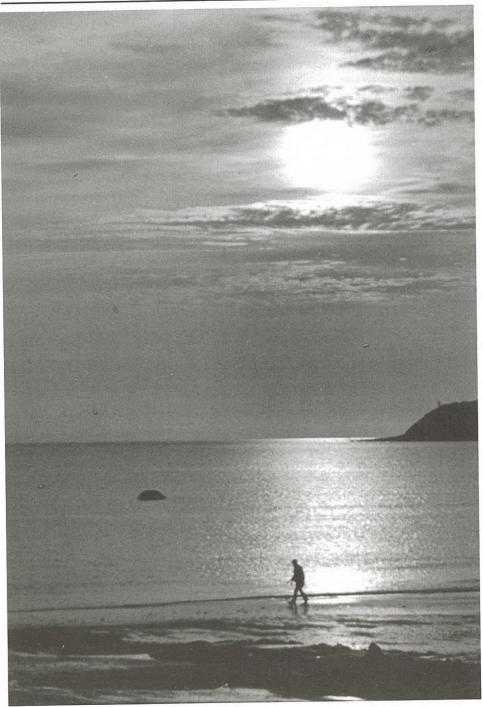
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# What is Man!

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens... When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars. which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for Him?" --Фsalm 8:1-4



--Photo courtesy David Lewis, Grimsby, Ontario

# Churches of Christ in Canada, 1996: A Profile

Geoffrey H. Ellis

Churches of Christ in Canada in 1996 number 145 congregations, down 2 from the 1991 total of 147. Eleven new churches were established, three churches merged, and eleven churches were disbanded (DB).

Improved computer software enabled a review and correction of the 1991 returns with the result that total membership was reduced to 6,550 from the 7,200 reported five years ago. Total extrapolated membership of churches of Christ in Canada for 1996 is 6,950. This represents a 6.1% gain for the five-year period, which compares favourably with the 12.9% gain for the decade ending in 1991.

Upon examination, however, both sectional growth and stagnation are identified. Ontario, with 47.6% of the churches in Canada, experienced a 3% decrease, whereas congregations in the rest of Canada enjoyed a 12.8% growth in the five-year period. (Churches west of Ontario constitute 42.8% of the total across Canada).

The average size of the reporting churches (85) is 60 members per congregation. The estimated average size of congregations of Christ in Canada is 47.9 members. This compares with 44.6 members per church in 1991 (adjusted). Average Sunday a.m. worship attendance for the reporting churches is 65. Collective attendance (of the reporting churches) for Sunday a.m. is 3.3 times greater than Sunday p.m. and 3.1 times greater than midweek gatherings.

The under-25-years percentage of members stands at 20% (cf. 19% in 1991); 43% of the members are between 25 and 45; 23% are between 45 and 65; and 15% are above 65 years of age. Bible class attendance from cradle roll to grade eight dropped to 30% (cf. 37% in 1991 and 50% in 1981).

One in five congregations has elders (down from one in four just five years earlier). One in six churches is served by deacons (down from one in 5.4 in 1991 and one in five in 1981). Preachers are serving in one in every two congregations. (The survey did not distinguish between

full-time or part-time, supported or nonsupported preachers as in previous surveys.)

The 85 reporting churches reported a collective net gain of 107 members (1.25 per church per year) on decreases of 506 and increases of 609 members. This represents a one-year collective growth rate of 2.2% for the reporting churches. These reported a total of 301 baptisms for an average of 3.5 baptisms per church per year (cf. 2.9 per reporting churches in the 1991 survey). Baptisms were categorized as (1) from church families, 1.55; (2) previously "churched" persons, .51; and (3) "unchurched", 1.52. "Transfers out" and "transfers in" were almost equal and represented 58.6% and 50.6% of "decreases" and "increases" respectively. In addition, deaths accounted for 9.3% and "lapses" for 31.7% of the decreases. Baptisms accounted for 49.4% of the increases.

Sixty-six churches (78% of those reporting) conducted 1,258 special outreach meetings per year or 2.2 events each. Use of radio, TV or phone for outreach purposes is limited with 3.5%, 8.3% and 5.9% of the churches respectively utilizing

these communication avenues. One in five use mailers, and two in five are engaged in domestic correspondence courses. One in five works with foreign courses. One congregation in ten is engaged in church planting. Three of five congregations engage in some form of home study. Two of five churches support domestic missions and just over one of two support overseas missions.

Three of four reporting congregations meet in church buildings (cf. two of three in 1991) of which one in three is free of debt. One in eight assemblies gather in rented facilities, and one in 6.5 meet in homes (cf. one in five and one in eight respectively in 1991).

### In Appreciation

The editors of the Gospel Herald wish to thank all who responded to the questionnaire. The tallies were gathered during the brief windows available for reporting in August and September. Local members dug in and secured the requested information -- with alacrity! Many thanks. A special word of appreciation is extended to Jim Dale, deacon with the Waterloo congregation, for his excellent work with Excell 5. His abilities to make this program "sing" are astounding! Without his willingness to work several evenings late into the night, this report would not be possible. --Waterloo, Ontario

# The Survey: Churches of Christ in Canada: 1996

Geoffrey H. Ellis

The survey of churches of Christ in Canada, 1996, was undertaken by the editors of the Gospel Herald in the interests of New Testament Christianity in this nation. Its completion was made possible because a number of persons in local congregations responded promptly to the invitation to submit data even though the time available was limited. This survey was undertaker following a five-year interval instead of the ten-year interval of the 1991 survey after 1981. A 15-year interval of the 1981 effort followed the 1966 Gospel Herald survey. The accelerating rate of change experienced in these final years of the century, changes

which certainly impact the churches, raise questions as to what might be happening within our congregations. Could insights gained help us as we prepare for the third millennium?

The hope was that a sufficient sample of the total number of churches would supply the requested information so that an accurate profile of the Canadian churches of Christ could be drawn. And, in fact, a 58% response was received. This compared with the 63% and 83% responses of the 1981 and 1991 surveys respectively, surveys that were executed within more congenial time frames. With the assistance of advanced

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### Points by Perry:

# "Without Hope"

"...Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners from the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12). How could it get any worse?

The sick hope to get well, the hungry hope for food, the farmer hopes for a crop, the prisoner hopes for release, those on death row hope for pardon, the ship-wrecked hope for rescue, the poor hope for better times, but those described in the above verse are "without hope". We sometimes watch a struggling athlete or a sports team entering the finals after a very poor season and remark, "He/it doesn't have a hope". We mean that success is very, very unlikely--there is really no use trying.

In a recent issue of **ACTION**, brother Tex Williams explained that among other reasons why third world people seem more receptive to the gospel, the "hope for eternal life without all the difficulties, illness and hunger they have endured in this life" is number one. "It is a chance to overcome the hopelessness that so bitterly controls them".

He tells of women "stone-breakers" in Zambia who work with a four-pound hammer all day shattering large rocks. One woman ends the day covered with dust and with perhaps a pile of stones she can sell for \$8. He names a woman who has done this for 13 years, and because of the increasing costs of food can hardly feed her family. What hope does she have? It only gets worse. He mentions a woman in India feeding her children on begged food or garbage and bedding them on brown paper on the sidewalk, and a mother in Ghana whose children are dying, one after another, with no access to doctors or medicine. Hopeless!

Brother Williams is suggesting that such "without hope" physical and material circumstances are a predominant factor in causing people to be open to the gospel of hope, the gospel of better things. The marvel is that it should take such "bottoming out" in one's earthly circumstances to cause one to turn attention to his spiritual poverty and hopelessness. Out of Christ we are spiritually destitute and without hope.

Even those of us enjoying the western, developed world, affluence are described in the verse that introduces this article, when we are "separate from Christ". Such have no citizenship among God's people,

no part in His promises. They are in God's world but without God. This spiritual hopelessness is described in Romans 3:23 -- "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...".

Jesus introduced his great sermon in Matthew 5 by referring to the "poor in spirit", "those who mourn", "the meek", and those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness", and the blessings that result for them. These are the people who are aware of their spiritual poverty and turn to God for help.

Those far from God are "brought near through the blood of Christ" and are reconciled "to God through the cross" (Ephesians 2:13, 16). Treasures on earth become insignificant in contrast to those in heaven. We are made innocent (not guilty); our freedom is purchased; and we are united with God "through faith in his [Christ's] blood" (Romans 3:24, 25). By being buried in baptism, united with him in the likeness of his death, we "live a new life", "are freed from sin", "shall also live with him", and are "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:4-11).

