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Morning Sun over the Water

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## THE WONDERS OF HEAVEN

How many times have we wondered  
As we live in this world of strife,  
Just what it is like in Heaven,  
The home of Eternal life.

Our small minds just can't imagine  
A life without any end,  
Made possible by the death of Jesus,  
Our wonderful Saviour and Friend.

However, we can't stop at Calvary--  
Where God's only Son, He gave,  
But of his victorious triumph,  
Over death, hell and the grave.

When Jesus ascended to Heaven  
His life here on earth was all done.  
Remember the words of His Father,  
"I am pleased with my beloved Son."

He's gone to prepare us a mansion  
For all obeying His Word.  
"I will come again and receive you,"  
You'll ever be with the Lord.

We know that no death and no sorrow,  
Nothing unfriendly or mean,  
Can be in that home up in Heaven,  
The wonders, "eye hath not seen".

For a mortal to further describe it  
Would be difficult, try as he may,  
In words of a noted hymnwriter  
"It's the land of an unclouded day!"

To solve, for ourselves, all the mysteries,  
We must wait 'til this life span is done.  
And then, when we enter the portals  
Our Saviour will greet us "Well done!"

--Anita Harris, Scarborough, ON  
August 3, 1960 (See obituary on page 15)



# In the Face of Mounting Evidence

Roy McDonald

“Jesus answered, ‘. . . Everyone on the side of truth listens to me’.

“What is truth?” Pilate asked.”

Pilate did not await an answer. Did his rhetorical question show contempt for philosophy, confusion about reality or exasperation at the political dilemma facing him? The very personification of truth was standing before Pilate, yet he still asked, “What is truth?”

The evidence for the truthfulness and authority of Jesus Christ has steadily mounted over the centuries. In the first century A.D., mankind witnessed the miraculous signs and wonders which attended the establishment of the church of Christ. Jerusalem was attacked, and the temple was destroyed just as Jesus had prophesied 40 years earlier. In more recent centuries, external evidences have accumulated to historically affirm the life of Christ on earth. Many ancient manuscripts have been found, verifying the early origin of the biographies of Christ (i.e. the gospels). For example, the famous Papyrus Bodmer II, a small portion of John’s gospel, was discovered in 1935 and dated back to the time of the emperor Trajan, A.D. 98-117.<sup>1</sup> Also, a fragment of a Roman inscription was discovered at Antioch, revealing that Quirinius (also known as Cyrenius) was governor of Syria at the time of Christ’s birth. Previously, Quirinius was known to have been appointed governor in A.D. 6, when Jesus was already about 10 years old. We now know that Luke’s account was correct (Luke 2:1, 2) and Quirinius served as governor twice, the first time aligning with the birth of Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> Today we possess more historical literature attesting to Jesus Christ than to William Shakespeare who lived 1,600 years after Christ walked on earth. Why, then, do so many say they are disbelievers?

Many disbelievers today see the teachings of Jesus as politically incorrect. They consider this to be a liability but then debate the relevance of political correctness. Ideally, to be politically correct, a statement should be free from cultural overtones, inoffensive, broad in scope and morally neutral. Many disbelievers do not see Jesus fitting this description. They are

right. If Jesus had fit this mold, he never would have been crucified. He was raised in Judaism (Luke 2:46-52); he was not afraid to offend religious scholars (Matthew 23); he made exclusive statements concerning our salvation (John 14:6); and spoke about moral matters in unyielding terms (Matthew 19:3-10). Notice that the real issue for many disbelievers is not the authenticity of Jesus so much as what he represents. Jesus may indeed be the promised Messiah, the only Saviour, the Son of God who knows the hearts of all men and through whom the universe was formed. However, if he denounces our life-styles and personal world views, do any of his credentials make a difference? The pride of life becomes a real obstacle to belief and obedience. Unfortunately, this pride is hidden behind a smoke screen of objections which disbelievers themselves privately recognize as feeble excuses. A 1991 international survey showed that many atheists wrestle with their inconsistent beliefs. In Britain, 14 percent pray every week, 27 percent believe in faith healers, 35 percent in fortune tellers, and 23 percent in astrology.<sup>3</sup> So much confusion could be avoided by yielding to the truth!

Christian evidences can clear away doubts and misunderstandings, but these evidences do not eradicate a serious barrier to submission, the human will. With the evidence available to us today, it does not require a blind leap of unformed faith to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is genuine. Even Satan himself cannot doubt Christ’s authenticity (Luke 10:17, 18). On the other hand, Satan remains entrenched in a war he cannot win and continues to lure intelligent, well-informed people to his lost cause. What can we do to diminish Satan’s life-destroying influence, especially when so many lost people already acknowledge Christ as authentic?

To the extent that Christian evidences are ignored, we can see the role that emotions and physical allurements play in the lives of people. Many scholars of our time have done a marvellous job of stating historical and logistical evidences for Jesus Christ. By utilizing their research we can

help build a solid foundation for faith. The subsequent challenge is to encourage the mind to influence the human will and body. The transformation of the whole person is what Jesus taught, involving not only the mind but also the heart, soul and strength (Mark 12:30). Regardless of the way we may delineate these areas of our being, it is sufficient to say that we need to do more than give a passing nod of approval to truth personified, Jesus Christ. To remain indifferent is to be left with a terrible dissonance between the mind and the rest of our being. . . something must snap. Either we will allow the Holy Spirit to change our whole being or we ignore (and ultimately refute) what we already know to be true about Jesus Christ. In the latter case, another empty victory belongs to Satan who has conquered the intellect by an assault from his emotional and fleshly weaponry. We would do well to learn how the weaponry of God can be used on a wayward spirit and capricious emotions, improving the changes of conversion. Both the scriptures and the hope-filled lives of Christians affirm that total surrender to Christ is worthwhile. We live in joy, not at all feeling deprived by noninvolvement with the vices of society. We are part of an eternal family, not a loosely-knit group of mutual watchdogs. We have nothing worthwhile to lose by surrendering to Christ and eternal glory to gain. Pilate undoubtedly felt that there was a lot to lose because he highly valued political security. He certainly was in no position to question the authority of Jesus and essentially admitted to it by having this inscription placed on the cross, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews” (John 19:19-22). Who is in a position to criticize Pilate for his shortsightedness? Today, we not only can be sure of Christ’s authority, we can survey two millennia to see that Christ does in fact take care of his own. His prophecy that Satan could not prevail against the church (Matthew 16:18) remains true to the 21st century. We need not be governed by stubbornness nor fear because we have the promise of his indwelling Holy Spirit and the support of a caring “forever family”.

In the face of mounting evidence many are tenaciously clinging to professed disbelief or disinterest. Christians need not take this personally. People do not like to

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# Reshaping Our Prayer Lives--Part II

*Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua*

In our last issue on this topic, I tried to make us aware that God is not interested in little prayers but much militant, aggressive, intercessory prayers. Reference was made to Matthew 6:7, 8 and Ecclesiastes 5:2 where, on the face of it, one is likely to interpret the admonitions of Jesus Christ and Solomon as endorsing little prayers. However, we came to realize that that was not so. While Solomon is advising us to limit ourselves to vows that are within our capacities to execute (Ecclesiastes 5:4, 5), Jesus is talking about not dabbling in vain repetitions, but not repetition per se. This second in the series on Reshaping Our Prayer Lives examines what we mean by repetitive prayers and why the need for it.

According to the **Shorter Oxford English Dictionary** "to repeat" means, *inter alia*, "to say or utter over again, to reiterate; . . . to recite, to enunciate in a formal manner or in due order; to seek again, return to, encounter, or undergo again". The Latin root of the word is *repetere* which means "attack, make for, demand, seek, etc."

