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*"And God said, 'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds. . . wild animals, each according to its kind.' And it was so. . . And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:24, 25).*



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# The Undiscerning Church (Part I)

Robert Moore

One of the major dangers which the church has always faced is the loss of its ability to distinguish truth from crafty error. Scripture solemnly warns us about wolves in sheep's clothing, yet many Christians lack the ability to spot the danger signs until it is too late. Why haven't we learned better by now? Let us look at general reasons why the church has been lulled into a trap and point out six factors which are damaging the 20th century church's ability to discern the errors which are currently infiltrating her.

The first reason why the church has wandered away from God over the past 2,000 years is that it is composed of weak individuals. Human nature will lead people into self-serving paths if it is not placed in total submission to God. Are we really much different than the children of Israel? Jeremiah gives us timeless insight into the cycle of "perpetual backsliding" which typifies the human condition (Jeremiah 8).

Secondly, we face the force whom Jesus labeled "the father of lies". As members of the household of God, we are the sworn enemies of Satan, and he will stop at nothing to see that our mission to live godly lives and bring others into fellowship with God is destroyed. Paul warns that he is at work among us disguised as Christ's workmen. The Christian must, therefore, be careful to test and distinguish true men of God from false apostles who would undermine the church.

The third danger which threatens Christianity is worldly intellectualism, which currently is in a general state of reaction against reason, against rules, and against religion. While political correctness preaches tolerance towards almost anything, fundamental Christian beliefs and teachings are acceptable targets for ridicule. What is particularly disturbing is that so many Christians are throwing down the walls distinguishing the Christian view from the worldly view. Some have swallowed the message of tolerance; some have been shamed by the ridicule heaped on Chris-

tianity in the incessant sniping put up by the media, disgruntled Christians, and a populace which occasionally parade their misconceptions of what a Christian is like. Instead of upholding and using God's standards to influence the world, many congregations are absorbing the world's standards and being absorbed by the world.

John McArthur pinpoints six specific factors which threaten today's church. The first is its indefinite conviction of truth. While it hasn't accepted the viewpoint of many liberal theologians who doubt biblical miracles and Christ's divinity and resurrection, it is accepting the liberal hermeneutic. This spells big trouble; but before we continue, a brief explanation of the origin of this "new hermeneutic" is in order.

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## *Why haven't we learned better by now?*

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Rationalists of the 18th and 19th centuries treated the revelation of the Bible as groundless historical confusion and were met with little resistance. But as modern archaeology gained strength, new discoveries vindicated the faith of the "ignorant Christian" who refused to accept the theories of men above the word of God. While the misconception that the Bible is not a valuable historical document has been largely resolved, liberal theologians of the 20th century see 1st century Christian teachings as groundless cultural confusion. Such arguments as "How can we be bound by antiquated rules?" are a product of this new hermeneutic.

People who accept this thinking are basically embarrassed by anything in scripture which runs counter to our culture. If a scripture cannot be interpreted "in love", it doesn't count. Such thinking is based on our selfish 20th century North American logic, but remember that it is when human logic fails that God's leading must come to the fore.

Those who believe we need a culturally popular message should refer to 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 to see how culturally acceptable Paul's message was to his contemporaries.

Today we hear much talk of love and unity, but little stress is placed upon conviction. Those who do hold convictions about doctrine are labeled intolerant or divisive. This charge is partially true, for if we devote ourselves solely to unity, we must get rid of doctrine; doctrine does divide. Look closely at what is divided, however, and you will see truth and purity separated from error and sin. Without doctrine we lose truth, our spiritual maturity, our purpose and ultimately, God.

This leads us into the second dangerous factor, a lack of anti-theticalism, or a belief in black and white issues. Everything in today's society is regarded as being relative only to the individual. The only standard is that if it seems right, and possibly hurts no one else, do it. Morality is seen as one grey continuum, and no one can claim to determine what is right or wrong for anyone else. This stands in direct conflict to the teachings of the Bible, which give many examples of contrast. It says that there are sound and unsound doctrines, saved and perishing souls, heaven and hell, good and evil, wisdom and folly, God and Satan, light and darkness. For every truth there is an untruth, and Christians must learn to discern between the two. This is especially true for their leaders (see Titus 1:9-15).

A third trap is found when the church becomes preoccupied with its image in the community. If it puts aside God's truth, it becomes just another social agency which must market itself as providing a community service. We see the growth of a misconception which says that if the community likes the church, it will like Jesus. But then in order for the outside world to like the church, truth cannot be taught because it will offend. Therefore, congregations that become overly conscious of offending anyone will grow weaker. The church meets for edification, which can only be accomplished with the teaching of undiluted truth.

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# Developing a Quality Relationship with God (I)

Donald Perry

Counselors on human relationships talk of spending quality time with spouses and children. This quality time is calculated to lead to quality relationships. Spiritual counselors would counsel us to spend quality time with God to develop quality relationships with the Father and with the Son, Christ Jesus.

John Stott, the internationally respected preacher, teacher and author, says that at the time of his ordination in the Church of England, he was a very naive activist who didn't do much thinking. He learned early in his ministry that he needed to step back and take a monthly quiet day to be drawn up into the mind of God. He says now, at the age of 75 years, that that was an enormous benefit to him.

