C 7N5; Ken Page, ev. (416) 574-8142; Brian Tolcher, sec. (416) 689-8683.

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

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meetings with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630 or David Preston, R.R. #1, Group Box 174, P0A 1K0;(705) 789-7697.

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

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.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; c/o Peter Speek, 95 Longwood Drive, Waterloo, N2L 4B6; (519) 885-0752.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:30; 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. 9:30, 10:30, 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.

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12-13... Leadership Rally, Regina, SK - "Christ-styled Leadership" by Bob Harrington
14... Areawide Hymnsing, Brantford, Ontario
19-21... GLCC Youth Rally with David Lock
26... Evening of Song, Port Colborne, ON, 7:30
27... GLCC Chorus, Ottawa, ON 7:30 p.m.
26-28... Eastern Canada Lectures '91 - Ottawa

May

4-5... John Clayton, "Does God Exist?" - Newmarket, Ontario
24-26... Ray Walker Hym Sing, Tintern, Ontario
Song leaders' Worshop (Sat.); Hymn Sing (Sat. p.m.); Community Service in Song, Sun.

August

20-23... VBS - Brantford, Ontario

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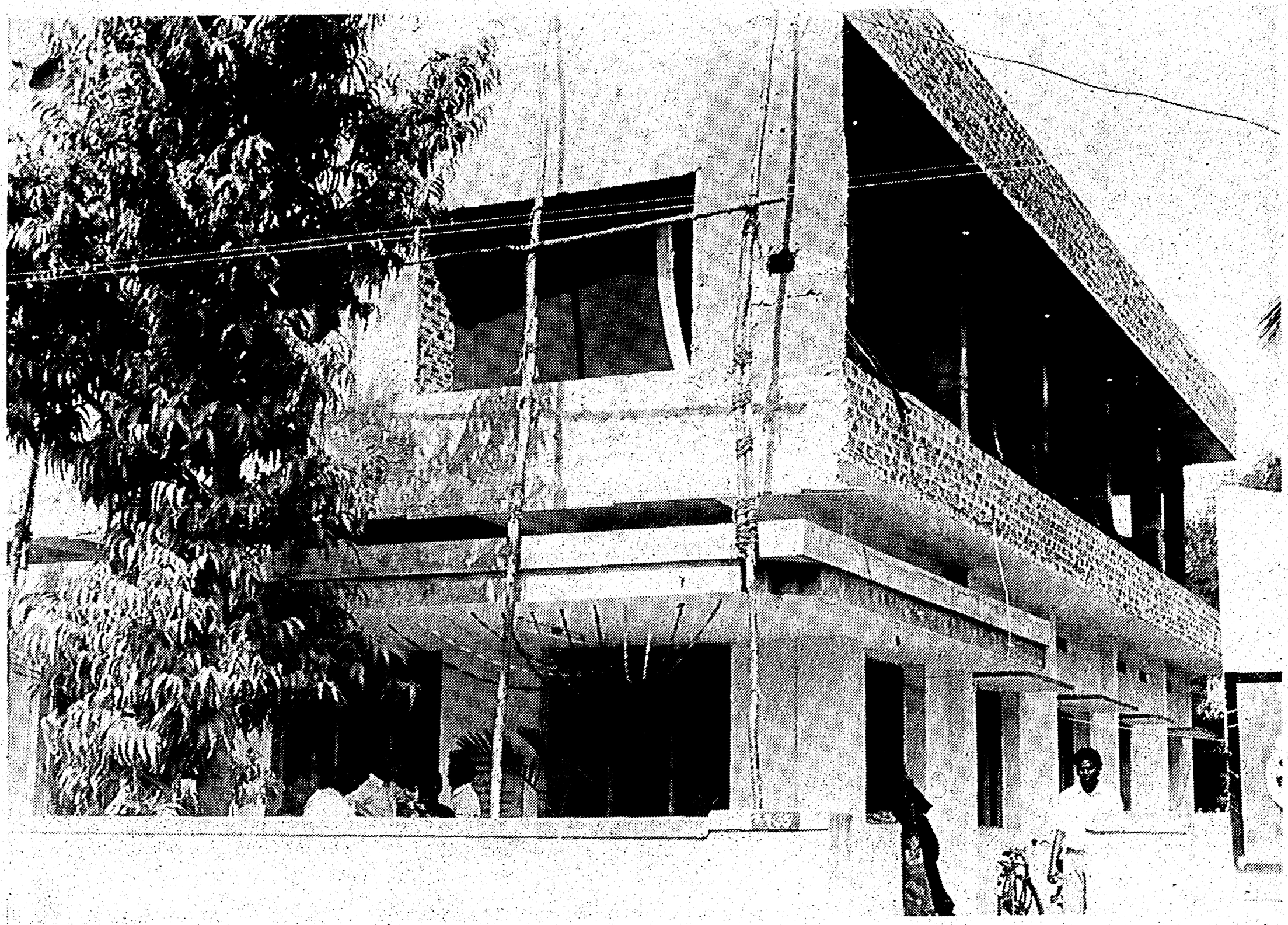

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War and Evangelism

by Geoffrey H. Ellis

(This article was submitted in February while the Gulf War was being fought. R.D.M.)

When a tragedy such as the Gulf War erupts, citizens are irresistibly drawn into debating the issues. Should we support the nation's war effort? Those are our young men who are fighting against aggression and injustice. Should we speak out on behalf of the peace-not-war position? Innocent civilians are dying; give diplomacy a chance. Understandably, fellow Christians across the land also join in the same debate. Yet for these there is the added dimension: the application of Christian values to the situation. What should be the distinctive position of Christians in Canada with respect to this war? What significant contribution can the Christian make to bring improvement? The response: preach the gospel.

Some may feel that this response misses the point -- there's a war on! It is too detached -- talking about salvation is okay, but blood is flowing. It smells a little like hobby riding -- the response expected from blinkered persons who block out the larger problem of human suffering in favour of an other-worldly church agenda. Let's take a moment to think the matter through.

A thought-provoking teaching by Jesus, encountered in Luke 12:49-59, will help to clarify the matter for the Christian. The key statements are: "Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division" (v. 51). "How is it you don't know how to interpret this present time?" (v. 56). "As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled to him on the way. . ." (v. 58). These are included in three paragraphs of teaching which, however, are more familiar to us in the setting of Matthew's gospel: Not Peace but Division (Matt. 10:34), Interpreting the Times (Matt. 16:1-4), and Resisting Not Your Enemy (Matt. 5:25, 26). Luke, in bringing these three together, leaves one wondering, "What is Jesus' line of reasoning in these seemingly unrelated thoughts?"

Casually, the entire chapter, Luke 12, appears to be a loose connection of "warnings and encouragements" (cf. the NIV heading). Yet, there is a common theme running through the chapter, the theme of serious attention to Christ's agenda. Hear these emphases: ". . .don't be afraid. . "(v. 4). ". . .whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God" (v. 8).

To the man who asked Jesus to intervene in his inheritance, Jesus warned, "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. . ." (v. 15). This is followed by the parable of the Rich Fool, which concludes, "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up for himself but is not rich toward God" (vs. 16-21). "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life. . ."(v. 22). "But seek his kingdom. . ." (v. 31). "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted. . ." (v. 33). "Be dressed ready for service. . ." (v. 35). "That servant who knows his master's will . . . and does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows" (v. 47).

Throughout, Jesus is requesting of his disciples a dedicated adherence to his own purpose and plan; sharp priority is given to kingdom matters over material concerns. That the stakes are high is clear from what Jesus goes on to say.

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled. But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed" (vs. 49, 50)! Jesus is referring enigmatically to the dislocations that would follow the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven to earth on the Pentecost following his crucifixion, his "baptism". Christians are to view their baptisms as seriously -- a death experience, to be renewed daily, in devotion to the agenda of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Christ's purpose was not to bring peace on earth. In his day that would require him to lead an army of freedom fighting Jews, overwhelm the Roman suppression, and eradicate for all time all injustice and conflict.

Christ's purpose was not to bring general prosperity to the earth so that poverty would be stamped out and everyone's civil rights would be preserved. That would have required him to launch an economic scheme more innovative than either Capitalism or Communism, which in turn would have required military might to protect oil reserves, etc.

Christ's purpose was to turn the hearts of men to God so that, living in love and righteousness, they would turn from war and greed and move eagerly to assuage the needs of their neighbours. As men and women are drawn into the Kingdom of Heaven, wherein is found the Peace of God, so will peace and prosperity settle upon the earth as the morning dew. And this would be only the secondary blessing! This is the Christian's relief work.

Christians attack the underlying cause of all wars -- human rebellion against God.

It is a question of how seriously we take Christ and his solution. Christians argue for neither the pro-war nor the pro-peace positions, for these are each power positions taken by citizens of Adam's kingdom. Both are badly flawed. Christians attack the underlying cause of all wars--human rebellion against God. The only war to end all wars is that being waged by King Jesus against the princes of this age.

What should Christians do when their nation goes to war? Preach the gospel. Soldiers of Christ arise!

--*Waterloo, Ontario*

The Line That Separates Us, II

by Wayne Turner

In the first article, we considered the inclusive nature of the fellowship we have through the blood of Christ. We need to keep in mind that there is also an exclusive side to fellowship. There are those with whom we do not, and should not, have fellowship. Having fellowship with God, we must not have fellowship with the world. Friendship with the world makes one an enemy of God (James 4:4). "What fellowship can light have with darkness" (II Cor. 6:14)? If the "fruit of light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth" (Eph. 5:9), then we must not have fellowship with that which is opposite to light: evil, unrighteous and false. It is here that some have problems with the Biblical concept of fellowship. They want to base fellowship on the similarity of religious views or the sincerity with which those views are held. Yet, by direct New Testament teaching, light cannot have fellowship with darkness, and truth cannot have fellowship with error.

Before Extending the Hand of Fellowship

In Galatians 2:1-9, Paul recounted a visit he made to Jerusalem to see James, Peter and John to "set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. . .for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain" (v. 2). "When they recognized the grace given to me", they "gave me. . .the right hand of fellowship" (v. 9). Fellowship was not extended until after the truth of Paul's teaching had been examined. Paul's position as a Christian had been already established on his first visit to Jerusalem (Acts 9:27). This was not in question. However, there are two sides to fellowship. The one, the spiritual side, is based on having come into Christ. Those who have been baptized into Christ are part of His body, and are in fellowship, in this general sense, with God and with other Christians. The second side is the practical issue of who the church associates with and accepts as members of the kingdom. This cannot be based on personal preferences and biases, for then, we could exclude anyone we did not like based on very trivial, external and highly subjective standards. On this basis, someone Christ accepted might be rejected from fellowship with the local church. Instead, we can only establish lines of fellowship with those whose lives and teaching are in harmony with the New Testament. God's word tells us how to identify those who are in fellowship with Him, and those who are not. To be faithful to God, this is the only standard we can follow.

The Decision to Extend Fellowship

In deciding where to extend fellowship, two factors must be considered. First, based on the New Testament, we must determine that the individual is in fellowship with God. The Bible shows clearly that this only comes through the gospel of Christ, for this is the message by which we are saved (I Cor. 15). Those who believe the gospel and have been baptized into Christ according to New Testament teaching have come into fellowship with God. Their sins were washed away by the blood of Christ, and they were added, by Him, to the Church. Second, for those who are in Christ, the test of fellowship is whether or not the person is walking in the light. Paul instructed the Corinthians not to associate with "so-called" brethren who continued to walk in darkness (I Cor. 5:11-13). In other words, they were to withdraw the practice of fellowship from them. In the same way, Paul instructed the Romans to keep away from those who were divisive, who put obstacles in their way and who deceived by false teaching (Rom. 16:17-18). Again, we see that light cannot be in fellowship with dark, and truth cannot be in fellowship with error or that which is false. Fellowship is a privilege extended only to those who are faithfully part of God's family.

Who Shall We Fellowship?

Let's consider what this really means to the church today. In Canada today, over 15 million people profess to be Christians. They are affiliated with nearly 100 different denominations and bodies, each group having its own distinctive name, organization, central offices and doctrines. If the Bible taught that anyone with any kind of belief in Jesus was in fellowship with God, then we would have to assume that all of these should be included in our fellowship. However, the New Testament teaches that one must believe the gospel and be baptized into Christ, and then, walk faithfully in the light.

Now, let's reconsider the 15 million mentioned earlier. Can we have fellowship with the 250,000 who belong to religious bodies and organizations that are identified as cults, groups which deny the deity of Christ, distort the scriptures and teach a false message of salvation through their organization or some latter-day prophet? Can we have fellowship with the 14 million who belong to denominations which believe that baptism is the act of sprinkling or pouring water on a newborn infant, and who base their beliefs on human creeds and traditions, rather than God's word? Or what of the 750,000 "evangelicals" who deny that baptism has any place in a person's relationship with God, and whose view and teaching of the Bible are based on the theology of John Calvin? How can we fellowship with those who fail to teach how a person can be saved, and yet give false assurances of salvation? In fact, given the New Testament insistence on the unity of all believers in the one body, and the condemnation of division, how could those who seek to be faithful to God today, in any way, have fellowship with, and thereby accept and condone, the very instruments which have created and continue to perpetuate religious division, the denominations themselves?

How to Make Our Fellowship More Inclusive

The tie that binds us together is our fellowship in the blood and body of Jesus Christ. This is a very special, yet, also a very exclusive family. Our response to these should not be to sit back, arrogantly congratulating ourselves. Rather, we should actively seek to make the church more inclusive by sharing the gospel with the lost. However, we should keep in mind that fellowship is not based on our feelings or opinions. No matter how

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EDITORIAL

A Murderous Mind Set

by Roy D. Merritt

Cain was the first murderer. One of his early descendants, Lamech, proudly boasts in a short song, of his ability to kill his contemporaries. This blustering braggart has also the dubious distinction of being the first bigamist on record. He appears to glory in his prowess in taking human life. Many modern-day Lamechs, armed with the latest in automatic weapons, stalk the streets of North American cities. They kill on impulse motivated by greed or anger and too often with but slight provocation.

A recent issue of **Newsweek** (March 18) reports that 23,200 murders were committed in the United States last year. Obviously many attempted murders failed but left the victims severely wounded. During the short period in which the gulf war took the lives of 24 Americans in battle, 52 were murdered in the city of Dallas alone. Statistics such as this no longer seem to shock those who read the grisly headlines. They rationalize that many of these casualties were the result of gang warfare, drug dealing, and marital disputes. One can see a certain amount of truth in these rationalizations, but one is still confronted with the fact that our neighbors to the south are killing each other with a terrible frequency.

Violence is glorified in many of the TV and movie films...

Those of us who live in the somewhat less violent cities of Canada might be inclined to rejoice smugly in our less radical crime statistics. Two factors should cause us to pause in such rejoicing and to take another look at our own society. First, we are usually six months to a year or more behind our neighbors to the south in any developing trend. Second, our law enforcement officers and social workers report that we already have many young people carrying handguns as a status symbol and a marked increase in their use in any confrontation. Canadian cities not only have their street gangs but also their police gang units to protect against their violent crimes. One experienced policeman calls the situation "a prescription for disaster" in which even minor arguments among teens can escalate into murder (**Winnipeg Free Press**, April 5, 1991).

Another index to the removal of former inhibitions to the taking of human life can be seen in a steady rise in the number of suicides among men of all ages and social levels. Statistics Canada reports a 42 per cent increase per capita in the number of suicides among men over the past 20 years. In 1988 alone, at least 3,520 Canadians killed themselves. Many others tried but were "unsuccessful".

It is small wonder that murder has become such a common event in North American society. One has but to examine the violence which this society views for entertainment in the various media to see at least one of the contributing factors. Violence is glorified in many of the TV and movie films which are watched by children as well as adults. Crime and even murder are depicted in such a manner that they seem to be just part of an alternate lifestyle in which the strong and cunning have an advantage. Christian virtues are often portrayed as old fashioned, weak, naive, or at times, just plain stupid. One has but to read the various reviews of current movies and TV crime shows to see the preoccupation that they have with illicit sex and a callous disregard for the sanctity of human life.

Christians need to consider where they stand in a society with a deteriorating moral standard. Not many Christians become violent criminals. However, not many speak out against the evils of an increasingly violent society. Perhaps more of us need to make our voices and our influence work on the side of law and order. We should not allow ourselves to believe that we have no responsibility in an increasingly Godless society. We are to be salt and light to influence our society for good.

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"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem" - 3

Have you said something nice to your spouse today? Congratulations!! You are one of those who are in the process of building into your mate the kind of sense of self that makes one a whole person. In the process, your relationship will grow. God will be praised because the kinds of things he wants to happen in relationships will be happening. And the whole world will be a better place.

We want to continue the "practical suggestions" for building the self-esteem of your life-partner that we began in the March issue of the **Gospel Herald**. These suggestions build on the foundation stones of deep respect, genuine love and open acceptance modelled by Jesus and dealt with in the earlier articles.

An Imperfect Past

We tend to assume that an imperfect past will cripple one's prospects for the future. Everyone was raised by imperfect people in the midst of an imperfect world. It should not be surprising that there are imperfections in our past experiences. Unless we can get an accurate perspective on the inadequacies and mistakes of our past, our past experiences will dictate our present and limit our future.

2. Help your mate get an accurate perspective on his/her imperfect past. There are three things that can help clarify one's perspective on the experiences of the past. That vantage point will make it possible to help one's mate grow.

First, everyone gets a new start in Christ. It is what the new birth is all about. Carefully note what Jesus told Nicodemus on his nighttime life-seeking mission (John 3). The new birth is no less than a new beginning, a place to start over. We rise from the watery grave to live a new life (Romans 6:4). We have a new nature (Col. 3:10). We have a new mind-set (Col. 3:2).

Second, this new mind-set gives us a new perspective on our past; the good, the bad and the merely inadequate. Whatever happened in the past now becomes God's preparation for future service to his glory. Now "we know that all things work together for good for those who love God" (Rom. 8:28). So, our imperfect past prepares us for useful service in ways that will make a unique contribution to the kingdom.

You can see this illustrated in the life of Moses (Acts 7:20-44). His years of dependency were lived in the palace among older people with no respect for God and great admiration for material power and possession. His restless independence resulted in long years of apparent insignificance in the wilderness. Both seemed destined to be wasted experiences. But when he answered God's call, that changed! One prepared him to confront the power of Pharaoh. The other prepared him to lead Israel in the wilderness. Both contributed immeasurably to the progress of God's will among men.

Third, the mistakes of parents and the sins of our youth are beside the point once we come into contact with Jesus. The record of John 9 illustrates this in the physical realm. In the presence of the blind man, Jesus' disciples become impotent. Maybe you've felt the temptation in the presence of a handicapped person. Because you cannot do great things, you miss the opportunity to do anything. In their awkwardness, the disciples question whether it was the parents' or this man's sin that resulted in his being blind at birth. Jesus as much as says, "You're missing the whole point. He's like this **so that God's works might be revealed in him**" (John 9:3).

When you come to Jesus, you don't have to bemoan your inadequate past any more. Whatever scars, blindness, or handicaps remain can now be removed as God's works are revealed in you. God's power can transform you into the person he needs you to be, if you will let him. The key is to stay in close communion with Jesus (Study Rom. 8:29, 32; 12:1-3.).

Can you see the new perspective? If so, you have one more practical tool to help you build your mate's self-esteem. It's surprising what it can do for one's own sense of well-being, too!

The Need for Friends

3. Help your mate develop friendships. Friends mirror worth. Therefore, helping your mate develop solid friendships will become another practical way that you can help build his/her self-esteem.

Students of human behaviour suggest that we need "two hugs for survival". We need the positive responses of fellow human beings to affirm us as beings of worth. Some estimate that we need five significant relationships in each of five or six areas of our life; work, church, neighborhood, recreation, family, etc. in order to be emotionally healthy. Yet in North America few men have even one person they can call a friend. And the trend toward friendlessness is growing among women.

There are many things you can do to encourage your mate to develop friends. First, do not demand a lifestyle that requires high finance to keep afloat. Friendships take time. If all our time is absorbed in making a living, there will be no time for friends.

This will sometimes require a whole new outlook about what is really important in life. Don't own more than you can use. Maybe you could live in a smaller house, drive a less pretentious car, take less exotic vacations, sit on less expensive furnishings, dine on more home-prepared meals.

Second, you can encourage involvement in activities that lend themselves to developing relationships. Sometimes this will mean not monopolizing his/her time for oneself. It may mean giving up your fear of having him/her out of your sight in his/her free time. It may mean encouraging more couple activities with people you enjoy. Maybe it is time to invite those folks you've been meaning

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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(Editor's Note: There are two articles this month from the pen of Geoffrey Ellis, evangelist at Waterloo, Ontario and former President of Great Lakes Christian College. The first article is on Christian Education and the second on Fulfillment. Read them expecting a blessing. God bless you as you grow in serving Him. M.C.)

Christian Education

We want the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth! Then again, who doesn't?

There are two parts to the equation: the truth source, the truth receptor.

Pilate was looking Truth in the eye when he asked, "What is truth?"

Two achievements greatly to be desired are: (1) to find the truth and (2) to recognize the truth when it is found.

Finding the whole truth is elusive, not because of the obscurity of truth nor the mystery of its source, but because of the limitations of the truth receptor, finite man.

While admitting that we are limited, we owe it to ourselves and to our children to encourage the pursuit of truth, the whole truth. Which brings us to our point: the purpose and worth of Christian schools.

Christian schools pursue truth on three levels: the physical, the intellectual and the spiritual. Of the three, the last is of the greatest importance. As a being with aptitudes and capacities for the spiritual, man finds his greatest nobility in developing on this level.

Provincial schools, except separate schools, having been legislated more and more precisely into a separation of church and state posture, must forgo interest in the spiritual. "Moral learning" based on secular values and world religion studies as historical or sociological phenomena are not to be confused with spiritual studies.

Truth as relates to mathematics, physics, history, the environment, etc., is important to determine, but it isn't the whole truth.

Not everyone believes that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life, but Christians do. Christian parents, accepting children as God's gifts, will do all they can to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord -- the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth.

To this end are Christian schools founded.

Fulfillment

We hear a lot about needs fulfillment these days. As humans, we have never been shy about letting everyone and God know what we want. Needs and wants are not necessarily the same, however.

Needs fulfillment is certainly a legitimate concern.

People have a need for security, for nourishment, for acceptance, for self-esteem. Married partners must be sensitive to each other's needs, and be supportive.

It is said, and reasonably so, that evangelism must be alert to basic human needs as the gospel is preached. To encourage a religious response by one who is starving lacks compassion and common sense.

Yet, there is the danger that Christianity can be reduced to a mere "needs fulfillment" effort.

Christianity has a number of related benefits, but to fasten on any one of them as the primary purpose of Christianity is to misunderstand, misapply and reduce it.

It is not enough to see Christianity as: (1) a counsellor's couch; (2) a cathedral's pageant; (3) a moralist's list; (4) a world peace movement; (5) a social service agency; (6) a feeling-good-about-ourselves fraternity; or (7) a ticket to heaven.

True, Christianity brings blessings of good mental health, the inspiration of worship, the demands of ethical living, the promise of a better world, help for the needy, warm fellowship and the assurance of salvation.

Yet, individually and collectively these are inadequate to describe Christianity in its essential purpose.

Christianity is best understood and encompassed in the passage: ". . .he [Christ] gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

Christianity is first God-centered, and only then man-aiding. Christianity is our spirit saying with the help of the Holy Spirit, "Abba, Father" (Rom. 8:15). Herein is fulfilled man's ultimate need -- a relationship with his Maker.

--Waterloo, Ontario

The Line That Separates

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much we may like someone, and admire his religious convictions, his high moral standards, or the similarity of his beliefs to ours, we cannot will him into fellowship. God has determined the lines of fellowship. A person who has not been baptized into Christ, or one who fails to practice and teach the truth, does not have fellowship with those who are in Christ and follow the truth. If we really care about our religious neighbours, how could we deceive them by implying by our actions and speech that they are truly in fellowship with God, when, according to His word, they are not? Finally, we need to beware and mark any who encourage Christians to ignore the New Testament standards and exchange the spiritual fellowship of Christ for human fellowship with the denominations.

--Winnipeg, Manitoba

Restoration Heritage Day Papers

Edwin Mellen Press of Lewiston, New York has agreed in principle to publish a book consisting of the papers read at the five "Restoration Heritage Days" held between 1986 and 1990. Tentative title: **Disciples, Christians and Churches of Christ in Ontario.** They publish a wide variety of scholarly books, which are distributed internationally. Claude Cox is editing the volume, which should appear next winter. More details will appear in a later **Herald.**

Who Can Be Saved?

by Dryden Sinclair

"Who then can be saved?" is a question put to Jesus by His disciples. Matthew 19:25 tells us that the disciples were amazed at Christ's answer to them, and asked the question posed above. You, too, will be amazed at the thoughts presented in this short study. You may even ask, "Who then can be saved"?

The thoughts I want to share with you will be presented in a kind, loving way. You will recognize, too, that they are very biblical and extremely important. I would not trouble you, if I did not sincerely believe them to be important to everyone of us.

Let me begin by sharing some things that will help to illustrate how easy it is for professing Christians to be satisfied, when in reality we should not be. Outside of what we call the church of Christ there are thousands who have read John 3:16, which in part states that, "Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life". So, they think within themselves, "I believe; so, I am safe". Then there are others in the church of Christ who have read that, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. . ." (Mark 16:16). So, they are baptized and feel secure in the knowledge that they have believed and have been baptized into Christ. I have been a member of the church of Christ for 62 years. Yet, it is very obvious to me that we have failed to do all we were taught to do in the scriptures.

The burden of the lesson I want to share with you is that, almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus gave the Great Commission -- to share the gospel of Christ with every creature, in all the world (Mark 16:15-16). Now after all these years, there is less, much less, than one percent of the world's population embracing Christianity. The church of Christ, as I know it, is not ignorant of the Great Commission. Let me list a few very sobering thoughts for you to consider in the light of the preceding paragraphs:

1. Jesus said you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt. 5:13-14). How many of us are doing anything to show we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Do we really know what it means to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world?

2. How many people do you know in the church who are between the ages of 35 and 70 who have never yet taught one person to become a Christian? Does that question not help you to see why we are not growing faster and not bringing more people to the church? Our salt and light, yours and mine, have not accomplished very much, have they?

3. If we, who are Christians, do not lead our friends and neighbours to Christ, who is going to do it? Most people spend many hours every week watching sports and other things on television; could we not instead spare one hour a week inviting friends and neighbours to church services and studying the Bible with them? Would you go so far as to admit with me that we could easily spend one hour a week, if we really wanted to? We do not have to become foreign missionaries to help present the gospel to every creature. There is so much of the same work needed to be done here at home that we would have to do if we were to prepare and go to a far away mission field.

4. Are our deeds of worship and service transferable to others? No one can do my sacrificial giving for me. No one can pray the prayers I should be praying for myself and others in my stead. In much the same way, I cannot expect the elders and the preachers to do my deeds of service for me and my part of helping the sick and teaching the lost for me. I am sure you have never asked someone else to eat and drink the Lord's Supper for you when you were physically unable to attend worship. We cannot shift our deeds of worship and service to others. Our own personal obedience is involved, and we would not expect others to be obedient to the Lord on our behalf.

5. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and tell me, are we doing it? If we do not know our neighbours and try to be of service to them, how can we be comfortable with what the scriptures teach? We have what is called Neighborhood Crime Watch programs in many areas of this nation. If I saw someone breaking into a neighbour's house or car, I would call the police. How could we know if a neigbbour three blocks away needed help to sit up with a sick child or help a grieving parent in the loss of a child or a mate? Two neighbours, not members of the church of Christ, lived side by side for 18 years before they discovered they were cousins. How sad. Is that the way we know our neighbours?

How hard would it be to go to our neighbours and offer kindly, "If I can ever help you in any way in case of an accident or sickness or death, I would be glad to help." Do you visit your neighbours when they are in the hospital? I did, and now she and her husband are both faithful Christians. It is so easy to talk to our neighbours about our gardens and our children and our new car, but we so easily neglect to talk about the gospel of the church.

6. John 15:1-8 certainly teaches that we are expected to live lives that are fruitful and productive. Being cut off and burned does not describe going to heaven. Please read this scripture. Jesus died for us, and He taught that each of us should deny self and take up our cross daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23). For some reason, we fail to associate ourselves with the burden Christ had for the lost, the sick and the dying.

7. Our neglect is not intentional, I am sure. I am confident, too, that everyone of us would very willingly go and assist a neighbour who needed us, if we were asked. I have not tried to print a dark picture about our performance as neighbours. I do think we might have had some difficulty understanding how we were to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. I think each one of us, including me, will do better when we know better. So, I share these paragraphs in a spirit of love and hope that we do something to correct our failures.

Develop the habit of asking our neighbors, "Where do you worship?" If you already know, then you might ask, "Would you be willing to come to church services with me sometime? Then when you have something special going on where you worship, you can let me know and I will go with you."

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Not Just a Coincidence!

One Sunday in September 1990, we received a phone call at the church building. A couple having recently arrived in Kitchener-Waterloo wished to meet with us that morning. A car was dispatched and returned with Jorge and Julia Cruz. That same Sunday, the Portillo family was introduced to us by brother Santiago Molina of the Strathmore congregation.

What made this Sunday so special? Both these families are from Central America. Suddenly a whole new dimension was added to our congregation.

Each family has a story. Antonio and Maria Luisa Portillo have four children: Antonio, Jr. (16); Sonya (13); Armando (10); and Esmeralda (8) (Maria Luisa and Antonio Jr. are members of the church). They arrived in Canada in March 1990 as refugees from a rural area near San Salvador. Having endured great hardship in their homeland, they came to Kitchener-Waterloo hoping for a better and safer life. But that meant separation from relatives and family. Neris (19), Antonio's daughter, is still in San Salvador where she works at a clothing factory and lives with her aunt. Application has been made for her to immigrate and join the rest of the family, but because of long waiting lists and because she is an adult, she will not be able to come until early 1992 at best.

While the family waits, they have become part of our family here. Maria Luisa loves to cook and work with the children. Antonio is always ready to pitch in and help with the cleaning and vacuuming. And the children are busy being children which seems to translate into any language. And they want to work. The parents have part-time jobs and are searching for full-time; Antonio Jr. works part-time, Sonya babysits, Armando has a paper route. Not wanting to depend on the government and the generosity of others, they want to give back some of what they have received. A commendable spirit.

For the Cruz family, the word separation has new and tortuous meaning. Jorge and Julia lived in Masaya, a small city in Nicaragua. Julia's grandparents were members of the church of Christ in that area. Julia, a Christian, led Jorge to Christ some ten years ago. They also have three children: Jorge, Jr. (9); Heydi (7); and Karina (5).

Jorge and Julia Cruz decided to leave their three children with her grandmother when they left Nicaragua in May, 1989, hoping to be reunited quickly once they reached safe haven in the United States or Canada. We are the blessed ones. They arrived in Canada as refugees in September, 1990. But their hearts are with their children, who now are in El Salvador with Jorge's brother.

Due to an oversight by Canadian Immigration, what we hoped would be a speedy end to an already lengthy separation has become an ever-increasing one. Julia was able to return to El Salvador in December 1990, hoping to speed up the paperwork from that end and to see her children. It was heartbreaking to hear that the youngest one, Karina, could not even remember Julia. The congregation here has been writing letters to Barbara MacDougall's office, making phone calls, anything to express our dismay at this unnecessary separation and to see that this family be reunited quickly. Rick Gamble of the Brantford congregation and reporter for CKCO News did a story on their plight. Thanks to him, the efforts of Amy Dale and others here and the many prayers that have been offered on their behalf, a happy ending is in sight.

As of March 1991 the immigration office in Ottawa has assured us that it will be a matter of weeks until Julia and the children will be in Kitchener with Jorge. We pray that as you read this, we will all be rejoicing in this reunion.

Before the Portillos and Cruzes ar-

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CANADIAN RESTORATION STUDY TOUR

May 27 to 30 (Monday to Thursday)

This year's tour will begin with an opening lecture at the Bible College. It will continue with visits to various historical sites significant to Canadian Restoration History throughout Southern Ontario.

The cost for travel, registration, meals and lodging will be $155.
There are a few spots still available, but call soon to reserve a place.

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A Tribute to Mothers

by Doreen Ellis

A mother's love is such a precious thing, more precious than gold. All too often, it is not really understood, nor fully appreciated.

It is not possible for us to know the full extent of how much our mothers have loved us until we are mothers ourselves. This was made clear to me when I experienced, firsthand, the complexity of parental responsibilities, when God blessed our family with children. Another person's life had been given to me to be cared for, to be loved and to know God's love. "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:1, 2).

I must be an imitator of God so that my children will know God.

A mother wants her children to grow up to be people who care about God, about others and about themselves. This is not for the sake of the mother but for the sake of the children. She knows this will bring peace, contentment, and fulfillment to their lives -- a reason for living!

Sometimes it is years later before a child realizes this. A young college student, away from home for the first time, sent the following selection to her mother:

Someday I'll Tell My Children

"You don't love me!" How many times have your kids laid that one on you? And how many times have you, as a parent, resisted the urge to tell them how much?

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I'll tell them.

I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to make you return the chocolate bar with a bite out of it to a drugstore and confess, "I stole this".

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough not to make excuses for your lack of respect or bad manners.

I love you enough to ignore what every other mother "did".

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall, and fail so that you could learn to stand alone.

I love you enough to accept you for what you are, not what I wanted you to be.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say no when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

She included the following letter to her mother. "This sounded so much like something you would say, Mom, that I just had to send it to you. It brought tears to my eyes when I read it. I love you, Mom, and am so thankful to God that you were the Mother that you were. All this goes for Dad, too."

A mother's love is reflected in her children, when she sees them leading their own children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Some of us have suffered the loss of our mothers, but their memories still give us the encouragement we need. For those whose mothers are still with them, may I encourage you to let them know how much you return their love this month on Mother's Day.

Thanks be to God for the blessings we have received from a mother's love!!

--Waterloo, Ontario

Who Can Be Saved?

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I did that last week with my plumber, who was doing some work for me, and his comment was, "Sure, that would be great."

Do not get into an argument with anyone about church things. Arguments seldom bear good fruit.

Whatever we do, we should have a quota. Plan a busy program for Christian community service. Do a little every week. You will not be surprised if nothing happens, if you do not have a quota.

Consider II Corinthians 5:14-15, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we, thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

Now you know the reason for the name of this study. If our lives are void of good fruit, if we have failed to follow the example of Jesus, we may want to change our ways. We could double our membership at church every year or two, if we all really wanted to. We could also learn to know and love our neighbours, if we would work at it.

--Wichita Falls, Texas

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NEWS — EAST —

by Eugene C. Perry
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Cornwall (Dover Rd), ON: "David Campbell and his mother, Marybelle Campbell, were baptized on March 30. John Oribine was also recently baptized. The Eastern Ontario Preachers and Wives Meeting will be held here on May 18, 1991." *--Allen Bojarski*

Bramalea, ON: See the back page for information concerning the Ontario June Meeting on June 2. Traditionally, this meeting has provided enjoyable fellowship for Christians gathered from far and wide. You are encouraged to make it a part of your plans this year.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: The building on the south side of the street is being offered for sale and, once that is accomplished, construction will begin in expanding the facilities on the North side.

Hamilton (West), ON: "Jeff Russell was baptized on March 5 and his wife, Sandra, followed on March 12. Two young men, Greg Love and Ted Collins were baptized on March 15."

Churches in the area will have received notice of disciplinary action taken in regard to the former evangelist after much prayer and earnest pleading that he repent. Our prayers and encouragement are in order.

Stoney Creek, ON: Donald Perry of Beamsville, assisted in a special service to appoint shepherds of the Stoney Creek flock on April 7.

St. Catharines, ON: "Natasha Pettes, daughter of Steve Pettes, was recently baptized here.

"On Sunday, March 17, a young preacher from Port Au Prince, Haiti, spoke to this congregation. Jeantyranrd Elmira is a Haitian who speaks English and has had a tremendous success in establishing the church in one of the Western Hemisphere's poorest and most unstable countries. A special collection taken for this work totalled over $2,900.

"We now have a call-in line with a short Bible message (687-7466). The Bible message will be changed at least twice weekly. We hope all area churches will also take advantage of these resources in the months ahead.

"Due to the mounting work load of the eldership and other personal reasons, Dave Carruthers and Norman Oliver have recently resigned as elders of this congregation. The congregation is now in the process of reorganizing in order that the church will continue to grow; on April 14, over 200 were present.

"Gary and Jacqui Anderson have offered the right hand of fellowship to the St. Catharines congregation.

"Each month the men of the congregation are enjoying a combination sports and devotional evening. A "Silver Serve" (Seniors) group meets once a month to enjoy fellowship and initiate plans for service to others.

Port Colborne, ON: "New contacts continue to be made and Bible studies set up. On March 9, Jim Haun and Lorraine Clack were married at the building by David Lock. A special series of lessons on the Book of Revelation has been started on Sunday evenings. On March 31 a special series on The Resurrection was conducted. A good crowd of 76 was out for the a.m. lesson. Plans are being made for a full summer program including V.B.S. and our own Bible Camp.

"God continues to bless the work here, for which we can give him the glory and praise." *--David Lock*

Niagara Falls, ON: "March has been a very busy month for our members. Many of our teachers attended the Teachers' Workshop held at GLCC and also the meeting held in Grimsby with John Clayton. Many attended the breakfast held in Welland where Don Smith was holding a meeting. Sixteen couples attended a Marriage Enrichment weekend held at the Ramada Inn with Ron and Rita Pauls.

"Eighteen students from OCU (OCC) came up for a campaign effort led by John Osborne, which served as a great encouragement to the congregation, and we greatly appreciated their outreach efforts in the community.

"We rejoice with Brant Eng, who put on Christ in the waters of baptism. We are looking forward to having the GLCC chorus on April 17 and Andy and Mel Bacic from Yugoslavia on April 24."

Waterloo, ON: "Waterloo hosted the area-wide hymn sing in this region on April 7. Included in the program was a presentation by the young people of GLCC chorus.

"A prayer breakfast is held every two weeks at 7 a.m. in the building. This is a time of fellowship and encouragement before going off to work for the day.

"Plans are under way for two special meetings this September. The Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Omagh Sept. 13-14 with Joe Cannon of Memphis, Tennessee speaking on "The Holy Spirit". Later on in the month, a gospel meeting will be held at Waterloo with Michel Mazzalongo of St. Catharines.

"Special prayers are requested for our families from Salvador who are endeavouring to bring their families to Canada."

Guelph, ON: This congregation of 22 members recently had a total of 34 different non-member adults to attend the Faulkner series. This has helped them to build a contact list.

Brantford, ON: After a series of studies on materialism, this church brought in many useful items for a two-hour give away on March 23. About 150 people responded to invitations distributed through social services workers in the city. Watch for an explanation on the "Bright Ideas" page next month.

A "Time Out" night offered an opportunity for parents to take advantage of free babysitting.

April 21 was "Bring-A-Friend-Sunday".

Roy and Audrey Cox, formerly of Fennell Avenue in Hamilton, have moved to Brantford. Debbie Pauls will be leaving shortly to teach English in Taiwan.

Stratford, ON: A used photocopier has been purchased. Eleven adults attended a Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Eighteen signed up to visit the evening service of the Plymouth, Michigan church on March 31. The Plymouth church has been involved in the Stratford effort from its beginning.

Newmarket, ON: V.B.S. is planned for August 26-30. John Slater of Toronto has restored his life to God.

Barrie, ON: "We welcome Hallie McKay Pattenden back to our congregational life after a long absence due to difficult family circumstances; also, Cindy Breadner Aaron and her children, Danielle and Shane. Our Annual Meeting was February 3. Sunday morning attendance varies between 55 and 65. The 'church moving crew' helped re-

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

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(Editor's Note: Thanks again to all those who faithfully correspond with me. We have received many favorable comments on this column, all of which must be attributed to those who write reports of their congregations' activities. Keep up the good work; God is blessing our efforts. BC)

Dauphin, MB: The month of March has been a whir of activity with events happening both at WCC and with the church in Dauphin. The highlight was the appointment of elders by the church. Three men, Jack Close, Bill Hart and Roger Peterson were appointed on March 17. They, along with their wives Karen, Elizabeth and Helen, have really been an asset to the congregation here. I believe the congregation has been more unified by the Spirit this month.

On February 17, Kevin Vance spoke and then presented a series of lessons to the students of WCC during the week. On March 3 a van load of members visited and encouraged the church in Brandon. On March 8-10 a series of lessons was presented by Jim Hawkins on Leadership. The Great Lakes Christian College chorus came to be with the WCC students for two days in March. They, along with their director, Dave McMillan, presented a performance and encouragement to the congregation and general public. On March 17 Dan Wieb assisted with appointing our three elders. We appreciated having the Allan Close family, the Will Hart family, Georgia Robinson, Dick Kirkpatrick and others here with us to witness the appointment of elders. Spring break, March 22-31, gave most a break from routine. Many travelled, some to the Carman Lectures, some to Saskatchewan and Alberta on chorus tour, and others to visit family and friends. On March 24, members of the congregation worshipped with seniors at St. Paul's Home. March 31-April 5 brought seven visiting teachers to WCC for the week. Of these, four spoke in our church worship service. Thanks to John McMillan, Will Hart, Brian Cox and John Smith for their messages. Thank you to those of you who have prayed for us.

Winnipeg (Central), MB: On Jan. 27 the congregation held a special meeting to discuss the 1991 work program and budget required for this. The congregation continues to support an extensive outreach program representing 25% of the budget. Support on a regular basis is sent to Swift Current and Gravelbourg, Sask.; Kelowna, BC; India (Bruce Johnson and Allan Jacobs); Yugoslavia (Andy Bacic) and the Bible Program at WCC. The deacons were assigned the job of doing some long-term planning for the congregation to the year 2000. Two groups were set up. One is looking at the "needs" of the church. The other is looking at the "facilities" required to meet our needs.

The congregation has shared together in a number of fellowship activities during the winter months. These include a ski weekend, sleigh ride and attending a Jets hockey game (one of the few they have won lately!). The young people get together for devotionals and also have a "gym night" on the second and fourth Fridays each month.

The church enjoyed a visit and choral program by the GLCC chorus from Beamsville, Ontario on March 13. This is the first this chorus has visited Manitoba.

Estevan, SK: Since our last report, the members of this congregation have had a busy time. Four home Bible studies are now in progress, with a few BCC lessons coming in for correcting. A memory verse program initiated by brother Wilf Olson for the entire congregation, including two-year-olds, is coming along very well. Singing at a Senior Citizens' home continues every second Tuesday with many from the church participating. The Sister Triangle retreat was held the last weekend in February and was reported to be a great success. The Estevan chapter of the WCC Alumni held a curling bonspiel at the Beinfait rink on March 23. A parent awareness seminar, conducted by Glen MacDonald of Gravelbourg was conducted here on March 25-26. On March 30, a singing group from Saskatoon, Good News, will be with us. They will conduct our entire Sunday morning service. March 31 will be our last Sunday on the winter schedule; on April 7 our second service will be at 7 p.m. and continue at this time until the first Sunday in December.

"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

Regina, SK: An error in the year for our 75th Anniversary Homecoming appeared in the February issue. Our homecoming is in 1992 not 1991. Everyone who is a friend or has ever been a member is invited to a reunion on July 31 - August 2, 1992. We have been attempting to send our bulletins to all former members. So, if you're not receiving it, drop us a note: Church of Christ, 4205 7th Avenue, Regina, SK S4T 0P8 (306) 757-0293.

Weyburn, SK: During February, Gordon and Leona Fleming heard from their son, Duane, who works as a paramedic for the royal family of Saudi Arabia. He was doing all right except for being very tired from long hours. Weyburn joined other congregations across Saskatchewan in prayer and in a letter-writing campaign to stop Henry Morganthaler from setting up an abortion clinic in our province. We continued to hold our second service on Sunday in the afternoon through the end of March. On March 17, brother Dan Wieb was in Dauphin to take part in the installation of elders there. Scott Roberts of Swift Current was the guest speaker in Weyburn on that day.

Sunday evening, March 24, the singing group known as "Midnight Sun" sang in the T.C. Douglas Memorial Building in Weyburn. The group is made up of alumni of Western who all reside in Regina. They are Keith Brankston, Howard Floyd, Barry Johnson, Billy McMillan, Dwight Muller and Eddie Willet. Steve McMillan is their sound man. The auditorium was full, and the group received a standing ovation for their performance.

On Sunday, March 31, we have our regular fifth Sunday singing. We are expecting visitors from neighboring congregations and from the community. The singing group "Good News", another Western alumni group from Saskatoon, will sing for us during breaks in the two-hour program.

Brother Dan Wieb will be away on Easter Sunday taking part in the Carman Lectureship. Brother Michael Stone of Palmyra, Missouri will be our speaker that Sunday. He and his family will be surveying the work here with a view to

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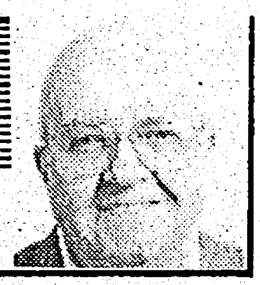

by Ed Bryant
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Surrey, BC V3R 4C6

Delta, BC: Roy Cottell departed in April for China, and the Delta congregation sent by him a "love package" for the Murray Cottells and Jay Hawkins, who are stationed there.

Announced in the Delta bulletin was a Men's Spring Fellowship in Kamloops, set for May 10 and 11. Special speaker is to be Garth Smith.

Jim Hawkins is offering a class entitled "An Introduction to Spiritual Counselling" at Western Christian College May 13-17. Jim and Carolyn Hawkins will conduct "Couples in the Country" at Spruston Road Bible Camp, June 21-23.

A Family Campout is planned for August 25-30 at Alice Lake.

Spring Advance at Camp Casey on Whidby Island is April 19-21. Rees Bryant is to be the special speaker.

Coquitlam, BC: The Second Annual B.C. Spring Fellowship was held here on March 29. Visitors and speakers from elsewhere in the province shared the good things of fellowship together with panel discussions, classes, as well as periods of refreshment and visiting together. This series of fellowship meetings began after the close of the old BC to BC meetings that were held for a couple of decades.

Surrey, BC: A brochure on each of the various services offered to the local community is being prepared for distribution in the area surrounding the church building. One brochure for each activity is to be distributed at intervals.

News East

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cently with two moves -- the Kings and the Ellisons. A survey of the congregation taken last November will be the subject of an evening of discussion March 21. We expect to have Dr. Leonard Knight and his wife of Michigan Christian College with us sometime this spring.

Sundridge, ON: Jim and Nancy Nichols were baptized into Christ on March 18.

The Sunday morning services are being broadcast on Cable TV Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

North Bay, ON: It seems that Dean Hotchkiss is moving to Manitoulin Island to work with the Ice Lake church. "Jerry Brock is preaching for the church at North Bay." --Sundridge Bulletin

Thessalon, ON: On March 12, Emily Vine was buried with her Lord in baptism.

Sault Ste. Marie (Eastside), ON: "We will be hosting the Northern June Meeting this year. Details will be sent later.

"We would also like to thank Gordon and Dorothy Dennis for conducting the seminar on Learning to Love. We were very pleased with the results, and it has opened doors. We highly recommend this seminar to any who are thinking about having it."

Sarnia, ON: "The church in Sarnia appointed two new deacons on March 24 at the morning service. These men are Doug Fox and Harry Stevens. The church is now served by five deacons.

"A Bible School Teachers Appreciation banquet was held on March 9 and 33 were in attendance. This included nearly 100% of all Bible class teachers and their spouses." -- *Mark Bryson*

Marquette, MI: A group of young people from Bethany, Oklahoma will help with a VBS July 8-11.

Republic, MI: "The Lakeview congregation will begin meeting at 9:30 and 10:30. Brother John Ankrom will be the evangelist."

News Prairies

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moving to Weyburn for brother Stone to become our preacher in June when brother Wieb retires.

Our spring seminar will be conducted by brother Bob Lewis of Longmont, Colorado on strengthening the family. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28. We will be putting a strong push in the community to get local people to attend. Our current cable TV series is also on the family and, therefore, ties in quite nicely with the seminar. One Bible study, using the Jule Miller video tapes, is under way, and another is scheduled to begin in April. We recommend this new format for a familiar study tool.

Yellowknife, NWT: "Reaching Out" is the theme we have chosen for this year. We are looking at the theme from three aspects: Why? To Whom and How.

We rejoicedon January 6 when Grant and Judy Scott were baptized into Christ, and on February 10 when Andy and Yanet Story accepted Christ and were added to his family.

The young professionals are holding a weekend retreat on March 22-24. The theme for this retreat is "Get a Grip".

The men's retreat at Awry Lake will be held June 30-July 2. Anyone interested in attending should contact us by June 15.

Plans are in place through the Church Up Reach program to have copies of the **Upreach** magazine to go into 1000 homes in our community.

Wawota, SK: March 24 was Encouragement Sunday here when the congregation put forward the names of three men whom they wish to serve as elders. The three men are Glen McMillan, George Husband and John McMillan. During the next two months, an opportunity has been given for dialogue with these men, to encourage and to discuss expectations and concerns. Lord willing, on June 23, following a special time of prayer, the congregation will call these men to lead as elders in the Wawota Church of Christ.

On April 21 we will host a joint day of worship with Christians from Manson and Whitewood. Vince Anderson will be our speaker for the day and some students from WCC will lead in worship. Following the noon meal, Vince will be speaking to us about the Bible Department at WCC. On the Saturday evening preceding this we will have a Leadership Supper at the Kenosee Inn at Kenosee Lake. Vince and Stacey Anderson will be our speakers on that evening.

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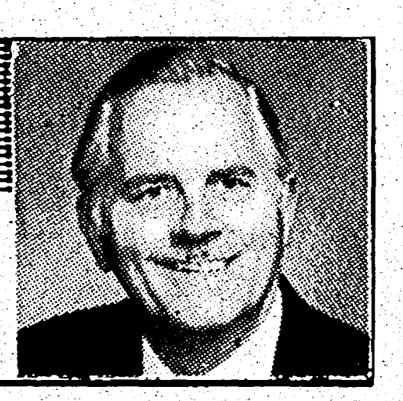

Courage by Jon Johnston, Scripture Press Publications Ltd., Paris, On. 200 pages, $16.95 (Cdn.).

Jon Johnston is a professor at Pepperdine University. He sees a severe loss of backbone in modern society and the appearance of many "wimps" in the world and in the church. He advocates courage as the only cure for this condition.

This could be a "life-changing book" for many people. If Christians could see that they need courage and follow the encouragement of this book to get it, there is no telling what great things might occur. He discusses the courage exhibited by great Bible characters and especially the courage of our Lord. many ideas can be found here for sermons on this vital topic. But more important, there is inspiration for all of us to develop genuine Christian courage.

***Women Who Changed their World**, Victor Books, Paris, ON. 95 pages, $5.95 (US).*

Jill Briscoe is a veteran evangelical writer who has a lot on the ball. She knows how to organize lesson material in an excellent way. For example, in this book, she organizes lessons on Bible Women under "Food for Thought", "Talking it Over", "Praying It Through", "Digging Deeper", "For Further Study" and "Tool Chest" (A Suggested Optional Resource). The lessons can be adapted to those at various levels of maturity. A good example of how to write a Bible study book.

Not a Coincidence

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rived, we had been praying for a way to reach out to our community. God gave us these families to minister to and use to reach the growing Hispanic population in this area with the Gospel. Sprinkled in with "Hi, how're you doin'?" we also hear "Hola, cómo está?" We have new friends who broaden our scope of what God can do in the lives of others, not only in Canada but in other countries. They bring a different language from the one the majority speaks (we have a bilingual service every two months) adding new meaning to some of the words in the Bible that we think we know so well: "Pues Dios amó tanto al mundo, que dio a su Hijo único, para que todo aquel que cree en él no muera, sino que tenga vida eterna" (John 3:16). Please pray for us.

(Ministering to refugee families is needed in every community. Many times because of langauge difficulties, refugees need an advocate to help in deciphering the puzzle of the government. Because of the repressive regimes that many of them left, they fear the government. If you think this is an area where you can help, contact your local immigration office for names of organizations that help immigrant and refugee families, or you can contact the Waterloo congregation.)

--Amy Dale

Omagh News Update

On the 3rd of February, the Omagh church participated in a special dedication Sunday. The day began with a special sermon from the story found in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. It is there that we find the people dedicating themselves to the task before them, the rebuilding of the walls. It was the dedication of the people who had "A Mind to Work" who got the job done.

After the sermon, Mike Bolton, minister with the church, called all the members to come forward and sign a special banner which would be displayed in the auditorium as a weekly reminder of the commitment made to be followers of Jesus. The text at the bottom of the banner reads, "Anyone who would come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. . ."

The congregation has also instigated a new ministry system to help with the work of the body. The idea is to free up the people to do the work of ministry in the areas of service in which they see themselves gifted. They take on the responsibility for the area and make sure it works, getting other people involved to accomplish the task. The congregation is excited about the bright future ahead in service to God and ministry to the people in the Milton area.

You Can Help Give This Story a Happy Ending

December 11, 1989

Dawn brightened the Eastern sky. It would be a clear day, and beautiful sunshine predicted another hot one. It was Monday morning. And all the heat was not from the sun. A month earlier, the guerrillas had launched a major offensive against the government. Seven days earlier, someone had attempted to set fire to his old Volkswagen van right in the garage.

The work had gone on. His preparation at Sunset School of Preaching and eight years of preaching had made him a valuable asset in the spread of the Good News in his country. The night before, the teenagers from church had held a sleep-over at his house. They had prayed for peace and planned for future activities together.

Dawn found him at the immigration offices. He had been there since 3:30 a.m. Thousands of people were there waiting for the offices to open so that they could initiate passport proceedings in case they needed to flee a country that had gone mad with tension. A pervading atmosphere of fear and apprehension made the crowd restless. The soldiers assigned to crowd control were defensive and nervous and were losing the battle. Rafael was pushed against the wall as he waited.

But the worst was yet to come. Finished with official business for that day, he went by his house to get some medicine the boys were needing. It was 11:00 a.m.. He was there only a few minutes. When he came back outside, five men in civilian garb carrying gym bags and brandishing guns appeared out of nowhere. They were men of few words, but they clearly meant business. They ordered Rafael to drive them out of the city toward Santa Ana. Not another vehicle was seen as they drove those lonely 20 miles east. There, in a region made beautiful by coffee, corn and fruit plantations, they did their nasty work.

Ordering Rafael to disrobe, they began pouring gasoline throughout the interior of the van. Then they locked all the doors and threw a light in through a crack in the window. In the raging inferno that ensued, Rafael instinctively jumped for the door he knew didn't lock anymore. Rolling on the ground to extinguish the flames on his body also tore open the blisters that had already formed. He sustained 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree burns but providentially maintained consciousness and began to hike away from the scene.

A tough-minded plantation owner who would not be intimidated by guerrillas had gone to his farm that morning, despite their threats of harm. He was returning to the city just as Rafael stumbled out of the cornfield about a mile from the scene of the attempted assassination. He transported Rafael to hospital in San Salvador, where treatment for shock and burns began.

It was a painful time for Rafael and his family, culminating in their flight to Canada on March 27, 1990. The burns were healed; the emotions were another thing. When they landed in Canada, they felt relieved and safe but at the same time insecure and afraid about the future and what it would hold.

Contact with the Strathmore church came quickly. Soon, Santiago Molina came to visit. Sunday found them worshipping with Christians in Toronto. Rafael describes that first Sunday as painful and sad. "Though we were singing with the saints, we felt the heartbreak of being gone from home. We felt alone and lonely."

December 11, 1990

God had not deserted the Rosales family. Far from home, without close family members, no longer supported by the church they loved for the work to which they felt called, it seemed like it was all over. But the brethren at Strathmore cared. And God was not far away. And a series of events began to lead to a new opportunity in a new land to spread the Good News of Jesus.

On June 12, Rafael met some brethren from London at a luncheon in Milton. There he discovered there were other Christians from El Salvador in Canada. On July 8 he preached in London and shared a picnic with these brethren in the park. On August 5 he returned for worship and a visit with the leaders, who invited him to consider moving to London to re-establish his ministry of the Word. On November 27 the move was accomplished with the help of Max Craddock and the Strathmore brethren.

Two moves in one year left them wondering, "What next?!" But almost immediately they were involved in teaching and preaching. That first Saturday it was a class in Kitchener. The next day Rafael served as translator in a bilingual worship assembly in Waterloo. By the end of January, a regular Spanish language class had started meeting on Sunday in London with 7-10 participants. Visitors have already come. In February there was another bilingual assembly in Waterloo and in March one in London. On March 29, Rafael taught a class at the "Training For Service Day" in Toronto.

In the meantime, a decision was made at a congregational meeting in London that we would step out in faith and find a way to assume the financial support of this good family. On April 7 the first stage of that was accomplished. Christians here, by God's help, gave $1,748 and promised another $1,176 each month for the next year over and above previous commitments to the London work.

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We don't know what the future holds for Rafael and Sonia and their boys, Earnest and Rafael. Rafael still dreams that one day they can go back to pick up where they left off in El Salvador. Only God knows for sure! For now, they take the opportunities God provides here and are grateful to be part of a growing work among Spanish speaking people in Canada.

On March 16 Rafael drove a car again for the first time since that fateful day in El Salvador. There's a new member of the family on the way. We congratulate them! Life goes on and they face it with the help God provides.

Right now the need is to complete the support needed by this family. At least $900 per month is needed to complete their personal needs. A car and car allowance would make his ministry more efficient.

The members of the London church would like to invite you to consider joining hands with us in providing for this family and supporting their ministry of the Word. Your gifts of love or requests for further information will be gratefully received by the Church of Christ, 1750 Huron Street, London, ON N5V 3A1. Phone (519) 455-6730 or 679-2164. May God help us respond to this need in ways that will glorify His Name!

--Ron Pauls

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES WESLEY MURRAY

Wes Murray departed this life on Saturday, March 2, 1991. Like the spiritual pioneer for whom he was named, Wes lived his life in a way that made his mark on the progress of the kingdom.

In the early 50's, while on a business trip in New England, Wes worshipped with a church of Christ there that reminded him of what his grandfather had always told him "church" could be.

After Returning to Nova Scotia, he gathered around him others who shared his vision. Through the pages of the **Gospel Herald**, he issued a modern-day Macedonian Call to which J.C. Bailey responded. Others followed, and because of the early influence of this man, God has been able to work in the restoration of the work in Mill Village and the establishment of new congregations in Halifax, Truro, and Kentville in Nova Scotia and Moncton in New Brunswick.

Wes Murray was born in Fredericton, Prince Edward Island to the late Nelson and Mary (Stevenson) Murray. He was a World War II veteran, serving in Newfoundland as a communications sergeant from 1940-45. He graduated from M.I.T. and was an inspector of electronics for DND Hermes of Dartmouth, N.S. until his retirement.

Wes had a broad range of life interests. These are reflected in his membership in many community organizations including the Colchester Historical Society, United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, Truro Amateur Radio Club, Royal Canadian Legion, New Brunswick Genealogical Society, The Genealogical Society of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Civilian Association of Marksmen and the Atlantic Marksmen Association. Visitors from some of these groups shared living memories of their associations with Wes when they called on the family at the funeral home.

Though 75 years old, Wes had fought a valiant battle with cancer. His doctor told the family that he had never seen this particular form of cancer in such an advanced stage because most victims succumbed much earlier. But finally, his battle over, Wes called to his bedside first his wife, Florence, then his daughter, Bonnie, her husband, John Malanczuk and his sister-in-law, who were visiting his hospital room. He gave them each a personal message. Then he sent them home. Before the evening meal was finished, staff at the hospital called to say that he had died. These loved ones, as well as five grandchildren and Hilda Murray, a sister-in-law from Prince Edward Island, mourn his passing.

I thank God that He made it possible for me to know this man of faith and to be present to help with his funeral. Tim Johnson of Moncton and David Nicole and Harry Herring of Truro assisted with the service, while Brian Garnett of Kentville and Jack Mackey of Mill Village joined community friends as honorary pall bearers.

Wes will be missed keenly by his family and by his church family throughout the Maritimes. His friendly smile and words of encouragement made us all glad to know him.

Last October, at the close of the Atlantic Canada Bible Lectureships in Halifax, he spoke words that brought tears to our eyes. Now he is gone. But his legacy of faithfulness and love lives on.

May God bless us as we strive to imitate those traits that were most like his Lord's!

--Ron Pauls

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Building Mate's Self-Esteem

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to have over for an evening. Maybe you will have to take the initiative to provide some spiritual growth activities that allow for mutual dependence.

Third, maybe you can find creative ways to handle the responsibilities of running a household so that time can be set free for friends. Husbands might take up meal preparation and/or clean-up one night a week. We know one husband who assumes child-care responsibilities so that his wife can get away occasionally on a weekend retreat with a good friend. Maybe a wife could find ways to save money in some area of the family budget so that some household chores normally done by her husband could be hired out so that the time could be used for friendship-building activities.

Every person needs individual friends. In fact, every person needs three kinds of relationships. We need some friends from whom we can draw strength. We need some "peer" type relationships. And we all need some friends who draw strength from us. An imbalance here will prove unsatisfactory. And keep in mind that every couple needs a "couple friend" (Rainey in **Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem**). Ask God to direct you in developing all these types of essential relationships. It will contribute to the strength of your mate's self-esteem. You will benefit.

Conclusion

Few aspects of human personalty are as central to emotional well-being as self-esteem. Therefore, there are few things you can do that will have more positive benefits for your marriage relationship than building the self-esteem of your mate. When a person has a healthy sense of self-esteem, the whole world becomes a better place. May God grant each of us the good will to be contributing to the well-being of all those around us, but especially those in our own homes. [More to come - RWP]

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.

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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., 569-2817; R. W. (Bob) Harrington, ev., 278-1469; Eric Nyrose, ev., 242-3184.

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., 527-7429 (off.), 548-6986 (res.)

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

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

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

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

CRANBROOK: 450 Van Horne St. S. (on Hwy. No. 3, S. of town) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 351, V1C 4H8; (604) 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: 1317 Ethel Street; 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; Lee Beamish, 758-6929.

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

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

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

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

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd 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 525-4353; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krrmis, 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.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

WINNIPEG (West): 600 Burnell St., R3G 2B7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; (204) 772-8970.

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10.11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

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, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 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.

BLIND RIVER: W.C. Eaket Secondary School, Woodward Avenue; Sun. 10; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

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

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, 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; DavidAzzoparde, 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; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, Westcliffe P.O., L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

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

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meetings with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630 or David Preston, R.R. #1, Group Box 174, P0A 1K0; (705) 789-7697.

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

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.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; c/o Peter Speek, 95 Longwood Drive, Waterloo, N2L 4B6; (519) 885-0752.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:30; 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. 9:30, 10:30, 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) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

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

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

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 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., Gen. Del., 384-7624 (res.), 384-5203 (off); 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; Rupert Comrie, sec.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 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), Stephen Gill (265-2496), and Wm. Harvey (757-4619) elders. Max Craddock (461-7406), Peter Morphy (784-2000), Santiago Molina (Spanish) (751-6879), evs.

VANDELEUR: 5 mi. S.E. Markdale, Artemesia Twsp.; 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 Avenue; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 20, L3B 5P2; S. F. Timmerman, evangelist, Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cres., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten Street, N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sunday 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., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audre Côté; (819) 362-8388 or Jocelin Côté 362-6623 (French Speaking).

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

SHERBROOKE: 888 rue Laviolette; Albert Charette, ev., (819) 569-7257 (res.); 820-PAIX (off.).

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; Tim Pippus, ev.

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. 10:00-12:00; Glen Davies, 1451-94th St.; (306) 445-4231.

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

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

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

REGINA (7th & Pasqua): 4205 7th Ave. S4T 0P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; (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.

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24-26... Ray Walker Hymn Sing, Tintern, Ontario
Song leaders' Workshop (Sat.); Hymn Sing (Sat. p.m.); Community Service in Song, Sun.

31-June 1... Kids' Kapers, Regina, Saskatchewan

June

1... Ladies' Day, Meaford, Ontario - Eileen Dale, Doreen Ellis, The Demanding Roles of Women

2... Ontario June Meeting, Bramalea
Central Park Secondary School

8... Ladies' Day, Sarnia, Ontario

16... Northern Ontario June Meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, Eastside

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June 2, 1991

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James 1:2-16

With Guest Speaker

GLEN DODS

of Hawley, Texas

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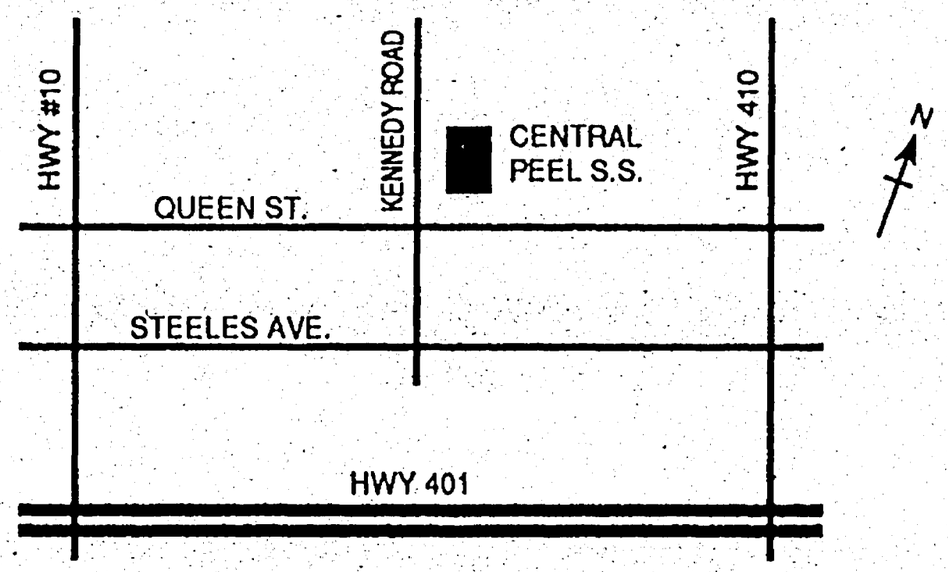

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The problem may be that love which is commanded is confused with love which is tender affection or friendship. Commands are not used of emotional love. Non-emotional love is commanded, and this will cause emotional love for one another (1 Peter 1:22). This will be explained, but first let us notice biblical distinctions in the word **love.**

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But God reserved another important distinction in the word *agape* to express the highest of all qualities, not emotional, but a love which is the very nature of God. Agape love is the highest because it controls the emotional ones, and it will ensure emotional stability. There appears to be no trace of it in any pre-Christian heathen writings. Agape love demands the exercise of the whole man, not merely extended to our nearest and dearest, our relatives, or those who love us. It extends to Christian fellowship, to the neighbour, to the enemy, to the world. Agape love alone is capable of the "unnatural love" and not merely because of some physical attraction in the one loved. Indeed, it is the power to love the "unlovable" people we do not like. This deals with the mind, not emotions. It represents a state of mind which says, "No matter what a man is like, I will seek nothing but his highest good". A divine illustration is the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-27). The divine demonstration of agape love is Jesus on the cross giving His life "while we were yet sinners" (Rom. 5:8).

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We Are Allowing Satan's Forces to Win

by J.C. Choate

God has asked us to evangelize the world. To make this possible, he has given us every tool necessary to do the job. He has also given us the financial means with which to carry out this task. And yet, we are not doing it. Why not?

As we look at the world situation today, we can clearly see that we are allowing the secular and religious bodies around us to use the tools and means that we should be using. Radio, TV, and the printed page are instruments for spreading their propaganda. "Even with problems," as a brother told me recently, "Satan will not allow them to lose because they are promoting his cause."

Through the news media, we are fed a leftist line. "All that is good is bad and all that is bad is good." We are, therefore, being conditioned and prepared for our own destruction. Freedom of speech and freedom of press are being used to destroy all of our freedoms.

The world tells us that people aren't interested in religion any more, and we believe that. We, therefore, cut back on the length of our meetings, and city-wide gospel campaigns for the most part are out.

We are told that the world will not respond to strong gospel preaching; so, we "water down" our radio and TV preaching to deal with human problems. Instead of evangelizing, our emphasis has been placed on social needs. The result is that the church is not growing numerically and spiritually. We are so weak that members are being swept away by every wind of doctrine, and we are ending up in little splinter groups that oppose each other.

We are using our money to build family living centers, to buy vans and pay the transportation bills for those who attend the gospel meetings or for fun outings. We are paying out higher and higher salaries to preachers who do less and less. And we are turning our mission work into short evangelistic trips.

How we need to turn things around. We need members with vision, faith, and initiative. We need to be using the printed page all over the world. We need to be broadcasting the gospel, especially to third world countries, in many languages. We need to be using TV, satellite, and videos to forcefully declare the gospel.

Brethren, what are we waiting for? The world is lost, and we are going to be lost unless we do more than we are doing to evangelize. Now is the time to rise up and go out by faith with the gospel.

Although we are in the minority, we have God, the truth, the gospel, and all of those things that make it possible for us to carry out the great commission. Why must we then be negative, negligent, lazy and disobedient? We have all that is required for victory.

May God help us to respond to this great need now.

--Winona, Mississippi

The Ministry of Encouragement

by Brian Cox

Paul, as he was concluding his first letter to the church at Thessalonica, penned these words, "Encourage one another and build up each other, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11). Paul saw that an essential ministry in a growing, loving, faith-building and fruit-producing church is a ministry of encouragement.

Everybody needs encouragement! Where did we ever get the idea that only the weak, the immature and those who are otherwise spiritually defective need encouragement? Everybody needs encouragement! Whether we are strong or weak, mature or immature, old or young, with knowledge or without knowledge, we all need encouragement. Unless we realize the necessity of encouragement in our lives, how can we be built up?