Based on the contemporary, ordinary usage of the word, we can see repetitive prayers as saying again what one has already mentioned in previous prayers. This is the essence of prayer. One would argue that since God already knows what our needs are we need not pray much to win His favour or approval. Another argument is that He is a Sovereign Lord who does what He likes; so, we cannot change His mind through prayer. We may have the opportunity to deal with the sovereignty of God later on. But for now, I want us to appreciate the fact that it is not only God who is involved as an element in our prayers. Prayers also involve the devil and his forces. It is not merely communication with God to ask His blessings. In the part of our prayers where the devil is involved as a factor, our prayers will ask God to strengthen us to do battle against the forces of darkness and overcome him and his forces.

That is why we should see Christ's statement in Matthew 7:7 not as repetition but as a process. For example, what we may need in our prayers is for God to increase

people in His church. Yet God will not just ask people to flock into the church. Rather, what He gives us (ask and it shall be given) is the spiritual strength to confront the devil and demand the release of the oppressed people he is holding captive. (In this regard, please read carefully Matthew 12:28, 29; Mark 3:27; Luke 11:21, 22. The devil is the strong man there and his possessions the people of the world.) Then we take the next step in prayer: seeking and finding. The seeking is where we direct the force of our prayers against the devil and the person who is in darkness so that he or she will be released to see the light. When we believe we have done enough spiritual battle and groundwork, then we knock (and it shall be opened) by sending the word to the person to receive it. It is there that we claim Christ's plea in Revelation 3:20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. . .".

Brethren will agree with me that this process involves many prayers but not just "little prayers". In this regard I believe the Latin rendering of "repeat" becomes quite appropriate, too; attack, demand, seek, etc. And in all the three steps, at least in the first two, we see the need to repeat the demand in different ways. David had a similar style of repeating himself in the same prayer. For example, in Psalm 10 we see David first questioning God about why He has left him in that predicament (vs. 1). David then prays that that particular issue be resolved for him (vss. 12-15). He then moves on to thank God for doing it for him in advance (vss. 16-18). The last point is echoed by Jesus Christ in Matthew 11:21 where He says that when we pray we should believe that we have already received it before it comes. This is faith in action, having assurance of the things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1, 2). So, like David, we have the right to ask God in a spirit of humility why He allows certain things to happen to us which we do not understand. However, we need not be mad at Him. We should follow up with a request that He remove those challenges from our heads and even before that is done thank Him for granting it (Mark 11:22-24). This is repeating ourselves in the same

prayer.

Our next issue will deal with other instances where we need to engage in repetitive prayer.  
—Montreal, Quebec

## Joe Cannon to Teach

Joe Cannon, director of Mission 1000, Memphis, Tennessee, will teach two courses in the first term of Great Lakes Bible College's reactivated program. He will teach two-week block courses during January 6-17 and January 20-31, 1997. The first course is a textual and practical study of **Acts** with an emphasis on the spread of the early church and application to contemporary evangelism and church growth. The second course, **Introduction to Missions**, will examine the motives, methods, and message of missions that cross community, cultural and continental barriers. The two courses will be of interest to church leaders, Bible students, and Christians concerned with spreading the good news of the Kingdom of Christ. The courses will involve five hours of instruction each day, three hours in the morning and two hours in the evening and earn two hours of credit. Courses may also be taken for audit. The evening classes will include self-contained units for those who are only able to attend the night classes. Classes will be conducted at the Waterloo Church of Christ at 62 Hickory Street W., Waterloo.

A special service of thanksgiving and petition was conducted on Sunday afternoon, November 17 in response to the resumption of Biblical studies offered by Great Lakes Christian College. Thanksgiving was expressed for the renewal of the Bible college program; petitions for God's blessings on the effort were given. President Art Ford reviewed the yearlong effort that resulted in the return to instruction. On October 1, Steve Courson spoke on the importance of a community-wide rally to the challenge of maintaining a vital school of Biblical studies in the region of eastern Canada. A good number gathered at the meeting house of the Waterloo Church of Christ to share in the prayers and the praise, and to join with Max Craddock, chairman of the board of trustees. GLBC, in dedicating themselves to the undertaking to the glory of God. Messages of greeting and commendation were received for near and far. Honour and appreciation were extended to Oliver Tallman whose early vision for Great Lakes included an active Bible department and

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# Spiritual Worship

Wayne Turner



Worship is a hot topic these days. You do not need to look very far in brotherhood papers or bulletins to find an article about worship. The amount of discussion demonstrates the seriousness and importance of the topic. It is vital, since worship is such an integral part of the church. The desire to honour and praise God is universal. The need, however, is to make our worship as meaningful and effective as possible. Cold, formal, lifeless assemblies do little to show our love and devotion to God nor do they edify those present.

In recent years, there have been numerous attempts to bring about change in worship and to make worship assemblies more spirited and lively. Some of these have sought to bring in a sense of freshness through the use of newer, contemporary songs that are more relevant to the cultural idioms of the worshippers. Some have sought to produce more emotion, even striving for an enthusiastic, pep-rally atmosphere.

Perhaps we need to go back to one of our most common and key tests--John 4:24, "God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and truth".

From the context, it seems clear that truth is the opposite of the ignorance of the Samaritans. Worship in truth is not merely using the correct doctrinal forms. It is evident from the Old Testament that form, in and of itself, does not please God. Worship begins with knowing God and His will. Worship that is mechanical and lifeless is as unacceptable to God as any unscriptural or unauthorized addition.

For many, the challenge has been to understand what it means to worship in spirit. Some have equated this with emotions and feelings, like the enthusiasm of school "spirit". Is this really what Jesus intends? What does He mean when he says "God is spirit"?

When we speak of spirit, we refer to that which is not physical, that which is not part of the creation. It is the level on which God exists. God is not a physical being with a fleshly body. This is why Paul told the Athenians that God is not served by men's hands. Spiritual worship occurs on a higher plane. It relates to the nature and character of God. Worship should reflect His majesty, greatness, and holiness and our humility, reverence, dependence, thanksgiving and love. Such worship comes from lives that are in harmony with His nature. Obviously, this worship will come from the deepest emotions within us.

We are beings with dual natures. Physically, we are creatures who share the same characteristics, needs and

instincts as the other creatures of the world. Spiritually, we are created in the image of God. Our daily struggle is to find the balance between the two. However, do not our emotions and feelings tend to be more related to our physical natures? Anyone who has suffered from mood disorders, depression, hormone problems, difficulties with blood sugar levels, fatigue and a host of other problems knows that emotions are often the result of physical conditions which can literally victimize a person against his will. Emotions are one of the least reliable aspects of our lives. This is suggested by the title of James Dobson's book, **Emotions: Can You Trust Them?**

Given the unreliability of our feelings, why is the "spiritual" effectiveness of an assembly measured by the emotions that it stirs? Isn't this more characteristic of a "performance" concept of physical worship which induces or externally manipulates feelings in the person? Shouldn't spiritual worship come out of the heart, love, faith, commitment, submission, obedience and joy of the worshiper? In other words, worship is not generated externally. It comes from within.

Let us all truly make God the object of our worship. Let us not be content with shallow, superficial, mechanical worship. Let us come before Him as His unified family to lift up His name in reverence and praise. Let our hearts be filled with thanksgiving. Let us reach up

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## “I Will Stand With You”

A teenager recently came up to me and declared that he would stand with us. Let me set the scene. The North Buffalo Church of Christ recently held a youth rally which focused on the theme, “Take a Stand”. As the rally was drawing to a close, we asked all those young and old who were willing to take a stand for Jesus to come to the front of the auditorium so that we could pray together. Literally most of the church came forward. As the prayer was offered, I admit that my mind wondered just slightly. I wondered if all those who were standing together understood the commitment they were making to each other. Throughout the youth rally, the young had learned about the cost of standing for Christ. They had heard testimonies from their fellow teens along with the struggles of many of the adults who had attended. Yet they stood together declaring that they would stand for Christ in spite of the price they would have to pay.