Christians are people of hope. Whatever happens is "for good". We are assured of a good outcome, a rich future, eternal joy and well-being if "we hold onto our courage" and the "hope of which we boast" (Hebrews 3:6). Faith, hope and love remain when all else is gone (1 Corinthians 13:13). By taking hold of "the hope offered to us", a "firm and secure hope", we have an "anchor of the soul" (Hebrews 6:18, 19). With this great anchor of hope we weather the storms of life, strong in our confidence of following Jesus into God's eternal presence.

In Christ we have passed from being without hope to having the greatest of all hopes. —*E.C.P.* 

### Church of Christ Survey

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technology, the analysis of the data has supplied a reasonably comprehensive picture of the churches. Both the 1981 and 1991 surveys supply their benchmarks so that the present survey can be viewed in a context of development.

The format of the questionnaire was modified somewhat from those used previously. The "age of members" was expanded to four levels from the previous three to detail more precisely the age of the membership. The detailed questions regarding categories of preachers and sources of support of the previous survey were omitted. Detailing of growth is more specific in the 1996 survey. Decrease by "transfer out", "death", and "lapses" are compared with increased by "transfer in", "baptisms" (further categorized as "of church families", "previously 'churched", and "previously 'unchurched'") for Net Growth for the specific period July 1995June 1996. A weakness of the survey was uncovered, however, in this section: it failed to ask for the number of "restorations".

In conclusion, 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. --Waterloo, ON

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# Soul-Mindedness

Wayne Turner



Whether we look at it globally, nationally or locally, the task of preaching the gospel to the lost seems staggering and impossible. Christ's commission to preach the gospel to every creature has long been considered the "marching orders" of the church. Evangelism is a significant part of our responsibilities as Christians. As we ourselves have heard and benefited from the Good News, we are to share God's gift, the message of salvation through the blood of His Son, with the whole world. But how can we reach a world when we have scarcely touched our nation? And how can we reach our nation when we have hardly reached out to our communities?

At no time is this as forcefully evident as when we are able to see, from a statistical standpoint, the progress (or lack of it) that we have made over the past years. We are indebted to brother Geoffrey Ellis, assisted by brother Jim Dale, for taking the time and effort to survey the congregations across Canada and assess the results. We also want to express appreciation to those who assisted by providing information. The information compiled by the survey and the analysis of that information appear elsewhere in this issue. We encourage each individual and each congregation to give serious consideration to what this information evidences. A survey of congregations, such as this one, is not for the purpose of establishing "bragging rights" or a sense of personal or congregational superiority. It is simply to allow us to measure the effectiveness of what has been done and to challenge one another for the future.

Given the magnitude of the task of evangelizing Canada, not to mention the world beyond, what can we do?

From the logical standpoint, there are a number of possibilities. First, we could adopt a more ecumenical stance and rationalize that those who profess any kind of religious faith toward Christ (or even God) are somehow going to make it to heaven. This would certainly be much more convenient, as we could take consolation from the overall efforts of all religious groups. However, this approach has no biblical basis.

Second, we could view the Bible as being only a product of human history and thinking, and that rather than being the unified revelation of God, it is only the disparate writings of those who believed in Him. This would allow us to reject any concepts of divine authority, pattern, responsibility, accountability, even heaven or hell. With this view, why bother preaching at all, since it really would not matter? For those who accept the biblical claim of inspiration and understand it to be the product of God's revelation, such a view would be unacceptable.

Third, we could simply ignore the realities and need. We could pursue attitudes of apathy and indifference. Or we could allow ourselves to be sidetracked by issues that are insignificant and irrelevant. Or we could become so inwardly focussed that we are blind to the outside world. But either "fiddling" while the world "burns" or arguing, like the old cliché, about how many angels could dance on the head of a pin, or ignoring our neighbors, would be totally inappropriate and unacceptable given the critical need for Jesus that exists all around us.

While other possible responses might be identified, there is only one which really deserves our attention. It is to become serious about reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ. It is having the mind of Paul and becoming "all things to all men that by all means I might save some". It is recognizing the tragedy and loss of any soul dying outside of Christ and acknowledging that there is no other way for a soul to come into a saved relationship with its creator than the one revealed in the New Testament. It is openly proclaiming the cross and blood of Christ--"the grace of God that has appeared bringing salvation to all men" -- and not shrinking back from proclaiming the whole counsel of God's plan for (continued on page 16)

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### Lord, Heal Our Scars

Sherry Davis

(Editor's Note: Recently my wife gave her Wednesday night adult Bible class an assignment that stemmed from a discussion on whether or not God leaves scars when he heals us. One of the members of the class wrote the following article in response to the class.

D.C.)

Can you be a scarred person and still be truly emotionally and spiritually healed? To answer that question, you must first find out three other things: (1) What is a scar; (2) What does it mean to be emotionally and spiritually healed; and (3) From where does our healing come? The first question must be answered alone, but the other two can be combined.

What is a scar? By definition it is: physically--"a mark remaining after an injury"; non-physically--"a lasting moral or emotional injury". Either way, it is a defensive coping response to an immediately, critically, damaging, crisis situation. It is initially a positive response. However, it was only ever meant to be a temporary solution.

Physically, the body works with all diligence to get rid of the scar tissue. Why would it do this if the scar was the end product of the healing? It is because, like a bandage, scar tissue is fantastic! However, as a replacement for the original tissue, it is hopelessly inferior. Scar tissue is inflexible, a poor conductor of nerve impulses, and if re-injured, it heals much less effectively and is more open to infection.

Emotionally and spiritually, scarring behaves the same way. It leaves the soul inflexible and unable to stretch in new directions. It is a poor conductor of positive emotional impulses. Feelings of love, trust, hope, joy and peace often become lost in the scarred soul. Furthermore, it is especially vulnerable to new damage.

The body, over time, replaces our scars with the tissue that God intended to have there. The injured area is transformed—made new! Emotionally and spiritually we must work to do the same thing, if we hope to be whole. That is true and finished healing.

# God's Word is the balm of Gilead.

If scar tissue was already true and finished healing, then the body and soul would not try to correct it. Correction is taking what doesn't belong and replacing it with what does belong. Correction is where true healing begins, and both the body and the soul must look to God for that correction.

Physically, God has programmed our bodies to do the revitalizing, corrective work. Emotionally and spiritually, he has also preordained a plan for our healing. Here our correction begins and ends with his word. God, through the living word, calls for us to be continually transformed and made new! That hardly describes the condition of a scarred person. His word is life-giving and not scar-sustaining.

God's word is the balm of Gilead. That balm was not only for healing use, but it was also for cosmetic use. There were many other well-known healing ointments that God could have used as a metaphor for his word. This metaphor reminds us that God calls us to be beautiful, and the ointment for that beauty is his peaceful light in our souls. A light does not shine

well through a cracked or scarred con-

Furthermore, we are always to be growing more Christ-like through God's living word. Christ endured many desperate wounds to more than just the physical body. Yet, did his spirit ascend to the father all scarred from those injuries? Hardly!

We are to be Christ like, and he is more than a conqueror of all that is evil, painful, imperfect or inferior. He is the great physician! His healing leaves pure, painless, perfect, superior, newly-transformed beings. That is not to say that new injuries will never come. We know that they will come. However, our great physician, the Jehovah-Rapha, is always there to heal anew. He guarantees it--in writing!!

Let God's word work in you to remove your scars and replace them with new, living, working, spiritual and emotional tissue. Do not accept those scars as inevitable, necessary, and lasting things. Your body does not accept them, and your God doesn't either. Indeed, would you even want your great physician to be the kind of healer who isn't able to completely remove your scars? God forbid!

(Editor's Note: This article was thought to be appropriate at this time for the people whom we are trying to bless who are scarred both emotionally and spiritually. Every family and every church community is full of individuals who are suffering the consequences of hurts inflicted on them by either themselves or well-intentioned family members. Working towards blessing one another is working towards the healing of the scars that we all have within. God Bless!! D.C.)

# Evangelist Needed

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### Youth Opportunities

Ming Paul Lee

(Editor's Note: The following article comes from brother Ming Paul Lee. It concerns the work done this summer in Croatia. Brother Lee and his daughter, Suganya, have worked in Croatia for some years, and this summer another teen, Peggy Yang, worked with him there. Here is his report of the work. We pray that this can be an encouragement to others to dream big dreams in doing the work of the Lord. M.E.C.)

This July 16-August 27, I've had the challenge of having Peggy Yang, a 19year-old university student, working with me in Croatia. In 1993 and '94, I had the opportunity of having my daughter, Suganya, accompany me to Croatia. She taught English and Bible during those two summers and helped build a children's home in Lipik, Croatia and established a library for the children in memory of sister Mildred Morris of Nanaimo, B.C. I was not keen to have a teen in her first mission trip. I prayed a lot about the work. Peggy could have gone a paid European tour, but she had heard a lot about the faith-building experience in the Croatian mission.