It is everyone's responsibility to provide encouragement! We may be able to excuse ourselves from some ministries of the church, but no one can excuse himself from the ministry of encouragement. We each share in the responsibility to encourage one another. Our words and actions will either serve to encourage or discourage others. There are many ways in which we can encourage others. Our attendance at worship assemblies, Bible studies, fellowships, etc. encourage others who are present. Our absence from these things may discourage others who are present. Let's not think that we have fulfilled the need for encouragement through attending meetings. We must work hard at encouraging those around us. In looking at some practical suggestions for active encouragement, we will see that it takes time and effort, but doesn't anything worthwhile in life?

Become a note writer! For less than the price of a cup of coffee, you can write a note of encouragement to someone. This may not be easy at first, trying to decide to whom to write, and deciding what to say may be difficult. However, this will get easier with time and practice. These notes really do encourage! Those who receive them recognize the time, effort, thought and love that go into these notes.

Would you be willing to give up a cup of coffee and the time spent drinking it to write a note of encouragement? One note a day adds up to 7 a week or 365 a year, and that adds up to a lot of encouragement.

Become a telephoner! In our busy production-conscious world, few people telephone others just to talk. We wait until we have a reason to call, and often months go by without us calling. Calling to encourage is a **good** reason to call! These calls do not have to be long and expensive. Call and wish someone good day, thank him for his efforts in ministry or for her fellowship, and you will give him a needed lift.

Become a visitor! Our busy schedules leave little, if any, time for visiting. Look at the bright side of this. Our visits will be greatly appreciated. Those whom we visit will realize we have taken time out of our busy schedules to visit them. Visits are appreciated because, for many, visits are few and far between. I could

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EDITORIAL

Passing Years

by Roy D. Merritt

Today we uncovered a framed copy of the November, 1953 issue of the **Gospel Herald,** which someone had given us. As we removed if from the carton where it had been packed for a year, memories flooded back. This was the first issue after Eugene Perry and I took over the paper. It was a time for high hopes and a strong determination to serve faithfully and effectively as editors. This beginning editorial contained the following paragraph:

> We realize the impossibility of pleasing all men in the work that is before us. Such is not our aim, nor can it be. Our aim is to please God. We intend to describe true New Testament Christianity; to discriminate between it and all substitutes and to defend the divinely-revealed order in religion. All of this will be done in the spirit of love. There is room for objective discussion of controversial questions. There is no room for indiscriminate name calling, temper tantrums, and the destructive strife of conflicting personalities. Such contention is neither Christian nor edifying.

How well we have kept to these principles is for others to judge. They have now had the benefit of nearly 38 years of performance. During this period, some very strong controversies have erupted. Bitterness and suspicion among brethren have sometimes required an editor to display the wisdom of Solomon. Neither Eugene nor I lay claim to such wisdom. The Lord has been with us, and the brethren have, for the most part, been charitable. Now and then, we get a letter accusing us of irresponsibility in the face of some challenge. A few seem to feel that we are too narrow and a few feel that we are asleep at the switch when the church is about to be derailed. Most suggest that they agree with our general policy and would feel betrayed if we change it drastically.

It is difficult to keep informed on each new trend or gimmick in the brotherhood. Most of these seem to have been derived from denominational circles. Some of the controversial new emphases during this 20th century appear to be a replay of various controversies of the latter half of the 19th century.

There has been a tendency on the part of some brethren to be very critical of former writers and preachers in the Lord's church. They begin with the charge that the Campbells and others in the Restoration Movement were unduly influenced by the inductive method of Francis Bacon. They argue that a systematic compilation of evidence is too restrictive and interferes with a subjective understanding of biblical truths. From this starting point they call for a "New Hermeneutic" which would allow the reader of the Bible to color or even replace objective truths with his/her emotional preferences. The sermons and writings of a host of brotherhood scholars are labelled ''legalistic'' and even ''naive''. A decided emphasis on Acts and the Epistles of Paul is condemned for obscuring the Christ of the gospels.

It is easy to see that many of our preachers in this century have focussed on the basic teaching in the Acts and the Epistles. They were recovering from the divisive results of a ''New Hermeneutic'' that had split the church during the latter half of the former century. That divisive force, too, had been accompanied by cries of ''legalist'' against any who disagreed with their digressive claims. It should also be noticed that in the first half of this century, the church experienced a phenomenal growth. Its basic approach to the Bible won the hearts of multitudes who had been under the influence of Catholicism, Liberalism or Neo-Orthodoxy.

Most of us have weaknesses in both our understanding and our practice of New Testament Christianity. We can profit when critics analyze our position and paint it ''warts and all''. We should be careful that as we view the picture we do not become so intent in looking for blemishes that we reject the preponderantly good features.

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FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping readers to have strong Christian families. It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem" - 4

Acceptance, respect and love are the foundation stones. This love is a decision to do what is best for the other, regardless. All these qualities are fundamental to treating people right. They were modelled by Jesus himself, when he lived here on earth.

With these "stones" set into the foundation of our mind-set, we continue doing our part to build the super-structure of our mate's self-esteem. We begin to incorporate practical plans and processes into our conversations and actions. We learn to say the good we see; to express appreciation and encouragement to each other. We seek to gain a more adequate perspective on the past. We make renewed efforts to build friendships that can mirror self-worth.

Perhaps we are already discovering that there is a beautiful serendipity in all this. A growing sense of fulfillment in what we can do for another does provide a harvest of rich effects in our own self-esteem. And we are discovering that there are other plans that we can begin to incorporate into our lives that will enhance our mate's self-esteem.

Let's proceed!

4. Be prepared for the difficult times. The difficulties we experience in our lives are often viewed with shocked surprise. Long ago Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33 NIV). He was speaking primarily of persecutions. But they are just part of the broader reality; difficulties will come. If we don't understand this basic nature of things, such difficult times will make us question our worth and value; whether we are capable people or not.

First, we must understand that "trouble" is part of the nature of life. We must avoid the temptation to think it comes as an affront to us personally. It is not selective or aimed at us individually. It is not a punishment. All people experience disease, dearth and death. Loneliness, labour, and loss are common experiences of even uncommon people.

Second, recognize that life's difficulties do tend to knock us down. Don't be surprised when the "trouble" saps your resources. Don't let Satan confuse you when you can't explain all the perplexities. Don't avoid your loved ones or withdraw your support because you can't do the BIG thing and solve their crisis. One needs to admit the natural tendency to feel inadequate in the face of adversity. Accept human limitations. God does. He knows we're made of dust (Psalm 103:14).

Pull Together!

Don't let what you can't do keep you from doing what you can. Be there! Listen! Suffer with. Help others draw on God's power! Draw together, don't drift apart. Seek what you can do to help your mate even though your natural tendency will be to feel helpless and so withdraw from them by remaining aloof or even abandoning them to protect yourself from their pain.

Keep life manageable in the meantime. We have given in too often to the tendency to plan our normal lives to the very limit of our physical and emotional resources. Our time and money are committed fully to the normal schedules and expenses of living. That means there is no slack for the emergency. When trouble comes, the stresses push us into the danger zone immediately. Choose to limit your lifestyle so as to leave some space for the emergencies. They will come!

Remind your mate that, as a child of God, suffering assumes meaning. Though bad, it can be used of God for good (Rom. 8:28). It is often the precursor of glory. It can be the harbinger of greater fulfillment (Rom. 5:1-5). It can be used of God in training us for greater fruitfulness (Heb. 12:3f). Even for Jesus it was first the cross, then the crown (Heb. 5:8).

Incidentally, don't worry about keeping your mate humble. Life will do that. You build him/her up with your good words, support and acceptance. Build together in the good times so that the bad won't destroy you. Reach out to each other even in the midst of troubles.

A Place to Belong!

5. Build a sense of family unity. Everyone needs a place to belong. Remember? That is one of the basic components of self-esteem. Everyone wants to have a sense of security and identity with others who love, accept and support them. There are some practical things we can do to make this sense of belonging tangible for our mates.

Schedule time to be together alone. Many Christian families in this day and time are fragmented by the excessive demands made on their time by church, school and work. We must consciously evaluate these demands and make sure that we don't allow ourselves to go for weeks and even months without spending some quality time together. Sit down together and budget time to spend together. Once you have set the time, enter it on calendars and into date books and then treat it with the same integrity you would other appointments.

How About a Date!

Charlie Shedd recommends that couples have a weekly date. Avoid plans that strain the family budget. However, make sure the plan includes the opportunity to listen to each other. Forget about being heard for a while and just listen. Few things you can do for each other will enhance self-esteem more than listening. And it doesn't cost much financially.

Maybe it's time for a couple retreat. No! Not one organized for a group of couples. Instead just a cozy little two-night "getaway" for two. Budget wisely for the things that are most important. Don't ever assume that the romance has gone out of your relationship unless you have followed this prescription.

Let all of this feedback into the relationship at home. Make sure "home" is a warm place to "come home" to. We're not talking thermostats and ther-

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"A Period Placed Before the End of the Sentence"

Carl Jung made the statement that serves as our title, when talking about the death of the young. He suggested that we expect the old to die, "but death seems to be a cruel thief when it steals the young" (**Bible Illustrator**, Index No. 4144). I expect that all of us agree with this statement; however, death comes to men and women of all ages and is often unexpected.

Perhaps you remember the events of Tuesday, January 28, 1986. On that day, the space shuttle, Challenger, exploded 73 seconds into its launch. All seven of the astronauts were lost but will be remembered throughout history. "Their deaths are a national tragedy, and we grieve with their families. Many thoughts come to mind as we reflect on their loss. One thought that overwhelms us is the frailty of life and the urgency of salvation. 'Each man's life is but a breath' (Psalm 39:5)" (**Bible Illustrator**, Index No. 2147).

As we read on in the story, we learn that those who are better off in the sense of this world's goods may not necessarily be really "better off" at all. Those who are very rich may be in better shape from a physical standpoint than those who are poor. On the surface everything may seem to be very well, but their "underneath" relationship with God may not be well at all. We understand from 1 Samuel 16:7 that the Lord does not see man as man sees man. Jesus, earlier in the 16th chapter of Luke, is talking with the leaders about the matter of trying to serve two masters. He says, "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money" (Luke 16:13). The Pharisees who were hearing Jesus and who were lovers of money, sneered at Jesus and this teaching. Then Jesus said these very powerful words, "...what is highly valued among man is detestable in God's sight" (Luke 16:15b).

Young people, learn to look past the outside appearance and see the things of real value. Things are not always what they seem!! In Matthew 23:27 Jesus compared the Scribes and Pharisees to graves that had been whitewashed on the outside so that they looked nice, but he said inwardly they were really full of dead men's bones. One great lesson to be learned from this story of Jesus is that outward appearance alone is not impressive to God. There must be something of moral and eternal value in the life of the individual to certify a man before God.

The rich man's problem was not that he had money. Lazarus was not acceptable to God simply because he was poor! The rich man missed out because he trusted in his riches. In Proverbs 11:28, Solomon says, "You who trust in riches shall fall". The love of money (material things) tends to keep one's eyes off others and only on his/her own desires and wants. Material things, money, pleasure, success measured by human standards all tend to cloud our vision of the need for the love and spirit of Jesus. From him we learn the great lessons of care and service of our fellowman.

Paul gave this direction to Timothy in an effort to get people to have the right attitudes. "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of life that is truly life" (1 Tim. 6:17-19). The rich man was not condemned just because he had wealth but because he made riches his god.

In this "me" world of today, there is a real danger of our making the material things God blesses us with the object of our trust and "worship". Young people, you must begin now to develop that heart of thanksgiving for God's blessings and that attitude that sees the blessings of material wealth as a tool with which to do the work of the Master, not as an end to bring fulfillment and joy. While there is a kind of happiness and joy that comes from "success in material things", this happiness is really empty when troubles and difficulties come; we see this many times as people become ill or even kill themselves because of the sorrow of lost wealth.

Getting past this world, consider the lesson of the story of Jesus in reference to eternity. The rich man, who had everything one could wish for on earth, found himself in torment after death. His failure to recognize the **rights** of God in his life on earth kept him from enjoying the **blessings** of God in the hereafter. This story will be repeated far too often in judgement. How truly sad for a person to "gain the whole world but lose his soul". How sad for one to rejoice at the abundance of material things which will rust and decay while neglecting the eternal. Money may be able to buy anything in this life, but one thing it can never buy is a place with God in eternity.

Young people, make and enjoy the wealth that will make life here enjoyable and fulfilling. However, do not forget to consider your wealth as a blessing from God to be used to do His will and seek to find your joy in doing His will. Then, you will have joy twice... in this life and in eternity.

He wore his rubbers when it rained.
He brushed his teeth **twice** a day...with a nationally advertised toothpaste.
The doctors examined him twice a year.
He slept with the windows open.
He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh

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FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping readers to have strong Christian families. It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem" - 4

Acceptance, respect and love are the foundation stones. This love is a decision to do what is best for the other, regardless. All these qualities are fundamental to treating people right. They were modelled by Jesus himself, when he lived here on earth.

With these "stones" set into the foundation of our mind-set, we continue doing our part to build the super-structure of our mate's self-esteem. We begin to incorporate practical plans and processes into our conversations and actions. We learn to say the good we see; to express appreciation and encouragement to each other. We seek to gain a more adequate perspective on the past. We make renewed efforts to build friendships that can mirror self-worth.

Perhaps we are already discovering that there is a beautiful serendipity in all this. A growing sense of fulfillment in what we can do for another does provide a harvest of rich effects in our own self-esteem. And we are discovering that there are other plans that we can begin to incorporate into our lives that will enhance our mate's self-esteem.

Let's proceed!

4. Be prepared for the difficult times. The difficulties we experience in our lives are often viewed with shocked surprise. Long ago Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33 NIV). He was speaking primarily of persecutions. But they are just part of the broader reality; difficulties will come. If we don't understand this basic nature of things, such difficult times will make us question our worth and value; whether we are capable people or not.

First, we must understand that "trouble" is part of the nature of life. We must avoid the temptation to think it comes as an affront to us personally. It is not selective or aimed at us individually. It is not a punishment. All people experience disease, dearth and death. Loneliness, labour, and loss are common experiences of even uncommon people.

Second, recognize that life's difficulties do tend to knock us down. Don't be surprised when the "trouble" saps your resources. Don't let Satan confuse you when you can't explain all the perplexities. Don't avoid your loved ones or withdraw your support because you can't do the BIG thing and solve their crisis. One needs to admit the natural tendency to feel inadequate in the face of adversity. Accept human limitations. God does. He knows we're made of dust (Psalm 103:14).

Pull Together!

Don't let what you can't do keep you from doing what you can. Be there! Listen! Suffer with. Help others draw on God's power! Draw together, don't drift apart. Seek what you can do to help your mate even though your natural tendency will be to feel helpless and so withdraw from them by remaining aloof or even abandoning them to protect yourself from their pain.

Keep life manageable in the meantime. We have given in too often to the tendency to plan our normal lives to the very limit of our physical and emotional resources. Our time and money are committed fully to the normal schedules and expenses of living. That means there is no slack for the emergency. When trouble comes, the stresses push us into the danger zone immediately. Choose to limit your lifestyle so as to leave some space for the emergencies. They will come!

Remind your mate that, as a child of God, suffering assumes meaning. Though bad, it can be used of God for good (Rom. 8:28). It is often the precursor of glory. It can be the harbinger of greater fulfillment (Rom. 5:1-5). It can be used of God in training us for greater fruitfulness (Heb. 12:3f). Even for Jesus it was first the cross, then the crown (Heb. 5:8).

Incidentally, don't worry about keeping your mate humble. Life will do that. You build him/her up with your good words, support and acceptance. Build together in the good times so that the bad won't destroy you. Reach out to each other even in the midst of troubles.

A Place to Belong!

5. Build a sense of family unity. Everyone needs a place to belong. Remember? That is one of the basic components of self-esteem. Everyone wants to have a sense of security and identity with others who love, accept and support them. There are some practical things we can do to make this sense of belonging tangible for our mates.

Schedule time to be together alone. Many Christian families in this day and time are fragmented by the excessive demands made on their time by church, school and work. We must consciously evaluate these demands and make sure that we don't allow ourselves to go for weeks and even months without spending some quality time together. Sit down together and budget time to spend together. Once you have set the time, enter it on calendars and into date books and then treat it with the same integrity you would other appointments.

How About a Date!

Charlie Shedd recommends that couples have a weekly date. Avoid plans that strain the family budget. However, make sure the plan includes the opportunity to listen to each other. Forget about being heard for a while and just listen. Few things you can do for each other will enhance self-esteem more than listening. And it doesn't cost much financially.

Maybe it's time for a couple retreat. No! Not one organized for a group of couples. Instead just a cozy little two-night "getaway" for two. Budget wisely for the things that are most important. Don't ever assume that the romance has gone out of your relationship unless you have followed this prescription.

Let all of this feedback into the relationship at home. Make sure "home" is a warm place to "come home" to. We're not talking thermostats and ther-

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New Fields of Harvest

by Jerry L. Davidson and Randy English

March 17 - April 2 was an exciting time of evangelizing new areas in the Pacific as Jerry Davidson and Randy English journeyed together into four unique French-speaking countries. Jerry is an instructor at International Bible College in Florence, Alabama and Randy serves as a missionary to the Pacific Island nations, while living in American Samoa.

The primary goal of this trip to Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Wallis Island, and French Polynesia, was to implement the initial stages of an evangelization plan directed at the francophone people of each country. In doing so, English and Davidson were able to accomplish some exciting things for the Lord's work, which they hope will eventually result in the church being established in these countries.

Each country was different, therefore causing them to constantly reevaluate their objectives and how they would obtain them. It was an extremely busy trip that would have them working among various cities, towns and villages. They met with government officials, religious people, businessmen, native villagers, and others to whom they could introduce God's word and their work in relation to spreading the gospel. In each of the countries they experienced a positive receptivity.

Davidson and English report meeting many friendly and hospitable people who showed a genuine interest in receiving them and the Bible teaching. This trip has provided an encouraging beginning for teaching the lost in these areas where there is a great open door. Here is a brief report, as given by Davidson and English, of the work that took place in each of these four countries.

Vanuatu

Having left Samoa, we flew to Fiji and then over to Port Vila (Efate Island), Vanuatu. Here we were assisted each step of the way by two very kindhearted brethren -- Morris Felix and Eddie Karris. Morris and Eddie are members of the only congregation in Vanuatu. It is English-speaking. However, Morris also speaks French and Bislama, the native language of Vanuatu. We found that half of the population was French-speaking, while the remainder spoke English and Bislama. We also noticed that any effort to evangelize by the denominational groups was being done in English and Bislama only. (This enhances greatly the opportunities for members of the church to evangelize the French-speaking people of Vanuatu.)

We distributed Bible course enrollment cards in the main city of Port Vila and in some of the outer villages. One of the villages was Eton, the location of the English-speaking congregation. Following a period of Bible study, we were invited to the home of one of the members for a wonderful evening of fellowship with the church. This was a great opportunity for us to become better acquainted with each of the members.

In the days that followed, the brethren led us to a small nearby Catholic community of French-speaking Wallisians (from Wallis Island) who had been settled here for many years. We met with the local Catholic priest (Luka Basila) and told him of our work for the church. Having given Luka some tracts and course enrollment cards, we distributed the same to some of the Wallisian people.

John Hall and Ed Crookshank started the work on Vanuatu several years ago. These men are esteemed highly for their foundation work on the island.

Already we are receiving requests in the mail for Bible courses! We have truly seen many opportunities for the Lord's work in Vanuatu.

New Caledonia

Only one hour by plane from Vanuatu is the French territory of New Caledonia. Having no contacts to begin with, we started our work with the desire to succeed for the Lord and with confidence that there must be willing hearts in this well-developed country.

We began our work in the thriving maritime city of Noumea, with a population of 70,000. We found both the French and the Melanesian residents of the cosmopolitan city to be friendly and helpful in every way, reflecting the island hospitality that prevails in the Pacific. One obvious difference in New Caledonia and other countries of the Pacific is its large amount of land. Noumea is located on the island of Grande Terre which is 250 miles long and 31 miles wide. We visited 10 different cities and villages outside of Noumea, meeting people and giving out tracts and Bible course enrollment cards.

At Yate (50 miles east of Noumea) we met up with a Fijian Catholic priest named Milio who had just arrived to work among the Melanesians. He was struggling with his French and consequently was glad to speak English with us. After a long discussion about our work for the Lord, we enrolled this man in the Bible correspondence course! As we left, Milio welcomed us to return to Yate whenever possible. His warmness was very typical of the people who we met throughout the countryside villages of New Caledonia.

Even in the well-developed city of Noumea (which also is predominately Catholic), we were impressed with the receptivity of the people to the work we were doing. Though few denominations exist other than the Catholic groups, it became apparent to us that religious freedom was being progressively enjoyed by the people. Noting this, we placed ads in the major newspaper offering free Bible courses in French by correspondence.

The fact that we were Americans helped our efforts in working among the people of New Caledonia. Many seemed to have fond memories of the Americans from World War II.

We visited with government agencies and obtained information about acquiring work visas. Though it could be difficult to get a long-term work visa, working in New Caledonia on a short-term basis seems to be possible at this time. With Bible correspondence now taking place in new Caledonia, we're looking forward to the day that God will give the increase in this nation!

Territory of Wallis & Futuna Islands

Our work in this overseas territory of France was limited (because of time) to Wallis Island, which is about 187 miles due east of Samoa. The 8000 people on Wallis are Polynesian descendants from

Tonga. While Futuna's 6000 people descended from Samoa. The 12-mile long island with scattered villages around its coast showed few signs of being developed.

Again, we were received with joy by the people who reminisced about the days of the WW II soldiers being there.

French was widely spoken, while about 5 percent spoke only the native Wallisian langauge. As with most of the Pacific Islanders who speak French, they were easy to understand because their speech was much slower than most others in the French-speaking world. However, it did seem odd to be among Polynesians who looked Samoan and Tongan, but who spoke French!

We began our work at the main village of Mata Utu, using it as a base area from which we would reach the other small villages. Wallis is 100 percent Catholic, with almost every village having its own huge Catholic cathedral built entirely by the local people. In the village of Tepa we stopped to speak with five Wallisian men who were observing a group of men, women and children, hand-building a large cathedral. We quickly could tell that these men were highly respected. They invited us to have some food with them, and as our visit progressed, we discovered that we were with one of the main chiefs of the island, the chief of Tepa village, and several other high-ranking men! They asked a man named Emmanuel to be the speaker for them during our conversation. We ended up enrolling Emmanuel and others in a Bible course!

The next day we happened upon another chief in the village of Halalo, who also invited us into his meeting place. We were greatly encouraged by this man's hospitable and friendly attitude. Before leaving, we presented him with a Bible and tracts about the church. Careful to observe the customs of this small island, we handed out Bible course cards and tracts in most of the villages. Since 1837, Wallis has been successfully evangelized by the Catholics. The overwhelming strength of the Catholic church on this small island is obvious. But our hope will continue to rest in the greater strength of the true Gospel that has now been planted among the wonderful people of Wallis Island.

French Polynesia

Leaving Wallis Island we journeyed to yet another territory of France known as French Polynesia. We began our work in the city of Papeete, Tahiti, home of 69,000 people.

We were aware of several different efforts that have been given to evangelizing this area in years past. Using the important knowledge of those efforts along with current French World Bible School contacts, we began pursuing opportunities for the Lord's work in Papeete. We first came in contact with a group of Chinese people who are involved in an effort to restore the New Testament church. We were given the opportunity to meet and study with this group on several occasions. At every point we were treated with the utmost respect, and we saw a sincere interest on the part of this group to follow the scriptures. The group encouraged us to come back and do more teaching in the very near future.

We also studied with a Tahitian family who has been taking Bible correspondence courses for several years, and we are convinced that this entire family is very close to accepting the true teachings of the Bible.

There are many denominational groups in Tahiti, but fewer in the 117 other islands of French Polynesia. We were able to distribute Bible correspondence course enrollment cards and tracts, place ads in the local newspaper, and establish relationships with people who already are inviting us to return to teach the Gospel.

Obtaining visas to work in French Polynesia will be easier than in the other French-speaking areas. With consistent work in this country, we feel certain that the Lord's church will be established and can prosper.

Conclusion: What's next?

Our work in these four French-speaking countries has been most encouraging to us. But now a decision must be made. In which country should we consolidate our efforts and move forward toward a long-term work of evangelization? **They all need the Gospel.** However, at present Randy and Sharon English are the only missionaries in the Pacific who have committed to evangelizing these French-speaking countries on a consistent basis. Because of the expansive area of French-speaking people in the Pacific, **more workers are needed!** The French World Bible School, directed by Jerry Davidson, will continue to serve in these areas. There is a tremendous "open door" for the churches of Christ.

If you are an interested worker and would like more information about these places, please write to Randy English as P.O. Box 1268, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 or Jerry L. Davidson, P.O. Box 2186, Florence, AL 35631

(Ed. note: Many of us remember Jerry Davidson from his years with the church in Lachine, Quebec.)

Ministry of Encouragement

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write volumes on the power of a visit to strengthen and encourage. It is far more than socializing. We don't visit as much as we would like to because visiting doesn't have a very high priority in our daily schedules. We see it as something that we do in our spare time. We like to be busy in areas where productivity can be more easily measured. Visiting is productive and encouraging. If we find ourselves too busy to visit, we may be too busy.

Become a prayer! I know of no greater encouragement than knowing that some are praying for me. When I remember those who are praying for me, my day goes better, and I know I am a more effective servant of God because of their prayers. Let others know that you are praying for them; they will be strengthened by that knowledge. Let's pray for each other often! We need it! And it works!

Become a lover! Learn to express your love. We, in Canada, are not very expressive people. We just don't like to express our innermost feelings, thoughts or emotions. However, expressing your love will encourage, strengthen and build up others. We all need to know that we are loved. Don't be shy! Express your love!

A much-needed, much-appreciated and God-blessed ministry in any congregation is that of encouragement. **Become a minister of encouragement!**

--Wawota, Saskatchewan

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Things started coming into the building, first in a trickle, then in a flood. The night before the Give Away was set aside for sorting. We had blankets, toys, linens, books, suitcases, clothing, small appliances, dishes, records, tapes, and various housewares. (We also had a fridge, stove, washing machine, and even a ping pong table!) Items were divided into categories and stacked on 11 tables in our large fellowship hall.

With no previous experience as a guide, we had absolutely no idea what to expect when the big day came. But we had a pretty good idea by half an hour before the doors were set to open. There were about 60 people lined up in the back parking lot!

When we opened the doors at precisely 10:00 a.m., we were completely inundated. We never did lose control of the situation (because we had adequate help on hand), but, at least initially, the "free for all" almost became a free-for-all. By 10:15, about 80 percent of the non-clothing material was gone, and we had stockpiled a lot of stuff!

The people themselves behaved quite well. There were a few folks who displayed more greed than need, but there were no squabbles and no tense moments to speak of. Many people took time to say thanks. Others told us of things they needed but couldn't find. By the time it was over, all we had left was some clothing -- and it was passed on to a local shelter. All told, we had an estimated 160 people come through the doors.

When all was said and done, we had helped a good many families. We had raised the profile and reputation of the church (especially since a newspaper article and large picture graced the pages of the **Brantford Expositor**'s Monday edition). We had also received some requests for our Bible Correspondence course and our bi-monthly mail out of Bible-related materials.

But as much as anything, The Big Give Away was a big bonus for us in terms of our own spiritual insight -- as individuals, and as a church. It brought us face-to-face with the poverty from which most of us are routinely sheltered; it made us keenly aware of how much we've been blessed materially; it helped us see how easily we can become possessed by our possessions; it showed us we can make a real difference in the lives of those who are not as blessed; it gave our volunteers a wonderful sense of involvement and accomplishment; and it taught us in a powerful way what Jesus was talking about when He evidently told His disciples, "It is more blessed to give than receive".

Plans for another Big Give Away are already under way.

Some Free Advice

Ready to give it a try in your community? Here are some pointers that will help you make the most of your opportunity:

☞ Prepare spiritually with prayer, and a discussion -- or series of discussion -- about materialism. (**Celebration of Discipline** or **The Challenge of the Disciplined Life**, both by Richard Foster, can provide lots of thoughtful insight). Stress the importance of giving, especially giving for the right reason. Talk about sacrificial giving, and caution against pride and pretense.

☞ Prepare a flyer for distribution through the welfare office and the Children's Aid Society. Ours was titled, **Get Away To Our Give Away.** We suggest a two-hour give away, with notice on the flyer that no one will be let in early.

☞ Appoint a coordinator who can delegate duties: coffee and donuts, crowd control, emergency transportation, and keeping track of those who may make special requests.

☞ Furniture of all kinds is much sought after. Try not to accept large furniture or appliances at the building, but turn one wall into a bulletin board, with simple sketches of the items available, and the name of someone to see. It may be preferable to act as a liaison, sending the people who want the item directly to the house, reducing the work and transportation trouble. Make sure the item is stroked off the list when someone "claims" it.

☞ When there are large or bulky items, it's inevitable that people will ask that they be set aside for them while they browse. **Be certain** that you have some way of marking those items, and a special place to put them (a place known to all volunteers).

☞ Make sure a number of the volunteers are men: their presence may prevent some problems, and they can help people to their cars with larger items.

☞ Wear name tags with first names on them to make your presence known

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Replanting Your Spiritual Garden

by Sheryl Duell

Have you taken a good look at your own personal spiritual garden recently? The scriptures tell us to examine ourselves. What better time is there to do this than during this spring season, when gardens are growing all around us.

Find yourself a quiet space where you can relax and reflect upon your personal garden. Perhaps it has become overgrown with weeds; some plants may have died or thorns have grown up to choke them out. Maybe all your garden needs is a little bit of weeding here and there, or perhaps it has become so overgrown during the hustle and bustle of everyday life that it is time to totally replant the whole thing.

If it is necessary to replant, the first thing that is required is a fresh, clean plot of ground. In order to obtain it, we must first pull out all of the weeds and thorns -- our hurts, our pains, self-doubt, negativity, past mistakes and recriminations. All of these need to be taken out and macerated in order for us to build a good compost in which our new plants can grow.

We need to examine the soil and turn it over, and mix it with compost in order to provide the rich nutrients needed for our new plants to grow. You see, all of our past mistakes and hurts and experiences are very much a part of who we are. If we allow them to grow too large, they can choke out our very best "plants"; but if we can reduce them to compost and make them useful instead of hurtful, our best "plants" can grow even stronger and healthier.

Once we have prepared the soil, we are ready to plant a nice border around our garden. What nicer blend of colours is there than faith, hope and love? The seeds of human kindness are next to be planted, and they spring up quickly in the rich soil you have prepared. Knowledge and wisdom grow best when they are planted together. They grow slowly; so, don't get discouraged. When they start to bloom, it is a sight to behold! Self-confidence also grows slowly, but its blooms last all year round. Beware of the weed of self-doubt, which is its biggest threat and must be pulled out whenever it starts to grow.

No garden can have too much patience; so, we'll plant two rows of it. Contentment is an important addition to any garden for it is an aide to peace. Peace roses are next in our garden with their pure, clean blossoms; plant them next to truth. The lovely blooms of honour should always be planted close to truth. Two bushy joy plants go in next -- one on either side of grace. Our garden is completed with the planting of purpose, for we all need to have some purpose in our spiritual gardens.

If we tend our garden carefully and water it frequently with thanksgiving, surely the "bluebird of happiness" will become a more frequent visitor.

God bless you as you work with your garden. Tend it well. Remember, if it fills with weeds again as you get busy with everyday things, it is never too late to weed, compost and start your garden all over again. But the best way to keep your garden in tip-top shape is to weed and water it frequently and visit it often. Fertilize your garden regularly with study, prayer and meditation. Enter your garden often, harvest freely of your virtuous blossoms and stop "to smell the roses". --*Chatsworth, Ontario*

(Editor's Note: Ladies, you are encouraged to contribute any articles, or poems that you feel might be beneficial to the sisters who read this column. Of special interest are things pertaining to the issues facing Christian women in today's world. Thank you. LCH)

"A Period. . .Sentence"

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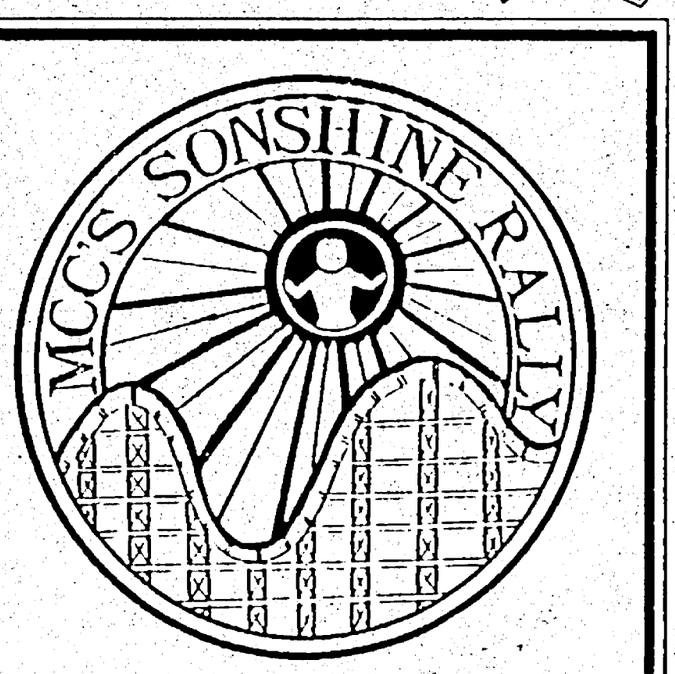
vegetables.
He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn-out glands.
He golfed -- but never more than 18 holes at a time.
He got at least eight hours' sleep every night.
He never smoked, drank or lost his temper.
He did his "daily dozen" daily. He was all set to live to be a hundred.
The funeral will be held on Wednesday. He's survived by eight specialists, three health institutions, two gymnasiums and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.
He forgot God!! (Bible Illustrator, Index No. 2158).

The saddest thing that can be said of you at your death is, he/she forgot God. Remember and serve Him today!!



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Things started coming into the building, first in a trickle, then in a flood. The night before the Give Away was set aside for sorting. We had blankets, toys, linens, books, suitcases, clothing, small appliances, dishes, records, tapes, and various housewares. (We also had a fridge, stove, washing machine, and even a ping pong table!) Items were divided into categories and stacked on 11 tables in our large fellowship hall.

With no previous experience as a guide, we had absolutely no idea what to expect when the big day came. But we had a pretty good idea by half an hour before the doors were set to open. There were about 60 people lined up in the back parking lot!

When we opened the doors at precisely 10:00 a.m., we were completely inundated. We never did lose control of the situation (because we had adequate help on hand), but, at least initially, the "free for all" almost became a free-for-all. By 10:15, about 80 percent of the non-clothing material was gone, and we had stockpiled a lot of stuff!

The people themselves behaved quite well. There were a few folks who displayed more greed than need, but there were no squabbles and no tense moments to speak of. Many people took time to say thanks. Others told us of things they needed but couldn't find. By the time it was over, all we had left was some clothing -- and it was passed on to a local shelter. All told, we had an estimated 160 people come through the doors.

When all was said and done, we had helped a good many families. We had raised the profile and reputation of the church (especially since a newspaper article and large picture graced the pages of the **Brantford Expositor**'s Monday edition). We had also received some requests for our Bible Correspondence course and our bi-monthly mail out of Bible-related materials.

But as much as anything, The Big Give Away was a big bonus for us in terms of our own spiritual insight -- as individuals, and as a church. It brought us face-to-face with the poverty from which most of us are routinely sheltered; it made us keenly aware of how much we've been blessed materially; it helped us see how easily we can become possessed by our possessions; it showed us we can make a real difference in the lives of those who are not as blessed; it gave our volunteers a wonderful sense of involvement and accomplishment; and it taught us in a powerful way what Jesus was talking about when He evidently told His disciples, "It is more blessed to give than receive".

Plans for another Big Give Away are already under way.

Some Free Advice

Ready to give it a try in your community? Here are some pointers that will help you make the most of your opportunity:

☞ Prepare spiritually with prayer, and a discussion -- or series of discussion -- about materialism. (**Celebration of Discipline** or **The Challenge of the Disciplined Life**, both by Richard Foster, can provide lots of thoughtful insight). Stress the importance of giving, especially giving for the right reason. Talk about sacrificial giving, and caution against pride and pretense.

☞ Prepare a flyer for distribution through the welfare office and the Children's Aid Society. Ours was titled, **Get Away To Our Give Away.** We suggest a two-hour give away, with notice on the flyer that no one will be let in early.

☞ Appoint a coordinator who can delegate duties: coffee and donuts, crowd control, emergency transportation, and keeping track of those who may make special requests.

☞ Furniture of all kinds is much sought after. Try not to accept large furniture or appliances at the building, but turn one wall into a bulletin board, with simple sketches of the items available, and the name of someone to see. It may be preferable to act as a liaison, sending the people who want the item directly to the house, reducing the work and transportation trouble. Make sure the item is stroked off the list when someone "claims" it.

☞ When there are large or bulky items, it's inevitable that people will ask that they be set aside for them while they browse. **Be certain** that you have some way of marking those items, and a special place to put them (a place known to all volunteers).

☞ Make sure a number of the volunteers are men: their presence may prevent some problems, and they can help people to their cars with larger items.

☞ Wear name tags with first names on them to make your presence known

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NEWS — EAST —

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Sherbrooke, PQ: "Everything going well. We had another baptism 2 weeks ago. Her name is Diane Parent."

--Albert Charette

During the year in this pioneering work, Albert has reported eight baptisms. We urge prayer and support for the June campaign.

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: Peter Morphy had $1,350 per month committed support. More is needed. He works with teens and young adults and with some who have left the "Multiplying Ministries" group. He also helps with the preaching at Strathmore and Concord churches.

He writes, "We rejoice at the recent baptisms of two of our teenagers and one young adult." Kwame and Grace Osei recently placed membership.

Toronto (Bayview), ON: "On Sunday, May 5, 1991 it was a pleasure and a privilege for this congregation to provide a communion service for 126 sisters from various congregations of the church of Christ in Detroit. This communion service was a climax to a 'Ladies' Retreat' which lasted from the Friday evening until Sunday at noon. Although a large hotel room was crowded to capacity, the genuine spirit of Christian love and dedication was very evident. To God be the glory.

"Due to the resignation of some elders who moved to other locations out of Toronto, the remaining elders and deacons also resigned and the congregation adopted the 'Ministries System' of leadership. Each 'ministry' is a vital part of the overall congregational function and a 'Coordinating Committee' has the oversight of the entire 'Ministries System'. This involves a number of brethren whose abilities may otherwise be lying dormant. A good percentage of the congregation has volunteered and has willingly become involved.

'The Bayview Avenue congregation has welcomed into its fellowship brethren from many parts of the world who have chosen to live in this cosmopolitan city of Toronto. Some of them were converted to Christ by missionaries whom we know before coming to Canada. It's a joy to have them with us." *--Albert Bennetts*

Bramalea, ON: "The Strakers (Walter) will be here within the next few months to work fulltime with us."

Hamilton (Fennell), ON: "At the end of March, we held a potluck to honour Roy, Audrey and Michelle Cox, who have moved to Brantford and are worshipping with the church there.

"From April 28 to May 1 we held a series of meetings on Enduring Family Relationships with brother David Chadwell of Oxford, Mississippi. These meetings were well-attended with many visitors. Joyce Chadwell gave a talk for the ladies at a tea which was held in the morning. Our young people have been busy lately and are also having some activities with the young people from the Stoney Creek congregation. The ladies class will be singing at a nursing home this month."

Mississauga, ON: A church with William Bryson as minister is meeting Sundays at 11 a.m. at 4687 Penhallow Road.

Stoney Creek, ON: The shepherds appointed here on April 7 are Brian Boden, Blake Gieg, Harold Parker and Ben Wieb.

Grimsby, ON: Allen and Lynda Good have obtained clearance to enter Canada from Texas and are expected to arrive to help in the work by the first of June.

"On Thursday last we witnessed the new birth of Dawn Gilbert. . ." (Bulletin, May 5).

Randy Moore has asked to be identified with this church.

Beamsville, ON: Brant Mitchell and Nicky Appel were baptized on May 8.

Andy and Mel Bacic reported on their work in the Lord's service in Yugoslavia on Sunday, April 14. They are receiving support from Beamsville. The mission committee will be using the month of September to emphasize "our missionary work" throughout the world.

Bill Wheeler will be serving as an intern during the summer.

Jordan, ON: A gospel meeting with Connie Adams has been announced for May 19-26.

Tintern, ON: Rachael McIntee was baptized on April 14.

Fenwick, ON: Don Smith of Sundridge will preach the fall meeting. The Cromwells have a new son, James Francis, as of April 9.

Port Colborne, ON: "On April 5 and 6, 27 couples attended the spring pre-marriage orientation event. Any couples considering marriage are encouraged to attend. The next event will be November 7-9.

"David Lock was at GLCC for their annual youth rally. Theme for the rally was Peace in our Time.

"Pat Greenan from the St. Catharines congregation spoke for us on April 21. Pat and Lori are considering coming to work with us for the summer.

"On April 26 we held our first annual Spring Sing. David Stuart organized and put together this successful event. Visitors came from Fenwick, St. Catharines and North Bay.

"We continue to thank God for his work done among us." *--David Lock*

Wellandport, ON: C.R. Bartlett of Benton, Illinois was here for a series of meetings, April 14-19.

North Buffalo, NY: Dave Alcorn was baptized in March.

Hamburg, NY: Some Christians are beginning a new work in Hamburg, calling it the Southdown church of Christ. Some who have been worshipping at N. Buffalo will be going back to Hamburg. The other church in Hamburg, begun in 1963, has been taken over by the multiplying ministries philosophy.

Ottawa, ON: "Greetings from Eastern Ontario. Times have been busy but exciting as we prepared for the Eastern Canada Lectures '91. They are now history but good history. Each year the lectures have improved and been more profitable spiritually to all involved. Attendance was great. We averaged 99.4 at all sessions with four in excess of 105 in attendance. People enjoyed their visits with old friends and the making of new ones. Visitors came from as far away as Kentville, Nova Scotia. The theme was ably put forth by each of the speakers, and God was glorified. The Eastern Canada lectures are only a part of the Riverview Park church's evangelistic outreach, but it is a very significant part. We are also involved in the Lord's work in Rossano Scalo and Camellino, Italy; Kingston, Ontario; South Africa via World Bible School correspondence courses; and support of a Nigerian

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

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North Battlefield, SK: Claude Bowes, who passed away on April 1 at almost 77, is being sorely missed. He served as Secretary-Treasurer for many years.

Micah Davies and Erika Nordstromm were baptized earlier this year. We are encouraged by the fellowship of Jelsing and Sheena Bailey of Beauval once or twice a month and of someone or a group from Saskatoon once a month.

Owen Davies, 49, suffered a rather serious stroke but was not paralysed.

Involvement in Heritage Lake Bible Camp is being considered.

Bengough, SK: A crowd of 60 ladies representing 10 different congregations participated in a Ladies' Day on the theme "Seek Peace and Pursue It" on April 20. Speakers were Kathy Elford, Estevan; Margaret Husband, Wawota; and Roberta Coulter and Marlene Ashby, Regina. Regular Thursday morning classes are doing O.T. character studies.

V.B.S. with Bob Lewis, Longmount, Colorado is scheduled for August 12-16.

Weyburn, SK: Dan Wieb spoke on leadership in Kelowna, BC on the weekend of April 14.

Mike Stone of Palmyra, Missouri is to come with his wife, Cheryl and five children to begin work on June 1. Dan Wieb will continue for one month of transition.

Attendance was good at a family enrichment seminar with Bob Lewis, April 27-28. With 27 years of experience in this area, Bob does very well and is highly recommended.

Dauphin, MB: About 60 community visitors came for a performance of the W.C.C. chorus.

A class, taught by Loreen Husband, has been started to prepare members to teach children's classes. A van-load went to Yorkton on April 21 to encourage the church and to sing for the residents of Lakeside Manor Home in Saltcoats.

Clinton Brazle of Bozeman will speak in June while he is in the area to attend his granddaughter's graduation.

Regina, SK: Seventy leaders from most Saskatchewan churches as well as Edmonton, Calgary and Portage, attended the 5th Annual Leadership Rally on April 12-13. Bob Harrington of Calgary was featured. Lynn Anderson is scheduled for April 10-12, 1992.

Preachers are invited to a Friday p.m. to Saturday p.m. retreat for families in ministry at Clearview Camp on July 5-6. Phone (306) 757-0293.

All who have had a part in the Roberts' mission work are urged to attend a special all-day homecoming for Blair and family on June 23.

Gravelbourg, SK: We have been involved in the "Look at the Book" reading and studying program. The young people meet monthly for their "Bible Weekly Reader" lesson review and fellowship time.

Weekly Bible studies with friends from the local group home are encouraging.

Barb Barrett was baptized on Mar. 2.

Moose Jaw, SK: Activities include a Wednesday evening service geared to all ages each first Wednesday of the month; monthly teas for seniors at Pioneer Village; and an evening of fellowship after the service each fourth Sunday.

About 70 ladies attended a March 16 program at which Terri-Lynn Fowler and Judy Morris spoke on "Serving in Love". A Secret Prayer Sister program has 21 participants.

Dwight Morris gives a Bible lesson on T.V. three times per week and hosts the "Profiling Our People Helpers" three times. A recent preacher exchange saw Dwight at Bengough and J.C. Bailey at Moose Jaw.

Special collections were taken in April for a family whose house burned and for Clearview Christian Camp operations and a new cabin ($500).

Wawota, SK: Following a Leadership Dinner at the Kenosee Inn at which Vince Anderson spoke to the men and Margaret Husband to the women on April 20, Vince Anderson spoke on the 21st to 82 Christians gathered from Manson, Whitewood and Wawota.

A dinner on April 14 followed by a meeting of ministry groups promises to be productive in good works.

Clearview Christian Camp, Kenosee Lake, SK: Counsellors for the 1991 season are Terri Greenslade, Crystal Elford, Jamie Lobert and Justin Mooney. The schedule follows: Mother/Daughter, Carolyn McMillan, June 14-15; Family, John McMillan, June 28-July 2. JULY: Training and Orientation, Brian Cox, 4-5; Preachers and families, Ray McMillan, 5-6; Girls, Candy Wise, 7-12; Estevan church, 12-14; Boys, Don Husband, 14-19; Seniors, Bill and Mary Muirhead, 19-21; Grades 2-4, Richard Krogsgaard, 21-26; Grades 5-6, Joe DeYoung, 28-August 2. AUGUST: Grades 7-8, John Smith, 4-9; Teen Rally, Allen Close, 9-11; Teen Week, Scott Roberts, 11-16. SEPTEMBER: Father/Son, Don Elsaesser, 6-7; Annual Meeting, Don Elsaesser, 8.

Zambia Relief

The church in Welland, Ontario is receiving money and helping to coordinate an effort to raise $9,000 in gifts and pledges to enable the sending of a 20' x 8' x 8' container of clothing, books, Bibles, tools, soap and medical supplies to Zambia. It is hoped that this amount will be assured by July 31 so that collecting and packing can be completed for October shipment.

The Lawrence Whitfields of Welland and Eugene Perrys of Tintern are well-aware of the poverty of our brethren in Zambia and fully endorse this effort.

Further details will be given in next month's **Gospel Herald**. Send contributions or write for more information to Church of Christ, Box 20, Welland, ON L3B 5P2.

GLCC Alumni Sponsored Fund Raising GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Niagara Region
June 8
Roger Whitfield (416) 563-7755

Georgian Bay
July 20
Roger Lansdell (705) 445-6448

Northern Ontario
August 7
Mike Vine (705) 842-5593

Southwestern Ontario
September 7
John Kirkland (416) 848-8761

Cost: $50 per person

NEWS — FAR WEST —

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Edmonton, AB: Three new souls have been added to the Lord's body here by baptism: Jeremy Vanhula, Diana Gobeil and Marty Auger. Marty's story began with a chance meeting with Karen Rasku at the University of Alberta. He was afflicted with polio from his birth and was on crutches. Karen was not a Christian at that time. They exchanged phone calls and shared an occasional visit. When Karen was baptized, she shared her good news with Marty, who became interested in having a study. In a few weeks, Bob Norris and Scott Laird were privileged to baptize him.

From the establishing of the church in Fort McMurray, Alberta comes news of the baptisms of Mike and his sister, Leanne McKay. They had attended the weekend when Scott Laird was there to speak. Other contacts made that weekend are also being followed up.

The Annual Alberta Spring Fellowship was held during the Easter holiday and was a big success with visitors from Kenora, Ontario and Yellowknife, NWT.

Randy, Holly and David Schilling are expected to join the work here in July. Scott Laird will be working with Randy in the work at the U of Alberta.

Plans are under way for a visit to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory in August, 1991 to spy out the possibilities of establishing a church in that city of 300,000 people in 1995. Any who wish to join the group in its visit are advised to contact the church in Edmonton, Herb Anderson or Scott Laird. See Directory section for phone numbers.

Red Deer, AB: "On April 14, Bert Ververda and Alan Rich were appointed elders here. This is only the second time there have been elders (here, Ed).

Murray Ververda left for Papua New Guinea on April 18. He will be working out of Lae. He still requires $100 a month support.

"In April the church here began a program called Look at the Man. This is a comprehensive one-year study of the life and person of Jesus." A March workshop with Tim Woodruff of Portland, Oregon called The Quest for Jesus was designed to kick off the study.

Calgary, AB: In honor of her 80th birthday, a tea and family dinner were arranged for Lavine Bailey. "It was a great day for me," she said. Many near-relatives as well as in-laws were present.

Celine Lozinski was baptized into the Lord's body in April.

Delta, BC: A weekend for "Couples in the Country", with Jim and Carolyn Hawkins is planned for June 21-23. They will be sharing their knowledge and experience in the field of family and marriage counselling. The weekend activities, including a Salmon Dinner are being offered at no cost.

Spruston Road Bible Camp dates for the season have been set. Junior Camp is to be July 14-20; Teen Camp, July 21-27; and Family Camp, August 2-5.

Ladies Day for all B.C. ladies is to be hosted by the Delta Ladies, September 20 and 21 at the Ladner Christian Reformed Church.

The Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop is to be held in Tacoma, Washington July 3 - 6 at Pacific Lutheran University.

Burnaby, BC: Allen Jacobs reported on his latest tour of duty in India. Jim and Carolyn Hawkins, visiting their son, Jay, and the Cottells in China, stopped in India en route. Carolyn and Betty Jacobs held classes for the ladies in the three cities they visited. Jim brought lessons in all three cities also. The subject was Grace, and Allen said the lessons were much needed by brethren in India and that the 20 young preachers present were encouraged.

Through the time the Jacobs were in India, baptisms were reported. Regular evangelistic efforts and attendant growth continued.

It was reported that brother S. Abraham spends the first two weeks of each month with the tribes. His work is hard and under uncomfortable circumstances among the tribal peoples, and prayer on his behalf is needed.

A return trip is planned for this year. Brother Jacobs concludes his report with these words: "The Indian brethren mature. Yet very few of the large population of India know Jesus. Day by day -- year by year - work must continue."

Victoria, BC: The church here, along with many across the country, pray for four-year-old Michael Dunahee and his family. The lad disappeared on a school ground with his parents not far away, engaged in sport. Police believe he was kidnapped. It has been learned that an expert in finding missing persons has been engaged at a very high fee. Rewards posted will amount to enough to pay the fee, and are rising.

Teens from the Island, the Mainland, the Interior and Calgary are expected for the Youth Rally, May 17-19, at the church on Shelbourne Street.

Tacoma (Southside), WA: Tanna Barlett has been baptized into Christ and Dan McCarty and James Cann have placed membership here.

Theme for the great Northwest Evangelism Workshop this year is "Our God is Able".

(Ed.'s Note: Please send news items o my new address given above. EB)

Love in Context

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that the saints in Galatia considered him an enemy, due to his stand with them (Gal. 4:11-16). God, who is love and the source of love, is willing to risk that love in order to correct man when he strays (Rev. 3:19; Heb. 12:6). Paul implied that contention for the faith, rebuke and correction were part of preaching the gospel (2 Tim. 4:1-5). Also that it is a function of the scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). What do we do as teachers, preachers and elders in this case? Will agape love seek the best interest of all men? Would it be a selfish object being afraid of making an enemy?

Jesus proved His love for a young man by telling him what he needed to hear (Mark 10:21)! Agape love indeed! Too often we are basically deficient in this area. First-century counterparts were guilty, having much to say of love and liberty, but were themselves the "servants of corruption" (2 Pet. 2:19).

Law is a way of providing blessings to men (Psalm 119:97-104). Law is a way of instruction, strange as that may sound, as the word "Torah" translated "law" means basically direction or instruction. The Lord's commandments would instruct people in the manner of living that would yield the complete happiness that God desires for men. This is agape love, which will assure philos love.

--Fenwick, Ontario

BOOK REVIEWS

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

BibleSoft PC Study Bible and Add-on Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. *Reviewed by an interested computer user.*

System Requiremnts: IBM PC/XT/AT or fully compatible

Minimum Ram: 320K (memory)

Dos 2.0 or later

Either 2 floppies: One for program, and one for Bible Text disks.

Or a hard drive.

Main program takes 300K.

Nave's Topical Bible: 2.5 mb

Each Bible Version: 1.5 mb approx.

(PC Study Bible includes the main program, Naves ***Topical Bible*** *and two versions of scripture [KJV and NIV], the ASV is sent free upon your registration. $149.95 [US].* ***The Living Bible****, Revised Standard Editions and New King James Version add-ons are $49.95 [US] each. The* ***Greek-Hebrew Dictionary*** *add-on is 2.5 mb, $99.95 [you must already have the PC Study Bible installed to use this add-on]).*

Many Bible programs require a hard drive in order to be functional. Although the writer has not tried it, the above requirements suggest that one could operate the program in a machine without a hard drive. You would be required to constantly insert and remove the Bible text disks, and perhaps limit your search to those books found on a given floppy. On our computer the program was installed on a hard drive, and that would be the ideal situation.

The program is easy to understand, and the pull-down menus do not take long to grasp. The manuals that accompany the program are written so that a person with little computer experience can easily follow along.

Installation of the program, along with two Bible versions and Naves took about 10 minutes on my computer (a 286 running at 12MHz). Be certain to follow the instructions given in the manuals. It is recommended that you take the "Quick Tour" in order to acquaint yourself with many of the features of the program.

How useful is the program? Considering its reasonable cost, and user friendly nature, PC Study Bible is an attractive Bible program. Usefulness is limited more by the user than the program. Although a person with little Bible knowledge could use the program to advantage, the person who has a broad Bible base would find it an even more useful tool for preparation of teaching materials or personal study.

Weaknesses in the program include the fact that italicized words in the Bible text are not indicated in either the screen display or printed Bible text. In places where a word is found more than once in the same verse, the program lists the reference an equal number of times. This means that unless you want to repeat a verse text for each appearance of the word, you would have to individually save the verses to the program's Word Processor. It would be nice to be able to send just the verse reference, not the whole verse to a list or sermon outline. Again, it would be nice to be able to call for a print-out of the verse that would include in parenthesis the Strong's number, if you desired it.

The Notepad may be useful by some, but we found it an unnecessary extra. Since all material for export must ultimately pass through the program's Word Processor file, why not go there in the first place? With so little memory devoted to the entire program, it is only reasonable to expect that the Word Processor would be limited in scope (it lacks bolding or underlining features). It is highly recommended that you do your rough work in the PC Study Bible Word Processor, and then save the file. When you are ready, you can bring it into your own Word Processor for fine tuning.

On some jobs, we sent a file to the printer directly from the PC Study Word Processor and found that the Strong's definitions sported new symbols because our printer's codes were different than the universal codes the program has.

Personally, we would prefer to have the program's word processor remain visible while we are pursuing another Bible text, or meaning. As the program is currently arranged, you must place your cursor where you want the additional information to go, and then leave the Word Processor in order to search or gather it. The program will send back the material you ask it to copy and place it where the cursor is located, but you must return to the Word Processor to see if you sent enough or if it was placed correctly.

One last thing to note is that the menu includes **Nelson's Bible Dictionary**. This additional add-on takes 3 mb. $59.95 (US).

On the positive side, Bible Class teachers will like the program. With the pressing of an arrow key, you can switch from version to version or actually have several versions displayed side by side on screen for comparison study. You can set the default version (the one the computer automatically displays when a Bible verse is called for) to the version that you prefer.

In PC Study Bible you have access to a full concordance and **Naves' Topical Bible**. Naves will lead you to coordinate verses and themes. It is a useful thought starter.

Adding the Greek-Hebrew Dictionary is the best way to make this a worthwhile investment. Now, you can access the definition of a Greek or Hebrew Word. If you want to check another number referenced in the definition, you can highlight that number, press enter, and immediately the definition will come up. You can send the definition(s) to your Word Processor and have them included verbatim.

One of the pull-down menus under the Bible section gives the option of a word by word Strong's number breakdown. Again, you can save the definitions that you want with the push of a button.

The Englishman's Concordance allows you to see all of the words or ways in which a given Greek/Hebrew word is translated in the KJV.

This may not be the most exceptional Bible program available today, but it is a reasonably-priced program with a lot of potential. With this Bible program, you will have access to a variety of material that will enhance your Bible class or sermon preparations. The best way to become familiar with the program's many features is through actually using it. A demo disk is available from the Gospel Herald, if you would like to try it out.

Family Ties

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mometers here. Home should be a place to escape from the troubles of the world. The emotional climate must be one of growing acceptance. A place where failures are understood, wounds are cleansed, and the milk of human kindness flows freely.

Conclusion

And that brings us to another plank in the plan to build your mate's self-esteem.

6. Give your mate the right to fail. However, time and space limitations mean we will have to wait until another time to discuss this. In the meantime, we pray that you are actually adding the suggestions offered here to your repertoire of esteem-building stratagem.

And we are praying that you will not give up on yourself! There is normally a time lapse between knowing and doing what we know to do. The temptation to give up on ourselves may be strong. Please give the knowledge you gain time to affect and change the attitudes of your heart so that real and lasting changes can come in your words and actions. Be patient. God isn't through with you yet! So, stay in touch with him through his Word and your prayers so that he can do the work in you he desires to do (Rom. 8:29, 32). Rejoice!

The Big Give Away

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and to make it easier for those who have questions.

☞ Coach volunteers on how to deal with sticky situations that might arise: a fight over a particular item, requests for specific help, a grabby type who is obviously taking far more than what's fair. Make sure the rules are enforced consistently by all volunteers.

☞ Use one table to teach about the church: pamphlets, tracts, Bible Correspondence Courses, and other Christian literature can be set out. We also had sign-up lists for courses and for a quarterly mail out of Bible-related materials (make sure there are a couple of signatures on each -- people don't like to be the first to put their name down).

☞ If you decide media coverage is appropriate (the issue should be discussed), give lots of notice. Pitch the story from the viewpoint that what you're about to do will likely provide a good insight into how the recession is affecting ordinary people. We made arrangements for the news photographer to come in early for a shot of volunteers sorting goods (to avoid anyone in the crowd being photographed against his wishes).

☞ If someone insists on paying for something, tell the donor the money will be passed along to the local food bank or some other worthy project.

News East

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preacher by one member of the church. We pray that God will bless these efforts and our local efforts as well.

"Next year's lectures are already in the planning stages, and we are praying for even greater fruit in 1992. Come to Ottawa -- it is a beautiful city (don't just think of it as where your tax $$$ are sent but a very beautiful place) and visit with the saints who meet here who are beautiful people. A warm welcome awaits you at your visit to Riverview park and Ottawa!" *--Earl Weldon*

Brantford, ON: There were 56 people, 13 visitors, present for a Bring-A-Friend Sunday in April.

Debbie Pauls will be leaving to teach in Taiwan on June 7.

Guelph, ON: The Faulkner film showings averaged 16 adult non-member visitors for a total of 34 different community adult contacts.

Plans are under way for Ron Pauls to conduct a seminar on "Building Effective Relationships through Communication" for November 15-17.

St. Thomas, ON: Christians here rejoice at the baptism of Erma Desmet into Christ on May 3.

Bill Bunting and Wayford Smith will speak at the 25th Anniversary celebration here on September 1. (Details will appear in July issue of **Gospel Herald.**)

North Bay, ON: Volunteers from Sundridge, Andy Bussieres, Alex Preston, Hubert Lawrence, Glen Whitfield, Ian Whittington, Paul Frost, Mike Kent and Dave Miller, are being coordinated by Jerry Brock to speak from time-to-time in North Bay.

Sudbury, ON: Letitia Dionne was baptized on February 27. Two young families are moving to other locations, one to Timmins and one to the Island.

Timmins, ON: Brother John Hains has written to tell us of his plans to begin work with the Smithville church soon. We quote: "Back in 1984, my family and I moved to Timmins to start a new work with Larry and Wendy Frost from South River, Ontario. Since 1984, we have been blessed to see nearly 50 people obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. Just two weeks ago, there were two more baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. One of the people baptized was a 77-year-old man. It has been a thrill and a joyful experience to see the gospel at work, changing and convicting both young and older. There are now over 40 in attendance at the services here in Timmins.

"The church here is well-established and grounded in the truth. All the members are very hard at work continually teaching their friends and inviting them to the services and Bible studies. These new Christians have a zeal and a love for the souls of the lost that the whole church needs so much.

"Brother John Maddocks, who at this time is preaching in Jordan, Ontario, will be moving August first to begin working with the brethren here in Timmins.

"My work with Smithville is to begin June 30 which is not too far from now. I would ask if you could be remembering us in your prayers as we make plans for this move. May God bless your efforts!"

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill), ON: Guy Stopard is reported to be improving from his surgery.

Kenora, ON: "Greetings from the Lord's church here in Kenora. Many exciting new plans have been made here in Kenora and one of them is to seek an evangelist to assist us with the work here. For the past two years, four men have shared the preaching and teaching which has worked well, but we don't have the element of a full-time worker. If there is anyone in the brotherhood with both the desire and the qualifications to take on this endeavour, please contact us. For the rest of the brotherhood who read this, please pray for our evangelist search."

--Earle Rattai

Marquette, MI: Otis Gatewood was to speak on "Answering the Challenges of Gorbechev" on May 26 and Jerry Cantrell is scheduled for a "Spiritual Awakening Weekend", June 21-23.

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OBITUARIES

Reta McCombs

Reta McCombs passed away from this life after a somewhat lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of Ivan McCombs. She was in her 80th year at the time of her passing.

Reta passed away on January 19, and the funeral service was conducted from Dixon's Funeral Home in Fonthill on January 22. Burial took place in the Fonthill Cemetery. The service was conducted by Walter Cromwell with Louis Pauls assisting. Some favourite hymns were led by Henry Boland.

A large number of family and friends showed their respect by attending the service. Reta will be greatly missed by neighbours and all of her church family in the Fenwick congregation.

While her illness was somewhat prolonged, her spirits remained high continually. Reta was at home in the greenhouse, and may she be found in God's greenhouse continually. Reta, along with her husband, loved the Lord supremely. She told her doctor shortly before her passing, "I want to go to heaven". All these warm loving thoughts will be remembered by all who knew her so well. Prayers for her happiness and her family concluded her Memorial Service.

--L. Louis Pauls

A Tribute
Grandpa -- You Made It!!

My grandfather was lovingly known by many simply as "Bernie", who drove a volkswagen. There were some things he never was or did as far as I can remember. He never was a preacher. I never heard him preach a sermon but he did live it every day. He never was appointed an elder, but his home was always open for sheep whom he shepherded. He never was selected as a deacon, but he lived a life of serving others and not himself. He never became famous as an educator, politician, medical practitioner or athlete, but he was familiar with life in every way.

But, what did my grandpa really have? He knew Jesus; God had his heart; and he was full of the Holy Spirit. Whenever we would get together, he would always ask me the same question, "Am I going to heaven?" My answer was always the same. "If you can't be there, none of us will."

Oh, my grandpa had his faults. Some will only remember those. But my grandpa's salvation was not based on who he was but rather on who he knew, loved and obeyed. Yes, Grandpa, you made it, and I'm on my way. In fact, I can't wait to see you!!

--David Lock, Port Colborne

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Northern Ontario June Meeting

June 16, 1991, 10:00 a.m.

Eastside Church of Christ, 99 Melville Road
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Hope is the Tie That Binds

10:00	Singing
10:30	Opening & Welcome
10:45	Dean Hotchkiss
11:30	Lord's Supper
11:50	Local Announcements
12:00	Lunch Break (Bring something for a potluck lunch. Beverages provided.)
2:00	Singing
2:30	Regional Announcements
2:45	David Lock
7:00	Regular Evening Service

Directory of Churches

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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., 569-2817; 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., 527-7429 (off.), 548-6986 (res.)

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

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

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

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

CRANBROOK: 450 Van Horne St. S. (on Hwy. No. 3, S. of town) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 351, V1C 4H8; (604) 426-5653, Eamon Morgan, ev., 927 4th St. S., V1C 1H8 (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: 1317 Ethel Street; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7; Box 2697, Sta. R, V1X 6A7; Wayne Muirhead, (604) 861-4008; Charles McKnight, ev., 765-8739.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd 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 525-4353; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krmis, 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.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10,11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

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, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 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.

BLIND RIVER: W.C. Eaket Secondary School, Woodward Avenue; Sun. 10; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

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

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, 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; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, Westcliffe P.O., L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

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

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meetings with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630 or David Preston, R.R. #1, Group Box 174, P0A 1K0; (705) 789-7697.

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

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.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; c/o Peter Speek, 95 Longwood Drive, Waterloo, N2L 4B6; (519) 885-0752.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:30; 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. 9:30, 10:30, 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) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

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

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

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 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., Gen. Del., P0A 1Z0; 384-7624 (res.), 384-5214 (off).

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.

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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.)

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23... A Special Day Honouring Blair & Susan Roberts, Regina, SK

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3-9... Camp Canu - John Clayton
20-23... VBS - Brantford, Ontario
30-31... Students' Rally - Regina, SK
30-Sept. 1... Adult Singles Retreat, Camp Omagh, hosted by Niagara Falls church

September

1... 25th Anniversary at St. Thomas, ON
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FALL SEMESTER
(September to December '91)
1.**Monday Classes:**
(a) Morning (9:00 - 12:00)
OT213 *"Pentateuch"*
Instructor: Ed Broadus

(b) Afternoon: (1:00 - 4:00)
CH362 *"Contemporary Religious Trends"*
Instructor: Michael Ensley

(c) Evening: (7:00 - 10:00)
OT413 *"Biblical Geography"*
Instructor: Dave McMillan

2.**Tuesday Evening Class:**
(7:00 - 10:00)
NT343 *"Epistle to the Hebrews"*
Instructor: Ed Broad

3.**Thursday Classes:**
(a) Morning: (9:00 - 12:00)
GK313 *"Greek I"*
Instructor: Ed Broadus

(b) Evening: (7:00 - 10:00)
COM313 *"Oral Communication I"*
Instructor: Dave McMillan

4, **Off Campus Tuesday Classes (Toronto)**
(a) Morning (11:00 - 2:30)
CH413 *"Denominational Differences In the Canadian Situation"*
Instructor: Dave McMillan

(b) Evening: (7:00 - 9:30)
OT113 *"Historical Books"*
Instructor: Dave McMillan

WINTER SEMESTER
(January to April '92)
1.**Monday Classes:**
(a) Morning: (9:00 - 12:00)
PS323 *"Pastoral Work of the Minister"*
Instructors: Various Ontario Ministers
Coordinator: Dave McMillan
(b) Afternoon: (1:00 - 4:00)
NT353 *"The Parables of Jesus"*
Instructor: Michael Ensley
(c) Evening: (7:00 - 10:00)
CH413 *"Denominational Differences in the Canadian Situation"*
Instructor: Dave McMillan

2. **Tuesday Evening Class**
(7:00 - 10:00)
NT413 *"Gospel of John"*
Instructor: Don Perry

3. **Thursday Classes**
(a) Morning: (9:00 - 12:00)
GK323 *"Greek II"*
Instructor: Ed Broadus
(b) Evening: (7:00 - 10:00)
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Instructor: Ed Broadus
(b) Evening: (7:00 - 9:30)
CH213 *"Survey of Church History"*
Instructor: Ed Broadus

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Pictured above is the meeting facility used by the Kingston church of Christ. It is located at 446 College Street. Rob MacRury is serving as evangelist.

The Hermeneutics of Amaziah

by Bert Thompson

Brethren, I am saddened and deeply concerned! From various sources, rumblings of discontent come to my ears and eyes regarding our "inept and outdated methods" of Biblical interpretation. I hear messages which, if given among us 30 years ago, would have resulted in a demand to repent and recant, or be disfellowshipped. But today, in too many places, such libelous talk is allowed to go unchecked under the guise of reserved tolerance with, "Now, don't be too hasty to judge. Remember Matthew 7:1" or "Well, if this is not of God, it will come to nothing. Could we be fighting against God when we **don't** listen to a different interpretation?"

Frankly, is not this kind of intolerance intolerable? Is this speaking "by the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11)?

I hear derogatory remarks about "19th century theology and hermeneutics", yet where are the "better methods" of today leading? What kind of unity have they promoted or will they promote? In many cases, "proof texts" are held in derision by those who seek to push for the "new hermeneutic". I wonder why? To you who so criticize I say, "Take the 'proof texts' out of the teachings of Jesus and the sermons in the book of Acts and show me the power and influence of these messages. Tell me, please, by what authority would you motivate your auditors? Would it be that which is erroneously denominated 'love and grace'?" Remember, our Saviour said, "If you love me, you **will** keep my commandments, which are not grievous (burdensome)" (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3).

Beyond any controversy, our brethren who laboured in the past to restore the authority and practice of the New Covenant were, like us, not infallible in their search for the "ancient paths", but without their conviction and zeal, where would most of us be today? Have our current academics done better with all the advantages of modern technology and archaeology at their disposal? How many graduates from the Bible departments in our various universities can give their graduate addresses in Greek (and how many others could follow along if they did?)? And again, how many among us readily read the langauge of the oracles of God, and how many among them have forsaken the hermeneutic principles of "direct command, apostolic example, and an inescapable inference", and prospered in restoring the truths which lead to eternal life?

The "Restoration Movement", as it is known historically, originated in the minds of men as an ecumenical solution. The deep concern of these pioneers lay in the division of the religious world around them, and they reasoned that if a pure gospel, free from the biased traditions of men, could be preached, its unanimity itself would enhance unity, eliminate sectarian animosity and promote the love of God in the one body of His design.