The prayer ended, and so the youth rally was over. The weekend call for the young to rise and stand for Christ had concluded. No, in reality the young who attended the rally have reminded us that the stand had just begun. Preparing to walk off the podium, I was grabbed by a set of eyes--not hands or arms--but eyes. The eyes said, “I have a question to ask.” A few seconds passed, and then the young man boldly declared, “I will stand with you”. The question he was asking in his own way was would I stand with him. My answer was quick and secure as I declared that I would “stand with him”.

Words spoken on Sunday often do not sink in until Monday. I had declared that I would stand with this youth in his walk with Christ. To all who were watching I had said that I would stand with a young

man through his trials and struggles. Curious to know just how the young man had been effected by our exchange, I talked with him the following Sunday. I needed to know what he needed from me; so, I asked directly, “What did you mean when you said you would stand with us?” His response was simple in that he again noted that he needed to be shown the way, and he was looking at me.

This is not my child. I know nothing about this young man other than the two things he had made directly known. First, as a baptized believer he was declaring once again that he was going to continue to stand with Jesus. Second, he was looking for an example, and he was looking at me. I had not promised that I would stand for him. I had not promised that I would tolerate the sins in his life. I had not said that I would make excuses for him. I had promised to stand with him. Stand with him I will.

Being a blessing to people is a huge responsibility. Paul referred to Timothy as his son in the faith. Paul was not Timothy's father in a biological sense. In fact, Timothy was already a believer before he and Paul met, but over time and throughout the sharing of struggles, Paul was able to instruct Timothy to the point that he could refer to him as his son in the faith. In Paul's second letter to Timothy, Paul is about to give Timothy the charge of guarding the treasure which is the Gospel. Paul is telling Timothy in that letter to make sure that he is of sound doctrine (chapter 1), that he entrusts the Gospel to faithful men (chapter 2), that he himself grow in his understanding (chapter 3), and that he preach the word. Powerful, powerful letter, but what is so important to note is that before Paul gave Timothy the charge of guarding

the treasure, he reminded Timothy of the relationship they shared. Paul and Timothy stood together.

I realize that I have made the point several times that we need to bless those both inside and outside of our families. It is my hope that by repeating the idea, you begin to practice it. I will stand with that young man and many others so that when the day comes when I am nearing the end of my life, I can write a letter challenging those who have watched my life to guard the Treasure.

Many young people from the youth rally have been a wonderful surprise to me. They have written thank you notes that have consisted of more than the scribbles of a child. The youth have sent everything from money to prayer requests. Worth noting is that the only complaints to come in have been written by adults. Maybe we should step back from time to time to learn from the ones whom we are supposed to be teaching.

*(Editor's Note: Please let me know your thoughts on what I write and any issues that you would like me to address. In addition to the above address, if you have access to the internet, you can now reach me at [Cornfieldd@aol.com](mailto:Cornfieldd@aol.com).)*

### Spiritual Worship

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to Him, Creator and Sustainer of all and offer to Him that which is truly worthy of His excellence and nature. Let our lives daily be in harmony with His Spirit and will, that our worship, then, might be truly in spirit and truth.

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## The Heart of David

*Nicole Laliberte*

*(The following article was sent in by brother Donald Perry from Western Christian College. The article was written by Nicole Laliberte, a grade 12 student at Western from Red Deer, Alberta, as an essay for an Old Testament Survey course taught by brother Perry. We are always happy to receive material written by young people that can be used on the Youth Page. MEC)*

David was truly a man after God's own heart. All through I and II Samuel we are given examples of the loving nature of David. Even when sinful, David never gave up on God or completely left His presence. That shows a lot about the heart of David in general. As I did this essay, I learned that the heart of David was like this in his relationships as well.

David's relationship with Saul was quite an interesting one. David had plenty of opportunities to harm Saul, but he never did. He believed that Saul was truly God's anointed and that he was not to harm him. David just couldn't bring himself to do anything against Saul, even after all that Saul had done to him. I believe that this shows that David's heart is very much in tune with what God wants, and his heart tells him to follow whatever God says, even if he thinks that he could do it better. David tried to make Saul understand that he wasn't against him, but Saul continued to hunt him down and tried to kill him. Perseverance is another characteristic of David's heart; he just wouldn't give up trying to make Saul understand. But deep down, Saul knew that David was more righteous than he was, and he knew that the kingdom would soon be David's. Saul made a request, and David agreed not to kill Saul's family. This shows that forgiveness is another part of David's heart. David said that he valued Saul's life, and this shows the love that David had in his heart.

Jonathan was David's best friend in the whole world, besides God. Jonathan would have done anything for David, and David would have done anything for Jonathan. Jonathan even agreed to lie for David, and I think this shows the depth of their friendship. Jonathan is nothing like Saul, which could be an explanation of how David and he got along so well. The two friends even made covenants to be kind to each other for the rest of their lives and after that to each other's families. I think this friendship of David's shows a lot of his forgiving nature. If he could love Jonathan as much as he did even when his father wanted to kill him, that's forgiveness. This relationship also shows how important God is in David's heart. David made covenants with Jonathan under God and made promises under God to Jonathan. He brings God into every aspect of his life.

Nabal and David did not have a very good relationship. David protected Nabal's shepherds while they were working and made sure that nothing went missing. Then, when David sent his men to ask for some kindness in return, Nabal was mean to them and sent them away with nothing. I think that David expected something in return for his kindness and was very angry when he got nothing. David's heart becomes very vengeful, and he wanted to kill all the males associated with Nabal. But once again, the forgiving nature of David's heart comes into play when Abigail, Nabal's wife, comes to ask forgiveness. When Nabal dies, the trusting nature of David's heart is shown because he says that he knew God would take care of Nabal for him.

David's relationship with Mephibosheth shows David's loving nature. He loved Jonathan so much that he wanted to do something for his family. David also had a very generous heart. The way he

displays this is by giving all of Saul's former estate to his grandson. David doesn't worry about appearances either. Mephibosheth was crippled and abandoned by everyone else, but David invited him to eat at the king's table.

David's son, Absalom, must have been the cause of a lot of David's pain in his later life. The whole story of Absalom shows many things about David's heart. David knew that God would repay; so, he didn't have to get angry or upset about anyone's actions towards him. This is why he didn't react when Shimei was cursing him and telling him that Absalom was destined to take over the kingdom. David's heart loved Absalom even though Absalom wanted to overthrow him. That must have been so hard to do, to love your child even when you know that he just wants to kick you out of your position. This shows us that David's heart had a lot of patience and determination. Everyone knew that David didn't want his son harmed; so, David once again wasn't scared of what people think of him. I think this shows that David has a lot of confidence in God and not in himself. When Joab killed Absalom, we see that the love of David's heart has lasted through everything. David loved his son so much that he wanted to be dead instead of him. This again shows David's ability to forgive, to be able to love someone when he knew he had absolutely no respect for him. David had an emotional heart that was severely affected by death and violence. It says in II Samuel that David was shaken by the news of his son's death, and he wept and wept over it.

Finally, I believe that David's relationship with God shows the most about him. David believed that God was always in control. He believed that everyone should love and obey God just as he did. God had delivered him from so much that David's heart had the utmost confidence that God would protect him from everything. David praised God at all times and gave glory to Him. He wasn't out for credit for himself; whatever happened, good or bad, the praise was given to God. David had a very loyal heart; he had one God and one God only. David had a very faithful heart; he was always praying to God in order to be cleansed from his sins. God is David's rock, fortress, deliverer, shield and protector.

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# The Damascus Experience

Jeff Harris

Many of us are very familiar with the conversion experience of Saul of Tarsus. He was the Pharisee who sought to destroy the church, who while on his way to Damascus had a close encounter of the life-changing kind. In Acts 9, Saul met Jesus. What ensued was remarkable, for Saul went from being a persecutor of Jesus to a proclaimer of the gospel in just a few short days. As we examine this situation we are led to ask the inevitable question: What changed him so drastically? The obvious answer is that he met Jesus. Not only did he become convinced, but he was convicted and converted. We know from Scripture that no man could have reached him (Galatians 1:11-14), but he had what we will call The Damascus Experience.