Thank God, this mission tour in Croatia has proven to be fruitful and is making a difference in our teens and young people in Europe. We were blessed by two church camps on the majestic Alps and the very beautiful coasts of the Adriatic Sea. We visited many homes and distributed Bibles and children's Bible story books; did "street evangelism" and had our first experience of "Teen Challenge" in Pule, Croatia where young ladies are being helped out of the destructive influence of drugs. It is an enriching and spiritual experience.

We have many new friends and know many saints. I was thrilled to receive a letter from Peggy telling how much the trip has changed her life and made her more appreciative of her life in Canada, her parents and her brothers and friends.

I'm reminded of what I read recently that, "When young men break relationships with old men, nations can fall... Our high-tech, "modern society" can employ men but it can't make men... Old men have tremendous power to uplift young men ... and are deeply rewarded when they exercise it". I know Peggy and Suganya have blessed me, inspired me and motivated me to serve Him.

Plans are in the working stage to have Canadian youth do mission work in the summer of 1997 in Scotland and/or Croatia. It may change you (our youth). Young people, you can make a better world ... it begins with you. Come and enjoy the experience of the power of the gospel (1 Corinthians 4:20). A fire of love for Christ will be kindled in your heart. Don't stay within the "four walls". Let the walls tumble down, and the world will see a living demonstration of Jesus. Give your faith a challenge and experience a faith-building summer.

(This December, I hope to go to Cuba and there distribute medicine, soap, etc. and Spanish Bibles and books. I hope other Christians will join the team for this effort. Anyone who wants to help Cuba '96 mission with funds for travel and supplies is invited to contact the Elders, Church of Christ [Cuba Mission], 1720 Meredith Road, Nanaimo, BC V9S 2M4.)

(Editor's Note: Even if you are not able to go on the mission trip with brother Lee, there are many opportunities right here in Canada for you to experience the faithbuilding results of serving. Talk with the leadership of your congregation for guidance and help in finding useful and meaningful areas of service. If you can go on a mission trip out of the country, that is great. However, don't forget the need to share the joy and influence of Jesus with people

everywhere. It has been suggested that we need to bloom where we are planted. Look to the example of Peggy and Suganya, young Christians like yourself, and "bloom for Jesus" every day. You will be blessed personally as will those you serve in Jesus' name. May God bless you in making a difference and thereby pointing others to the purposeful life in Jesus Christ. M.E.C.)

### MISSION NEWS

### Zambia

Roy Merritt is teaching three Bible classes in the Teacher College and a preparation for marriage class to the Grade 12 boys. On August 25 eight were baptized at Kalete "B" where they had to drive six miles to find water. Then on September 8 four were baptized in a marsh covered with a red scum.

One was baptized and six were restored at one location. When the visiting medical team went to Simalundu, the accompanying spiritual team of nationals "preached until all hours of the night" resulting in 25 asking to be baptized and 16 requesting prayers.



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### Great Lakes Bible College Reopens

Great Lakes Bible College resumed classes in October with five full- and part-time students enrolled. After a three-year period during which GLBC activities were limited to its annual lectureships, workshops, and seminars, the return to classes was a welcome advance.

The GLCC/BC board approved the new setting for Bible college operations, namely in Waterloo, Ontario believing that the educational environment and the job opportunities of the central Waterloo region will be advantageous.

Classes are conducted in the building of the Waterloo Church of Christ. Four teachers serve the first term: Geoffrey Ellis, David Knutson, Walter Straker and Joe Cannon, who will teach two block courses in January. The second term will run from February 1 through May 15, 1997.

GLCC, the parent educational charity, has appointed a board to work specifically with the Bible college. Its members include Max Craddock, chairman; Al Meakes, vice-chairman; Jim Dale, treasurer; Walter Straker, secretary; Bill Bunting, Fred Knutson, Don Perry and Don Whitfield.

A special service of thanksgiving and praise is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m. at the Waterloo church building to mark the reactivation of the college and to seek the blessings of God on its future.

Considerable interest has been expressed in the distance learning program that GLBC is developing. Further information regarding this and other aspects of the program will be supplied by Geoffrey Ellis, principal, c/o GLBC, 62 Hickory St. W., Waterloo, ON N2L 3J4 (519) 885-6330; internet 71644.1013 @compuserve.com.

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### Service Recognized

I was invited to have a small part in the Michigan Christian College Lectureships on October 6. While there, Evelyn and I, along with brothers and sisters Glenn Olbricht, Warren Whitelaw, James Thompson and another couple, were presented with plaques of appreciation in recognition of over 40 years of service in ministry.

—Eugene C. Perry

### Good News

Lloyd MacDonald of Flint, Michigan, has asked us to inform you that his son, Dallas Bruce MacDonald is no longer one of the "missing kids" but returned on his own.

--E.C.P.

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# Are We Afraid of the Feathers?

Katheryn Maddox Haddad

Lydia stood near the church lobby drinking fountain, her broken heart kneeling at the feet of the crowd. She fought back tears and forced pleasant smiles to acknowledge the all-too-brief greetings from those who excused themselves to get a drink. Gradually, Lydia faded into tragic nothingness.

Nearby, a small group of Christian ladies chatted about the next VBS theme. A 6-year-old came up and tugged his mother's skirt to help him reach the drinking fountain.

"Don't get into trouble while you're gone."

"Huh?"

"Well, just don't ask our friend over there how she is. She just might tell you!"

"Oh, her. She just wants a little attention, that's all."

"As far as I'm concerned, she doesn't know how to handle her own problems."

"She just needs to grow up."

"As your friends, we feel we ought to warn you. If you stop to listen to her once, you'll never get rid of her."

"Do we know a good Christian psychologist we could refer her to?"

### Chains of Steel

Oh, the weight of burdens we try to bear alone and force others to bear alone--chains of steel. Sometimes we become so weary. Sometimes we even sit in worship and cry alone. Or the person next to us agonizes in frightening isolation.

But there's a light breeze coming! Don't you feel it? It whispers a gentle message from our compassionate Savior. Listen...

"Come to me..." he is saying. "Come to me, ALL you who are weary and burdened ..."

Sometimes we become so very tired coping with our burdens--carrying the heavy chains. But Jesus knows how weary

we become and burdened we feel.

"...and I will give you rest..."

Ah, rest. Sweet rest. But how? Jesus isn't through. He's saying, "Let's make a deal." A deal, Lord?

"...Take MY yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart..."

Don't you get it? He wants to trade. You hand all your burdens over to Him to worry about, and He will give you His. The good news is that His burden, His chain, is made of feathers.

"...and you will find rest for your souls. For MY yoke is easy and MY burden is light" (Matthew 11:1, 28-30).

The word translated "easy" is *chrestos*, the same Greek root word from which Jesus' title comes, *Christos*--Christ. Jesus says, "MY yoke is to act like I did on earth." Jesus' *easy* burden is to be the Christ, to represent the Christ to others.

Satan's chain is endless, heavy, burdensome. But through a kind of miracle, Jesus can turn that chain into feathers.

### Links in the Chain of Feathers

The miracle involves three links and works like this:

- We get a problem of steel.
- We go to someone else with a problem and take their burden on our shoulders.
- Jesus reaches down and takes the burdens of both of us on his shoulders. And voila! Feathers!

The chain is made up of only three links. Not truly understanding (or believing?) Matthew 11:38-20, we keep breaking the chain. A major link keeps dropping out-us.

We cannot hand over to him what we never had. We're afraid we have to listen to other people's problems and also keep the terrible weight on our shoulders.

We think we're the end rather than the means to the end. But our purpose is not to take the burdens of others on our shoulders and keep them. Our purpose is to pass them on to Jesus. How? Through prayer (James 5:13-16), my dear sister. Through prayer.

When someone in the church lobby wants to talk, forget your own burdens for a while and let her talk. Then take her aside or just stand where you are with both arms around her and ask God to take her burden.

You're not offering any solutions. You're not becoming an amateur psychologist. You are teaching her that, once her burdens are handed over to Jesus, she in turn can take the burdens of others and pass them on to Jesus. What a wonderful chain! What delightful feathers!

# Bible-time Feathers Are Still Around

With a deep breath, we will now proceed to what these feathers are, these "light" burdens. Remember, there but by the grace of God, go you and I. Hang on to your hat.

According to the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 32% of Canadian social church-going men abuse their wives. God cares. Abigail, David's widowed wife, experienced this. What turmoil these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to the Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft, there are about 20,000 practicing witches in Canada. God cares. The witch of Endore experienced this. What confusion these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to a **Maclean's** survey on lying, 25% said they would keep money obtained by a lie. God cares. Esther faced this. What influence these friends like Esther must be silently carrying. Help multiply their feathers.