The book of James provides wisdom and revelation to help us know God and ourselves better in relation to God. I invite you to some studies in the letter of James to help us "mature" as children of God the Father and as "believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ" (James 2:1). We have a very special promise in this letter: "Come near to God and he will come near to you" (4:6). *Maclean's Magazine's* cover story for the first issue in 1996 is on stress. We seem to think we are stressed out. In the desperation of our stresses it may be hard to find time to "come near to God". On the other hand, it may be just the very time to draw near to God to ask Him for wisdom for these times. God promises, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (1:5).

The letter of James invites us to a penetrating self-examination before God and his truth. It demands that we look into the perfect law of liberty and see ourselves as God sees us.

Three times in chapter one James warns us about being deceived about the quality of our religion. "Don't be deceived, my dear brother," he writes (1:16) regarding the temptation to excuse ourselves of sin by blaming God for tempting us to sin. Though we may

fall into many trials and tests of our faith, "God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone" (v. 13). James explains that we are tempted when we are dragged away "by our own evil desires". This reminds one of modern psychology which tends to teach us to blame everyone but ourselves for our sins.

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Then he writes, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (1:22). Jesus himself had said that the foolish man hears his words and does not put them into practice; the wise man hears his words and puts them into practice (Matthew 7:26, 24). This kind of deception seems to characterize many of the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem. When Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, they wanted to kill him. He said to them, "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (John 5:39-40). Then Jesus charged them with not having "the love of God in their hearts" (v. 42). He said, "You accept the praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God" (v. 44). Obviously, they were deceived about the quality of their relationship to God.

Then for the third time James warns us about deceiving ourselves. "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless" (1:26). Then he tells us what kind of religion is acceptable to God as pure and faultless. James seems to be saying that we are what we say. The scriptures teach that "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he". And "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks". James seems to be saying that

we are what we do, not what we profess to be.

James invites us to use the word of God as a mirror in which we can examine ourselves, see ourselves, flaws and all, and do something about changing. He writes, "But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does" (1:25).

The truth of God's word can help us to see the poor quality of our faith, love, wisdom and deeds in the eyes of God. The word of God can help us more objectively to see ourselves as God sees us. James, as an inspired servant of God, can help us to draw near to God with an humble and contrite heart. He promises that we will be blessed if we "look intently" into the word of God, and "continue to do" so. I invite you to do this as we study God's side of our relationship to him in our next lesson from the book of James. --*Beamsville, ON*

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## The Undiscerning Church

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Truth will either convict listeners to act according to God's will or to reject God. Jesus' harshest words were spoken in public when he denounced the Pharisees, but in private he handled each person with love and according to individual needs. We must remember this example and not allow a preoccupation with the church's image to soften the message which will stop sinners short and lead to a full and complete repentance.

In 1 Corinthians 4:13, Paul labels the church as the offscouring of the world. Throughout the teachings of the New Testament, we are promised persecution. Jesus was killed, and He warned his disciples that the servant is no different than the master. Yet we want to market ourselves!

So far, we have looked at how the church is slowly absorbing worldly thinking. In the second part of this article, we will look at a few other pitfalls which are fouling the church's ability to discern truth and remain distinct in a confusing society.

--*Hamilton, Ontario*

# Flesh and Blood

Wayne Turner



One of the most personal and encouraging implications of the story of Jesus stems from his incarnation. The writer of Hebrews said, "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity. . . (2:14). He "had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest" who is "able to help those who are being tempted" (2:17-18). Because he is able to sympathize with our weaknesses and has been tempted in every way, as we are, we are able to "approach the throne of grace with confidence", knowing that we will find mercy and grace when we need them. Because of his experiences living as flesh and blood, Jesus gives us compassion and understanding.

In Matthew 9:13 and 12:7, Jesus challenged the Jews who were critical of him to understand the words of Hosea 6:6. "I desire mercy, not sacrifice". Since the destruction of the Temple in AD 70, Jewish rabbis have used this passage to reinterpret the sacrificial laws of the Old Testament to teach that acts of charity are substitutes for burnt offerings. Is this really what either Hosea or Jesus were saying?

Consider the circumstances behind Jesus' statements. People were criticizing him for eating with tax collectors and sinners in Matthew 9 and for allowing his disciples to pluck and eat grain on the Sabbath. These criticisms were based on a desire to keep God's Law. The traditions that had accumulated over the centuries were intended to serve as a hedge to keep people from violating the Law. Over time, at least two things occurred. First, keeping the traditions came to mean as much as, if not more than, keeping the Law. Breaking tradition became tantamount to breaking the Law. Second, tradition and law came to be used against people. The commands to love God and keep his Law were reinterpreted to allow the violation of one of the most important commands, to "love your neighbour as yourself". Instead of "the stranger" or a person in need, neighbour came to mean those people who were "just like me". This allowed poor treatment of "tax collectors and sinners" as well as those who were physically challenged (since the Jews believed blindness, deafness, etc. to be the result of sin).