The Damascus Experience simply defined is this: Discovering Jesus! I am convinced that the only way people are ever going to change is if we have a Damascus Experience as well. Saul was beyond man's grasp. Any Christian who would have approached him with the gospel would have received a one-way ticket to jail or worse. Thus, it was only Jesus who could reach him and change his life! Each person's Damascus Experience will be slightly different; some of us discover Jesus when we are very young, others discover Him much later in life. Sometimes others will lead us by the hand to Jesus while on other occasions people reach out to God because of a crisis or trial. Regardless of the reason, we each need to meet and discover Jesus for ourselves.

It is only Jesus who can provoke real change in us. The key to our Christian growth is found in the Damascus Experience. Church leaders throughout our land have struggled to get more people involved in the work of the church, and the answer is staring us right in the face. We need to discover Jesus. Many of the people sitting in the pew have never had a Damascus Experience, and as a result, they never really get involved. There are many who have discovered Jesus but have lost their way, thus they need to rediscover Jesus. It is only when people make contact with Jesus that they are ready to serve Him.

Consider the effect of the Damascus

Experience. Immediately after his conversion, Saul went out and preached the gospel to all who would hear him (Acts 9:20-22). Saul was so excited by his experience that he just had to share his good news. Would you like to see your people become evangelistic? Introduce them to Jesus Christ. New Christians are anxious to share their faith with others because they realize what a precious gift they have been handed.

The other obvious point that we can see in Saul's Damascus Experience was the lack of argument. When he met Jesus on the road to Damascus, there was no longer any room for argument or debate. As a Pharisee, Saul would have been a skilled debater, but we see no evidence of him trying to debate away the truth of the gospel. When we direct people to Jesus, we will not have to worry about arguments. The Damascus Experience is all inclusive. We don't have to prove our point of view, nor do we have to disprove anybody else's position. All we need to do is show people the way to the real Jesus Christ.

The Damascus Experience provokes real and significant change. You can tell who has had a Damascus Experience by their actions and by their level of commitment. A recipient of the Damascus Experience will not just do the bare minimum to get by nor will he/she be hard to involve in the ministry in the local congregation. You will also find that a person who has had this experience will begin to change before your eyes--his knowledge of the word will increase in volumes; his prayer life will be dynamic; and his relationships within the body will be deep and meaningful. When we meet Jesus, remarkable things happen!

We have talked much about the effects of the Damascus Experience but have spoken little about the process. So let us consider how one has this type of experience. You can't have the Damascus Experience by reading the **Reader's Digest**, nor from reading the **TV Guide** or watching the television. You won't find it at the bar nor at the bowling alley. If you want to enjoy the Damascus Experience, you've got to meet Jesus. The only way that you are going to do that is by going to Him. Read the

gospels. Read the Old Testament prophecies concerning Him. Simply read the Book. Once you have done that, earnestly seek His will for your life. You can be assured that if you seek Him, you'll find Him.

Saul later became known as the apostle Paul, and we know what kind of an influence he had on the church. If our pulpits would ring out about Jesus, and if our people begin having Damascus Experiences, could you imagine how drastically our congregations would be changed? Just look at what Paul was able to accomplish because he met Jesus. Have you discovered Jesus? Do you need to rediscover Him? Have you had a Damascus Experience? If you haven't, what are you waiting for? My earnest prayer is that we will all seek to know Jesus! --Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Mounting Evidence

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be "thrown off track" nor do they like the insecurity involved in alienating friends and family. Let's help people wrestle through these issues, prepared for the eventuality of strong resistance to Christ even after his authority has been established. It is no emotional ploy to emphasize that, when evidence becomes hard proof, it will be too late to surrender.

<sup>1</sup>Werner Keller, **The Bible As History** (New York: William Morrow & Co., 1956), p. 383.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid*, p. 384.

<sup>3</sup>"God makes comeback in West", **The Edmonton Sun**, 23 May, 1993, p. 40

(Scripture quotations are from the New International Version.) --Edmonton, AB

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## Getting Strength from Our Rock

Roger Lansdell

In the early days of the automobile a man's Model-T Ford stalled in the middle of the road. No matter how hard he cranked, he couldn't get it started. He tried to advance the spark and adjust things under the hood, but no matter what he did, the vehicle would not run. Just as he was about to give up on it, a very fancy chauffeured limousine pulled up behind his vehicle and stopped. A wiry, energetic man stepped out from the back, came around to him and asked if he might be able to help. Well, the frustrated car owner gladly accepted the assistance. After a few minutes of tinkering under the hood, the well-dressed stranger said, "Now try it!"

The man did, and to his surprise and pleasure the engine leaped to life. He was

extremely grateful to this stranger who had helped him, and as he was expressing gratitude, he asked the stranger how come he knew so much about fixing cars. After all, they were a new invention, and very few knew anything about them. The well-dressed gentleman then introduced himself as Henry Ford and said, "I designed and built these cars; so, I know what to do when something goes wrong."

Many times our lives seem to be filled, almost to overflowing, with things that go wrong. The kids won't quit arguing. The finances are a mess. Work isn't going well or we can't find work. People aren't responding to us as we would like. The car keeps breaking down. There is much to do. Friends seem to have abandoned us.

There are a mountain of bills to pay, and during all of this it seems that every light bulb in the house decides to blow out, adding insult to our tremendous frustration.

What is the answer? Is there an answer? Is there a way to respond to the frustrations that daily come our way that will set the Christian apart from his neighbour? Sadly, many times we respond to the troubles that come our way the same as everyone else does--and if we do, the witness that we are giving to those around us is that we aren't any different from the world nor do we have anything to offer by way of an answer to handling the frustrations of life.

May I suggest an alternative? The prophet Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 51:1, "Listen to me you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn. . ." Isaiah is suggesting that in times of trouble and during the frustrations of life that we remind ourselves that we were created in the image of God. We were cut and hewn from the rock that is strong, that can and will endure. Isaiah is telling us to focus on God who is our rock, our strength and our hope in times of trouble.

--from the *Pinehill Messenger*

## When Sin Gives You the "Boot"

Rick Gamble

She escaped by accident--literally!

Police in Hong Kong say two kidnapers abducted travel agent Yeung Chai-chi and locked her in the trunk of a stolen cab. But during the getaway, the fleeing vehicle bumped into a truck, and the taxi's trunk sprang open a few inches.

When the truck driver got out to check for damage, he spotted a wriggling hand. Inside the taxi trunk, he found a woman in a pink dress with her head covered in pantyhose and her arms and legs bound with adhesive tape. The kidnappers got away. But, more importantly, so did Yeung Chai-chi.

That story reminds me that all of us are taken captive. Kidnapped by pride and conceit, we're bound by sin, bound for hell. Once that awareness really sets in, we feel petrified and absolutely powerless. And often, just when it seems things can't pos-

sibly get any worse, they do.

But the added suffering often brings revelation and rescue. Sometimes it's the jarring impact of an illness that makes us stop and "take hold of the life that is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19). Or the death of someone we love strikes us with such force that we're thrown into God's comforting arms. Sometimes a jolting financial collapse snaps us into spiritual freedom. Or maybe, when we hit rock bottom in our self-centred life of sin, the sudden stop finally springs the lock that keeps us captive, confined and confused.

That's not to say that hardship automatically frees us from our sin and ourselves. If it did, everybody would be a Christian. Instead, trouble often makes us retreat further into the trunk, even when the lid's open.

Regardless, our Lord is always in con-

trol, even when Satan's at the wheel of the getaway car. We have God's own promise that no matter how hopeless our situation seems to be, He'll always provide a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13). So, next time you're rocked by unexpected trouble, check to see if Jesus isn't there, waiting to help you out of the trunk. You'll escape with your life, and to your life. But it won't be by accident.