According to **The Windsor Star** in Ontario, it is not uncommon for a 16-year-old to have multiple sex partners. God cares. Hosea's wife, Gomer, experienced this. What guilt these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to the "National Crime Survey" and "Bureau of Justice Statistics", one (continued on page 16)

# ROMTHEBULLINS

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# In His Image

Today, many people have someone who is a mentor in their lives. Some, especially young people, even hold other people up as idols. This is very natural for people in the world when they meet someone who is famous, successful, rich, or popular. Perhaps this idolized or worshipped person is a sports figure, a music star, or a successful business tycoon.

In idolizing these successful people, some try to imitate and emulate in their own lives the qualities of this person, hoping to become like them. They walk like them, talk like them, dress like them, act like them, and even think like them. We describe this imitation as a mirror image or walking in someone's shadow.

Jesus had a mentor who he always looked to, imitated, and sought to please. Jesus hungered to be like His Father. To do His Father's will is the reason Jesus came to this world. Jesus did nothing, spoke nothing and thought nothing without con-

sulting with His Father. John's gospel reveals the thoughts and motives of Jesus. Here are a few verses that take us into the mind of Christ.

"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work" (John 4:34).

"I seek not My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 5:30).

"For I have come down out of heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent me" (John 6:38).

"I always do the things that are pleasing to my Father" (John 8:29).

Who is your idol or mentor? As Christians, we hold Jesus up as our role model and guide. He, unlike all other idols, is worthy to be worshipped and imitated. We read and reread about the life of Jesus in order to learn about His life, His character, His actions, His words. We want to talk like Jesus and act like Him. We even want to think like Jesus. We imitate Him ex-

actly so that we can become just like Him in all aspects.

We have a living example of the image of God in the life of Jesus. When we follow Christ we become like God.

So, our goal is to be like Christ, who was like God, because we are children of God. Paul tells the Christians at Ephesus to imitate God as His children.

We are not perfect in our imitation, but we do not give up or get discouraged. We just continue to imitate. We simply strive to be just like our Father.

"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children."

--Ephesians 5:1

--Peter Morphy Sudbury, Ontario

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# "Someone Sees You"

There is an old folk tale that is told of a lazy man who decided to sneak into his neighbor's fields and steal grain for himself. "If I take only a little bit from each field, no one will miss it," he told himself, "but it will add up to a great store of grain that will see me and my family through the winter." So, he waited for the darkest night, when the light of the moon was completely absent, and he crept out of his house.

He took his youngest daughter with him to assist him in his illegal act. "Daughter," he whispered, "you must stand guard and call out if anyone spies me."

The man crept into the first field and began to reap. Before long, the child called out, "Father, someone sees you!" Frightened, the man looked around. But he saw no one, so gathered his stolen grain and

moved on to the second field. "Father, someone is looking!" the child cried again. Again the man stopped dead in his tracks to look around. Once again he saw no one, and so he gathered still more grain and then moved on to a third field.

A little while passed by, and the daughter called out, "Father, someone sees you!" This time, more annoyed than frightened, he looked around quickly. He saw no one. So, he continued to gather grain that had been produced by another's labour. Coming to the last field, he was ready to begin to reap what he had not sown when the child said again, "Father, someone is looking at you!" The thief stopped, looked around carefully and found no one. "Why do you keep saying that someone sees me?" he asked angrily, "I've been looking everywhere, and I don't see anyone!"

"Father," said the little girl, "There is Someone who sees you from above."

Isn't it amazing how children can remind us of those things that we most need to hear when we least want to hear them? They remind us of what we have said or taught them with their questions, especially when our actions do not live up to the standards that we demand from them. Nowhere is that better illustrated than in this story of the father and his daughter as she reminds him of the eternal principle that God sees everything. Others may see your actions, but God sees your heart. Others may see your deeds, but God sees your attitudes. Others may see your achievements, but God sees your condition.

Which type of "seeing" should we really be concerned about? Which type of "seeing" are we concerned about?

--Roger Lansdell in Pinehill Messenger



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### **ONTARIO**

Beamsville: For the first half of 1996, attendance averaged 159 on a Sunday morning and 99 on a Sunday evening. Baptisms: September 8, Andy MacKenzie and Natasha McMillan; September 9, Owen Belton. Dana Zartman preached at Ice Lake on Manitoulin Island on September 1 and at Fenwick on September 8. Art Ford became the sixth president of Great Lakes at the school's "Corporation and Friends' Dinner" on September 21.

Bramalea: Kevin Hunter organized a congregational family day at Camp Omagh for September 7 and a Car Rally on October 5. Ladies meet each Wednesday morning for "Prayer and Projects". The adult midweek Bible class is studying different "moral issues" for the fall quarter. Some new contacts were made as a result of the meeting with Bill Bunting, held October 3-6.

It looks as if Craig Redwood will not be able to attend the "Run for Life" due to the fact that a minimum of \$100,000 must be raised before a visa is granted for him to come to Canada. At the present time, the Jamaican brethren have raised over \$40,000 Canadian (over one million Jamaican), and we have raised \$13,000 prior to the road race held October 26.

Henry Ocampo moved to Windsor with his mother.

Brantford: Judith Alexander enrolled in Michigan Christian College this year. The ladies had their first Ladies' Bible study on September 26 with Doreen Ellis as the guest speaker. After three years in Stoney Creek, Doug and Delores Malloy are back in Brantford.

**Fenwick:** Carol Wilson was baptized on Saturday, September 28. Brent Colyn and Richard Maddeaux have departed to attend Michigan Christian College.

Violets and a letter of welcome have been delivered on behalf of the church to the occupants of Fenwick's new subdivision.

The regular fall hymn sing was moved to October 18, and a meeting with Brian Cox followed, October 21-27. The Church and Change Seminar is scheduled for November 16-17.

**Grimsby:** "We rejoice with the family of Candice Carter on the occasion of her baptism into Christ."

Jeff and Keri Kennedy are living in an apartment in Beamsville.

Guelph: Brian VanAlstine planned to take a group of young people to Windsor to hear John Clayton on October 27-28. Speakers for the month were Walter Cromwell, Brian Boden, Keith Thompson and Joseph Godbout.

Hamilton (West): Speakers have been Marvin Johnson, Don Whitfield, Keith Thompson, Art Ford and Joe Godbout. Welcomed into the Lord's family are Nathan Page and Amanda McGowan, who were baptized at Camp Omagh in August. Scott McKay put on the Lord in baptism on September 1. On September 22, Roy Cox led singing and Brian Cox presented the lesson. Several men plan to attend the "Promise Keepers" at Copps Coliseum on October 19. Dan Page graduated from Harding University and married Donna Dillard. They have returned to Harding where Donna will work on her Master's degree. The ladies' class is meeting on Tuesday evenings.

Kenora: "We are delighted to announce that Frank and Lynn Kowal and their two children, Jonathan and Erin, have placed membership with our church family here in Kenora. We've also had two new births into Christ--Shelley Pettis on August 7 and Erin Kowal on September 15. Roy Mason is the Intern-Minister for our congregation as of August."

Newmarket: On September 28 a corn roast was held at Bill and Tammy Fisher's, along with a hay ride, basketball, volleyball and baseball. Susan Beattie put on her Lord in baptism on September 2. Vacation Bible School average attendance was 50 children.

Sarnia: "We rejoice at the news of Glen Fournier immersion for the remission of sins. Glen was baptized by his brother-in-law, John Robertson on Manitoulin Island. We enjoyed the 'Church and Change' seminar held on September 7 and 8. Wanda Hibbard went back to Michigan Christian College for another year. We are going to engage in a pulpit exchange with Al Meakes from Windsor on Septem-

ber 29. We have started a monthly seniors class for all those over 50 years of age." Mike McCabe moved to Waterloo to study at Great Lakes Bible College.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): Roger Lansdell presents a series of excellent "ramblings" in their bulletin. Prayers are requested for Lisa Smith, who was going to Ottawa for a bone marrow transplant.

**Smithville:** This congregation held a gospel meeting August 25-29 with brother Bowman from Texas.

**Stoney Creek:** The congregation had a retreat and renewal at Camp Omagh on Saturday, September 28.

Vaughn and Charyl Saraphanian were baptized on September 8 and Hilary, the daughter of Bryan and Susan Meneer, on August 25.

Gladys Bennetts has moved to Stoney Creek, and Albert and Ina Bennetts were scheduled to arrive on October 7. Bill Wheeler placed membership here in July.

Sudbury: The seventh annual congregational corn roast was held September 7 at Wes Bailey's farm. Laura Stringer was baptized on July 25. Much rejoicing took place in the congregation.