In Matthew 23:23, Jesus commented on the Pharisaic zeal for keeping the Law, down to their great care of tithing even their spices. He noted that they had neglected the "more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness". He then stated that they

should have practiced these attitudes (and their accompanying actions) as well as tithing. Charity was not a substitute for sacrifice; it was a necessary complement. God wanted both. Zeal for His Law included love and compassion for all, even those who were "outside" of it. Being spiritual included dealing mercifully with flesh and blood.

Jesus expressed this in the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 6:14, 15, he based God's forgiveness on the forgiveness we give to others. In 7:12, he told us to "do to others what you would have them do to you". Restoring New Testament Christianity must include the attitudes of mercy and compassion as well as the practices, names and worship of the early church. It includes standing uncompromisingly for the truth, while also fulfilling our ministry of reconciliation to the lost. It means being able to see and deal in a Christ-like way with the real people who have been trapped in less than ideal lives and circumstances. It means allowing our humanity to give understanding and mercy to others.

In this issue of the Gospel Herald we are including some articles that are somewhat different. They are articles written from very personal perspectives that may help put some real flesh and blood into some of the issues that we are facing. May we listen to these experiences, learn from them, and be challenged to respond with our hearts as well as our heads.

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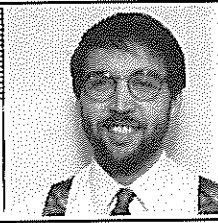
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## FAMILY TIES

This page is dedicated to helping readers to have strong Christian families. The new editor is David Cornfield of Owen Sound, Ontario.



### New Year's Resolutions

*David Cornfield*

So, how many resolutions did you make for 1996? Now tell me, how many of those resolutions have already been set aside? Most resolutions that we proclaim during our lifetime can be broken without any great consequence. Some of our resolution, however, are too costly to toss aside.

Do you remember the day that you set your foot into the water that was symbolic of your resolution to live your life for Christ? Can you hear your own voice confess Jesus as the Son of God? Do you remember another pair of "I do's" that declared your undying love for the partner with whom you chose to walk through life? Many of you can recall the resolution that one makes when a child is placed gently in your arms for the first time. You may be able to hear the often-silent voice that states your resolution to be the loving, caring, God-fearing parent that the child needs you to be. These resolutions are not New Year's resolutions but are resolutions for life.

Let me share with you some thoughts on how to honour your resolutions with your spouse and children. First, make your resolutions known to the other members in your family. Trust your spouse and family members to assist you in honouring your commitment. Too many times we make resolutions in silence, which allows us to quickly abort the task that we had resolved to do when we meet with the first sign of resistance. If that which you set out to do is worth accomplishing, then you can be assured that it will meet with resistance and that you will need the assistance of those closest to you. Oftentimes we demand support from our spouses, but we cannot expect the support we may need, if we

have failed to share with them our goals and expectations.

Your family also needs to be aware of what you set out to do for they will be asked to pay the price. In an effort to reach your goal, you need to expand your energy and your time. If your family is not aware of the direction you are heading, they may quickly become resentful because they will take notice of your investment in a project that may not appear to have them as a priority.

I guess it is true that my parents are workaholics. By the time I would wake up to start the day, I was vividly aware of the fact that my parents had already completed the chores and made preparations for the day. In the evening there would be plenty of time for wrestling and laughter, but I always knew that on many nights, when my eyes closed to sleep, my parents had gone back to work. People have asked if I resented

the fact that my parents worked as hard as they did. The answer is no, because I was secure in my belief that they were working first for the family and not for money or prestige. There was no money in keeping little bantam chickens that my mother hated with a passion. They did not benefit economically from planting acres of sweet corn and then assisting four irritable kids in the picking of that corn and getting it ready for the kids to sell. Most certainly, there was no economic benefit the day that my father pointed to the top of the red barn and quietly said Ken Cornfield and Sons.

It is a nice story, but why mention it here? It is obvious that my parents have been committed to being as successful as possible in the business world. Due to their commitment to succeed in that environment, the entire family was asked to make a sacrifice. There is no resentment, however, because of the fact that when confronted with the choice between business success and family, they chose family, and as children we knew it. From a mother in a cold school bus traveling with her children from one event to the next or a father with a bad back playing horse with his children, it was obvious that family was their choice.

Those goals that we resolve to achieve have to fit within a set of priorities that has God first, followed by family.

I look forward to sharing with you a second part to this article.

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## Confession

According to *The Oxford American Dictionary, 1980*, confession is "... a thing confessed, a statement of one's wrongdoing, a declaration of one's religious beliefs or one's principles". Confession is one thing that people often find hard to do, especially if that confession is about wrongdoing. However, the Bible is full of the need for people to confess to God and thus receive His blessing.

One thing that must be remembered is that no one else can make another's confession. For confession to be real, it must be made by the individual for him or herself. It must be a true statement of one's feelings and will.

The book of Nehemiah is the story of his work in helping to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. Nehemiah had heard of the conditions back at home. "When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Then I said, 'O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites including myself and my father's house have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses'" (Nehemiah 1:4-7). Nehemiah felt deeply the sorrow of sin and confessed for himself and all his people.