--from *Cross Current*, Brantford, Ontario

### NOTICE

**All those submitting articles, news and other items for the January 1997 issue are reminded that because of the holiday season, the deadline for copy is one week early. All materials should reach us by December 10 at the latest, preferably earlier.**



## Points by Perry:

### “...as the Lord forgave you.”

The above phrase, quoted from Colossians 3:13, demands our thoughtful attention. As Jesus is Emmanuel (God with us) and as seeing Him is seeing the Father (John 12:44), we are to strive to be like Him in all things. After all, God did create man in His own image and wishes us to be restored to that image.

We are urged, yea commanded, to forgive “as the Lord forgave”. The verse begins by telling us to “bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another”. This is addressing our relationship with those we might find difficult to “bear with”; those whom we feel have caused us grief.

Apparently, Christians in New Testament times offended and grieved one another just as often happens today. All too frequently, we tend to avoid those who have offended us and to withhold forgiveness until everything has been repaid. Even then, the matter is seldom forgotten, and the grieved attitude continues in the background. The relationship is not completely restored, and the spiritual life of the wronged is eaten away by the cancer of bitterness, resentment and self pity.

Another problem when there are grievances is that of prolonging the bad situation by waiting for the wrongdoer to take the initiative.

We must first consider the question, “How did the Lord forgive?” Then we will know how we are to forgive. We need not spend time and space on the question of whether or not man has grieved God. God must indeed find it difficult to “bear with” man. Nevertheless, He has forgiven and does forgive.

Despite man’s perverseness, God did not leave him to himself but instead devised a means of restoring the relationship that had been destroyed. God did not withhold forgiveness until all was repaid by man. If He did, there would be no forgiveness. Rather, God took the initiative and paid the damages in order that man might return to Him. Further, once this arrangement is accepted by man, God does not hold a grudge against him but rather promises to remember the offense no longer (Hebrews 10:17). Remembering would mar the relationship.

In summary, notice that God, the offended one, took the initiative; God, the offended one, paid the damages; and God,

the offended one, forgives and forgets the offenses. Thus we see how God deals with those who offered Him. How do we treat those who have offended us?

As a consequence of God’s attitude and action a close fellowship with God is accomplished. No ill will continues. The recognized benevolence of God accomplishes in the forgiven an ever-increasing love for God and a greater effort to avoid further offenses. This can and should also be the cause in our relationships with one another, if we “forgive as the Lord forgave”. He has shown us how.

Besides the joy of the restored warm relationship between brethren, there is the assurance of God’s forgiveness resulting from our forgiving our brother. We are also plainly warned that God will not forgive if we do not (Matthew 6:14, 15).

The offender is to take the initiative and seek restoration (Matthew 5:24), but the offended is also instructed to do so (Matthew 18:15ff). Perhaps we should each be striving to be the first to take the initiative. Why wait for the other to do so? Don’t we desire to be reconciled? Don’t we want God’s forgiveness?

Forgiving, at great cost to Himself, those who had terribly offended Him is one of the most emphasized and appreciated characteristics of God. Let us put forth double effort to be like God in forgiving those who offend us. This may be one of the most difficult areas in which we are to imitate our Lord, but it is also one of the most important.

We put off, neglect or fail to “forgive as the Lord forgave us” to our own present harm and eternal loss. —E.C.P.

### Heart of David

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David relies on God for everything which shows how trustworthy his heart is. Finally, David loves God with all his heart.

This essay has brought me to many conclusions. The conclusion with the most impact would be that David had the most Godlike heart of anyone I know in the Bible or in my life. To have a heart like David’s would be a good goal for anyone who loves God and wants to serve him!

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## Joe Cannon Teaches

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to Elgin Whitfield, current chairman of the Great Lakes Christian College board, whose leadership for the Bible college in recent years has helped to perpetuate the program.

Principal Geoffrey Ellis reported to the November 16 meeting of the board of trustees of GLBC regarding the activities of the first term of teaching. Five full-time and part-time students are enrolled. A number of inquiries regarding distance learning augmented by the internet have been received. Preparations for the first course offerings using this technology have begun. The winter term begins February 3, 1997 and conclude May 15. Applications for this term are invited c/o GLBC, 62 Hickory St. W., Waterloo, ON N2L 3J4; (519) 885-6330; Internet: 71644 1013@compuserve.com.

## Finding Our Place

If you are like me, there are many times in your life when you feel that you don't really fit anywhere. You may have a desire to become involved in things at church or at work or at school, but for some reason you don't feel like you can offer what is needed. Days like these can be very discouraging and sometimes even depressing. On the other hand, there are likely many of you who are so involved in things at church, at work, at home or at school that you feel torn in so many directions that you also do not feel effective.

We are told in the Bible that each of us has a talent or talents, some more than others. But it is quite clear that God has given each of us a job to do. It is just difficult sometimes for us to know what that job is. The most important thing to remember is that we are to put our whole selves into whatever job we are doing because we are ultimately doing it for Him. Just as the body is not whole without one part, it is also true that without you and me, the wholeness of our world is marred.

We need to each pray that God will guide us into the area of work or service for which we are best suited. No job is too small to be important in the overall scheme of things. The following poem relays this message beautifully. As you read it, think of it as a message to you personally.

### Small Things

We cannot all be orators, with skillful word and art,  
To elevate the thoughts of men, or wisdom deep impart.  
But, for each one whose silver tongue can hearts and minds impress,  
There must be many listeners, to give his work success.

We cannot all be singers, with golden dulcet voice,  
With power to move our audience to tears, or to rejoice.  
But every one can hum a tune, about his task each day,  
A passerby may hear, and also sing upon his way.

We cannot all be writers, and with a mighty pen  
Write words of wisdom, cheer or hope unto our fellow men.  
But, each of us can send a card to someone who is ill,  
And say, "I hope you'll soon be well, I'm thinking of you still."

No, we cannot all be masters, but each one has a part,  
However humble it may be, in any chosen art.  
The listener, the critic, the one who minds the door  
To let folks in, and he who afterwards sweeps up the floor.

So, let us not despise the small things that make up this life.  
If we would more considerate be, we'd have no time for strife.  
And there would be no masters great, if there was no one small  
To do the many little things that come the way of all.

—Ivy E. MacKay, from *Thoughts*

As we are on the threshold of yet another year, may we all strive harder to find our place in God's kingdom, using those talents with which he has blessed us to the best of our abilities and to the glory of God and growth of his family.

### Survey Corrections

In the article entitled, "Church of Christ in Canada, 1996: A Profile" in paragraph three it should read, "Ontario with 47.6% of the churches in Canada, experience a 0.3% decrease" instead of a 3% decrease.

Also Brantford, Ontario should read 49, 42, 26 rather than 49, 42, 103. Pinehill, Sault Ste. Marie, 1996 membership of 96 rather than 76.

Congregations are encouraged to submit information not contained in the report (i.e. "year of establishment", membership for any year--1996, 1991, 1981, 1966), etc. One completed response has been received since the survey was printed. All corrections and updates will be recorded and will support a better base for the 2001 survey.

—GHE

### MISSION NEWS

#### Zambia

John Lauterbach and others visited the Mbwiko church, a rough ride beyond their previous journeys in the area. Fourteen people publicly recommitted themselves to the Lord. Another visit, to the Safari church, saw nine baptized and seven restored.

A group from Namwianga visited a newly formed church at the Mukwela Vocational Training Center. One lady was restored. Another group visited the Katete "B" church where two sisters "were prayed for" and two men baptized. A group from Kabanza Christian Secondary School made a two-hour walk to Chidi where five were restored and three baptized.



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**ONTARIO**

**Ajax:** There was a congregational meeting on October 20. Geoff Ellis was a guest speaker on November 10 when they installed new elders and deacons. Ruby George celebrated her 80th birthday.

**Beamsville:** Laurie Miller left for a job in Kansas. Byron and Arlene King with their family have moved to Beamsville, where Byron is a dispatcher at the Beamsville relay station. Ed and Rhonda Whittington conducted a teachers' workshop for the congregation.