**Tintern:** This congregation sponsors a child in Honduras.

Geoff Ellis was the guest speaker on September 22.

Steve Smith and Darren Book are leading a "Men's Training for Worship" series.

Jim and Cathy Holston of Bloomington, Illinois have accepted the invitation to work with the congregation.

Several men plan to go to the "Promise Keepers" rally at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton.

Thessalon: Roger Lansdell from Pinehill in Sault Ste. Marie, exchanged pulpits with Murray Smith on September 29. Angie Bailey was baptized on September 4. Ronald and Rachel Seabrook celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 7.

Thunder Bay: Claudette Fleming returned from Bermuda, and Steve and Ellie Zavitz returned after working with Backroads International for the summer. An afternoon hike activity was planned for the congregation at the Big Thunder ski hills for October 6.

Toronto (Strathmore): Noemi Skibinsky was baptized on August 14 and Freddy Rodriguez was baptized on August (continued on page 15)



by Verna Hotchkiss and Marion Waugh c/o Edmonton Church of Christ 13015 - 116 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5M 3C9

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

LANGLEY: Our dear brother, Jim Peddle, passed away August 6,1996 at age 90 years. His wife and our sister in Christ, Lillie, is in extended care. We will appreciate your prayers on her behalf for the trials in her life.

Due to the few members in the Langley church, the poor health of the aging evangelist (age 73), Van Eastward, plus the fact that we have been unsuccessful in obtaining an evangelist for the work here, after our efforts and prayers over the past three years, the church at Langley has joined with the church in Surrey, BC.

Nanaimo: The summer continued busy with day camps, picnics, etc. An Old Fashioned Picnic was held September 14 at Spruston Road Bible Camp.

Many of our members were traveling during the summer months, and a number of our young people are off to college this fall.

Ming Paul Lee arrived home safely from Croatia at the end of August. We thank God for the work he does and his safe return. Our prayers and sympathy are with Ming Paul's wife, Suwanna, on the recent death of her father in Thailand.

Scott and April Blayney and baby David leave us this month (September) to live in Nepean, Ontario where Scott will be attending college. They will be greatly missed, and our prayers go with them.

A series of classes on "Growth Strategies" and "Teachers' Workshop" were presented by Sam and Alice Tumlinson on October 2-05, 1996.

Vancouver (Oakridge): Allen and Betty Jacobs have returned to the work in India.

On October 12-13, Mike Moore from Tacoma will be bringing a group of 10 families to provide a special program of singing at Burnaby.

Several people meet to serve on the Social Task Force and have planned some

exciting events.

Ming Paul Lee: Many hundreds of Bibles, books, and children's stories were distributed in many farming villages and at Lipik Children's Home. Street evangelism was exciting. We attended two church camps.

Being Chinese was definitely a plus, positive advantage for Peggy and me. As most had not met any Asians, people were curious as to why we were in Croatia. We had great opportunities to share Jesus and give Christian literature and Bibles. Croatians are very friendly and always happy to accept reading materials.

Peggy Yang cried at Zagreb airport. She loves the churches and friends in Croatia. They love her, too. Peggy is a 19-year-old student from the University of B.C. She attends the Oak Street congregation in Vancouver. She's a joy and a great coworker.

We hope other young adults can join us in 1997. Plans and suggestions for 1997 are to go to Scotland and/or Croatia. Come with us. You will be blessed.

We are excited to have received our first student from Dubrovnik for the English Bible Correspondence Course.

In Communist Cuba, we have a few hundred young Christians who meet each week for the Lord's table without the government's permission. It may be dangerous and difficult, but the church is growing. There is a great shortage of everything in Cuba. There is a need for more Spanish Bibles, medicines, soaps, T-shirts, etc. Take a trip with us to Cuba. It is very safe for tourists. Only for Canadians! What an opportunity! Come see the love, joy and tears as our Cuban brothers and sisters welcome us to their fellowship and receive a Spanish Bible from us. Cuba mission is planned for December or January of 1997.

### ALBERTA

Edmonton: Shauwna Nahajowsh, Vi Dobson, Carmen Sakaluk, Richard Hall and Peggy Wicklund have all been baptized and added to the Lord's family.

September 14 was the annual congregational picnic.

September begins our small group evangelistic studies for the fall. This year we have eight groups.

David Ford began serving the congregation as youth minister in September.

Robert Ogelsby from the Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas was in Edmonton to conduct a series of meetings on September 20-22. The lessons dealt with how to conduct small group Bible

discussions, and all seven sessions were well attended We had members attend from other congregations in Alberta including Red Deer and Medicine Hat.

### MONTANA

Great Falls: Darren and Kristen Lemon were baptized into Christ on May 19.

The teens attended a youth rally in Libby, Montana. Dan Fraser spoke about love and how we have to work to love (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13). Chris Crooks gave a lesson. Mike O'Rourke spoke on how we all have a responsibility to serve and how we should have the attitude of willingness to serve one another, as well as God (Luke 12:35). Devotionals were given by Ira Hall, Steve Hoppel, Tony Waters and Gage Meyers. There were also many activities to participate in. A super time was had by all.

Mothers of Pre-schoolers (MOPS) has begun meeting every other Thursday. Moms meet for a morning of rest, instruction, support and affirmation from other moms and caring individuals. It's also a time to learn Biblical principles pertaining to womanhood, marriage and parenting while making new friends, sharing experiences, laughing together and expressing ourselves. There are currently 30 moms and 40 children signed up for this upcoming year.

On August 25, a special contribution was collected to begin the building fund. To be prepared for future growth, a strategy has been developed for expansion beginning with property by the building being bought and an addition being built on the present church building Eventually extra parking will be needed, and a larger auditorium to seat 550 will be built.

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# BOOKREVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to **Keith Thompson**, Editor, 348 Dixon Blvd., Newmarket, ON L3Y 5C4. (Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald)



(The review of any book in this column does not imply endorsement of all of its contents or its author's teachings or activities.)

Go For the Globe by Joseph L. Cannon, 115 pages. (No charge; request from Keith Thompson. Privately published.)

In June of this year we reviewed The Heart of the Missionary, also by Joe Cannon. This second book is also highly recommended. You don't have to be planning to go overseas to implement its message (although that would be great). World Evangelism must begin at home with our neighbours and friends. Too many congregations, elders and preachers are content to go to a meeting once or twice a week and think they are fulfilling the Great Commission.

This book should stir us to recognize our responsibility to the world around us. Joe surveys the whole Bible regarding the world and its need of the gospel. He shows that the people of the world and their governments need to recognize that God is ruling over them, and his Son sits on the throne of the universe with his hands on the controls. He writes, "The unbelieving, alien-like, temporary occupation of the surface of the earth by rebellious sinners is an unreal, unmitigated affront to the Creator and can only prolong a vain travesty to be resolved by the final and complete judgment day... There is one bottom line on every page of the Bible which everyone needs to heed, expressed in an old gospel song, 'God is calling the prodigal, Come without delay; hear, oh hear him calling, calling now for thee...' This planet has been hijacked by Satan and is being ruined by nations and people out of sync with God. God in his love is giving us one long, last chance to come across and get with Him before it is too late. Thus enters Christ, the Cross, the Gospel, and the legitimate means of getting the message out through worldwide evangelism.

"I started preaching in 1943, and with a wonderful wife went into world evangelism starting in Japan in 1947. We worked our way more or less along the western rim of the Pacific with fifteen years in Japan, nine in Okinawa, thirteen in Papua New Guinea, and about six years in Irian Jaya, Indonesia. Since 1984 we have also been engaged in a paramissionary training program called Mission/1000. The older I get it seems the more I hear the trumpet sound to wake up the Armageddon that is calling us to do battle now, to come to grips with the 'spiritual hosts of wickedness' now."

Joe surveys references throughout the Bible to let us see the "terrific scope of world evangelism as portrayed in the scripture, and be inspired not only to an appreciation of the biblically-based movement, but to participation in the worldwide mission of Jesus Christ, who came to this world to seek and save the lost..." Joe believes that the Great Commission requires constant, unremitting world evangelism in "every nation", to every person' until that last awesome, glorious day of judgment and salvation."

Great Books of the Christian Tradition and Other Books which have Shaped Our Tradition by Terry W. Glaspey, Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, Oregon. 240 pages, \$8.99 (US).

Italo Calvino said, ""A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say." How many great books from the past are totally ignored today! We want only the latest publications.

Here is a relatively short book that will introduce you to the great books from the past. Such great books have had a tremendous impact on history. Martin Luther was greatly influenced by the writings of Augustine. John Wesley knew the power and influence of books and used them to spread his message. John Newton turned his life around due to the Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis. Nearer our own time, C.S. Lewis, who produced many great books, was moved by the works of G.K. Chesterton and George MacDonald.