However, there was still the need for the people of God to acknowledge their failure and sin. In Nehemiah 9 beginning at verse 1 the people confess their sins. "On the twenty-fourth day of the

same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and having dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the wickedness of their fathers. They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshipping the Lord their God" (vss. 1-3). Here the people themselves saw their own need for confession and change as they listened to the Word of God. What a great day for God's people!

How about you and confession? Paul tells his readers, "... if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved" (Romans 10:9, 10). Hopefully, there is no need here to point out that true confession involves more than just a statement in words but involves follow-up by manner of life. There are several examples of confession in scripture in which there was no follow-up. Consider:

One may make a confession because of the circumstances he is in, and when those circumstances change may forget the confession. Exodus 9:27, 28, "Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. 'This time I have sinned,' he said to them. 'The Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. Pray to the Lord, for we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don't have to stay any longer.'" Then in verse 34, "When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he sinned again: He and his officials hardened their hearts". When the cir-

cumstances changed, Pharaoh's confession melted!!

Have you ever found yourself in such a situation? Perhaps things are going badly in your life. Perhaps you are in a situation that is dangerous or have done something wrong and are afraid that you are about to be found out or are being pressured in one way or another. Your confession might be, "Dear Lord, I confess my sins and ask for Your forgiveness. If you will forgive me and get me through this situation, I will. . .!" You may make any kind of promise from never doing that thing or getting yourself into that situation again to becoming a missionary in the most backward part of the world! However, the real test of confession is in follow-through. One needs to be careful that promises are not made at that time which one is not willing to make an honest effort to carry out. Understand that God does not expect one to do the impossible but rather expects one to walk before Him in an upright manner giving one's honest effort to follow His will for mankind. . . and for you in particular.

Perhaps a good example of confession is seen in the Prodigal Son in Luke 15. When he saw his sin, he said, "I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men'" (Luke 15:18, 19). Then he got up and went to his father with this resolve. The end of the story is the joy of the father and the complete forgiveness of the son. This is how God will treat his children who confess and commit.

When your confession is real. . . God's forgiveness is real!

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# So, Now What?

Gary Hotchkiss

You have to understand--she was only nine years old. Her demand was a simple one. But, she didn't understand how it really is in the world! It was four years since her parents had separated. All the legal wrangling was finished with. All the clauses were hashed out and entered into the Agreement. Access was all arranged and was working well. Everything was working, at least as well as you'd expect under the circumstances. So, why does she make such a demand now? All she wanted was to go live with her dad. She honestly believed she would be better off.

The problem? Dad now had a decent job. He was finally getting used to the idea of his wife walking out and taking the kids with her and turning her back on God--at least as far as he could tell. He was, in fact, finding ways to carry on in his life for the Lord. He had given up the custody battle in the belief that God would look after his children while he was not with them. He actually believed God had blessed him for that conviction. One of those blessings was the new job.

So! Does he give up the job and the extracurricular activities he was now involved in to take one or all of his children back? Does he really want to go back into court and start the fight all over again? After all, the children's needs and desires are supposed to come first!

So, what now?

Actually, this scenario is not precisely the one I want to address, but it is very similar and is related. You see, I am a divorced Christian. And I am constantly barraged with, "I don't believe in divorce! I think it is a sin!"

Do you really think I haven't considered the questions? It's all well and good for you to uphold God's word (Malachi 2:16). But do you really know what you are saying? Have you been through it yourself? My divorce was not my choice! I did not choose to leave my wife! So, how could the God of all mercy condemn me for something beyond my control? Besides that, what of

a person who is continually abused by his/her spouse? Would you condemn that person for seeking refuge from such abuse?

Just as the dad in the previous story, I, like countless others, am left with the eternal question, "So, what now?" Yes, Jesus spoke about divorce and remarriage. Yes, Paul wrote about divorce and remarriage. But when it comes right down to the bottom line, which way do I turn? How do I structure my beliefs? How do I interpret the Word that I hold so dear?

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## *Where do we go for compassion and forgiveness?*

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I read an article recently that makes the statement very clearly that God hates divorce! Hey, so do I! I've been through it. I know what it is all about from experience! But where to go from here? That article, and so many loving brothers' and sisters' statements, leave divorcees like me out in the cold, wondering where we are to go from here. We've been taught so strongly that divorce is wrong. And we agree, but where is the understanding and the loving and the caring that is God-designed to rebuild our shattered faiths and shattered lives? Where do we go for compassion and forgiveness? Or do we just give up on God and His church?

I must say here that God has blessed me richly with a church family that is so loving and caring! Thank you, people, for being there for me. But what of those who don't have such resources?

I think the real question here has to be, how do we interpret the Holy Scripture; how do we understand Holy God in order to help and strengthen these people?

I have a few suggestions. Please consider them carefully.

1. **Who is God and what does He stand for?**

Jehovah God gave Moses a stone tab-

let with His law on it. That law was for God's people for all time until the Christ should come. When Christ came, He delivered the new law along with the new covenant. The new law is Grace. I would ask you to carefully read Genesis 1 and 2; then read John 17.

My personal belief is that Christ came to restore that which was before! This means personal relationships with God. What do you think it is that God hates about divorce? Well, what is divorce? Simply, it is the breaking of a covenant. God hates the breaking of covenants! God also hates to see His children in pain and rejected. Are you a parent? Then you know what I mean! There's one thing I know. God does not hate the divorcee!