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Inasmuch as religious division has not been eradicated, are we to conclude that the above-mentioned principles of hermeneutics were at fault? Are we then to forsake them in exchange for other practices which have not ceased to advance spiritual schism under the "dictum" of "unity in diversity" or "We're all going to the same destination; we're just taking different roads"? And this in spite of the Saviour's own words that there is but one way? I believe that many of our brethren are leaning this way, and I am concerned. Are you?

And that brings me to the hermeneutics of Amaziah. This story is recorded for us in 2 Chronicles 25. The record informs us that Amaziah, king of Judah, "did right in the sight of the Lord, yet not with a whole heart". As soon as he became established in his kingdom, he proceeded to punish the assassins of his father (yet not their families), took a census of Judah's fighting men, 300,000 in all, and hired 100,000 Israelite soldiers from the Northern Kingdom for 100 talents of silver. But a man of God told him to dismiss the Israelite army and God would well compensate the price of hiring. And so Amaziah, with God's army, gained a great victory over the Edomites, destroying 20,000 of them in the Valley of Salt.

Having followed the counsel of God in one direction, the king, being enamored with the religion of those who opposed him, left the proven path of righteousness and set up and worshipped the gods of the enemy. When a prophet of God came to Amaziah, he asked a most astute and penetrating question: "Why have you sought the gods of the people who have not delivered their own people from your hand?" The response of the king was typical of those who will work their will in spite of righteous truth: "Have we appointed you a royal counsellor? Stop! Why should you be struck down?" The prophet's only recourse was to pronounce the king's death knell.

Let us transfer the truth of verse 15 of that chapter to the matter of hermeneutics as it pertains to the present urge to set aside the proven methods of establishing the interpretation of Holy Writ. In our efforts to restore the authority of the New Testament writings as the only standard for faith and practice, we found, and continue to find, ourselves at enmity with the denominational world about us. (If you doubt this, just presume to confront them by contending for the faith and you will quickly discover for yourself that the love they profess wears exceedingly thin when, even in love, their faith is clearly shown to be in error.) Indeed, our very right to exist in the sight of God is based

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The Will To Do His Will

by Wayne Turner

When armies go to war, what are their goals? To civilians, it often seems that the objective is to completely annihilate the enemy -- to kill, kill and then kill again, until no one is left to fight. However, military strategists would suggest that this is not true. There are two basic military goals in a war. Both are clearly seen in the recent events of "Operation: Desert Storm". First, as evidenced by the many days of bombing prior to any ground action, is the destruction of the enemy's ability to wage war. However, this can be very costly in terms of lives and material. The successful attainment of the second goal eliminates the need for any further combat or loss of life.

This goal requires opening a very special battlefront, for it does not take place on the ground, in the air or on the sea. Rather, the struggle occurs inside the human mind. The object of this is to undermine the enemy's will to fight. To do this, armies engage in extensive propaganda efforts, trying to persuade their opponent not to fight at all. Obviously, no army can succeed if its soldiers lack the will to resist. The low morale and high rate of desertion and surrender by the Iraqis demonstrate this. As a result, the length of the ground war was measured in terms of hours, rather than months or years. Ultimately, this means far fewer casualties than in protracted military conflict.

Spiritual Warfare

Too often, we, as Christians, fail to recognize that we are engaged in deadly combat with Satan. Or, if we at least recognize that fact, we have only prepared and armed ourselves to withstand an obvious frontal assault. The problem is, we tend to underestimate our adversary and his schemes! Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf observed that this is a fatal mistake. If this is true in worldly combat, how much more so in the spiritual realm? If the generals of this world seek success by reducing the enemy's will to fight, why wouldn't Satan also use this approach? As a lion seeking prey to devour, and as a deceiver, masquerading as an angel of light, he has mastered the art of psychological warfare.

Satan's strategy takes several forms. By making evil appear fun and attractive, he deadens our resolve to resist. By appealing to our egos, he encourages us to question and ignore God's word. By making righteousness look corny and square, and by making truth look narrow and "unenlightened", he tries to make us feel uncomfortable taking any kind of stand. More than anything else, he wants us to lose the will to serve God. If he can get us to fail to act or to fail to speak, he has won! This is why it is sin not to do the good that we know we should (James 4:17).

More Than a Wish

Our only chance for survival is in having the will to do God's will (John 7:17). This is more than simply the wish to do what is right, some kind of subtle inclination toward God. Like dreaming, wishing often lacks real substance and desire. The individual drifts passively through life, unwilling to martial enough desire to put real effort and sacrifice to achieve. Rather, willing is a resolution of spirit, having real purpose. In it is found the desire to attain its goal, no matter what the price, especially in sweat or blood. It is the determination to succeed, to survive in the face of all odds. It is the decision, no matter what else, to please God.

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The will to do God's will encompasses at least three areas. First, we must will to avoid evil. Those who sin are slaves of sin (Rom. 6:1-12). They are Satan's captives to do his will (II Tim. 2:26). Thus, they now will to obey Satan (John 8:44). In I Thessalonians 5:22, Paul admonishes us to "abstain from every form of evil". To successfully resist Satan and avoid evil, we must overcome the fleshly desires he uses against us (I John 2:15-17). By failing to control the desires, we give Satan a "beachhead" from which he can attack. We dare not minimize or wink at sin. Willing to do God's will means confronting, resisting and opposing Satan at every opportunity.

Second, we should will to do right. It is too easy to think of Christianity in terms of only what we don't do. As we have just seen, this is important, but it is not the essence of God's will. The way of Christ is not a negative, "don't", but rather a positive, "do". Jesus declared that His purpose was to do God's will (John 4:34; 5:30). This means far more than just avoiding doing wrong. Rather, it was doing that which is pleasing to God (John 8:29). We are told to "try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord" (Eph. 5:10) and to "walk in a worthy manner. . .to please Him in all respects" (Col. 1:10). When we do this, we are "proving God's will, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:2).

Third, we need the will to be saved. For the non-Christian, this is the recognition and admission of our need for God and the relationship with Him that can only come through the cross and blood of Jesus Christ. It is the will to respond to His love and care by repenting and submitting to Christ in complete self-denial. For the Christian, this is the will to survive and to grow spiritually. Like weeds pushing up through the asphalt, we overcome all obstacles. Our will is to be faithful to death -- our greatest ambition, to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant". For this, we "count all things as loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil. 4:8).

With God's help, we can identify and overcome the strategies of Satan. We can be victors instead of casualties, overcomers instead of quitters. The key is in our desire, our will to do God's will, regardless of how hard it may seem, how much opposition there may be or how much effort it will take.

--Winnipeg, Manitoba

EDITORIAL

Evil: A Four-Letter Word

by Roy D. Merritt

It has been said that one of evil's most effective accomplishments is to convince mankind that it does not exist. Words like "sin", "wickedness" and "evil" have been replaced in the everyday vocabularies of many people by less harsh-sounding terms. Others seem to take a perverse delight in exalting these attributes. They desire to shock their peers by tilting their speech and their actions toward what others would deem to be immoral, dishonest or even brutal. Because of such behaviour, much of our society has been desensitized to the point where it can call evil good.

When we say that a person or an action is evil, we are describing an individual or deed which is opposed to that which is good and right. Its more essential form is opposition to or transgression of God's will or spiritual order. Such a violation of Divine law arises from selfish pride, stubbornness of will, or a voluntary rejection of the dictates of an informed conscience. We seldom come across evil in unmixed form. Often the good becomes the enemy of the best. Sometimes the evil-doer seeks to pacify his or her conscience with the claim of doing evil that good may result. That is a weak and dishonest excuse. Saul attempted this kind of alibi when confronted by Samuel after his failure to dispose of the spoils of war (1 Samuel 15:21).

The cover story for **Time Magazine**, June 10, 1991, features the presence of evil in the modern world. In an assessment of life after the Gulf War, Lance Morrow commented: "Saddam Hussein raised atavistic questions about evil. But the West has grown pre-occupied by new forms -- greed, terrorism, drugs, AIDS, crime, child abuse, global pollution, oil spills, acid rain." His catalog of newer forms of evil appear to be largely new in form only but not in principle.

Somewhere around 55 A.D., the apostle Paul made a similar list of evils rampant in the society of his day. He had an excellent opportunity to examine the behaviour of those on all levels of the Roman Empire. His conclusion was that his contemporaries were grossly sinful: "They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice" (Romans 1:29). He claimed that such a depraved condition was not accidental but involved a conscious resistance to God's righteous decrees.

The Greeks had a word for such arrogance and insolence which would cause men to spurn true authority. They called it "hubris" and considered it to be the pride which spawned most deliberately injurious actions. It was applied to persons such as Paul described who, although they knew God's will and the death penalty for violating it, went ahead with their wicked behaviour (Romans 1:32).

The poet Milton wrestled with the problem of evil in his great work **Paradise Lost**. He caused Satan to say, "Evil, be thou my good". This deliberate choice of evil over good is at the root of so much evil in modern society. Many have observed that Milton portrayed the malevolent Satan in too favorable a characterization. He is man's deadly enemy.

We live in a world where nature wreaks great calamities on vast numbers of humans through floods, droughts, cyclones and tidal waves. Conversely, mankind inflicts terrible injuries on his environment. Often the two kinds of evil converge with resultant great catastrophes. A very obvious phenomenon of the last couple of decades has been the plight of famine victims being denied relief food and water by the armies controlling their lands. Millions have died when relief trucks were turned back, seized or destroyed by hostile forces of their own nation in Ethiopia, Sudan and Angola. Which evil is worse -- that of nature or that of man? And what can man do about both?

Our Lord came to show us how to overcome evil with good. He went to the cross that sin's hold on man might be broken. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping readers to have strong Christian families. It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

The Church and the Single Parent

by Paul L. Dale

(Ed.Note: When we invited you to submit topics for consideration in this column, you asked about single parenting. Here's one response to that request. Thanks, Paul! Thank you for sharing so much more than mere information. R.W.P.)

Sunday, May 13, 1989 was Mother's Day. After Sunday School, my daughter brought a beautiful pink carnation to me. Each child in her class gave both a flower and a note to their mother. My note read, . . . "I love you Dad". My wife and I had separated the previous year, and our daughter lived with me. The Journey of Single Parenthood had begun for me.

The role of parenting changes dramatically when a family is separated either by death or legality. The parent who assumes the role of single parent takes on tremendous responsibilities.

At times, the single parent may try to fill the place of both Mom and Dad. I tried to do this at first. However, it drove me crazy! It wasn't until I realized that Dad can't be Mom or vice versa that I finally began to feel more at ease as a single parent.

God's plan for the family, "Dad, Mom and the kids", is the perfect plan. However, humanity in its weakness has affected this through separation, divorce, or having children outside of marriage.

The church of the 90's must face the problems that arise from broken marriages. It is a reality that touches most of our lives. Next Sunday when you are at church, look around at the children from the community in your Sunday School program. How many are from broken homes? Look at the families in your congregation. How many have had a son or daughter, aunt or uncle, brother or sister who has faced separation or divorce or an illegitimate child? And what about friends? All of us are likely to know at least one person in the church who has had to face the reality of brokenness that I am writing about.

The Single Parent Challenge

The reality is that single parenting is not an easy task. The parent who has custody of the children faces a multitude of challenges that at times appear overwhelming. There may be a career to be maintained along with the family responsibilities.

In a regular functional family situation, Mom and Dad can spell each other off when one or the other is tired. Single parents don't have this luxury. When they are tired after working all day, there isn't someone there who can help with the children.

A single parent must juggle the domestic responsibilities with quality time for the children, even when there doesn't seem to be enough energy left. A single parent may have to take on responsibilities that were not there before. This can lead to a tremendous load of stress. If left unchecked, this may cause mental and physical breakdown.

All Those Questions

As I reflect back on my own experience, I have come to the realization that a single parent faces challenges beyond the externals of cooking, cleaning and providing quality time for the children. There are the internal questions that the single parent may be asking of himself.

When a family disintegrates, or a young woman has a child outside of marriage, an individual may struggle with the guilt of letting God, the church, family and friends down. It is in times like these when some may feel so much guilt and depression that they pull away from the church just when they and their children need the church the most.

People who are hurting need to know that they are forgiven. They simply need to know that they are okay. Forgiveness doesn't make what happened right. And the scars will remain a lifetime. But forgiveness provides the safety valve needed to survive and then the security to begin anew.

The person needing forgiveness may find that the toughest person from whom to receive it is himself. This lack of forgiveness not only affects the individual. Through passing on of anger, his children can be hurt, too.

This is where the church has a great opportunity to fill a void in the hurting person's life. Fellow Christians can be an encouragement to the hurting member by reinforcing that God does forgive the repentant heart. The Body can reinforce this through prayer, visitation and involvement with the single parent family

Not Enough Time

Another challenge that a single parent may face is time management. In our North American society, time seems to be the least attainable possession. Most of us are so busy that we find it difficult to find the time for all the tasks that need to be completed.

The problem of having enough time is compounded for the single parent. You try to balance a career or job with child-rearing. On top of this, you need time for yourself; quiet time to breathe and reflect on life. In business, time management is an art. In the single parent family, it seems an insurmountable problem

I recall one evening after a busy day. I finally crawled into bed and closed my eyes. As I began to drift off into a relaxing sleep, I suddenly heard the words, "Daddy! Daddy! I'm going to be sick!". . .I looked at my watch. 1:00 a.m.! I spent the next hour and a half with my daughter in my arms on a living room chair.

Christians Can Help

The church can assist the single parent family through gifts of time. Families with children can invite the children of a single parent over for an afternoon. This gives the child an opportunity to spend time with a functional family (Father and Mother) and provides the single parent with a much-needed period of time for himself.

My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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Don't Lose the Bible In Church

(Editor's note: In the article, "A Period Placed Before The End of the Sentence" on last month's youth page, there were three paragraphs missing. These paragraphs should have been inserted after the second paragraph as it appeared in the issue. The material, inadvertently left out, began the story of the rich man and Lazarus and pointed out that material wealth does not necessarily mean final approval before the Master. While one may be envied because of material success, this should not be our goal. Rather our goal is to please the Master by a life lived in His service. We trust the point of the article was understood. M.C.)

In the days of King Josiah, the people of God had lost the book of the law and were not following the way of God. When Josiah became king, at age eight, he wanted to be a righteous king. "He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left" (2 Kings 22:2). At this time, idolatry was flourishing and there was little or no resistance to the moral erosion of God's people.

King Josiah turned to the temple and started a renovation of the building. In the rubble, the book of the law was found, and it told of the destruction of the nation because of the breaking of God's commandments. Josiah tore his robes (2 Kings 22:11) at hearing this and began a program to restore proper conditions. He had the articles of worship made to Baal and Asherah removed and destroyed. He removed the pagan priests who had been appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places and called for the people to renew the proper worship of God (2 Kings 23).

However, Judah was still to fall. "Nevertheless, the Lord did not turn away from the heat of his fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had done to provoke him to anger. So the Lord said, 'I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, 'There shall my Name be'" (2 Kings 23:26, 27).

Young people, is it possible that today we, too, may leave the truth of God and wander into that "idolatry" which will destroy us? Do we (you) have a desire to know God's Word and apply it to your life so that you can please God in all you do in life? In an article in the bulletin of the 38th Street church in Canton, Ohio, brother Lance Lindenberger wrote the following thoughtful words under the title, "The Dividends of Bible Study":

"People make investments with the hope of gaining dividends and thus being rewarded materially for the time, effort, and attention they give to something. We think of dividends most often in these material, or financial terms, but there are other kinds of dividends. These are benefits and rewards we reap from non-material investments that also involve our time, effort, and attention.

"I want to give some consideration to the dividends we may expect to receive from Bible study. One thing we may expect is a knowledge of the truth as God has revealed it to us.

"John 8:31, 32 says: 'Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him. If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' It is through Bible study, collectively and individually, that we can have that knowledge of the truth.

"A wayward son was informed of his father's death and showed up for the funeral. Through the years, he had brought much shame and reproach upon the family name and much heartache to his parents. But, when he came to the funeral, he was still received with kindness. Sometime later, the day came for the reading of his father's will. It told of the son's behaviour and, without listening any further, the boy stomped out of the room in anger and was not heard from again for several years. When finally located, he was told that, after he had left in anger, the will went on to explain his father's continuing love for him and that a bequest of $15,000 had been granted him. Not listening to the reading in its entirety, the son had not heard the full truth it contained.

"Some may be angered when they hear that 'the wages of sin is death'. If they go away in their anger, and don't get the full story, they miss the last and best part, that 'the gift of God is eternal life'. It is only hearing, understanding, and accepting that truth that will make us spiritually free. And that truth does not change.

"When I taught history, it was necessary every so often to get new textbooks, not just because the old ones were physically worn out but also because perceptions and interpretations of past events changed when new information came to light. It was necessary to 'revise' history from time to time. Bible truth is not like that. It remains the same forever and can be relied upon forever. When we study the Bible, we get the complete story of God's love and concern and will for us and how we can be set free from the burden and bondage of sin to live a fuller, more rewarding life for him. That's Jesus' point in John 8.

"For a proper understanding of these great principles, we must have the whole truth and that does require a personal investment - of time, effort and attention. But, what dividends it can pay! We can be misled by learning only a part of the truth and knowing only imperfectly what we must do in order to be pleasing to God and to serve Him. Make that investment in Bible study and reap the rewards of the knowledge of God's truth. Make that investment in Bible study and enjoy the benefits of eternal life."

This, young people, is great advice. You, only you, can do the study that will

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Examining Love In Context, II

by L. Louis Pauls

Christ makes us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2) so that our relationship to God becomes one of grace and love, not that man is beyond law. Rather, Christian man fulfills the law in love (Romans 13:10).

"Agape" love moves one to do right even if there is no law. Without law, no one can be free. "Agape" love demands the fulfillment of obligations rather than a release from them. One who serves from agape love is never a slave, since he will not find the commandments of God "too hard for us" (1 John 5:3, SEB). This kind of love is the secret of joyful obedience and will not only avoid doing injury to another but will **desire** to do him good. Thus, both are blessed (Acts 20:35). Christian agape love is self-giving, without expectation of a return.

Man is not forbidden to express love by words of affection, but John tells us that they must not be hollow words without action to back them up (1 John 3:18). Expressing love for one another is more than saying, "I love you". Faith is dead without works, even as love without actions or deeds behind it cannot be the agape love of the Bible (1 John 3:17). This does not mean that God no longer loves the person, but that the person no longer loves God.

A danger to be avoided is doing charitable works "to be seen of men". Like prayer, good works are not performed just in order to be seen (Matthew 6:2). Attention is often called to "all the good they do". But if the motive is wrong (i.e., to be seen of men), then their reward here on earth is all they will receive (Matthew 6:1-2). Selfish motives prove the absence of agape love.

Love seeks the welfare of all and does not desire that any harm should come to another. Holding back even a part of God's truth may cause someone to be harmed in this life and, even more tragically, in the life which is to come. Think of it! Even in loving God, we are to desire the best for Him. God deserves all honour, glory, reverence and submission from mankind. To hold back that which He desires is not doing the best we can for Him.

Love and hatred are opposites; they cannot dwell together in the same heart. The one who hates his brother is dead spiritually and has the same disposition as the one who has actually murdered. It is not the same as murder, but if the disposition continued and the opportunity presented itself, the actual murder could occur (Matthew 5:22). These opposites show the difference between the Christian and the world. Love works no ill to his neighbour -- ever (Romans 13:10, SEB). It will never hurt another!

Agape love will hate that which God hates, and he hates every false way (Psalm 119:104, 129). The strength of a man's love may be determined by the degree of his hatred for sin. Jesus spoke of religious error when He said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matthew 15:13). God loves the sinner but hates the sin. Man also, desiring to please God, must love the sinner but hate every sin and false way (1 John 2:15-17; Romans 16:17-18). True Biblical love is sacrificial, and God sacrificed when He gave His Son (John 3:16). It was a willing sacrifice on the Son's part (John 10:17-18). Man must sacrifice willingly also. No one can make another obey the gospel, love the brethren, live the Christian life, be faithful in worship, sacrifice to give or to keep any other of the commandments of God. But agape love will take care of these situations. God cannot be deceived even though man may be deceived into thinking it can be done (1 John 3:19-21). If man obeys God, He knows it, and He also knows if man fails to obey (Hebrews 4:13).

The love which God approves may be taught and learned. Paul writes, "That the aged women train (teach) the young women to 'phileo' love their husbands, to 'phileo' love their children (Titus 2:3-5).

Love is not some "better-felt-than-told" sensation. To be so would put it into the class of erotic love -- "eros" -- and it is not so classified in the Bible. God never commands "phileo" love, which, as we saw, can be learned and practiced. When the Bible commands love, the word is agape. Then how do we learn agape love, which is of utmost importance? The first rule is to "think good" (Philippians 4:8)! If God is not loved, or parents, or mates, or the lost, then think good of them and their needs. The Bible highly recommends this. Try it. Think of the attributes of God often, then mention them to Him in grateful thanksgiving. Then mention them to others and love will increase.

Young people can be taught that love goes far deeper than eros, which deals with sexual attractions. Love becomes confusing and misunderstood at the time of dating and courtship. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 where the love that is mentioned is agape love. Then put in context verse 4: "...love is patient." What does it mean to you? It does mean, "Don't be in a hurry", which is especially applicable during the early days of courtship.

One word of caution -- be sure of your first love. If you think you love one who may be your future mate, ask yourself a question. Do I love him/her enough to consider his/her welfare as well as my own? This welfare should include going to heaven. The young man who says, "If you loved me, you would. . . " reveals only "eros" love or lust. We suggest that both of you read together James 1:12-15. The reply to this situation should be "agape" love. "If you really 'agape' loved me, if you really cared for my well being, you wouldn't ask."

The need to find union with another person for life is not wrong. It is a basic human drive, a gift from God who knows what is best. But do remember Hebrews 13:4; the romanticism of the "I can't live without you, baby" syndrome is merely an expression of "eros" love. It will not last, nor assure success in marriage. It may be merely chasing the wind.

Christians should marry Christians (2 Corinthians 6:14). "How can right and wrong be partners?" (SEB). These statements are couched in a metaphor derived from symbolic prohibitions for Israel (Ezra 10:10, 11). If the faith of a Jewish person required his marriage within Israel, that of a Christian makes greater demands of him/her to marry in the Lord.

What of divorce and remarriage?

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God's Wondrous Ways - Part I

by Cecil Bailey

From the years 1100 to 612 B.C. (which parallels Bible history from the time of the later judges to the reign of Josiah, King of Judah), the most powerful political force in the Middle East, to which we generally refer as Bible Lands, was the Assyrian Empire. Its capital was Nineveh, which was situated on the Tigris River in what is now Northern Iraq. It was to this city, you may recall, that God sent the rebellious prophet, Jonah. Its complete destruction was prophesied by the minor prophet, Nahum, in chapters two and three.

In the pinnacle of their power in 721-2 B.C., the Assyrians completely crushed the Northern Kingdom of Israel and dispersed most of them among various other nations within the empire, but far away from their native soil. Few, if any, ever returned. The British-Israel theory is, in my judgment, not very well-founded.

Not long after the dispersion of the ten tribes, people of other nationalities were brought into the area to fill the void left by the displacement of the Israelites. To hinder their assimilation, they spoke a variety of languages. These multi-lingual strangers mixed with the poorest of the poor who were left in the land to form a new nation which took its name from the former capital of the region. they became known as Samaritans. Although they adopted in part the religion of the Jews in the southern kingdom, there was never any love lost between these two nations right down to the time of Christ, as we may read in John 4:9.

About 20 years later, after the "Carrying Away" of the Ten Tribes, Sennacherib, King of Assyria, made plans to capture Jerusalem. He had already captured and devastated most of the cities and towns of Judah. However, since Jerusalem was exceptionally well-fortified, he decided to bide his time, lay siege to the city, and starve her into surrendering.

King Hezekiah prepared for the siege by laying up vast quantities of food; but unfortunately their water supply within the city was quite limited. Just outside the city's walls on the edge of Kidron Valley was the Gihon Spring with an abundant supply of water but not available to the city, if besieged.

By a remarkable feat of engineering, King Hezekiah solved the problem. Beginning at one end of the spring of Gihon, and at the other end at the Pool of Siloam, engineers began to carve their way through some 1750 feet of rock. There was great excitement and joy when the two crews met. Jerusalem now had an ample supply of water! The source of the water, the spring, was completely hidden under a huge pile of stones, and its natural drainage into the Kidron Valley was diverted into the newly-made tunnel.

When the huge Assyrian army eventually approached the city, an emissary of King Sennacherib taunted King Hezekiah trying to subvert the people of the city. In brief, he said, "What is this confidence you have? You say, 'I have counsel and strength for war', but they are only empty words." Then after warning Hezekiah not to depend on help from Egypt, he continued, "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the Lord our God', is it not He whose alters Hezekiah has taken away. . .?' I have not come up with the Lord's approval against this place to destroy it'." He continued later by saying, "The Lord said to me, 'Go up against this city and destroy it'." Again, "Thus saith the Lord, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you from my hand'." To learn this story more fully, read the entire chapter of 2 Kings 19 beginning with verse 13.

Encouraged and assured by the prophet Isaiah that the Lord would indeed deliver them out of the hand of Sennacherib, Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem stood firm.

What then ensued we shall learn in Part II of "God's Wondrous Ways"

--Calgary, Alberta

The Lesson of the Olive Tree

by Earl Weldon

The day was July 16, 1990; I was resting in my bedroom as all Italians and their guests do when it is as hot as it was this day. Outside my window was an olive tree, and I began to take a serious look at it. It was very different from the other trees around it -- it was pretty and green. The other trees were yellow and turning brown because of the extremely dry weather. There had been no significant rain in the region of Calabria for two years.

The olive tree was green and the previous year bore a record crop of olives, I was told (olive trees only produce fruit every other year), and this year they were much alive and green, even though they had no fruit. Finally, curiosity got the best of me, and I asked why the olive tree was so pretty and green and the other trees were not? The answer was very simple but powerful. "Their roots are very deep because their habitat is usually very dry." It made sense, and not being knowledgeable concerning olive trees, I accepted it as fact.

There is a very important lesson in the olive tree for Christians. No matter how serious the spiritual drought around you may be, you will not dry up and die if your roots are "firm and deep" in the "water of life" provided by Jesus Christ our Lord and "well-spring" of water (John 4:10-15). If we are to grow and produce fruit, we must have the "water of life". How deep are your roots?

As the olive tree, we can survive the spiritual drought around us, if our roots are "firm and deep" in the Saviour's love, the "water of life". May we, like that olive tree in Camellino, Italy continue to be alive and fruit-bearing in Christ. Thanks for the lessons we can learn from God's wonderful and majestic creation! *--Ottawa, Ontario*

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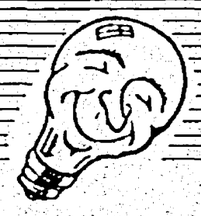

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Building Blocks!

When it comes to the growth of the church, bricks and mortar can become a stumbling block or a building block. Attitude makes all the difference.

A congregation is in big trouble if it thinks a well-known, well-appointed church building, in and of itself, will guarantee growth. On the other hand, our physical facilities are often an overlooked and under-used spiritual resource. That lesson hasn't been wasted on the church in London.

Not long ago, evangelist Harold Byne was talking with a man who called about using the church building for a meeting. There hasn't been a sign in front of the facility for years but, when Harold asked the caller if he knew where the building was, the man was quite surprised. "Of course," he said. "Everyone knows where the church of Christ is!"

That kind of response can be traced directly to the generous and forward-thinking attitude the members in London have about their building. Though conscious that community access can leave the facilities open to abuse, they also recognize that the more people come into a building to attend meetings, vote, enjoy coffee klatches or make use of day care, the more the name of the Lord's church is circulated in the community.

The biggest user of the building during the last two years has been a group that holds English-As-A-Second-Language classes four days a week from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Four or five adult classes and child care are offered simultaneously.

"It's the kind of thing that just grows," says Harold. "It started as one little class, and the need just kept increasing. It's very hard for groups like this to find space, and we've been very free with them."

The building is also used by a group of local women for a "morning out" program, and a second group met there recently to work out a government submission for co-op housing that has since resulted in the opening of some new townhouses. The building has also been used in conjunction with social agencies as a location for self-help classes, to help low-income families with life skills like budgeting and nutritious cooking.

"The thing I've tried to communicate to the congregation is that service is never convenient," says Harold. "If you're looking for convenience, don't bother trying to serve.

"If I had a lawnmower and my neighbour didn't, I'd let him use mine, but it wouldn't always be convenient, and the lawnmower would wear out faster and break down more often.

"As for problems, we've had a few frustrations, like bulletin boards being knocked off the walls, or Sunday School teachers getting annoyed when things are moved," he says. "The best response is to hear the visiting group's story and what they're trying to do, then we understand they're not the enemy. We've had people from the program speak to the congregation on a Wednesday night."

Harold says that the congregation has been spared a lot of problems because a set of guidelines is distributed to everyone using the building. Among the rules: no smoking; overshoes and boots are to be removed in winter; any damage is to be reported; no tape may be used on the walls; supplies may be requested but are not to be moved from room to room; any re-arranged furniture is to be restored to its original place; phone calls are to be kept to a minimum; and the kitchen is to be cleaned up after use.

"Accidents do occur on both sides," says Harold, "and sometimes members of the congregation don't leave things as clean as they should, or occasionally a borrowing group doesn't. It's not a big issues, but it is inconvenient."

The church goes through a lot of supplies very quickly, especially soap, garbage bags and paper (groups are allowed to use the photocopier at cost). And with 70 to 90 people a day in the building, there is some wear and tear on the carpet.

In terms of the mechanics involved, the chairman of the building committee fields all requests for building use. If the request is for a one-time event and can be scheduled, he handles it. If it's for something long-term, he presents the request for further discussion.

Priority is given to groups that serve the community by offering such things as education. The congregation would decline the use of the building to organizations who want to use the facility for fundraising or the selling of products.

"We want to give to people who can't afford what we have," Harold says. "We never charge, but we do receive a small honorarium from the English-As-A-Second-Language classes." And London is convinced that the advantages that come with opening the building are far more valuable than any financial remuneration.

"The more we break down the church building image, the more accessible we become, and people begin to see they don't have to be dressed in a veil and gloves to come inside," says Harold. "People throughout the community get to know the building, and get to know the name of the church -- it gets a reputation.

"We'd like to get more of the congregation involved with the groups. Right now, one member is teaching in the ESL classes and another is involved in the child care program, and that helps create a liaison between the 'us' and 'them' camps."

Harold has some advice for any congregation thinking about opening its facilities to community groups.

"Listen to them, hear their needs, get with them occasionally, because it really helps. I attend some of their meetings and, when I do, I really understand where they're coming from.

"Get ready to be inconvenienced," he adds. "Allow the mentality and mindset of Jesus to be your guide. It's

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Focus on Jesus

by Evelyn Perry

In 1958, the 14-year-old son of one of our neighbours was playing with a gun in his basement when it accidentally went off. His mother heard the shot and ran down the stairs. There she found him with his head blown off. She was devastated. The sad part was that this woman was not a Christian. She had nothing to help her through this time of bereavement. All she could do was say, "Why?" This happened in the spring of the year, and I was keeping her baby while she worked outside in their vineyard. She would bring her baby and stay awhile each day as she cried and talked. I tried to give her some words of consolation. One day she said, "Oh! If I only had a faith like yours, it would make things so much easier."

Those words have rung in my ears many times for a couple of reasons. One reason is that I failed at that time to take the opportunity to help her find that faith. Another reason is that when trouble comes my way, I am so thankful that my heavenly Father is there, and I know he will help me bear whatever burden I have.

Peace of mind and faith are not a security against storms but are a strong, safe refuge in the midst of storms.

When the rains came for 40 days, when Noah and his family were in the ark, they had nothing to fear because Noah's faith had caused him to build the ark as God had told him. His faith made him secure throughout the storm.

Focus is the key. Physically, we can see many things with our eyes, even peripherally, but we see clearly only what we focus on. When we face storms, problems, dangers, fears, do we focus on them or on our faith in God?

Some examples of what happens when we focus on our faith in God are given to us in the Bible. Most of these examples are familiar ones, but let's look at them briefly.

1. When the 12 spies were sent to look over the situation in Canaan, 10 of them came back with a grasshopper complex saying that the people were giants. Joshua and Caleb, however, believed that with God on their side they could take the land.

2. Jesus came to the fishermen's boat, and when Peter saw him, he climbed out of the boat and started toward Him. His faith was strong and he rose above his fear. While his focus was on Jesus, he walked on the water, but as soon as his focus was on the storm, he became afraid and started to sink.

3. Many times Paul has been an example of keeping his focus on the right thing. We think of his trip to Rome. He had advised against making the trip, but the owner of the boat wanted to go; so, they listened to him instead of Paul. For 14 days they were in very troublesome waters. Everyone feared the loss of the ship and his life. Paul was not only calm about the whole situation, but he was a source of comfort to all those on board. He kept telling them that he believed that his God would see them through. Had the others focused on God, they would never have started the journey.

Again in 1 Corinthians 16:8-9, Paul says, "But I will stay at Ephesus, until Pentecost, for there is a wide open door for me to preach and teach here." So much was happening there, but there are many enemies. He focused on the opportunities and not the adversaries, even though he knew they were there.

4. Stephen is another example. With God's help, hopefully none of us will ever have to prove our faith in the way Stephen did. In Acts 7:54-60 we read about his great faith. He looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and when he said, "Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God", turmoil broke loose, and they stoned him, while he still had his focus on God saying, "Lord, Jesus receive my spirit."

These are just a few examples of God's people keeping their focus in the right place, and while troubles came, their faith saw them through, even to death.

The opposites of faith are worry, fear, doubt, etc. We can let these things cripple, overwhelm and make us lose faith, like the 10 spies and Peter did, which is displeasing to God. James 1:6 says that if we doubt, we are like a ship tossed about in a storm. Hebrews 12:2 tells us to fix our eyes (focus) on Jesus. Hebrews 11 is dedicated to those whose faith is recorded as examples for us. They are named because they faced storms, trials, etc. and their faith shone through in contrast.

One of the plagues in Egypt was darkness. It was so dark that they could feel it. While visiting the Carlsbad Caverns, we experienced something of that feeling. When the lights were turned off deep in the heart of the earth, we could actually feel it. It was very frightening. But the Israelites had light through their faith in God.

Many times doubt and fear have been present in my life, but God's love and promises have caused me to put those things behind me and continue looking to Jesus.

While we were in Zambia a number of years ago, a very frightening thing happened. One of our fellow missionaries was murdered in her bed during the night. She was as much a Zambian as any white person could be. She had gone to Africa at the age of 21 and had stayed there ever since, not even returning to America for a rest as most of us did. Her whole life was lived by faith. She had no regular income, but she said she knew the Lord would provide, and He did. Just as she was getting low on funds, a friend from overseas would send her a cheque. She was very generous with the little she had, sharing it with those who had less.

She lived in a house on the church grounds just across the alley from us. It

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NEWS — EAST —

by Eugene C. Perry
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Sherbrooke, PQ: As we write this, the campaign is in process with Michel Mazzalongo of St. Catharines participating in the preaching.

Belleville, ON: Michel Mazzalongo of St. Catharines conducted a Church Growth Seminar here May 31 - June 1.

Toronto (Bayview), ON: Don Whitfield will terminate his services here on June 26. A replacement is being sought.

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: A young man, Steve Steele, converted in a correctional institution, has been instrumental in baptizing six others there.

Peter Morphy continues to be somewhat short of needed support. He reports being encouraged to find 20 people manifesting an interest in participating in door knocking activities.

IBCS: Richard Kruse, who conducts the International Bible Correspondence School from Toronto, reports the completing of "our 30th year of mission work".

He is appealing for financial help to send large quantities of lessons to Onwuegbu Mkaeyui of Anambra State in Nigeria. He is using these courses to teach his fellow Nigerians and has need of over 3,000 lessons for which shipping costs would be over $2,000. It is suggested that a donation of $10 will mail 100 courses. Send to IBCS, P.O. Box 98-L, Sta L, Toronto, ON M6E 4Y5.

Bramalea, ON: The June Meeting on June 2 was a very pleasant and edifying experience for those who attended. Surprisingly, many neighboring congregations were not well-represented.

The Tintern congregation has announced its intention to host this meeting in 1992 as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Stoney Creek, ON: The first Marriage Encounter in churches of Christ in the area is scheduled for October 25-27, 1991. Sponsored by the Stoney Creek congregation, the weekend is open to couples of all ages who are interested in making their marriages stronger and better. The event is limited to 20 couples. "Your marriage doesn't need a Marriage Encounter. . .it deserves one!" Contact the Stoney Creek church for more information.

Grimsby, ON: Donna and Rhonda Mason and Tom Bailey of St. Catharines have asked to be members at Grimsby.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 8-12.

Beamsville, ON: Bill Wheeler, a member of this congregation who has been attending Great Lakes Bible College, is working as a "summer intern" until the third week of August.

Vacation Bible School, scheduled for July 29-August 1, will focus on God's creation. Each teacher will prepare two 30-minute lessons, each of which will be presented six times at six teaching stations.

Construction has begun on the apartment unit across the street from the church building.

St. Catharines, ON: "Following a home Bible study on May 6, Barbara Lloyd of Niagara Falls was baptized into Christ. Preparation for a weekend V.B.S. is underway. This family V.B.S. will take place on July 26 - 28."

Port Colborne, ON: "We rejoice with Shane Dredge in his decision to put on Christ in baptism.

"Pat and Lori Greenan are working with us for the summer. Pat is preparing himself for full-time work in ministry.

"Ray and Elizabeth Lock have moved here as of May 1. They are worshipping with us and have become part of the family here.

"The congregation has approved nine new ministries through which to conduct the spiritual and physical work of the church.

"Weekly Bible Studies continue, and we praise God for the work he is doing in this place." —*Dave Lock*

North Buffalo, NY: This congregation gave $1,413.81 as a special contribution to the U.S. "One Nation Under God Campaign".

The Buinpers family of four recently placed membership.

Brantford, ON: Attendance on May 12 was 70 of which 29 were visitors, some from Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Waterloo and Sarnia.

Stratford, ON: Fellowship with a group visiting from Plymouth, Michigan on May 18-19 was enjoyable. Vesta Crerar of Florida, who is visiting her daughter, will be an added member for the summer.

Ron Babbit, who held a meeting here last spring, was in Czechoslovakia early this year and gave a report of efforts to spread the gospel there during a recent visit.

All the families of the congregation are responsible for delivering **Upreach** magazine to 40 selected homes.

Newmarket, ON: On May 12, "Bill Fisher was baptized into Christ and Melvern Arnette requested prayer and placed membership."

On the same date "Dennis Bromley and Richard Chen were appointed as deacons." —*Newmarket Narrator*

Strawberry Point Christian Camp will soon be involved in its summer program. Effort is in progress to raise $5,800 in order to provide improvements in the form of five new tent shacks, completion of newly-dug well and improvements to the kitchen and the road to the camp dock.

Another suggested way to help is to donate $250 to cover the cost of food for one day and be a guest of honour that day.

Marquette, MI: The Steffan and Green families left this area in June.

On May 1, Alex Gapas was baptized at the base and on May 12 Phyllis Amato at the building.

V.B.S. is to be July 8-11 with a group from Bethany, Oklahoma assisting.

Directory of Churches

We appreciate the way some churches have been sending in the annual $8 payment for listing in the directory without being reminded to do so. Since G.S.T. applies to advertising, we would appreciate your adding the extra 56 cents.

Notices were sent out in June to those who had not paid. Most of these were for the two years, 1990-91. Due to the expense of sending notices yearly, we have been trying to include two years each time we do a mailing.

We do request that you help us to make this a reliable service by updating all of the pertinent information.

The church in Fort McMurray, Alberta has been added to the listing this month.

--E.C.P.

NEWS — PRAIRIES —

by Brian Cox
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Portage la Prairie, MB: Four members of our congregation were able to attend the Leadership Rally at the church of Christ in Regina, April 12-13 and enjoyed the presentations by Bob Harrington and the fellowship with a large number of brethren.

The men here have begun meeting for a Men's Luncheon each Tuesday at noon at the Bonanza Family Restaurant. The ladies of the congregation have also met and are setting some guidelines to meet on a regular basis for devotions and fellowship.

We have been very busily involved in efforts aimed at Camp Jubilee. We are going to have two weeks of camp this year. Teen Camp, July 7-11; All ages Camp Weekend, July 12-13; Boys' and Girls' Camp, Ages 9-13, July 14-19; Young Adults Weekend, July 19-21. For more information, give us a call (204) 857-6456.

Leaving the best until last. . .we are very happy to announce that Derek McCutcheon was baptized into Christ by his father, Gerald, on Sunday, May 15.

Dauphin, MB: We have seen both ends of the Christian race this month with the new birth of three young men and the finishing of the race by our sister Ethel Johnson. WCC students Glen Jennings (Winnipeg) and Jason Stamm (Redvers) put on their Lord in baptism near the beginning of the month of May. Greg Bell, a citizen of Dauphin, was led to the Lord by some of our young people.

A large number of youth and adults attended the Youth Rally at Western Christian College. The two Sunday a.m. services were conducted completely by our young people.

Approximately 20 ladies of the Dauphin congregation enjoyed a lovely breakfast together recently and heard a useful and inspiring lesson on joy, presented by Stacey Anderson. It was also a revealing time as we showed our secret sister identities. We look forward to reconvening in the fall.

Saskatoon, SK: Bruce Tetreau visited with the church in Saskatoon May 4-6 bringing to our congregation an inspiring seminar on "Dealing with your Emotions". Brother Tetreau presented five lessons: "Defining Today's Emotional Problems"; "Worry and Anxiety"; "Affects of Emotions as I Grow Older"; "God's plan for Weak People"; and "Using God and Our Bibles For Emotional Victory". The seminar presentations were very well-attended and included a number of people from the community. Brother Tetreau is well-qualified for the task of edifying the saints, and we strongly recommend him to any congregation.

There is an atmosphere of excitement in the congregation as we plan together to support Allen and Laura Close in their upcoming work in Brazil. May 8 brought us a "brand new" member of our congregation with the arrival of Ray Troy Jhelmar, a 5 lb. 12 oz. son for Brad and Crystal Peterson and a brother for Joel. Congratulations! Proud grandparents are Roger and Helen Peterson and Angus and Mary Grant. Subhas Ganguli and Eithna Morris are to be married in Saskatoon on July 6, and we are rejoicing that these two fine Christian people are joining in marriage and are members of this congregation.

Mary and Harold Orr and brother Jim Lidbury from Edmond, Oklahoma have returned to Saskatoon for the summer. It is so nice to have them back with us. We rejoice that we will be able to fellowship with them. Robert Orr is going to Hungary and Yugoslavia this summer with a group from Oklahoma Christian University. They will participate in a Campaign and Singing Tour as well as distributing Bibles.

Yorkton, SK: We thank brothers Ray McMillan and Brian Cox for coming, teaching the adult class, and preaching for us on March 24 and April 28 respectively. We were glad to have a number of brothers and sisters from Dauphin with us on April 21. Later that afternoon, the two singing groups, Mizpah and Agape, went on to Saltcoats to sing in the Lakeside Care Home there.

On May 26 our hearts were made to rejoice when Lori Jane Paul made the good confession and was baptized. Lori Jane, who is the mother of three little boys, has been diligently studying her Bible for some time. She needs our prayers and encouragement.

The dates for our Vacation Bible School are July 15-19. Plans are for Glen and Nancy MacDonald, Becky Andreas and Jenny Cox to come and help with the teaching.

Estevan, SK: We were happy that our evangelist, Tim Pippus, was chosen to be the featured speaker at the Youth Rally at WCC in Dauphin. Tim reports that they had the largest attendance ever this year. He has received numerous requests for speaking appointments as a result. We are also beginning to receive comments and reports on our weekly lesson in a local newspaper, which makes the effort worthwhile.

A carload from this church attended the graveside service at Manson, Manitoba for sister Ethel Johnson of Dauphin (see Obituaries [p. 17] for further details).

Weyburn, SK: May has been what might be called a "routine" month for the Weyburn congregation except for one thing. Brother Wieb is bringing to a conclusion the various studies he has been leading. He will preach his last sermons for us as our regular minister on June 9. We will be honouring him and Dorothy for their three years as our minister at our first Sunday potluck. Brother Wieb began serving the church in Weyburn 30 years ago this summer when he moved to Weyburn to carry out his duties as president of Western Christian College. During those years, he has also served as deacon and elder. He has preached many, many times and taught countless Bible classes. We are so thankful that he and Dorothy will continue to live in Weyburn. You can be sure that he has not preached his last sermon or taught his last class in Weyburn. The difference is that from now on he has to do it for free!

Mike and Cheryl Stone and family of Palmyra, Missouri are due in Weyburn June 4 to begin working with the church. We are looking forward to their coming and pray it will be the beginning of a long, happy and fruitful association.

We will finish showing the Herald of Truth series on the family on our cable TV program the middle of June. Then we will begin using brother Stone as the regular speaker. We will also invite men from the area to guest on the program from time to time. Brother Clinton Brazle will do one program for us while he is in the area for a meeting in Moose Jaw. Clinton had a five-minute radio program for many years while preaching for the church here. Music for the program will be provided by "Midnight

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

by Ed Bryant
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Alliance, BC: Ted Archbold, former minister of the church here for five years, after special training in various aspects of the ministry of counselling, is now engaged in Life Resources, a rural Alberta counselling service. His service deals with problems of sexual abuse, family violence, bereavement and the whole gamut of personal crises, including suicide and marital relationships. He has conducted training sessions for many church groups in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, as well as other public organizations.

Kamloops, BC: Steve Crews reports that he still has ten studies under way. Also, Kathy Horsman was baptized into Christ in April. She had delayed her decision for a year, waiting in hopes her husband and teenaged son would also be baptized. She finally decided to wait no longer.

The weather prevented a planned men's retreat with Garth Smith of Federal Way, Washington. A huge pile-up on the Trans-Canada highway kept him from being permitted to enter, and the alternate route, via highway 7, was also closed by an accident. The event was rescheduled for mid-May.

A teacher's workshop was conducted with Dan and "Butch" Whitaker of Bakersfield, California. People from two other congregations in B.C. shared in the workshop.

In the report, Crews stated that churches in B.C. and Alberta will have a booth at the Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop in early July to encourage interest in spreading the gospel in Canada. The workshop is an annual event in Tacoma, Washington. It is attended by many from afar.

A campaign with personnel from Bear Valley School of Biblical Studies is planned for July or August in Williams Lake and Quesnel.

Delta, BC: Jim and Carolyn Hawkins were to conduct "Couples in the Country" at Spruston Road Bible Camp, June 21-23.

Columbia Christian College in Portland, Oregon presented a Minister's Enrichment Seminar the first week-in June.

A phone call to either of two numbers is all that is required to start a "prayer chain" among members of this congregation. Requests for prayers for special needs will be relayed along the chain so that many will be praying for the person requesting prayer.

Surrey, BC: The church here was made to rejoice when Adelaide Gregoire surrendered her life in obedience to the gospel and was buried with her Lord in baptism. She is the wife of Mel Gregoire and sister-in-law to Everett and Verna.

Victoria, BC: This congregation hosted a youth rally in May.

Calgary, AB: "The work of the church here continues apace. We are hoping to install another elder. Our Sunday morning attendance hovers around the 300 mark of late, with a record of 480 for our 'Bring a Friend Day' last November." *--Cecil Bailey*

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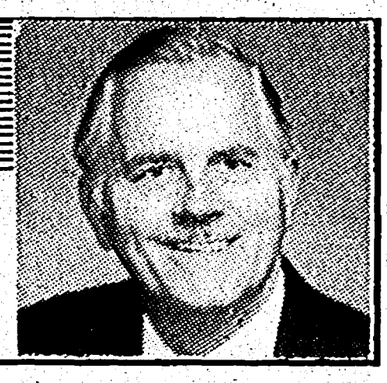

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The Church in Transition *by Jim Woodroof. 210 pages, pb. $6.95 (U.S.). Reviewed by Eugene C. Perry.*

As we observe the rapid changes taking place in all facets of our society, we cannot help but be conscious of the possible implications for the church of our Lord as it prepares to enter the third millennium. Brother Woodroof courageously considers the alternative for the church.

His book calls for change, "not of organization or ritual or doctrine but of attitude". Among those attempting to be (restore) the church Jesus established, the answer, the author implies, lies somewhere between the extremes represented by those claiming "we have already arrived" and those advocating "a new hermeneutic".

Pointing out the long-time tendency to "search for a base for rejecting those who differ with us", he states that the younger generation in the church is not interested in keeping alive the issues that have divided us in the past but rather "long for a biblical base upon which to accept one another".

Three sections deal with "Church in Focus" (The Way We Are), "Church in Transition" (Consideration of the essentials which must survive) and "Church in Diversity" (Unity in the Midst of Diversity). An Appendix "Diversity Without Division" (How to Differ Without Dividing) has four chapters.

We commend the courage and insights of the author and trust his book will help us meet the challenges before us in a biblical way.

No Wonder They Call Him the Saviour *by Max Lucado. Gift Edition, 80 pages, $16.95 (US), Multnomah.*

Like 300,000 other people, I had a paperback copy of this book. But I hadn't gotten around to reading it. I saw Lucado's books along with the best selling evangelical authors and wondered why one of "our" preachers was so highly rated. Then I got the notice of this "Gift Edition" and decided to see what all the fuss was about. After reading a few chapters, I began to see the reason. You feel like Lucado is talking directly to you, and your heart is moved. Tears come to your eyes as you contemplate the meaning of the cross. So, I immediately purchased all his other books and can't wait to read them.

The beauty of this Gift Edition helps you to appreciate the content even more. The stunning cover required six different locations to produce. It is a joy to hold and read. It would be a perfect gift.

The NIV Exhaustive Concordance, *R.G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, ON, 1853 pages, $64.95 (Cdn.).*

The NIV is rapidly becoming the most popular translation in out brotherhood. Every serious student of the Bible requires a complete concordance. As one reviewer well stated, "The Bible student without a concordance is like the traveler without a road map."

The features of this concordance are many. There are complete alphabetical listings for every word in the NIV. It has a completely new numbering system. There are complete Hebrew/Aramaic and Greek to English index-lexicons. Special indexes allow for easy cross-referencing between this volume and Strong's numbering system. More than 2,000 key words from the King James Version are cross-referenced to their NIV equivalents. There is a special index of articles, conjunctions, particles, prepositions and pronouns.

Next to the Bible, this is the most important book for a Bible student.

The Twelve Steps - A Spiritual Journey, A working guide for adult children from addictive and other dysfunctional families, Based on Biblical Teachings. *Recovery Press, 1989. (Reviewed by Carolyn Hawkins.)*

Following the 12-step program made known by Alcoholics Anonymous and since adopted by many anonymous groups, this guide to making a spiritual application of the steps is an indepth treatment of our personal problems and recovery from those problems. It is designed to be worked in groups and to develop a family closeness among believers who are struggling with their problems from dysfunctional families. "It contains explicit, detailed writing exercises for each step on the road to recovery and provides a workable formula for confronting the past and surrendering one's life to God; reaffirms the dominion of God over all of life; emphasizes the relationships between the twelve steps and the practice of Christianity." The exercises emphasize Bible truths, self-understanding and the unchanging love of God for all His children. I am in a group using this guide and feel that it is beneficial to all of us because we have all come from some degree of dysfunction and are all wanting to turn our lives over to God, our higher power.

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Hermeneutics of Amaziah

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upon our total rejection of the doctrines of men which continuously divide the religious bodies around us.

And so I raise a number of questions: If we know their teachings are in error whenever they forsake the word of God and their continuing existence is detrimental to the doctrines of Christ and the unity of God's people, why do we consort with their erring scholars and flirt with their conclusions? If their doctrines have never promoted God's revelation of unity among **them**, how are we to expect them to benefit **us** in any way? Do you honestly think that the contradictive dogmas which separate them can in any way unify us with them? Small wonder the word of God says, "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord" (2 Corinthians 6:16).

I share with you some "gems of wisdom" sifted from the labours of study and contending earnestly for the faith while confronting representatives of a number of religions. Applying these to other basics will safely lead to the correct interpretation of every revelation essential to "life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3):

1. Devote your mind to the fullest knowledge of **God's word** of which you are capable (2 Timothy 2:15).

2. Know and assimilate **all** the Bible says on any subject **before** you reach a conclusion. Then double-check your findings.

3. Any interpretive conclusion that forces a denial or a contradiction within the same covenant is manifestly incorrect and can only lead to false conclusions.

4. In God's plan of salvation, whatever promises and precedes salvation is essential thereunto because **God** has made it an integral part.

5. That the law of exclusion is inherent in God's word is made even more evident from home economics: You send your child to the store with a shopping list and more than sufficient funds to make the purchases. When the child returns with all the items, you find a noticeable difference between the cash register slip and the change. Inquiry reveals that candy and pop were bought and you ask by what authority he took it upon himself to do so. The defensive reply: "Well, you didn't say I couldn't!" How long will parents put up with that kind of behaviour?

How long do you suppose our Father in heaven will tolerate our taking license to do whatever He has not specifically forbidden?

Read the "list" He has supplied in the Bible whereby we can have the "full assurance of faith" in our service to Him. Let us walk by faith and not be side-tracked by the hermeneutics of Amaziah for whose actions God planned his destruction.

--Bracebride, Ontario

Single Parenting

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Sunday School. Children of a single parent may be quite demanding of attention and affection. They need more reassurance, since their own little world has come apart. A loving, caring Sunday School teacher can provide some of that extra attention needed by a hurting child. I know that my daughter loves Sunday School because her teachers love her.

The journey of being a single parent may be short due to reconciliation or remarriage or it may last a lifetime. However long, though, it is a "mountain-valley" experience. It is full of ups and downs. In my own journey, I've had to learn to admit my weaknesses and faults. I have had to learn patience, to pray more, to read more, to communicate more effectively, to be more aware of who I am inside. I had to learn the responsibility of running a home by myself, raising a child and maintaining a career at the same time.

Single parent families need fellow Christians. They need you who are in happy, functional families to be a support. The single parent family needs those of you who have survived the experience to share your story and encouragement. Single parents need those of you who have experienced other life hurts to share your story. We need for you to show us that one can make it with God's help. You see, there are times when a single parent feels that he won't make it -- that he just can't take any more. That's when he needs you, fellow members of the Body.

The church has the opportunity to offer the beautiful experience of sharing God's healing power with broken people, like the single parent family.

--Lucan, Ontario

Don't Lose the Bible

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make you aware of the great blessings of God through Jesus Christ. Don't lose the Bible in church by not listening to the reading, teaching and preaching of the Word that is done from service to service. Don't lose it in your own home by failing to spend some quality time in searching it yourself. Be like the people of Berea who, ". . .received the message with great eagerness and examined the scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11). Learn the Word and apply it to your life so that you can be truly God's person and receive the promises He has given to His people.

Examining Love

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First, "agape" love will prevent the breakup of marriage, which is intended to be for life. The Lord, the God of Israel, Who is still our God, "Hateth putting away (divorce)" (Malachi 2:16). Can we "agape" love God by attempting to change his teaching on marriage? Why trifle with eternal truths?

"Agape" love will explain what "modest apparel" (1 Timothy 2:9) means as well. Thayer's definition of "aidos", translated "modest", is: "(1) Having regard for others; (2) That which would restrain a good man from an unworthy act; (3) Opposite to anything which would likely arouse or distract the thoughts of others." No other definition should be necessary for the prudent and consecrated man or woman who wants to comply with God's word.

The only time that Christian love will fail could be when there is a failure to manifest it openly before God and man. May God help us not only to understand but to manifest our love in action to the end of life (Matthew 6:33).

--Fenwick, Ontario

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Overseas Relief Opportunities

The Lawrence Whitfields of Welland and Eugene Perrys of Tintern have had several years of firsthand experience in Zambia and can testify to increasing hardships being suffered by our fellow Christians there. The great contrast between their lack and our plenty demands that we respond by caring and sharing.

There have been recent appeals for help with shipments to Rumania, Zimbabwe and Ghana. A sister in Brantford spearheaded and accompanied the Rumanian effort some months ago. Lewis Mutuma of Windsor has been preparing a container of medical supplies, children's clothing and a vehicle in conjunction with his next planned visit to minister to his people in Zimbabwe. We are now being asked to give to help needing Christians in Zambia.

The high cost of shipping smaller packages together with the difficulties and expenses experienced by the recipients have discouraged this approach. The Whitfields and Perrys have, in the past, each spent over $600 to ship 20 small boxes. Investigation has revealed that 550 larger and much heavier boxes can be shipped in a 20' x 8' x 8' container for under $9,000. Besides this, missionaries over there can receive such shipments with only minor difficulties and expenses. It is estimated that shipping costs by this method are only 25% of shipping by mail. We can thus send more for less.

It is hoped that $9,000 in donations or pledges will be assured by July 31, 1991 so that donations of clothing, books, Bibles, tools, soap, sewing supplies and medical supplies can be assembled for shipment in October.

Readers may participate by sending donations or enquiries to the Welland Church of Christ, Box 20, Welland, ON L3B 5P2, Eugene Perry, Geoff Taylor, Philip Morphy or Doran Hammett. Tax receipts will be provided. --*E.C.P.*

Focus On Jesus

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was frightening to know that such a terrible thing had happened to her when we were so close. We knew nothing about it until Sunday morning, when we were asked to go see why she didn't answer her door. We had a key to her house; so, Eugene let himself into the house and found her lying on the bed, covered except for one hand. When he touched it, he knew she was dead. The murderer had left the butcher knife sticking through her neck.

As people came to church that morning, they heard the news. Since she was so well-known and loved by all the Zambian Christians, it was a terrible thing to witness. My faith was strengthened when I heard the congregation singing as they began the morning service. The young man who was scheduled to preach went ahead as planned. I was able to encourage some of the women to stop their mourning and go into the building. It seemed that we were all brought closer to God in the service that morning. We would ask many times in the days that followed, "Why?" And many times we got the answer, "Keep your eyes on Jesus". Fear for our lives was always present after that, but we didn't focus on that fear but on the work we were there to do.

"A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt."

May God bless us all as we strive to have that kind of faith.

--Beamsville, Ontario

Bright Ideas

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always right to treat people right.

"Keep the whole congregation informed and aware of what's going on. We've had teachers from the language programs get together with our teachers, to help divide space in the rooms and discuss which things may be used or moved. Communication overcomes problems.

"We've been known for years as the people in the community who were right. Now we need to be known as the people with the right hearts."

Helpful Hints

If your congregation decides to reach out by inviting groups in, here are some guidelines to consider:

Have one person handle all bookings.

Establish ahead of time what areas, furniture, supplies, and equipment the visiting groups will be allowed to use.

Circulate and post a list of guidelines for the use of the building so that visitors and members know what the rules are.

If possible, have a member of the congregation involved in the group (to act as a liaison, monitor building use, and ensure the building is left secure at the end of the session).

Though it is possible to capitalize, in a non-threatening way, on possible contacts to be found among those using the building, make sure building use is not thought to have religious strings attached.

Look for ways to reach the building-users by inviting participation in church activities.

Be prepared to handle some inconveniences and problems.

Make sure the congregation knows what groups are using the building, when it's in use, and why the group is needing the space.

News Prairies

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Sun" of Regina and "Good News" of Saskatoon.

Pray, MT: A Golden Age Camp for Christians 50 years of age and older will be held at Yellowstone Bible Camp, August 10-17. Richard Jones of Edmond, Oklahoma and Clinton Brazle of Bozeman, Montana will be the Bible teachers.

Wawota, SK: Jason Stamm, foster son of John and Carolyn McMillan, was baptized on May 11.

Binding Service

The Gospel Herald Bookstore is now equipped to bind reports, research papers, resumes, church bulletins, etc. by the Unibind method. This involves a clear plastic cover with a coloured spine. Items to be bound should preferably be of uniform size. Our charge will be $3 per volume. Shipping charges and title pages, if involved, will be extra.

Preacher Available

Roy Graneau, an experienced preacher in the West Indies, is interested in working with a church in Canada beginning in 1992 on either a full- or part-time basis. We do not know him personally

A picture and short resume are available or interested churches can contact him at Mt. Lily Church of Christ, Nevis, W. Indies. Tel. 809-469-9389. --*E.C.P.*

OBITUARIES

ETHEL ROSALIE MARY JOHNSON

Sister Johnson, daughter of the late H.A. and Melissa Rogers, and wife of Peter, passed away in the Dauphin General Hospital on May 22 at the age of 79.

She was born and schooled in Carman, Manitoba and moved with her family to Manson in 1929. She married Peter in 1936, and after residing in various places in Saskatchewan, they moved to Dauphin in 1946.

She was active in serving her communities and held membership in many public organizations including the School Board and Hospital Auxiliary. She had been a faithful member of the church of Christ in Dauphin, being its first member. She was active in teaching and in feeding and housing workers.

Predeceased by her parents, a brother and two sisters and a grandson, she is survived by husband, Peter; sons Reg (Phyllis) of Mississauga, Ontario; Allen (Sylvia) of Nanaimo, B.C.; a daughter, Noreen (George) Irbe of Nanaimo, B.C.; seven grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Ron Hegdahl officiated at the funeral service on May 25 in the Dauphin church building. Internment was in the family plot at the Manson Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Western Christian College, P.O. Box 5000, Dauphin, MB R7N 2V5 or to the Manitoba Heart Foundation, 301-352 Donald Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 2H8

-- Condensed from newspaper item

GWENDOLYN MARY WHITE

Sister Gwendolyn Mary White passed away in hospital at Owen Sound on May 31, 1991 in her 63rd year. The former Gwen Ashby, sister White was the beloved wife of brother Roy White of the Meaford congregation.

Her passing is mourned also by her daughter, Debbie (Mrs. Joe Clark), her son, Mark, and her grandson, Brandon. She is also survived by her mother, sister Minetta Ashby of Meaford and a brother, Robert, of Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia. A full church building at her funeral in Meaford spoke of how much she will be missed by the church there and by many relatives and friends.

During her life, Gwen was known for her beautiful alto voice. She added greatly to the singing in worship services and singings at the church building and at gatherings in homes. For several years, she was a member of the Goldenairs, a ladies' singing group in Meaford. We give thanks for her life and the many ways in which she was a blessing to those who knew her.

We pray God will bless and strengthen Roy and family and the many who will miss her in the days ahead. May all find strength in our Christian understanding of death and life beyond (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

A funeral service of praise was conducted in her memory on Tuesday, June 3 by the writer, assisted by brothers Wayford Smith, Felix Turner and Claude Cox.

--Max E. Craddock

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September 1, 1991

Theme: The Promise of Joy

Speakers: Bill Bunting, Wayford Smith

Schedule

9:15	Registration
9:45	Opening Remarks
10:00	The Joys of the Past, B. Bunting, W. Smith
11:00	The Joys of This Day, Bill Bunting
12:00	Lunch and Social time (Bring your lunch. Beverages provided. Restaurants available.)
2:30	Singing
3:00	The Joys of Tomorrow, Wayford Smith
3:45	Closing Remarks

Directory of Churches

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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., 569-2817; 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.

FORT MCMURRAY: Sawridge Hotel, 530 MacKenzie Blvd.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Gerry Bibaud, ev. 101 Silvanus Crescent, (403) 791-5747.

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

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

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

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

CRANBROOK: 450 Van Horne St. S. (on Hwy. No. 3, S. of town) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 351, V1C 4H8; (604) 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: 1317 Ethel Street; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7; Box 2697, Sta. R, V1X 6A7; Wayne Muirhead, (604) 861-4008; Charles McKnight, ev., 765-8739.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd 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 525-4353; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krmis, 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.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10.11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

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, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 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.

BLIND RIVER: W.C. Eaket Secondary School, Woodward Avenue; Sun. 10; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

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

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, 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; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, Westcliffe P.O., L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

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

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meetings with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630 or David Preston, R.R. #1, Group Box 174, P0A 1K0; (705) 789-7697.

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

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.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; c/o Peter Speek, 95 Longwood Drive, Waterloo, N2L 4B6; (519) 885-0752.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:30; 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. 9:30, 10:30, 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) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

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

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

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 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., Gen. Del., P0A 1Z0; 384-7624 (res.), 384-5214 (off).

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; Rupert Comrie, sec.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 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), Stephen Gill (265-2496), and Wm. Harvey (757-4619) elders. Max Craddock (461-7406), Peter Morphy (416-266-2600), Santiago Molina (Spanish) (751-6879), evs.

VANDELEUR: 5 mi. S.E. Markdale, Artemesia Twsp.; 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 Avenue; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 20, L3B 5P2; S. F. Timmerman, evangelist, Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cres., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten Street, N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sunday 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Stuart Bailey, ev., 3139 Curry Ave., N9E 2T2; 966-0749.

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., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audre Cote; (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Cote 362-6623 (French Speaking).

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

SHERBROOKE: 888 rue Laviolette; Albert Charette, ev., (819) 569-7257 (res.); 820-PAIX (off.).

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"Preachers as Problems"

by Earl Weldon

A preacher writing about preachers could be dangerous. It could be a double-edged sword for the writer. But I'll take the chance and pursue this subject objectively and honestly.

First of all, it is motivated out of personal experience as a preacher and first-hand knowledge of situations from other ministers. It is also motivated from second-hand information from elders, articles and members of congregations where a problem preacher is or has been in the past. Secondly, I wish to say in the beginning that this is not motivated out of my present circumstances or any I am personally aware of in this area (Ottawa) today.

One of the greatest assets of any congregation is a dedicated, faithful and loving gospel preacher. Mature, growing churches are the results of good preachers in the pulpit. Hard-working, consecrated and godly preachers help churches reach their spiritual potential. There are more good preachers than there are problem preachers, but we must admit that there are some who are problems. I am not writing about the good ones; I am not writing about those faithful gospel preachers who from time to time come across opposition because of their proclamation of the truth, from materialistically-minded church members, but about those who are the problems.

I hope this article will help those of us who are preaching to do some introspective soul-searching and help congregations avoid the pitfalls and hurts caused by these men we are to discuss. One author who wrote on this subject enumerated 11 different categories of undesirable traits of problem preachers. I wish to discuss these types in a combined manner because of the kinship of several of them.

1. **Diotrophes.** There are those who cannot submit to authority. They cannot take directions, orders or advice. They are looked upon as rebellious by church leaders and will not submit themselves to the oversight of elders of the church (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2; Heb. 13:17). They have a deep-seated need for power, and not being able to find it elsewhere, they seek it in the pulpit. The rights of others are overlooked, and if the church refuses to listen to or submit to this brother, off he goes like a "loose cannon" and leaves, looking for another unsuspecting congregation to run or ruin (3 John 9).

Today. . .the church needs faithful men to preach the whole counsel of God.

2. **Dishonest (Judas).** This man has his hand in the money bag stealing funds. I knew of a situation where a brother used church credit cards to the tune of over $3,000 for his personal use and was so deep in debt that he kept destroying the bills because he could not pay them and did not want to face up to his dishonesty. The elders began to investigate and learned to their dismay that this was not his first time. But the congregation from which he came gave him a good recommendation as a "faithful" gospel preacher. He was everything but a good preacher; he was a thief. This is a tragedy; it is sad when the one person in a congregation who should be an example for purity is anything but, found with his hand in the bag (John 12:6). Most likely this person is dishonest in his own personal financial dealings. Usually they are liars, but sometimes these types do not have their hands in the bag but are habitual liars. All liars shall have their day (Rev. 21:8). This trait is very bad and sad because many times it goes undetected for a long time, and irreversible damage will be sustained. When men are found to be dishonest and impenitent, they should not be recommended as "faithful" gospel preachers just to get rid of them.

3. **Unfriendly and overly aggressive type.** There are many men who preach the truth, who are capable as pulpiteers but are always at odds with someone. This problem severely handicaps some, and most often they wind up selling insurance or cars. They have a severe personality problem. Many times it is due to an inability to accept just criticism, being too sensitive; so, to compensate, they become overly aggressive. To have friends, one must show oneself friendly (Prov. 18:24). Friendliness should be a characteristic of the gospel preacher. To "win friends and influence people" one must be friendly. Jesus, our example, grew in all areas of life just as we must. One of those areas was socially (Luke 2:52).

4. **"Big Man" in the brotherhood syndrome.** From time to time when my little brother, Jerry, and I are in an effort together, he will introduce me as a "big man" in the brotherhood. And I am, but not in the sense I am discussing under this heading. The people with this syndrome are seekers of status, and they thrive on being the centre of attention. I feel that often this comes from a feeling of insecurity or something akin to it, and these men overcompensate to their own detriment. But just as often, it is greed and a desire to feed a hungry ego. I say about this type, "If you could buy them for what they are worth and sell them for what they think they are worth, you could surely make a financial killing."

There are a lot of these guys around, or at least I've run into a lot who I felt were that way. It is interesting to go through preacher resumes; I believe most preachers like attention (we all do), but when all of one's energies are expended being the centre of attention, it tends to become a serious problem. The status seeking brother is always looking for a bigger church, a bigger salary, a bigger house and less work. There are many preachers who leave preaching because of greed and desire for worldly position. This type of man can certainly be a problem, if he remains, because every time something bigger comes along, off he goes to something bigger and better for him. Jesus Christ should be the first and foremost desire of every preacher (1 Cor.

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Beyond Failure

by Walter Hart

What are we to do when we fail? When we sin against God and others? When we embarrass ourselves -- disgrace ourselves -- shame ourselves? We can do like Judas (Matthew 27:3-5). We can just quit, stop trying, throw in the towel, give up. That is one way to handle failure. **But there is a better way.** A positive way. A way that continues to provide hope. The apostle Peter illustrates the better way.

Peter's Spotted Record

To appreciate how Peter handled failure we will need to know something about the man. Twelve incidents from the record of his life will help us understand his approach to life and to failure.