This book will greatly enhance your appreciation of the truly "great books". Highly recommended!

### MISSION NEWS

### Zimbabwe

Lewis Mutuma has reported that three large containers of medical supplies and equipment were donated by a hospital which was also paying for the shipping expense for one container. The destination hospital in Africa will be manned by American doctors who are members of the church.

### India

David Hallett reports nine students in the Imphal School of Preaching overseen by R. Sanga. The Calcutta School of Preaching had 14 in attendance for a special summer school. "Four of their graduates work full-time in preaching and are sponsored by national congregations."

--D.W. Hallett Newsletter

### Papua New Guinea

The Phil and Nansi Lifsey family have returned to New Guinea and joined Jim Free to take the gospel to Madang where they are in process of building a house as a center of operations.

### Ukraine

Rick Pinczuk reports that 35 attended the August 12-17 Bible Camp. One adult, Halyna Kovalenko, was immersed into Christ.

Dr. Volodymyr Malinsk, an eminent Ukrainian scholar, scientist and medical doctor, wrote a tract, "How I Came to Faith", which has been published by SEM. He has also written a 200-page book entitled **Science And The Bible**, which will be published.

The container arrived, and materials will be distributed to area churches and those who are being contacted with the gospel. On September 15 five were baptized at the Shevchenko church in Kyiv.

### Belarus

The baptisms of Antonina and Alla, two ladies, in the cold waters of the Barezina River brought to nine the number baptized by Ed Jermakowicz in Belarus. The church is now renting a place to meet, and some adults are taking turns at preparing lessons for the children.

A community hall meeting at "Easter" time attracted about 100 people who learned about the meaning of the Lord's Supper and its weekly observance. One hundred Children's Bible and forty adult whole Bibles were handed out.

Ed and the church there are looking for "significant financial partners" to enable them to purchase or build a meeting place.

# OBHUARIES -

### JOHN BRYANT

Mr. John (Jack) Bryant of #33-1000 Albert Street passed away on Friday, September 6, 1996 at the age of 91 years. Jack was born on September 27, 1904 in London, England. He will be remembered by many as the friendly neighbourhood milkman, being employed by Co-op creameries for more than 45 years.

Jack was an active member of the church of Christ and was one who was willing to share his faith with everyone. He has been a lifetime member of the Timothy Eaton Centre where he spent many hours with many of his friends. He was predeceased by his parents; wife, Kay (1980); daughter, Colleen; four sisters and four brothers. He leaves to mourn his passing three daughters: Gloria (Harvey) Cutting, Vernon, BC and their family; Diane (Daryll) Bien, Calgary, Alberta and their children, Derek, Rachelle, Ryan and great-grandson, Reid; Eleanor (Gene) McCarty, Floydada, Texas and their children, Laura and David.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 11, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the church of Christ, 902 James Street, Moose Jaw. Mr. Ron Hegdahl officiated.

Memorials may be made to The Canadian Cancer Society, Moose Jaw & District Senior Association c/o Timothy Eaton Gardens, 510 Main Street N., Moose Jaw or the charity of one's choice.

### MURIEL KEMP

Muriel Kemp passed away on Tuesday, August 14, 1996. Muriel was born on June 7, 1915 in Harptree, Saskatchewan. She attended school at Muddy View. She later moved to Moose Jaw where she married John Mitton; they had one daughter, Audrey.

Muriel worked at Ina Grafton and later moved to Vancouver, where she was a cook at Shaughnassy Hospital. She then returned to Moose Jaw and married Eugene Kemp in 1957. After the untimely death of her daughter in 1970, she took on the responsibility of raising her three grandchildren.

Muriel had a love for God and was a member of the church of Christ. She had a strong faith which showed throughout her life. Muriel's greatest joys were children, cooking and entertaining. She was predeceased by her daughter, Audrey Gray, 1970; husband, Eugene Kemp, 1990; three

brothers and one sister. Muriel is survived by granddaughters Debbie (Bernard) Olson and their children, Carley, Alexis and Preston, Saskatoon; Pam (Kevin) Ewart and their children, Jonathan, Michael and Joel, Saskatoon; grandson Kevin (Slim) Gray, Moose Jaw; and stepson Edwin (Elsie) Kemp, Millett, Alberta, and their children, Keith, Rick and Barb; sister, Celia Beckett, Vancouver; sisters-in-law Katherine Buckingham, Moose Jaw and Mabel Buckingham, Calgary; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ron Hegdahl officiated at the funeral services held on August 17. Internment followed at Sunset Cemetery.

### New East

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21 by Santiago Molina and they have become part of the Spanish fellowship. Tracy Stopard was baptized at Camp Omagh on August 23. The men had their first fellowship breakfast of the fall on September 28. Bill Schwarz from Meaford was with the congregation on September 29 to speak and conduct a workshop on small group evangelism. Santiago Molina, who has finished his cancer treatments, spent two weeks in Winnipeg with the Spanish brethren during September. Max Craddock and Santiago Molina held a meeting in Bedford, Virginia where Ray Lee and Linda Overton work, October 6-9.

There are five home Bible studies per week, and ten new students have been enrolled in two months as a result of advertising in a Spanish newspaper. The Spanish ministry will be 10 years old in Nov.

Waterloo: The Hispanic brethren held a campaign August 16-18 with Eduardo Penalosa, a Spanish evangelist from Ottawa. Sophia Cuarezma is at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and Osvaldo Cuarezma is at Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City. Brian Wall (spelling correction) committed his life to Christ in baptism around midnight on August 22 at Camp Omagh. The Great Lakes Christian College board met at Waterloo on September 16 and was given a welcome dinner by the congregation. The ladies began their Ladies' Classes with a salad supper on September 24. The Kids' Klub had a corn roast on September 20 at the home of Jim and Amy Dale and encouraged families who attended Vacation Bible School to join them.

A committee is reviewing the congregations' leadership with possible appointments and reaffirmations in December.

### QUEBEC

Montreal: The Ghanaian brethren have printed some brochures and are distributing them. "Some have called to ask about the doctrine of the church, and we are studying with a few of them." Every Sunday evening after church service, Isaac Boachie, Kakyire and Leonard Amanatey visit with those members of the Ashante congregation who were not present.

Sherbrooke: Midel was baptized in August. Luc Fortin has an e-mail address: Ifortin@interlinx.gc.x.qa.ca.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: Tim Johnson reports that their building is finished. They had a goal of raising \$5,691, and they exceeded it. They have printed 2,000 pamphlets that describe what the church is and invite people to investigate and attend. They were planning an Open House on Tuesday, October 22 for the community to come and look at their new facility. Paul Johnson is a junior at Harding University in Searcy and Ben Johnson is a freshman this year.

### **NOVA SCOTIA**

Halifax: "The Convoy Avenue congregation has expanded our small group ministry by starting a new fellowship group. We now have one group meeting on every other Monday evening and another meeting every other Friday evening. There are plans to begin another small group exclusively for the purposes of evangelism at the first of the year. Other upcoming events include the showing of an evangelistic film, The Homecoming, targeting teens and young people on October 19, and the starting back up of our weekly Ladies' Craft Night on October 22" (Keith Brumley).

Late for the October issue was: James Brumley, visiting elder from Louisiana, held two seminars. One was an "A Cappella Singing Workshop" and the second, "Parenting in the 90's".

**Kentville:** Brian Garnett, after 20 years of labour, has given his resignation and will leave in a year's time heading to the Texas area.

Mill Village: VBS in August averaged 50 children with 11 staff. Murray Marshall of Ennis, Texas, a frequent visitor, held a meeting September 27-29.

David Hallett reports that his eyes have stabilized. He is hoping to make a trip to India in February and March and will need considerable financial help for this.

### Afraid of the Feathers?

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fourth of America's households are touched by crime. Sixteen percent of deaths are youths under age 25. God cares. Job's wife experienced this. What agony these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to Anthony Valdorano, director of Exodus International and former homosexual, a typical homosexual will have hundreds of partners during his adult years. God cares. Lot's wife faced this. What betrayal these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to Montreal Children's Hospital which researched 100 ADD children, only half lead productive adult lives. God cares. Martha experienced this. What frustration these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to Dr. Michael Kahn, University of Hartford, about one-third of all adult siblings do not get along because of unresolved feelings from childhood. God cares. Rebecca's twins experienced this. What feelings of discontent these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to Statistics Canada, one out of every five deaths in Canada are men 45-54 years of age. God cares. Naomi and Ruth experienced this. What feelings of loneliness these friends must be carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to US News and World report, half of all Americans moved between 1980 and 1990. God cares. Sarah experienced this. What feelings of abandonment these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

According to The Hamilton Spectator in Ontario, one out of every four Canadian women was molested as a child, and in the United States a woman is raped every six minutes. God cares. Tamar, David's daughter, experienced this. What feelings of betrayal these friends must be silently carrying. Turn their burdens into feathers.