**Bramalea:** Craig Redwood Run for Life, October 26, brought in just over \$17,000. It was a beautiful day, and thank you to many across the province and Canada for your donations. Robert Walter Ashton, age 58, from downtown Toronto was baptized on October 31. He is presently spending a month in Salem, Oregon before coming back to the area. The guest speaker on November 10 was Glen Dods from Abilene, Texas. Walter and Shirley Straker celebrate their 40th anniversary on December 22.

**Brantford:** On September 26 a new sister in Christ, Denise Scott, was baptized by Rick Gamble after a study with Dianne Potts. Young Voices is a group of children aged 10-15 meeting Saturday mornings to practice some songs they will be singing at local retirement homes.

**Fenwick:** Brian Cox was the speaker for a gospel meeting October 21-27. Lessons on the Beatitudes were presented in an interesting and challenging way. Attendance for the meeting averaged 50. The Fenwick teens are meeting before church services on the first Sunday of each month for a period of devotion.

**Guelph:** The church has arranged to meet at the Evergreen Senior Citizens' Centre on Woodbrick Street where they have a larger room and better location at lower cost.

Stephen Eckstein of Michigan Christian College was with the church in a weekend meeting on November 16 and 17.

**Hamilton (West):** The VanAlstine family has moved to Hamilton and is meeting with the West Hamilton congregation. The congregation has enjoyed an interesting mix of speakers including Devon Bennett, Joe Godbout, Peter Morphy, Max Craddock and Chris Page.

**Newmarket:** Art Ford spoke at Newmarket on October 27. A men's breakfast was to be held at the Golden Griddle on November 16. Keith and Marie Thompson were attending the Great Lakes lectures and then travelling south to visit with their children for part of the winter. Keith also spoke at Guelph on October 27.

**Sarnia:** Jenny Rentola, daughter of Ron and Jane, was baptized for the remission of sins on September 29. Some members attended the Michigan Christian College Lectureship and the Spiritual Sword Lectureship in Memphis.

**Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill):** An area-wide fellowship in Cheboygan was November 8. Richard and Ilse Herzog have returned from Germany.

**St. Catharines:** Hugh Gannon was a guest speaker recently.

**Sudbury:** Glen Fournier was baptized at Strawberry Point and Brian Staggs in North Bay in early September. The ladies class is studying the book of Ephesians on Monday evenings. A group of students from Freed-Hardeman University is planning to hold a gospel meeting Sunday, December 15 through Thursday, December 19. The Bible school teachers are meeting to study "Teachers are Made, Not Born". The men meet monthly on Saturday morning for Bible study and breakfast.

Peter Morphy is lining up speakers for an Evangelism Seminar to take place on the GLCC campus in August 1997.

**Stratford:** Jim McGuiggan from Hollywood, Northern Ireland, was a guest speaker on Wednesday, October 23. The ladies class is meeting Monday evenings and studying from the book **Spiritual Aerobics**.

**Tintern:** Eighteen men were in attendance for the first training for service class. The congregation is putting up a picture gallery so that everyone will be able to identify the members. Barry and Jean Hannah are celebrating their 40th anniversary on November 17. Steve Smith was appointed a deacon on October 27. A special potluck

was held on November 3 to welcome the Holston family to the congregation as their new minister. Eugene and Evelyn Perry will celebrate their 50th anniversary on December 23 at Gibson Hall, Great Lakes Christian College, Beamsville.

Joyce Smith, recently married to Harold Smith, was baptized on October 30 uniting the family in Christ.

**Toronto (Bayview):** "A World of Food and Fellowship" was celebrated with at least 45 people gathered for the annual ethnic dinner at the church building. The quarterly congregational meeting was held on November 17. A new pictorial directory is being put together following picture taking. Mary Hobourne has moved to Cranbrook, BC where she is attending a community college. Jean DuVall and Karen Hodgson are in charge of the ladies class which began in September. A weekend for spiritual renewal, October 18-20, was held with the feature speaker being Randy Fenter. A Christian family from Romania, Pavel and Minerva Hant, with their daughter, Paula, arrived on September 27. Keith and Sheri DeSpain with their two daughters, Kristi and Lisa, moved here from Texas early in the summer.

**Toronto (Strathmore):** An evangelism class is being held each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Max Craddock and Guy Stopard spoke in Hamilton at Fennell Avenue on October 20. A decision was made by the congregation at Fennell Avenue to hire Guy and Margaret to work with the congregation. Guy was to begin preaching on a regular basis on November 24. The congregation that Guy was endeavoring to begin with the congregation at Strathmore will be in limbo for about a year as they try to sell the present property and purchase a new place to meet. Cary and Socorro Umrysh were baptized on October 22 after studying with Steve Gill and Max Craddock. Sympathy to Hubert Harris and family at the death of his wife, Anita, who passed away October 22 following a long illness. Santiago Molina spent a week in Columbia with his Spanish fellow preachers. Congratulations to Roy and Ann Witty on their 50 years of marriage.

**Waterloo:** November 29 was to be the annual skating at the rink-in-the-park. The official launch of Great Lakes Bible College was celebrated at 3:00 p.m. on November 17. The program, "Key to the Kingdom" is aired on Vision television on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. Wesley and Beverly

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*(Editor's Note: The news from Saskatoon and Moose Jaw were intended for last month's Gospel Herald. I was at the World Missions Workshop and missed the deadline. My apologies to all of our readers for this late news. BR)*

**SASKATCHEWAN**

**Moose Jaw:** "It has been quite some time since our last report. We once again participated in the Day of Prayer and Fasting, sponsored by the Redwood Church of Christ, Redwood, California. During the month of May we followed the 'Family Giving Calendar', and on Sunday, June 2 we took up a special collection for the spread of the word in many countries; \$1,086.52 was given.

The week of April 29 through May 4 was our week to deliver Meals-On-Wheels around the city of Moose Jaw. We have participated in this program for a number of years and find it very worthwhile helping out in this area. Our Women's Service Club held a garage sale on April 27 and \$201 worth of 'junk' was sold. These funds will be forwarded on to Western Christian College to be used on some worthwhile project.

The last Sunday evening of each month we bring a potluck supper to share together following our evening service. If you are ever passing through on that evening, please feel free to stop and share in this time of fellowship with us. In June of this year we had a request from one of the men whom we support in Nigeria for funds so that he could purchase a motorcycle to aid in his preaching and teaching responsibilities. We gave \$1,325 towards this purchase, which was more than sufficient to supply Edet with the motorbike.

On June 26 Ben Thiessen, son of Doug and Darlene, was baptized into Christ. We pray that God will bless Ben all the days of his life as he lives for Him.

While Ron Hegdahl was away on holi-

days, we were blessed to have Bill McMillan and Dale Elford bring us the lessons on those two Sundays. It was good to have these men speak to us.

We were approached by the Gravelbourg Church of Christ the spring about being involved in helping with the support of Mal Tarrant to work with the congregation in Swift Current from May to August and were happy to be involved. Mal is a Moose Jaw native and an extremely hard worker. We know that Swift Current was blessed by having him with them for the three months. (Editor's note: Mal is in his final year of Bible at Western Christian College and will graduate in May of 1997 with his BTh.)

On Saturday, July 20, a 60th Wedding Anniversary tea was held at the building for Cliff and Margaret Nelson. Cliff and Marg have been members of this congregation since its beginning, and we pray God's richest blessing on them for many more happy, healthy years together.

In August a request was received from Allan and Betty Jacobs for a \$50 donation to help complete the wiring and plumbing in a new church building in Pollachi, Tamil Nadu, India, and we were glad to send these funds to the Jacobs.

On August 14 we lost a very dear sister in the Lord in the passing of Muriel Kemp. Muriel was 81 years of age and had been in failing health for the past while. Ron Hegdahl conducted the funeral service on August 17. Muriel will be missed, but we know that she is no longer suffering, and for that we are glad. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family, especially to the grandchildren whom she and Jean raised. Debbie Olson, Pam Ewart and Kevin Gray, your grandma was a very special lady.