1. **John 1:40-42.** Peter was first brought to Jesus by his brother, Andrew, and he was at that time given a new name by the Lord. He would from now on be "Cephas" (Aramaic) or "Peter" (Greek) meaning "stone" or "rock". Peter a rock? At this point someone has said it was like calling a bald man "curly" or a stout man "slim"! He was impulsive, volatile, somewhat unreliable -- but Jesus saw the potential in him.

It is said that a friend once came upon Michelangelo chipping away with hammer and chisel at a huge and shapeless piece of rock. The famous sculptor was asked what he was doing. He replied, "I am releasing the angel imprisoned in this marble." As Michelangelo could see the potential in that piece of rock, so Jesus could see and release the potential in Peter.

2. **Luke 5:1-11.** This was when Peter received a definite call from the Lord. Jesus had been teaching from his boat and asked that Peter "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch". Peter said what he thought. What Jesus was asking did not make much sense. Night was the time to fish on the Sea of Galilee, not daytime. And, besides, they had fished all night and had caught nothing. But, if Jesus insists, Peter will humour Him! Peter is straightforward and honest, his feelings freely coming out.

Then there was the catch of fish. The nets began to break and the boats were filled and in danger of sinking. At Jesus' feet, Peter cried out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." What a beautiful and free confession of his sinfulness and weakness in Jesus' presence!

And so Peter became one of Jesus' regular disciples and had his name listed among the twelve. No, more than that. His name was listed first, and he belonged to the "inner circle" of apostles. Peter was a leader!

3. **Matthew 14:28-31.** This was the night after the feeding of the five thousand. The disciples were on the Sea of Galilee, struggling against a contrary wind. Then there was Jesus, walking on the water! "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." If the Lord could do it, Peter was willing to do it, too! And he did! Peter walked on the water! How about that!!

But then he noticed the wind; was distracted by the storm. He lost his concentration and his confidence. His fear overcame his faith, and he sank. "Lord, save me!" "What made you lose your nerve like that?" (Phillips trans.) An embarrassment. Sort of a failure. A mild rebuke. But he had tried something the other disciples would not dare to try! The rebuke was not a rebuke for trying, not a rebuke for attempting too much, but a rebuke for trusting too little!

4. **Matthew 16:13-19.** This was the critical moment at Caesarea Philippi. "Who do you say that I am?" Peter had been carefully observing Jesus' actions, listening to His teaching, developing a clear idea of who He was. Peter had learned, and he was not shy to express his conclusion! "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Others may have thought it, but Peter said it! God bless him! As a result, a special honour will come to Peter. He will get to open the doors of the kingdom as a result of being "up front" with his faith!

5. **Matthew 16:21-23.** The One who had accepted Peter's identification as the Christ, the Son of the living God, now began to talk about being put to death! Peter could not resist: "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." Again, the others probably thought the same thing, but Peter said it.

Jesus' words to Peter were sharp: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." Peter meant right but he was wrong, and he deserved the rebuke. He was speaking against the will of God, not understanding the nature of the Kingdom of God. He was out of place -- the disciple correcting the teacher.

Have you ever been rebuked by a friend? By someone you love and respect? How did you feel? What did you do? **Peter did not understand but he did not quit, either.** He licked his wounds and continued to walk with the Master.

6. **Matthew 26:31-35.** At the Last Supper, Jesus predicted desertion by his followers, and He also predicted denial by Peter. Peter, as usual, was direct and open: "I will never fall away. . .Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." That was Peter! His loyalty was unquestionable; his courage not to be denied. His heart was with Jesus, and he would say so! What Peter lacked was an understanding of himself and his weakness.

7. **John 18:10, 11.** At the seizure of Jesus, Peter showed that he meant his affirmation of loyalty. He struck with one of only two swords that the disciples had. It was a hopeless defense, a rash defense. And it would have meant instant death for Peter except for Jesus' intervention. Again, Peter had acted while others stood by. He meant well, but he just did not understand what was really happening. And again he was corrected -- a correction that I am sure he did not understand.

8. **John 18:15-27.** Jesus was led away for trial, and Peter followed (at a distance, Luke 22:54). Only Peter and John followed -- into the court of the enemy. Then it began. What must have been several hours of growing fear, of shrinking back into the shadows. "Are you not one of his disciples?" "I am not". "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" "Yes! Yes! You are a Galilean! You must be one of them!" "I don't know what you are talking about. . .I swear to God that I don't know

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EDITORIAL

Sound Speech

by Roy D. Merritt

When the great Jewish reformer Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem after a visit to Persia about 433 B.C., he found a disorganized population. He was dismayed by a number of obvious weaknesses which he found offensive to God. One of these was the failure of about half the people to speak the pure language of Judah. They had mingled with and married foreign neighbours to the extent that they had developed a mixed language -- "the language of Ashdod".

Nehemiah took a very direct approach to remedy this fault. He reports: "I contended with them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. . ." (Nehemiah 13:25). We do not recommend such punitive methods to correct those among us who are addicted to the "language of Ashdod'. We do suggest that all of us try more diligently to speak of biblical concepts using biblical language.

Our speech gives voice to our thoughts. Incorrect use of such biblical terms as "church", "Christian" and "faith" often indicates fuzzy insights into the true meaning of such terms. The fact that Merriam-Webster or Oxford dictionaries may list meanings for biblical words which are not derived from biblical usage, but from careless popular usage, does not matter. Our English dictionaries merely reflect the various ways that some people use the words today.

To speak of a material building as a "church" -- as we heard a prominent brother with a Ph.D. do repeatedly the other evening -- contributes to the confusion of those who respect his educational background. In the foggy atmosphere of denominational and humanistic religious jargon with which we are surrounded, it is likely that some of us will breathe the polluted air to the point that we become accustomed to it. Correct use of biblical language then becomes a matter of little consequence. Like Humpty Dumpty in "Through the Looking Glass", we are inclined to say: "When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean -- neither more nor less."

One term which gets extended far beyond its biblical connotation is the word "Christian". The term was used three times in the New Testament to designate "one who belongs to Christ". Today it is used in a general way of all those who profess any faith in Christ, no matter how distorted or vague that faith may be. About all the term "Christian" means, for example, in a country like India is that people in this category are not Hindu, Muslim, Sikh or Jain, but belong to one of the widely diverse groups claiming to be Christian. In some cases, the faith of the group may be a gross caricature of true Christianity. The circumstances are really not too different in our own society.

From such a generalized usage of the term "Christian", where it is difficult to maintain a completely pure use of the designation, we turn to the more specific use in reference to an individual. All too often we hear brethren speak of an unbaptized person as "a good Christian". This does not square with the use of the term by the apostles and early Christians. It is not a matter of petty and legalistic semantics to refuse to apply the term "Christian" to an unbaptized person. The New Testament is very clear as to how one puts on Christ and thus becomes identified with His body. No amount of pious behaviour or religious profession can substitute for obedience to the Gospel of Christ.

One does not truly belong to Christ's body, the church, until, as a penitent believer, one confesses Christ and is buried with Him in baptism. When we call a person a Christian even though he has not obeyed the Gospel, we obscure the dividing line between the church and the world. Moreover, we may contribute to a false confidence in the person which will hinder him from obedience to the Gospel.

All of us need to look carefully at the way in which we refer to some of the basic matters of faith and practice. Carelessness in our speech may add to the confusion of understanding which is so prevalent in our society. Our speech gives voice to our thoughts and to our faith.

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FAMILY TIES

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"Building Your Mate's Self Esteem" - 5

There he stands at the plate. He's twelve years old. His parents are in the stands. His brother and sister are peering through the wire fence. His teammates are hollering from the bench.

The other team is one point ahead. It's the bottom of the ninth. There are two out. The bases are loaded. The count is "three balls, two strikes". The pitcher is winding up for another pitch. So far, he has swung at only one pitch. It had been outside and he couldn't reach it.

Now he stands at the plate. It's decision time! If he gets a base hit, it could mean two runs for his team. If he swings and misses, his team could lose the game. Maybe he should choose not to swing at all. If it's a ball, at least the game will be tied. But if it's a strike, well... You see, if he scores a run, he's a hero, but if he fails, he's a goat!

But now he's 32! Or 42! Or 52! The decisions have become no easier over the years. He's become indecisive; often discouraged. The fear of failure has him in a vice-like grip. To decide, to choose, to act is to risk failure. But he's never learned how to fail successfully.

Freedom to Fail

As we continue to explore the many avenues open to the understanding spouse who seeks to build the self-esteem of his or her mate, we now approach one of the hardest but most important.

6. **Give your mate the freedom to fail.** The freedom to fail is a gift few people have been granted freely and fully by their mates. Both need it. Few have it. And in our kind of society it is a hard gift to give. It requires that kind of love that can truly put others before self. It also requires a better-than-average understanding of the nature of failure.

We live in a performance-oriented society. Human value is often determined on how much and how well one can do. Accumulation of wealth, winning of acclaim, ascending the ladder are all means by which to gain the approval of peers. To do less is to fail. And how we hate to fail.

Yet consider the reality. In real life, failure is more common than winning. Sports enthusiasts report that a batting average of 300 is considered outstanding in the major leagues. They patiently explain how that means that a player experiences seven misses for every three successes! The most successful baseball players strike out more than twice as often as they hit! Babe Ruth's record for the most home runs is legendary. What one seldom hears is that he also held the record for the most strike-outs! That is typical of life.

Discard Fictional Viewpoints

So, we need to discard our fictional views of failure and accept the reality. The successful people are not the ones who don't fail. They are the ones who respond positively in spite of failure.

There are two common responses to failure. One is intensified efforts to perform well. The other is resignation and indecision. Both are inadequate. The better response is to recognize the truth about failure. Failure is not final. It is not fatal. It just is. The only failure that can harm us is the one we don't learn from; the one we don't get up after. Remember that successful people fail more often than they succeed. But they always get up and keep going. We must learn how to fail successfully.

But that is unlikely to happen if we live in an atmosphere that limits our right to fail. If criticism is the normal response to my failure, I am less likely to try again. If my spouse is petrified by fear of failure, it is too risky to venture.

A large part of God's revelation to us is geared to help us know we can fail and still be okay. That's what forgiveness is all about. God loves us anyway! He calls us higher. Obviously, He doesn't expect us to revel in our sins. He forgives, forgets and provides the power to go on when we are willing to change direction, learn and grow.

We must encourage each other to try new things. We must allow each other to dream dreams and see visions. We must decide whether embarrassment or forgiveness will be our characteristic response to the failures of our mates. We must be learning to trust God and not be afraid. We must learn that material progress is not the highest good available to mankind.

Trusting God, understanding the true nature of failure and loving one's mate more for who s/he is than what s/he does will give one the mind-set that allows for acceptance and nurture for my mate, even in the face of failure. Such freedom will create a climate where more successes can happen. Remember, failure is a natural part of life. One must pass through it to find success. When we withhold the freedom to fail, we limit the possibilities for success.

7. **Cherish what is right and true.** Efforts to do something really good for someone are constantly plagued by the temptation to take short cuts around truth. Building your mate's self-esteem will be no exception. We live in a world of short-cuts and compromises. However, when a person compromises with truth to get to his destination, he often finds the success is built on sand. In the end, the progress is questionable, the goal still unattained.

Dennis and Barbara Rainey (**Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem**, p. 160) offer some tips that they have found helpful in their marriage when one wants to do "his own thing" instead of follow in God's way of truth. We think you will benefit from their experience. We share it here with you looking forward to discussing this important building block of your mate's self-esteem more fully next time, Lord willing.

Tips for Encouraging Obedience

"1. Don't nag. Love him for who he is. Being nagged is like being nibbled to death by a duck.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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A White Gown

What does the white gown worn by a bride mean to you? There are those who see it as the symbol of the purity of marriage and the bride who comes into marriage as a virgin. Others see it simply as the "standard" dress for a woman to wear when getting married with no particular symbolism as to purity, etc. Whatever the meaning of the white gown, the fact that our world seems less and less concerned about moral purity is certainly a matter for concern for the church and every person who wants to please God.

The writer of the Hebrews says, "Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" (Heb. 13:4). God has a real interest in how His creation deals with the matter of sexual purity. While men and women throughout history have been free with their sexual favours, this is not what God wants or finds favour with. Young people, you need to give careful and prayerful consideration to this important subject of purity.

The statistics out of the U.S. in reference to young people and sexual relations are not good. According to a report in **U.S. News and World Report**, December 22, 1986, p. 8, American girls, on average, begin having sex at age 16, boys, at 15. By the end of their teens, 70 percent of girls and 80 percent of boys have been sexually active.

1,100,000 teenage girls became pregnant in 1984. 30,000 girls who become pregnant each year are under 14 years of age. Eighty percent of the pregnant teenage girls will drop out of school. Seventy percent of the unwed teenage mothers will go on welfare (Jay Kesler, **Parents of Teenagers**, Illinois: Victor Books, 1984). Claudia Wallis, in an article in **Time**, December 9, 1985 entitled "Children Having Children", suggests that "if the present trend continues, 40% of today's 14-year-old girls will be pregnant at least once before age 20. These are really sad statistics and suggestions. (The figures for Canada will be somewhat different but the trend will, unfortunately, almost surely be the same.) You, for yourself, need to come to grips with the issue of whether or not you will honour your Creator by living a life of sexual purity.

To encourage purity, we can refer to passages of scripture such as I Corinthians 6:9, 10: "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God". Here warning is given to all who will hear about the terrible results of unrepented of impurity.

We could look to 2 Samuel 11 and read, "One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, 'Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?'" (11:2, 3). If David had been thinking pure thoughts, this would have been the end of the issue. Since she was a married woman, there should have been a **No Trespassing** sign before his eyes. However, he was not thinking like the man of God but rather like the man of the world.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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A White Gown

What does the white gown worn by a bride mean to you? There are those who see it as the symbol of the purity of marriage and the bride who comes into marriage as a virgin. Others see it simply as the "standard" dress for a woman to wear when getting married with no particular symbolism as to purity, etc. Whatever the meaning of the white gown, the fact that our world seems less and less concerned about moral purity is certainly a matter for concern for the church and every person who wants to please God.

The writer of the Hebrews says, "Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" (Heb. 13:4). God has a real interest in how His creation deals with the matter of sexual purity. While men and women throughout history have been free with their sexual favours, this is not what God wants or finds favour with. Young people, you need to give careful and prayerful consideration to this important subject of purity.

The statistics out of the U.S. in reference to young people and sexual relations are not good. According to a report in **U.S. News and World Report**, December 22, 1986, p. 8, American girls, on average, begin having sex at age 16, boys, at 15. By the end of their teens, 70 percent of girls and 80 percent of boys have been sexually active.

1,100,000 teenage girls became pregnant in 1984. 30,000 girls who become pregnant each year are under 14 years of age. Eighty percent of the pregnant teenage girls will drop out of school. Seventy percent of the unwed teenage mothers will go on welfare (Jay Kesler, **Parents of Teenagers**, Illinois: Victor Books, 1984). Claudia Wallis, in an article in **Time**, December 9, 1985. entitled "Children Having Children", suggests that "if the present trend continues, 40% of today's 14-year-old girls will be pregnant at least once before age 20. These are really sad statistics and suggestions. (The figures for Canada will be somewhat different but the trend will, unfortunately, almost surely be the same.) You, for yourself, need to come to grips with the issue of whether or not you will honour your Creator by living a life of sexual purity.

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Beyond Failure

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the man.'' And the rooster crowed. And Jesus looked at him. And Peter knew what he had done. ''And he went out and wept bitterly'' (Luke 22:62).

Have you ever failed a friend? Really failed a friend when he desperately needed you to stand by him? Have you ever failed to stand up for what you believed? Have you ever shrunk back in fear? Have you ever wept bitterly over your own failure? Have you ever hated yourself for what you did or did not do under pressure?

What Peter had done that night was clear. The question was what he would do next. He could have, in self-condemnation and guilt and shame, simply committed suicide. That is what Judas did. He could have just stopped trying, given up on himself. He could have separated himself from the other disciples and spent the rest of his life in self-pity and isolation, an empty shell of a man cut off from God and man. **Thankfully, he did none of these things!**

9. **John 20:1-10.** When Mary Magdalene went to find disciples to investigate the opened tomb, she found Peter with John. Peter was with his brethren! And so he was there, on the first day of the week, stepping into the tomb, seeing that the body of Jesus was gone!

After his denial on the night of Jesus' trials, Peter must have gone to the other disciples and laid his sorrow and heartache out before them. And I can imagine them saying, ''At least you were there, Peter. At least you tried to help Him. We ran away and didn't even risk trying to support Him in His time of need.'' They had understood, and they had received him back into their fold.

10. **John 21.** The disciples were together at the Sea of Galilee, likely waiting for Jesus. But Peter had to be doing something and so led a fishing expedition. Then there was the man on the shore, the directions, and the great catch of fish. John was the first to recognize Him, but Peter was the first to act -- into the water to swim to Jesus! There on the seashore, in the presence of the others, Peter was given opportunity to affirm his loyalty to Jesus. And he did so, but with humility. Jesus gave him work to do ("Feed my lambs. . .tend my sheep'') and indicated a death by martyrdom, glorifying God.

11. **Acts 2-4.** Peter was the undenied leader as the gates of the Kingdom were flung open. Later, before the Sanhedrin, he was a picture of courage, even throwing a challenge into the faces of these men who crucified Jesus (4:12). Peter was indeed a rock!

12. **Galatians 2:11-14.** This incident was years later, in Antioch of Syria. And it is a shock to us. Peter was guilty of hypocrisy. He caved in to pressure, led others into hypocrisy with him, and by action denied those truths he had previously affirmed, defended and lived out. As a result, he was strongly and publicly rebuked by Paul!

Have you ever failed to stand up for what you believed? Have you ever caved in to a pressure group and accepted a standard you knew was wrong? Have you ever been publicly and strongly rebuked?

How did Peter take it? We are not directly told, but he must have done as he always did. He recognized that he was indeed wrong. Paul was right. He deserved Paul's rebuke. He confessed his wrong and asked forgiveness. He picked himself up off the ground, dusted himself off, and moved on. Years later he would write about Paul and call him ''our beloved brother Paul'' (II Peter 3:15).

What an uneven road Peter had walked! How many ups and downs there had been! The road finally ended as Jesus said it would. He died glorifying God, giving his life during the reign of Nero, dying in the faith. But we are left with some questions.

Beyond Failure

How could God keep using Peter when he so often faltered and failed? And how could Peter keep going after each embarrassing mistake?

1. **There was never any doubt where Peter's heart was.** He was headed in the right direction. By and large he knew where his hope lay. Do you remember the time that people turned away from Jesus by the thousands? Jesus asked the disciples, ''Do you also wish to go away?'' Guess who answered! ''Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. . .'' (John 6:68). In Christ was the living hope, the imperishable inheritance, and only in Him (1 Peter 1:3, 4).

Peter knew where his hope lay.. He knew where he was going. He might fall, falter, embarrass himself, but he kept his eye on the goal and would not be moved from it. After all, if he allowed his weakness and occasional failure to turn him from his goal, what hope would there be for him? His hope was greater than his weakness!

We need to know where we are going! Otherwise how can we ever hope to get there? And how can we get back on the path when we wander off, if we do not know our destination? This means that there must be a definite commitment and decision. Have you clearly made up your mind as to the final goal of your life? Can this direction be clearly seen by others?

2. **Peter was not afraid to commit himself, to speak out, to try.** Everyone knew where Peter stood! Sometimes this outspokenness got him into trouble, but let's admit it, God can do little with a person who will not commit himself. Jesus said clearly what He thinks of lukewarmness (Revelation 3:16). Most of Peter's failures came about because he was trying. That is forgivable. But how do you forgive someone who won't try at all?

3. **There is every reason to believe that with Peter after each failure there was not only embarrassment and shame but also true repentance, a true desire to do better.** There is no evidence that he sought to blame others or to excuse himself. I cannot imagine him simply shrugging and blurting out, ''Well, I am only human, you know,'' as people often seem to do today. Peter was part of a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5) and a partaker of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), and I can't believe that he took that commitment lightly.

Peter knew what it was to ''count the forbearance of our Lord as salvation'' (2 Peter 3:15). He knew that our failures are not greater or more powerful than the power of our God to forgive and to lift up (I believe I am indebted to Landon Saunders for that way of expressing it). Know what we do about Peter, we can almost

hear him echo the words of David: "I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

4. **Peter was not afraid to try again. He persevered.** When he fell, he would pick himself up off the ground, dust himself off, and set out again in his life-chosen direction -- the Way of Christ. He did not quit. As Joe Barnett wrote: "There is not an achievement worth a snap of the finger that isn't stained with the blood of disappointment and etched with the scars of persistence. Those who give up are a dime a dozen. They're in a big crowd. Those who persevere are rare; they don't have much company. And eventually they stand above the crowd -- alone in the winner's circle."

Not quitting, Keeping on. Hanging in there. That is what is necessary if we are going to accomplish anything. Did you know that Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times -- more than anyone else in the history of baseball? That is not what we remember, is it? We remember his 714 home runs. But that home run total would not have happened had he quit when he struck out! "Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1,2). That is what Peter did, and that is what we must do.

5. **To stop striving because of a failure or for fear of a failure is to stop living.** The greatest failure of all is to stop striving for high and worthy goals. A life without striving is the saddest kind of life -- indeed, is really a kind of death.

We have a goal, a mission, a hope. We will glorify God and serve men and someday leave this vale of tears for the very presence of the Heavenly Father. As we move toward that goal, we will sometimes stumble and fall. But we won't just lie there, and we will not quit, for then all would indeed be hopeless. We will get up and we will swallow our pride, admit our failure, accept His grace, and go on. For the power of God to forgive and to lift up is greater than our failure. And someday we will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. . .enter into the joy of your master." --*Guelph, Ontario*

HISTORY

J.C. Baileys Bid Meaford Adieu

(Reprinted from July 1944 Gospel Herald)

On Sunday June 25 we conclude over four years of labor with the Meaford church. As we intended much of our labors together was in other places. This time, under the providence of God has been profitable, and to Him we ascribe all praise for the opportunity of service.

During these years all our labors have not been in Meaford but we have preached for the Cape Rich congregation, Griersville congregation, Heathcote congregation, Collingwood congregation and we held meetings in the Duntroon district.

In the northern part of the provinces we have done work in Charlton, and Savard township. We labored in Sault Ste. Marie, preached several times for the brethren at Thessalon and Ice Lake. In Quebec we labored in Farmborough and in Norsanda. Turning to Southern Ontario again we preached and held a meeting for the brethren in Windsor, spent time in several meetings at Sarnia. Held two meetings for the Maplewood Ave. church in Toronto and spent several Sundays with the Fern Ave. brethren. I held a meeting for the Selkirk church, also the Niagara Manning St. congregation in St. Catharines. Some time was also spent in St. Catharines with the Raymond and Beecher brethren. Preached once in Tintern, once for the Westdale congregation in Hamilton and several times for the Sanford Ave. brethren. Two Sundays were spent in Brantford. I spent some time with the Omagh church and had the privilege of being with the brethren once in Jordan. Recently I held a mission meeting at Sundridge, Ont.

In the fall of 1941 the brethren released me and I returned to the West for six weeks.

During this time hundreds of calls were made, thousands of pieces of religious literature were mailed out, thousands of letters have been written, several new congregations have been started and nearly ninety have been baptized.

Only God knows how appreciative we are of health to carry on these labors and for the kindness of the Meaford church in caring for our temporal needs in such a fine way. We are grateful for their indulgence of our every weakness and with regret we turn to other fields of labor. To one and all we say God bless you.

Saskatchewan Bible Camps
☆ 60th Anniversary ☆

At the Easter holiday school break in 1931, Miss Lillian Torkelson visited Pearl and Wilfred Orr, who were living at the little town of Minton, Saskatchewan. The late Charles and Ada Petch were also visiting there.

Miss Torkelson returned to her parents' home and sent a message back to the Orrs, "Wilfred, if I can get a dozen young people together for a week, will you teach us a Bible lesson every day?"

Wilfred and the Petches were so impressed that he hurriedly drove to the Torkelson home and brought Lillian back with them. An all-night session laid the plans for what is known among us as "Minton Bible School."

Many more than the dozen attended. That was the beginning of summer Bible camps in Saskatchewan. There are now several that operate every year. That was 60 years ago.

--Pearl Orr, Papua, New Guinea

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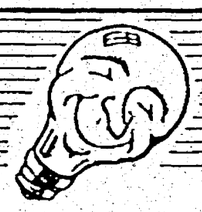

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Lessons in Leadership

(Please Note: If your congregation has some Bright Ideas that will foster fellowship, outreach, or spiritual growth, please share them. Submissions for this column needn't be written out in full. Simply jot down an outline, with a contact name and phone number [address and phone number are given above].)

In Ottawa, leadership is kid's stuff!

No, not in parliament. In the church. And it's serious business.

The congregation there is just one of many in Canada and the United States that refuses to wait until its young people are grown before expecting them to step into roles of service and responsibility. Through a special training class, evangelist Earl Weldon instills confidence in young boys through a well-organized, hands-on leadership program. (While the Ottawa program concentrates on boys, many of the skills taught in the classes are also appropriate for girls, who can later put them to good use in Ladies' classes and similar settings.)

The main goal, says Earl, is to build up the boy's self-esteem while broadening his spiritual horizons, to "show him that, with God, he can do anything".

"I try to teach them that God will use their talents, if only they will let Him," he says. "They learn very quickly that they can speak so others will listen.

"To date, the success rate is phenomenal. God gets the glory!"

The 12-week program includes some Bible basics and a chance to practise song-leading, prayer, memory work and public speaking.

The one-hour classes are taken very seriously, with established rules about not laughing at each other, talking out loud, or avoiding any part of the curriculum. Punctuality is also stressed, and any boy who's repeatedly late is assigned extra work. (Earl admits this is sometimes as much a lesson for the children's parents as it is for the students.) A boy with more than two absences is asked to drop out of the program and enrol in the next one, having fallen too far behind to catch up with the others.

During Earl's most recent course, all of the boys lead a song or two during each class, after some instruction in the basics of good song directing. Each student also leads a prayer during every session, having been taught what prayer is and how it's done.

"We used the slogan, 'Stand up straight, head up, speak out and up, sit down', and it works."

A memory verse was also part of each class. Since the ages of most of the boys were pretty uniform, they all learned the same verse (one verse each session). In addition, the boys all worked on an outline of a mini-sermon, and had it thoroughly fixed in their memories after 12 weeks. Earl stressed that they should each examine the most important aspect of the verse, then translate it into a real-life application for themselves and their audience.

A "Graduation" exercise was held during a Sunday night service. After a devotional and the serving of the Lord's Supper, the young leaders -- the oldest was eight years old -- took over to present the program. "They conducted it all by themselves, and they were marvellous," Earl says. "People could not believe their eyes and ears!"

Based on Luke 2:52, this service revolved around the theme of "Growing Up", with mini-lessons on the importance of growing up and how we, like Jesus, should grow physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. The young men led simple songs like **Jesus Loves Me, The B-I-B-L-E,** and **Jesus Loves the Little Children** as well as short prayers.

They presented their memory work, both individually and as a group, then one closed the service in prayer.

"They did a wonderful job," says Earl. "Someone cared when I was a boy, and I want to share some of the things I was taught. If, just if, we help to expand one boy's spiritual horizons in these efforts, he'll be a better man, and the world will be a better place because he was here."

Hints for Training Programs

☆ Establish what kind of training will be done and what age group will be involved. Many of the same leadership qualities should also be taught to groups of girls, because as women, they, too, will sometimes be called on in certain circumstances to pray, lead singing and speak publicly.

☆ Set a specific time period. An eight-, ten- or twelve-week program is far better than an on-going, undefined class that might sputter out somewhere along the line. Firm starting and ending times are important for both students and their parents. Some groups find it easiest to run the program right before or right after a worship service.

☆ Set the rules early about what kind of behaviour will not be tolerated in the class. Every effort should be made to help the young children feel secure in practising new skills without fear of ridicule.

☆ Teach proper skills, even bringing in others to emphasize a particular ability. Make sure there's a good balance of the spiritual and practical aspects of how to pray and sing.

☆ Encourage the students to learn all of the skills during the class. Not all young men want to become preachers, and not all young ladies can see themselves speaking at a Ladies Day, but the training will give them a measure of confidence and increase their ability to handle future situations.

☆ Spend extra time with the students whose parents do not encourage them.

☆ Make sure the students have ample time to practice their various assignments before presenting them publicly.

☆ Arrange a final presentation before an appropriate audience so that the children can see the results of their labours. Try to get some feedback and encouragement from the audience.

God's Wondrous Ways - II

by Cecil T. Bailey

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God's prophet Isaiah assured King Hezekiah that the Assyrians would not be allowed to attack or in any way devastate Jerusalem. Speaking of the king of Assyria, or his general, he said: "He shall not come to the city or shoot an arrow there; neither shall he come before it with a shield, nor throw up a mound against it". (This was exactly what Sennacherib had planned to do.) "For I will defend this city to save it for my own sake and for my servant David's sake" (2 Kings 19:32-34).

Now that we know **why** God spared Jerusalem, let us find the answer as to **how** He did so. Continuing in 2 Kings 19 we read, "That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning -- there were all the dead bodies! So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there."

In his Hebrew Melodies, the gifted English poet, Lord Byron, described this event in a most colourful fashion:

The Assyrian came down like a wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;
And the sheen of his spears was like stars on the sea,
When the blue waves roll nightly on deep Galilee.

Like leaves of the forest when summer is green,
That host with their banners at sunset were seen;
Like leaves of the forest when Autumn hath blown,
That host on the morrow lay withered and strown.

For the angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed;
And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,
And their hearts but once heaved -- and forever grew still.

And there lay the steed with his nostrils all wide,
But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride
And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,
And cold as the clay on the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider distorted and pale,
With dew on his brow, and rust on his mail;
And the tents were all silent -- the banners alone--
The lances unlifted -- the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,
And the idols are broke in the temple of Baal;
And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,
Hath melted like snow in the glance of the Lord.

In 1880 these events were revived in the minds of Bible scholars when the tunnel to bring the water from the Spring of Gihon into Jerusalem was discovered. It was also learned that Hezekiah had placed an inscription on the walls of the aqueduct telling just how it had been built. Shortly thereafter, vandals chiselled the inscription off the wall, damaging it considerably. Eventually the Ottoman Turks gained possession of it and took it to Istanbul where it is jealously guarded in a museum.

The final testimony to these wonderful events is recorded in 2 Kings 20:20, 21: "As for the other events of Hezekiah's reign, all his achievements and how he made the pool and the tunnel in which he brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? Hezekiah rested with his fathers. Manasseh his son succeeded him as king." --*Calgary, Alberta*

A Letter from India

(Ed. Note: The following was a personal letter received by J.C. and Myrtle Bailey from B. Ratnam. R.D.M.)

On behalf of all the churches of Christ in India, I send greetings, wishing you all blessings of the Lord, both physical and spiritual. We are doing fine and praying for you every day in the presence of the Lord. Thank you so much for your continual prayers and aid for the work of the Lord in India. Your very many sacrifices and prayers are always remembered before the Lord.

I am very happy to tell you that I just returned from a Bible study with 23 Pentecostal and Baptist preachers at Dwili village which is 95 kilometers from here (Rampachodavaram, Andra Pradesh, R.D.M.). My son, John, and N. Solomon, preacher in Tuni area, conducted this class. Three of them obeyed the gospel and there is hope that the rest of them will obey very soon. They listened to us very carefully. Though they did not obey, they did not question us. Now they are under deep thought of the **truth**. Please pray for them. This is a Baptist and Pentecostal belt. If they obey the truth, there is every possibility of reaching more than 5,000 people in that area. In this first week of the new year, I baptized five people and our preachers reported 857 people during December, 1990.

Brother William F. Dudney and brother Gene Carter are coming to Indian in this month and will be with us from January 18 to February 19, 1991. Kindly pray for the safety of their journey and let us pray that many thousand will be added to the church this year. Through your kind help we could secure 15,000 New Testaments and printed 10,000 hymn books and printed 10,000 copies of another book in Telegu, **That Ye May Grow**, written by brother Bill Jackson.

At present there are 85 orphan children under our care in three homes. There are six church buildings under construction now. We have 39 preacher students in the Berean Bible College. Kindly continue to pray for all these works for the glory of the Lord. I am also glad to report to you that six orphan children obeyed in November, 1990. Please convey our greetings to all the saints there.

A later letter informs us that at the "Open Gospel meetings", when the above-named brethren there they had 3000 in Bible classes and also 3000 in an area meeting at Dwili.

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Gary Montgomery
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by Eugene C. Perry
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Halifax, NS: "The church has grown by the addition of 3 families -- the Woodford, Richardson and Foster families, totalling 12 people. We have been greatly encouraged by their arrival.

"We enjoyed a Marriage Seminar with Ron Pauls on May 31-June 2 with 15 Nova Scotia couples participating. It was the 10th anniversary of the Marriage Encounter held at the Airport Hotel, adjacent to the Halifax International Airport.

"We invite all who can possibly do so to come and enjoy our famous Maritime Hospitality and feed on God's Word as we consider the theme 'Assurance of Life' (I John 5:13) on the weekend of October 11-14 when the fall colours are at their best." *--Wayne Taylor*

Sherbrooke, PQ: During the campaign in June, 60 workers helped with a distribution to all homes in the metropolitan area. Thus the presence of the church was made known and 30 contacts who needed follow-up were made. Four have started attending church assemblies.

Michel Mazzalongo of St. Catharines, Ontario was the speaker. There were 9 to 14 visitors each night. Denis and Liette Dubois were baptized on the 16th and two others have since been baptized. This brings the membership to 13 with 17 to 25 in attendance on Sunday mornings. A larger meeting place is being sought.

Cornwall (Dover Road), ON: Area preachers and their wives met here in May with Bethel Bailey of Sudbury and Randy Downton of Cornwall as speakers. "Lunch was provided by the Lord and served by Bev Bojarski."

--Allen Bojarski

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: Alex Baluyot was baptized in May and several others are studying. Many members are active in sharing Jesus with others and in an ongoing "door-to-door" campaign in which different brochures are delivered each week for four weeks and the doors are knocked on the fifth week. The plan is to cover 2,000 homes this summer. "Others are distributing 4,000 correspondence courses which have already produced fruit.

"Our teens continue to enjoy close fellowship and have initiated a program to help our seniors with house/yard work.

"Some of our members continue to preach at the Concord church on Sundays twice a month. Please continue to remember us in your prayers."

--Peter Morphy

Toronto (Bayview), ON: There is increased interest and willingness to volunteer since the "Ministry System" of leadership has been adopted. Some who have not done so before are doing very well in public leadership.

"The elevator that provides assistance to physically disadvantaged brethren and friends has proved to be a great service to the three floors of our southern wing".

Ten applicants are being screened in search of a new evangelist. A farewell dinner and presentation of gifts on June 23 was to show appreciation for four and a half years of service and to wish Don and Vilma Whitfield success and happiness in their endeavours.

Toronto (Harding), ON: At the Harding Avenue church four elders and two deacons were appointed on July 14 as follows: Elders - Bill Clint, Arthur Regis, Isidor Dela Cruz, and Dick Forsyth; Deacons - Rupert Comrie and Anthony Dogbe.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: Cheryl Levesque and Mike Gray were baptized in June and Olivia Klassen on July 14.

"We just completed a very successful V.B.S. with a record attendance of 76. The theme was "I can do all things through him who strengthens me", Phil. 4:3.

Stoney Creek, ON: Jonathan Preever, a graduate of McMaster University, and Catherine Courson, a banker, have been baptized recently. A successful annual church picnic after services on July 7 attracted "several parents of our kids".

A V.B.S program of 10 lessons is being used for 10 Sundays at 9:30 - 10:50 during the summer allowing the regular teachers some time off.

Grimsby, ON: V.B.S was advertised in "Our Casablanca Compass" which went to 1,900 homes and by door-to-door distribution. The results saw one class, on the first day, only two short of the entire VBS attendance last year. Attendance averaged over 85.

Beamsville, ON: V.B.S. on July 29 - August 1 will benefit from the creative talents of local people as they deal with "God's Wonderful World" based on the six days of creation.

Miriam Adams was baptized on June 23.

Tintern, ON: Karen Ellis was baptized on June 23.

Great resourcefulness and creativity were demonstrated in a very well-attended V.B.S. during the first week of July. The topic, "God Made Me", dealt with the vital body organs, God's wisdom in their creation and man's responsibility towards God and the care of his own body.

St. Catharines, ON: "Ted Mountjoy, evangelist for the church in Reinlander, Wisconsin, spoke to this congregation on June 25. He has recently returned form mission work in Czeckoslovakia.

"Michel Mazzalongo has resigned as a minister with this congregation, and along with his family has accepted a post with Oklahoma Christian University. Doris Slaper of Tonawanda, New York, who worships with this congregation, was recently baptized."

A weekend VBS is scheduled for July 26-28.

Fenwick, ON: Randy and Shirley Wilson and children have placed membership.

North Buffalo, NY: By June 23 five pre-campaign contacts had been received in the One Nation Under God Campaign.

Amherst, NY: This church, meeting at 8285 Transit Road, held an Open House July 12-14 with Arnold Holmes (Rochester), Glenn Olbricht (Syracuse), Larry Sweeney (Jamestown) and Jim Yarian (Amherst) as speakers.

Guelph, ON: Ruth Zimmerman of the Beamsville church is in Guelph for the summer. This church is sending $150 to help ship the container to Zambia.

Waterloo, ON: In answer to many prayers, Jorge and Julia Cruz have finally been reunited with their children after a two-year separation. Jorge, Jr. (9), Heidi (7) and Karina (5) arrived in

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

by Brian Cox
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Saskatoon, SK: Anyone visiting the Saskatoon congregation during the months of June, July and August, should be aware of our new format for Sunday morning services. 10:00 a.m. Songs and Lord's Supper; 11:00 a.m. Sermon; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time. For June, July and August there will also be a few additional changes in the order of service. There will be no evening service on July 21, August 11 and 18. Anyone planning on visiting us this summer may be well-advised to phone ahead.

Murray, Christian, Candace and Andrea Sanders will be moving to Preeceville, Sask. Murray has been appointed principal of the high school in that centre. Larry and Theresa Stamler are relocating to Victoria, B.C. where Theresa has accepted a position with the Pacific Christian School. We will miss these fine Christian families. May God continue to bless your lives. Lloyd and May (nee Orr) Theissen of Yellowknife are proud parents of a baby girl, Rosemarie Ann born on May 28.

Gravelbourg, SK: The dates for this year's VBS are July 29 - Aug. 2. Each year we have between 90 and 100+ kids attending our VBS. The time is now at hand when some former kids (now parents themselves) will be sending their kids to Bible School. God has provided us with a very encouraging opportunity to teach the youth of our area.

Our Friday Night Study Group began a new series of study this month. We will be gathering together over the next thirteen weeks to examine and discuss the material presented in the book: **Among Friends** written by James Hinkle and Tim Woodroof. The book is subtitled: **You can help make your church a warmer place** and focuses directly on this objective.

On June 1 Paul Morrison celebrated his 80th birthday! On May 26 we gathered together for a Potluck dinner and program to recognize and celebrate our dear brother's birthday. Paul lives at the East Side Courts in Assiniboia. He is one of the core members of our Bible study group that meets in Assiniboia each Sunday afternoon. Happy 80th birthday, Paul!

During the week of May 13-17, Andre Lorrain and Glen MacDonald participated in this year's counselling course offered at Western Christian College. Both feel they benefited from this time of study and fellowship. Marvin Bandura drove a van load of our young people to W.C.C. for the youth rally.

Winnipeg (Central), MB: In April, Andy Bacic, evangelist in Yugoslavia, visited with us and talked about his work in Eastern Europe. Central has supported Andy for several years. He helped us again to realize that there is much to do if we are to reach the world with the gospel message. April was also a busy planning month for the 1991 Jubilee Bible Camp program. We assist the church in Portage la Prairie with planning and staffing the camp. This is the first year we have been able to use the Delta Beach Camp facility for more than one session. It is a challenge! But we are looking forward to help from Walter McCutcheon from Oklahoma, John Smith from Yorkton, Dan Wieb from Weyburn and Ray McMillan from Regina. Thanks to all for their willingness to serve.

We have had some numerical growth. We pray that we are also growing spiritually! Two families have moved to the area and we have had three baptisms in May. John and Dorothy Payne moved to Winnipeg from Abilene, Texas. John is working as an assistant coach with the Blue Bombers football club. Quentin and Tayna Smith moved to Arborg (about one hour north of Winnipeg) and plan to fellowship with Central. Quentin is a medical doctor at the Arborg hospital and is originally from South Africa. Stephen, Kathy and Jason King were baptized into Christ by their grandfather, Jack King, one of the elders at Central. We are encouraged to see our youth make a commitment to Christ. We pray that they will be faithful to him for all of their lives.

A van load of young people from central attended the Youth Rally at Western in May. Activities for the summer include a golf tournament, a car rally and VBS.

Swift Current, SK: Michael Parker of Saskatoon is ministering with this congregation for the summer. VBS in Swift Current will be July 29 - August 2; they are anticipating 120 children. We mourn with the church in Swift Current and the Seibel family in the loss of Walter. Walter Seibel was in so many ways the heart of the work in Swift Current. We pray that others may grow to fill the vacancies that he has left. Scott and Cindi Roberts will be leading in a couple of camps this summer. First, at Heritage north of Saskatoon, August 8-11 for family camp. The second, a teen camp at Clearview Christian Camp at Kenosee Lake, August 12-16.

Moose Jaw, SK: A good number of young people from this congregation attended the Youth Rally at WCC; they reported having a great time. Both the Ladies Bible Study Group and the Secret Prayer Sisters held their spring wind up; both groups plan to begin again in the fall. The children under the direction of Judy Morris put on a wonderful Mother's Day Tea on May 11 for 25 ladies. The entertainment consisted of singing, poetry and a skit followed by dainties made and served by the young people along with tea and coffee. Amy Fowler and her grades 3 & 4 class donated 13 lbs. of food to the local food bank as a lesson in sharing.

Don Maxwell, Mal Tarrant and Dan Goud attended the annual work day at Clearview Christian Camp on the May long weekend. Dwight Morris directed the Men's retreat the end of May. He and Ed Elford attended from Moose Jaw.

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Wawota, SK: June 23 was indeed a special day in the history of the church in Wawota. We began our time together with a special prayer service from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. The men of the congregation had prepared prayers for various common interests among us, as well as prayers for requests made that day. The men are to be commended for the thought and preparation that went into each of the prayers offered. Then from 11:00 - 11:40 a.m. we had prayers, readings, hymns and comments around the Lord's Table. Following the Lord's Table we called George Husband, Glen McMillan and John McMillan to lead our congregation as elders. We concluded our time together by singing "To God Be the Glory", rec-

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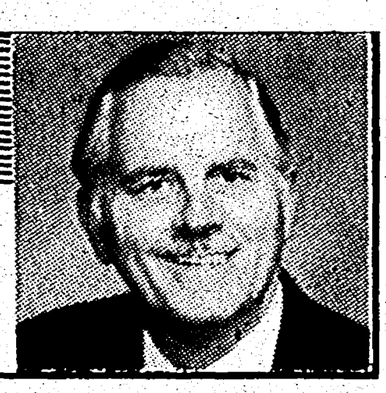

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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald.)

***Finding the Heart to go On** by Lynn Anderson, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, ON. 245 pgs, $11.95 (Cdn).*

Did you know that the Old Testament uses 66 chapters to tell the story of David and that the New Testament mentions him no less than 59 times. As Lynn Anderson puts it, "The human spirit resonates so universally with the heart of David precisely because he was a street-level, earthy man. It is not his gargantuan mythological proportions but the plain profile of his humanness that makes David 'the man for all men'."

One young preacher who has already read this book said, "I couldn't put it down. It saved me from falling!" While this is a beneficial book for everyone, it has a special message for men. Lynn has a way of communicating with us that goes right to the heart.

Max Lucado writes the Foreword and tells of the influence that Lynn had on his life while at ACU. He speaks of the impact of Lynn's messages at Highland and adds, "You are about to encounter that same relevance and clarity. If you need information on David, you've picked the right book. If you need inspiration from David, you've picked the right book. If you want to be stirred, motivated, challenged and changed, then your wish is about to be granted." Lynn's writing, like that of Max Lucado, is as good as anything being done today in religious circles.

Many readers will find an added bonus in the examples used from people with whom they are acquainted.

***You Can Be a Soul Winner** by Alvin Jennings, Star Bible Publications, Fort Worth, Texas, 224 pages, $5.95 (US).*

Alvin Jennings has been active in soul winning for many years. He preached for several years in Canada. Now he has gathered together many ideas, methods and examples into this book. Not everyone is comfortable with every method. Not every congregation is effective with every method. But those sincerely interested in winning souls for Christ can find some method they can use.,

This book is clearly written and very well illustrated. It would be ideal for class study.

Churches of Christ in the United States, Compiled by Mac Lynn, Gospel Advocate Company, Nashville, TN, $14.95 (US).

Mac Lynn has been actively involved in compiling information of Churches of Christ since 1973. Recently, we reviewed his **Churches of Christ Around the World.** Brethren everywhere are greatly indebted to him for much painstaking work.

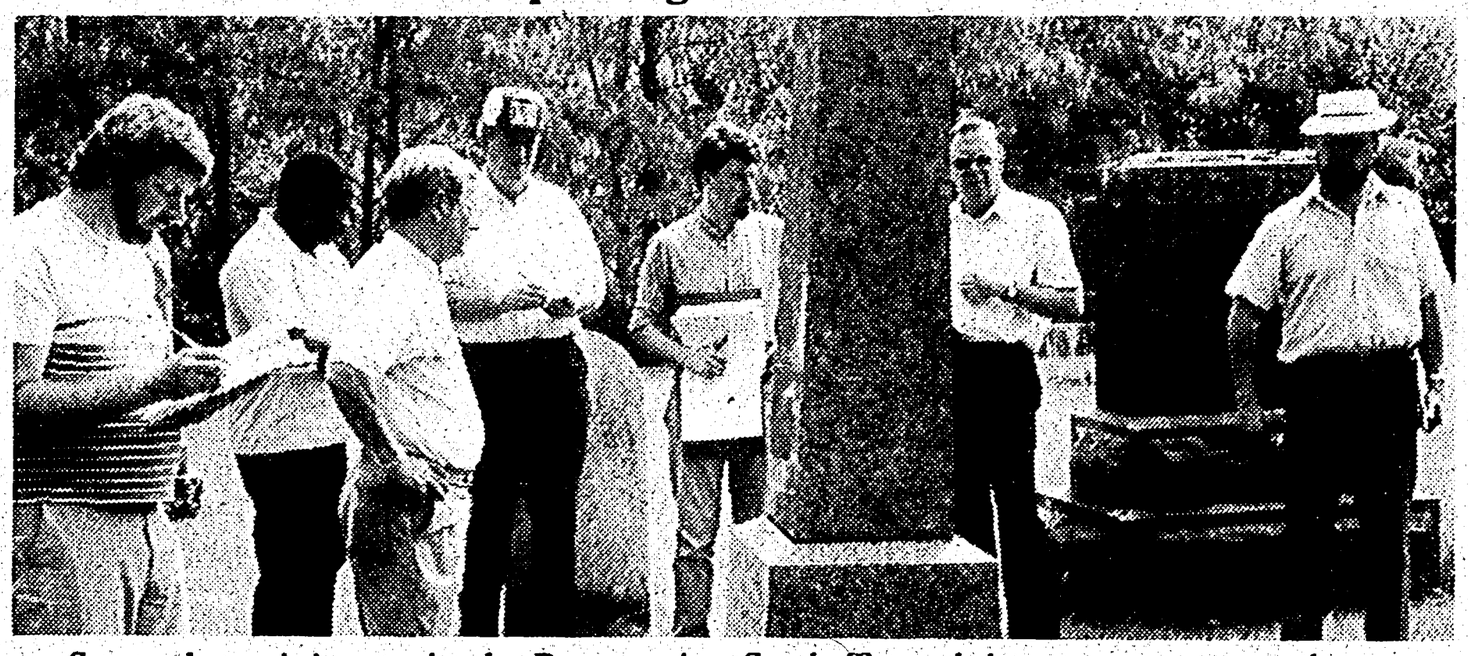
Quite often I am asked for the address of the church in a certain locality by those who are planning trips. Such a book as this is essential for providing such information. It would be helpful for every congregation to have a copy available.

Congratulations!

Pictured are Cecil and Lavine Bailey with their five children.

Lavine Bailey reached her 80th birthday on February 2. A family celebration on "Easter Weekend" saw all five children, 11 of 13 grandchildren, and the one and only great-grandchild present. The Calgary church ladies provided an evening meal in the fire-side room.

Recapturing Canadian Roots



Several participants in the Restoration Study Tour doing a cemetery study.

The study on the annual Great Lakes Bible College Restoration Tours has often been life-changing for the participants. This year, ten people travelled through the historic Talbot Settlement area beyond St. Thomas, the Wellington pioneer area, and the United Empire Loyalist area of the Niagara Peninsula. As they travelled, they talked of James Black, Edmund Sheppard, Dugold Sinclair, Thomas Henry and others who lived out the restoration causes in those settlements.

For these ten the restoration came alive in the Everton Cemetery where Black, Oliphant Sr., Anderson and others are buried; in the 1834 Oliphant house where the political reformer Lount hid in the fireplace before being hanged in Toronto; in the historic 1851 building of the Omagh church and in many other significant sites.

The Bible College seeks to keep the restoration ideal alive through these study tours that are conducted each year in the last few days of May.

For further information and to reserve your place for next year, contact Dave McMillan at the Bible College.

Great Lakes Bible College Is Growing

The Bible College is stronger this year than ever before. The student body has consisted of 8 full-time students; 16 degree students; and 45 involved in evening programs. Ed Broadus returned in a teaching capacity this year. The 1990-91 school year came to a close with the awarding of a one-year and a three-year Certificate of Study to students enroled in the Bible College.

Dave McMillan will resume his position as Director of the Bible College for the 1991-92 school year. It is expected that two new full-time students will be enroled in the fall of '91.

The Bible College has announced the theme for the fall lectureship as **The Grace That Heals**. Jim Woodruff, one of the principle speakers, has recently published a book entitled **The Church in Transition**, which is stimulating considerable discussion. Well-known for his ministry in Canada and the Eastern U.S., he will bring a positive view to the lectureship on healing.

The Bible College seeks to continue its emphasis on serving the Ontario and Northern United States churches by introducing a music training weekend and short courses in leadership and graduate study. We encourage any who are interested to inform the college of how it can best serve you.

Ivan Kolesnikow Awarded Honorary Doctorate

On June 6, 1991, 85-year-old Ivan Kolesnikow of Montreal was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Ministry degree.

The three-page citation refers to his having "distinguished himself in education, military service, business and industry, worldwide community service and in the ministry of the gospel of Christ to the whole world."

A missionary for 40 years, he has preached on short wave radio for 20 years; translated many books, sermons and tracts into the Russian language, authored a 30-lesson Russian Bible Correspondence Course as well as many books and tracts; and planted the church with his family in Russia and then established the church in eight cities in just a few months."

We express congratulations to brother Kolesnikow for this honour.

--condensed from degree ceremony

Michel Mazzalongo Moves

Dear Brethren:

As many of you know, I have resigned as minister for the Ontario Street congregation in St. Catharines. My family and I plan to move to Oklahoma, where I will take on the role of Associate Dean of Students/Campus Minister for Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts.

I believe this to be a great opportunity, but in leaving I wanted to express my love and appreciation to the many kind brothers and sisters who have supported and guided my ministry here in Canada during the past 12 years.

I hope to see you again when God permits; until then --

Au revoir!

Michel Mazzalongo

Kenyan Returns Home

Recently, Geoffrey Kirima, a young brother from Kenya, Africa returned to his country after studying at Great Lakes Bible College for a year. A special appeal for travelling expenses was made on his behalf at the monthly preachers' luncheon. The following is a result of that appeal and a breakdown of expenditures.

Total Contribution	$1,885
Airline ticket (Toronto-Nairobi)	974
Baggage and Mailing Charges	141
Travelling expenses	110
Personal Support (June-December, 1991)	660
	$1,885

My thanks to all who contributed to this fine effort. In a recent letter, Geoffrey says that he arrived safely and plans to marry next year. He send his thanks and greetings to all the brethren. *--Michel Mazzalongo*

The White Gown

Did it? Did you get on it? I encourage you to see your need before God and also to see the fact that God's will is best for man and woman. Don't be a statistic that will be regretted later. Be pure of life now and take that purity to your marriage bed. You, your husband or wife, your children, the church and the world around you will be blessed by your purity. Maybe by working together we can get the "morality train" back into the station and loaded with people who love God and seek His will.

Mate's Self Esteem

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2. Don't plot. Instead pray for her.
3. Don't look for him to obey God perfectly every time.
4. Don't tear her down for who she isn't and what she doesn't do. Build her up, even when you think she doesn't deserve it.
5. Don't listen to ungodly counsel that tells you to quit. Surround yourself with Christians who will encourage you to fulfil your marriage vows.
6. Pray for your mate to be surrounded by godly Christians who will love him and share with him what he needs to hear. (Don't do it yourself. Let God.)"

Until next time, God bless! Keep growing! Remember, the best is yet to be!

Hymn Book Order

Would the person who ordered a quantity of 21st Century Songs of the Church in mid-June please contact the Gospel Herald Office. You may phone (416) 563-7503 collect. *--ECP*

Remember a friend with a gift subscription to the **Gospel Herald**. See subscription rates on page 8.

Zambia Clothing Project -- Status Report

Details of the Zambia Clothing Project were mailed out on May 31, 1991 to all the churches of Christ in Ontario. This is a project by the churches of Christ in Ontario to the churches of Christ in Zambia. As mentioned in the letter, the first step in the task is to raise the money to cover the shipping costs of approximately $9,000. As of July 14, 1991, $1,995 has been received, of which $1,145 is from six individuals and $850 from six churches.

Quite a few churches have promised their financial commitment, while others are in the review stage. The time period to raise this money was set at two months to allow the project to stay on schedule for a proposed October 1991 shipment. Can we count on your support and financial commitment?

Prayerfully and hopefully the next status report will be able to say that the financial hurdle has been overcome by God's grace working in all of us. Then we can concentrate more on collecting the used clothing, religious books, Bibles, tools, soap, sewing supplies and medical supplies and assembling them in the old Tintern church of Christ building for eventual crating and shipment to Zambia.

Send donations to Church of Christ, Box 20, Welland, ON L3B 5P2 marked Zambia Project.

--P. Morphy, Welland, ON

Mission Newsletters

South Africa - John Jansen

John Jansen, a "coloured Christian" (mixed race), a preacher of 28 years service, is, because of the economic situation there, appealing to individuals or congregations for assistance. He has completed three years of studies at Southern Africa Bible School. He is "at present locally supported by the Benoni church of Christ whose elders, he says, endorse his appeal.

He needs a working fund of approximately $400 per month. He is involved daily in "tract dropping" and survey work in an area of 35,000 units with families of between 4-6, besides serving six congregations at teaching and songleading and running "the men's training classes in preparation for more capable men to teach studies".

Enquiries can be made to Benoni church of Christ, 93 Great North Road, Benoni, Traansvaal, RSA or help sent to John Jansen, P.O. Box 644, Eikendall Kraaifonte Eikenfontein, 7570 RSA.

India - David Hallett

David Hallett's newsletter reports 12 plus baptisms in surrounding areas. The congregation across town has had four baptized in recent months and at Nongrim, one ABC student from Manipur.

The school is full (a bed in the hallway) with 42 living there. Although it had been agreed to continue until 1994, it has been decided that the school must close in December '92. This is largely because of David's health. He is on medication and carrying on his full range of activities even though his right side shows weakness from the stroke, and he tires easily and needs more rest.

Yugoslavia - Andy Bacic

As we write this we are hearing on the news of some very threatening political disturbances in Yugoslavia. We are praying that the problems can be resolved peaceably and the gospel opportunities continue.

Andy has emphasized the need for long-term workers in contrast to "flashy trips and campaigns.". We are receiving his newsletters so late that we usually feel it is too late to report from them.

He wrote last fall of growth of the English service in Belgrade mentioning the baptism of Edward from Ghana and Rod and Karen from America. He reports seminars in Sofia and Ruse, Bulgaria resulting in 20 conversions. When he visited Sofia he found an audience of 50 instead of the 11 expected. The group is seeking a meeting place and working to become registered as a church.

Despite difficult times for the church in Zagreb, two people have become Christians.

England - Meakes

"Currently the three team families and the Hardys have 11 regular Bible studies with non-members. . .an additional five studies are aimed at maturing new Christians."

"A year ago we had three adults baptized into Christ. All three are making progress in the faith. In recent weeks the average attendance is 39. . .We often have 5-7 adult visitors on Sundays."

Papua New Guinea - Orr, Cannon

In Boroko, N.C.D. both congregations are doing well and growing in numbers and spiritually. "At Ela Beach there have been 9 baptisms and 7 restorations since they started meeting in the new place." (P. Orr)

Missionaries in Mt. Hagen were called home by the Woodmont church in Nashville because of increasing danger due to lawlessness there. Joe Cannon , consequently, encouraged the national brethren to take full responsibility for operating Christian Bible School beginning in February 1991.

The Minj church grew from 5 to 50 in two years; land has been purchased; and a new building is planned. By May 17, Joe had preached and taught 38 times and was soon to be in Irian Jaya.

A look at the record shows that the New Guinea churches began 20 years ago with the baptism of Joss on November 11, 1921. Joe notes that "Of the first 14 converted, 11 are still here."

Zambia - Roy Merritt

The annual lectureship at Namwianga Christian Schools attracted 1,300 people from all over the country including a large number of teenagers. These gave up school vacation time because of interest in the program that had been prepared for them.

Roy gave three lectures on AIDS, which he states, "is consuming this nation".

He reports starting a new congregation at Lusitu in the Gwembe valley, 200 miles away and states, "The Zambian harvest is ripe, and the church is growing at a pleasing rate". And , "Many congregations no longer have the Lord's Supper as wine becomes more scarce and expensive. Grape juice cannot be found at any price."

"The correspondence course attracts a great deal of personal response from our 8,000 students. I write a little magazine, **The Question Box**, where I try to tackle the challenges that arrive with hundreds of letters that flood in. There are all kinds, of course."

Thailand - Richard Taylor

The enrolment in the Bible Correspondence Course in their own langauge reached 530,000 according to a recent report. The target is to reach one million by the year 2000. Close to 87,000 have received certificates.

Plans include building a larger building from which to mail a gospel paper.

A campaign is planned for January with brother McWorten of the Landmark church in Montgomery, Alabama as preacher. Tentative plans include 2 weeks in Bangkok, 2 in India and return via Hawaii at about $2,000. Interested persons should contact Richard Taylor, Salem Church of Christ, Route 5, Box 216, Florence, AL 35630.

OBITUARIES

CATHERINE ROSE HARMAN

Sister Catherine Rose Harman passed away in hospital at Wellesley, in Toronto on July 5, 1991. She was 84 years of age. The former Catherine Stewart, she was the daughter of the late Alec Stewart, a gospel preacher here in Canada. Sister Catherine was married to the late William G. Harman, and she was a faithful member of the Bayview congregation in Toronto.

Her passing is mourned also by her son, Stewart, daughter-in-law Mary, and grandchildren Heather, Matthew and Erin. She is also survived by three sisters. She will be missed by a host of friends and loved ones. She will be missed by her church family!

During her life, Catherine was known for her many generous acts of love and kindness to others and most especially to the sick and shut-in.

We pray God's richest blessings on Stewart and family in their loss and also to the Bayview congregation (and all who spoke of so many acts of kindness from which they benefited).

A service of love and commemoration was held in her memory on Monday, July 8, 1991 by this writer and ably assisted by brother Richard Kruse.

--Ray Lee Overton

Preachers as Problems

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2:1ff) as well as every Christian.

5. **False teacher.** To apply the label "gospel preacher" does not make one a gospel preacher. One of the dangers the church was warned of from its birth was "wolves in sheep's clothing" in the church (Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:20ff). I've never heard of a false teacher getting up in the pulpit and saying, "I'm a false teacher". I did read once the resume of a man who applied for a work I was leaving who said, "I can preach marriage and divorce either way, whichever way the church wants it." These men are poison!!! They should be so marked and never allowed to fill the pulpits of the Lord's church. But, sadly, they are there and more than we would like to believe. We dare not, must not ever, tolerate such men in the Lord's work (2 John 9-11; Acts 20:28-31; Phil. 3:1-9).

6. **Hobby rider.** The "one issue" obsession man. Ride, ride, ride, and never get on with other things. Unbalanced, one-sided preaching and teaching. More often than not it is a personal opinion or a matter of personal judgment that obsesses this preacher. Usually such men believe that they are the last line of defense of the truth left in the great brotherhood of ours (there are a few of these around at present on both sides of the coin -- liberal and legal) and the future of the church is in their hands alone. So, off they go tearing up church after church. They start little splinter groups, usually made up of like-minded dissidents, here and there. Most of the so-called "Anti" preachers had/have this malady. A faithful, sound gospel preacher will declare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). He will never be a hobby rider, but will preach and teach everything that is profitable to the church.

Today, more than anytime in my life, the church needs faithful men of God to preach the whole counsel of God. I read several months ago that in the United States there were several hundred pulpits empty and in need of faithful men to fill them. Every month in the brotherhood papers I read ad after ad for preachers to fill pulpits in Canada and the US. We need men who love the Lord, His word and the church to serve as gospel preachers.

May God help us raise up a generation of men of the caliber that God can use to reach the world with the good news! The church does not need another generation like the above-mentioned types. May God deliver us from mediocrity and such senselessness as permeates the church from time to time. May we have godly men who desire first and foremost to please God. May there be elders with the love for the truth and love for the church that will help these men get their lives right with God or fire them and not recommend them as "faithful" to some other unsuspecting congregation.

My prayer is that my epitaph will be, "He was a godly soldier of the cross and a faithful gospel preacher." Anything else will be unsatisfactory! God bless us with a few more good men to do the work of gospel preachers and bless those who already are his men in this world today!

--Ottawa, Ontario

Photo Contest Winners Announced

As published previously; the front page photo contest submissions were to be in by June 1. We received a total of 18 pictures of a wide variety of sizes and subjects. Many were beautiful pictures in colour but unsuitable for reproduction in black and white. A few were too small for enlargement for front page use. After eliminating those deemed unsuitable for front page use, 8 pictures remained to be judged.

The judging panel was made up of a photographer, an artist and a printer. The results were:

1st place to Roberta Coulter of Regina, Sask - a five-year subscription to the **Gospel Herald**

2nd place to Douglas Walsh of Moncton, NB - a two-year subscription to the **Gospel Herald**

Suitable for use were pictures submitted by Douglas Walsh, Moncton, NB; Susan Gamble, Brantford, ON; and Deborah Dale, London, ON. Each of these will receive a one-year subscription.

Judges will each receive a one-year subscription for their services.

Pictures, where requested, will be returned after use.

We appreciate the contributions of both contestants and judges and invite further participation. *--ECP*

Video to Supplement Curriculum

The 20th Century Christian is producing a children's videotape series named "Creator's Kids". These follow the flow of each **New Life Through His Word** lesson and can be used with the curriculum but also have exceptional stand-alone potential. They are not dated in any way.

A news release states, "The quality of this video material is such that we will now have children. . .asking their parents and grandparents to play the 'Creator's Kids' tapes for them. The materials are wonderful and useful in teaching both Bible facts and biblical principles."

The first video containing 13 ten-minute lessons is available at $39.95 (US) now, and new ones will be ready in October, January and April. Plans are to produce another series for the Middler and Junior age groups in 1992-3.

Order from Gospel Herald, 4904 King St., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B6.

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; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0, (403) 879-2232 (res.); Norm Stienwand, 882-2203.

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., 569-2817; 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.

FORT MCMURRAY: Sawridge Hotel, 530 MacKenzie Blvd.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Gerry Bibaud, ev. 101 Silvanus Crescent, (403) 791-5747.

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BOSWELL: during summer,9833 Hwy 3, Swan Valley Bible Camp. At other times phone for info. Sun 10; S4, Box 2, R.R. #1, V0B 1A0; (604) 223-8381.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10, 10:45, 6; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453.

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: 1317 Ethel Street; 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, 7; Wed. 7:00; Edgar (Buddy) Burns, ev. 756-9229 (res), 758-9412 (off); Les Beamish, sec., 758-6929.

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

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

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

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

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev. 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.

VANCOUVER (Eastside): Best Western Hotel -- 3075 Kingsway; Sun. 10:30, 7; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6;English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krrmis, 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; Wed. 7:30; Blair Roberts, ev. 638-3372 (res.), 638-6321 (off); W. Hart, sec. 638-5283.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubilee Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10,11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: Kinsmen Bldg., 18 Botsford St., E1C 4W7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 229 Downey Ave., Riverview, NB E1B 1W6; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682 (res.), or 853-9355 (off).

NEW YORK STATE

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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, Bernard Straker; William Chidowe, ev.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; (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 (no evening service 1st Sun. of month); Wed. 7:30;P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 722-7155 (off.) Claude Cox, ev. (705) 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.

BLIND RIVER: North Shore Motel, Hwy 17; Sun. 10, 11; For information phone 356-7938; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; 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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

CONCORD: 51 Concord Rd.; Sun. 10:30; Mrs. A. Young, sec. 30 Kinghigh Dr., Thornhill, L4J 3N4, (416) 886-2685; A. E. Atkinson, ev., 51 Concord Rd., Thornhill, L4J 3M2; 886-1738.

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL:1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, 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;DavidAzzoparde,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; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, Westcliffe P.O.,L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, RR 1, Kimberley, ON N0H 1G0.

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meetings with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630 or David Preston, R.R. #1, Group Box 174, P0A 1K0;(705) 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: Hilltop Dr.off Hwy 11BN; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Group Box 108, Route 3, P0A 1K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (705) 282-2980; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, (705) 377-4555.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; John Spencer, sec. 396 Gatestone Blvd., N2T 2J0, (519) 746-2576.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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; Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (416) 853-0892 (res), 895-6502 (off).

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

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6 (evening fellowship in various homes. Phone for location); Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8, Gary Hotchkiss, sec., 476-7684 (res), 472-7040 (off).

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

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:00; 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. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Gordon Harris, ev.; 685-5870 (res.); 935-9581 (off.).

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off), 633-2646 (res).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E. N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Mark Bryson, ev. (519) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (416) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Harold Parker, ev., 945-8803 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec.

STRATFORD: Romeo Public School, 49 Rebecca St., Sun. 10, 11; Box 941, N5A 7M3; 273-5280 (off.); Kelvin Hoover, 273-5381 and Larry Hoover, ev.; 271-9545.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 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., Gen. Del., P0A 1Z0; 384-7624 (res.), 384-5214 (off).

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; Rupert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 1W8, 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), Stephen Gill (265-2496), and Wm. Harvey (757-4619) elders. Max Craddock (461-7406), Peter Morphy (416-266-2600), Santiago Molina (Spanish) (751-6879), evs.

VANDELEUR: 5 mi. S.E. Markdale, Artemesia Twsp.; 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 Avenue; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 20, L3B 5P2; S. F. Timmerman, evangelist, Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cres., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten Street, N9B 1X6 (E.of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sunday 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., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audre Cote; (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Cote 362-6623 (French Speaking).

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

SHERBROOKE: 888 rue Laviolette; Albert Charette, ev., (819) 569-7257 (res.); 820-PAIX (off.).

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; Tim Pippus,ev.. 634-8195 (res.).

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. 10:00-12:00; Glen Davies, 1451-94th St.; (306) 445-4231.

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

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

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 9:30 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Mrs. Clarice Mooney, sec., Box 94, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-2558.

REGINA (7th & Pasqua): 4205 7th Ave. S4T 0P8; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7; (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 (summer hours may vary); 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. 10:15, 6; mid-week in homes; ph. (306) 783-6877 (church building and preacher's residence) OR (306) 783-6850 (home of Harry Meakes, sec.).