Ours is a God who not only suffered for us, but he also suffers with us, and He suffers because of us. He would never expect you to make His law more important than the individual's spiritual, emotional or mental safety. Not with a redeeming Saviour vouching for us (Hebrews 9:11-15). Even if I have chosen to divorce my spouse, God is still not willing that any should perish! He would do anything to save each one of us--even give up His own son!

2. **Make forgiveness your first goal.**

Forgiveness is a strange and wonderful thing. It restores families; it rebuilds friendships; and it relieves the pain of suffering. "If someone is caught in sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently" (Galatians 6:1). If this is how you see me (and all divorcees), then your instructions are clear. You must first make sure that you are spiritual. Then, you must restore. But, do it gently, in love, like a mother putting a bandaid on her child's skinned knee.

3. **Accept others as you want to be accepted.**

Okay, so that isn't exactly what the Bible says. But, isn't that what it means? Paul admonishes us that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's grace. If you don't know who you are in God's eyes, how can you help someone else discover who he is? If you don't admit your own sin, you will only be putting yourself in the place of judge over oth-

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# The Human Side of Divorce

Georges Narbonne

I have never written to the *Gospel Herald* before, but I wish to write about a subject which concerns me greatly. The subject is divorce.

People seem to divorce with such ease today that it is frightening, especially when the perils are as great as they ever were. Divorce was commonly accepted in the Roman Empire and under Jewish law, but Jesus said that it was wrong.

I want to talk about the human side of divorce. This is something that I think that I understand because I am a child of divorced parents. My family was very active in church work. We went to all meetings. I went to Junior Young People's and used to go out with other Christian young people delivering notices of upcoming meetings.

We used to be involved in work projects for the church, Camp Omagh, and Great Lakes Christian College, and it was fun. I remember the working and joking and Christian fellowship. Mostly I remember the potluck lunches with gigantic dessert trays. It was a

magical time, and I felt safe and secure in my family and in our Christian family.

The divorce seemed to come from nowhere, but obviously it did not. I don't think that my father suddenly said, "Today I will leave my wife, children and church." I had noticed that my father had stopped going to church, but no big deal was made of it.

I think that I had some idea of something because in the months leading up to the divorce, I would start to cry for no reason that I was aware of. I thought that I was going crazy, which is traumatic for a young person. In truth, I accepted insanity as a desirable alternative as my life fell apart.

I won't go into details of my life. I am certain that some of you know. I can't say that my father is responsible for my falling. Certainly the fault is mine. People have suffered far worse and maintained their faith. It is just that I feel that if I had decided to fall, the fall would have been less severe if I had been

still secure in my family. We can't put our trust in people, but I think that we should be able to put trust in our families. It is the way God designed it.

There is a happy ending to this story. Largely through the love of a good wife and the prayers of a Christian mother who never lost her faith, I feel redeemed. It is a feeling that has been growing in me in the past couple of years, but for 20 odd years after the divorce, I tried on and off and could not achieve this feeling. What I want to say is: If you are thinking about divorce, think again. If you are not concerned for your soul, are you concerned for the souls of your children? People say that divorce is common now, which is no justification. It is not the way the Designer planned it.

I believe that God has designed our families as he has designed our church for very good reasons. Jesus said in John 10:10, "I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." If you are having problems with your marriage, talk to your minister. Most of them have experience in dealing with these things now. Above all... talk to God. He will give you strength.

--Maitland, Nova Scotia

## Points by Perry:



## Male and Female-- God's Plan

In today's society hairstyles, clothing, jewelry and oftentimes behaviour are suggestive of efforts to eradicate gender distinctions. We keep hearing and seeing the term "unisex".

This trend is of concern to thinking people because, in the judgement of many, it is a dominant cause of the ills of our time. Among these are broken and single family homes and absentee and/or non-functioning fathers. Children in such homes, all-too-frequently, in the absence of a male role model, grow up to be selfish, spoiled, lacking in self-discipline and unlikely to function properly as citizens and parents. Hence, the cycle repeats itself. Gender role confusion is also believed to contribute to the increasing incidence of abortions and homosexuality. The church is currently being weakened by the failure of men to exercise strong male leadership and the resulting tendency of women to challenge the concept. Thus

society, the family, and the church are all being adversely affected by this problem.

What did God intend? There are those who hold that we cannot look to the Bible to determine this because, they claim, the writers of the scriptures were prejudiced by the culture of the time and hence tended to favour the oppression of women. Such an approach to scripture is unacceptable. It leaves man to judge what is cultural and what has continuing force on this and any other subject. Thus, the will of the infallible creator is being decided by His fallible creature. Smacks of Romans 1:22, 23.

God made "male and female" in His image (Genesis 1:27). Woman was created as a "help meet" (footnote--answering to) for man (Genesis 2:18) and was intended to complement him in the marriage union (Genesis 2:24). This has led one writer to observe that woman was created after, from and for the sake of man.

The sometimes heard accusation that the Christian religion has been responsible for the admittedly oppressive circumstances of women in the past is unfounded. Jesus, Paul and Christianity in general have been very much respon-

sible for improvement in the lot of woman.