On August 25 Velma Forman, who is home in B.C. from Papua, New Guinea, and visiting in Saskatchewan for the weekend, showed slides and told us about her work in New Guinea. Velma is involved in doing medical and missionary work there. It was great having her with us and learning more about what is going on in other places." --Dan & Linda Goud

**Saskatoon:** The new location for the church is 134 Cardinal Cr., Saskatoon, SK S7L 6H6; phone (306) 343-7622; FAX (306) 343-1589.

Our first service in the new facility was Thursday, August 15. We have had to make some adjustments while renovations are being done, but we hope that by October we will be fully operational. Eighty-one people attended our annual family camp weekend. Excellent weather helped

to make it a successful weekend.

A farewell potluck was held on August 25 for the Vogt family who are moving to Cranbrook, BC. While they will be missed by this congregation, we wish them God-speed in their new home.

As the school season resumed, we welcomed three new university students. They are Cherish Kirkpatrick, Dauphin, Manitoba; Shannon Tucker, Estevan, Saskatchewan; and Monica Bell, Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan as well as our returning students.

**Regina:** Responding to the call of minister with the Fort McMurray Church of Christ, Billy McMillan, along with his wife, Deista, and his daughter, Laurel, left Regina on October 31 to begin his first full-time ministry in this thriving northern Albertan "oil-sands" city. The congregation there began half a dozen years ago. It is made up of a dozen young families who use a school chapel for Sunday assemblies. Billy spent the last couple of years serving as our 'adult involvement coordinator' while completing his graduate degree at Canadian Theological Seminary. Kevin Vance is presently serving as our halftime Youth Minister. Upon completion of his studies at CTS next April he will assume full-time responsibilities. Carolyn Wiebe, originally from Swift Current, left here in midsummer to study with the "Adventures in Missions" program in Lubbock. Plans for a new auditorium are "on hold" due to funding limitations. Spring Renewal '97 will take place April 11-13 on the theme "In Search of Wonder" featuring Lynn Anderson and Jeff Nelson. Special workshops include Parents in Pain, Ultimate Womanhood and Ultimate Manhood.

**Winnipeg:** April Soulatzkoff, Guy Carroll and Carol Henderson's parents, Moon and Sui Yee, were recently baptized. "We had a very successful youth rally in October with David Ford of Edmonton as the featured speaker."

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Vancouver (Oakridge):** A community Thanksgiving dinner was held as a way of reaching out to those who would otherwise be alone. Family, friends and neighbours were invited to the celebration.

Fall Songfest '96 was held November 1 at the Surrey church building. It was an inter-congregational evening of singing, prayer and praise with the purpose of bringing glory to God. It was also a time of fellowship and to uplift one another.

**Delta:** A special contribution was taken to go toward the Russia work. As well, some medical supplies and children's articles were collected. Jay Don went to Omsk, Siberia from October 16 to November 12. He was able to deliver the supplies, which were received with great enthusiasm. Jay Don taught at the Children's Hospital and then again at the Main Hospital. The lessons were on the compassion of Christ and were well received. Several took the address of the church to attend services there. He also taught at the American School and held studies with brethren and their family and friends. Some heard out of curiosity, some out of necessity but some out of a desire to know God's will. Pray for these people.

The congregation is working to put Christmas boxes together for children in Bosnia and other countries.

**ALBERTA**

**Calgary:** A Ladies' Fellowship Breakfast was held October 19 for a time of fun and fellowship. The theme was "Rejoice... Think on such things" (Philippians 4:4-8).

A "His Needs, Her Needs Seminar" began October 21. The interactive seminar is a fast-paced, fun learning event that leads each couple through eight weeks of learning how to overcome the habits that are negatively affecting marriage and

learning the habits that will bring about marital happiness and fulfillment. Dr. Harley and Joe Beam developed the seminar.

Many interesting and exciting programs are in place for the children and youth ministry.

**Taber:** "Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Bob Donaghy, and as of May I have been the minister of the Taber Church of Christ. In April of 1996 I graduated from Alberta Bible College in Calgary with first-class honors receiving my Bachelor of Religious Education degree. I grew up in the Christian tradition at Harding Avenue Church of Christ in Toronto and moved to Alberta in early 1990. Shortly thereafter, I answered God's call for my life."

Johanne and Stacey Larsen and their mother, Nancy, were baptized and added to the Lord's church on September 8. A series of messages on Spiritual Gifts was conducted in hopes of encouraging those who heard to use their gifts for the Lord's work here in Taber. A Vision Casting evening is planned for October 17 to help us focus on our role here and how to move forward over the next few years. The ladies will be holding a retreat on October 26, the theme of which is "A Time for Risking" based on Esther 4:14. A new Bible study is planned for Sundays. A "Survey of the New Testament" will be undertaken.

**Edmonton:** We have begun a new outreach at Waterford, a Senior's apartment complex. Each Sunday, during a time of worship, we sing, have a time of prayer and have an outreach focused lesson (at present it is based on Mark). It is hoped that we will be able to build personal relationships with the residents and their families, to be able to serve them and to hold one-on-one studies.

Our intern program is busy. Rolland Bouchard began the program this fall. Dave Friesen is on his third and final year. He is busy as head of the team for Grand Prairie. The target date for the church planting is July, 1997.

Chris Nichol, a graduate intern, has been hired by Waterview Church of Christ to be a part of their mission work in Lithuania. Chris will be in Texas for two months. Then he will be in Lithuania in the new year. On Wednesday, October 30, he explained the work he will be doing, and then a tea was held in his honor after services.

We are at a point in the size of our congregation that once again we must con-

sider some changes to help with our overcrowding. Some discussion has taken place, and a special congregational meeting will be held on November 19 to further discuss our options.

**MONTANA**

**Great Falls:** The teens attended an annual Butte youth rally September 27-29. The theme of the rally was "Where Do We Go From here?" Warren Baldwin and Pete Idema from Cody, Wyoming and Mike O'Rourke from Anaconda were the speakers. Lesson topics were "What did I commit myself to when I was baptized?" and "How do I stay strong for the Lord when I leave home?" It was a weekend of encouragement.

The congregation has begun meeting in small groups to promote meaningful relationships and to develop the family feeling. Hopefully this regular time together will promote Christian fellowship as it should be enjoyed.

"Financing of the Facilities" is progressing as the plans are being carried through.

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**Leadership in the Kingdom** by Ian A. Fair, A.C.U. Press, Abilene, Texas. 409 pages, \$22.95 (US).

Howard Norton wrote in the **Christian Chronicle**, December 1993, "People and churches must sometimes let go of the past . . . Just as individuals must be willing to say good-bye to attitudes or circumstances in their past in order to survive and prosper, congregations must free themselves from nonproductive historical practices in order to be effective.

"Some congregations are dying today, for example because they will not turn loose of an obsolete leadership style that is autocratic and dictatorial. This type of leadership might have made sense in the Army or Marines during a time of war, but it is out of place in the Lord's church today as a ring in a swine's snout. Church leaders who insist on running the church business from behind closed doors in a climate of secrecy are killing the church no matter how good their intentions."

"Some congregations are dying today because they will not say good-bye to the methodologies of the 1930s, 1940s, and the 1950s that do not fit the cultural patterns of urban America (Canada, too, KT) in the 1990s. I am confident that a part of the generation gap in the churches of Christ today stems from this fact: Young Christians who grew up in urban America (Canada, too, KT) feel that many of the church's methods today are foreign to the world they live in. These young people love the church but seriously question the way the church performs its task. Not only individuals but congregations must learn to say good-bye to some things in order to be productive in the present and be prepared for the future. Congregations must not say good-bye to biblical (sic) truth. . . However they can be flexible in methodology."

Fair has made a study of current business management and leadership research.