Inclusion in this listing does not mean complete endorsement of all teachings and practices.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

11... Area Wide Hymn Sing, Brantford, Ontario
30-31... Students' Rally - Regina, SK
30-Sept. 1... Adult Singles Retreat, Camp Omagh, hosted by Niagara Falls church

September

1... 25th Anniversary at St. Thomas, ON
13, 14... Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh with Joe Cannon on the Holy Spirit
28... Ladies' Day '91, "Advice from a Friend", 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ottawa, Eileen Dale
29-Oct. 2... Meeting, Waterloo, ON, Michel Mazzalongo

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1 John 2:12-17	"Do Not Love the World!"	Brian Garnett
1 John 2:18-29	"What About AntiChrist?"	Ron Pauls
1 John 3:1-10	"Children of God"	Max Craddock
1 John 3:11-24	"Love One Another"	Tim Johnson
1 John 4:7-21	"God Is Love"	Earl Weldon
1 John 5:1-21	"Faith Is the Victory!"	Ron Pauls

CLASSES: Theme: **"Holy Living in Hectic Times"**

Men's Classes	Clyde Lansdell
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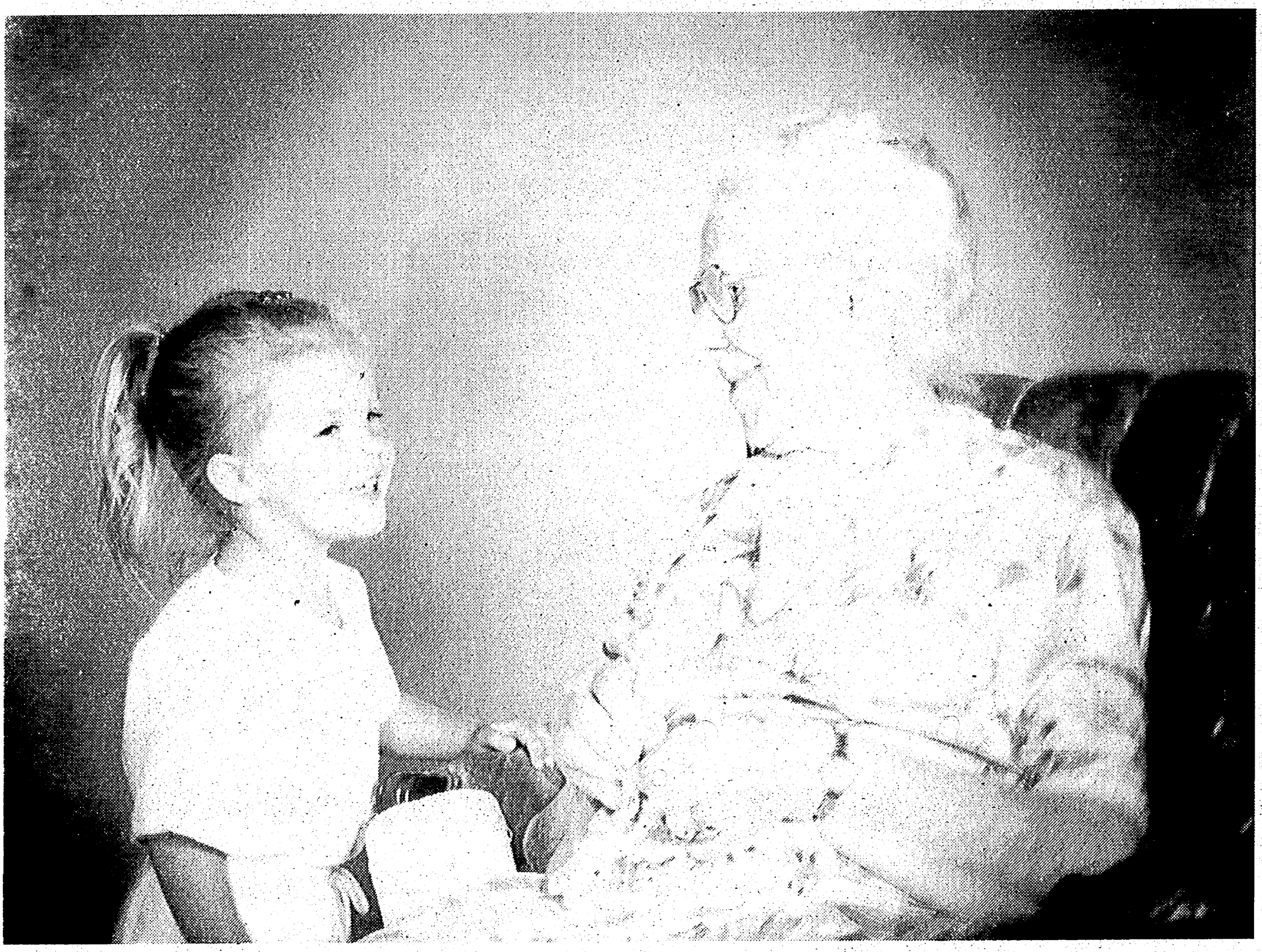

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Our judges awarded this picture First Prize in our photo contest. It was submittted by Roberta Coulter of Regina, Saskatchewan with the following comment: "This is 'Auntie' Luella Graham of Estevan, Saskatchewan with her great, great niece, Lacey Coulter. This picture was taken on her 101st birthday. She became a Christian in 1927 at Brooking, Saskatchewan and was faithful for 62 years."

The God Who Gave Us Taste Buds

by Brian Cox

Have you ever wondered why God gave us taste buds? He didn't have to, you know. I'm sure that most people would eat enough to keep themselves alive without taste buds. But, God gave us taste buds so that our eating would be enjoyable. Some of us (myself included) probably enjoy it a little too much. More than the physical pleasure of food is the emotional, spiritual and mental enjoyment of sharing our meals with others. Every time I eat alone, my heart goes out to those who live alone. Their meal times must be especially lonely.

Some of our best fellowship times occur over food. There is a special thrill in seeing Christian brothers get together for coffee or breakfast. The conversation is animated and moves from the serious to the silly and back again. We see the allotted time pass, but still no one wants to leave because of the thrill in being together. The potluck dinners where a young boy's birthday is celebrated by old and young alike are fond memories. I will never forget the smile on that young boy's face. We could go on and on, and maybe we should. I feel sorry for those who don't have these opportunities and even sorrier for those who have them, yet reject them. Too many see fellowship as an unimportant option of the Christian life.

I am more firmly convinced every day I live that the God who gave us taste buds wanted us to enjoy life. He doesn't want us to be miserable. That is what Satan desires. Satan can use miserable people, but he has a hard time tempting happy Christians.

I so enjoy reading the early chapters of Acts. Regardless of everything that was going on then, we read of a happy church, a church so full of joy that it just kept spilling out all over the place. The first description of the Jerusalem church is in Acts 2:42-47. There was a sense of awe; they met together with **glad** and sincere hearts; they continually praised God. In their joy they were selling their possessions and giving to anyone who had need. They were together as often as they could be; they loved God and being together.

Even when the persecution came, their joy and generosity remained (Acts 4:32-37). I am sure that one of the reasons they remained so joyful was Barnabas (the Son of Encouragement). In reading the bulletin of a large church that had a number of full-time ministers, I noticed that one was referred to as the minister of encouragement. What a wonderful ministry, to spend one's day dreaming, planning and working at encouraging.

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The persecution grows more and more intense. All the apostles are arrested, put on trial, flogged, ordered not to speak in the Name of Jesus, and released. The apostles go out rejoicing because they have been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. They continue to teach publicly in the temple courts and in homes. They never stopped proclaiming the good news of Christ (Acts 5:41-42).

The persecution now grows so intense that the church is scattered. They, however, don't keep quiet; their hearts are so full of joy that they continue to preach wherever they go. The good news is so good that they just cannot keep it to themselves.

We worship the same God as they did, and we are partakers of the same good news. The great enemy of the cross is the breeder of great misery, Satan, and his misery loves company. Some have suggested that our rules and lists of do's and don't's make us miserable and hurt our evangelism. While I would agree that some of our rules and do's and don't's go far beyond "speaking where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent", I do see some absolutes in scripture. There are some definite rights and wrongs or do's and don't's. It is not the rules or laws that are making us miserable but out attitude towards them.

The story is told of a woman who, after marrying, found her husband to be a tyrant. Each day, before he left for work, he would leave her a list of duties that she must perform that day. If the list of duties wasn't completed, she had to face her husband's anger when he returned home at the end of the day. There was no physical abuse, but the threat was always there. So, as the days, weeks and years went by, she worked at completing those lists, and she was miserable.

When her husband died, there were few to mourn him. She felt like a huge burden had been lifted off of her shoulders. A few years later, she married a Christian, a man who was kind and gentle and loved her deeply. Her life was so different now; she had never known the joy that each new day brought. One day, while cleaning the attic, she came upon a scrap of paper on which was written one of those hated lists from her past. As she read the list, she was surprised to see that each one of those duties listed was still part of her everyday life. Why had the same duties been misery in one marriage and performed with joy in another? In the first marriage, she worked out of fear; in the second, she performed the duties out of joy in the love of her husband.

When Christians gather as often as they can, thrilled with the fellowship of their brothers and sisters, it is because they worship a God of love. A God who sent His one and only son to take our place at the trial and to suffer our punishment for us. A God who has patiently waited for 2000 years since His Son's death for all to come to repentance; He may wait another 2000 years or longer, we don't know. A God who leads His angels in rejoicing for **each and every** lost sinner brought home. A God who even weeps for sinners who persist in sin.

Some Christians begrudgingly come together just once a week for the obligatory Lord's Supper and then leave right

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Floats Like a Butterfly, Thinks Like a. . .?

by Wayne Turner

Few events in the life of Jesus had as overwhelming an impact on his disciples as the transfiguration. One day, Peter, James and John followed Jesus up onto a mountain to find a lonely place to pray. There they witnessed the transformation of his physical appearance, even his clothing, to an incredible brightness. When Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus, Peter, from fear, proposed erecting three tabernacles. The voice of God spoke. "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased. . ." Years later, Peter looked back to this event as one of the ultimate demonstrations of the identity and the reality of Jesus. "For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased'" (2 Peter 1:16-18). The transfiguration was a singular demonstration of the power and glory of God, a lesson not easily forgotten.

It is important to realize that we as Christians can, and even must, undergo a transformation as radical as Christ's transfiguration. This is not a change of physical appearance, our clothes won't get whiter than the best bleach, nor can we use this to explain why our hair is getting whiter. Rather, this is a change in our lives -- a change of character and even the way we think. The radical nature of the change is demonstrated by the fact that the New Testament uses the same word to describe both the transfiguration of Christ and our transformation.

Of Butterflies and Believers

Most of us are familiar with the Greek word that is used for these transformations. English often borrows words from other languages. In this case, we use the word "metamorphosis", which means "to change form", to describe the biological process which transforms a creature from egg to larva to pupa to adult. Of all possible examples, the most amazing is the transformation of an ugly, hairy, earth-bound caterpillar into a beautiful, floating butterfly.

Thinking of the transfiguration, this word helps us to at least partly visualize how dramatically Christ's appearance must have changed. At the same time, we are somewhat intimidated to discover, from the use of the same word, the degree of transformation that God expects in us. In 2 Corinthians 3:18, Paul states that we are being "transformed into the same image from glory to glory". We are being metamorphosed into the likeness of Christ. Biologists, referring to the adult that emerges from the process of metamorphosis, sometimes use the term "imago". Thus, the creature is in its final image or form. Similarly, when we, as Christians, have matured and have reached the adult stage of our metamorphosis, we bear the image of Christ. But when and how does that come?

Imagine a butterfly that on emerging from its cocoon never ceased thinking like a caterpillar. . .

One of the challenges we face in answering this is in seeing the difference between the process we often think of as "repentance" in which guilt causes us to make some reformation in our lives, and the genuine transformation that God desires. It is relatively easy to make a few cosmetic changes in the externals of the way we live. However, in Romans 12:1-2, Paul enjoins us to a complete transformation which encompasses three key things. First, we are to present our bodies as a "living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God". This is the challenge that Jesus issued, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). Second, we must refuse conformity with the world. Phillips words it simply, "Don't let the world push you into its mold". Third, we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The key to transforming our lives lies in transforming our minds. By changing out thinking, we will change our actions.

Three Different Minds

We see this illustrated in 1 Corinthians, as Paul discusses three different types of people and their three different ways of thinking. The natural man "does not accept the things of God" (2:14) because he is outside Christ and spiritually lost. He does not understand spiritual things and, in fact, he cannot. He is limited by his physical nature, his senses and his own thinking and imagination. He wants to be impressed by power, cleverness or wisdom. The gospel is too simple, too easy, too far from the way he would do things. So, because he doesn't want to understand it, he rejects it, and is lost.

The carnal, or fleshly, mind is someone who has become a Christian, but is still only a babe in Christ (3:1). Because he is immature, he is unable to handle anything other than spiritual milk. Since he is still struggling with the first principles of Christ, his thinking and conduct show a lack of understanding. He behaves as a "mere man", "fleshly" (3:3). While some changes in his life may have occurred, he has not yet been transformed into the image of Christ. Like the biological process which moves from egg to larva to pupa to imago, so many people may pass through a fleshly stage. The problem occurs when they never get beyond it. Imagine a butterfly that on emerging from its cocoon never ceased thinking like a caterpillar, and instead of knowing the joy of floating on its wings in the wind, only walked on the ground among the caterpillars, while at the same time looked longingly at the butterflies flying overhead. The fleshly mind cannot please God (Rom. 8:8-9). By living according to the flesh, it will only die (Rom. 8:12-13).

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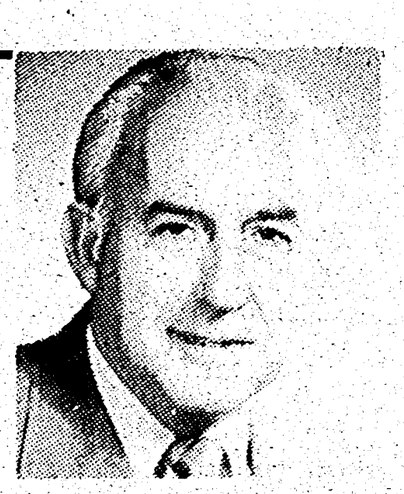
EDITORIAL

Approaching the Living God With Awe



by Roy D. Merritt

We worship no ordinary deity. He is Jehovah, the great mysterious "I AM" of Exodus 3. He is also the Son who came to earth to fill every need of sinful mankind. Not the least worthy of the designation "God" is the Holy Spirit, who has blessed and is blessing man in dynamic fellowship. The apostle Paul mentions all three members of the Godhead in a short petition for his brethren (2 Cor. 13:14).

Our world is one where yesterday's mysteries are today's common knowledge. We are inclined to believe that technology has the potential to unlock all secrets both small and large. The junior high student with a computer can investigate and comprehend matters which baffled scientists through the centuries. If we extrapolate this much-heralded exploding of knowledge, will it not eventually cancel the need for faith in and reverence toward the biblical God whom we have been taught to worship?

The answer is a resounding no! As we focus our electron microscopes on the smallest observable particle of matter or probe the galaxies with the Hubble telescope, we find new mysteries coming into view. As we look inward into the behaviour of our race, we are reminded repeatedly of man's capacity to work evil toward his fellows and his environment. Mysteries abound in every area of our existence, and they grow greater as we understand more.

God has graciously made known to us the supreme mystery of all -- the coming and work of His Son in behalf of sinful man. He is called "the mystery of God" (Col. 2:2). His coming and redemptive activity are itemized in Paul's first epistle to Timothy under the designation "the mystery of godliness" (1 Tim. 3:16). In the Colossian epistle, Paul explains how this great secret had been hidden but now has been revealed (Col. 1:26-27). The crowning item of this revelation is that Gentiles also share in Christ's redemptive sacrifice (Col. 1:37). Praise God that He has included us as objects of His grace and pardon.

One must approach the worship of God with a sense of gratitude and love. It is entirely possible for us to do and say all the right things for the wrong reasons. It is one thing to be able to say to God, "Abba, Father", and another thing entirely to be able to yield ourselves in humble and contrite recognition of our own inadequacy. We approach Him as supplicants and not as equals. We love Him because He first loved us, but our love should be mingled with a healthy awe. After all, we are creatures and He is the Creator.

Our private worship in prayer and meditation will be largely conditioned by many personal factors: our sense of need, our spiritual maturity and the immediate circumstances of our lives. One must decide, for instance, the place, posture, composition and frequency of our prayers. Happy is the worshipper who has found such prayers to be rich moments in a blessed relationship.

Public worship brings some special challenges. We need to be aware of our brethren around us as they, too, seek to approach the throne of God in worship. John Donne wrote that "no man is an island to himself". This is nowhere a more valid observation than as it applies to our public worship. What we do and say has an effect upon those around us. Our late-coming, gum-chewing, non-participating, non-attentive brethren have the ability to distract us and to rob us of some of our reverential mood

Few passages in God's word can compare in worshipful atmosphere with the majestic throne scene in Revelation 4 and 5. Here were angels, living creatures and 24 heavenly elders. In the presence of the divine beings they fell down and worshipped in rapturous adoration. They were joined in a universal chorus by "every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea." This glorious acclamation culminated in a tremendous outburst of praise: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

In this scene, spontaneous worship followed the "amen".

As puny creatures who are pre-occupied with petty things, we cannot hope to reproduce in quality or quantity the worship portrayed in this heavenly scene. What we can do is examine our personal approach to public worship. Is it accidental or planned? Is it emotional or cold? Is it the spontaneous response of our whole being to the grace of God and the sacrifice of his Son? Does the promised presence of the Lamb in our midst bring a sense of awe?

The rich privilege of public worship is no small blessing. Spiritual saints will seek to enhance the blessing by preparation, participation and concentration.

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FAMILY TIES

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"Building Your Mate's Self Esteem" - 6

In the process of encouraging a growing self-esteem in our mates we must cherish what is right and true and good. We must encourage living that is in harmony with truth; not by nagging, but by example and encouragement. In the midst of a world that cherishes the expedient, bows to the pragmatic and bases standards of right on what works, cherish what is truly right. Truth! God's right way of doing things. It is never wrong to do right by a person. Commend the right your mate does. Pray for right to triumph in his/her life.

A Story

The story is told of a carpenter who was instructed to build a new house for his employer. He was given the plans and the resources to build a first-class house. The employer was going away on an extended trip and would not be back before the house was completed.

The carpenter reasoned that he could "cut corners" on materials and construction. By taking "short cuts" and pocketing the balance of the money, he could profit personally. No one would notice for some time to come.

He followed his scheme. The house was completed. It looked beautiful. Only he knew the truth of the corners cut during construction and the cut-rate materials used.

Imagine his astonishment when the employer returned home and presented him with the keys to the house. It was to be his very own! He had robbed only himself! How he regretted the short cuts he had taken. And for what? His personal benefit! But now the repairs and inconveniences that would be his over the coming years would far outstrip the money he had "saved" in the building process. We do the same thing when we compromise on truth. We rob from ourselves!

Jesus Was Tempted, Too!

Jesus was invited to take short cuts in the wilderness. "Prove who you really are," said Satan. "Make stones into bread! Jump from the pinnacle of the temple! Fall down and worship me just this once and it can all be yours. There's no need to go to the cross. That's too hard. This will be easier."

Satan lied through his teeth. Even if he had been able to give it all to Jesus as he claimed, it would still have been his own. Because, if Jesus had listened, Jesus himself would have been his!

Encourage truthful living in your mate. Don't let Satan use you to whisper his temptations to short-cuts. Don't let Satan use you to tempt him/her to get ahead in this old world at any cost. Don't lay upon them the burden of proving themselves. Accept them for who they are and live the truth with them. For truthful living builds true value and enhances the lives of those who will pay the price.

8. **Do what pleases him/her.** You may need to get in a quiet spot to think about this one. Because you will need to think back and recover the memory of your early days together. Remember when you were dating each other? You went out of your way to do what pleased the other.

It didn't matter whether you thought you would enjoy doing it or not. Surprisingly, because it was for the one you loved, you often found yourself enjoying the unenjoyable. Shopping, sporting events, dishes; you stepped right up and did it and even enjoyed it. You studied his/her interests, needs and desires. Then you went to work to please. And you won him/her.

But over the years, reality set in. Rationality replaced romance. Now you count the costs differently. You reason that your spouse knows you love him/her anyway. The drudgery of day-to-day duties replaces the desire to please. The routine of daily togetherness dulls the adventure of companionship. Making the adjustments that are necessary in all close relationships seems like sandpaper rubbing the nerves raw. Bitterness slips in. So, we find fear, self-protection and pride eroding the desire to please. How you need to recall those early days!

It Even Happens Here!

Revelation 2:4, 5 illustrates how this process can happen even in our relationship with Christ. It urges us to return to doing the things we did in the early days of our relationship. It is good advice. When we do the things we did to win our spouse, it has the same effect it did then. They feel valued, cherished and respected. They respond in love. They want to be with us, to respond to us, to love us, too!

Are you still in a quiet place? At least in your mind? Then ask yourself, "What would it take right now to please my mate?" Now avoid the pity party and recriminations! Just think about what you could do right now to bring a smile of pleasure to your mate's face. Offer to take him to a ball game. Go fix that screen door. Get out that special negligee and wear it tonight. Offer to take her shopping for a new dress today. Use your imagination and discover just what would delight him/her. Got it? Will you do it? Now?

When you choose to please your mate, your actions will be perceived as compliments to his/her value. It will not spoil your mate. It will not cause them to be selfish. It will help them see how precious they are and how much you esteem them. When they have a better sense of their own value, it will set them free to respond more positively to those around them, including you! But somebody has to take the first step. Will it be you? Now?

Conclusion

Living the truth and pleasing your mate are two of the hardest challenges we face as marriage partners anxious to enhance the self-esteem of our mates. They take dedication and sacrifice. They take an uncommon brand of surrender. But

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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"Attitude Check"

Sometimes during campfire at camp this year one of the fellows would yell out, "Attitude Check!" The campers would answer by yelling, "Praise the Lord"! This speaks of what our attitude ought to be daily as we seek to serve the Lord. However, this kind of question and response may simply be something done at a gathering of people, which is not really the attitude or nature of the "yeller".

In an exchange bulletin there was an article with a dozen probing questions to ask oneself, all worth considering. For example, "Am I so childish that people must handle me gently lest I be offended?" Another was, "When a discourtesy is shown me, do I brood over it and determine to get even?" Or, "Are others uplifted and encouraged through their association with me?" Good questions!! This is the stuff of a real "attitude check"!

Let us probe a little deeper by considering others of the questions from the article. "Am I so critical that I see only a person's failures and not his good points?" It is easy to become the critic and find fault with everyone and everything. This is a special danger when we forget that we are not perfect ourselves. This is not to overlook sin, but there is a need to see the good upon which one can build and overcome the evil.

In Luke 7 beginning at verse 36 we have the story of Jesus going to the home of a Pharisee to have dinner. A "sinful" woman comes to the table and wets his feet with her tears and wipes them with her hair and then pours perfume on them. After this event, Jesus sends the woman away in peace and tells her, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (Luke 7:50).

Before this beautiful conclusion to the story, however, there is the terrible look at the "self-righteous, see only the person's failures" response of Simon, the host. He knew this woman and knew that she was a sinner (who isn't?); so, he thought if Jesus were indeed a prophet, he would know that as well and not let the woman touch him. Jesus teaches Simon, and all of us, about the need to understand repentance and forgiveness. Often a beautiful act of service and love is lost to us because we are too ready to find fault and not see the good points.

Another good question was, "Am I mature enough to handle hurts and disappointments without feeling mistreated and making everyone else miserable?" Do you pout if you don't get your way? Many people do. If they do not get their way, they become terrible to live around. This happens at all ages and at all levels of society. Consider.

"Do I excuse my sins while self-righteously condemning those of others?"

In 1 Kings 21 is the story of King Ahab, husband of Jezebel. Ahab wanted a vineyard that belonged to Naboth the Jezreelite. Naboth did not want to sell because this vineyard had been in the family for a long time. "So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, 'I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.' He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat" (1 Kings 21:4). Does that sound like anyone you know? Maybe even yourself? I wish this were not true, but it is. If we act like Ahab every time this happens, we are going to spend a lot of time with our face to the wall!!

In the case of Ahab, he did finally get the vineyard because his wife worked out a plan to have Naboth killed. Surely we can never do that in a physical way, but we may sometimes be guilty of the "death" of others emotionally or spiritually because of our immature response to disappointments.

What is your attitude toward your actions? Another question in the article was, "Am I big enough to admit when I am wrong, or do I seek to excuse myself by blaming others?" We won't spend a lot of time on this question. However, this "character flaw" of blaming others goes back to the beginning with Adam and Eve. A big step toward maturity is being man or woman enough to admit and accept responsibility for personal actions.

Let me share two more of the questions for your prayerful consideration. "Do I excuse my sins while self-righteously condemning those of others?" This is the old "speck and plank" action of Matthew 7:3-5. We are often able to see the very minor faults of the other person while "looking around" the big ones in our life. This is purely a "personal attitude problem" that we need to deal with, if we intend to "praise the Lord" in more than just word.

Finally, "Do I follow after peace, or do my words and actions promote strife?" Peace or strife! Which do we leave in our wake on passing by? Paul said, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the sight of everybody. If it is possible, **as far as it depends on you**, live at peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:17, 18). There will certainly be those times when the best efforts will not keep strife from happening. However, in checking attitudes, one must look at the end results of words and actions. The path of peace may not always be easy, but it is the best.

"Attitude check!" "Praise the Lord!" In actions, not just words.

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After Baptism, What then?

by Dryden Sinclair

We obey the instructions of the Bible when we surrender our lives and wills to God by our obedience in baptism to the gospel (Rom. 6:3-4; 16-18).

This is a very important step because it is the only step or act of obedience mentioned in the Bible that puts us into Christ's body. There is no scripture that suggests that we can believe or repent or confess our way into the body of Christ, the church. All spiritual blessings, including our salvation, are in the body of Christ (Eph. 1:3).

If we obey the gospel, is it not reasonable to believe that we, as Christians, should want to do other things the Lord has told us to do? Before proceeding with this thought, let me fix our minds on one Bible truth. We are baptized into Christ and not into heaven. Acts 4:12 makes it plain that Jesus is the way, the only way, to heaven. So, to get to heaven we should strive to be faithful as we travel the way that leads us to heaven. Jesus promised that if we are faithful unto death, He will give us a crown of life (Rev. 2:10). If we neglect doing anything He said "do", could we be counted faithful?

Knowing well the forgetful nature of man, Jesus gave us the memorial supper. He said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (I Cor. 11:23-26; John 14:15; 15:14).

There is no question that Jesus is the one who established the memorial supper and that He did tell us to "do this, in remembrance of me". How is it that we can neglect it and feel that we are faithful and ready to meet God, should He take us away at any time?

The early church, which is our example, "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers" (Acts 2:41-42). I have been a Christian for 63 years. There are some people who have been Christians for two or three months who have failed to partake of the Lord's memorial supper more times than I have in all the 63 years. Something is very wrong.

The question that naturally follows is, How do we know when and how often the early church partook of the memorial supper? The answer to this question must come from the Bible. Acts 20:7 tells us that on the first day of the week they came together to break bread. But I hear someone say, "but the scripture does not tell us that they came together every first day of every week". My response to this is that when the ten commandments were given to Israel, no mention whether this was, as is convenient, or as your leaders decide. No mention was made about how often (Exodus 20:8-10). So, some men went out and picked up sticks on the Sabbath day, and as a consequence, they were put to death because they failed to honor God's law (see Numbers 15:32-36). Of course, that law was to Israel and is not in force now. The Bible is God's word. I would not suggest that we tamper with it by using human reasoning.

How very much we cheat ourselves when we choose to miss the Lord's Supper.

When I eat and drink the memorial supper, I like to pray a simple little prayer. Many hundreds of times, I have done it. "Lord, as the bread and fruit of the vine, representing your body and your blood, enter my body, grant that your purity and holiness will be more and more a part of my life. In Jesus' name, Amen." Could anyone pray a prayer like that too often? Is once or twice or five or six times a year often enough to pray it?

Remembering the Lord's death on the cross has never been a burden to me nor has it become less a blessing because of the many times I have observed it. The gratitude of heart that I experience still brings tears to my eyes, that someone would die for me. How very much we cheat ourselves when we choose to miss the Lord's Supper. Please don't do that to yourself.

Another part of the Lord's work is also neglected when we fail to meet weekly (I Cor. 16:23). The particular need they were giving to at the time of this scripture was aid for the poor in Jerusalem (I Cor. 16:3, 4).

No group of people can really and truly be a congregation of the church of the New Testament and not have a pressing need for money, always. Nearly five billion persons in the world now need the gospel. It would be an extremely reckless thought for anyone to think that there had been a time when the church did not have a need for money.

Besides the church's need for funds, how about your need for God's blessing on your life for your generous and cheerful giving? Without an ongoing need for money, how would the Lord be able to gauge your generosity or selfishness?

Another consideration that should help us to see the need for faithfulness in our worship services is the matter of fellowship. Hebrews 10:25 was no doubt written to include the memorial feast, the opportunity to give and also the rich experience of Christian fellowship. This provides an opportunity to share and love and encourage each other. We all need the blessings of fellowship.

To assemble in a place of worship and enjoy the reminder that we know we are privileged because we have a Saviour who died for us is really a pleasure. Only a very small portion of the world's population knows anything about this wonderful joy.

In making mention of the few things we should be doing now that we are Christians, I want to make it clear that there is not anything we can do to earn eternal life in heaven. Only by the grace of God can any of us be ready to spend an endless time in heaven with God and all the many others who will be there. **No one could ever earn or deserve that.**

Besides the things we **do**, there are things we should **be**. We never get away from the Christian pressure in our lives to be pure. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). The second two-letter word is **do**. Most of this little study has to do with the **do** part of the Christian life. The third two-letter word that wants a little place in this study is the **go** part. Most of

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Where is the Wise Man?

by Mike Stone

The apostle Paul was forced to confront "the wise men of this world" when he wrote to the church at Corinth. He points out that some seek after signs (miracles) and some look for wisdom (must understand a reason for everything), but we are supposed to believe in Christ and Him crucified (I Cor. 1:22).

Too often today we are pulled by these same forces. Many religious leaders teach that you must have a "sign" in order to know that what you are doing is right. That sign may be anything from a so-called "miracle" to a small "inner voice". Others are heard to ask, "Why do you believe that? It doesn't make sense."

I believe that the real question is one of authority. To demand "reason" for every religious action is to belittle the role of "faith". While the Bible is the "depository of God's truth" and man is the interpreter, he must use faith, intelligence and industry to ascertain the body of truth. He cannot use one and neglect the others. To seek a sign for everything is to belittle "scripture". Here the person begins with the sound premise that we live under the "age of the spirit", but he then sidesteps the scripture which the Spirit gave us? Why should the Spirit deliver the word and then throw it aside to work directly on the heart? Not only does this go against "reason", but it goes against the Spirit-inspired scripture which tells us God has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness (II Peter 1:3).

One approach removes God from the picture and the other removes man. As Alexander Campbell said, we must not separate the Word from the Spirit of God. The Spirit gave us the Word, and dwells with us through the Word.

We also must not separate faith from reason. We are commanded, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). That is faith. We are told to "search the scriptures" (John 5:39). That involves industry. We also see by Paul's example that we are to "reason out of the scriptures" (Acts 17:2).

So, where is the wise man? The true "wise man" of today is the one who uses faith, hard work, and reason in order to understand the Bible.

--Weyburn, Saskatchewan

Floats Like a Butterfly...

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a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:16-17). Spiritual maturity comes as a result of this transformation and nutrition, training, discipline and effort. "Solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their sense trained to discern good and evil" (Heb. 5:14). This person accepts the wisdom of God because he has the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16). From this perspective, he is able to appraise and discern all things (2:15). He succeeds spiritually because he thinks like Christ and, therefore, acts like Him. As a result, the world is able to see the image of Christ.

Showing the Mind of Christ

Being a Christian is wonderful. To know and respond to the gospel of Christ is exciting. When faced with the overwhelming guilt and shame of our sin, the offer of grace and forgiveness can move even the most resistant heart to tears. Through the cross, God offers salvation to all. Yet, he is not concerned with just tears. He seeks not only our transformation from the practice of sin to a life of righteousness, but he also seeks the transformation of our hearts and minds so that as the butterfly that emerges from its cocoon shows the image of its parents, we, too, will conform to the image of Christ. Conversion is not just the external process of confession and baptism. It is the inner transformation to the mind of Christ.

It would be tragic to be able to float like a butterfly, yet still only think like a caterpillar. How much more tragic is the person who tries to live like a Christian but still thinks like the world?

--Winnipeg, Manitoba

Attention Ladies!!
Ladies' Retreat
Hosted by Tintern Church of Christ
November 15, 16, 1991
"Take Time to be Holy"
with **Wilma Smith**
See next month's issue for more details!

After Baptism, What Then?

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us act as if we thought that others in our congregation would do all the **going**, but each of us has neighbours who also need to know how to become Christians and how to live the Christian life. If we do not find a way to share the gospel with out neighbours, who will do it? Who will do it -- do it, do it?

A great opportunity exists in some areas. There are so many neglected children who need our friendship and love. Many children are hungry and much of the time unsupervised. How can you have a greater open door to the child's parents than through the child? Invite them in for a glass of milk and cookies and a little tender care. Make suggestions and ask questions carefully until you become acquainted. One lady I know about invited her little friends to a Friday after-school party and a Bible study. Consult parents first, if it is possible. Find out where they go to Sunday School or Bible class. They may enjoy going with you.

It is, therefore, important that we get to know our neighbours and share Bible teaching material with them and invite them to visit church services with us. **How many Christians are there who have never led one soul to Christ?**

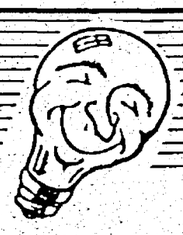
I would like to conclude by asking you to read a few special passages from the Bible. They are Matthew 28:18-10; 22-:36-39; 25:31-46. Jesus is the one who speaks the words in each of these passages; so, they are all urgent. Jesus also spoke the words of John 15:1-8. By the time we have studied these verses, we will know more about another **do** part of the Christian life.

The happiest Christian is the one who enjoys being busy with the total Christian life. That one might be the only really and truly one who is a Christian. **Baptism without obedience in other commanded things may not be worth very much.**

May God give us strength and courage to want to be Christians. The content of this study challenges you to embrace all of the suggestions and Bible verses contained in it. **See you in heaven!!**

--Wichita Falls, Texas

BRIGHT IDEAS. . .



Your congregation's Bright Ideas should be shared. Write to Rick and Susan Gamble, 53 Marvin Avenue, Brantford, ON N3S 3C3 or call (519) 753-5353.

Trading in the Traditional for the Tremendous

There are two kinds of Vacation Bible Schools: the Betty Crocker kind and the kind you make from scratch. The latter are a lot more work but they're also a lot more rewarding. Just ask the congregations that have tried them.

In a **customary** V.B.S., a set curriculum is purchased by the church and simply put into action by following directions on the package. In a **customized** V.B.S., everything originates in the minds and imaginations of a congregation's volunteers -- the theme, sets, costumes and crafts.

By way of example, the churches in both Brantford and Waterloo chose to tell the story of Daniel last year. Their church buildings were painstakingly transformed into ancient Babylon for the telling of three powerful tales: the Boys Who Said No, the Fiery Furnace, and Daniel in the Lions' Den. Led by teachers and volunteers in period costume, students were taken through a series of plays, lessons, and crafts that made the familiar stories real, refreshing and relevant.

This column will deal with the "why" of a customized V.B.S., not the "how". Any congregation that becomes convinced of the need to try this exciting new concept can always get precise and practical information from the churches that have pioneered the approach. But why should anyone want to go to all that extra work in the first place?

For Amy Dale of Waterloo, the answer is simple. "It's something the kids will remember for the rest of their lives," she says. "Even the parents were awestruck and hurrying home to bring back their spouses, saying, 'You've got to see this!'"

Paul Craig, also of Waterloo, says the customized approach has a special appeal to today's youngsters. "I think this is an excellent way to learn Bible stories and have an affect on young lives. It's sad, but children are used to being entertained, and Bible stories are fading into fairy tales, like Little Red Riding Hood.

"Our V.B.S. is more than entertainment, but it makes the Bible stories real, and it's especially good when they see their role models from church involved. It has even more impact when plays involve the kids, because that's even more than videos can provide, and it involves the kids in an interactive way."

Waterloo V.B.S. veteran Marg Sandiford says another big advantage of the customized approach is the wonderful way in which it brings an entire congregation together and makes much better use of everyone's talent. "If someone could hold a pair of scissors or bake cookies, we put them to work," she says. "We had sketches to hand to some of the people who felt they could fill in a drawing but could never create a mural. And the kids were so awed. They thought it was like walking into a different country -- they still talk about it!"

"There's no question we had a much bigger involvement right down the line," adds Paul Craig. "More people wanted to help because of the nature of the project, and there was a lot of excitement that really caught on."

That excitement also makes a big impression on parents, who are usually invited to a Family Night at the end of V.B.S., to tour the building, see some of the plays and singing, and witness the presentation of attendance certificates. Parents are almost always astounded to see the amount of time and effort that has gone into the making of a memorable week.

It should also be noted that a home-made, handmade V.B.S. can be a lot cheaper than the pre-packaged variety, especially if a church borrows materials from a V.B.S. held earlier in the summer by a sister congregation. Another way to share the expense -- and the work -- is to team up with brethren elsewhere in a "joint venture".

Regardless of cost, a customized V.B.S. will create priceless memories that will last into eternity. So, if your Vacation Bible School needs to be revamped and revitalized, remember that you can still go by the Book without having to go by the book!

Some Practical Advice

- Borrow pictures, slides, or videos from congregations that have tried the customized approach. Most will be happy to share their theme, and that will save you a lot of work on everything from planning and plays to crafts and costumes.
- Consider working with another congregation on a thematic VBS. It will save time and money, and each group can inspire and encourage the other.
- Early in the planning, get together as many people as possible for a brainstorming session. Even those who will not be involved in the actual work may have ideas.
- Keep your goals realistic. Remember how much time and how many resources you're working with, and realize you'll likely run out of both faster than you think. Veterans recommend one major lesson for each night, with crafts that can be easily adapted to various age levels.
- Hold a major set-up day, during which all volunteers come together. This will give people a sense of common purpose and direction, accomplish an amazing amount of work, and stimulate the creative juices as volunteers bounce ideas off each other.
- Try to maintain an air of secrecy after announcing the theme. Keep classrooms off-limits to all students once preparations have begun. During V.B.S., maintain the mystique by ensuring that the youngsters don't see any scenes or materials ahead of time. Notify parents of classroom restrictions.
- Have a "non-crafty" person test the crafts, and time them.
- Keep extensive notes on what works and what doesn't, for use in an intensive V.B.S. follow-up meeting. Distribute a questionnaire to those who were involved, and solicit feedback from observers.

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Boring?

by Betty Burton Choate

Sometimes today people make statements like, "I just can't enjoy reading the Bible. I've read it so much, it's a boring thing." Or, "Christianity is a boring religion". Or, "I get so bored with the worship services. There's nothing interesting and fresh about them."

Probably, in all honesty, these thoughts are not new. Every generation surely must have had its own people who felt bored and for whom boredom closed the doors to spiritual growth. The difference is that in the past, when people had those thoughts, they were ashamed of them, knowing that there was some fault within their own attitude and understanding or they wouldn't have felt that way. So, they usually kept their thinking to themselves, their own guilty secret.

Today, though, the boredom is expressed as a charge, not against self, but against Christianity. If people find the Bible to be boring, the implication is that the Bible is at fault. Christianity is pronounced a boring religion because it fails to meet the needs of today's society. Worship is boring because it is formal and ritualistic.

How sad it is that we have grown subconsciously so secure in our confidence in our own thinking and intellect that we question and find fault with God's work rather than with ourselves when it seems that something somewhere is not measuring up to the needed standard! Is this not the epitome of egotism?

Is God's word boring? Not if we have cultivated (and cultivation is something we do ourselves, by choice) a hunger for it; not if it is His living word in our hearts instead of a dead letter; not if we love the daily guidance we receive from it.

Is Christianity a boring religion? Does it have no relevance in today's world in a western culture? We need to understand that Christianity doesn't draw from the world around it, and its relevancy doesn't depend on the culture in which it exists. Christianity is a way of life designed by the God of heaven to fill all the needs of all men in all cultures for all time and to lift them above their human cultures. Christianity is as relevant as its adherents will allow it to be in their individual lives.

Is worship boring and ritualistic? Worship is adoration of God, not entertainment of humans. It was planned by God according to his own wisdom; so, if there is anything lacking, it is in us and not in the plan.

God knew that there is strength in fellowship; so, he asked His family to gather regularly so that we should be continually aware of each other's needs and would be moved by our love to help each other.

But worship is more than just gathering together. And it is a much more involved and profound thing than just conforming to a ritual.

First: Worship is adoration and exaltation of God. The whole group is to be involved, but the act of worshipping is a very individual thing. That is why those who participate fully go home spiritually invigorated by the experience while those who participated absentmindedly or were primarily spectators, find worship "boring". There is no "middle ground"; either we put our souls into it as God intended or it will accomplish nothing for us.

Second: Worship is a teaching and strengthening process. The hymns and the studies, the sharing of spiritual thought and growth, are all meant to edify the body. Again, God showed His wisdom in His plan. He knew that men would gain more from reaching out to others to help them grow than from concentrating entirely on their personal needs. So worship should, and must, be a time of giving and receiving, of "teaching and admonishing one another", if it is to be effective.

Third: Worship is a weekly renewal of our commitment to the death of Christ and to the new life we have in Him. How often Christians fail in their awareness of this part of worship! If a sincere searching of the heart and soul is made each week, followed by a fresh avowal of giving of one's entire self to God, how could such a time of consecration ever be labeled "boring"?

Everything about the Christian way of life is as new and vital as the "new" of a new day, because it is a living relationship between a living soul and his living God. To allow it to sink to the level of boredom must surely be one of the deepest hurts we could inflict on our Father and His Son.

Mate's Self-Esteem

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they pay rich dividends in enriching the self-esteem of your mate. They often pay off in the responses of a life that feels cherished, valued and special. We think it's worth the investment. Think about it! Do something today!

Next time, Lord willing, we will review this series and bring it to a fitting conclusion. Please remember that our coverage of this vast topic has been introductory. There is so much more to explore. There is so much more to do. But there are few things you can do for another that put you more in line with the giving that God does to call us to our true selves. Building you mate's self-esteem. What a challenge! What a privilege! What a blessing! God be with you!

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NEWS — EAST —

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Sherbooke, PQ: Albert Charette reports the addition of three, one by baptism and the others in the moving of a family from the Montreal area.

Ottawa, ON: Brother Weldon's report arrived too late for inclusion in the August issue. He reports that the work is going well and that the 1991 Eastern Canada Lectures was the "best yet", attendance "super", speeches on the topic **God Cares** "great and enthusiastically dealt with". "We are thrilled over the success of this effort to God's glory and look forward to '92 with an air of excitement."

The next event of the year in the Capital City is Ladies Day '91 on September 28 with Eileen Dale of Waterloo as the featured speaker. The theme is "Advice From A Friend". "We invite all ladies who can to come and share in this spiritual feast together with us. Times are 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A warm welcome awaits you at Riverview Park. We Care!

Bramalea, ON: Walter, Shirley and Jonathan Straker arrived to work with this church beginning in July. He reports discovering the presence in the area of John and Christina Acheampong and two children. They are from Ghana and were baptized in Belgium in 1985.

A Youth Rally for ages 16 and up will take place in September.

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: The distribution of about 7,000 enrollment cards in the community has resulted in 57 enrolling. Some are enrolled from outside the city. One was baptized in Sarnia and people in Argentina and Peru have asked to be put in contact with the church.

Spanish-speaking brethren from various cities are having fellowship gatherings in London (March), Ottawa (April), Waterloo (May), Toronto (June) and Ottawa (August). These meetings have been important to the strength of the brethren.

At a recent bring-a-friend day, over 30 visitors attended for the first time. Two young adults from the Filipino Bible Study Group were recently baptized. Plans are to continue the jail ministry at Warkworth where Steve Steele taught the gospel to six fellow inmates who were baptized. Steve has been released and lives in Ottawa.

Continuing efforts are being made to minister to those leaving or considering the "multiplying ministry" movement. Peter and Judy Morphy plan to visit churches this fall in an effort to raise the additional $900 per month needed in their support.

Toronto (Bayview), ON: We are pleased to announced that brother Darrell Buchanan of Regina, Saskatchewan has accepted the invitation to become the evangelist for the Bayview congregation. Darrell studied communications and was a radio announcer for five years. He also attended a Christian college to become an evangelist and has done an effective work for the Lord's church in this profession. He has a M.Div. degree. He is 30 years of age and has a devoted wife and one son. We look forward to cooperating in a successful work for the Lord beginning September 1, 1991, God willing.

Two young ladies recently placed membership with the Bayview congregation: Miss Lynne Harris and Miss Wendy Lin. May God richly bless them as we work and worship together.

Grimsby, ON: By August 4, donations for the Zambia container fund by this congregation totalled $255.

Beamsville, ON: V.B.S. average daily attendance was 72 students and 28 adults. Forty of the 85 registered students were from 26 families not connected with the church of Christ.

St. Catharines, ON: This congregation rejoiced recently as they witnessed the baptism of Wayne Eyman. After studying for months with Gordon Harris, Karen Baines was also baptized into Christ on August 11.

A very successful weekend VBS is now history. A tremendous response from the congregation, under the leadership of Gordon Harris, resulted in some good contacts in our community and an excellent spirit within the congregation.

Wellandport, ON: David Padfield of Evansville, Indiana and others were speakers in an "edification meeting", August 9-11.

Buffalo, NY: In connection with the "One Nation Under God Campaign", materials, including Bible Correspondence Courses, were sent to 5 people and efforts are in process to deal with messages on the answering machine and about 200 computer printouts received.

Guelph, ON: Children at Guelph are giving towards food scholarships for Alpha Bible College students in Shillong, India. The first $30 has been sent.

Waterloo, ON: VBS is scheduled for evenings, August 26-29.

Sarnia, ON: "Our Vacation Bible School was July 22-26. We were greatly helped by the youth group from the Mayfair Church of Christ in Huntsville, Alabama. We canvassed a large portion of the city and rented a bus to pick up children. Our largest attendance was on Friday with 177 children. We had over 200 different children attend during the week. An Open House was held on Friday night, and about 40 visiting parents attended.

We also had "Teen Nights" the first three nights of VBS and had about 20 teenagers from the community to visit. As a direct result, we had 8 baptisms during this time and shortly after the group left. God has now blessed us with 20 baptisms in 1991.

The church used our rented bus to take 47 people from the congregation to Niagara Falls on July 27. We are now busy following up with visits to the homes of many of the children who came to our VBS. *--Mark Bryson*

Sundridge, ON: Rhianon Smith was recently baptized into Christ.

Thessalon, ON: Northern Ontario Christian Camp was scheduled for August 18-23.

This congregation provided $250 for the Zambia container fund.

Marquette, MI: VBS averaged 45-50 children per day. These represent "many new first-time contacts for the church".

Zambian Container Fund

We have knowledge of nearly $5000 being received from 16 individuals and 15 churches for the proposed relief container to be sent to Zambian Christians. We also know of over $1,000 in prospect. The need is for about $9,000. We hope all monies will be received soon so that phase II, the collection and packing of materials, can get under way. *--E.C.P.*

NEWS — PRAIRIES —

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Portage la Prairie, MB: The last Sunday of June was our 5th Sunday Fellowship. Jerry McCutcheon spoke during both hours of the morning presenting lessons on the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. We had 23 visitors. We enjoyed a Fellowship Meal at Bonanza Family Restaurant and then returned to the church building for a devotional and hymn-sing.

Our two weeks at Jubilee Bible Camp, July 7-21, are now history, and we are happy to report that all went well. The attendance was good for the four different groups during this time. A thank you is in order for all who worked in the kitchen; the counsellors; the directors; and special speakers, Dan Wieb and Ray McMillan.

From July 13-20 we had seven brethren from Colleyville, Texas visiting with us. The church in Colleyville plays a principal part in support of the work here. While here, among other things, we did some door-knocking.

Saskatoon, SK: A recent report by the University of Saskatchewan revealed that 20% of Saskatoon people live below the poverty level. The Saskatoon congregation, under the able leadership of Garth Nelson, has sought to address the needs of our community by providing food, money and other services as needs arise. So far in 1991, we have provided food for five families (approximately 250-300 lbs.). During the month of May, we gave $110 as well as food to the Saskatoon Food Bank for their work with hungry people.

The John Howard Society has also set up a fund to help those in need who are coming out of prison. Our congregation has been able to assist with that fund. In these and numerous other ways we have been able to fulfill our Lord's commandment to do good unto all men. We have been able to understand in a very real way the needs of others in our community and respond as members of Christ's church in Saskatoon.

Scott Laird of Edmonton will be conducting a fall meeting September 27-29. The theme will be evangelism. Subjects include: Friday, 7:30, Developing a Mindset for Reaching the Lost; Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Becoming an Initiator in the Work of Evangelism; Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Harmonizing Body function with personal Function in Evangelism; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., Me and My World -- Where Do I Begin?; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., The Fields are White for Harvest; and Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Maintaining My Spiritual Fervour.

On Sunday July 14 we held our Annual Sunday in the Park services at the Forestry Farm. We had a great day of worship and fellowship in the outdoors.

Summer means the camping season and many from Saskatoon were involved in the program at Heritage Lake. Summer passes too quickly in Saskatchewan and with the end of holidays and our coming autumn, we are looking forward to welcoming our incoming Kelsey and University students. We trust that our fellowship together will be beneficial to us all and God's grace will abound in their lives and ours.

Estevan, SK: Summer is slipping by at a fast pace bringing us ever closer to eternity! Some of our brothers and sisters are involved in teaching and counseling at Clearview Christian Camp. Members from here enjoyed first of all Men's Retreat, then Family Camp, followed by our weekend at the Camp. We also enjoyed celebrating the 40th wedding anniversaries of Bob and Ivadelle Goud and Welland and Liela Drader.

Several from here enjoyed an afternoon of ball games and horse shoes at a picnic put on by Andy and Myra Kemp at their beautiful farmyard.

Andy Kemp and Ron Jacobs had the misfortune of losing their crops from hail. Both families have the right attitude and responded with "Thy will be done!"

Weyburn, SK: On June 9, Dan Wieb delivered his last sermon as our regular minister. He has served the Lord's church here in many capacities in over 30 years. Since he and Dorothy plan to remain in Weyburn, he will continue to serve. We have been greatly blessed by his service.

On June 16, Mike Stone delivered his first lesson as our minister. He and his wife, Cheryl, and their five children are a valuable addition to our congregation. We look forward to many years of service together.

People serve in many ways. Dan and Vivian Dunn considered the Chinese students who attended WCC when it was in Weyburn as their own personal responsibility. Those students responded in kind to the love and concern shown them. On June 16, Vivian Dunn left for Hong Kong to be the guest of some of those former students and visit with as many as she had time for. She returned to report that she was treated royally and was able to strengthen and encourage those with whom she visited.

Many years ago, Allison and Helen Parker established the Parker Bible Award at WCC for excellence in Grade 11 Bible. At the Awards Ceremony this spring, their granddaughter, Deanna Cook, was the recipient of that award. Helen is rightfully proud of her granddaughter.

On June 25, Myrtle Floyd left this earthly family to join her heavenly family. She was 85 years old and will be missed by all. A number of her descendants are members of the Weyburn congregation. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and will be sorely missed.

We are currently gearing up for our VBS which will be held August 12-16 with John McMillan as director. Prospects are good for a very successful week.

Being so close to Clearview Christian Camp, we have people involved there most of the summer. We also have visitors from time to time who are on their way there or back. We have a lot of comings and goings during the summer months, but the work of the church goes on. We are thankful for those faithful ones who see to it that the work does not suffer as a result of summer holidays.

Wawota, SK: Russell and Milessa Elford are the proud parents of a baby girl, Brea Danae, born on August 1, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

On August 18 our young men will lead in worship. During the Bible School hour they will lead some songs, read through the book of James, lead prayers and bring short lessons. During our regular worship assembly, they will lead in all the areas. In order to encourage our young men on their special day, we are having a men's encouragement breakfast on that day.

Whitewood, SK: Merle Nelson lead a trail ride in the Qu'Appelle Valley on August 5. The trail ride was followed by a picnic supper and a devotion. All who attended reported having a great time.

NEWS — FAR WEST —

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Calgary, AB: Margaret and Raymond Tidlund celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 9 at a come-and-go tea.

The VBS held in mid-July was termed a success. Fifty-two registered, 16 of whom were visitors to the church.

Alberta Bible Camp '91 was announced for August 25-30.

A congregational retreat was planned for August.

Delta, BC: The Family Camp held in early August at Spruston Road Bible Camp, near Nanaimo, completed the annual round of summer camps for 1991.

The Ladies Fellowship is to be hosted by the Delta Ladies, September 20 and 21.

Surrey, BC: Candace Gregoire, daughter of Grant and Carol, was lost in a tragic drowning in the Fraser River in late July. On a log boom with her brothers, she fell between logs. Her hand was grasped in a rescue attempt, but the powerful undercurrent snatched her away and made rescue attempts futile. Everett and Verna are her maternal grandparents. A memorial service was held at the Surrey church with Ron Beckett in charge.

Nanaimo, BC: Ming Paul Lee is appealing for travel funds for Ed and Sharon Short of Nashville, Tennessee to go to Shanghai, China. More information is available by writing to Ming Paul Lee, Box 13, Arlington Road, Nanoose Bay, BC V0R 2R0. He is also encouraging others to make the trip to Shanghai in May, 1992 for two weeks or one month.

Churches in B.C. who are interested are encouraged to invite the Murray Cottells or Jay Hawkins to speak and show videos of Shanghai.

Also reported by Ming Paul in his "We Are Living Epistles" newsletter was a gospel meeting held in June this year in Singapore that resulted in 62 baptisms. Tapes of the meeting can be obtained from Gospel Services, P.O. Box 262302, Houston, TX 77207.

(Ed's note: The following is from an earlier newsletter that arrived too late for inclusion in last month's issue.)

Teen talking is a 24-hour service for teens who want to talk and need someone to listen. Their number is (604) 245-7727. Ming Paul was appealing for help in obtaining an answering machine for this service.

The newsletter contained a story of "God's Chain of Events:" in which a young student in Cleveland, Ohio sent a small sum to Eastern European mission for three New Testaments in Russian with his name and address imprinted and encouragement to the reader to write to him. A young adult in Novosibirsk, Siberia wrote to thank him for the Bible, and a voluminous correspondence developed, resulting in the baptism of the young couple by a team from Smryna, Tennessee who were on a two-week trip to Novosibirsk. Pictures accompanied the story.

Salmon Arm, BC: Gerry Luchtmeyer was recently baptized here. He moved here a year ago from Victoria, BC where his wife, Kelly, was baptized.

A successful Ladies retreat for the BC Interior was held in May at Gardom Lake near Salmon Arm. Approximately 50 ladies attended.

A successful children's camp for the B.C. Interior was held at Clearwater, B.C. in July. Rom Stump from Washington, formerly of Salmon Arm, was director and brought his own crew of counsellors and teachers.

A one-day lectureship will be held here November 3, 1991 followed by a 3-day retreat for B.C. preachers.

A new teacher has been hired for Shuswap Christian School. Sue Kirkpatrick will be moving with her husband, Dick, and 3 daughters. They are moving from the states but had formerly lived at W.C.C. in Weyburn. The school continues to be running at full capacity.

Swan Valley Bible Camp

Beginning in 1965, George and Frances Clarke began conducting a Bible Camp on their property 20 miles north of Creston, B.C. Since that time, Swan Valley Bible Camp has been in continuous operation. Many campers from Western Canada as well as the States, particularly Idaho, have participated in its activities.

The writer has been involved with this camp since 1977, and we just completed one of our finest camps. Since 1977, many interested brethren have contributed to the up-grading of the camp's physical plant, which includes a new toilet-shower facility, 4 student cabins with 10 bunks accommodating 9 campers and 1 counselor, plus a partitioned staff cabin with capacity for 2 couples. Up-grading continues.

From July 28 to August 2 we had a combined camp with 36 campers and 12 staff. Dimitre Karogiannis, age 12, from Kelowna, was baptized. The first annual Family Camp held at Swan Valley was conducted from May 18-20. It was very successful with attendance running over the 70 mark. The theme was, "Walk the Talk" taken from 1 John 2:6, and the speaker was John Dunahoe from Grandview, Washington.

Future events include two proposed camps for 1992, providing that staff can be put in place by March 1. Dates for **Pre-Teen** camp are July 31 - August 4. And **Teen** camp is July 17-21. If staff cannot be found, then we will once again have a mixed camp. **Family Camp** will once again be held in May with a **Work Bee** scheduled for the first weekend in June.

Swan Valley Bible Camp has one of the greatest settings of any camp that I know of. It is situated on the shores of the beautiful Kootenay Lake, surrounded by mountains and green forests. Highway 3A, running north out of Creston to connect with the Kootenay Lake ferries, runs past the camp property. For more information, please contact Charles McKnight, 2125 Hadden Court, R.R. #5, Kelowna, BC V1X 4K4.

--Charles McKnight

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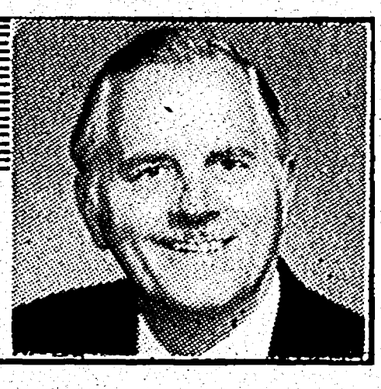

Hearts on Fire, A Strategy For Dynamic Evangelism *by Don Humphrey, Gospel Advocate, Nashville, TN. 145 pages, $5.95 (US).*

The back cover of this book states its purpose very well:

"This book is for those who believe God wants his church to grow and who believe that the church today can be as exciting as the church of the first century. It is for the Christian who wants more than anything else in the world to be a soul winner. It is for those who hurt because they know people who are lost. It is for those who are concerned because they aren't doing anything to save the lost. It is for those who want to see people coming to Christ every day of the week. It is especially for those who want to be a part of a growing, exciting church and who will settle for nothing less -- regardless of the cost! It is for the church leader who wants to develop Christians who talk, eat, dream and do soul winning. This book is written for Christians who want to win the world for Christ."

I'm sure many of the readers of this paper would be included in the above descriptions. We want to win souls but have tried and failed and have become discouraged. This book could be the spark to light the fires of evangelism in our brotherhood. It is suitable for individual or class use. Highly recommended!

Forever a Father, Always a Son *by Charles Williams, Victor Books, Paris, ON, 180 pages, $9.95 (Cdn.).*

There are many fine books for the wife and mother and other areas of family life, but few for fathers. This need has now been met by this excellent book for fathers. It is highly recommended by Carl Brecheen.

The author is a licensed psychologist, married for 17 years and the father of two sons. He uses his many experiences in counselling and raising his own sons to illustrate his points. His book is biblically based and extremely well-written.

Harmonizing Hermeneutics *by J.D. Thomas; Gospel Advocate Co., Nashville, TN, 109 pages, $5.95 (US).*

We have heard a great deal lately about the "New Hermeneutic". This has to do with the way that we interpret the Bible. Some have said that the old way of "command, example and necessary inference" is outdated and must be discarded.

J.D. Thomas brings a mature, sound and sane voice into this controversy. He has studied this area for many years and has written extensively about such matters.

Thomas shows the errors of some of the advocates of "the new Hermeneutic" but he also recognizes the need for restudying such issues and appreciates the good things that have been said.

Anyone wanting to make some sense out of this pressing question would be well-advised to read this book.

Taste Buds

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afterward for something important like fishing, baseball, hockey, etc. . ., not even staying for the whole worship hour. Some look around at those they meet with but don't really know or like. Some constantly ask God, why, when they are so faithful, does He make their lives so miserable. It is because they worship a God of legalism. Their God keeps track of all the good and bad they do and on the judgment day will subtract the bad from the good to see where they spend eternity. Their God smiles only when He's caught someone doing what they shouldn't. Their God looks forward to pronouncing judgment and condemning as many as possible.

My God is a God of love and forgiveness. You see, I make mistakes with such consistent regularity that I have given up trying to convince myself that I could be good enough. When I did that, it became easier for me to stop insisting that everyone else become good enough. When I remind myself of my God of love and forgiveness, I am filled with a joy that overflows in sacrifice and service. I just can't keep the good news to myself; I must tell others. With my eyes on the cross, I find a great joy in being with my brothers and sisters. I look forward to and cherish each opportunity to be with my brothers and sisters and wouldn't miss them for the world. When I see Jesus on the cross, I see the terrible price of sin and commit myself to avoid it.

Which God is your God? Is your God the God who gave us taste buds? Or, is He the God who insists we be good enough? Is your life filled with joy or misery? I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. **W H E R E!**

--Wawota, Saskatchewan

Letter Points Out Error

"As a typical demonstration of the lack of knowledge held by brethren in the southern part of the province toward the geography of the north, we note this ad appearing in at least the last three issues of the **Gospel Herald**, 'Sudbury is the largest city of Northern Ontario with a population of 9,600.'

"While the over-all population of Sudbury, including a radius of approximately 30 miles of the city, is in the 200,000 range, this is quite a gross misrepresentation of the north."

The error pointed out by our anonymous critic was discovered just hours too late for correction in the August issue. We are not as ignorant of geography as surmised. This was a "typo", which should have been detected but was not. We often read the proofs late at night in order to meet printer's deadlines.

We regret this error in such a sensitive matter. *--E.C.P.*

You are invited to the
40th Wedding Anniversary
of
Keith & Marie Thompson
at
Newmarket
Church of Christ
230 Davis Drive
Sunday, October 6, 1991
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Best wishes only.

Great Lakes Alumni Homecoming

October 18, 19, 1991

Puttin' On The Ritz

Homecoming Weekend Schedule

Friday Evening

6:00 - 8:00 Registration, Visiting
8:00 - 9:30 Basketball Game, Alumni vs GL Students
9:30 - 10:30 Campfire Devotional

Saturday

10:00 - 11:30 Brunch
11:30 Kids Time & **Business Meeting**
2:00 - 4:00 Free Time
4:00 - 5:00 Class Reunion Parties
5:00 Banquet
6:30 Tribute to Joan Smith
Presentation to Coach Zartman
7:00 **Auction**

The Auction's a comin'
It won't be long,
'Til Leslie and Vernon
Are singing their song.

I've got me a five,
Now gimme a ten.
Going once, going twice,
Let's start 'er again.

We're in a recession,
I know it's true,
But it's hard to resist
That jam made by Sue.

Those handknit sweaters,
A kid's picnic bench,
Raisin' twenty thousand
Should be a cinch.

The money we raise,
Will go to our school,
And you'll get a treasure
Made by great uncle ...WHO?

This years Homecoming Weekend is really beginning to take shape. We are looking forward to beating the students again in the Friday night basketball game. We also look forward to having you help us beat the $11,000 raised at last years Auction. Again this year, we encourage you to dress for the theme of the banquet as we attempt to set the mood for the evening of *Puttin' On The Ritz*. See you there.

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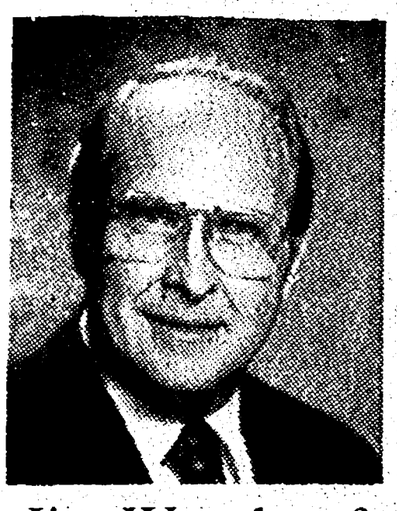
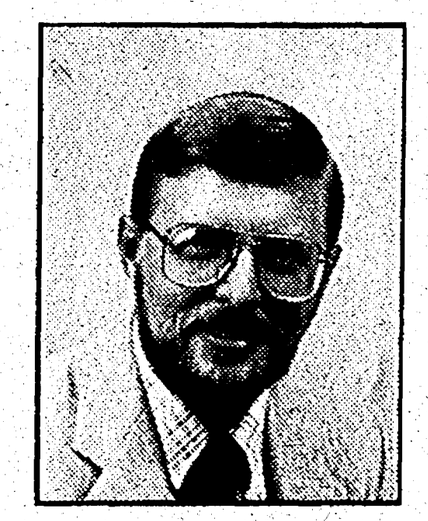
The Grace That Heals



Jim Woodroof

Need to be challenged and recharged?
Join your hearts and minds with others for three days of lessons, classes, discussions and relationship re-kindling at ***Lectureship '91,*** *October 21, 22 and 23 .*



Harold Byne

Some Topics and Speakers

The Church In Transition.....Jim Woodruff
The God of Grace.....Harold Byne
Hymn Appreciation.....Jerry Rushford
The Healing of the Holy Spirit.....Don Smith
The Renewal of Relationship.....Jim Yarian
Is There No Balm In Gilead?.....Ron Pauls

For more information, contact
Martha May or Dave McMillan.

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An Opportunity for Inspiration and Fellowship. . .

MEN'S RETREAT at CAMP OMAGH
September 13, 14, 1991

JOE CANNON* To Teach On

THE HOLY SPIRIT

(*Mission 1000 Director, Memphis, Tennessee)

Registration: Friday 7:00 p.m., $15.00
(Preregistration Encouraged)
Concluding: Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Hosted by the **Waterloo Church of Christ**
Coordinator: Paul Wall
Box 183, Waterloo, ON N2J 3Z9
(519) 885-6330

You are invited to share in a gospel feast and our 25th Anniversary Building Celebration

Gospel Meeting: October 3 - 6, 1991
Harold S. Baker, former professor of Bible & Speech at David Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, will be our speaker.

Theme: **"Growing Up in Christ"**

Special: On Sunday, October 6, **Woodrow Hazelip**, former minister of the Collingwood Church of Christ, will speak at 2:00 p.m. for the 25th anniversay of our present building; refreshments following.

Times: Each evening at 7:30 p.m. (Thursday, Friday, Saturday);
Sunday 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.; 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Collingwood Church of Christ, 494 Tenth Street, Collingwood, ON L9Y 2H1
(705) 445-1531 or 444-8234

OBITUARIES

ALBERT JOHN STEPHENSON

Albert John Stephenson passed away in Salmon Arm, B.C. on April 16, 1991 at the age of 81 years.

Born in Didsbury, Alberta on December 15, 1909 he was a pioneer of the Burns Lake, B.C. area. He had been a resident of the Salmon Arm area for the past 33 years and was an avid farmer and gardener. He always won many prizes for his entries in the annual fall fair.

He leaves his cherished memory to his wife, Jacobina, and 4 daughters: Lauretta (Dennis) Marsh of Vernon, B.C.; Alberta Armstrong of Vancouver; Edith (Albert) Knust of Grindrod, B.C.; and Teresa (Robert) Chipera of Quesnel, B.C.; 8 grandchildren; 2 sisters and 2 brothers and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter, Thelma, in 1952 and 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

The funeral service was held from Bowers Funeral Home on April 19 by Sam Tumlinson, Jr.

Albert was among the early converts in Salmon Arm having been baptized about 1962. The congregation was established in 1959. He was a kind, gentle man who will be sadly missed.

CLARENCE HUNTSMAN

Clarence Huntsman of Beamsville "was released from his wornout body" on Monday, July 22 at the age of 93.

A veteran of World War I, a Professor at Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, 1933-63, he has lived in Beamsville and been active in the church there since 1967. He has been a regular supporter of the church, Great Lakes Christian College and the **Gospel Herald**.

He was one of 11 children of Lution Huntsman, whose average age was 85 years.

Predeceased by two wives, Lois Juniper in 1954 and Madolin Smart in 1987, he is survived by a son, Donald, of Mississauga, a daughter, Diane (Mrs. John) Whitfield of Thunder Bay, a daughter-in-law, Jean, of Mississauga, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Donald Perry and Weston Walker.

Veteran Zambia Missionary Dies

Brother John Dow Merritt, born October 27, 1893, died in Searcy, Arkansas on July 9, 1991. A pioneer missionary to Zambia, he dedicated himself to the cause of Christ. His son, Roy, continues to be very active in Christian education and evangelism in Zambia.

We quote, "It would be impossible to overstate the importance of the Merritt family to the work in Zambia. They literally blazed the trail, and it was their approach to teaching and training that established the foundation upon which current missionaries are now building in Zambia." ***--Kolomo Reporter***

Is There No Balm In Gilead?

Topic for Class at GLCC Lectureship with Ron Pauls.

We live in troubled times. People all around us are experiencing loneliness, depression and despair. They are not all outside the church. Why? "Is there no balm in Gilead?" asked Jeremiah in similar times (Jer. 8:22).

God's will is the healing of the nations. He is not willing that any should perish. He has done what he can to expedite that healing. Jesus came. Jesus died. Jesus rose again! The Spirit was poured out. The church was born! What a glorious heritage!

Where are we now? How did we get here? Where do we go from here? Can the church serve more effectively within the purpose of God? Can restoration be on-going? Can the balm in "Gilead" once more function for the healing of the nations?

This is not an exploration for the timid, but people of faith are called to launch out into the deep. Let's explore the realities and the possibilities. "Come, we will talk these things over" (Is. 1:18).

You are invited
to join us for a

Ladies' Inspirational Day

Saturday, October 26

Pine Orchard
Church of Christ
(corner of Vivian Sideroad and the 5th conc. east of Hwy. 404)

Theme:
Claim Your Rainbow
Speaker:
Linde Zila

Registration: 9:00 - 9:30
Closing at 3:00 p.m.
lunch provided (no charge)

For additional information, call:
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You Are Invited to the

PARTNERSHIP DINNER

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Saturday, **September 21,** 1991 at **5:00 p.m.**

Tallman Auditorium
Great Lakes Christian College
4875 King Street, Beamsville

($10 per plate)

R.S.V.P. by September 13 to Martha May at Great Lakes (416) 563-5374

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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; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0, (403) 879-2232 (res.); Norm Stienwand, 882-2203.

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., 569-2817; 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.

FORT MCMURRAY; Sawridge Hotel, 530 MacKenzie Blvd.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Gerry Bibaud, ev. 101 Silvanus Crescent, (403) 791-5747.

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BOSWELL: during summer,9833 Hwy 3, Swan Valley Bible Camp. At other times phone for info. Sun 10; S4, Box 2, R.R. #1, V0B 1A0; (604) 223-8381.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10, 10:45, 6; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453.

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; Wed., Thurs., 7:30; Off. no. 205-1318; 56th St., Box 1195, Station A, V4M 3T3; J. D. Rogers & Doug Williams, evs., (604) 943-7558/946-9696(res.), 943-0515 (off), Alice Close, sec. 946-8951.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel Street; 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 1A2; Sun., 10:30; Ivan Eastwood (604) 534-0485; Steve Basar (604) 530-9610.

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; Edgar (Buddy) Burns, ev. 756-9229 (res), 758-9412 (off); Les Beamish, sec., 758-6929.

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

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

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

SALMON ARM: Community Centre; Sun. 9:45; Thurs. 7:30 Seniors Drop-In Centre; P.O. Box 51, V1E 4N2, (604) 832-3828; Sam Tumlinson, Jr.; Shuswap Christian School, Doug Kendig, adm.

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev. 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.

VANCOUVER (Eastside): Best Western Hotel -- 3075 Kingsway; Sun. 10:30, 7; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krrmis, 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; Wed. 7:30; Blair Roberts, ev. 638-3372 (res.), 638-6321 (off); W. Hart, sec. 638-5283.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubinville Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10.11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: Kinsmen Bldg., 18 Botsford St., E1C 4W7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 229 Downey Ave., Riverview, NB E1B 1W6; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682 (res.), or 853-9355 (off).

NEW YORK STATE

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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, Bernard Straker; William Chidowe, ev.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; (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 (no evening service 1st Sun. of month); Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 722-7155 (off.) Claude Cox, ev. (705) 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.).