In the New Testament, Galatians 3:27, 28 clearly teaches that all people have equal access to salvation regardless of race, sex or status. This does not, however, override roles or functions uniquely and specifically defined in other scriptures. Differing roles do not make people superior, inferior or unequal.

There are two areas where God has seen fit to assign definitive roles to men and women (i.e. in the family and in the church). Both involve divinely instituted unions founded on love (i.e. the union of husband and wife in marriage [Ephesians 5:25-30] and the union of believers in Christ [1 Corinthians 13]).

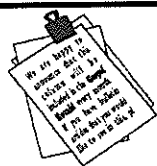
When we examine 1 Corinthians 14:33-35, a response to a question unknown to us, we find women forbidden to interrupt the public assembly of the church. The cultural argument could well be applied here, since the problem may have been related to the times. However, when we look at 1 Timothy 2:11-14 where woman is forbidden to teach or have authority over man, the cultural argument is clearly not applicable. The reason given for this restric-

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# From the Bulletins

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## Friends

What would it be like to live an entire lifetime without having any friends? It would be lonely, frustrating, and empty. You would almost wonder if life was really worth living at all.

The sad truth is that many people have no real friends. There is no one on whom they can really count. No one who would remain a friend if things fell apart. No one would continue to be close if they really knew what was inside . . . those secrets in the heart that no one knows about.

Who can you really count on? At one time people considered their spouse as their permanent friend. But today many marriages are ending in divorce. Others who are still together have found someone else. Some people have a closer relationship with their TV or a book than with their spouse.

Job, a righteous man, looked for his

friends in time of disaster and need but found no one. "He has alienated my brothers from me; my acquaintances are completely estranged from me. My kinsmen have gone away; my friends have forgotten me. My guests and my maidservants count me a stranger; they look upon me as an alien. I summon my servant, but he does not answer, though I beg him with my own mouth. My breath is offensive to my wife; I am loathsome to my own brothers. Even the little boys scorn me, when I appear, they ridicule me. All my intimate friends detest me; those I love have turned against me" (Job 19:13-19).

It is sad that few people ever find one or two close friends who will be faithful to them. In thinking about ourselves, we have forgotten about others, even our close friends. We have forgotten them--and they have forgotten us.

A friend is one who has unconditional love. Solomon stated that "A friend loves at all times. . ." (Proverbs 17:17)

and "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

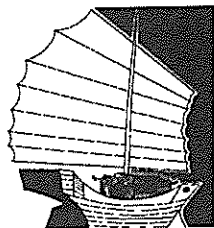
Solomon also showed the supreme value of having a true friend. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-11).

A true friend is invaluable. A friend provides increased productivity and fruitfulness for the task at hand; help, strength and comfort when weak or fallen; warmth when the world turns cold; security and confidence in the presence of danger; strength when all else is being pulled apart.

Who is your best friend? No friend in this world is perfect, but there is One who is the best friend ever. His name is Jesus. He wants you to be His best friend, too.

--Peter Morphy in *W. Hamilton Bulletin*

## The Story of Your Life



The bustling Egyptian port city of Alexandria had one of the largest libraries in the ancient world. In part, that was because every visiting ship was re-

quired by law to submit a book for copying. The copies were so good, vessels from all over the known world were often swindled into leaving behind their original manuscripts.

In one sense, each of us is like those ships of antiquity. Wherever we find ourselves, we carry with us a book: the sum of our life experience. We're a work in progress--a compilation of all that we've been, all that we are, and all that we hope to be. Unique, each one, we're required by God's law to share ourselves. Not just what we have, but who we are and what we know. More than that, who we know and what we are. When it comes to *our* story, Jesus is the Man in manuscript and our mission is clear. Share the load. Shed the Light. Show the Life.

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul tells his friends that they are a manuscript, "known and read by everybody". He says, "You show that you are a (document) from Christ. . . , written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." Those manuscripts were personalized, permanent and public. And so are ours. The Author of Life writes our individual story in blood that will never fade, for all to read.

For most of us, it's a story of redemption, full of tears and ultimate triumph. We begin with such high hopes. But at some point, idols replace ideals. We discover that neither we nor the world are what we expected. When the sin fails to satisfy, we finally reach out to God--often for the wrong reasons. But He reads the heart and rewrites the story, complete with a happy ending.

We become a living manuscript, a copy of the Original. Though some will take advantage of us, we share our story of life and love. And we leave it behind when we ship out for home, gladly trading our book of life for a place in the Book of Life.

--Rick Gamble in *Brantford Beacon*

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# FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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## A Friend Indeed!

Linda C. Hammett

Valentine's Day. Traditionally, this special day has been focused on a romantic exchange between husband and wife or girlfriend and boyfriend. This is a special day on which most people make a special effort to be sweet and loving to their spouse. Wives may prepare a special meal for their husbands served by candlelight and soft music to set a mood that will reflect their feelings. Husbands will give bouquets of red roses or boxes of chocolates or arrange a relaxing evening/dinner for their wives. Some go to great lengths to make sure their spouse has a very special day to remember on this special day of romance, February 14. I hope that all of us who are married or engaged or dating that special guy will be blessed in a few days with special remembrances from the one we love.