He cites examples of dynamic leadership on the international stage. He has conducted leadership seminars in many congregations in the United States and in his homeland of Africa. He has taught courses on these topics at Abilene Christian University. He shows that the great leaders of the Bible were not dictators but servants. Citing 1 Peter 5:1-3 he sees leaders as shepherds who tenderly care for their flock. "The ideal in this biblical role model for shepherd leadership is the loving Chief Shepherd who leads his sheep in green pastures and beside still waters, as in Psalm 23." He does not see the lists of qualifications in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 as the only requirements that elders need. Other equally important scriptures such as 1 Peter 5:1-4, Hebrews 13:7 and John 13:1-17 should also be considered. He calls for "spiritual business meetings". Also he presents "a participative model for selection of elders, deacons, or congregational leaders". These are just some of the extremely helpful ideas presented in this book which is "must reading" for those who seek the restoration of real New Testament leadership.

There are many charts which could be reproduced for study. They are very helpful in illustrating the principles brought out in this excellent book.

**You Are Not Old At 65!!** by Irene Johnson Gatewood. Contact Inc., Rochester, MI. 129 pages. Special sale price from the Gospel Herald, \$10 (US).

Otis and Irene Gatewood are well known for their many years of service in the Kingdom of God. They are much loved and appreciated by Christians around the world. Although well past "retirement age", they continue serving the Lord. Unfortunately many think that at retirement age they can just sit around and do nothing. This book is filled with inspiring examples of people who continue to serve the Lord and others although well past retirement age. It tells about people like Dr. Howard Schug, retired Professor of German and Spanish at Abilene Christian University. He went to Germany to teach in

the Frankfurt Bible School. Others included are G.C. Brewer who taught at Harding after retiring from preaching; a coach who kept active by teaching boys and many others great examples. Highly recommended!

**In The Grip of Grace** by Max Lucado, Word Books, Vancouver, BC. 235 pages, \$24.99 (Cdn).

Max Lucado has attained great popularity as a writer and a speaker. Many in the church are extremely proud of him and relish all his accomplishments. Others see him as a liberal compromiser who should be branded and disfellowshipped. No matter how you classify him, he is a brilliant communicator and a bestselling author. I believe this is his best work since **And the Angels Were Silent**.

This book helps us to realize that we are totally dependent upon grace for our salvation. Our faith and obedience are worthless without the grace of God.

Max uses a variety of translations which challenge the reader to compare with his own version and gain new insights into the text. He imagines Paul as a guest on a typical TV talk show and responds (in the words of Romans) to the blatant immorality so typical of many such shows. He uses many powerful quotations and illustrations.

Concerning baptism he writes, "Baptism was no casual custom, no ho-hum ritual. Baptism was, and is, 'a pledge made to God from a good conscience' (1 Peter 3:21, TJB). Paul's high regard for baptism is demonstrated in the fact that he knows all of his readers have been instructed in its importance. 'You have been taught that when we were baptized into Christ we were baptized into his death' (Romans 6:2, TJB). What form of amnesia is this? Like a bride horrified to see her new husband flirting with women at the wedding reception, Paul asks, 'Did you forget your vows?' Indeed, baptism is a vow, a sacred vow of the believer to follow Christ. Just as a wedding celebrates the fusion of two hearts, baptism celebrates the union of sinner with Savior. We 'become part of Christ when we are baptized'."

Max uses many powerful illustrations to help us understand the meaning of grace. These range from evil men like Hitler and Jeffrey Dahmer to sports and Old Testament characters like Mephibosheth.

There is a helpful study guide of 54 pages that makes the book suitable for class study. Possibly it will be issued in paperback at a later date.



**ANITA HARRIS**

Anita (White) Harris departed this earthly life on Tuesday, October 22, 1996. She was born on January 10, 1929 at Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Island. Anita moved to Toronto in 1948 and was an active member of the Strathmore Church of Christ.

I had the privilege of marrying Anita and her husband, Hubert, on July 20, 1955 and of baptizing Hubert into Christ. A close friendship developed between our families over several years. For the past 14 years, Anita was afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease. The funeral, conducted at the Paul O'Connor Funeral Home in Scarborough, was a celebration of her life more than mourning over her passing.

Using 1 Peter 1:3-9 and Revelation 21 and 22 I spoke of our Christian hope in Christ which God has reserved for his people in heaven. This hope is needed to give meaning to life with its struggles, to meet death unafraid, and to comfort those left behind (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

Anita is survived by Hubert, her husband of 41 years; three daughters; one son; and six grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, Lynne, is currently nursing at an Indian Reserve near Pickle Lake in Northern Ontario and has served as matron (head nurse) at Nigerian Christian Hospital, Aba, Nigeria, West Africa. Margaret and her husband, Bob Sandiford, and their three children, Adam, Megan and Ashley, are faithful members of the Wa-

terloo church of Christ where Bob serves as a deacon. Her third daughter, Judy and her husband, Danny Yaksich and sons Thomas and Jeremy; and son, John, his wife, Tina and their little daughter, Samantha, attend the church at Pine Orchard where Judy, Danny, John and Tina are active members. Hubert and Anita set a good example for their children. Both were willing workers in the church. Anita taught Sunday school. Hubert served as a deacon for some years.

Anita is also survived by two brothers and two sisters: Ross (Oshawa), Alva and Jean (Prince Edward Island), and Fern (Scarborough). Hubert and Fern ministered to Anita daily in her last years, travelling to the nursing home to feed her the noon and evening meals. There is a sense of relief at her going. A sad note was expressed in that Anita was not able to enjoy the recent accomplishments of her children and her grandchildren. There is much to be proud and happy about here.

Max Craddock led four hymns selected by the family and led a prayer. Marvin Johnson, elder, spoke about Anita's life of service and read a poem she wrote about bearing and raising her young family. Her main interests were her family and the church. Anita was a willing worker and dedicated to her family and community. The rows of trees on Canlish Road in Scarborough, their street, are a monument to her efforts. She was a very pleasant person who was friendly, hospitable and sincere. Marvin mentioned "Anita's muffins". Her children remember her making and taking muffins to many gatherings of Strathmore church people before muffins

were so popular. Anita had a gift for writing poetry and did so for several social occasions, even conceiving them on the way. Her poem, "The Wonders of Heaven" was handed to those who attended the funeral.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saint" (Psalm 116:15).

--Ralph Perry

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- 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, V1E 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, V1E 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.

**NEPEAWA**: 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; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); Jeff Harris, ev. 261-5360 (res); Bible Call 284-9506; 475-6462 (off), 475-5302 (fax).

## PROVINCE 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., X1A 3A7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 873-3875. Elders: David Lidbury, Barnard Straker; Steve McMillan, ev.

## PROVINCE 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, B0N 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.

## PROVINCE 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., L0R 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 1C0.

**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 N0C 1G0; Les Cramp, ev., Box 1642, Meaford, ON N0H 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 N0C 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, P0A 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): 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, 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 (off.).

**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 1S8; (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.

**PONT LACORNE:** 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Bible studies, call for days and times; David Lock, ev., 465 Davis St., L3K 1Z7; (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 Cres., 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:** Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, 386-2628, church bldg. 386-2551.

**STONE 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.

**SUBURBY:** 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) 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., 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 L0R 2C0; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Oliver Tallman, Campden, L0R 1G0; 563-7822; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res.), 563-6311 (off)).

**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, 762-5668.

**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; mid-week 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, N0C 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 2Z2; (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, Auré Côté; (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Côté, 362-6623 (French speaking).

**QUEBEC CITY:** 2980 Vertueil, 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, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

**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) 693-4064 (off.).

**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, S0G 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, S0G 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

### 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

### JANUARY

6-17... Acts course, Joe Cannon, Great Lakes Bible College, Waterloo, ON

6-10... WCC block class--Spiritual Leadership, Dr. Evert Huffard, Dauphin, MB

14... WCC Spring Semester evening classes begin

20-31... Introduction to Missions class, Joe Cannon, Great Lakes Bible College, Waterloo, ON



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