BLIND RIVER: North Shore Motel, Hwy 17; Sun. 10, 11; For information phone 356-7938; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; John D. Preston, sec.-treas. 645-5797.

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (416) 455-3263 (res.); (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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

CONCORD: 51 Concord Rd.; Sun. 10:30; Mrs. A. Young, sec. 30 Kinghigh Dr., Thornhill, L4J 3N4, (416) 886-2685; A. E. Atkinson, ev., 51 Concord Rd., Thornhill, L4J 3M2; 886-1738.

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, 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. 7:15; (416) 385-5775; Ron Hoover, sec. (416) 388-4248; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, Westcliffe P.O., L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, RR 1, Kimberley, ON N0H 1G0.

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meetings with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630 or David Preston, R.R. #1, Group Box 174, P0A 1K0; (705) 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: Hilltop Dr. off Hwy 11BN; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Group Box 108, Route 3, P0A 1K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (705) 282-2980; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, (705) 377-4555.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; John Spencer, sec. 396 Gatestone Blvd., N2T 2J0, (519) 746-2576.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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; Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (416) 853-0892 (res), 895-6502 (off).

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

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6 (evening fellowship in various homes. Phone for location); Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8, Gary Hotchkiss, sec., 476-7684 (res), 472-7040 (off).

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

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:00; 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., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11:15, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; David Lock, ev. 465 Davis St., L3K 1Z7; (416) 834-0911 (res), 834-5775 (off). (Every 1st Sunday, potluck followed by singing; communion at 6:30.)

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

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off), 633-2646 (res).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E. N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Mark Bryson, ev. (519) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (416) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Harold Parker, ev., 945-8803 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec.

STRATFORD: Romeo Public School, 49 Rebecca St., Sun. 10, 11; Box 941, N5A 7M3; 273-5280 (off.); Kelvin Hoover, 273-5381 and Larry Hoover, ev.; 271-9545.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 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., Gen. Del., P0A 1Z0; 384-7624 (res.), 384-5214 (off).

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; Rupert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 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), Stephen Gill (265-2496), and Wm. Harvey (757-4619) elders. Max Craddock (461-7406), Peter Morphy (416-266-2600), Santiago Molina (Spanish) (751-6879), evs.

TRENTON: Meetings Sun & Wed. For information, please contact M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741 or L. Bartley, 392-0487; P.O. Box 373, K8V 5R6.

VANDELEUR: 5 mi. S.E. Markdale, Artemesia Twsp.; 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 Avenue; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 20, L3B 5P2; S. F. Timmerman, evangelist, Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cres., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten Street, N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sunday 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., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audre Cote; (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Cote 362-6623 (French Speaking).

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

SHERBROOKE: 888 rue Laviolette; Albert Charette, ev., (819) 569-7257 (res.); 820-PAIX (off.).

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; Tim Pippus, ev.. 634-8195 (res.).

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. 10:00-12:00; Glen Davies, 1451-94th St.; (306) 445-4231.

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

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

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 9:30 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Mrs. Clarice Mooney, sec., Box 94, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-2558.

REGINA (7th & Pasqua): 4205 7th Ave. S4T 0P8; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7; (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 (summer hours may vary); 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 538-4654.

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. 10:15, 6; mid-week in homes; ph. (306) 783-6877 (church building and preacher's residence) OR (306) 783-6850 (home of Harry Meakes, sec.).

Inclusion in this listing does not mean complete endorsement of all teachings and practices.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

13, 14... Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh with Joe Cannon on the Holy Spirit

28... Ladies' Day '91, "Advice from a Friend", 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ottawa, Eileen Dale

29-Oct. 2... Meeting, Waterloo, ON, Michel Mazzalongo

October

11-13... W.C.C. Lectureship, Dauphin, MB

11-14... Atlantic Canada Lectureship, Halifax

14-16... GLCC Lectureship, Beamsville, ON

25-27... Marriage Encounter, Stoney Creek

November

1... Annual Hymn Sing, Fenwick, ON

3... Lectureship, Salmon Arm, BC

(If you have events that you would like to have listed in this Calendar of Events, please contact Eugene Perry)

"Winning the Christian Battle in a Modern World"

Western Christian College
Lectureship '91
October 11 - 13, 1991

Friday, October 11

6:00 Men's Leadership Dinner ($6)
"Challenges Facing the Church in the 90's"
Roy Merritt, Winnipeg, Manitoba

8:30 Lecture: "How Does It Feel to Win?"
Gary Montgomery
Daughterty St. Church of Christ
Eastland, Texas

Saturday, October 12

9:00 W.C.C. Society Annual Meeting

11:30 W.C.C. Luncheon and Annual Meeting

2:00 Lecture: "Declaring War With the Enemy"
Gary Montgomery
Lecture - Youth (Grade 7-12):
"Winning the Christian Battle Against Immorality"
Tom Clark, President
Great Lakes Christian College, Beamsville, Ontario

7:00 Lecture: "Soldiers Chosen for Riches" - Gary Montgomery
Sonshine and Choral Performance

Sunday, October 13

10:00 "The Greatest Battle" - Gary Montgomery

2:30 "Winning the Christian Battle Against Materialism"
Tom Clark

3:30 "Winning Means Drawing Near" - Gary Montgomery

7:00 "We Always Win By Faith" - Gary Motgomery

Leadership Supper in dining hall on WCC campus. Lectures in Multi-purpose Building located on the DMCC grounds. Other meeting locations to be announced.

Western Christian College, Box 5000, Dauphin, MB R7N 2V5 (204) 638-8801

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day (CAN.) Columbus Day (U.S.A.)	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

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On September 1, 1991, 142 people met to worship and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the church in St. Thomas. Thirteen congregations were represented. *For more details, please see page 17.*

The Survey: Churches of Christ in Canada, 1991

by Geoffrey H. Ellis

The survey of churches of Christ in Canada, 1991, was undertaken by the editors of the **Gospel Herald** in the interests of New Testament Christianity in this nation. The survey was made possible because of the willing participation of most congregations and because of the helpfulness of congregational reporters and provincial coordinators.

The hope was that a high percentage of the congregations would participate. In fact, 83% of the congregations responded, a definite improvement over the 62% response in the 1981 survey. In that survey, knowledgeable leaders in the various provinces were asked to estimate the membership of those churches which did not participate in order to secure a projection for the overall membership in Canada. In the 1991 survey, the non-reporting churches (NR) were given membership levels consistent with the provincial averages. The overall memberships reported for Canada and for most provinces are once again, therefore, projected totals. The results are viewed as being reasonable approximations.

The format of the questionnaire used was, in the main, that which was used in 1981. One change was "the year of establishment" (1991) in place of "the age of the congregation" (1981). Paralleling the decadal responses provides insight into changing patterns, e.g. the age profile of members, the proportioning of Bible class enrollment, the numbers of elders, deacons, and preachers, and, with respect to the preachers, the numbers of fulltime/part-time, Canadian/American, as well as sources of support.

Surveys have been conducted now by the **Gospel Herald** in 1956, 1966, 1981 and 1991. The 1991 report relates to the 1966 and 1981 statistics in numbers of churches and members. The earlier 1956 figures are reported in the 1981 survey should there be interest in examining a 35-year development. The figures included in this report, however, give a 25-year picture. Any who may be interested in receiving the raw data on which this report is based should forward $3 and name and address c/o **Gospel Herald.**

Finally, two paragraphs are quoted from the 1981 survey:

> The findings of the survey are presented by provinces. The conclusion should not be considered to imply any sense of competitiveness between provinces, nor any sense of superiority where totals are more impressive. Rather, useful regional pictures are sought through this approach.
>
> Finally, the purpose of this survey is to provide constructive insights into the life and work of churches of Christ in Canada. Hopefully, no cause for a spirit of pride or of despair will result, casting us into the sin that was implicit in the Israelites wanting "to number" themselves in the long ago.

Churches of Christ in Canada, 1991: A Profile

by Geoffrey H. Ellis

Churches of Christ in Canada in 1991 number 147 congregations with a total membership of 7,200. This represents an 11% increase in churches and 24% in members from the 1981 level (133; 5,800).

The average size of the local congregation is 49 members, up from 44 in 1981. Average Sunday morning attendance is 60, down from 65 in 1981. During the period, 1981-1991, 13 congregations were disbanded (DB) and 27 churches were planted.

While the net increases reported in the totals of churches and members are encouraging, three trends are noted which cause concern. The average size of the congregation has increased 11%, while at the same time average attendance has dropped 8% from the 1981 level. This reflects the sharp drop in church attendance being experienced nationally. The second concern has to do with the age profile of membership. The under-age-25 percentage of membership dropped from 24% to 19%, 1981-1991; between-25-and-50 increased from 47% to 51%; and over-50 remained at 29%. Churches are gaining fewer adults and are in the early stages of "greying". Thirdly, the percentage of the overall Bible class enrollment for children from cradle roll to grade eight has dropped from 50% to 37%. (See also baptismal levels reported below.)

One in four congregations has elders (matching the 1981 ratio). One in 5.4 churches has deacons (cf. 1/5 ratio in 1981). Five churches in six have one or more preachers serving in the gospel (cf. 4/5 ration in 1981). Reporting churches record 86 elders, 138 deacons, and 133 preachers serving. Eighty-two percent of the churches reporting preachers have fulltime preachers in place. One in three congregations fully support their fulltime preachers (cf. this 2/6 with 2/5 in 1981). Three preachers receive their full support from other Canadian churches, and five have a mix of home congregation and other Canadian church support. U.S. support is received by one fulltime preacher and one part-time preacher, and 14 receive a mix of Canadian and American support (cf. the 1981 ratio of 1/6 preachers drawing full support from U.S. sources). One in every 2.26 preachers receives some or all of his support from the USA (cf. 1/3 in 1981). Ten fulltime and 26 part-time preachers are partially or fully self-supporting. Sixty-six percent of the preachers are Canadian, 30% American, and 4% of other national origins.

Reporting churches gave a total of 351 baptisms in 1990, or 2.9 per church. (If projected to the 147 churches, 423 baptisms for 1990 are possible; this compares with a "projected" 725 baptisms for 1980.) For the first four months of 1991, 112 baptisms were reported. (If projected to the whole year, 336 baptisms for all churches are possible.) Thus, slightly

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Churches of Christ in Canada, 1991

	MEMBERSHIP			ATTENDANCE				LEADERSHIP			Y
				1. SUN. AM							R
				2. SUN. PM				1. ELDERS			
DB = Disbanded	1	1	1	3. MID-WEEK				2. DEACONS			E
NR = No Report	9	9	9	4. BIBLE SCHOOL				3. PREACHERS			S
	9	8	6								T
	1	1	6	1.	2.	3.	4.	1.	2.	3.	
BRITISH COLUMBIA											
Abbotsford	32			40							
Boswell	2	3									
Burnaby	78	68	65	89	47		104			2	1958
Campbell River	25	11		35		10					
Cayoose Beach	DB		5								
Chilliwack	NR	8									
Coquitlam	94	66		65	25	25	89			1	1967
Cranbrook	8	26		15							
Creston	16	35	16	25							1935
Crofton	6	9		6			6				1967
Delta	106			115		54	119			2	1982
Fernie	DB	8									
Kamloops	21	39		35	20	20	35			1	1965
Kelowna	26	18	15	35	12	15	26	2		1	1965
Langley	6			8			8			1	1985
Nanaimo	52	52	40	65	34	36	64			1	1950
North Bend (Boston Bar	69	47		98		30	76	3			1974
Penticton	19			29		20	34			1	1982
Powell River	21			18		15				1	
Prince George	31	22		40	10	25	39			1	1975
Prince Rupert	22				32	18	35			1	1986
Richmond	12			20		6	20			1	1990
Salmon Arm	52	42	20	100		30	74	2	4	1	1957
Saltspring (Ganges)	6	2		6	4						1978
Surrey	10	49		10		6					1966
Terrace	11			30		30	29			2	1989
Vancouver (East S.)	14	25		14	7		14			1	1978
Vancouver (Oak Ridge)	48	112	140	63	25	20	63			2	1958
Vernon	43	27		60	25	20	41			1	1976
Victoria	133	99	40	195	119	70	164	4	7	2	1910
White Rock	11			20			11			1	1987
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(29)	1009	768	341	1284	360	450	1051	11	11	24	
Avg.	34.8			47.5							
ALBERTA & NWT											
Alliance	NR	13									
Calgary (Maryvale)	248	138	85	282	139	103	172	4	10	2	1906
Calgary (Northside)	NR										
Camrose	26	5		35		19	27			1	1983
Edmonton	221	102	55	230		180	170	2	6	3	1952
Edson	11			21							
Fort McMurray	12			28		25	26			1	1990
Lethbridge	NR		13								
Lloydminster	NR	54									
Medicine Hat (Carry)	18			27	21	22	26			1	1975

Credit To Whom Credit

The preparation of this month's survey of churches of Christ in Canada was accomplished through the combined efforts of many. In each congregation reporting, one or more persons gathered the data. In each province, a coordinator encouraged and secured the responses: Doug Williams, British Columbia; Bob Harrington and secretary, Shirley Dixon, Alberta and the North West Territories; Ray McMillan, Saskatchewan; Wayne Turner, Manitoba; Geoffrey Ellis, Ontario; Roger Samur, Quebec; and Tim Johnson, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Special thanks is extended to Jim Dale of Waterloo for his expert computer handling of the information received. To each of these is extended the gratitude of all who will make positive use of the data.

Twenty-five Year Comparison
Number of Congregations

	1966	1981	1991
BC	10	22	29
Alta/NWT	5	10	13
Sask	22	18	15
Man	9	10	9
Ont	52	63	69
Que	3	4	7
NB	1	2	1
NS	2	4	4
PEI	0	0	0
Nfld	0	0	0
Total	105	133	147

Ten Year Comparison
Average Church Membership

	1981	1991
BC	36.6	34.8
Alta/Nwt	53.0	80.2
Sask	47.8	50.7
Man	45.1	49.3
Ont	49.5	51.2
Que	40.0	40.7
Maritimes	16.3	20.6
National	43.5	48.8

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EDITORIAL

Numbers Are For Crunching

by Geoffrey H. Ellis, Associate Editor

Statistics of church growth are useful for those who take the mandate of the Great Commission seriously. Records of the increase and decline of congregations, gathered locally, regionally, and nationally, can support analysis of the real shape of the progress being realized, dispel myths, and aid planning. Where failure is encountered, the earnest Christian will do some serious soul searching and probe for reasons why. Where success is detected, encouragement can be received by all who share the common goals. The value of a survey such as the one appearing in this issue of the **Gospel Herald** is in the overview. The particulars of any one congregation, while of interest, are of benefit when they are joined with the particulars of all the congregations. Here patterns emerge, growth is gauged, and the common experience shared. Those congregations who were willing to expose their "private" matters for the sake of securing this broader picture are applauded.

Of course, there are a number of reasons why the gathering of statistics is resisted. For one thing, it's painful. I am reluctant to analyze my spending habits for what the exercise may say about my profligacy. We are reluctant to examine seriously our growth patterns and levels because of what they may reveal. For example, it's embarrassing to reflect on the fact that our congregations with a 175-year history in Canada are currently under 10,000 members. Again, "raw numbers" do not capture "quality", i.e., the spiritual maturity developing within. Yet, is spiritual improvement taking place where winning the lost is not occurring? Again, examining growth is self-congratulatory and impertinent for it is "God who gives the increase". Instead, it is insulting to impugn God with our slow growth--God who wants all men to come to repentance; God who loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; God who gave his Spirit to the church so that it might be the powerful instrument of his salvation. The church is to "sow and water". In partnership with our Lord, slow growth reflects on us, not Him. Again, we know the Bible says, "Don't number". Examine the text: pride in human achievement occasioned the restraint. In fact, the Bible is filled with numberings and record keepings in remarkable detail, giving one of the major evidences of the historicity of the Scriptures; Acts is a Church Growth account with statistics included. Again, gathering statistics is "too denominational". How many things could we stop doing just because the denominations do them? Church growth statistics are intended for analysis, not for making grandiose statements of who "we" are. Church growth statistics examine the visible "tracks" of a church community; they make no claim regarding the invisible registry in the Lamb's Book of Life. Again, suspicion! The maxims are familiar: "Figures don't lie, but liars figure". "You can prove anything with figures." Yet, does abuse demand rejection of legitimate use? And finally, "I am too busy in the Lord's work to waste my time with record keeping". Hard work is not the goal; productive work is. Thoughtful examination of results is not time wasted.

Keep records for the sake of analysis. Analyze in support of better planning. Plan carefully for more effective work. Work for the glory of God and the salvation of the world (Cf. Eph. 2:10; Phil. 2:13; II Thess. 1:11).

What are some records congregations should keep? Membership, by age groupings. Attendance at all formal gatherings -- worship, prayer meetings, Bible classes, etc. Contribution levels, individually and collectively. Births to Christian families. Deaths of brethren. Baptisms of church family members, of previously "churched" and "non-churched". Departures, due to shift of membership (was a change of residence involved?), lapses, disfellowshippings. "Marker events" in the life of the church and the surrounding community which might impact growth. Gathered over several years, these facts and figures will reveal much about your congregation and point to needed improvements.

Record keeping, statistics sharing, are not for ostentation, prideful display, or "denominational-like" registering. Numbers are for crunching.

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FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping readers to have strong Christian families. It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

"Building Your Mate's Self Esteem" - Conclusion

Christmas, 1991 will soon be here. It is the season of gift-giving. However, all year we have been unwrapping one of the greatest gifts one can ever give another. It is the gift of building your mate's self-esteem.

Truly, this is a gift that never stops giving. Instead of wearing out, it glows brighter with each use. Instead of becoming broken or obsolete, it produces growth and fosters wholeness. In the giving of this gift we become partners with God and His Holy Spirit in the reshaping of a life into the image and likeness of God himself.

It's amazing that the more we give ourselves in this direction, the more we gain. There is nothing else we can do that will more effectively enhance our own self-esteem. There is nothing we can do for a relationship that will make it more beneficial for all involved.

Here's an overview of some of the things we can all be doing to build our mate's self-esteem.

Review

Get close to Jesus! You can have no better foundation for living and serving and loving the way he did. The deep respect, genuine love for and open acceptance of persons that Jesus displayed will become a part of your relationships. They will be for you the foundation stones for implementing the following suggestions in your relationship with your mate.

1. **Say Nice things to Your Mate.** Express the appreciation you feel in words and responsive acts of love. Provide genuine praise not just for acceptable performance but for the person they are becoming. Make sure words of encouragement are not overlooked in the busyness or boredom of everyday routines.

2. **Help Your Mate Get an Accurate Perspective on His/Her Imperfect Past.** Christ sees one's brokenness as a place where the works of God can be made obvious (John 9:3). No matter what is in one's past, Christ is willing to repair and make whole again. And as if that were not enough, he is willing to take the past, the good, the bad and the merely inadequate, and sanctify it for his use. He will take away the fear and let us quit hiding. He will make one's past a preparation for future service, often to people who are experiencing the same debilitating circumstances. Then we will become useful and fulfilled people.

3. **Help Your Mate Develop Friendships.** Friends mirror self-worth. We were made for relationships. The one with God is primary. But we need relationships "with skin on" to re-affirm the reality of our relationship with Him. So, develop a lifestyle that will leave time for friendships and learn how to encourage such relationships.

4. **Be Prepared for the Difficult Times.** Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33, NIV). Trouble and problems are part and parcel of this earthly heritage. They come to all. So, don't take them personally. Don't let your mate feel like the "lone ranger". That's the quickest way to a pity party. Remember that trouble tends to tear us apart. Reverse the trend and pull together in troubled times.

5. **Build a Sense of Family Unity.** Everyone needs a place to belong. Let your home become a place of refuge and "safe harbour" rather than a place to get sharp critiques of performance. Schedule time to be alone together. Make sure "home" is a warm place to "come home" to. Let it be a place where failures are understood, wounds are cleansed, and the milk of human kindness flows freely.

6. **Give Your Mate the Right to Fail.** Jesus does! And as soon as we turn back to him, he forgives. Then he provides the grace to go on. This is a hard gift to give. Our society is so performance/production oriented that failure often seems fatal. Yet even the most successful people fail more often than they succeed. Encourage each other to try new things, to grow, to explore, and when failure comes, get right back up and try, try, try again. And never, never, never give up on each other!

7. **Cherish What Is Right and True.** Avoid what seem like mere short cuts that rarely end up saving time or getting you where you're going. The Devil will always be there to tempt you into believing that your goals are achievable without nearly as much effort or time, if you will only compromise with truth. Your integrity and God's wisdom are tampered with only at great risk to self. Let truth be the light that guides you to higher ground in all your endeavours.

8. **Do What Pleases Him/Her.** During courtship we aimed to please. 'Your wish is my command," was the motto. But years of married routine have blunted that early desire to please. Sometimes it just seems to take too much effort. We need to remember. We need to go back to doing the kinds of things we did at first (Rev. 2:4, 5). Because they will have the same effect that they did then. Such actions will rekindle our love. They will underscore the value of the other, helping them feel accepted and cherished. Romance will revive!

There's One more

You will want to go on discovering ways to build one another's self-esteem. But we will conclude this series by offering just one more.

9. **Live for Something Bigger Than the Two of You.** A recent trip to Great Britain taught us some things about this. The generosity of family and friends had made possible the trip of a lifetime to celebrate 25 years of married living. We spent nearly three weeks alone together with no responsibility but to enjoy each other and explore a new country.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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Consistent Life

I once heard a story of four men who were arguing over Bible translations, trying to decide which one was the best. One said he preferred the King James Version because of the beautiful, eloquent old English which he appreciated. Another said he preferred the American Standard Bible because of the literalism. He felt that this version moved the reader from passage to passage with "confident feelings of accuracy from the original text". The third suggested his favourite was Moffatt because of its quaint, penetrating use of words and the turn of phrase that captures the attention of the reader.

After giving the issue some further thought, the fourth man said, "I have personally preferred my mother's translation." When the others chuckled, he responded, "Yes, she translated it. She translated each page of the Bible into life. It is the most convincing translation **I ever saw.**"

There is great power in the consistent life to give support to the words one may speak for godliness. The joy and happiness shown by the child of God, the proper treatment of others, etc. are strong supports of the value of Christian living. A man who had been given a tract to read by a missionary is reported to have said, "Thank you for this **tract**; now I will watch your **tracks** and decide about becoming a Christian." Many are watching to see what is really different about the life of the woman or man who claims to be a Christian.

Edgar Guest said it as well as anyone:

I'd rather see a sermon
Than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
Than merely show the way;
For the eye's a better pupil
And more willing than the ear;
Good counsel is confusing
But examples always clear.
And best of all the preachers
Are the men who live their creeds;
For to see good put into action
Is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it
If you let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.
And the lectures you deliver
May be very fine and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson
By observing what you do;
For I may misunderstand you
And the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding
How you act and how you live.

Clearly one of the reasons for Jesus coming to this earth was to "show" us a pattern of life. He came to die and rise again for sure, but he also gave us the example of how one should live in relationships -- both with God and with mankind. We need to follow his example!!

In Galatians 2 Paul tells of the failure of one man to live the example of Jesus. The man was Peter, and it had to do with his treatment of others in the face of pressure. Peter, the apostle who had opened the door for the Gentiles to come into the Kingdom with his visit to the house of Cornelius in Acts 10, is false in his actions toward the Gentiles later. Paul says, "When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group" (Galatians 2:11, 12). Here was an example where the "preaching" and "practice" of Peter did not match. It is easy to fall short sometimes and, therefore, we need to be careful of our actions. It is most easy to fail when under pressure, as Peter was or felt himself to be in this case. Here was a great opportunity to be a real strong influence for right, but Peter failed.

Besides the results of this failure for himself (I'm sure Peter repented and got things turned around when his failure was pointed out to him), consider the effects in the broader picture. "The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray" (Gal. 2:13). The failure to live the Consistent Life can reach out to effect, in a negative way, the lives of others.

All of us will fail from time to time. However, may we strive to live a life that says to all who know us that it is our continual desire to do the will of God and to live as Jesus lived while he was here. May we see this life modeled by others who wear the name Christian and may that be a constant encouragement to us to live **The Consistent Life.**

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Medicine Hat (Cres. H		46	36	18	60	40	30	69			1	1955
Red Deer		66	36	26	60	30	34	44	2		1	1962
Yellowknife		74	41		82		56	69	2	5	1	1967
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(13)		1043	434	209	1192	230	469	603	10	21	11	
	Avg.	80.2			91.7							
SASKATCHEWAN												
Bengough		30	37	20	25			34				1930
Carnduff		DB		13								
Estevan		88	80	45	115	53	48	111	4	7	1	1919
Gravelbourg		24			40			26			1	1920
Harptree		DB		18								
Horse Creek		19	26	29	35			35				1928
LaFleche		DB	15	12								1961
Moose Jaw		72	65	90	77	50	50	60	4	8	1	1940
North Battleford		27	20		29			19	1			1956
Ogema		DB		8								
Outlook		DB		21								
Perryville		23	36	21	25		20	34				1890
Prince Albert		20	30	22	30		5	35				1954
Radville		6	6	13	14			14				1926
Red Pheasant		DB	6	7								
Regina (7th Ave)		124	145	100	156			175	3	8	2	1917
Regina (Osler)		DB		20								
Saskatoon		118	80		130	75	85	80	2	6	2	1947
Shaunavon		DB	3									
Swift Current		NR	25	21							1	1947
Wawota		44	36	19	45		38	59	3		1	1910
Weyburn		100	180	140	104	48	42	105	4	6	1	1920
Yorkton		15	14		35	8	15	45			1	1967
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(15)		761	804	619	921	234	303	832	21	35	11	
	Avg.	50.7			61.4							
MANITOBA												
Alonsa		7			9		5				2	1974
Arden (Neepewa)		9	13		15		10	16			1	1956
Brandon		21	44	15	26			26				1955
Carman		65	72	80	78	40	38	85	4	5	1	1888
Dauphin		67	20	17	130	120	110	152	3		1	1947
Manson		20	44	37	20	16		23				1929
Portage la Prairie		16	19	14	17			20			3	1958
Reedy Creek		DB	10									
Swan River		DB	3									
Winnipeg (Central)		188	172	88	201	110	70	188	4	11	1	1910
Winnipeg (Erin)		DB		80								
Winnipeg (West Side)		51	54		65	35	40	49				1973
Winnipeg (Windsor)		DB		40								
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(9)		444	451	371	561	321	273	559	11	16	9	
	Avg.	49.3			62.3							

Churches of Christ: Profile

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under 3 persons per year per church are currently being baptized as compared with 7 in the 1981 report.

Two of three churches conduct meetings each year (equalling the 1981 report); the majority hold two such events each year. Outreach activities by churches (1981 in parentheses) in ratios are given: radio, 1/25 (1/12); TV, 1/14 (1/6); mailers, 1/5; Bible Correspondence Courses, 3/4; church planting, 1/10; home Bible studies, 1/2; and other (such as VBS, etc.) 1/3. Forty-three percent of the churches support works elsewhere in Canada, expending an average of 18% of their budgets (cf. 50% in 1981 at 9% of budgets). Forty-seven percent of the churches support foreign evangelism, using 17% of their budgets on average (cf. 66% in 1981 at 16% of budgets).

On a given Sunday a projected 7,400 people are enrolled in Bible classes (cf. 6,600 in 1981). Thirty-seven percent include up to grade eight, 13% high school and young adult (to age 22), and 50% adults.

Two of three of the congregations assemble in church buildings, of which 90% are owned outright (cf. 3/4 ratio with 83% ownership in 1981). One in five churches meets in rented facilities; one in eight meets in homes.

Twenty-five Year Comparison
Number of Members

	1966	1981	1991
BC	341	779+	1,009 .
Alta/Nwt	197	371+	1,043 .
Sask	619	861	761 .
Man	371	451	444
Ont	2,333	3,069+	3,536 .
Que	45	160	285
NB	4	25	26
NS	39	73	77
PEI	0	0	0
Nfld	1	0	0
Total	3,950	5,789	7,181

Note: Membership totals included estimates (+) in 1981 for non-reporting churches (NR) and provincial average values (.) in 1991.

	9	8	6							
	1	1	6	1.	2.	3.	4.	1.	2.	3.
ONTARIO										
Ajax	83	72	45	85	40	30	79			1 1955
Bancroft	NR	30	25							
Barrie	48	15	52	60	15	12	26			1 1962
Beamsville	104	131	120	129	98		201	3	14	3 1832
Belleville	12			18	18	20	21			1990
Blind River	5			5						1 1990
Bracebridge	8	14		6						1
Bramalea	80	27	23	104	46	61	105	5	3	1969
Brantford	42	103		44	23	18	63			1945
Collingwood	37	51	32	45	22	20	35			1 1882
Concord	14	17	40	12						1 1965
Cornwall (Dover Rd.)	9			12	8	8	7			1 1990
Cornwall (Tollgate)	NR	15	23							
Echo Bay	DB	40								
Fenwick	47	60	40	56	34	29	63			1 1895
Fort Erie	DB	8								
Glencoe	NR	15	25							
Gore Bay	NR									
Griersville	30	36	50	25						1 1879
Grimsby	61	18		55	43	50	60			1 1967
Guelph	20			31		16	32			1 1987
Haileybury/New Liskear	2				5		3			
Hamilton (Center)	12			20		7	7			1 1989
Hamilton (Fennel Ave)	78	115	100	85	35	40	82			1 1950
Hamilton (Sanford)	DB		65							
Hamilton (West)	30			36	24	23	45			1 1987
Heathcote	NR	20								
Huntsville	NR	20	27							
Ice Lake	NR	45	40							
Iron Bridge	DB	13	20							
Iroquois Falls	NR	10								
Jordan	NR	114	140							
Kenora	21	20		32		20	32			4 1971
Kingston	25	43	19	35	10	15	25			1 1952
Kitchener-South (Blair	23	25	16	30		15	30			6 1960
London (Falcon St.)	11			20	20	22	20			2 1988
London (Huron St)	86	63	35	115		75	128			3 1958
Meaford	91	112	110	92	51	43	123			1 1848
Newmarket	103	107	43	90	60	65	80	4	6	1 1963
Niagara Falls	NR	96	40							
North Bay	13	33	33	22	10	10	16			1963
Omagh	NR	30	85							
Oshawa	DB	51								
Ottawa	74	54	39	72	47	39	92			1 1958
Owen Sound	82	34	30	85	15	35	60			1 1953
Peterborough	DB		6							
Pine Orchard	43	32	34	55		20	33			5 1904
Port Colborne	53	35	20	60	30	30	44			2 1939
Sarnia	90	81	50	93	59	59	119	2	5	1 1924
Sault Ste. Marie (East	NR	60	60							
Sault Ste. Marie (Pine	99	33	23	110	40	45	66	2	4	1 1940

Ten Year Comparison
Sunday A.M. Attendance

	1981	1991
BBC	51.4	47.5
Alta/Nwt	80.0	91.7
Sask	81.4	61.4
Man	64.0	62.3
Ont	67.4	61.6
Que	43.7	40.0
Maritimes	-	29.0
National	-	59.1

Ten Year Comparison
Age Profile of Members

Percentage. 1. = 1981, 2. = 1991

		% Under 25	25-50	Over 50
BC	1.	35	44	21
	2.	28	49	23
AB/Nwt	1.	30	54	16
	2.	22	61	17
Sask	1.	21	44	35
	2.	19	47	34
Man	1.	25	39	36
	2.	16	48	37
Ont	1.	22	48	30
	2.	16	50	34
Que	1.	25	55	20
	2.	25	57	18
Mari	1.	8	62	30
	2.	16	59	24
Nation	1.	24%	47%	29%
	2.	19	51	29

MISSION NEWS

Washington, England

"On Tuesday evening, July 23, a group of about 25 from the Washington Church travelled over to the North Sea to witness the baptism of Dave and Mandy Gibson. They were first contacted in March. Personal studies each week and attendance at worship and Friendship Bible Discussions have taken place.

Average weekly worship attendance is now 37. The effort began two years ago with 19. A recent "Bring Your Friend Sunday" saw 42 in attendance.

Dave Carscadens, who has just completed two years of training at the British Bible School, just moved to the area to serve the congregation in Newcastle. This church has 8-10 members."

--Al Meakes report

		9	8	6								
		1	1	6	1.	2.	3.	4.	1.	2.	3.	
Selkirk	NR	32	25									
Smithville	NR	25										
South River	NR	35										
St Catherines (Garden	NR											
St Catherines (Ontario	130	200	115	180	83	83	168	2	5	2	1964	
St Thomas	20	35		22		20	17			1	1966	
Stoney Creek (Ivan Ave	91			80	34	30	90	4		1	1946	
Stratford	18	51	32	25	10	13	24			2	1985	
Sudbury	39	31	15	42	36	37	34			1	1962	
Sundridge	75	72	40	115		90	100			1	1948	
Thessalon	78	71	60	90	70	65	83			1	1921	
Thunder Bay	25	60	24	30	15	15	25	2		1	1964	
Tillsonburg	35	41		50		35	54			1	1976	
Timmins	17			40	35	45	45			1	1984	
Tintern	124	84	60	150	125	125	137	3	8	1	1892	
Toronto (Bayview)	75	100	100	80	20	22	29			1	1902	
Toronto (Downtown)	DB	8										
Toronto (Harding)	NR	50										
Toronto (Metro)	15				15		15				1969	
Toronto (Strathmore)	139	125	135	148	50	45	86	3	2	3	1924	
Toronto (West)	DB		98									
Vandeleur	18	15	15	15	6		8			1	1960	
Waterloo	92	20		104	35	70	108	3	5	1	1975	
Welland	35	7		46	15	33	38			2	1983	
Wellandport	NR	25	23									
Windsor	NR	80										
Woodstock	DB	4										
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(69)	3536	3078	2264	4126	1302	1555	2758	33	52	67		
Avg.	51.2			61.6								
QUEBEC												
Montreal (Chinese)	70	30		35		12	30		3	1	1979	
Montreal (French)	50	35	10	60	25	22	17			1	1973	
Lachine	60	60	30	60	20	15	51			1	1960	
Piessisvilie	12			12			12				1985	
Quebec City	44	35	5	55		20	44			2	1966	
Sherbrooke	11			23		13	23			1	1990	
Verdun	38			35		26	38			1	1987	
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(7)	285	160	45	280	45	108	215		3	7		
Avg.	40.7			40.0								
NEW BRUNSWICK												
Fredericton	DB	8	4									
Moncton	26	17		35		18	44			1	1976	
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(1)	26	25	4	35		18	44			1		
Avg.	26.0			35.0								

India

David Hallett in his May/June report names nine different students from three different states being baptized. He states, "Our cup is full and running over."

David's right eye is seeing again, recovering from his stroke. He writes, "...on June 26, I decided to spend time with students to work out the needs of the soul. We expected an hour or so of questions. But we spent five grueling hours studying baptism." The results were 7 baptisms by July 1.

Nehemiah Gootam, director of Kakinada School of Preaching, reports a total of 246 having taken the 2-year programme and 1500 men the 6-week programme. He writes, "Ninety-six percent of our graduates are active in the work and yet only a handful of them receive any support from America."

According to Gootam, facilities have become inadequate with "only 400 square yards available to operate the work". He continues, "So, it is decided we need expansion. It is my dream to make this institution into a Bible University of India." Land has been scouted and now funds are needed to enable the purchase and construction to follow.

Papua New Guinea

Pearl Orr writes, "Our work here is still very encouraging. There have been 5 baptisms since I wrote. Leslie continues with private studies as well as regular meetings and prayer sessions. I correct W.B.S. lessons, Studies in the Scriptures, etc. These are usually near enough to result in personal contact."

Ghana

Avril Keoughan had to return to Hamilton for an operation and planned to return to Kimasi, Ghana at the end of August.

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A Tribute to Rosa Belle Cannon

by Joe Cannon

(Editor's Note: In a time when broken promises and lack of commitment in marriages is on the rise, even in the church, the inclusion of this tribute should be an encouragement to us to be the kind of Christian wife God wants us to be so that our husbands can pay us a similar tribute. Let us work daily at making our marriage one that pleases not only God but our spouse. LCH)

What can I say about the woman who has loved me longer and stronger than any other person? I thank Christ for this wonderful gift from above. I thank God that our marriage was made for us in heaven. I cannot thank her enough or repay her enough for what she has meant to me. Proverbs 31 is insufficient tribute.

For over 40 years, we have been together serving the Lord in missionary work and in the cause of world evangelism. She has uncomplainingly and devotedly followed the leading of our Lord into hard places -- right after the war in Japan, then to suffering, war-ravaged Okinawa, then to Papua New Guinea, and most recently to the ocean island and jungles of Irian Jaya. Leaving Oklahoma, she has endured the cold of Canada and Japan, the heat of the tropics, the hustle and bustle of urban centers and the isolation of mountain outposts.

She has reared seven children, losing one of them in Okinawa. Four of them were adopted from Japan and Korea. She has suffered through operations without anesthesia and has ministered to the medical needs of thousands in our New Guinea clinics.

Her home was, and is, always open to travellers, strangers and many journeying missionaries. She has been a mother to single missionaries and a grandmother to missionary children. Her gentle and longsuffering disposition has been a rock, a fortress and a refuge of strength for her workaholic husband.

Rosa Belle is the best example of a missionary wife that I have ever seen among many wonderful missionary wives. Her influence is being felt more and more through our para-missionary training program, where she teaches and counsels with those preparing to serve overseas.

She has nursed me through exhaustion, fevers, malaria, operations, dengue fever, diabetes, heart trouble and many other ailments with faith, patience and undying love.

She has braved storms at sea, travelled by airplane too often to remember, braved dangers on rivers, mountains, impossible roads, threats from wild men and exposure to plagues, diseases and death. Never has she balked at going anywhere and doing anything for Christ. She has more grit in her little finger than most men I know have in their whole bodies. Yet, she is a quiet, unassuming, modest, faithful and righteous woman. She has lived in all kinds of houses, sheds and huts, eaten all kinds of food, worn all kinds of clothes, and learned to speak all kinds of languages. She despises no one, never gossips, never puts anyone down. She is not pushy. She knows how to get along without money. When we have money, she is never quick to spend it on herself. Her children and grandchildren cannot help but love her, and neither can I.

I just want everyone to know that God makes women today as good as He has ever made them, and I am eternally grateful and glad to be happily married to one of them. Amen.

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NEWS — EAST —

by Eugene C. Perry
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Halifax, NS: the Tenth Annual Atlantic Canada Bible Lectureship on the theme "Assurance of Life" (a study of I John) is scheduled for October 11-14.

Toronto (Bayview), ON: "It was our pleasure to welcome brother and sister Darrell Buchanan and their son, Christopher (formerly of Regina, Saskatchewan), into the fellowship of the Bayview Avenue congregation. Brother Buchanan, M.Div., is a competent, scripturally sound gospel preacher. We look forward to many years of service together for the Lord and His church. Brother Buchanan's ministry began on Sunday, September 1. A hearty welcome awaits you at any of our services."

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: Max Craddock held a meeting at the Bateshill Church in Ohio, August 11-17. One brother who had been away from the church for some long time was restored.

Devon Bennett placed membership at Strathmore and Remy Ganus was baptized on July 28.

Toronto (Harding Avenue), ON: Ann Marie Gonsales of Toronto was baptized before the morning worship service on August 25. She will be married to Anson Assang, formerly of Trinidad, on October 5.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: See the advertisement elsewhere of a four-day Fall meeting -- **The Body of Christ. . . The Challenge of Tomorrow**, October 27-30, with various speakers.

"We're starting Saturday morning Bible School on October 5 -- every second month to keep in touch Tith our VBS children. We have a regular group of members who are visiting one-on-one at Macassa Lodge (a nursing home).

"We're having a clothing and other necessities drive for an emergency shelter in our area."

Grimsby, ON: The Warkholdt family from Sault St. Marie -- Shawn, Amy, Ripley and Ashley -- have been welcomed at Grimsby.

Great Lakes Christian College opened in early September with an enrollment of 105. We do not yet have information for the Bible College.

Tintern, ON: The Kids' Rally, hosted by this church in late September for the last few years, has been cancelled for 1991 but the cancellation announcement includes assurance for September 26, 1992.

Port Colborne, ON: "We had a good Vacation Bible School during July with a high of 70 attending. In August, some of us enjoyed a Family Camp at Chippawa Park, Wellandport with about 20 tents and campers.

"Several have been attending a men's breakfast at the Blue Star Restaurant in Welland on the third Saturday of each month. This breakfast is hosted by St. Catharines and Welland with men coming from many churches in the Niagara Peninsula.

"A number are participating in a Thursday morning Bible Study where only spiritual matters are discussed. Enthusiasm has been high and a deeper level of spirituality is being sought.

"We are looking forward to getting started into our fall program working with our new ministry system."

--The Publications Ministry

St. Catharines, ON: Harold Johnson, long-time member, passed away August 30. Left to mourn is his wife, Rita. He will be missed by his church family as well.

Waterloo, ON: "Our V.B.S. was during the last week in August. Despite the heat wave, we had enthusiastic teachers, hard-working helpers, energetic performances by our actors and a great group of kids. Our theme, "Jesus, God's Gift", was presented in song, drama, hands-on and teaching. The high attendance was 60 with well over 100 for Family Night.

"Geoffrey Ellis, who had been travelling with Wesley Jones in the USSR, arrived home on Sunday, August 25, a week earlier than planned. They arrived in Moscow on the morning of the coup. Their safe arrival home is an answer to many prayers."

Stratford, ON: Kelvin Hoover taught at Camp Omagh July 28-August 3 after which he was involved in "a very successful V.B.S. that had over 260 the final night" at Plymouth, Michigan.

After the VBS, 13 from Plymouth travelled back to be with the Stratford church for its 6th Anniversary. Attendance for the special occasion was 36. David Thomas of Plymouth "delivered a very encouraging message".

Sarnia, ON: "We have had three baptisms since our last report. Two of these are from our youth group. Dean Huggett has been attending off and on for the last year, coming with one of our Christian young men. After several studies, he accepted Christ and is now actively involved. Joel Lacourse was also baptized just before leaving on a student exchange program to Brazil. He will be gone the entire school year.

"Rany Bird was baptized after viewing the Jule Miller video tapes. He is the fiance of Shelly McEachern, and they will be married here on September 21. We are very happy for this fine Christian couple.

"We were saddened by the death of Alan Johnson, husband of Shirley Johnson. Alan passed away on August 29 after being ill for the last year. Shirley has been a member here since her conversion in 1976 during the campaign in Sarnia."

-Mark Bryson

Newmarket, ON: "Stephanie Hildebrandt, who attended here a while back, was baptized at Bible camp out west."

V.B.S., August 26-30, averaged 73 in attendance.

Thessalon, ON: VBS attendance was lower than usual but "much good was accomplished".

Tracey Weir and Robert Michael were married on August 16.

Murray Smith had heart surgery in early September, and we understand that it went well.

Northern Ontario Christian Camp at the Lloyd Whitfield farm, August 18-23 had a "record crowd". Fifty-nine young folks between 8 and 16 spent five full days of Bible study and play. Don Smith spoke at camp all week.

Marquette, MI: Dawn McGlone was immersed into Christ on August 15.

There have been several responses to the "One Nation Under God" promotion. "Many Bible Correspondence Courses are now in progress, and some of them have even been returned for grading already."

--Marquette Challenger

NEWS — PRAIRIES —

by Brian Cox
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(Editor's Note: There are not too many reports this month. I am sure that this is due to the mail strike. Keep those reports coming in; they are so much appreciated.--Brian Cox)

Estevan, SK: This has been a busy summer for the congregation here. Tim Pippus (our preacher) has helped in several Bible Schools elsewhere and headed up our own V.B.S. Auguest 12-16, which was a success with an average of 65 children. Many of our young people have attended Bible camp at Clear View according to their age groups, and some of our adults have taught classes there as well.

After three months of our preacher teaching the Sunday morning adult class and the men of the church taking turns in preaching, we have reversed the order again. Now Tim is preaching Sunday morning and night, and the men take turns in teaching the adult class. Presently the class is concentrating on an in-depth study of Genesis with Daryl Tucker as the teacher.

We are sorry to lose the Dale Elford family from our group. Dale is going to work with the Medicine Hat church. They leave with our blessing and the thought that our loss will be their gain. Their daughter, Donna, was baptized at Clear View Christian Camp the week of August 12.

August 24 will see Terry (oldest son of Ron and Elsie Jacobs) and Cheryl Geiger united in marriage here at our building. Both of these young people are faithful Christians, and we wish them happiness and success as they serve the Lord together.

August 25 will see a celebration for Earl and Marilyn Davis' 25th wedding anniversary. Earl served as one of the elders here before they moved to Selkirk, Manitoba, where they are now active with the West End congregation in Winnipeg.

When travelling, please stop and worship with us, or better still, decide to come and live in Estevan, and become part of a friendly group of Christians!

Saskatoon, SK: Summer is just a memory and our young people are returning to school. We are welcoming a new group of young people to our congregation as they begin or continue their studies at university or technical schools. We are also preparing to say goodbye to a number of our congregation who are moving to other parts of the country, and we wish them Godspeed.

Summertime is camp time, and it is a splendid opportunity to fellowship with our young people. It is also an opportunity to reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Beautiful Heritage Lake in northern Saskatchewan was the scene of four camps this summer at which five young people made the good confession and were baptized into the Lord. They were: Carrie Ahenekew, North Battleford; Mike Kenny, Arkansas; Kirk Sarson, Prince Albert; Todd Ashby, Saskatoon; Sarah Dunlop, Saskatoon.

The men who were responsible for overseeing the Heritage camps this year were John Smith, Allen Close, Bruce Tetreau, Scott Roberts and Barney Borsheim. They were ably assisted by many men and women and young people whose help was indispensable in making the summer of 1991 a memorable experience indeed.

Gravelbourg, SK: The church in Gravelbourg has had a busy summer. We started it all off with a barbecue supper in honour of our "Group Home" Bible Study. Because of summer holidays, the study ended and will resume in September. All involved in the study have been encouraged by the eagerness of these people to learn God's word.

In order to advertise our Vacation Bible School and to have a little fun, the young people (and a few not-so-young people) entered a float in the annual "Pink Flamingo Daze" parade. As we followed the parade route, familiar VBS songs rang from the truck and flyers were handed out to the crowd. We must have done something right for on VBS opening day, 90 students were in attendance. Our high for the week was 105, and for our BBQ and closing program, approximately 265 parents and students were in attendance. We praise God for the success of our VBS in its 16th year and pray that next year our VBS will be even better.

Regina, SK: On September 8 we were happy to appoint Bill Coulter as an overseer for our church family. Bill and Roberta have been willing pillars here for several years. Other overseers are: Robin Wise, Ellis Krogsgaard and Ray McMillan.

Since Spring our Sunday morning assembly starting time is 9:30 a.m. with the Bible classes from 10:45 -11:20. This arrangement has several positive features, especially in improving the Bible class atmosphere.

We welcome the following families: Ron and Chris Bailey, Mona Hill and children, and Bill and Angela Perry and children.

On August 10 we were happy to be able to celebrate the wedding of Dwight Muller and Karen Oberg. On August 17, Curtis Parker was married to Valerie Waddell in Saskatoon. Curtis is in the RCMP in Port Alberni.

Wawota, SK: On August 12 a baby shower was held at the home of Kay McMillan to welcome Brea Dane and to honour her and her mother, Milessa Elford. On August 17 a car rally was held at the John McMillan farm and the surrounding area. Following the car rally we enjoyed a wiener roast and devotion to honour our students who are returning to school. The Youth Leadership Day, August 18, went extremely well. Seventy were present to encourage our young men and boys as they led in worship. This has become a much-appreciated annual event. We are looking forward to our annual Kids' Rally, September 27-29. "Good News" from Saskatoon will be with us to sing and teach classes.

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

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Edmonton, AB: Thirty-five Christians from Texas joined forces with the local church in its work. Most of them were teens from the Saturn Road Church of Christ and the Walnut Hill Church of Christ in Garland, Texas.

"These teens did a great job in teaching our children and helped distribute 9,000 brochures on the church." They were in Edmonton a week in late July. During this period, Greg King of Helena, Montana, presented a series of lessons on the resurrection. There were visitors from the community each evening.

The elders and Scott Laird have gone to several widely scattered places during the summer, visiting workshops, studying at Abilene Christian University, reporting to sponsoring congregation in Tulsa, Oklahoma and one elder went to Fiji for a month.

Five baptisms were reported: Jon Cook, Annette Prombert, Anita Potts, Conrad Bordelau and Gerald Coombie. These bring to 11 the number of baptisms this year.

Randy, Holly and David Schilling arrived in July. Randy is to work on the campus of the University of Alberta, while Scott Laird will be able to concentrate on small group studies.

It was hoped that the Morans would clear immigration hurdles and be here by the end of August. Also, they need to complete their support.

A number of Christians from here plan to go to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory on August 17 to spy out the land for the planting of a church in the future.

Delta, BC: A Ladies Retreat was scheduled for late September.

Three evening workshops on Feeling Good About Yourself were to be presented free to interested people in the Lower Mainland at the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre in mid-September.

"Joy! Taking Care of Yourself and Others" -- a seminar for churches -- was held September 7 at the Coquitlam church with Landon Saunders.

Tacoma (Southside), WA: Joshua Chipperfield, Mark Cravotta and Laurie Streeter were baptized into the body of Christ.

Placing membership were Andy and Cynthia Hill, Brian and Lisa Wickens, Ken and Cindy Fulfur and Tutti Carter.

A city-wide gospel meeting, sponsored by the inner city churches of Christ in Seattle, began August 11 with David Lane of St. Louis, Missouri and James Tinsley of Omaha, Nebraska as speakers.

Lethbridge, AB: "After preaching and teaching with this congregation for 10 years, Marv Merland and family have moved to Smithers, British Columbia. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours. Marv's talents shall be missed. It is our prayer that he shall continue to use them in his new field of harvest.

It has been a great summer, and the brethren are making plans for growth to expand God's kingdom! George Trimble has now taken over responsibility for ministering the word to this body of believers."

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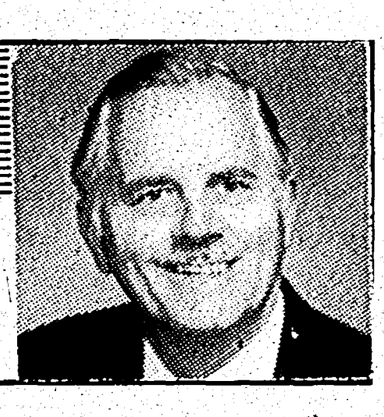

Things That Last, Reflections on Faith, Hope, and Love *by Rubel Shelly, Howard Publishers, West Monroe, LA. 154 pages.*

This is the first book we have reviewed from Howard Publishing. Their purpose is threefold: Inspiring holiness in the lives of believers, Instilling hope in the hearts of struggling people everywhere, Instructing believers toward a deeper faith in Jesus Christ. Because he's coming again." This is a very worthy goal, and we are happy to introduce their publications to our readers.

We have given high marks to previous books by Rubel Shelly, and this new one is equally worthy. It is given glowing recommendations by Lynn Anderson, Max Lucado and Mike Cope. Even it if were not commended by such esteemed brethren, we would give it our highest praise.

The book consists of 39 articles of various lengths and gathered under the headings of Faith, Hope and Love. All are very well-illustrated from current events (mostly from the U.S.). Incidently, we need Canadian writers who could do a similar job using Canadian illustrations. But since we are so close to events in the US, we can easily understand the illustrations that Shelly and other authors use.

Don't Shoot! We May Both Be On The Same Side *by Marvin Phillips, College Press, Joplin, MO. 202 pages, $5.95 (US).*

Marvin Phillips serves as minister of the Garnett Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has been involved in directing the Tulsa Soul Winning Workshop. Recently he has been prominent in the Restoration Forums. These are meetings between people from the Independent Christian Churches and our own fellowship. Basically, his book is about the reasons for his activity on behalf of these forums.

He makes difficult matters easy to understand and even enjoyable to read. For example, he writes about his early life as a Christian: "Two things dominated our church lives in those days. . .we were taught to argue. And argue we did. My early childhood is filled with memories of arguments at the church building, in our own home and other people's homes that lasted into the night. The other thing that dominated my early religious experience was the fact that we couldn't disagree without dividing. 'If I am right then you're wrong, lost and headed for Hell!' And in those days I didn't know anything about essentials and non-essentials. This was the way we reasoned whether the issue was baptism or serving in the army. We argued cups, classes, located preachers, colleges, orphan homes, centralized control, institutionalism, choirs, instrumental music, pastors, ad infinitum."

He presents lively discussions on grace, "human-eutics", learning to disagree without dividing, the challenge facing the 21st century church, papers, parties and prejudice, etc. This book should be read by all who hold to the Restoration heritage.

Family Ties

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There was only one catch. We still had to live. Getting around, finding lodging, finding grocery stores, finding a drink, getting the laundry done, etc., etc. New circumstances showed us so clearly how easy it is to get bogged down in the mechanics of living and lose the joy of it all.

And now we are trying to remember. There's more to life than staying alive, paying the bills, getting the laundry done, repairing the car, driving the kids to their activities, etc., etc. We must not lose the joy of each other's companionship by getting lost in the minutia of staying alive.

But there's more to it than that. We need to have a view of life that transcends this earthly reality. A goal, a sense of purpose that rises above the temporary gives a person a sense of value that no individual accomplishment can match. You and your mate owe it to yourselves to develop a sense of direction, a sense of purpose that goes beyond having enough money to make it to the end of the month.

One of the advantages of a faith that is anchored firmly in God is that it provides the possibility of just such a purpose. It helps us to see with eyes that are not bound by geographical boundaries. It helps us to understand that the things we can see, smell, taste, touch and hear are all passing away. It helps us know that if we invest our all in those temporal things, we are investing in things that cannot last. So it helps us get outside this earthly realm and live for that which is eternal.

So, maybe it's time to reevaluate. Maybe it's time to ask some simple but profound questions. Maybe it is time to set some goals that surpass physical imitations. Maybe it is time to actualize your faith. You likely won't have to change a lot of the things you are doing. You will just view them from a new perspective, do them with a new enthusiasm. And you will become a fruitful, fulfilled person because you have hitched your dream to a star. There is dignity in destiny provided the destination is something that will outlive you.

Conclusion

Yes, you, too, can have a mate with a growing sense of self-esteem. And such a mate is likely to be growing in other ways, too. And such a mate is likely to be married to a person who is also growing, for giving is growing. Imagine the possibilities! Now put this down and go do something nice for each other! God bless!

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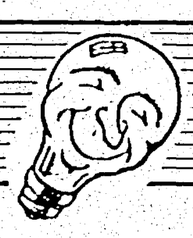

Your congregation's Bright Ideas should be shared. Write to Rick and Susan Gamble, 53 Marvin Avenue, Brantford, ON N3S 3C3 or call (519) 753-5353.

Contact Cement!

Okay, Vacation Bible School is over for another year, and we can all take a bit of a breather. Right? Wrong! At least, not if you don't want to see much of all your hard work go to waste.

One of the main reasons most churches hold VBS is to reach new kids and their parents. But it seems many congregations simply don't know **how** to make the best use of new VBS contacts. Here are some suggestions:

Sarnia: Open House Opens Doors!

The church in Sarnia had more than 200 children participating in VBS this year. That's largely because members canvassed a big part of the city and rented a bus for VBS. (Ridership topped 50 one day.)

For the first time, the congregation held an Open House on the Friday night. Evangelist Mark Bryson says it drew about 30 to 40 people visiting for the first time ever, and each VBS student was given a special handout about the church.

"We're in the process of visiting each one who attended VBS," says Mark. "We try to make it as personal as possible, and we use a brochure that tells about our congregation. We try to set up Bible studies, and our contact cards are also used to help promote next year's VBS."

Hamilton: Food for Thought!

The Fennell Avenue church in Hamilton wrapped up its VBS by inviting parents to a cookout. Now members plan to keep up the contact with their VBS kids through a "mini-VBS" that will run on a Saturday morning every other month.

Those two-hour sessions will include a lesson, singing, crafts, refreshments, and a fellowship time.

"We want a closer involvement with the visiting children from VBS, as well as our own kids," says evangelist Joe Godbout. "We hope to establish closer contacts with the parents, too, and our long-term goal is to try to reach both them and their children."

And next year, to strengthen ties between the congregation and visitors even more, Fennell may hold a special worship service and fellowship meal, either at the start of VBS or to wrap it up.

Tintern: Organ-ization!

The Tintern church wrote its own VBS material this year. Using the theme "God Made Me", the curriculum concentrated on five vital aspects of the human body: the blood, brain, liver, kidneys and heart. VBS director, Phyllis May, says the material got a great response. Attendance hit a high of 101, and a very high percentage of the students were from the community.

"At our closing program, we had more than 200 people," says Phyllis, "and between half to two-thirds were community people. And the response from the parents was different this time. They said the kids learned so much this year!"

For follow-up, Tintern plans to use VBS contact names for a special mailout. Notices of any meetings scheduled during the year will also be sent to those people, and the most promising contacts will receive visits.

St. Catharines: Weekend Workout

The VBS here was held on Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday morning because it allowed more working church members to be involved. A full third of the kids who participated were children whose parents weren't Christians.

"We're going to follow up with a letter thanking them for coming, and encouraging them to give us a call, if they need anything," says evangelist Gordon Harris. "We may also try a special Saturday program four times through the year."

Grimsby: Compass Helps Set Direction!

When it comes to getting results, Grimsby VBS volunteers deliver! **What** they deliver are completion certificates. Instead of handing them out at the end of VBS, they're taken directly to the homes of the students. Workers also take along a brochure that includes some information about the church and an invitation to worship.

During the year, invitations to special events are sent out to families, who also receive copies of a tabloid style paper called **The Casablanca Compass**, which is delivered via the local newspaper. Evangelist George Mansfield says a full page VBS ad in that paper helped double attendance this year, and the congregation's teachers and evangelists are now busy contacting the kids from VBS.

Brantford: Time Out for "Time Out"!

First, we never call our Friday night VBS open house "Parent's Night". We get a much better response by calling it "Family Night", and by letting the kids know that **everyone** is invited: grandma and grandpa, friends, cousins, aunts and uncles, and anybody else they can think of.

We have a great time. The kids highlight what they've learned, they sing together, and each class presents a song or a skit. Following a short video of VBS activities and the handing out of certificates, visitors tour the classrooms that have been transformed into various Bible settings for our customized VBS. Everyone ends up in the fellowship room for pie and coffee or cold drinks.

We always send a follow-up letter, with emphasis on the new Bible School quarter that starts in September. But our most innovative idea is "Time Out", which is held four times a year.

Knowing how hard it is for parents to pay for a night out **and** a babysitter, we invite them to drop their kids off at the church building for food and fun, while they go out to enjoy themselves.

We encourage couples to use the time together, but we also see parents using the opportunity to do other worthwhile things. Single moms can pamper themselves or get together with friends

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Tracing the Russian Restoration Movement

During the week of August 12, Tim Tucker, Wesley Jones and this writer were in Leningrad seeking evidence, among Russian sources, of the restoration movement indigenous to that country. We were motivated by the conviction that documentation in Russian archival records of a significant effort by their own countrymen to achieve apostolic Christianity based on the Bible alone would be valuable for present-day seekers of Christ in the USSR.

The broader objectives of a projected four-week effort, beginning August 4, included encouraging believers in a contemporary, non-denominational movement in Finland; making contact with listeners responding to World Christian Broadcast Corporation programming in both Finland and Russia; encouraging the fledgling congregation in Leningrad; evangelizing; and researching the Russian restoration in four cities: Leningrad, Moscow, Irkutsk (Siberia), and Donetsk (Ukraine). Following the week in Leningrad, Dr. Tucker returned to Finland where he will spend the coming year. The remaining two arrived in Moscow on the morning of the Coup, August 19. The disruptions of the "three dark days" curtailed our research activities in Moscow and forced the decision to forego travel to Siberia and the Ukraine. Nevertheless, findings in Leningrad were sufficiently positive as to confirm our expectations regarding the Russian restoration.

Contacts were made with Finnish believers and seekers, and two were baptized. Wesley Jones preached and led discussions for two evenings in the lecture hall of the Academy of Arts in Leningrad, and five were baptized in that city. And an unexpected advance in our investigation was experienced in Moscow.

Director of followup activities with the WCBC, where mail responses to programming both in short wave from their transmitter in Alaska and over the standard broadcasting network of the Russian state system have numbered in the multiplied thousands this year, Wesley Jones was prompted to examine the record of the restoration movement in Russia. This was being reported in North America in 1912 and 1913 through articles appearing in the **Christian Standard**, a publication of the Christian Church. At this time, Z.T. Sweeney, a well-known Christian Church preacher, travelled in Russia where he found congregations of New Testament Christians, 900 in Leningrad and 700 in Moscow, as well as evidence of believers in many centers across the country. He also met the movement's main leader, Ivan Stephen Prokhanov, whom he described as the "Alexander Campbell of Russia". Described as "Gospel Christians", a label applied by the state, that description surfaces even today in letters being received at WCBC.

Extensive holdings of Prokhanov's writings were uncovered in the Leningrad Public Library, including books, lectures, sermons, and song books; also there are copies of the periodicals he published, **The Christian**, 1906-1916, and the **Morning Star**, 1909-1916. Photocopies of some of the more significant items were secured.

The second and earlier of the two leaders we were researching was Vasily Alexander Pashkov. A Russian nobleman, Pashkov was influenced in 1874 by the British Plymouth Brethren preacher, Lord Radstock. He threw his extensive wealth into promoting "apostolic Christianity". Exiled in 1884, he died in Paris in 1902. The Pashkovites, who began to influence Prokhanov in 1888, were persecuted by the state and the Orthodox church. It was in the library of the chief Orthodox church in Leningrad, Kazan Cathedral, where we located extensive writings against the dissenting Pashkovites by the Orthodox clergy. Significantly, we visited the Kazan Cathedral, which for a number of years has been designated a museum of religion and atheism, on the last two days of an exhibition of Russian sectarian movements in which Prokhanov and the "Gospel Christians" were proiminently displayed.

In Moscow, on August 21, the last day of the Coup, we were visiting with a young preacher of the Evangelical Christian Baptist Church. He readily recognized Pashkov and Prokhanov and identified them as among the early leaders of his church. He then offered to give us a book, newly published in 1989, which gives the history of the Evangelical Christian Baptists and which prominently features these two men. The "Evangelical Christian" portion of his church is in part the Prokhanov movement which merged with the Baptists in 1933. There is indication that not all "Gospel Christians" went along with the merger but rather may have gone "underground". Prokhanov had opposed similar union efforts during his lifetime. With freedom of religion arriving now for the first time in Russian history, these -- "simply Christians" perhaps -- may now begin to surface.

Funding for translation work and for microfilming the Prokhanov papers is now being sought. Russian evanglism will be expanding in the coming years. Russian sourced evidences of distinctive historic efforts to be non-denominational will be helpful in this outreach.

--Geoffrey H. Ellis, Waterloo, Ontario

Bursary Announcement

The Cecil Bailey Foundation is pleased to announce bursary awards to Kevin Matthew Hodges and Joycelynne Elizabeth Pfeiffer. Kevin (the second son of Paul and Allison Hodges of Taber, Alberta) is enrolled in grade twelve at Western Christian College.

He chose Western Christian College for its high academic and Christian standards. During his grade eleven year at W.C.C., he demonstrated an ability to form positive friendships and contributed to Western's spiritual and social life. We are confident that his contribution to W.C.C. will continue as an alumnus.

Elizabeth (third daughter of Bill and Nancy Pfeiffer of Medicine Hat, Alberta) is enrolled in grade eleven at Western Christian College.

She chose Western Christian College for its high academic and Christian standards. During her grade ten year at W.C.C., she contributed positively to Western's spiritual and social life.

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Remember
GLCC Homecoming
October 17, 18
"Puttin' On The Ritz"

Banquet Cost: $15 per person
Babysitting provided.
Preregistration requested.

OBITUARIES

EILEEEN GEORGINA (CLARKE) WISE

On August 11 we said farewell to a beautiful and faithful Christian woman who, in her quiet way, has had a significant spiritual impact on both her immediate family and her church family.

She was born on September 13, 1906 in West Tottenham, County of Middlesex, England. However, Regina has been her home since her baptism on October 9, 1922.

During her lengthy illness, her husband, Jim, and her family cared for her with tenderness. Her children Robin (and Candy) and Delphine (and Cyril) and grandchildren are all devoted members of this congregation. She is a beautiful saint and we miss her deeply.

--Regina Church of Christ

Zambia Relief Container

The funds for sending the 8 x 8 x 20 foot container of clothing and other supplies to our suffering brethren in Zambia has well passed the halfway mark. Those who have not yet sent their financial help are encouraged to do so.

It is now time to begin collecting the 500 plus boxes of supplies to fill the container. Readers are encouraged to gather together clothing for men, women and children, in style or not, that still have some wear. Friends, neighbours and fellow workers might welcome this opportunity to get rid of items too good to throw out but not being used. Women's slacks and high-heeled shoes are not very likely to be useful. Other footwear, blankets, old sleeping bags, summer clothing and clothing appropriate for October weather here will be most welcome. Hand tools, children's books, Christian books, hymn books, Bibles, sewing suipplies and medical supplies can be included.

These items are being stored and packed at the old Tintern church building. For more information contact Eugene Perry ([416] 563-7503) or Lawrence Whitfield (735-1445).

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they normally can't visit; members can fellowship with others in the congregation or go visiting; and the kids have a great time.

Sometimes the evenings are planned for specific times of the year, such as Valentine's Day or the beginning of December so that shoppers can get out without the kids.

We set the time from about 5:30 to 9:30, which gives parents enough time to get a bite to eat and see an early movie, if that's their preference. We have a singsong while all the kids are arriving, and then a simple supper of Kraft Dinner, hot dogs or sandwiches. Our coordinator, Tammy Steele, plans games and activities that are usually avoided during Bible Classes. Water balloon fights are perfect for a summer's day, and during one session, the kids got a huge kick out of making "dessert mice" for their snack (half a pear for a base and a face made with raisins, licorice and gum drops).

The kids are divided by age and mood as to whether they play in a playroom with toys or bowl in the hallways and play other games. As the evening wraps up and parents begin to arrive, we usually have a video playing to help quiet them down for bedtime. The parents are always very impressed and receptive to hearing from us again.

Advice for Making Good Contacts

✘ Hold a VBS open house. Emphasize to all members the importance of contact with VBS families, and remind them to be friendly and hospitable. Make sure no visitors become isolated during the open house.

✘ Keep good records so that mailouts or visits can be made to VBS contacts.

✘ Through handouts, invitations, follow-up letters and personal conversations, repeatedly let parents know that all the hard work during VBS takes place because their kids are important, both to God and to you.

✘ Plan some way of staying in touch with your VBS kids throughout the year. It's not likely they'll start attending just because they come to VBS once a year.

✘ In advance, find members who will offer rides and support to visiting families who express an interest in regular attendance.

✘ You may want to offer a package of literature during Family Night or at the door during a follow-up. Try to make it inviting, possibly with a brochure about the church, a pen or other trinket, something for the children to read or colour, and other family-related reading.

✘ **Don't** leave VBS contact names sitting in a drawer until next year!

St. Thomas Church -- 25 Years

In the summer of 1965, while at Omagh Bible Camp, the Bunting family and the Smith family discussed the possibilities of beginning a new work in a Canadian city. Ralph and Eugene Perry assisted in pointing out possible sites.

On September 4, 1966 the first meeting of the church in St. Thomas began in Locke's School. The original members were: Bill and Alma Bunting, Larry and Marjorie Hoover, Mrs. Phyllis Kirkland, Steve and Phyllis May and Wayford and Wilma Smith, Linda and Lita.

On August 27, 1968 property was purchased on South Edgeware Road. Construction on the church building began August 5, 1969 and March 1, 1970 saw the church meeting in the building for the first time.

Thoughts about purchasing a preacher's home were first discussed on November 21, 1971, and by August 17, 1972 the home was completed at 18 Locke Avenue.

On January 22, 1974, thoughts about starting a work in Tillsonburg were discussed, and on April 26, 1974, the Bill Bunting family moved to Tillsonburg to begin a new work there.

Adventures in Mission (AIM) got underway on February 16, 1978 with the arrival of five workers. More workers came later. Larry and Marjorie Hoover became coordinators of this group.

On November 4, 1980, Wayford and Wilma Smith moved away to Shambrock, Texas to work with the church there.

In the spring of 1981, Paul and Cathy Wilcoxsin and family moved to St. Thomas, and Paul began working with the congregation until the fall of 1984. On January 20, 1985, Brian and Faith Thompson and family settled in St. Thomas, and Brian began working with the church.

During the years 1966-91, 56 baptisms and 22 marriages were recorded.

The present membership is 20 and average attendance is 30. The enthusiastic encouragement from neighboring congregations was noteworthy. Great lessons were presented by Wayford Smith and Bill Bunting reflecting on the past, present and future.

--Brian Thompson,

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; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0, (403) 879-2232 (res.); Norm Stienwand, 882-2203.

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., 569-2817; 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.

FORT MCMURRAY: Sawridge Hotel, 530 MacKenzie Blvd.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Gerry Bibaud, ev. 101 Silvanus Crescent, (403) 791-5747.

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BOSWELL: during summer,9833 Hwy 3, Swan Valley Bible Camp. At other times phone for info. Sun 10; S4, Box 2, R.R. #1, V0B 1A0; (604) 223-8381.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10, 10:45, 6; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453.

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; Wed., Thurs., 7:30; Off. no. 205-1316 (off); 56th St., Box 1195, Station A, V4M 3T3; J. D. Rogers & Doug Williams, evs., (604) 943-7558/946-9696(res.), 943-0515 (off), Alice Close, sec. 946-8951.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel Street; 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, 7; Wed. 7:00; Edgar (Buddy) Burns, ev. 756-9229 (res), 758-9412 (off); Les Beamish, sec., 758-6929.