However, this article is dedicated to a different kind of relationship. I would like us to consider the relationship between friends. If you were asked how many friends you had, what would your response be? I don't know what that reasonable number is, but it is hoped that everyone of us could say that we have at least a couple of friends. Friendship is, I believe, an important part of our lives here on earth. Even Jesus, although the Son of God with awesome power and strength, still needed friends. Among his chosen twelve, we know that he had Peter and John who seemed to be his favourite or special friends.

We have another biblical example of true friendship in David and Jonathan. Theirs was a very strong friendship. "And it came to pass . . . that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his

own soul" (1 Samuel 18:1). "Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul" (1 Samuel 18:3). "Then said Jonathan unto David, 'Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee'" (1 Samuel 20:4). "And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul" (1 Samuel 20:17). Their friendship went so deep that they asked God to be with them and make a bond between them and even their families forever (1 Samuel 20:42).

Do we see that kind of friendship in our world today? I believe that such closeness between friends is rare in the 20th century. It seems that our lives have become so hectic and busy that we seldom have time for friends. Many people will say that they do not need to have friends. They seem to be content with their family relationships, whether with a husband, children, parents or siblings. But I believe that we all need friends.

Friendship has changed over the years. I see it in the way my children interact with their friends. I hear them arguing and fighting and calling each other names and sometimes being hurtful (physically and emotionally) to each other. Aren't our friends more precious than that? Is this the way we develop strong and lasting relationships with people? Perhaps we are missing the mark by not encouraging our children to start early to learn how to be a friend. There's a saying, the origin of which I do not know, that says "To have a friend, we must be a friend". Proverbs 18:24 has a similar sentiment: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer

than a brother." What an excellent concept! The Golden Rule, if followed, would naturally help to make stronger our relationships with our friends.

There are other passages in the Bible that relate to our relationships with our friends. "A friend loves at all times. . ." (Proverbs 17:17). "Two are better than one. . ." (Ecclesiastes 4:9). "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 115:13). Not only do these scriptures give some qualities of a friend, but they speak to the importance of having a friend.

But why do we need friends? As mentioned earlier, some say they don't need friends. I believe that friendship is a necessary part of life. A true friend can make a difference in one's life, whether during times of need or times of joy. When we are in trouble or are lonely, a friend can definitely bring us through. "For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:10). This passage could be speaking of physically falling, or it could be referring to spiritual or emotional tumbles. We also need someone beyond our families with whom to share times of happiness.

In using the term "friend", I wonder if we haven't gotten a little casual of late. Do any of us have or know of a friendship that could compare to that of David and Jonathan? Or are our "friends" really merely "acquaintances"? How many of us are the kind of friend who would give our life for another? When David heard of Jonathan's death, the Bible tells us that he lamented, which tells me that he grieved greatly. They were closer than brothers and had seen each other through good times and bad times. But through it all, their friendship held fast. Are we that kind of friend?

In our busy lives, we must make room for friends. We, as Christian women, must learn to rely on our friends and allow them to rely on us through the good and the bad. We must treat our friendships as something special, a blessing from God. If you have

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*(Editor's Note: Many congregations: 1) Celebrated New Year's Eve with fellowship, devotionals and games at their buildings; 2) Set their budget; and 3) Held their annual meeting. WRS)*

## ONTARIO

**Ajax:** Joanne Ebanks was baptized into Christ on November 12, and her husband, Keith, rededicated his life to the Lord.

**Barrie:** The congregation plans to renovate and build an extension on their building this spring.

**Beamsville:** The theme for 1996 is taken from Romans 15:5, "As You Follow Jesus Christ."

**Bramalea:** (Correction of typo in January issue: The Warren Gay and Tony Lourenco families placed membership.) We were privileged to have Guy Stopard as a guest speaker on December 31. John Fordjour returned to Ghana for his father's funeral, but upon his arrival back here came down with malaria.

**Brantford:** On November 18 a Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt was enjoyed by the adults of the congregation.

**Cornwall:** Baptisms: Among our youth, Dwayne Downton, Steve Tallion, and Tanya Procnier put on Christ; adults include Freda Procnier, Mary Labre, and June Trotman. Our youth group attended four youth rallies. The youth group began with four members 18 months ago and has now grown to as many as 30 in attendance. The Great Lakes chorus came to Cornwall to sing. Guest speakers included Art Ford, Darrell Dailey, Les Cramp, Stewart Bailey, Bethel Bailey and Keith Schmit. Bob Rigdon from North Carolina conducted a "Happiness Explained" weekend seminar. A group of 15 from Freed-Hardeman University helped with a door-to-door outreach in the

community. The Cornwall congregation is presently seeking an evangelist.

**Grimsby:** This congregation has been showing the video series on Friendship Evangelism to encourage their members to be involved in evangelism and is planning to have the series entitled "Life on the Edge".

**Guelph:** Guest speakers have been John Spencer, Joseph Godbout, Dennis Schultz, and Geoffrey Ellis.

**Hamilton (West Hamilton):** Derek and Gladys Jackson are spending the winter months in Florida. Peter and Judy Morphy were in Indianapolis on December 3 to visit the church made up of those who left the multiplying ministry group. They now meet in rented quarters. In two years the number of teen Christians has increased from 2 to 15 with about 10 more studying.