### Turning Burdens into Feathers

The above statistics are not representative of the church, but in some instances they can be close. Many Christians were not raised in a Christian family or environment.

Keep in mind feathers are not invisible. Turning burdens into feathers does not mean they will go away. Many people have the same burdens throughout life.

Turning burdens into feathers means we hand them over to others who in turn hand them over to Jesus. Then we are strong enough to take the burdens of those who took ours so that we can hand them over to Jesus. It is an endless but light chain. It is obeying Galatians 6:2, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ".

So what about those we sit next to every Sunday? What are we hiding from each other in silent agony? What are we desperately surviving in solitude? What are we crying about in loneliness?

If your congregation does not have a burden-sharing atmosphere, it can begin with you. Be willing to be the first to expose your pain to others, perhaps something that happened long ago. Do not share it as being a spiritual failure but as having potential victory in Jesus. Tell the triumph you felt when Jesus took your burdens of steel and gave you feathers to carry.

Be willing also to ask for prayers of others to help you over a particular burden you are experiencing now. Then be willing to let your friends hand them over to Jesus to turn into feathers.

Unless someone is willing to be the first to expose her burden, there won't be a beginning. With courage, you can do it. To paraphrase an old saying, "Let us have better church, and let it begin with--chains of steel, chains of feathers, and all".

--Windsor, Ontario

### Soul-Mindedness

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saving the lost, of human accountability and responsibility. We are encouraged to note that there is evidence to indicate that the desire to be more active in reaching the lost appears to be growing.

An important corollary of such a "soulmindedness" would be the use of every available and Biblically-consistent means and opportunity to reach the lost. We need to use the many tools at our disposal. One relatively new opportunity deserves mention. Beginning in May this year, "Key to

the Kingdom", a TV program under the oversight of the 16th and Pile congregation in Clovis, New Mexico, began airing on Vision TV, Canada's religious cable network. This weekly program is accessible to over 7 million households with a potential 21 million viewers. Viewers are invited to call an '800' number (accessible from Canada) and enroll in a World Bible School correspondence course. Despite a relatively early morning air time and little, if any, advertising, between May 7 and July 2,651 calls were received from across Canada, and 973 introductory lessons were sent out. The elders in Clovis are excited by this response. They are committed to producing a good quality, first contact program that is Biblically sound, in hope to be able to continue airing it in Canada. (The program is presntly aired on Thursday mornings. For those living in the Central time zone and east, it is on at 8:30 Eastern time; in the west, it is at 8:30 Pacific time.

There are few joys greater in life than those found in sharing the gospel with the lost. There is no greater act of service or love that we could extend to someone else than to share with them the words of life. While the survey in this issue tells us of both our joys and our disappointments, let us all take up the challenge of seeing that the next survey will show that our hearts are truly one with Christ and that His purpose has been ours, to seek and save the lost.

### GLCC Alumni

The alumni of Great Lakes Christian College or others interested are invited to visit the homepage at http:/www.vaxxine.com/glcc and leave messages.

### Apology

We failed to identify the cover picture of the October issue as "Courtesy of David Lewis, Grimsby, Ontario.

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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; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0; (403) 879-2232 (res.).

**CALGARY** (Northside): 803-2A Ave. N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Wayne Bailey, 247-6337; Brian Guilbault, 264-9232.

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N.E., T2A 288; 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; Larry Yurk, ev., 278-1469; Eric Nyrose, ev., 242-3164.

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A1; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Will Hart, ev. (403) 672-1220.

**EDMONTON**: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9, 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; C. Eric Limb, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, elders.

FORT MCMURRAY: Beauregard Edu. Community Centre, Abasand; Sun. 10-12; Thurs. Bible Talk 7:30 in homes. Mon. ladies class 1:30-3:00 in homes (phone (403) 790-0109); Terry Mullins, Treas., 399 Thicket Dr., T9H 4H7; (403) 790-3537.

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. 328-0855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V2; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Herb Carnagey, ev., (403) 527-5406 (res.); 527-7311 (off.).

RED DEER: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 11:15, 10, (evening--call for information); Wed. 7.

TABOR: 5350 50th St., TIG 1M3; Sun 10,11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Bob Donaghy, 223-3653.

### PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD: Michael Collins Studio (behind B.C. Tounst offices on McCallum Rd.); Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 in homes; Central Valley Church of Christ, Rob Robinson, Sec.-Treas., 45215 Blue Jay Ave., Sardis, B.C. V2R 2V3; (604) 824-0322; church--Ray Fillion, 850-8670.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10:05, 9 & 11; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453; (604) 522-7721 (off).

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road, V9W 1P4; (604) 923-5233.

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6V4, 24 hr. phone 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046.

COWICHAN VALLEY (CROFTON): 1288 Smith St.; Sun 11; Wed. 7; Box 45, V0R 1R0; Jack Ellis, 246-4189.

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

DELTA: Ladner Community Centre; Sun. 9:50; Wed. in homes 8:00; 205-1318 - 56th St. V4L 2A4 (off); 56th St., V4L 2A4; Jay Don Rodgers, ev., (604) 943-4341 (res.), 943-0515 (off).

**KAMLOOPS**: 629 Battle St. V2C 2M4; Sun. 11:15, 10; Mid-week studes in homes; (604) 374-3512 (off); Contact Rob Harper, 554-2421.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St.; Sun. 10:45, Bible study 9:30 (except July & Aug.); & weekly TLC groups; Box 2697, St. R. VIX 6A7; Charles McKnight, ev. (604) 765-8739; Wayne Muirhead (604) 861-4008; Ted Windmill, 763-8445, elders.

KELOWNA (Rutland): #209-120 McIntosh Rd., V1X 7E8; Sun. 11. Call for directions/other services, Bill Forman, ev. (604) 765-3643.

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Grant Hannan, ev. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish, sec. 758-6929.

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

PENTICTON: Penticton Retirement Centre, 439 Winnipeg St.; Sun. 9, 10; Tues. 7:30; Box 24082, V2A 8L9; 496-4043.

PRINCE GEORGE: 933 Patricia Blvd., V2L 3V6; Sun. 10:30, 11; (604) 562-0502.

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd; Sun. 4, 3; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, Bob Turner, evs.; (604) 624-4449 (res.), 624-5834 (off.).

RICHMOND: Call Gary Marrs, ev. (604) 271-6197 or Carlos Castillo (604) 273-0506.

SALMON ARM: Community Center, 2550 TransCanada Hwy. N.E., Rm 1; Sun. 9:45, 10:45; Thurs. night in homes. Call 832-3828 or 2470 for info.; P.O. Box 51, VIE 4N2; Wendell Bailey, ev. (604) 832-2470; Office, Piccadilly Place Mall, 1151 10th St. SW, 832-3828; Cheryl Pimentel, sec., 832-0422; Shuswap Christian School, Bx. 789, VIE 4N9, 832-7994; Doug Kendig, adm. 835-8529 (res.)

**SURREY** (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev., 594-1796.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 10:40, 5 (Spanish Bible Class 10 and Fri. 6:30); Wed. 7:30; Stephen C. Hasbrouck, ev. (604) 241-7544 (res); Spanish services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 432-1749 (res.).

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. 6:30; Kelly Carter, ev. (604) 592-4914 (off), 727-0351 (res.).

### PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

**BRANDON**: 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10, 11; (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723. **CARMAN**: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 6; Wed. 7:30; c/o D.B. Laycock, Box 266, Miami, R0G 1H0; 435-2413; or contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226.

**DAUPHIN:** 220 Whitmore Ave. (Western Christian College); Sun. 7 p.m., 10 a.m.; Wed. 7; 378 River Ave. E., R7N 0H8; Hugh Gannon, ev. 638-8568 (res.), 638-6321(off); W. Hart, elder, 638-5283.

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

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

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817.

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. (204) 257-7926 (res); 475-6462 (off).

### ROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682.

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 3 Charleston Court, Quispamsis, E2E 4W9; Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802 or Tom Goud, 847-2199.

### NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. ANTHONY: 22 Grenfell Cresc. A0K 4S0; Sun & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Daren and Kim Simmons, 709-454-2012.

### NEW YORK STATE

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

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave.; Sun. 10,11,6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223; (716) 835-6010.

### NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., XIA 3A7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 873-3875. Elders: David Lidbury, Barnard Straker; Steve McMillan, ev.

### ROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; (903) 443-9628 (off.); Keith Brumley, ev. (902) 445-4194 (res); Wayne Taylor, sec., (902) 876-7402.

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Mee Rd.; Sun. 11, 10, 6; 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 w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7; R.R. 1, BON 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

SHUBENACADIE: Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Shubenacadie & Area Church of Christ, R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; Raymond Wiseman, ev. 758-3404; Frank Weir, 758-2905.

### ROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11. 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. 683-2477 or A. Langford, sec., 683-6735.

**BARRIE**: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 4T7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7; 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

**BEAMSVILLE**: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sun. 9:15, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Don Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off).

**BRAMALEA:** 750 Clark Blvd. (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (905) 455-3263 (res.); 792-2297 (off). **BRANTFORD:** 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Rick Gamble (519)

753-5353; 759-6630 (off)

BURKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence,

R.R. #2, P0A 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume Street, L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; 444-0010 (office); Wayford Smith, ev. 444-2701.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Rd., K6J 1W1; Sun 10,11; Wed. 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825, e-mail: allenk@cnwl.igs.net.

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9.

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1CO.

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Old Library); Sun. 10:30; Box 85, P0P 1H0; Contact John Robertson (705) 282-3499; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 10; Keith Hewgill, Kimberley, ON NOC 1G0; Les Cramp, ev., Box 1642, Meaford, ON NOH 1Y0.

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. SS 11:05; Worship 9:45, 6; Wed. 7; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058; George Mansfield, ev. 945-1070.

GUELPH: Conestoga College, 460 Speedvale Ave., W; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 428 Cole Rd., N1G 3J8; David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: Meeting in homes. Times flexible. Mike Tinney, Box 702, Haileybury, P0J 1K0, 705-672-9241.

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street, L8V 3G8 (at Fennell) (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; (905) 385-5775; John Dennis, sec., (905) 389-0717.

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe Ave., L9A 3L3; Sun. 10, 11; Steven Rudd, ev., (905) 575-8437.

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./West 5th St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; midweek (call for times and locations); P.O. Box 78041 Westcliffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, R.R. 1, Kimberley, ON NOC 1G0.

HUNTSVILLE: Chaffey community Hall, Muskoka Rd. 3, one km. N. of Hwy 60; Sun. 6:30 p.m.; Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630; David Preston, sec., R.R. #1, GR Box 174, POA 1K0; 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: Hilltop Dr. off Hwy. 11BN; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; GR Box 108, Rte 3, P0A 1K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1¼ 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, POP 180, 377-4555.

**KENORA**: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; (807) 468-7523 (bldg); Randy Fiske, ev., 468-2192; Earle Rattai, 548-2245.

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11: Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room), 200 King St. W.; Sun. 11:15, 12:30; Wed.

7:30 in homes; Gregory Smith, sec., 480 Drummerhill Cres., N2T 1G4; (519) 884-2449.

**LONDON:** 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-6037.

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Bill Swarz, ev., (519) 538-1750

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Upper Canada P.O. Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Brian Cox, ev., 165 Britannia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; Ph/Fax(905) 788-0366 (res.), 895-6502 (off.); Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (905) 853-0892 (res.).

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., L2J 188; (905) 356-0107 or 356-3412; Henry Boland, ev.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); Gary Hotchkiss, sec., 497-1813.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/ o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Meneer, ev. (905) 383-5259; 875-2939 (off).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.).

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7 in homes (phone for location); Felix Turner, ev. (519) 376-8259, 376-6702 (off.).

PETERBOROUGH: The Otonabee Inn (Lift Lock Rm), 84 Lansdowne E.; Lord's Supper/Classes, 10-11, Preaching 11-12; 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Peter McPherson, ev.(705) 742-5349; Shaun Parks (705) 876-7104.

PINE ORCHARD: Sun. 10, 11; Bruce Brandon, sec. 852-5026, RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2.

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 422; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Bible studies, call for days and times; David Lock, ev., 465 Davis St., L3K 127; (905) 834-0911 (res.); 834-5775 (off.). (Every 1st Sun. 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; 935-9581 (off.); contact David Carruthers (905) 227-8972.

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafton Gage Home (Cedar Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10,11; Wed. 7; 46 Tara Cresc., Thorold L2V 4M1; Roy Diestalkamp, ev. 227-8336.

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; Len Dennis, 542-3260; Drew Chapados, ev., 542-6520.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; (705) 946-1930.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev. 256-1977 (res.), 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., 949-7612.

SELKIRK: ½ 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; (905) 957-7745; John Hains, ev., 957-1123.

**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; (905) 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: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 10:15, 11:30; Wed. 7:00; (519) 273-5280; Kelvin Hoover, ev. 273-5381; Larry Hoover, ev. 271-9545.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Peter Morphy, ev., (705) 560-3964 (off.); Paul Valli, sec. 674-2352.

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 1Z0; (705) 3884-5214.

**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., 842-2741.

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

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TIMMINS: W.E. Miller Public School, 200 Victoria Ave.; Sun. 9:30-12; Tues. 7-8; Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON LOR 2C0; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Oliver Tallman, Campden, LOR 1G0; 563-7822.

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:15; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; Ph (416) 534-3033; Darrell Buchanan, ev. (416) 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; Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd.#611, Scarborough M1N 4E2, 699-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill 265-2496, elders; Max Craddock 461-7406, Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, Guy Stopard (416) 421-6444, evs.; FAX (416) 424-1850.

TRENTON: 20 4th Ave. in gym of Trenton Christian School; Sun. 10, 10:30; p.m. in homes at 6; midweek in homes 6:30;P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741 or Steve Watson, 392-3299.

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, NOC 1H0; (519) 986-2143.

WATERLOO: 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Bob Sandiford, sec., (519) 886-4162 (res.); Geoff Ellis, ev., 885-6330 (off.); 885-3702 (res.).

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7; S.F. Timmerman, ev., Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Walter Cromwell, 485 Thorold Rd. #317, L3C 3X1; (905) 714-1860.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Al Meakes, ev., 2911 Forest Glade Dr., N8R 1L4; (519) 735-7436.

### 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/French/Spanish/Chinese/Ghanian): 1650 De Masionneuve, O., Suite 500, H3H 2P3; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; Wed. 7; 934-0400 (off.).

MONTREAL (Verdun): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2E2; (514) 765-8919; (Fr.) Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 635-5105; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Thur. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, ev. (514) 639-6432).

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audré Côté; (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Côté, 362-6623 (French speaking).

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 10:45, 9:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; (418) 651-3664; Jerrel Rowden, ev. (418) 658-0103 (res.), Jean Grenier, ev. 654-0526 (res.).

SHERBROOKE: 400 Galt St. W.; 775 Lois-Riel, J1L 2M7; Luc Fortin, ev., (819) 820-7249 (off.).

### PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

ESTEVAN: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; 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; Bruce Tetreau, ev.

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; (403) 875-4052 (off).

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, ev. (306) 693-

NORTH BATTLEFORD: 1462-110 St., S9A 2J2; Sun. 10-11; Wed. 7; Glen Davies, (306) 445-4231; Jelsing Bailey, 446-2630.

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 7½ mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnichy; Sun. 11, 10; 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: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Sun. 10; Ray McMillan, ev., 949-0969; Bernard Krogsgaard, 352-5621.

SASKATOON: Hours may vary; Please phone to be certain; Office: 343-7922; Allen Close, 955-0464; Bob Parker, 343-7884; mailing address, 134 Cardinal Cres., S7L 6H6; FAX (306) 343-1589.

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Susan Gusikoski, sec., 773-1185.

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Mid-week call; Box 454, SOG 2S0; (306) 739-2103 (off); or contact G. Husband, 739-2915 or G. McMillan, 538-4654.

**WEYBURN**: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Russell Ferris, ev., (306) 739-2103 (off); 848-0645 (res).

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 82, Broadview, SOG 0K0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; 735-2862.

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 10:15; (306) 783-6877; Harry Meakes, sec. 783-6850.

### CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 2-3... Youth Rally, N. Buffalo, NY-- "Take a Stand"
- 7-11... Lectureship, "A Study of James", GLCC. Beamsville, Ontario
- 16-17... Church and Change Seminar, Fenwick, ON
  - 19... Men's Leadership Dinner, 12:00 noon, Muddy Duck Restaurant, Milton, Ontario
  - 30... Christmas Craft Show, Gibson Hall, GLCC.

### DECEMBER

- 2-3... WCC block class, Intro. to History, Dale Hartman
- 9-20... WCC block class, Eng.Lit & Comp I, Dr. E.Hall
  - 23... 50th Anniversary reception for Eugene & Evelyn Perry, Gibson Hall, GLCC

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