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

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

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

SALMON ARM: Corner of Alexander/Harris St.; Sun. 9:45, 10:45; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; P.O. Box 51, V1E 4N2; Sam Tumlinson, Jr., ev. (604) 675-4829 (res.); 832-3828 (off); Shuswap Christian School, Doug Kendig, adm., 832-7994.

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev. 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.

VANCOUVER (Eastside): Best Western Hotel -- 3075 Kingsway; Sun. 10:30, 7; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krrmis, 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; Wed. 7:30; Blair Roberts, ev. 638-3372 (res.), 638-6321 (off); W. Hart, sec. 638-5283.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubinville Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10.11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: Kinsmen Bldg., 18 Botsford St., E1C 4W7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 229 Downey Ave., Riverview, NB E1B 1W6; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682 (res.), or 853-9355 (off).

NEW YORK STATE

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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, Bernard Straker; William Chidowe, ev.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; (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 (no evening service 1st Sun. of month); Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 722-7155 (off.) Claude Cox, ev. (705) 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.).

BLIND RIVER: North Shore Motel, Hwy 17; Sun. 10, 11; For information phone 356-7938; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; John D. Preston, sec.-treas. 645-5797.

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (416) 455-3263 (res.); (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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

CONCORD: 51 Concord Rd.; Sun. 10:30; Mrs. A. Young, sec. 30 Kinghigh Dr., Thornhill, L4J 3N4, (416) 886-2685; A. E. Atkinson, ev., 51 Concord Rd., Thornhill, L4J 3M2; 886-1738.

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, 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. 7:15; (416) 385-5775; Ron Hoover, sec. (416) 388-4248; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, Westcliffe P.O., L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, RR 1, Kimberley, ON N0H 1G0.

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meet with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630; David Preston, R.R. #1, Gr. Box 174, P0A 1K0; 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: Hilltop Dr.off Hwy 11BN; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Group Box 108, Route 3, P0A 1K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (705) 282-2980; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, (705) 377-4555.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; John Spencer, sec. 396 Gatestone Blvd., N2T 2J0, (519) 746-2576.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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; Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (416) 853-0892 (res), 895-6502 (off).

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

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6 (evening fellowship in various homes. Phone for location); Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8, Gary Hotchkiss, sec., 476-7684 (res), 472-7040 (off).

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

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October

11-13... W.C.C. Lectureship, Dauphin, MB
11-14... Atlantic Canada Lectureship, Halifax
*21-23... GLCC Lectureship, Beamsville, ON
25-27... Marriage Encounter, Stoney Creek
27-30... Meeting - The Body of Christ...The Challenge of Tomorrow, Fennell Avenue, Hamilton
27-30... Series on Stress, Walter Hart at Welland Municipal Library

November

1... Annual Hymn Sing, Fenwick, ON
3... Lectureship, Salmon Arm, BC
4-6... Retreat for B.C. preachers, Salmon Arm

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Lectureship 1991 - October 21, 22 and 23

THE GRACE THAT HEALS

Time	Monday, Oct. 21	Tuesday, Oct. 22	Wednesday, Oct. 23
9:00	***I Remember GLCC - '59-'62*** Jerry Rushford Pepperdine, California	***God's Gracious Spirit*** Hugh Gannon WCC, Manitoba	***God's Gracious Goads*** Hugh Gannon WCC, Manitoba
9:30	Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments
10:00	***Hymns From The English Countryside*** (slides) Jerry Rushford Pepperdine, California	***Is There No Balm In Gilead?*** Ron Pauls London, Ontario	***Is There No Balm In Gilead?*** #2 Ron Pauls London, Ontario
11:00	***The God of the Second Chance*** Jerry Rushford Pepperdine,California	***A People of Peace*** Jim Woodroof Searcy, Arkansas	***Home Remedy*** Bob Davison Washington, Pennsylvania
12:00	LUNCH with The Gospel Herald Jerry Rushford	LUNCH with The Bible College Jim Woodroof	LUNCH featuring The High School
1:30	***The Church In Transition*** Jim Woodroof Searcy, Arkansas	***The Church In Transition*** Jim Woodroof Searcy, Arkansas	***Is There No Balm In Gilead?*** #3 Ron Pauls London, Ontario
2:30	Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments
3:00	***The Renewal of Relationship*** Jim Yarian Buffalo, New York	***The Comfort of Confidence*** David Owen Syracuse, New York	***Letting Loved Ones Live*** Max Craddock Strathmore, Toronto
6:00	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
7:30	***The Acceptance of Jesus*** Jim Woodroof Searcy, Arkansas	***The Healing of Holy Spirit*** Don Smith Sundridge, Ontario	***The God of Grace*** Harold Byne London, Ontario

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"As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. Psalm 103:15

John 1:18 and the Relationship of Jesus to God

by Kelly Carter

The relationship between God and Jesus is one of those theological issues famous for the never-ending debates it fosters. Christians may find themselves at several different points on a spectrum, either coming close to making the Father and Son identical, or clearly separating the two in terms of power, nature, person, substance, or essence. Although on this matter we must agree to disagree, the issue is important (we should at least know to whom our worship, service, prayers, offerings and devotion should be offered), and in light of the errors of Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Christadelphians, et al., the matter deserves our consideration. We should at least be knowledgeable enough to combat error.

The issues and the biblical material involved in a study of Christology (the co-existence of divinity and humanity in Jesus) and trinitarianism (the relationships of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) are vast. The following focuses on only one passage which is important to these subjects. This article will make some comments about the correct textual reading in John 1:18 and discuss the importance of this passage for our understanding of the relationship between God and Jesus.

The issue in John 1:18 concerns whether or not this passage specifically refers to Jesus as **theos** (God). Is Jesus here called God (as opposed to Son of God, Son of Man, Lord, Holy One of God, etc.)? If Jesus is here called **theos**, the passage would certainly pose a strong argument against those who deny to Jesus the status of divinity.

There are other places in the New Testament where Jesus is or may be referred to as **theos** -- John 1:1; Romans 9:5; 2 Thess. 1:12; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8; and 1 John 5:20 -- and there are many passages which testify to Jesus being divine. But none of the passages which may call Jesus **theos**, including John 1:18, are entirely free from interpretive problems. Only in Hebrews 1:8, a quotation from Psalms 45:6, is there no question about the punctuation or the translation (although Psalms 45:6 is itself not clear about who is being called "God", God himself or the king as his representative (see the NIV Study Bible notes for Psalms 45:6).

In John 1:1, the absence of the definite article before **theos** is problematical, if one talks with Jehovah's Witnesses. Their rendering, "the word as 'a god'" is neither biblically correct nor necessitated by the Greek, but Jehovah's Witnesses at least know that their translation is a grammatical possibility.

With Romans 9:5, 2 Thessalonians 1:12 and Titus 2:13 the problem is largely one of punctuation and, since the Greek manuscripts (MSS) were not punctuated, the correct punctuation in each case is difficult to sort out. Contemporary translations usually give the alternative punctuations in a footnote.

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Then, in 1 John 5:20 there is a question as to whom the statement "He is the true God and eternal Life" (NIV) refers. The word "He" (or more exactly, "this one") could refer either to "him who is true", meaning God, or to "his Son Jesus Christ".

Given the difficulties with other passages which refer to Jesus as **theos**, what can be said about John 1:18, does this passage say that Jesus is **theos**?

The MSS from which the KJV was translated did not say that Jesus was **theos** in John 1:18. The texts used in 1611 A.D. read, "No one has seen God, ever; the only son [**ho monogenais huios**], the one being at the side of the Father, that one has revealed him" (my translation, KC). With this reading it is clearly said that it is the Son who reveals God. The evidence for a variant reading in John 1:18 -- "No one has seen God, ever; the only God [**monogenais theos**], the one being at the side of the Father, that one has revealed him" -- was slight enough that the editors of the KJV, and many translations afterward, translated John 1:18 using the word "Son", indicating that Jesus the Son revealed the Father.

However, since 1950, and even before, the manuscript evidence has led New Testament scholars to a different conclusion about the text of John 1:18. It is notable that the word for "son", **huios**, is left out of both of the 19th century's Westcott-Hort and Eberhard Nestle Greek texts. They took the evidence to indicate **monogenais theos** as the best reading in John 1:18. Following this, in 1950, two very important MSS, the Bodmer papyri p^{66} and p^{75}, were discovered. These two ancient MSS are of exceptional quality and antiquity, and both leave out the word **huios** (son), and read, instead, **monogenais theos**. This evidence, combined with the witness of other superb MSS, e.g. Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, indicates that **monogenais theos** is decisively the best reading in John 1:18. In other words, John 1:18 calls Jesus **theos** (God).

Because the evidence for **monogenais theos** in John 1:18 is now quite strong, interpreters of the new Testament should feel confident about saying that Jesus is God. The Greek New Testament specifically uses **theos** to refer to "the one being at the Father's side". This is why the NIV, NASB, Good News Bible, NAB (a Roman Catholic translation), and the new RSV (not the 1946 edition translated before the discovery of p^{66} and p^{75}) all translate John 1:18 in a way which identifies Jesus with **theos**, even when they choose to leave the word "Son" in their translations (because of the influence of **monogenais**, not because they include the word **huios** in the text). It is especially significant that revisions of the NIV and the new

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The Power of the Sun and the Son

by Earl Weldon

In my office I have several pine seedlings growing. There is something very intriguing about these little plants. They are sitting on book shelves in front of a window, and they grow in the direction of the sun. Occasionally I have to turn them to keep them from being bent at a 45° angle and growing that way. There is more to it than them just growing that way -- it is not accidental. They need the sun for survival, and they bend toward the sun to get the needed light the sun provides for their survival and maturity. This process biologically is called photosynthesis, i.e., "the biological synthesis of chemical compounds in the presence of light. It is the production of organic substances, chiefly sugars, from carbon dioxide and water occurring in green plant cells supplied with enough light to allow chlorophyll to aid in the transformation of the radiant energy into chemical form". The bending toward light has a scientific name as well and is called heliotrophism or phototrophism. Heliotrophism is "the tendency of certain plants or other organisms to turn or bend under the influence of light, especially sunlight;. . ." (Webster's 2nd College ed.)

Literally, certain plants biologically absorb the sun's energy and transform it into necessary nutrients for the plant's survival and growth. In essence, they need the light to survive. God in His infinite wisdom provided for all His creation. As the plants need the sun or light to survive physically, we need the Son to survive spiritually. Man cannot survive spiritually without the Son just as the plants cannot survive without light. The parallel is powerful and illustrates a vital factor in man's spiritual survival.

The idea for this article began with a poem entitled **As the Twig is Bent** and began to take roots after a phone call to a friend and brother, Colin Cameron, to get some scientific insight into my thoughts and to determine whether or not I was on the right track. Immediately, I thought of the pine seedlings, and it hit me -- there is a very powerful lesson to be learned from these little seedlings and the sun. My mind went to the apostle John and all the things he had to say about light and darkness and the lessons to be learned. Spiritually the Son is essential to man's survival as the sun is biologically essential to the survival of my little seedlings. What lessons can we learn from the sun and the seedlings?

Spiritually the Son is essential to man's survival as the sun is biologically essential to the survival of my little seedlings.

First, we learn that light is essential to life! Spiritually, the light, Jesus Christ, is essential to eternal life! Luke records, "A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). Again Luke records Paul's words, "For so the Lord has commanded us: I have set you to be a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). David said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?. . ." (Psalm 27:1a). Matthew records, "Ye are the light of the world. . ." (5:14a). John says much about the light, ". . . I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." ". . .that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. . ." (John 8:12; 1 John 1:5; etc.)

To all mankind, light is essential to life spiritually! Without the light we are dead! No transformation can take place without the "light of life" in one's life.

Secondly, in a figurative sense, light represents the absence of darkness spiritually. If I understand correctly in the biological sense the synthesis that takes place is essential to the well-being of the plant. Literally, this process is the transformation of radiant energy into chemical form, the production of organic substances that allows the chlorophyll to aid this change.

Spiritually, Jesus Christ is the transforming factor in one's life! Paul said, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Eph. 5:14). Survival spiritually is determined by the way we bend, i.e., where we walk -- "in the light" or "in darkness". "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

The Lamb of Calvary that takes away the sin of the world is the light (Rev. 21:23). As the seedling bends toward the sunlight for survival, the child of God must bend toward the Sonlight for eternal life! What way is the twig bent in your life?

--Ottawa, Ontario

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EDITORIAL

Pluralism -- A Trojan Horse

Most of us know the story of the legendary Trojan Horse. The Iliad tells how Greek warriors, frustrated at their inability to pierce the walls of Troy, devised a stratagem. They hid a number of their soldiers in a huge wooden horse which the Trojans themselves conveyed into Troy. During the night, the invaders stole out and unlocked the city gates for their friends. Troy was soon vanquished. Religious pluralism is such a Trojan horse.

Politically, pluralism can be somewhat equated with multi-culturalism. Religiously it is akin to ecumenism -- the idea that a wide variety of churches compose the visible church of God on earth. In the words of Reginald Bibby, a Lethbridge, Alberta sociologist, as he refers to this theology: ''Everything is washed away, everything is vague.'' Conviction is replaced by compromise. The Lord's church has already within its walls enemies who seek to do from within what bitter assaults from without could not accomplish.

Some brethren, who feel they possess an enlightened sophistication, ridicule a host of Gospel preachers, writers and debaters who have told their neighbours in other religious groups that they were wrong and needed to change. While we would not endorse the attitudes and sometimes insensitive approach of all those who were outspoken proclaimers and staunch defenders of the faith, we do endorse their basic message. The Lord died to purchase a church which was both unique and exclusive. It still must cherish these attributes, if it is to be faithful to its unique and authoritative Head.

Several specious arguments have been used to try to reduce the requirements for church membership and ultimate salvation. They all appear to stem from a relativism where choice is made more important than a ''thus saith the Lord''.

One approach has been to pin labels such as ''bigot'' and ''narrow-minded'' upon any person who disagrees with his more liberal friends in deciding who is a Christian. These treat an exclusive claim to saving truth on the part of their brethren who believe the Bible as an embarrassment and an absurdity. Ridicule replaces reason as they seek to enlarge their fellowship.

Others seek to find their rationale in the beautiful and powerful doctrine of grace. It is true that ultimately those of us who hope to be saved must rely upon the grace of God. It is also true that this grace is available ''for the salvation of all men'' (Titus 2:11). This grace which is universally available is conditioned by many biblical passages. There is no evidence that it will save the worldly wicked. It definitely does not save those who are ''severed from Christ. . .who have fallen away from grace'' (Gal. 5:4). There is no reason to believe that it saves those who have never been united with Christ in faithful obedience (Gal. 3:27).

Some have attempted to support their claim for much larger parameters of the saved on the good moral lives of many persons in a host of denominations. They usually use the old method of comparing a ''smooth sinner'' with a ''rough saint''. Obviously, if they look hard enough, they can find some very attractive examples of moral and compassionate individuals, either in various denominations or without membership in any religious group. Conversely, one can often find ''rough saints'' whose lives are a disgrace to what the apostle Paul calls the body of Christ. A moral and compassionate life is intended to emanate from a saved condition. It is not intended to be the means to that end. We do not, according to God's Word, earn salvation by an effective life.

Humanly speaking, it is easy to admire attractive lives in whatever religion or irreligion we see them on display. It also diminishes our confidence in the correctness of our faith when we see brethren whose lives contradict their claims to belong to Christ's chosen people. While it may be embarrassing to certain sophisticated brethren, we intend to contend earnestly for the faith. Religious pluralism can only be based on compromise. When compromise has run its course, it results in chaos and futility.

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FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping readers to have strong Christian families. It is edited by Ron Pauls of London, Ontario.

Opportunity For Ministry

For more than ten years, **Family Ties** has been a regular feature of the **Gospel Herald**. During that ten years, many things have changed. We're all older now. We're now much closer to the beginning of the third millennium since Christ walked this earth. We have moved from the age of industry into the information age. We have moved from the "me" generation to the "we" generation.

But some things have remained the same. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). The message about Jesus is still the good news that creates faith (Romans 10:17). The church is still the fellowship of believers banded together in the might of his power and for God's glory (Ephesians 3:20, 21).

Never in our lifetime has the tension between the things that never change and the things that always change been greater. Human wisdom cannot afford to claim the scope necessary to meet the changing with the changeless (Jeremiah 10:23). Only wisdom that comes from above can suffice (James 1:5-8; 3:13-18).

An Approach to Ministry

In times when change washes over us as irreversibly as the ocean's changing tides, it is good to think carefully about what is of supreme value. It is also good to see how that can be used in efforts to introduce people to Jesus Christ and the Life he provides.

Over the centuries, since creation, God ordained three approaches to respond to the social, mental, physical and spiritual needs of humankind. First came the family. It originated right in the Paradise of Eden. Later came various forms of governments, from theocracy to democracy. Then came the church. All are struggling with change. But all have stood the test of time!

Which of these enduring approaches to the needs of humankind can best be tapped in our efforts to share the gospel of Jesus with the people who need them so badly? We observe that only relatively few Christians have much contact with civil government. And we see that few people in the world want much contact with the church.

But we all participate in families. Canadian families have problems. The composition of the family in Canada has changed drastically in the last few decades. But Canadians still place a high value on the family. In fact, a recent publication of The Vanier Institute of the Family reports that 86% of Canadians think that the family is becoming more important in their lives.

Consider! The family has been around almost since the dawn of creation. God designed it to be an important aspect in meeting the basic needs of the people he had created. Canadians are seeing the family, even in its imperfect state, as more and more important in their lives. Both the Creator and the creatures see the importance of the family. It would seem safe to conclude that at this point in time some means of serving families could well provide a bridge between human hearts over which Christ could pass more and more often.

A Pathway

Surveys by Reginald Bibby and others have uncovered the fact that Canadians put a high value on relationships. At the same time they are shying away form institutions and institutional commitments. Why approach them where they are wary? Why not use their enthusiasm for relationships and the family as a vital link in a pathway that leads toward an understanding of the blessings to be had only in relationship with Christ?

In a seminar in St. Catharines several years ago, we heard Flavil Yeakley, Jr. describe how to develop a pathway to connect people to the possibility of encounter with Christ. One begins where they are; unknown to us but hurting!

So develop seminars and workshops to speak to the very needs people are sensing in their lives right now. Seminars on various aspects of marriage and parenting are particularly appropriate in the present climate. But seminars on stress, depression, divorce-recovery and retirement could also be developed. In times of recession classes on unemployment, job-search, money-management, car or small motor repair, home maintenance, etc. could be very welcome.

Draw on the expertise of your own people. Hold one of these seminars every two or three months. Use and re-use the same personnel so that you build on the credibility that quality people achieve with the community. Participate with community people in these seminars.

Get to know the people who come. But don't rush them! The good news is hard to hold back, but wait until they are ready to hear it. Serve them and leave them in God's hands (John 9). But provide additional non-threatening seminars and even Bible studies relating to specific life needs. Not all will be interested. Many will.

Out of this continued communication will come some who are interested in relationships but not yet interested in relationship with Christ. To your seminars and small group acitvitiy you might add general Bible study. Offer a study of one of the gospel accounts. Some might even appreciate regular Bible classes.

Over the months and years of your association some of your friends will become receptive to Christ. As they are not yet taught enough to believe in him for Life, now comes the time to invite them to the more specific study of those things that lead to Life in Christ. This may occur in a small group context or one on one over "coffee".

One day there will be some who have been taught but are not yet motivated to the obedience that relationship with Christ entails. Here is where personal persuasion and gospel meetings fit in.

We have described a much longer approach than we have traditionally allowed time to happen. But we think

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH

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Divorce, Not Easy!

by Paul L. Dale

The doors to the large hall opened wide exposing her to familiar faces sitting throughout the room. Thoughts and feelings were mixed this day: excitement, fear, concern, wonderment, all raced through her mind.

As she slowly walked up the aisle, it appeared that everyone was looking just at her. She began to shake inside. Today would be one of the biggest in her life.

There he was to her right at the front of the room; their eyes met; her heart pounded. He was dressed in his finest suit, not one hair out of place. She wondered what he was thinking.

John, the man who would handle the ceremony, assumed his place of prominence.

The man and woman both shared from their hearts. Tears flowed. Memories flooded the room for everyone present. Others could relate to some of the words that were expressed between the two.

As she sat at the front and listened, the woman remembered another day in her life when she was at the front of a church building with the same man. That day was special. They both were so happy. Like today, he was dressed immaculately. She looked so beautiful in her white gown. Both had much to look forward to. They'd discussed the home that would be theirs someday, children resulting from the love between them;. . .however, something had gone wrong in the intervening years!!

Now her mind flashed back to present proceedings. She stood up at the appropriate time. John began to read his judgement, "Based on the information that I have received today, I have decided to award you this divorce".

Unlike that day only a few years ago, there wasn't happiness, or relief. In fact her heart was heavier. "What had gone wrong?" She remembered asking her husband that question only a few months ago. He didn't have an answer. They had "loved" each other. They had their home, their children, they even had a faith in God. and yet today, they were in court, dissolving their marriage.

She left the courtroom, thoughts running through her mind concerning the children. "How will they handle this? What about our financial picture?" Her stomach ached with the worries on her mind. Her "ex" husband had the very same concerns. "How can I afford 2 homes? What about the children? What about our friends? What about my future role in the church?"

"How had it gone so sour?" The feeling between them just seemed to die!

A few months passed. They remembered the tears of their children, friends and family; the multitude of questions that people asked; "easy" solutions people offered to them. Both experienced endless nights when sleep was impossible. "After all," they would say. "You can only watch so many late shows, read so many books, before the hurt quickly returns." The emptiness beside them in their beds only added to the pain.

They reviewed their relationship with God. He seemed very distant. In fact, attending church was difficult. Everywhere were families and couples. It almost appeared to be an unwelcome place. . .

The above story is fictional. The feelings are based on a number of people's experiences. However, the bottom line is this. "People do not get married to get divorced".

Since 1975 over 1,000,000 marriages have ended in divorce. In the 1980's, Canadians paid lawyers over $500,000,000 to handle their divorces. In Canada 96% of people will marry. Of that number at least 38% will get a divorce and of that number who are divorced, 79% will remarry. Of those who remarry, over 44% will be divorced again (Ron Pauls, "This Journey Called Marriage").

When a person "falls in love", nothing could be more exciting. Young people who are in love aren't afraid to show their feelings. But marriage is so much more than just "falling in love" because the result of marriage breakup is so much more than just a simple "easy" divorce.

Divorce brings out the worst in people, even those who call themselves Christians. Divorce causes incredible hurt, not only for the couple but for everyone associated with them -- children, parents, family and friends.

In Galatians 6, the apostle Paul wrote the following: "The acts of a sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy. . ." Paul didn't beat around the bush. He listed very clearly for the people what their lives should and should not be like. Think for a moment about the above list of words.

What happens in a marriage breakup prior to divorce? One or both spouses may have an affair -- adultery, impurity. Spouses may try to hurt each other through put-down comments -- hatred! Yelling, bickering, avoidance may ensue -- discord, fits of rage. People (family and friends) may take sides (even in church situations) where not all the facts are known -- factions!

See, divorce is not part of His plan. It goes against the ideal. And yet it happens!

Young people, divorce hurts, hates and humbles. Divorce may appear at first to be the easy way out, but it isn't.

What is the easy way out of a bad marriage?

1. Keep close to God. Pray and study.
2. Learn what type of person you are.
3. Learn what type of person you would like as a help-mate.
4. Take your time dating.
5. Be "real" in your dating relationship; let the other person see who you truly are.

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Spiritual Warfare

by Henry Meakes

In the first part of the Bible, God spoke to the heads of families, and worship was of a family nature. After God gave His law to the nation of Israel at Mt. Sinai, worship then became a national religion. There were some people of other nations who worshipped the true God, but most of the people of other nations were very wicked. So God saw fit that his people, the Israelites, should go to war against these people.

Under the New Covenant of Christ, people of all nations -- yes, people of every country in all the world, who are obedient to the gospel of Christ, are one in the body of Christ, and our worship is of an international, or universal, nature. We are God's kingdom, spiritual Israel, and the warfare that He directs us to engage in is a spiritual warfare.

In **John 18:36**, Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." In **II Corinthians 10:3-5**, the apostle Paul, writing to Christians, tells us, "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ". Thus, we see that the warfare of the Christian begins within each individual -- even endeavouring to control our thoughts. Even in the Old Testament this principle is brought out. **Proverbs 16:32** says, "Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city".

Actually, the teaching that we as Christians do, whether it be by word or by deed, is the Christian warfare that we are taught to engage in. In Ephesians 6:10-18, Paul wrote, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

In this Scripture it is revealed that in this spiritual warfare there is a defensive part to it as well as the active part of it; both are necessary. The defensive part of it is to protect ourselves from being tempted and overcome while we actively advance the cause of Christ by teaching and saving souls. In verses 17 and 18 we are shown how to fight -- not against people personally, but against the sin that people indulge in. This is done by using the sword of the Spirit, the word of God, and by praying. Of course, we cannot use the sword of the spirit unless we read, study, and meditate on the law of the Lord as man is admonished to do in Psalm 1:2 and know the word well enough to be able to quote it effectively in our teaching.

As in carnal warfare soldiers are expected to follow leaders, so also in spiritual warfare, Christ's followers need to trust Him, especially as we know that victory is with Him. In Ephesians 4:8-10, the writer, quoting from Psalm 68:18, describes Christ's ascension back to heaven as his victory, leading captives in His train and thus vividly revealing His ultimate victory in this way.

--Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Following A Dream

by Don Smith

Had a dream once about flying. Not in an airplane or a helicopter, but that I could actually fly. Just like Superman. Not frightening but freeing.

Larry Walters always wanted to fly. Being a truck driver didn't give him the time or money to pursue it. Larry spent a lot of time, on his days off, in his backyard, looking up, watching birds, planes and hot air balloons. So, he tried it, and it worked.

He shot up into the air some eleven thousand feet! How? Well, Larry, sitting in his lawn chair, strapped 45 helium-filled balloons to his chair. He took a CB radio, some sandwiches and a BB gun to shoot some of the balloons when he wanted to come down. He ran into a little difficulty -- didn't think he'd get that high -- and he ended up being directly in line to the approach corridor of the L.A. airport. 747 pilots had to make some quick moves and rub their eyes pretty hard.

When Larry was asked if he was scared, he replied, "Wonderfully so." When he was asked if he would do it again, he said, "No way!" Was he glad he did it? "Yup, just following a dream."

Larry couldn't do everything he wanted to in life; so, he did what he could do. I know there is a lesson there somewhere. Very few of us ever get everything we want, let alone get to do everything we want to do. But don't quit dreaming. . .and do what you can. . .and shoot for the things you've never tried. . .you are promised help.

". . .who is able to give immeasurably more than you ask or imagine according to his power that is now at work in you" (Eph. 3:20-21).

Thanks, Larry. You've brought back some dreams. *--Sundridge, Ontario*

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When You Give to the Needy

Matthew 6:2 NIV

In one of my high school Bible classes, the general topic is the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5, 6, 7). The study involves an active discussion on controversial topics which teenagers find interesting: morality, marriage, divorce, anger and its expressions, retaliation, etc. Teenagers are seeking for guidelines to give direction to their lives.

Recently we have been studying the instructions Jesus gave on "giving to the needy" (Matt. 6:1-4). This is not a topic with which many of the students have had much experience. They are young and have only their allowances; they are here at school, away from home, and they just do not have much money to give away. In some cases, they appear to have had little training, but in other cases, they reflect the opinions of their parents on giving practices.

The class reaction on the "giving to the needy" teaching was relatively quiet. We use a worksheet in the class to give students something to do as they listen or progress from point to point. The passage (6:1-4) seems to imply that Jesus' followers will practice "giving to the needy" as a part of their religious commitment ("when you give to the needy. . ."). The passage contrasts two styles of giving: one which is ostentatious and public and the other private and quiet (6:1-2). In response to questioning about which organizations are known in Canadian society as "benevolent organizations", they listed Telamiracle, Salvation Army, Welfare, Unemployment and the Red Cross. When asked if they were aware of their local church's benevolent programs, for the most part, they were not (and that is not much of a surprise), but a couple of observations were made. One, they were aware of the food basket which some churches have to encourage members to bring canned goods to fill a pantry for distribution. And second, one student had participated one time in a "banquet" given by the local church for street teens. Bringing the matter closer to home, when asked about their parents' teachings on giving to the needy, one or two remarked that their parents were very cautious about giving money to anyone, but on occasion, their parents would go purchase the item needed and give it to the needy person to eliminate the possibility of misuse of the money. There did appear to be some question about the reliability of the needy, if they were given money without supervision of the donor.

One of the "problems" in the passage was the teaching, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matt. 6:3). Answers on their worksheets were either, "You can't", or "Don't brag about how much you give".

The unit on "giving to the needy" concluded one worksheet, and that was called for to be handed in at the beginning of a class hour. Interrupting the flow of the course was an unusual item: someone had given anonymously to the class a small box of coins with the sole stipulation that the class should unanimously decide what to do with the money.

As the hour began, the students counted the money and found the sum to be a bit over $42 in coins. The class had an impromptu "business meeting" to decide what to do with the windfall. That much money would be a comfortable amount for one person but was not very significant if it should be shared equally among 23 students. So what to do with it? It was not hard to decide what to do with half of it. $21.25 would be spent by the class on a class party. Discussion hesitated on whether to invite anyone outside the class to share in the party, but as the money was given to "this class", it was decided that only those in the class would be invited to the party.

The other half of the amount was not so easily apportioned by the group. Several suggestions were made:

(1) use it for a "foster child". But that would appear to involve more than a one-time amount; so, that was not suitable.

(2) Give it to the school to pay for repairs necessitated by recent vandalism to the property. That was not pleasing because, "We did not do the vandalism, and we should not be expected to pay for the damages".

(3) Should they give it to the church? After a bit of discussion, this was decided against, because they could not determine that for which it would be used if given to the church.

(4) Another suggestion, perhaps only in jest, was that it be used to purchase lottery tickets -- but that did not pass either.

(5) In the end it was unanimous that the remainder of the $42 be given to the college without specifying how it would be used -- the school always needs money and will use it for everyone's benefit. With that, the business meeting was dismissed and the class process resumed.

A few minutes remained before the bell; so, we reflected on Matthew 6:1-4 just a bit more. One person in the class observed that "let not your left hand know what your right hand does" could be done, because the anonymous donor had given the amount to the class and the class did not know who that person was.

I asked why other options were not considered that would pertain more directly to the needy. Teenagers are not always too clear on why their choices are made, but some seemed to imply that because they did not know any needy persons or did not agree with benevolent agencies, like Salvation Army, it was better to give to organizations they knew they could trust.

The experiment was interesting and informative. It helps to give us who teach an insight into the thinking of those whom we teach. We can tell by such practices where the class places its values. It is true that the "poor and needy" are sometimes in economic need because they do not manage their resources carefully and have desires and habits that are expensive to finance (tobacco and/or alcohol). But, I suppose that they think like us, if we "have the money" we feel that we "owe it to ourselves to have a party" to cheer us up. Then, if anything is left over, we can use it for "necessary things".

I would urge you to do something like this in your local teen group as a teaching method in the placement of values and in the responsibility of making free choices.

--Anonymous by request

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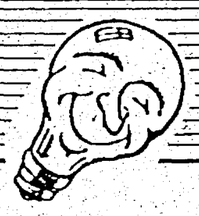

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Reading Your Spirituality

The best lubricant for a good leather Bible is palm oil -- the kind that comes from your hands! But many Christians (probably **most** Christians) have trouble reading the Scriptures in a consistent, meaningful manner. Here's some advice that can really help.

Think Big, Start Small!

That's the name of a non-traditional Bible reading program that got results and rave reviews when we tried it in Brantford.

While most congregational reading programs emphasize getting through the entire Bible in a designated time (usually a year), this approach emphasizes quality instead of quantity. That's because many Christians simply won't make the commitment to read three chapters a day and five on Sunday, and many who will, don't benefit very much from the experience, because they end up hurrying through the material, just to keep up.

With T.B.S.S., the emphasis is on reading **some** Scripture every day, even if it's just a verse or two. Read until you find something that speaks to your life. In John 3:30, for example, John the Baptist says of Jesus, "He must become greater, but I must become less." One verse, but think of the benefits that can come from seriously considering the specific ways that powerful principle can be applied to your own relationship with Christ.

Everybody has time for a few verses. Everybody can make that kind of commitment to consistency. And for added encouragement, a congregation can make a large wall chart on which each participant checks off each day of the year they've read and/or prayed. The public display will be an added incentive for most people to be consistent in their daily devotional, and everyone will be able to see the effort and the progress participants are making. Check the end of this column for some practical ways you can make this approach work for you.

Tree of the Living Word

This is a somewhat more conventional program, but one that works well. It involves placing a large, dead tree branch in a planter of gravel, which is then prominently displayed somewhere in the church building. Every time someone in the congregation reads a book of the Bible, a colourful paper leaf is attached to the "tree" with a paper clip (they can be bent like mini clothes hangers). Each leaf bears the name of the book on one side and the name of the reader on the other.

Each time someone completes either the Old or New Testament, a silk or plastic flower is wired to one of the branches, and when a reader finishes the entire Bible, a piece of fruit is hung on the tree. As the year unfolds, the congregation can see for itself the progress that's being made. That progress can also be tracked with a wall chart containing the names of each participant and the books of the Bible. Readers simply check off each book as they complete it.

To make this program work, there must be a coordinator to take information from readers week-to-week and hang the leaves (which can be prepared by volunteers well in advance). Incidently, one congregation found it easier to use a large wall in the auditorium on which someone created the form of a bare tree, which was then decorated with the leaves and fruit.

Another variation of this involves going through only the New Testament in a year.

Making a Start and Making It Stick!

Here are some suggestions you might want to pass along to members of the congregation to help them make a fresh and effective start:

✣ Don't leave God out of the picture. Pray for desire, self-discipline, perseverance, and the help of the Holy Spirit.

✣ Tell everybody about your new commitment to daily prayer and study. Knowing that people will be asking how things are going will be an added incentive to stay consistent.

✣ Ask people to pray for you. You'll benefit, and so will they. Being completely open and honest about our spiritual health helps build deeper, less superficial relationships. And it's contagious!

✣ Start your commitment to daily devotions at the same time as someone else, knowing you'll have to stay strong for their sake, as much as your own. Resolve not to be the first to cave in. (If you both do that, neither of you will!).

✣ Fight the battle one day at a time. Go into each day saying, "This will not be the day I bail out". Don't even think about tomorrow or next week or next month. . .

✣ To guard against forgetfulness, leave your Bible in a conspicuous place where you're sure to see it every day.

✣ If you don't like to read, use the Bible cassettes in the church library or the public library -- especially if you spend a fair amount of time in the car.

✣ If the Bible seems too familiar or hard to understand, try using some study aids, like a commentary, atlas, or Bible dictionary. They'll help you find interesting background or a better understanding of what you're reading, and they'll breathe new life into familiar passages. You might also try a different version from the Bible translation you're used to.

✣ Don't expect a big change in feelings or spirituality overnight. It takes time to get into a rut, and it takes time to get into the groove.

✣ If there's a particular sin in your life you can't seem to beat, don't let it keep you from daily prayer and reading. Make yourself face God and His Word every day while you work on it. Otherwise, it becomes too easy to ignore the sin, and God, and nothing will change. The closer you get to God, the more you'll **want** to change.

✣ Be realistic. There will be days (lots of days) when you just won't feel like reading or praying. Do it anyway -- no matter what -- but keep things short and sweet, if you can't shake those feelings.

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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What Is God's Plan For Me?

by Frances Perry

There is an appointed time for everything. . .a time for every event under heaven (Ecc. 3:1-8). Man does not know his time, so we are all in the hand of God (Ecc. 9:12; Psalms 31:15).

All our lives should be spent preparing us for these "times of our lives". For the happy, good times -- to laugh and love and be happy -- most of us need no preparation. We could have these times in innumerable succession and never be bored or feel we had too much. It is the upsetting times -- a time to cry, or hate, or fear -- that really test what we're prepared for.

God has told us that we won't be tempted above what we're able to bear. With each temptation He provides a way of escape that we may endure it (I Cor. 10:13). Unless we die young, there is no escaping the trying times -- they are a natural progression of life.

If we are growing in all the ways God wants, we will be prepared to face our bad times. The choice is ours. It is too easy to accentuate the physical and mental and neglect the spiritual. I've often wondered how those people who profess their unbelief and do not have Christ to depend on can get through the trying times.

Christian friends can help if one is blessed with a friend who has a talent for understanding and saying the right thing. A friend may have problems of her own, when you need her. But Christ is always there; he always understands, because He's been tempted in all points as we are, yet He is without sin (Hebrews 4;15).

So, plan to grow old with Christ. Seek the answer to life's problems in His word. Morals do not change but customs do. The sins of the world still fall into the categories of (1) lust of the flesh; (2) lust of the eye; and (3) pride of life (I John 2:16). Because we have different strengths and weaknesses, we won't be able to "shine" doing the same things, and different problems will "trip us".

Remember, the choice is ours -- to follow Jesus, feed on his word, have the way of escape promised when the burden is too heavy, and finally have the home in heaven that is promised for the faithful.

Take advantage of sources of inspiration that may meet our need. Ladies Bible classes can be a source of sharing to improve or encourage. At a Ladies' Inspiration Day I attended recently I received much food for thought in several areas. The title of the study for the day was based on Mark 9, specifically verse 24, for the thought, "I believe, but help my unbelief". How many times is this me, or you? Believing but not believing; prove it to me Lord, like Thomas, who had to feel the nail prints of Jesus.

Lord, help us to pray, to give you our burdens, to thank you for our blessings, and help our unbelief.

--Colorado Springs, Colorado

Opportunity for Ministry

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Flavil Yeakley is onto something.

Where You Fit In

We want to recommend to you that you prayerfully seek to discover how you, your family and the congregation to which you belong can begin to use the kind of information that has been provided in this column over the years to minister to the families of your community. Along with this monthly feature, God has provided us with a growing ministry in providing community seminars on topics that have to do with family living. We believe it is time to encourage others to develop similar ministries.

The need is seen now for a newsletter to maintain communication with the people we meet in these seminars. This newsletter will be published quarterly beginning, Lord willing, this Fall. It will be written to communicate with those who are leery of church and not too sure about Jesus. [If you would like to receive this informal newsletter, just send your name and address, including postal code, to Family Life Resources, Box 4247, Station C, London, Ontario N5W 4J6.] It may become necessary to use the time in producing this feature for this newsletter. It may also be time for this writer to concentrate on other areas of research and writing. Pray with us about this decision.

Conclusion

The God of the universe is not afraid of changing times. His power is already at work creating opportunities for his Word. We believe that Christians who are serious about sharing the message of Life with the world will want to find ways to wisely capitalize on the God-initiated interest in family and other life-issues.

They will do this not because they are spiritual scalp-hunters but because they, like their Father, are genuinely convinced that people are worth it. Serving in the manner and attitude of Jesus, they will leave their comfort zones to go forth to interact in meaningful ways with those in the world. Their very lives will demonstrate the presence of Christ. And as that glory reflects more and more clearly from their changing lives (2 Cor. 3:18), it will call more and more to decisiveness about the claims of the one into whose image we are being changed (Romans 8:29).

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NEWS — EAST —

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Toronto (Strathmore), ON: Neil Prokop has returned after a year in Waterloo. Bill Craddock, Max' brother, will preach in a meeting October 25-27.

Bramalea, ON: Walter, Shirley and Jon Straker arrived from Abilene, Texas on June 30 to work with this church. Tom and Stella Goud with Jonathan, Michael and Elissa returned after a year in New Brunswick. Tom is working on his Ph.D. and teaching at the Unviersity of Toronto.

Duff Turpin, husband of Joyce, was baptized on September 22. John Christina and Barbara Forjour are new members via Belgium; Mike, Charyl, Melanie, Christie and Tiffany Pope from Tennessee via Virginia and Pauline Shockness and family from Montreal, England and Jamaica. Elmer Grainger, oldest male member, passed away on September 26. Sunday morning attendance fluctuates from 99 to 150.

The Youth Festival lead by Rick and Ann Burrows, Peter and Judy Morphy and Walter and Shirley Straker was attended by 35 teenagers. A series on Fathering from the National Center for Fathering in Manhattan, Kansas is being presented to 7 fathers. Ladies class began on October 8.

Lillian Torkelson and Hazel Straker, visiting from Saskatchewan, were welcomed by former Westerners at receptions at Walter's home and in the Beamsville church building. Several carloads of clothing have been provided for the Zambia bound container. Two families plan to be part of the Marriage Encounter October 25-27.

David Hallett was operated on for a sliding hernia and was in hospital from September 9-19. The surgery was successful and he writes, "Thanks for your prayers; thanks for your concern. It helps as God restores my body back to health."

Toronto, IBC: The International Bible Correspondence work was begun in Toronto in 1968. Richard Kruse has received support for this work from the Roseville, California church for 20 years. It is being discontinued because of needs at home. Additional support is being sought.

Stoney Creek, ON: On Sunday morning, September 15, Ken Page read a statement of confession of wrongdoing before the congregation. He thanked the Stoney Creek church and some members in particular for their part in bringing him to this point and encouraging reconciliation with his family.

Grimsby, ON: Jonathan Rozmarynowycz put on Christ in baptism in mid-September.

Beamsville, ON: Beginning with Jerry Rushford on October 20, four guest speakers will be featured on Sunday evenings.

Janet Cope has come from New Guinea mission work with Martin to settle in Beamsville.

The building mortgage is down to the $60,000 area.

St. Catharines, ON: Gordon Harris began a weekly column in the religious section of **The Standard** on September 7 under the title "Point Blank" in an effort to "expose people to the Gospel and introduce them to the real, relevant Jesus". Catchy titles like "Time to See the Doctor"; "A Promise to Return" and "An Impossible Mission" have enabled him to reach many curious readers with the good news in a very unique way.

Fenwick, ON: VBS averaged 68 students with capacity of about 50. A VBS workshop with neighboring congregations was held on September 19.

Port Colborne, ON: Susan and Carolyn Haymes were added by baptism. David Lock is teaching classes at DeWitt Carter Public School on a regular basis for the 3rd year. This is "having a major impact on the behaviour of the children.

"Six home Bible studies are being conducted on a regular basis."

--The Publication Ministry

North Buffalo, NY: Packets were mailed to around 400 "One Nation Under God" contacts with more expected. Over 50 responses had been received by early September. Nationwide, over 94 million brochures were mailed and over 100,000 responses received.

Christopher Erwin was baptized in September.

Brantford, ON: The church building was officially opened in August, 20 years ago. Thankful for help in their building, the church for several years donated to other building campaigns. Support is being currently sent to a fledgling church in Terrace, B.C.

V.B.S. attendance averaged about 40 with 88 present for Family Night. Several indicated an interest in Bible School as a result.

Guelph, ON: Five children were able to participate in VBS at Waterloo.

Stratford, ON: Clyde Lansdell is scheduled to deal with "Deterrents to Family Health" from October 18-20. **Upreach** magazines are being provided to about 50 homes.

Sarnia, ON: Jennifer Elizabeth was born to Steven and Mary Rostall on September 7. Randy Bird and Shelly McEachern were married by Mark Bryson on September 21.

Sudbury, ON: There was hope that 2 girls from outside the city, attending University, would be attending. Also, the remainder of the Romazwede family were welcomed.

Marquette, MI: Contacts from the One Nation Under God Program number 28 by mid-September. Sunday morning attendance in August averaged 86.

John 1:18

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RSV have altered earlier readings at John 1:18, in order to bring their translations in line with the Greek MSS which identify Jesus with **theos.**

This relatively recent advancement in determining the correct text in John 1:18 is going to prove itself a powerful argument for the deity of Christ, at least with those willing to look at the textual evidence without binding presuppositions. The textual evidence in John 1:18, combined with the literary context and purposefulness of John 1:1-18, where Jesus is intentionally said to be **theos** at the beginning of the section (John 1:1) and at the end (John 1:18), leaves no doubt about what John's claim about Jesus was, and therefore what our claim about Jesus should be -- the word, who became flesh and lived among us, who revealed the Father, is none other than **theos.**

--Victoria, BC

NEWS — PRAIRIES —

by Brian Cox
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Regina, SK: The swing back into the school year was begun with an enthusiastic "Students' Rally" the first weekend of September. Kevin Vance of Red Deer was our featured speaker. His pertinent lessons coupled with Midnight Sun's meaningful ministry in song resulted in a very uplifting experience for 50 senior high and college students present.

Ray McMillan was the leader for a workshop on "Kingdom Living" (Sermon on the Mount) at Camrose, Alberta on September 20-22. Will and Nancy Hart are doing an excellent job of ministering with this exciting group.

Enthusiasm is building for our 75th anniversary homecoming next July 30-August 1. All friends and former members are encouraged to plan now to be a part of the celebrations.

Our "Spring Renewal" (formerly known as "Leadership Rally"), is planned for April 10-12 with Lynn Anderson as our featured speaker.

We welcome the following to our church family: Kim Dronsfield and Scott and Cindy Roberts. Michael McKinney from Weyburn is here in university.

Yorkton, SK: Murray and Christy Sanders and two daughters, formerly of Loreburn, Saskatchesan, have moved to Preeceville and are now worshipping with the church at Yorkton. They plan to worship with us regularly, as long as weather and travelling conditions make the 60-mile trip possible. Murray has accepted the position of principal of the Preeceville school.

Our VBS was July 15-19; teachers were Jane Smith, Nancy MacDonald and Becky Andreas; helping teachers were Geraldine Guenette, Kathy Darvill and Carla Ashby. Also Jenny Cox and Amanda Andreas helped by babysitting the teachers' children. Although attendance was smaller than most years, they were good students and the closing exercises were quite well-attended.

John and Jane Smith were away September 23 to October 16 visiting and reporting to supporting congregations. During this time, Ernest and Joyce Andreas and others from Dauphin came to help with our services.

Wawota, SK: Each Sunday we have a potluck dinner with a special dinner and program on each first Sunday. Beginning November 3 our new meeting time will be 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

On September 27-29 we hosted another great weekend with our 11th Kids' Rally. Good News, a singing group from Saskatoon coordinated by Allen Close, did a super job of teaching, putting on skits, singing, leading and in general being good models. On Saturday 40 "kids" attended and 15 helpers who wished they were kids. On Sunday we had 33 youth and kids and 43 adults present for a total of 76.

On November 16-17 Herb Anderson, an evangelist from Edmonton, will be with us for an Evangelism Workshop.

Moose Jaw, SK: We were so privileged this summer to have many visitors with us, among whom was the Grant Hannan family, who moved from Moose Jaw to Texas last year. Grant is attending the Preston Road School of Preaching. He spoke for us one Sunday while they were here.

During the summer months, we combined all our Sunday School classes in "Open Sessions" with various people teaching the class. This worked out well and gave our teachers a break. Ten of our young people attended various programs at Clearview Christian Camp; all reported having a great time.

Dwight Morris was the coordinator of the VBS in Horse Creek, July 7-12.

Mary Duncan, a member here, won first place in the 18th Annual Trans-Canada Poetry Contest sponsored by the Lester B. Pearson Peace Park. The contest invited poets to submit poems dealing with peace. Mary's poems are used quite often in our weekly bulletin.

This congregation sent a gift of money to help the church in Carman, Manitoba with their building program.

On August 3, Pansy Bien's 75th birthday was celebrated with a tea with the ladies of this congregation and several from other areas. Pansy has always been a tireless worker for the church. A come-and-go tea in honor of Leo and Maizie Seibel's 40th wedding anniversary was held here on August 4.

Our VBS was August 12-16. Our average attendance was 49 children with 30 adult volunteers involved in various areas. Our week was a real success. One encouraging thing this year was that the same children attended all five days, rather than some attending a few days and others attending a different few days. We held a wind-up Friday evening which was very well-attended by the parents.

We were very fortunate to have Michael Parker speak to us both morning and evening on August 25. He is working with the congregation in Swift Current for the summer and plans to return to WCC in September. Michael brought us two excellent lessons.

We are collecting food for the Moose Jaw Food Bank, which is very short right now. This will be an ongoing collection likely until Christmas.

An "End-of-Summer Picnic" was held on September 2. This was also a wind-up for our summer Sunday School program, wherein our young people learned memory work to get our "Mountain climber over the Top". He would proceed further up the "mountain" each week, if enough of the children knew their memory work. He reached the top and started down the other side! This served as an excellent way of getting these little ones to memorize the word of God. The picnic was enjoyed by all.

Winnipeg (Central), MB: Our fall programs are now well under way. In our busy and often materialistic world, we recognize the need for Christians to get together often for fellowship and spiritual encouragement. The ladies meet for study on Tuesdays. They alternate each week in the morning and the following week in the evening. This allows us to meet the needs of those who are working days or shifts. Since we are a "university town", we have around 20 in that age group. They are meeting monthly to encourage each other. We welcome Jamie Harvey from Dauphin, who has come to Winnipeg for university. The children are having a special study on Sunday evenings based on the life of Paul and the beginning of the church. We hope to instill in them a sense of the unique identity and importance of the church. The men are meeting on Wednesdays for a time of fellowship during the lunch break from their work.

Central is thankful to be blessed with the resources to support other outreach areas. We support the church in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan financially. Glen MacDonald who is the evangelist in Gravelbourg spoke to central on September 29. It is encouraging to know that the church is growing in so many areas.

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

by Ed Bryant
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Calgary, AB: Dan Tran obeyed the Lord in baptism.

A 24-hour Christian telephone crisis and suicide line, Telecare Calgary, seeks volunteers to train for service.

A class in Counseling by Encouragement is being offered here to those who want to develop basic skills in this ministry.

Dr. Lynn Anderson of Dallas, Texas was here in a meeting in September on the theme "Finding the Heart To Go On.

Delta, BC: The Ladies' Retreat in September witnessed "Changed By Love" with Philip Nash playing four characters in the drama.

Greater Vancouver was a part of the 12-15 km of sidewalks covered by Christians to make a visual statement of unity by Christians of North America that "Abortion is wrong, and the church is opposed to the killing of unborn children".

Surrey, BC: The body of Candace Gregoire, who drowned in the Fraser River, has been recovered. Police divers searched the river in vain for her body when she fell between logs and disappeared. They finally gave up the search. Ironically, when the body was later found, it was wedged between logs at the spot where she went down.

Tacoma (Southside), WA: Lalita Carsley, Cheryl Byrd and William Johnson have been baptized into Christ here. Placing membership were Pinkie Goode, Becky Morris, Bob and Geraldine Kiser, Shawn Graves, Rose Oter, the Richard Robb family and Caroline Spires.

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Lessons Learned from "Broken Walls"

by Rick Pinczuk

On November 11, 1989, a million people walked across the "rubble" of a broken border wall from East to West Berlin! It was a sensational event which "stunned the world", something that no one even dreamed was possible -- not the RCMP, CIA, Scotland Yard, the European Intelligence Agency, or even the KGB!

This wall was erected in August 1961 at the height of the Cold War as a monstrous barricade to separate families, friends, even entire cities (both visually and physically) from one another.

For the next 30 years, the Berlin Wall became more than just a mere physical barrier. It became a **sign** and **symbol** of Communist oppression and human incarceration all around the world. It symbolized the separation of two complete worlds and systems of approaching life. As a hideous **symbol** of the Communist regime, it portrayed inaccessibility, hiddenness, paranoia, remoteness, deception, alienation, fear, suspicion, hatred and even death.

Leaders of the Free World would often gather in its shadow to preach the virtues of Capitalism, Human Rights and Democracy while condemning the philosophies of those who watched them in secrecy and silence on the other side.

But on a chilly November night (less than two years ago) all of that began to change, and our world has never been the same since. The Free World watched with stunned amazement (night after night) as huge throngs of people (intoxicated with jubilant euphoria) chipped away at that infamous **wall** in Berlin with picks, hammers and anything else they could lay their hands on, which could bring that wall down!

One could read in a newspaper that a wall was being dismantled in one's hometown and most of us would say, "Who cares?" But when we heard that **the** wall was being "taken down in Berlin", we shouted for joy because we knew our world had made a dramatic turn around.

This new access promised freedom, reconciliation, reunification, understanding and perhaps even a new world order. But, most important of all, I think, we saw the very real **potential** for the preaching of the gospel to a people who would no longer be harassed, ridiculed or even persecuted for their religious beliefs.

There are at least three crucial lessons we can learn from the destruction of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the atheistic regime that it symbolized.

First, the Broken Wall confirms that God is still in control and his power continues to overrule in the affairs of men. For many years, individuals of faith and vision have prayed believing that God would someday destroy the Communist strongholds and open new doors of evangelistic opportunity into these areas so that the crucified and risen Son of God could be preached to the hundreds of millions of oppressed souls behind those horrible walls.

With the failed coup in Moscow, World Communism suffered its most lethal blow as the repressed forces of freedom and democracy in the Soviet Union spilled out into the streets of Moscow and defiantly challenged the powers of evil and corruption in their land. The words of Daniel are most timely in these historic days of political turmoil, struggle and unrest in many of the capital cities of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union once controlled by Communist leaders: ". . .Praise God's Name for ever and ever! Power and wisdom belong to Him! He changes the times and seasons. And He changes the kings. He gives power to kings, and He takes their power away! He gives wisdom to people so they become wise. He lets people learn things and become wise" (Daniel 2:20-21, EVD).

In his dream, King Nebuchadnezzar was reminded: ". . .that God Most High rules over the kingdoms of men. God gives those kingdoms to anyone He wants to. And God chooses humble people to rule those kingdoms" (Daniel 4:17). Today, Boris Yeltsin, a disgraced former Communist politician "governs" in Moscow; Lech Walensa, a common electrician from a shipyard in Gdansk "rules" over Poland; a poet and formerly imprisoned playwright, Vaclav Havel "leads" Czechoslovakia; while an obscure musician, Vytautas Landsbergis, "holds power" in Lithuania.

Yes, as I read, and hear and see how the nations of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union (and perhaps Cuba and Red China in the near future) cast off their "despotic ruler" and "bankrupt philosophies", I see the "Hand of God" still work-

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BOOK REVIEWS

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

Afraid God Works, Afraid He Doesn't (Pursuing Victorious Faith) *by Terry Rush, Howard Publishing Co., West Monroe, LA. 112 pages, $5.95 (US).*

At the Nashville Jubilee I had the opportunity to hear Terry Rush speak on the sense of awe that we should have before our heavenly Father. On returning home I was compelled to speak on that topic. This book deals with a similar theme: Does God really work in our lives? How can we overcome fear and pursue victorious faith?

In the words of Max Lucado, "Allow yourself to be challenged to soar on the wings of courage. Permit your heart to be touched by a supernatural God. Beckon God to scatter the fear and stir the faith in your heart. Read this book and join with me in thanking God for granting us such a timely message."

Rush is demonstrating his faith in producing a series of four films focusing on celebrities and their admitted need for God. Let us pray that this will be the means for introducing many to our great God.

History Makers of the Old Testament *by Elmer Towns, Scripture Press Publications, Paris, Ontario. 515 pages, $16.95 (Cdn.)*

Elmer Towns has written many books on Sunday School and Church Growth. He is Vice-President of Liberty University, Dean of the School of Religion and teacher of a 2,000-member Sunday School class.

The 52 chapters of this instructive book deal with the key characters of the Old Testament from Lucifer to Malachi.

As the author is a Baptist, we are not surprised to read that "The Flood which followed the entering into of the ark illustrates baptism which follows salvation (1 Peter 3:21). But we can agree with 99% of what he says. There are many helpful outlines and much background information on the characters studied.

Home Remedies: Timeless Prescriptions for Today's Family *by Gary Smalley and John Trent, Multnomah, Portland, Oregon. 191 beautifully illustrated pages, $17.99 (US).*

The authors conduct many seminars and have written many books on the family. Their work has been a great blessing to many families. They are not M.D.'s but they know a great deal about family hurts. . .wounded relationships. . .bruises of the heart.

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OBITUARIES

LILLIAN (BLACKBURN) PETTERSON

Lillian was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackburn on March 5, 1900 and passed away on Wednesday, September 4, 1991 at the age of 91 years and 6 months. She spent her growing up years in the Green Mount District south of Bromhead, Saskatchewan. Being athletic, she won many prizes in the local picnics. She began working out at an early age when she met and married Carl Petterson on May 10, 1918.

She and her husband were baptized into Christ by H.A. Rogers on December 3, 1922, making her a member of the church of Christ for almost 70 years. They were involved in farming, ranching, running a large threshing outfit in the fall as well as coal mining (the tunnel method) through the 1930's. Lillian spent her entire life as a homemaker and befriended many people.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons and four daughters: Raymen and Georgina, Estevan; Carl and Irene, Chilliwack, B.C.; Nephia and Norman Holmgren, Calgary, Alberta; Marrion and Lee Weston, Washington; Esther and Lenny Miller, Crosby, ND; Irene and Ted Moore, McLean, Virginia; a brother, Bill Blackburn, Estevan, Saskatchewan; and a sister, Ina, of Crosby, ND as well as many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Lillian was predeceased by her husband on January 17, 1977, her parents and two brothers.

The writer tried to present a message to the living and was assisted by Tim Pippus in the Bible readings and prayer, and by brother James Willet of Weyburn leading the congregational singing as well as rendering a solo (Just A Closer Walk With Thee).

Her earthly temple of clay was laid to rest in the Estevan Memorial Gardens.

--Carl E. Johnson

EDGAR MCFADDEN

Edgar McFadden, formerly of Omagh, Ontario, was killed in a car accident. He has lived in Pasadena, Texas for some years but visited back in Ontario each summer.

WALTER ERVIN SEIBEL

Walter Ervin Seibel, age 59, a longtime resident of Swift Current and area, passed peacefully away on June 14, 1991 at his home. He was born at Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan on November 18, 1931. His family moved to the Gouldtown district in 1934. He married Edith on January 2, 1953 in Sault St. Marie, Ontario. To this union were born three daughters and three sons. Walter and Edie lived in Sault Ste. Marie and returned to Saskatchewan in 1962. They lived and worked at Western Christian College in N. Weyburn for four years. They later moved to Gouldtown in 1971 where they took over the family farm. For the last 15 years, he has been a truck driver, first for Atomic and later owning and operating Seibel Transport where he worked until the time of his passing.

Walter is survived by his loving wife, Edie; three sons, Alvin, Ken and Darcy, all of Swift Current; three daughters, Kathy of Yellowknife; Gwen of Whitehorse, Yukon; and Susie of Swift Current. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters. He was predeceased by his brother, Alvin, and by his parents, Sam and Mary.

Walter's life centered around his service to the Lord. He was an elder and a teacher for many years at the church in Swift Current. He was a loving and caring Christian who **truly** practiced giving to others.

It is impossible in the history above to capsulate the life of this man; so, please bear with me as I share with you a few scenes from his life that I feel give us a small picture of the nature of Walter.

✽ I remember how beautiful the singing sounded with Walter's rich warm bass voice floating up to the ceiling.

✽ I remember the reassuring voice in the business meetings that said, "Let's not worry about the money; it will be there," or "Don't worry about that. I'll take care of it." or "This is too good a program to stop; we've got to keep it going."

✽ I remember him sitting silently reading his Bible in the empty auditorium on Sunday afternoons as he waited for afternoon Bible study to begin.

✽ I remember the man who was often heard to say, "We have to live every day like it is our last."

✽ I remember the man who said in prayer time and again, "Help us Lord to remember that this Christian family that we are a part of is the greatest family in the world."

✽ I remember the attitude that portrayed so much confidence in God, not just in the promise of life everlasting, but confidence in his God to see him through each day, through each trial, through each hour.

✽ I remember the man who repeatedly thanked God that he had had the opportunity of having Christian parents.

✽ I remember a man who literally and physically ached for those who did not have their lives in proper relationship with God.

✽ I remember a man who was willing to grow and listen spiritually until the day he died.

✽ I remember a man who hated relationship confrontations because all he wanted in the church was for everyone to love and forgive.

✽ I remember the special way that he always had of looking at the "big picture" of Christianity. When thinking became clouded and choices started to become worldly in the church, Walter had a way of seeing through all the muddle and reminding us of the "big picture".

✽ I remember a man who had the ability to think clearly about Christianity.

✽ I remember the occasions when Walter would speak before the Lord's supper and how you could see and feel his love and conviction for the Lord.

✽ But most of all, I remember the amazing way that Walter had of overcoming and rising above all the hurt and suffering that he went through. Despite all of that suffering, Walter worked all his life for what he has now. He didn't work for wealth nor for a name. He didn't work for power. He worked so that when all was finished he could say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness".

--Scott M. Roberts

WILLIE CATO

Willie Cato, President of African Christian Schools Foundation, died of a heart attack on September 22. He had just made a brief presentation at International Bible College in Florence, Alabama. He was 68.

Cato was active for half a century in ministry, Christian education and the promotion of numerous good works in the brotherhood. He served as minister of several congregations, including the Shackle Island congregation for 16 years. He served as president of the Nashville Christian Institute and was associated with the African Christian Schools Foun-

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Zambia Relief Project

Used clothing, books, Bibles, Sunday School materials, tools and medical supplies are still being assembled at the old Tintern, Ontario church building at this writing. It is difficult to know whether or not we will have the large container filled by the end of the month. Those with items to donate should first phone (416) 563-7503.

Brother Morphy of the Welland church reports that 22 churches and a Christian Service Trust Foundation have contributed $6,615 and 20 individuals have supplied $1,503 for a total of $8,118 to pay for the shipping and other expenses involved.

The items to fill the case, the labour involved in preparing and packing and the finances to send it are all much appreciated, not only by the brethren here but also those in Zambia. After hearing about plans for the container, brother Wilson Siazilo, who is known to the Eugene Perrys, has written from Zambia with these words of appreciation:

"Brethren, I cannot express the joy my fellow Zambians have in the work you are doing there with the Whitfields for organizing a container of clothing, medicine and other things. We are praying that more souls be touched so as to help you with money to ship the container. Yes we are keeping our fingers crossed. The truth is that we are suffering and surely need help. In many areas people are already starving, and you know what that means. It means the little money some people might have is spent on food and nothing else. To learn that some people wish to help in the areas we cannot manage is surely God's great blessing. And surely the day to receive the container, we shall glorify God. And surely that will strengthen our fellowship in Christ. Please remember us in your prayers as our country is facing a lot of problems."

Divorce, Not Easy!

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6. Be open to premarriage counselling.

7. At all costs avoid premarital sex; it will take away from what could be a special moment treasured for life. It may also leave guilt feelings that could have an effect on your marriage in the future.

8. It's tough, but listen to what others comment about your relationship. Others may see problems that you may not. They may or may not be right, but listen and analyze.

9. Delay or even call off the wedding if major questions arise between you and your future spouse that can't be settled. With time you may find everything is okay and go ahead with your plans. What happens, though, if you get married and then find you're not compatible? Take the time to learn.

10. If you find yourself unsure of marriage, talk to someone about it. A good counsellor will assist you in working through your questions.

In other words, the easy way out of a bad marriage is to prepare properly for a "good " marriage in the first place. Then work at establishing a strong foundation for the difficult times that will ensue in a marriage relationship.

In the Old Testament, we read the words, "God hates divorce". Why? Because it's a rule? No! God hates to see the hurt divorce causes in people's lives, and, he knows it's **not easy!!**

Reading Spirituality

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And level with the Lord. He'll understand and He'll appreciate the effort.

✣ Once you have a bit of a streak going for you, keep reminding yourself how much it took for you to get that far, and how you don't want to pack it in and have to start all over again.

✣ Share your feelings, your progress -- or lack of progress -- with others who are fighting the same battle. Be honest, with them and yourself. The main thing is not to give up!

✣ To improve your prayer life: keep a prayer list, remembering that we'll often pray for others when we won't pray for ourselves (it's a good kick-start); aim at being conscious of God all day long (pray for the patient in that ambulance; say thanks for the wonderful fall scenery; talk to God about the guy at work who's got you so frustrated; and learn to pray about the little things, knowing that God cares just as much about our headaches as our heartaches).

✣ Expect results. You will eventually feel closer to God. You will see opportunities and answered prayer. And you will have a new kind of confidence and security that only comes with slow, steady growth and the knowledge that you're on your way to becoming what God always intended you to be. See it through in '92 and the Lord bless you!

Obituaries

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dation for 31 years.

He had planned to retire from the African Foundation in December to devote his time to holding workshops and meetings in mission congregations.

He wrote a book about his travels with Marshall Keeble entitled **His Hands and His Heart.** The book, which details the wit and wisdom of Keeble, has gone to three printings. He helped found the Happy Hills Boys' Ranch and the Great Commission School, where he continued to teach.

His funeral was held in Nashville on September 25 at the Granny White Church of Christ. The large auditorium was completely filled. Willie Cato is survived by his wife Maxine, six children, ten grandchildren and a sister.

He will be sorely missed by a host of friends and coworkers who relied on him for counsel, friendship, help and advice.

--E. Lucien Palmer

Elmer (Al) Arthur Grainger

On September 28, our brother, Al Grainger, gave up his battle with cancer and went to his eternal reward. Brother Grainger was a cheerful man who was a model of Christian endurance during his final weeks.

He was born May 25, 1914, in Maple, Ontario. He is at least a third-generation member of the church in the Toronto area and for several years served as an elder at Harding Avenue church of Christ after the Fern Avenue and Bathurst congregations closed. For the past few years, he and his wife, Laura, attended the Bramalea congregation where their youngest daughter, Pat (Mrs. Bob) Reynolds is also a member. Al and Laura's older children and their spouses are Joan Davis, George and Helen Grainger, Ron and Linda Grainger, and Don Grainger. Brother Grainger is also survived by 10 grandchildren and one sister, Irene (Mrs. Bill) Clint. Five grandsons and one grandson-in-law served as pallbearers.

Internment was on October 1 in Beechwood Cemetery following a service at Ward Funeral Home, conducted by Howard Leyman, John MacKay and Walter Straker.

Broken Walls

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ing and overruling in the affairs of our world. That's so very exciting and encouraging to me.

Secondly, those broken walls reveal "Broken Lives". Seventy years of life under Communism has left an indelible imprint of disillusionment, hopelessness and despair upon the lives of the majority of the people. Once the euphoria over their newly found freedoms subsides, the former discontent, unrest, impatience and frustration are bound to re-emerge. Bread lines, empty shelves, rising crime rates, increased domestic violence, ethnic unrest, etc. will continue to characterize the former communist world for many years to come. While freedom-loving people around the world rejoice that the transformation to democracy and a free-market economy has now begun, we all realize that the change will be slow, chaotic and very painful.

A nation, however, that has the courage to fight and die for freedom and democracy has taken a giant step forward toward political, economic and spiritual renewal. We've never had such an opportunity to evangelize these areas as we have today. Broken Lives behind broken walls need to be made whole again. May we never forget that we, as Christians, have been given God's message of reconciliation to present to a lost and dying world as His personal ambassadors of truth and renewal (2 Cor. 5:18-20).

Third, broken walls reveal hope for the future. Wherever there is great access, there is a great reality of responsibility. When we look at what is happening in our world today, especially in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, there is much to rejoice about in the coming together of a formerly divided humanity. In the past we have had similar opportunities but we've never adequately responded with effective preaching, teaching or evangelism!

Broken Walls reveal hope for the future but that hope will be achieved only if our commitment to reconciliation is long-term -- economic, technological and spiritual. The prophet Isaiah spoke of building highways (from the rubble -- perhaps of broken walls) for the Lord: "Come through the gates! Make the way clear for the people! Prepare the road! Move all the stones off the road! Raise the flag as a sign for the people! Listen, the Lord is speaking to all the faraway lands: 'Tell the people of Zion: Look, your Saviour is coming. He is bringing your reward to you. He is bringing that reward with Him'" (Isaiah 62:10-11, EVD).

Today, we are standing on the threshhold of one of the most promising evangelistic opportunities in recent memory. The needs are great and time is of the essence! All that is necessary for this golden opportunity to be squandered is that good brethren do nothing!

If you or your congregation would like to help us take the gospel of Christ to the impoverished souls behind these broken walls, then please contact us without delay. Your help is urgently needed for preparing crucial printed materials, cassettes and other Bible literature to follow-up on our television broadcasts and future preaching and teaching seminars in these newly liberated lands. Our address: Slavic Evangelism Ministry, 5 Robinson Street S., Grimsby, Ontario L3M 3C5 (416) 945-0726.

(Rick Pinczuk was born in 1947 in Ansbach, Germany of Ukrainian parents who fled the Ukraine to avoid Communist oppression and later began a new life in Perth, Australia. In the 1960's Rick became a Christian and decided to study at Harding University to prepare himself to take the Gospel to his people in the Ukraine whenever that opportunity arose. During his years at Harding, he spent a summer working with Stephen Bilak behind the Iron Curtain.

He graduated from Harding in 1971 and for the next 12 years worked with churches in Carman, Manitoba and Kingston, Ontario while also doing deeper studies in Slavic languages and literature in several Canadian universities. In 1983 he began the ***Slavic Evangelism Ministry****, which offers courses in Ukrainian and Russian languages and culture to prepare prospective missionaries who plan to evangelize in the Slavic world..*

Brother Rick and his wife, Carol, have worked with the Niagara Falls congregation in Ontario since 1984. They have two children: Eleah 6 and Natasha 3 and are expecting a third early in December.)

TV Series Adapted for Ukraine

Search ("In Search of the Lord's Way"), a television network series which is a ministry of the Edmond, Oklahoma Church of Christ, is seen on over 600 TV and cable systems in America. Through an arrangement with Soviet mass media officials in Kiev, 53 weeks of this program with a synchronized Ukrainian translation of the dialogue will be broadcast to the people of the Soviet Ukraine.

Rick Pinczuk of the Slavic Evangelism Ministry in Grimsby, Ontario will be making it possible for these viewers to hear the Bible programs in their own languages. In Kiev, the capital, with over 3 million people, the series will be on channel 7 at 8 a.m. on Sundays. The SEM is also preparing Gospel tracts, brochures and Bible Correspondence Courses for follow-up purposes.

The program will also be seen at 5:30 Sunday evenings in the Slavyansk region of Eastern Ukraine and will later be available in VCR format.

The SEM now has a functional offset press, a composite of two donated presses. Funds are needed to enable these pioneering efforts to continue. The Pinczuks have reported to a number of churches and are prepared to visit wherever there is interest.

News Prairies

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Roy and Nelle Merritt from Central have announced their plans to return to India to preach and teach for a three- to six-month period. They will leave on November 15. They spent two years working in the Bangalore area of India. Central will be their sponsoring congregation.

Weyburn, SK: John McMillan directed our VBS again. The number of children attending was down some but the quality was very high.

Several of our young people have gone off to WCC for another year in a great Christian environment. Our prayers go with them and with all associated with the school.

Mickel Jacobs celebrated his 75th birthday on September 15. Many family members and friends visited and helped him celebrate at a "Drop In Tea". Our building was filled with visitors that Sunday morning.

Our television program on the local cable access channel continues to draw good comments concerning its style and workmanship. We pray its content will soon bear fruit in the hearts of its viewers.

We continue to host the 5th Sunday Singing here at Weyburn and encourage more from the areas near us to attend. We are also glad to see those traveling make this effort part of their day.

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; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0, (403) 879-2232 (res.); Norm Stienwand, 882-2203.

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., 569-2817; 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.

FORT MCMURRAY: Sawridge Hotel, 530 MacKenzie Blvd.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Gerry Bibaud, ev. 101 Silvanus Crescent, (403) 791-5747.

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BOSWELL: during summer,9833 Hwy 3, Swan Valley Bible Camp. At other times phone for info. Sun 10; S4, Box 2, R.R. #1, V0B 1A0; (604) 223-8381.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10, 10:45, 6; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453.

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; Wed., Thurs., 7:30; Off. no. 205-1316 (off); 56th St., Box 1195, Station A, V4M 3T3; J. D. Rogers & Doug Williams, evs., (604) 943-7558/946-9696(res.), 943-0515 (off), Alice Close, sec. 946-8951.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel Street; 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; Edgar (Buddy) Burns, ev. 756-9229 (res), 758-9412 (off); Les Beamish, sec., 758-6929.

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

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

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

SALMON ARM: Corner of Alexander/Harris St.; Sun. 9:45, 10:45; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; P.O. Box 51, V1E 4N2; Sam Tumlinson, Jr., ev. (604) 675-4829 (res.); 832-3828 (off); Shuswap Christian School, Doug Kendig, adm., 832-7994.

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev. 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.

VANCOUVER (Eastside): Best Western Hotel -- 3075 Kingsway; Sun. 10:30, 7; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krrmis, 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; Wed. 7:30; Blair Roberts, ev. 638-3372 (res.), 638-6321 (off); W. Hart, sec. 638-5283.

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

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, MB R0J 0B0; Sun 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubinville Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

ST. CLAIR (EIGHTH & CASS): 802 Cass St., 48079; Sun. 10.11,6; Wed. 7; Donald Graham, ev. (313) 329-7265; 329-2720 (off); Canadian contact, Wm. Smart (519) 627-1711.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: Kinsmen Bldg., 18 Botsford St., E1C 4W7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 229 Downey Ave., Riverview, NB E1B 1W6; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682 (res.), or 853-9355 (off).

NEW YORK STATE

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223, 834-3588; Ron Cameron, 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, Bernard Straker; William Chidowe, ev.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; (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 (no evening service 1st Sun. of month); Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7 722-7155 (off.) Claude Cox, ev. (705) 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.).

BLIND RIVER: North Shore Motel, Hwy 17; Sun. 10, 11; For information phone 356-7938; Herb Weir, ev., R.R. #2, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; John D. Preston, sec.-treas. 645-5797.

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (416) 455-3263 (res.); (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, 6; Thurs. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume St., L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; Ray Lee Overton, ev. 445-1531 (off.); 444-8234 (res.).

CONCORD: 51 Concord Rd.; Sun. 10:30; Mrs. A. Young, sec. 30 Kinghigh Dr., Thornhill, L4J 3N4, (416) 886-2685; A. E. Atkinson, ev., 51 Concord Rd., Thornhill, L4J 3M2; 886-1738.

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Barry Dupont, ev. (616) 936-0093 or 932-5053.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Chris Moore, Box 107, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (416) 892-5661 (off).

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Old Library); Sun. 10, 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095; Dieter Nollert (705) 282-2908.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 11; Ken Baker, Box 1451, Meaford, N0H 1Y0.

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. 11:05, 9:45, 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. 7:15; (416) 385-5775; Ron Hoover, sec. (416) 388-4248; Joe Godbout, ev., 529-8970 (res.).

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe 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 78041, Westcliffe P.O., L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, RR 1, Kimberley, ON N0H 1G0.

HUNTSVILLE: Mid-week meetings in homes (Sun. meet with neighbouring congregations); contact Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630; David Preston, R.R. #1, Gr. Box 174, P0A 1K0; 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: Hilltop Dr. off Hwy 11BN; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Group Box 108, Route 3, P0A 1K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (705) 282-2980; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, (705) 377-4555.

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; Rob MacRury, ev. (613) 546-5409 (off); 545-3380 (res.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: 775 Westmount Road. E.; Sun. 10, 11; John Spencer, sec. 396 Gatestone Blvd., N2T 2J0, (519) 746-2576.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:30. Please call about other activities. Harold Byne, ev., (519) 453-9917; Ron Pauls, ev., 679-2164.

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.).

MISSISSAUGA: 4687 Penhallow Rd., L5V 1G2; Sun. 11; W. Bryson, ev. (416) 568-2058; Max D'Costa, sec. 949-8793.

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr., Box 65, L3Y 4Y3; Sun. 9:30, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (416) 853-0892 (res), 895-6502 (off).

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

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6 (evening fellowship in various homes. Phone for location); Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8, Gary Hotchkiss, sec., 476-7684 (res), 472-7040 (off).

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

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cr., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6, Wed. 7:00; 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, L9P 1R2.

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11:15, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; David Lock, ev. 465 Davis St., L3K 1Z7; (416) 834-0911 (res), 834-5775 (off). (Every 1st Sunday, potluck followed by singing; communion at 6:30.)

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

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off), 633-2646 (res).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E. N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Mark Bryson, ev. (519) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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November

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15-17... Seminar, "Building Family Relationship Through Communication", Ron Pauls, Guelph

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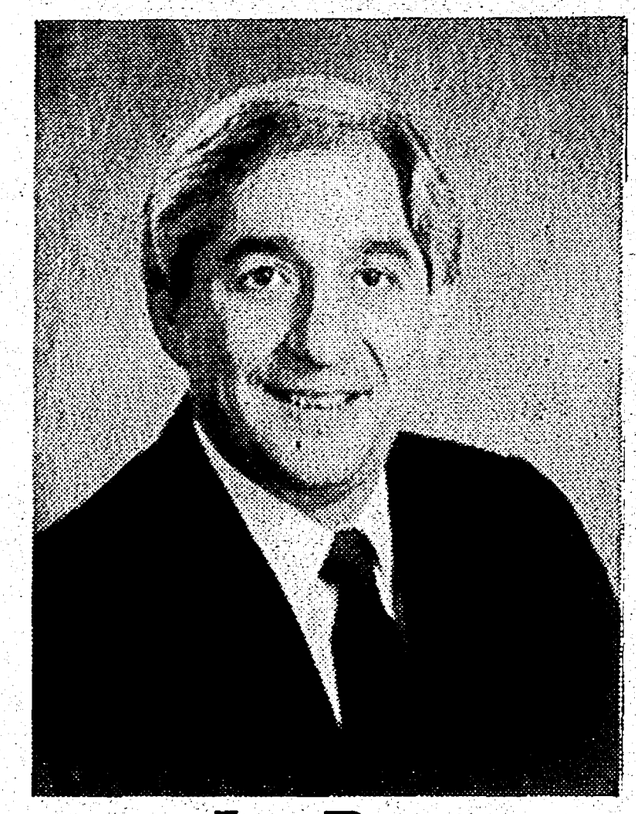

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Elders Appointed at Dauphin, Manitoba Church

This past March the congregation in Dauphin was pleased to appoint three elders to minister to our spiritual needs. Pictured from l to r: Jack and Karen Close, William and Elizabeth Hart and Roger and Helen Peterson.

Making Room in Crowded Lives

by Gordon Harris

Avner groaned inwardly when the young couple came through the doorway. Pretending not to see them, he gave himself to one of the myriad tasks left to him as owner of a public inn. He bustled from room to room, hoping furiously they would just vanish.

On his chores around town that morning, he had noticed the couple going from place to place, obviously in search of lodging. Also rather obvious was the fact that the young woman would soon be a young mother. Aside from that, they were like scores of others who had come back to their ancestral home of Bethlehem and swelled its ranks beyond all reason of containment. The little town was too much like the young woman, stretched, uncomfortable, expectant.

Someday though, Bethlehem would return to being a sleepy little town in the great shadow of Jerusalem. For now, however, it was busy and he was prosperous, thanks to Caesar's census. His inn was full and he'd had to turn away people for as far back as he could think. It really didn't even bother him anymore to turn people away.

Avner turned, unexpectantly startled from his musings. The young couple stood before him. Dimly he was aware that they had asked for lodging. Sharply, quickly, he began to sweep them aside with well-worn answers.

"The inn is full."
"Can't you see I'm busy?"
"Come back tomorrow, maybe then
there will be room."

The answers rose up inside him, unbidden a rising tide of negatives to drown out hope. . .he choked them back. For a moment he put himself in their place. . .

Alone
Without shelter or resources
A baby on the way

There was a weary look of resignation about them. . .a hint of growing pain in her eyes. . .of concern in his. Avner made a decision. A decision to do something good for them. After all, the stable was warm. He didn't have to charge them much. And if the baby came. . .well, they could place the baby in a manger. .

Accurate? Hardly.

Historical? Not really.

The truth is that it could have been a cave, an inn or part of a relative's house. The truth is that a man and a woman held the son of God, their child, and placed him in a manger.

The question is: where are we in this story?

At this time of year, more than any other, we are busy.

Things to do
Shopping
Lists
Cooking
Trees
Checking it twice
Laughter, cheer.

More than any other time of the year we are absorbed in our own agendas, in our own worlds unconcerned about others outside our circle,

unseeing,

blind to the needs of those around us. How easy to say silently,

"Can't you see I'm busy?"
"Come back tomorrow."
"The inn is full."

Make a decision

Make it right now.

Decide to brush aside all the excuses, all the selfishness of the season and take time to do something good for someone around you. . .someone in need.

Give a hug to an unhuggable

Send a card

Invite a lonely person into the warmth of your family...your circle.

Maybe you can't give a lot.

Maybe you can't give the best.

Maybe there is no room at the inn, and the lowly manger is all that is left to share.

Do good anyway.

You may bring some light into the world (Gal. 6:10).

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The Joy of Becoming a Servant

by Wayne Turner

Historically, servanthood has often been the result of failure, tragic circumstances or personal loss. Esau wept at the news that he had become servant to his brother, Jacob (Gen. 27:37-38). The prodigal son returned home, broken and in shame, offering to submit himself as servant. Servanthood was forced upon those who were unable to pay their debts or who had been taken as captives in war. When one is compelled to become a servant, human nature tends to respond with resentment and bitterness. Jesus demands that his followers become servants. Initially, we may resist. Yet, as we mature, we learn to serve. In the process, we discover a paradox: there is joy in becoming a servant. Paul describes this in Phil. 3:1-11.

"I Am a Somebody"

The key to this is a change which occurs in our thinking -- our "self" concept. As Christians, we have three different self-views that we move through. We begin with the natural egotism that strives for affirmation and recognition. We want to establish our own independence and identity. As the commercials for Speedy Muffler suggest, we want to be a "somebody". James and John sought for prestige and power over the other disciples by being granted the most favoured positions at the left and right sides of Jesus. Luke 22:24-27 records that there was a dispute among the disciples as to who was the greatest. Try to imagine the pettiness and selfishness that must have filled their hearts as they argued over who was "top dog". "I am greater than you are!" one asserts. Another replies, "No you are not. I am greatest." Whether motivated by the desire for self-advancement, the need to feel superior to others or the dream of recognition and popularity, the result was the same. They did not care who they hurt or wronged, so long as "self" got what it wanted.

What they did not know is that what they were following is the secret of personal misery and unhappiness. Someone once observed that, "if you are all wrapped up in yourself, you make a very small package". When we try to put ourselves at the centre of the universe, we end up being in a position which is very easily threatened. The self-centered, self-righteous individuals have to spend a lot of time and energy protecting their image, their position and their possessions. They end up even more miserable and insecure than before. And, as if that were not enough, these people try to inflict their own misery and self-doubt on others. Generally, the Pharisees serve as a very graphic and powerful testimony of what happens when people put their confidence in the flesh, and try to be a "somebody".

The self-centred, self-righteous individuals have to spend a lot of time and energy protecting their image, their position and their possessions.

"I Am a Nobody"

Our second "self" view comes when we understand that however great our abilities and accomplishments, we cannot put our confidence in the flesh. For this to happen, we must come to terms with who we are. This insight does not come from the voice of ego, self-righteousness or self-importance. Rather, it comes from the voice of God, and is based on our relationship with Him, as His people. Paul says, "For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh" (verse 3). His fleshly "self-identity" was impressive (vs. 4-6). Yet, Paul put no confidence in it. Instead, he considered it as loss (v. 7), even as rubbish (v. 8). There were at least two reasons for him to do this.

First, putting confidence in the flesh interferes with the new identity and role we have in Christ. The old self is dead. Why should we waste any energy trying to maintain its image, position, power or prestige? As a result, we no longer try to maintain our control over God by telling Him what we will or will not do.

Second, we put no confidence in the flesh because of the "surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus" our Lord (v. 8). This is more than an intellectual knowledge. It has been said that as a boy, Nikita Khrushchev won prizes for his ability to quote from the Bible. While he may have known many of the words, he did not know the author. For the Christian, knowing Jesus is the pearl of great price or the treasure in the field which a man would give up everything to possess. It is not that these other things have no value or importance to us. Because of our natures, they do. Rather, it is that we have come to recognize an even greater value. Seeing the priceless treasure God has offered, we have freely chosen to give up "self". It is only when our desire to know and to be found in Christ brings us to voluntarily submit and surrender to Him, that we can begin to discover the joy of being a servant.

"I Am Christ's Servant"

Paul typifies this process. What he has asserted in verses 4-6 is that by fleshly standards he really was a "somebody". He was, as William Barclay once suggested, one of the "spiritual athletes of Judaism". This is not just the wishful boasting that seeks to compensate for feelings of personal inadequacy. Rather, it was a record of success and achievement of which any Jew of Paul's day would have been proud. Despite the potential for self-exaltation such a record might have created, Paul declared himself to be nothing, the worst of sinners (1 Tim. 1:16). When some of the Corinthians tried to elevate him, along with Peter and Apollos, to a celebrity status, Paul responded by saying that they were "only servants through whom you came to believe" (1 Cor. 3:5). And that none of them were anything (v. 7).

Based on this attitude, Paul admonishes, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves"

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EDITORIAL

What Did Jesus Really Say?

By this time next week, we expect to be aboard a Boeing 747 crossing the Pacific. The Lord willing, we shall be on the way to Bangalore, South India, for a three- or four-month period of work among brethren whom we have known and loved through the years. It is a challenge for us senior citizens to venture so far afield again, but our trust is in the Lord. Without faith in His promises, our plans for the next several months would quickly become a foolish endeavour.

It is disquieting to know that even as the story of the Christ is carried to almost every major city of the world, there are those who are working hard to cast doubts on the authenticity and historicity of the four Gospels. In substance, what they are saying is that these accounts of the life of Jesus Christ on earth are partly the product of the faith of the early Christian community. These believers are said to have altered sayings and events to suit their need for a systematic witness to His life, death and resurrection. Once one has accepted this assessment, it is difficult not to arrive ultimately at Rudolf Bultmann's conclusion: "The resurrection itself is not an event of past history".

The best reply to such a statement is given to early Christians by the apostle Paul: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17).

An example of such attempts to deny the authenticity of the Gospels is reported by Evelyn Eppes in **The Toronto Globe and Mail**, November 8, 1991. It is a report of the "Jesus Seminar" which met recently in Edmonton, Alberta. Scholars from the United States and Canada met to consider what Jesus actually said as compared to the sayings attributed to Him by the early church. Among participants in the seminar were representatives of a number of liberal Protestant bodies and at least one Roman Catholic seminary. It is somewhat ironic that the main organizer of the gathering was Robert Funk, who comes from a Disciples of Christ background. Obviously, he would presently have little in common with the Restoration Movement.

The seminar will produce some conclusions next spring in a series of articles entitled, "Five Gospels, One Jesus: What Did Jesus Really Say?"

If you take notice of the number "five" in the title, it is because they give considerable attention to the so-called "Gospel of Thomas". This apocryphal gospel was found with the Nag Hammadi collection which evidently was buried near the Nile River about 400 A.D. and found in 1945. It is a collection of the traditional sayings, prophecies, proverbs and parables of Jesus. Some of the sayings of this 'Gospel of Thomas' have parallels in the Synoptic Gospels. According to modern numeration, there are altogether 114 sayings. These are designated "secret sayings which the living Jesus spoke and which Didymos Judas Thomas wrote down". They evidently were written about 200 A.D. It is evident that the writer was influenced by the heretical Gnostic theology of that period.

Although many of the "sayings" are parallel to or echoes of the canonical Gospels, some are very different. As an example of these differences, one will be impressed by the answer of Jesus Christ to Simon Peter, which is found in the final "saying". Peter suggests to the others, "Let Mary leave us; for women are not worthy of Life". Jesus supposedly answers, "I myself shall lead her in order to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every woman who will make herself male will enter the Kingdom of Heaven".

Who can believe that Jesus really said this (except those who are trying to discredit Him)? This spurious gospel cannot be accepted along with the four canonical Gospels. Among the great promises of Jesus to His followers was that after His departure the Holy Spirit. ". . .will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you". There is abundant evidence that He kept his promise.

As we venture out to teach and preach in faraway places, it is with a firm belief that Jesus did speak the Great Commission. It is also very comforting to know that the final sentence of that commission is a promise of His presence with His followers to the end of time. Who could ask for more?

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Value of Christian Magazines

by J.C. Choate

We are so blessed in our country, yet we take so much for granted. For example, how many of us receive one or more of the magazines that are published by our brethren? How many of us read the ones that we get? The fact is that there are enough of us over the land that we can stay in contact with each other, help one another, and work together to the point that we do not feel the great need for literature of any kind. If we do have a need, then, of course, it also is always met. But what about much of the rest of the world, where there are only a few congregations and where individual Christians may find themselves isolated from their brethren?

What about those countries where there are so few missionaries and not enough local preachers to work with the congregations? It is in places like this that Christian literature, and especially a good monthly magazine, can make all of the difference. Such a magazine makes it possible to stay in contact with these brethren, to keep feeding them basic Bible teaching that will sustain them, strengthen them, and help them to hold on until they are stronger or until a preacher can be sent to them.

The longer I serve the Lord in foreign fields, the more convinced I am of the great importance of using monthly magazines to put materials into the hands of the local people on a regular basis. Whether it is sent to a Christian or to one who is not a Christian, it is going to bear fruit in time. Not only will the individual who receives it be helped, but also his family, relatives, friends, and any others who frequent his home may come across that magazine and be influenced by it. Not only so, but that magazine may continue in that home for years or be taken elsewhere and it may go on influencing any and all who read it. Now where else could you find such a bargain?

I have visited countries like Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Ghana and many others, and I have found that a good Christian magazine going out month after month would do wonders in those countries. Again, in all of those places there are not enough workers to stay in contact with the scattered Christians. As a result, they are left to themselves for the most part, and over a period of time they either die spiritually or they drift into error on various points. In recent times some of the congregations in Korea have brought mechanical music into their worship. Others have accepted the title of Pastor for their preacher. In other nations, brethren have gone off after these things or other false teachings, whether it be belief in modern miracles, speaking in tongues, the one-cup question, having fellowship with denominational churches, or other such things. But the sad part is that many of these congregations and individual Christians could have been spared this if only they had been fed on a regular basis with sound Christian literature.

In third world countries, in particular, we have a number of things going for us. In the first place, the people as a whole are starved for reading materials. Many of them will read anything they can get their hands on. Why not move in and print literature that will be good and wholesome, that will teach them of Christ, and will seek to influence them to become believers in Him and to encourage them to obey His teaching? The printing presses are wide open for these purposes, and prices in most cases are very reasonable. Most of these countries also have a good postal system, where postage is inexpensive on the local level and where a monthly magazine, Bible correspondence courses, tracts, books, etc., can be sent all over the country and into neighboring countries. In some places a postal permit can be obtained that enables this literature to be sent out at even lower rates.

Brethren, help us to use these methods to evangelize the world. The time is right, the opportunity is there, the church has the resources, if we will only use them. There is nothing to stop us but ourselves. How our hearts bleed to see all of these needs, these opportunities and to see the little that is being done to take advantage of them. Surely the Lord will not be patient with us forever.

--Winona, Mississippi

Joy of Becoming A Servant

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(Phil. 2:3). Rather than allowing ourselves to be used for selfish and ignoble purposes, we are to cleanse ourselves from these and be instruments "for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work" (2 Tim. 2:21). There are to be no celebrities in the church, only servants. As a result, all are seeking to be useful to God, and to accomplish His purposes.

Too often human service has been approached like the maid who says "I don't do windows". Jesus admonishes a different attitude, one of both obedience and humble submission. "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded, say 'We are unworthy slaves, we have done only that which we ought to have done'" (Luke 17:10). Trying to be a "somebody", having to worry about maintaining and protecting our image, prestige, position, power or ego, brings only frustration and fear. Similarly, being a "nobody" brings emptiness and pain. It is only when we truly become Christ's servants, and are being useful and pleasing to Him that we find fulfillment and joy, because of the surpassing worth of knowing Him as our Lord.

--Winnipeg, Manitoba

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My Word Is My Bond

by Peter Morphy

It happened not too long ago. . .Johnny and Paul were just young boys playing ball in the neighbour's yard when tragedy happened. Johnny threw the ball as hard as he could, and it went terribly out of control. Time stood still for an instant as the wild pitch was captured by the huge glass windows at the Jones' house. Johnny was very popular in the neighborhood and was the school hero. Later that day Paul was questioned by his mother concerning the broken glass. That's not all that was breaking. Paul was in a dilemma; if he told the truth, he would be considered a rat, a tattle tale and a loser. He might possibly loose all his friends. So, he closed his heart, ignored his conscience and vowed that he knew nothing about the Jones' window.

That same day, Jane was feeling especially tired, depressed and discouraged. She had been married only two years to Steve, a criminal lawyer by profession. He was already in the habit of working 14-hour days and many weekends. For some time now, Jane was fighting feelings of rejection and loneliness. Today something unexpected happened. She met an old high school friend -- one thing led to another, and by the time the night was over, she had an affair. While driving home, as hard as she tried, she couldn't stop her thoughts from going back two years earlier to her wedding day. She could hear ever so clearly the exchanging of wedding vows. . .''I will always be faithful to my husband, Steve, and to him alone.''

How many times have we been in a situation where it was easier to be unfaithful to our words than to be truthful? Maybe it was, in our own minds, the right thing to do. Besides, if no one finds out and no one gets hurt, then what is the difference? We always seem to find a way to justify our actions when our heart is not right with God. Our conscience is often suppressed very effectively until God is mentioned. What does He have to say concerning the issue of lying? If you feel uncomfortable and unsettled about lies in the past, present or future and would like to know what God thinks, then let's consider some facts.

In Proverbs 6:17-19, there are six things that God hates, and seven which are an abomination to Him. Although I do not believe this list is exhaustive, it must be reasonably complete. The Lord could have listed countless sins and evils without seeming redundant. Two of the six mentioned concern lying: ''a lying tongue'' and ''a false witness who utters lies'', obviously leaving only four spots for all other sin. Is this a signal that should sound off an alarm to us? Let's be honest. We all have a problem controlling our tongue. According to James, we are perfect, if we can bridle our tongue (3:2ff). This is not a license to sin with our tongue, but a stern warning to be aware of potential destruction caused by our words.

Jesus in the sermon on the mount commands us to be honest, truthful and reliable when we speak (Matt. 5:33-37). There is no need for a Christian to ''swear'' by heaven or earth or Jerusalem or their head. We don't need to confirm the validity of our statements with an oath because every word we speak is reliable. Simply let your ''yes'' mean yes and your ''no'' mean no. Make it your resolve, whether you are in a court of law or before authorities over you, with your friends on the street or on your knees in prayer to always tell the truth. Sometimes the price may be high. You may loose friends and family. You may loose an employment opportunity of a dignified position. Perhaps one day it may cost your life. Many of the early Christians were persecuted, and some were even killed, for telling the truth. Contrast the lies Peter told to save his life after Jesus was arrested (Matt. 26:69-75) with the price John the Baptist paid for telling the truth concerning Herod and his immoral relationship (Matt. 14:1ff).

The price people pay for lying can also be severe. Some people are stained with bitterness and unpleasant memories of lies once told and the consequences on themselves and loved ones. Others continue to reap from the lies once sown in strained, weak and sometimes even severed relationships. They are viewed by most people as being no longer trustworthy, reliable or believable -- all credibility is lost. There have been those who have even lost their lives because of lies (Acts 5:1ff). Make it your ambition to be a person of integrity, honesty and reliability, not only in your actions but your words also.

One has to wonder why God hates lying and false witness so much. It reaches into the top six on the sin chart (Proverbs 6:16-19). I am sure some view ''white lies'', deception and in some cases ''big'' lies both necessary and appropriate (such as in cases called ''situation ethics''). When this belief system is applied to God and His nature, we reach the logical conclusion that God's word may not always be reliable. Maybe God did not mean what He said. Maybe He has deceived us. Maybe God will take back His promises or change His mind. This reasoning is both absurd and impossible. God is reliable and His word is trustworthy. We must never project our mortal human flaws on the Divine. ''God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of a man, that he should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good'' (Numbers 23:19)? God will not lie, deceive nor change his mind. All of the intellect, knowledge, and wisdom of man will fade and disappear like the flower of the field; but the word of God will remain forever (1 Peter 1:24). God's word and His promises are so true and sure that even God Himself will not, and cannot, revoke them (Romans 11:29). Instead He has interposed His word with an oath. Since God's purpose is unchangeable

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Joy Robber

by Don Smith

The phone rings. A friend says, "You'll never believe it. My wealthy uncle has invited me and a friend to spend some time on his private island. I'm inviting you. A limo will pick you up at your door tomorrow at 7:00 a.m. and bring you to the airport. We'll board a private jet and fly to the southern tip of the USA. A yacht will be waiting for us to take us to the island. Just a few days of 'do whatever you like'. Eat, sleep, fish, golf and tennis. All expenses paid. **Will you come?**"

Trying not to explode with excitement, we mumble, "Yes". Hang up the phone and then jump up and down like a hungry monkey who was just handed the biggest banana of his life.

Wow! What a time I'm going to have! Then, we start to think. Job -- school -- kids -- responsibilities. A survey says that eight out of ten of us would call back within the half hour and decline the invitation -- without even asking for time off or trying to arrange a place for the kids. No. Can't go. Don't deserve it. And then mope around thinking that nothing good ever comes our way.

Have you ever asked God to open a few doors for you? He always does. Then we find a hundred reasons why we shouldn't walk through those doors. Right?

Seems to me that God just wants a relationship with us. That He loves us and wants to bless us. The one obstacle that keeps getting in our way -- us!

We can blame our Christian "blues" on Satan, if we want. I have heard some Christians even blame God that He never does anything for them.

I don't think God robs us of our joy, do you? Nope, I rob myself on a fairly regular basis. The New Testament writer asked the question, "who has robbed you of your joy?" That's easy. . .me! How about you? Allow God to bring out the best in you. Don't let yourself, and others, rob you of joy.

--Sundridge, Ontario

What Are You For?

by Don Smith

Have you ever wondered, "What am I for?" You know what I mean. . .shoes are for wearing, ships are for sailing, violins are for music but, what are you for? What is the reason for your existence?

William Barclay says that there are two great days in every man's life: the day he was born and the day he discovers why he was born.

In the late 1800's in New England, school children would recite each morning, "The sole purpose of man is to love God and enjoy him forever". Sounds good to me.

Christopher Wren helped design St. Paul's Cathedral. One day, Wren decided to visit the work site. He zeroed in on the stone masons, asking only one question to each. "What are you doing?"

The first said, "I'm trying to earn a few shillings for my family." The second said, "I'm making a design so the cathedral will look nice." However, the last stone mason responded, "What am I doing? Well, Christopher Wren and I are building St. Paul's Cathedral!"

Think about it! If God asked us, "What are you doing with your life?", what would you say? Somebody might say, I'm trying not to go to hell." Another might say, "I'm trying to be a Christian, you know. . .going to church, listening to sermons and giving a dollar or two." Just maybe someone would say, "What am I doing with my life? Well, God is living in me and together we're letting His love and kindness and forgiveness be seen."

How would you respond?

Ephesians says to live to the praise of God's glory. Jesus says to let your light shine, and Peter says to let people see God living in you.

What are you for? What is the reason for your existence? *--Sundridge, Ontario*

Words to Live By

by George Mansfield

Against the backdrop of the rocky coast of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus and his followers conversed about important and relevant things. Part of that communication, recorded in Matthew 16:18, is, "I will build my church".

What Jesus promised, he performed. A few years later, Paul spoke of this as being already in existence (Acts 20:28). In fact, not only had it come into being, but it would surely remain against all foes, for Jesus said, "the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

What is this "thing" or "organization" or "organism"? The Greeks had a word for it.

Ekklesia, the word employed by Jesus, comes from two Greek words: *Ek* - "out of", and *Kaleo* - "a calling". Jesus was saying, "I will construct my called out".

That this is not an "ecclesiastical" or religious term is easily seen when we understand that ekklesia was the common way of describing the legislative assembly in ancient Greece. The Bible corroborates this fact for us, too. Please read Acts 19, noting verses 32 and 39. Here we have, first of all, a riotous mob, in confusion called an assembly or ekklesia. They had been called out of their homes by their own curiosity and desire to be part of a movement "which did not know for what cause they had come together". Then, the town clerk suggests a better way to settle the matter at hand -- a lawful assembly or ekklesia.

The church that Jesus promised to build is well-described by ekklesia. The people who make up this spiritual gathering of physical beings have been "called out of darkness and into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). This calling came by the preaching and accepting of the gospel (2 Thess. 2:14).

Truly, the ekklesia of God is that called-out body of redeemed ones who live in the world but have their citizenship in heaven.

--Grimsby, Ontario

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Where Are The Nine?

by Earl Weldon

In Luke 17 we find the account of the 10 lepers -- where Jesus cleansed them -- all 10. Most often this text is used to show gratitude as a virtue, but I wish to use it to teach ungratefulness -- absenteeism! The time for thanksgiving had arrived, and where were the nine? Why were they absent? They had a heart problem -- all ten lepers had the same reason to return and thank the Lord for their cleansing, but only one chose to do so. Where were the nine? It is my belief that if their hearts had been right, they would have returned joyously to pay honour to the Lord. Let us make some practical applications from this lesson in a setting of the typical congregation.

Where are the nine? It is 10:00 Sunday morning. Many who have received the cleansing of the Lord return to the assembly to study the Bible. But many are missing. Where are the others? Were not all of them cleansed by His blood? Why did only this small number return to give glory to God? Does not the failure of the nine lepers to return to give thanks show that something was wrong with their hearts? When Christians do not show up for Bible study on Sunday morning, can we doubt that they have defective hearts? Is something not wrong with a person's heart when he/she is not interested in studying the Bible? Where are they anyway? Sleeping late? Too lazy to come? Do they have no need for Bible study? Something is wrong with their hearts when they sleep late, are too lazy, too busy or are not interested in attending Sunday School! Where are the nine?

The time is Sunday evening. Some have returned to worship God. But the number has decreased considerably. Many who were present for morning worship did not choose to return to worship God tonight. I ask, Where are all the others? Most of the pews were nearly filled at the morning worship hour, but now over half of the seats are empty. Where are the others? Someone may respond, "They are not here because they cannot find a Bible verse that says, 'You must return on Sunday night'." Food for thought for such irreverent and irresponsible reasoning is: "Did Jesus command the lepers to return?" What the nine lepers needed that those who reason thusly need is not a command but a change of heart. The heart they have is too full of self and the world. What is really needed is more love for God, for the lost, for the church and less love of self. The one leper who returned is proof of what the others should have done. "So Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?'" (Luke 17:17). A fact to be realized is that the most faithful return to worship God on Sunday night. Where are the others?

Now the time is Wednesday night. Those who show up tonight are still less in number. Where are the others? The answer can be multifaceted -- some are too tired, too busy (job more important now), watching TV, taking their children to that all-important recreation program that they need so much in life (Wednesday night Bible class can wait; this is very, very important to my child's well-being.), watching their children play ball and others just do not see the need to drive all the way in to study and assemble with the saints. Is there nothing wrong with one's heart when he sits at home in an easy chair while Christians meet to feed on the "bread of life"? You would not try to excuse the nine lepers for their absenteeism. Why try to excuse yourself, if you are like the nine who did not return to thank the Lord?

We could go on ad infinitum, but the point to be made is simple -- all of these are times for thanksgiving, and where are the nine? Friend, if you are a child of God, you made a commitment to Him to give your life to Him, and when we are as the nine lepers, we are a hindrance to His cause rather than an asset. I am well aware that words can stir the human emotions and can cause anger -- I also realize that one day you and I will have to stand before God and give an account of ourselves, and I do not wish to be responsible for your souls without having done all I could to persuade you to be a thanksgiving person. To you who are like the one leper -- God bless you and keep you with that kind of heart. (Article idea from a sermon by Franklin Camp.) *--Ottawa, Ontario*

The Second Coming of Christ

by Les Cramp

The Second coming of Christ is a subject that has prompted much speculation by "would-be prophets". Some have tried to predict the day or the way, and we might add, without success.

This speculation is prompted because there are some things God did not tell us about this glorious event. However, He did tell us all we need to know. In fact, the Bible abounds with much clear teaching relevant to the subject.

When is He Coming?

Jesus stated very clearly and plainly that no man knows. Mark 13:32, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man; no not even the angels of heaven neither the Son, but the Father.": You can be sure that, if God did not share the time with His Son, no mortal man is privileged to the information.

The important thing is not **when** He is coming but **that** He is coming. The Bible makes it sure without question, **Christ will return.** John 14:1-3 states, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there you may be also."

Other scriptures like Hebrews 9:28 and 2 Thess. 1:7-10 add to the proof that **Christ will return.**

How Will Christ Return?

In the first chapter of Acts, as the people stood gazing in amazement at the ascension of Christ, two men in white clothing sought to respond to their amazement and also gave an answer to our question. We read in Acts 1:11, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

Rev. 1:7 confirms the same thought. "Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the peoples of

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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I Am Adopted!

by Sheryl Duell

How many of us at some time in our lives have felt that our parents were not our true parents but that we were adopted? I remember saying just such a thing to a girlfriend after a disagreement with my mother. I was sure she didn't understand me, but I knew my "real" mother would have understood.

As I got older, I remember reading and hearing many stories of adopted children. Some of the stories were very sad because many of the children never knew they were adopted until either they or their parents faced a life-threatening disease or death and a blood test would reveal the terrible message to the world that "This child was adopted -- therefore unwanted -- bad seed -- undesirable!"

Psychiatrists probably spent a lot of time in trying to help these poor victims understand that it is alright to be adopted.

Occasionally there would be a story of a child who was adopted by openly loving, caring, understanding parents who told him or her as soon as they were able to understand that they had been adopted. They were careful to point out and emphasize that, when the adoption took place, the child was chosen from more than one. "We could have adopted other children but we **chose** you." What a wonderful feeling that would impact! Being born, your parents have no choice, but being adopted is being specifically chosen.

This afternoon, as I was reading Galatians 4, I came across verse five in which we are told that we are the adopted children of God. Because of this **chosen** adoption, we are not merely **servants** of God, but we are the sons of God, with the rights of any son or daughter.

We have the right to call Him Father (Abba) and not just Master. We have the right to feel chosen and special. We have the right to claim our inheritance -- the Kingdom of God. We also, like all children, need to obey the "house rules".

Once we realize the fact that we are chosen by our Father, who would ever want to disclaim their parentage and become an unwanted orphan? An orphan has no one to call father; no brothers or sisters or anyone to love, protect and comfort him. . . no real future to look forward to being blessed with an inheritance. He has only a life of loneliness -- a feeling of not belonging and a need to learn to stand alone.

What a joy and privilege to know that even if we do become as orphans for a little while, we have an all-forgiving Father. Like the Prodigal son, we simply need to return home and seek forgiveness of our Father and all of our rights will be returned. How much more peace and comfort we can enjoy in having a Father who loves us. A Father who knows our limitations and loves us enough to guide us in our ways (through His Word) that we may grow in wisdom and stature. His rule book shows us just how much our Father truly loves us. As any earthly father has rules for the household, so does our Father in heaven.

I thank my Father that He chose me out of many and that . . .I am adopted!

--Owen Sound, Ontario

My Word is My Bond

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and it is impossible for Him to lie, we have an anchor for our soul both sure and steadfast (Hebrews 6:13-20).

Do not loose heart! Don't give up! God will fulfill every promise He has made. God can be trusted and His word will never fail or change. Resolve today to not only trust God at His word but also imitate his faithfulness by making your word your bond.

--Toronto, Ontario

The Second Coming of Christ

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the earth will mourn because of Him."

When the Lord comes, he will come with the angels, with a mighty shout, and with the trumpet of God (1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7).

Why Will He Return?

We have already seen one reason from the previous passage in John 14. He is coming back to take the faithful home to the place He has prepared for them in heaven. A similar statement is repeated in 1 Thess. 4:16, "and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, **and so shall we ever be with the Lord**".

He is also coming to render justice to the disobedient. John 5:28, 29, "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear this voice and come out -- those who have done good will rise to live, and **those who have done evil will rise to be condemned**" (see also 2 Thess. 1:8; Matt. 25:32; 1 Peter 5:4).

--Copied from the Meaford bulletin

Apology

We regret that someone in the Art Department at our printer's carlessly covered up the credit line on the front page picture of the November issue of the **Gospel Herald**.

Our apology is extended to Douglas Walsh of Moncton, New Brunswick, whose photography should have been identified. *--E.C.P.*

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NEWS — EAST —

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Sherbrooke, PQ: A French-speaking man from Switzerland (about 18 miles from where Doyle Kee labours), who is spending one year in the US, has been baptized in Sherbrooke and continues to study with Albert Charette. He will be there until December 15.

The Sherbrooke church is meeting on the second floor of a downtown bank building. Besides an auditorium, the facility provides three classrooms and two offices. Half of the $800 rental, which includes utilities, is being paid by this small congregation.

Ottawa, ON: "We are happy to report that the Lord's work in Ottawa goes well. Recent baptisms have been encouraging. Those baptized were: Rick Parton, Sean Parton, Kena Pena and Andre Marcoux (baptized in Timmins in June and worships here). We have several new families who have placed membership with us and they are: Doug Paul family from Pennsylvania, Arnold Franks family from Connecticut and Scott Wise (co-op student from Regina).

Ladies' Day '91 was a great success to God' glory.. The ladies of this congregation are very special and are to be commended for their dedication and love for the Lord's work. They look forward to Ladies' Day '92.

The lectures for 1992 are now in their final planning stages, and we are getting excited about them. There has been a change in the name -- from "Eastern Canada Lectures" to "Eastern Ontario Bible Lectures" to satisfy those who thought we did not know the East from the West. The same commitment will be to the newly named lectureship as to the old. The "Eastern Ontario Bible Lectures '92" theme is, "Needed: Godly Men to Lead" (Deut 1:13 -- "Choose wise, understanding, and experienced men. . ."). The dates are April 24, 25, 26 1992! Mark you calendars now and plan to be present. We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time. A warm welcome awaits you at Riverview Park. Please honour us with your presence every time you are in Ottawa." *--Earl Weldon*

Cornwall (Dover Road), ON: "We just had three days working a booth at a Home and Trade Show. We've made some good contacts. . ."

--Bev Bojarski

Toronto (Strathmore), ON: Peter Morphy is contacting congregations in an effort to increase support from $1,000 to $2,500 per month so that both he and Judy can serve full-time in the ministry.

The door-to-door campaign begun in the spring continues. Informal Bible discussions in members' homes in communities throughout the city have begun.

Five of our teens are attending GLCC this year.

The Spanish effort, led by brother Santiago, has seven home Bible studies and 125 Bible studies by mail including 35 new students during the last three months.

Attendance is averaging around 40 and several men are developing leadership abilities.

Brother Santiago will take part in a meeting of preachers from the Caribbean, Central and South America, the United States and Canada, in Nicaragua, November 25 to December 7. He will be preaching in a campaign in Managua.

A campaign is planned for Toronto for July 13-26, 1992 with three preachers from Central America and one from Texas.

Bramalea, ON: Attendance at the Youth Festival numbered 35. Bob and Martha Lewis of Longmont, Colorado led in growth studies here Nov. 14-17.

Ivan Whittington of Mississauga, a brother of Fred, is now recognized as a member at Bramalea.

Hamilton (West), ON: Sharon Rutton was baptized into Christ on Oct. 2.

Beamsville, ON: The cooperative housing apartments opposite the building are near completion, and applications are being processed.

St. Catharines, ON: "Carlos Hernandez from El Salvador has lived in St. Catharines for several years, often passing the St. Catharines church building. Years ago he was baptized into Christ in El Salvador. He noticed our sign and contacted Gordon Harris some time ago. On Sunday, November 10, he was restored to the church. We welcome him into our church family.

"Several classes of our Bible school students had a costume party on November 8. They dressed as Biblical characters, visited members' homes, asking to be identified. What a delight to welcome these eager young students into our homes!

"Joe Molnar, long-time member of the church here, died on October 17. Left to mourn his passing are his wife Bette; son, Michael and Cathy; and daughter, Michelle.

Welland, ON: The church in Welland conducted a very successful meeting with Walter Hart from October 27-30. His talks were on the theme of "Stress", and this attracted a number of visitors from outside our fellowship. A total of around 15 attended altogether, some every night. Two of the sessions were held in the municipal library, and this "neutral" hall seemed to be less threatening to some.

We are convinced that such a series as this, on subjects of general interest that meet felt needs, will open doors for evangelizing which might not otherwise be opened. Next fall we plan to have Ron Pauls with us for a similar series on "Communications Within the Family".

--S.F. Timmerman

The treasurer reports that 23 churches and 2 foundations have given $7,625 and 21 individuals have given $1,653 for a total of $9,278 for the Zambia project.

Clothing, books, literature, equipment and medical supplies have been assembled and prepared at the old Tintern church building and appear to be sufficient to fill the container. Shipping arrangements are in process.

Port Colborne, ON: A grandmother, "Lorraine Haun, and her mother, Marie Gendron", were added to the kingdom during October. Studies with them and family members continue.

The seniors (55 and up) have organized a get-together, and any interested persons in the area are encouraged to contact them.

"The teen group organized a Halloween party for the whole congregation."

--The Publications Ministry

North Buffalo, NY: A recent bulletin listed Christopher Ervin as a "new brother". Also Harold Maxwell, who recently moved to the area, was restored.

Brantford, ON: Twelve participated in a Personal Evangelism Workshop and a follow-up session is planned to "help

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NEWS — PRAIRIES —

by Brian Cox
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Manson, MB: Just after New Years, we mailed out Lesson Invitations to all the surrounding area. We had 29 responses with 14 following up with the lessons. Since brother DeYoung left, we have had mutual edification. We invite a preacher to come once a month. Brother Willet was our last visiting preacher. We are planning a New Year's Eve Fellowship at the rink here in Manson. All the brethren around the area will be invited to come. *--Gilbert Jacobs*

Weyburn, SK: The work in Weyburn continues with love, fellowship and devotion. We recently had members of the Jacobs family from across Canada visiting and helping us celebrate Mickel Jacobs' 75th birthday.

About 30 of our members travelled to Dauphin for the annual lectureship. Hearing brother Gary Montgomery was a real treat. We have six of our own young people attending Western this year as well as some of our members' grandchildren. We commend the school staff and board for their dedication and fine work in shaping our young men and women.

We are presently involved in a training class for men interested in speaking before congregations from time to time. Eight men are enrolled and we hope, when the class is completed, to send them out to small area congregations once in a while. We will also use them locally with one Sunday night a month being set aside for one of them to speak for us here in Weyburn.

We are also attempting to arrange for a video tape "Lending Library" for churches in western Canada. This would involve tapes produced by the Waterview church in Richardson, Texas, and made available at no charge beyond postage. In conjunction with this we would maintain a listing of tapes other congregations have which they would be willing to lend out as well. We hope this will help strengthen the church in Western Canada and help us use our funds more effectively. *--Mike Stone*

Brandon, MB: We have been active in several ministries over the summer and fall of 1991. For several months, early in the year, the congregation had monthly meetings with former VBS students to reinforce earlier teaching with films on good moral issues. In the summer of this year, a picnic was hosted by the church at a Brandon park with all those students as guests.

The congregation is quite sensitive to the needs of others as Jesus taught us by his ministry of compassion to the crowds. This year the congregation has given funds to assist an immigrant family who have no relatives in Canada. Health problems, disability, pain and insecurity have haunted the family until an operation was the only answer and that was in the strange surroundings of St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg. The Brandon church assisted the family financially in that crisis and brought them a practical message of how Christ's own help others.

The job market overrules at times, and Brandon has felt that when Edward Gatey was transferred to Selkirk. His wife, Audrey and three children are left behind at Brandon until their real estate sells and they join him there. But we are aware that we are losing this valuable family to our fellowship.

The McFarlanes, Gordon, Jean and Cathie, have been on holidays all the way to Halifax but have now returned to Brandon. Brent Olson has moved to Souris. Charla Muller is a student in Dauphin now in her second year there. Paul and Janice Derkach have moved to the village of Kenmay some 7 miles west of Brandon but they are always active in good works and teaching. Hugh Manson has moved to Saskatoon. In Jerusalem they were "coming in and going out" and it is so at Brandon as well.

On October 20 a group of youth singers from Dauphin was at Brandon for the evening service to encourage us in Christian song. We have had several meetings lately to plan our work and ministries for the coming months. With this we rejoice in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

--Jim Pennington

Moose Jaw, SK: During the month of September we were happy to welcome Sean, Winona and Sarah Morland to our congregation. Sean is taking a course at the S.I.A.S.T. Campus. Winona is the daughter of Dennis and Karen Quilliams. During the latter part of September and the beginning of October, we accepted the responsibility of holding short services at various care homes in Moose Jaw. The senior citizens seemed to enjoy the singing, reading and visiting very much. September marked the beginning of our fall Sunday School quarter. Letters of invitation were sent out to all children who had attended our VBS to attend our regular Sunday School program. A request for assistance from a family in the community for bedding, towels, groceries and school books was met by this congregation.

The ladies' Secret Prayer sister program began once again the middle of September, with 22 ladies participating. This session will run until the end of January '92. Ladies' Tuesday morning Bible study started again for the fall/winter/spring session on October 1. This class meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The ladies meet at 9:30 and have coffee and visiting for half an hour and start their class at 10:00.

A pillar of the church here in Moose Jaw graduated to his eternal reward on October 5 at the age of 102. Brother Mervyn Goodwin was a committed Christian to the very end of his life. The funeral service was on October 8, conducted by Bruce Tetreau (nephew of brother Goodwin) and Dwight Morris. "Grandpa Goodwin" will be missed by all, but "Blessed are those who die in the Lord!"

It was with regret that the resignation of Dwight Morris, preacher for this congregation, was accepted by the elders. The Morrises plan to stay in Moose Jaw, where Dwight hopes to find employment. We are glad that they will still be part of our congregation.

Don Maxwell has accepted the responsibility of being Mayor of Elbow. We know Don's Christian attitude and values will be reflected in his new position. Don and Margo are very well-respected by the townspeople in Elbow.

--Dan Goud

Regina, SK: Thirteen preachers (Allen Close and Bob Parker, Saskatoon; Ron Hegdahl and Norm Weatherhead, Portage; Blair Roberts, Dauphin; Brian Cox, Wawota; John Smith, Yorkton; Tim Pippus, Estevan; Dwight Morris, Moose Jaw; Glen MacDonald, Gravelbourg; Scott Roberts, Steve and Ray McMillan, Regina) met October 28 for our fall preachers' fellowship. It was a time of sharing the good and the discouraging. It is unfortunate that so many miles stretch out between us here on the prairies. We need each other!

Our next meeting will be on April 10

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NEWS — FAR WEST —

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Edmonton, AB: In the latest report, the average attendance here is 236, with 14 baptisms to date. The L.I.F.E. groups are again all under way. Attendance at these is averaging 67% of the Sunday attendance. The small group evangelistic studies are also having an average of 11 non-members of the church visiting. There are six weekly studies, and seven one-on-one studies going at this time.

Eric Limb and Francis Pati, elder of this church, reported on a trip to Fort McMurray to encourage the workers in that new effort. They named two sisters, Liz and Di, who were baptized in October, becoming sisters in the spirit as well as in the flesh.

Alberta Youth Rally was held in October, with young people present from Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Camrose, as well as Edmonton.

Scott Laird, local evangelist, was in Saskatoon in a series of lessons on evangelism in early October.

Glen Dods spoke in a series of meetings on New Testament Christianity in late October. More than 20 non-members attended.

Vancouver (East Side), BC: Frank McLure writes: "We have had many blessings and challenges in the past year. In September, 1990, Henry and Rhodelia Bravo arrived from the Philippines to work with us. These dedicated young Christians are a wonderful example of the true meaning of serving others.

"In January, 1991, Jack and Glen Cundy left us to take up the work as administrators of the Mobile Christian Health Unit (Church of Christ) in Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa. It is a great honor to be their sponsoring congregation. We would be happy to add your name to our newsletter address list for news of their work. See our address in the Directory at the back of the **Herald.** Funds are urgently needed for the work in West Africa."

Tacoma (Southside), WA: Raymond and Lori Colston have been baptized into Christ and Tracy Courtright has placed membership here.

Roy and Norma Knott have completed a mission trip to Sydney, Australia. Roy spoke at the lectureship at Macquarrie School of Biblical Studies and visited with Don and Maxine Klingenberg, who are sponsored in their work in Australia by the Southside congregation. They have been in service to the Lord and His church in Australia for 20 years. Don teaches full-time at the school, and he and his wife travel to many parts of Australia, encouraging the church. Students at the school are trained in several areas of ministry. Churches in Australia are using these students as they graduate.

News Prairies

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when we plan an afternoon with Lynn Anderson of Dallas. Lynn will be in Regina for our Spring Renewal (formerly known as Leadership Rally). We invite our prairie friends to mark their calendars for this uplifting event when Lynn will be focusing on the theme Stepping into the Unknown (The Church Faces Chilly Winds of Change).

--Ray McMillan

Dauphin, MB: In September we welcomed 100 students to our congregation bringing the Sunday attendance to nearly 160. Three students submitted their lives to Christ in baptism. They are Chad Parker and Brent Elsaesser from Regina and Rebecca Gunter-Smith from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. We also welcomed Sharon Olson, who came to teach at WCC. In August Blair and Susan Roberts and children began their work with our congregation. We have been handing out a brochure introducing the Roberts to the community of Dauphin and inviting them to a four-lesson Bible Study. The first study begins in November. The van has gone out twice in October to Yorkton and Arden to encourage and help with the worship services in these places. The budgeted figure at Lectureship was exceeded by $323. This amount was used to help the Central congregation of Winnipeg send Roy Merritt to India and to assist the Medicine Hat congregation with the support of their new minister. *--Don Husband*

Gravelbourg, SK: We regretfully had to cancel our seminar on Grief and Bereavement because our speaker, Ted Archbold, was ill. We hope to reschedule the seminar sometime in the new year. The community interest was high and we are sure many will attend.

We are planning our major workshop with Jim and Carolyn Hawkins. Jim will speak for our worship service on Sunday November 24. The marriage part and workshop will begin Monday, November 25-28. Because Jim and Carolyn are well-known and respected in Gravelbourg, we are hoping for a good crowd.

--Nancy MacDonald

Wawota, SK: We now begin our time together on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. As October ended, we were happy to welcome William, Marie and Lois McMillan home from Ontario. On October 20 some young and some not so young enjoyed a trail ride at the home of George and Doris Husband.

News East

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organize Bible studies with some of our friends and relatives".

Another "Give-Away Day" was organized for November 2.

Guelph, ON: Ron Pauls of London conducted a "Growing a Marriage through Communications" seminar, November 15-17. The children's classes have provided $30 to feed a student for a month at ABC in Shillong, India.

Waterloo, ON: "We are very thankful for the powerful lessons presented by Michel Mazzalongo September 29 to October 2 on 'The Passion and The Glory: The Final Days of Christ'. On Tuesday evening of the meeting, Chris Boyle, son of Don and Barb Boyle, committed his life to Christ in baptism.

"On Sunday, October 20, two excellent lessons were given at Waterloo by Jerry Rushford of Pepperdine University, Malibu, California -- 'Ministry of Refreshing' and 'Barton Warren Stone, Pioneer Preacher'."

Windsor, ON: Jeremy Hoover put on his Lord in baptism on October 13.

Newmarket, ON: Rick Pinczuk reported and preached here and was given $574 for Slavic Evangelism.

Sudbury, ON: Plans for "brother and sister Brown and family to move here to work with the church are quite definite".

Nicole Dixon was baptized in early October.

BOOK REVIEWS

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

Press to the Prize, Studies in Philippians *by Avon Malone, 20th Century Christian, Nashville, Tennessee. 126 pages, $6.95 (US).*

Philippians is a favourite New Testament book for many Christians. It is filled with words of joy and encouragement.

This is the best brief study of this New Testament letter that we have seen. It would be ideal for use in preaching and teaching.

Avon Malone is a well-known gospel preacher and has taught for many years at Harding and Oklahoma Christian Universities. He does an excellent job of bringing out the meaning of the text, explaining the Greek and illustrating from ancient and modern history.

Guiding Your Family in a Misguided World *by Dr. Anthony Evans, Focus on the Family Publishing, Pomona, California. 176 pages, $11.75 (Cdn.)*

This is one of the best books on the family that we have seen in a long time. In the Foreword, Howard Hendricks writes, "Dr. Tony Evans is uniquely qualified to talk about the new type of combat (between the Christian family and the world, KT). When many churches fled to the suburbs, where the culture is outwardly more tolerant of Christian values, Tony renewed his vision for strengthening urban churches and families. The inner-city fight is most severe. The pressures the suburbs are now facing so directly have already been present downtown for years. Tony is not writing out of theory but out of the experience of a battle-scarred veteran struggling to be God's instrument in saving marriages, healing victims of child abuse, and proclaiming a message of hope in places where hope died long ago. Most importantly, Tony is a father struggling to pass on to his own four children the message of Christ through his personal example so they are prepared to face the onslaught of an anti-Christian world without retreat and without defeat. Tony is plugged in to the pressures and pitfalls of this generation. He is also completely committed to the sufficiency of the scriptures to address the needs of even the ugliest parts of our world. This is not a book designed to raise your level of comfort. If you would rather not hear about how society is doing everything it can to tear down your family, or if you're already confident you can handle those pressures, I recommend you read no further. However, if you want an accurate, gut-level, no-holds barred assessment of what you and your family are actually facing and some powerful answers from Scripture on how to protect them and fight back with God's power, I know you will not be disappointed."

I can give a hearty "Amen" to Dr. Hendricks' assessment. Every family should read this book -- NOW!

The Morning Star by John Fletcher Floyd. Star Bible Publications, Fort Worth, Texas. 301 pages, paperback, $12.95 (US). Reviewed by S.F. Timmerman.

This is an historical novel based on the life of John Wycliffe, who has been called "The Morning Star of the Reformation". Wycliffe was "one of the greatest and most courageous of men who dared to oppose the superstitions and paganistic doctrines of the apostate church. He gave the first English Bible to the world."

While much of the life and times of this early English reformer is well-documented in the book, there is a good deal about his life that is conjectured by the author to round out his story. One thing the author does do, however, is to draw a rather clear picture of the religious climate of the 13th and 14th centuries and thus to provide a good background against which to depict the outstanding work that Wycliffe accomplished.

I found this book very readable and would highly recommend it to anyone interested in the life of John Wycliffe and his impact on the Reformation Movement, of which he was a forerunner.

Re-Baptism? What One Must Know to be Born Again *by Jimmy Allen, Howard Publishing Co., West Monroe, LA. 245 pages, $7.95 (US).*

Should you be rebaptized? How much must one know before one can be baptized? Must one be baptized by one of 'our' preachers? Is the Boston church right in its rebaptism policy? What is the historical background of these questions? Where did the Restoration leaders stand on this issue? Must one understand that baptism is for the remission of sins for baptism to be valid? Must one understand that one receives the gift of the Holy Spirit to be born again?

Jimmy Allen gives a thorough discussion of these vital issues. His answers are in harmony with God's Word. He deals with those of differing views in a brotherly way. At least 8,000 precious souls have responded to the gospel in his meetings. He is Professor of Bible at Harding University. This is a book every Christian needs to read.

Haitian Work in Brooklyn Needs Support

Several years ago a faithful brother form Haiti, Jean Joseph Ernst Germain, immigrated to Brooklyn, New York and began immediately to round up members of the Lord's church among his fellow Haitians to begin a church. Since that time a number of others have been baptized, and some already converted in Haiti have come to the States and have joined in with them. This congregation now numbers several dozen members.

I first met brother Germain in Haiti in 1981 while he was preaching for the church at Fond-des-Negres. He left that growing church in the hands of another hard-working brother, Isaac Simon, when he moved to Brooklyn.

Brother Germain has pursued his ministry in Brooklyn without any regular support and has worked at whatever jobs he could find to provide for the needs of himself, his wife and several children, as well as to support his activities with the church.

The congregation meets in a building owned by American brethren who are otherwise unable to give much financial assistance.

If anyone reading these lines is in a position to give some small monthly support or even a one-time contribution, to assist with the work brother Germain is doing, I would be glad to hear from you. Write me at Box 193, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0 or call (416) 563-8765.

--S.F. Timmerman

OBITUARIES

JENNIFER COX

Jennifer Doreen Cox, daughter of Brian and Debbie Cox of the Tintern congregation, died at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto on Tuesday, November 5, three days before her 6th birthday.

Jenny was born on Friday, November 8, 1985 in Windsor, Ontario. Murray Hammond was her first visitor.

On November 5, 1987, a tumor on her face was diagnosed malignant. As a result, mother and daughter spent the next five months at Sick Children's Hospital. Debbie's mother and Brian's sister took care of brothers Jamie and Matthew. Chemotherapy and facial surgery enabled Jenny to go home free of the disease until July 3, 1991 when cancer was again discovered in a lump near her eye. Jenny, Dad, Mom and doctors and nurses put up a brave but unsuccessful fight for life.

During these four years, Jenny underwent many tests and treatments. Her fighting spirit impressed the nurses and doctors.

Besides parents and brothers she leaves to mourn grandparents Doreen and Walter Johnston and Agnes Penny.

The Tintern church building auditorium was packed for the funeral service, conducted by Steve May and Murray Hammond on Friday, November 8.

"Jenny never accomplished any great work for mankind. She only completed kindergarten but she touched many lives" (quote from the funeral bulletin). She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

$4,000 Slavic Evangelism "Challenge"

Last summer Rick and Carol Pinczuk and their family returned to Rick's native Ukraine in the Soviet Union to determine how soon a church after the New Testament pattern might be established in that part of the world. After an extensive two month trip, the Pinczuks returned to Canada convinced that any serious evangelistic mission to that land must be supported by an adequate supply of Bible-centred materials printed in Ukrainian to follow-up the oral proclamation of God's Word.

Since that time, brother Pinczuk was also presented with a unique opportunity to translate and record 52 of brother Mack Lyon's **In Search of the Lord's Way** Gospel TV programmes, 13 of which are now being transmitted in Ukrainian to some 3 million potential viewers in Ukraine's capital city of Kiev each Sunday morning on channel 7 at 8 o'clock.

A substantial number of tracts, WBS Correspondence Courses, **Search** TV scripts, booklets and other Gospel literature is now ready to be printed in Ukrainian and Russian for crucial "follow-up" purposes.

After hearing one of brother Pinczuk's urgent appeals for funds to finance the printing of these Bible materials, a concerned Christian, who wishes to remain anonymous, has issued a remarkable challenge "to all the churches of Christ and individual brethren in Canada who are not regular donors to the Slavic Evangelism Ministry". He pledges to "match one dollar for each three dollars donated by such churches and individuals **up to a maximum of $4,000**" for the work of the Slavic Evangelism Ministry.

The donor has stated that the purpose of the **"$4,000 Challenge"** is "to permit this very important ministry to fulfill some of its pressing goals for Slavic Evangelism in the short term".

Any church or individual wishing to participate in this serious "challenge for evangelism in Ukraine and Russia" is encouraged to earmark the donation **"$4,000 Slavic Challenge"** and send it to: Church of Christ, 3901 Dorchester Road, Niagara Falls, ON L2J 3A8. For more information call (416) 945-0726. Results of this Challenge will be published in the February 1992 edition of the **Gospel Herald.**

MISSION NEWS

India - David Hallett

Alpha Bible College campus has been sold for $60,000. These funds will be used to operate until December 1992 when the property will be surrendered. Contributors are advised to send their support to other good works.

Washington, England

Ten members of the Highland Street church, Memphis, Tennessee, conducted a "Holiday" Bible School in Washington. Top attendance was 108 children and 20 non-member parents attended the Friday evening program.

Missionary Rodney Plunket's son, Chad, was baptized on August 13.

Al Meakes attended the European Christian Fellowship in Prague. Over 300 people from 29 nations were present. Many are working in Eastern Europe. Jan Thusnia was baptized following months of study in another location in Czechoslovakia. A Chinese fellow living in Vienna was also baptized.

"It was a thrilling international experience to sing together simultaneously in five different languages and to listen via translation headsets as each speaker spoke in a different language."

Papua New Guinea

Pearl Orr writes, "There have been 15 baptisms at the Ela Beach congregation since it was organized in April. There are always visitors. Ongoing studies with enquirers include the husband of a lady who was baptized."

India - Prasada Rao

On the 21st and 22nd of September, the Ibrahimpatnam church celebrated its 22nd anniversary. N.K.Y Das led the celebration.

APPEAL

A young student, Shadreck Sibwalu, now in Namwianga Christian Secondary School, Kalomo, Zambia, hopes to attend Harding University in 1993. He has been able to raise enough money for his ticket but is asking brethren on this side to donate towards his initial fees. He must have $3,575 U.S. on deposit before he can be accepted.

Although we do not know Shadreck personally, his cousin was our translator in Zambia for some time and is now a fine Christian teacher and leader. We would be happy to receive donations from any who would like to help. Eugene C. Perry, 4904 King Street, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B6.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Although co-editor Roy Merritt will be in India for the next three to four months, teaching copy for the **Gospel Herald** should continue to be sent to the same address, as his son-in-law, Wayne Turner, of Winnipeg will be carrying on with his editorial duties. The address is 46 Elsbury Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 2H8.

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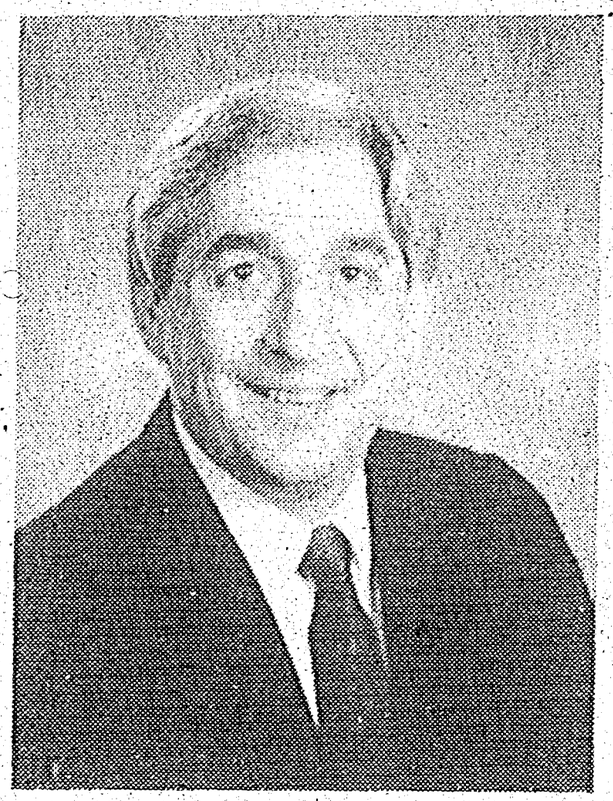

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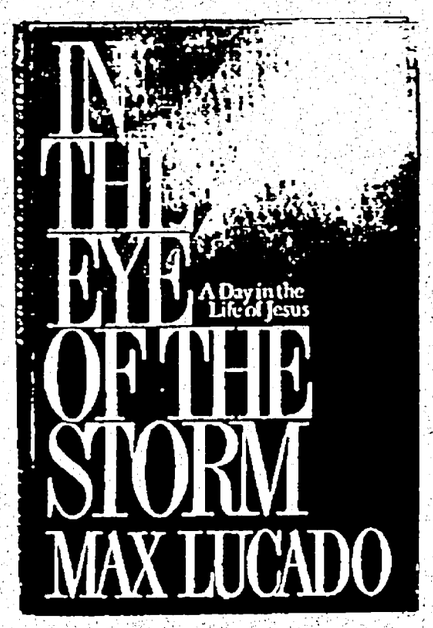

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ALLIANCE, Rec-Center: Sun. 10, 11; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0, (403) 879-2232 (res.); Norm Stienwand, 882-2203.

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., 569-2817; R. W. (Bob) Harrington, ev., 276-1469; 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.

FORT MCMURRAY: Sawridge Hotel, 530 MacKenzie Blvd.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Gerry Bibaud, ev. 101 Silvanus Crescent, (403) 791-5747.

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; M. Nerland, 328-085E

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

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BOSWELL: during summer, 9833 Hwy 3, Swan Valley Bible Camp. At other times phone for info. Sun 10; S4, Box 2, R.R. #1, V0B 1A0; (604) 223-8381.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10, 10:45, 6; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453.

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; Wed., Thurs., 7:30; Off. no. 205-1316 (off); 56th St., Box 1195, Station A, V4M 3T3; J. D. Rogers & Doug Williams, evs., (604) 943-7558/946-9696(res.), 943-0515 (off), Alice Close, sec. 946-8951.

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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; Edgar (Buddy) Burns, ev. 756-9229 (res), 758-9412 (off); Les Beamish, sec., 758-6929.

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

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

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SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev. 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.

VANCOUVER (Eastside): Best Western Hotel -- 3075 Kingsway; Sun. 10:30, 7; F. McLure, #706 - 1045 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9; 525-6302.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English Services: Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; Peter Krmis, 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; Wed. 7:30; Blair Roberts, ev. 638-3372 (res.), 638-6321 (off); W. Hart, sec. 638-5283.

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

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154 - 3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6456; Sun 9, 10; Ronald A. Hegdahl, ev., 239-1686.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M. C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubinville Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. 257-7926; (204) 475-6462 (off.).

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

MICHIGAN STATE

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NEW YORK STATE

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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

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HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave. and West 5th St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Tues. 7:30 (phone for place); P.O. Box 78041, Westcliffe P.O., L9C 7N5; Wayne Page, (416) 648-5100; Ed Klassen, sec. (416) 528-2584.

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NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6 (evening fellowship in various homes. Phone for location); Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8, Gary Hotchkiss, sec., 476-7684 (res), 472-7040 (off).

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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, L9P 1R2.

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11:15, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; David Lock, ev. 465 Davis St., L3K 1Z7; (416) 834-0911 (res), 834-5775 (off). (Every 1st Sunday, potluck followed by singing; communion at 6:30.)

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

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off), 633-2646 (res).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E. N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Mark Bryson, ev. (519) 339-1161 (off.); 336-6847 (res.); Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (416) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Harold Parker, ev., 945-8803 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec.

STRATFORD: Romeo Public School, 49 Rebecca St., Sun. 10, 11; Box 941, N5A 7M3; 273-5280 (off.); Kelvin Hoover, 273-5381 and Larry Hoover, ev.; 271-9545.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; 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., Gen. Del., P0A 1Z0; 384-7624 (res.), 384-5214 (off).

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, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; Chris McCormick, 16 Hurlingham Cr., Don Mills, M3B 2R1; Darrell Buchanan, ev. 489-7405 (off.)

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E., between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6 p.m., Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, tres., 81 Malvern Avenue, M4E 3E6, 694-2482; R. Kruse, Sec., 20 Bernice Cres., M6N 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), Stephen Gill (265-2496), and Wm. Harvey (757-4619) elders. Max Craddock (461-7406), Peter Morphy (416-266-2600), Santiago Molina (Spanish) (751-6879), evs.

TRENTON: Meetings Sun & Wed. For information, please contact M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741 or L. Bartley, 392-0487; P.O. Box 373, K8V 5R6.

VANDELEUR: 5 mi. S.E. Markdale, Artemesia Twsp.; 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 Avenue; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 20, L3B 5P2; S. F. Timmerman, evangelist, Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cres., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten Street, N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sunday 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Stuart Bailey, ev., 1656 Betts, N9B 3L5; (519) 977-9627.

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., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.)

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

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

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audre Côté; (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Côté 362-6623 (French Speaking).

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

SHERBROOKE: 888 rue Laviolette; Albert Charette, ev., (819) 569-7257 (res.); 820-PAIX (off.).

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; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195 (res.).

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. 10:00-12:00; 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; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off); contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187.

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 9:30 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Mrs. Clarice Mooney, sec., Box 94, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-2558.

REGINA (7th & Pasqua): 4205 7th Ave. S4T 0P8; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7; (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 (summer hours may vary); 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 538-4654.

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. 10:15; mid-week call for time & location of meetings; John Smith, ev. 783-6877; Harry Meakes, sec. 783-6850.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

7... Preachers' Rendezvous, John Bromley, testing leadership styles

26-29... Lectureship, "Submit to One Anoter", Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

February

2-7... Lectureship, "Building Stronger Christian Families", Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, Tennessee

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