**Meaford:** The year-end Bible school concert was held on December 10. The ladies have a special class, just for ladies, on the first Wednesday of each month. On December 23 a meal was prepared and served for the seniors of the congregation. On the evening of December 27, Fred Trusler, a former elder of the Bayview congregation in Toronto, passed away. Cheryl Swarz' mother also died the last week of December. The Youth Rally is scheduled for the weekend of February 16-18. Clarence and Martha Whitfield celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 18. Clarence passed away on Saturday, December 30. Max Craddock and Guy Stopard conducted the service. Clarence's daughter, Phyllis May, and granddaughter, Janet Taylor, gave the eulogy.

**Newmarket:** Darlene Preston, daughter of Don and Marg Preston of Angus, married Don Lee, son of Avar and Helen Lee of Newmarket, on October 27. Ray Lee Overton, assisted by Max Craddock, conducted the ceremony at Pioneer Village with the reception following at the Newmarket church building.

**Pine Orchard:** This congregation is having Ron Pauls for a meeting on the first weekend in February.

**Port Colborne:** The York College chorus took the Sunday morning service on January 7 as a praise and worship service.

**Sarnia:** Ralph Hibbard passed away

on December 10, and Aubrey Hibbard died on December 19 following his illness with cancer. These brothers had both been elders of this congregation and will be mourned not only by their physical families but also by their spiritual family.

**St. Catharines (Ontario St.):** The York College chorus from York, Nebraska performed on Saturday, January 6 to a full building.

**Stratford:** Kelvin Hoover tore his Achilles tendon on December 7 while playing racquetball. Following surgery, he will be in a cast for 10 to 12 weeks. When the GLCC chorus sang, there were 76 people in attendance.

**Thessalon:** Charlie and Dorothy Robertson from Ice Lake are spending the winter in Thessalon. Marilyn Smith, Murray's wife, has had a return of her cancer.

**Thunder Bay:** Nikki and Hannah Appel are moving to London, Ontario, where Nikki will go to university beginning in January. The congregation contributed \$300 to send to Ed Jermakowicz for the purchase and distribution of Bibles in Belarus.

**Tintern:** The men held a breakfast followed by a time of singing, prayer and fellowship at the Tallman Fireside Room on November 25. Guest speakers were Elgin Whitfield, November 19 and Randy Morritt, December 10. Victoria Anne Jermakowicz (6.7 lbs.) was born to Ed and Svetlana on October 23. A "Marriage and Communication" seminar, led by Ron Pauls, was held January 14, 18-20. Evelyn Perry had double bypass surgery at a Hamilton hospital. She is at home recovering.

**Toronto (Bayview):** A group of more than 20 adults and children enjoyed the "Bethlehem Live" presentation. Food donations, collected by the congregation since September, were made to the East York School Breakfast program.

**Toronto (Strathmore):** The first spiritual babe for 1996, Ed Brown, husband of Cheryl, was baptized just after midnight on New Year's Eve. Frank Barwuah, following his return from Ghana, received his Canadian citizenship on November 23. Children's clothing was sent to the Philippines. Arnolso Sierra, a member of the Spanish group,

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# NEWS

— FAR WEST —

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## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**Yellowknife:** Congratulations to Paul and Allison on the birth of Rachel Patricia on November 21 and to former members, Stewart and Laura Bentley of Sudbury, Ontario on the safe arrival of their new son, Harrison George, who was born on November 22. We wish much happiness to Sheldon and Maggie, who were married November 10. Grant and Judy Lynne Scott have moved to Three Hills, Alberta. We will miss them.

Several of our members were recently honoured with awards for their faithful service at their places of employment.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Victoria (Shelbourne Street):** On November 26, the Royal Heirs Drama Group treated us with "The Case of the Red Handled Tools". Our congregation held an Open House on Sunday, December 3. Friends and neighbours joined us for this special day.

Our congregation welcomed in the new year with a day of skating. A great time was had by all.

We are involved in several efforts to bless those in missionary settings and in the third world. This happens through our financial support of the Lauterbachs in Zambia; the Tonkins in New Zealand; our frequent giving to Manna International; and our Bible School's giving to a small child in Mexico through World Vision. Our teen ministry is flying high! The teens are involved in numerous activities and projects each month, many of which are specifically aimed at helping others.

(Steve Mann and two other men plan to go to Zambia, Africa to dig water wells in February of 1996. Mala Segerum (Nursing, B.A.) of Singapore is speaking to nursing students at the University of British Columbia at Oak Ridge Street Church of Christ. Mala is in a wheel chair due to a helicopter ac-

cident. She is a joyful saint. Her smile will cheer anyone up, and she is a great sister in the Lord.

--Contributed by Ming Paul Lee).

**Nanaimo:** Your prayers are asked for Debbie Esaryk of our congregation. Debbie, the mother of four young children, has been seriously ill for some time. Her courage and faith during her illness and treatment have been an example to us all. Her parents, Bob and Jean Franklin have been visiting from Ontario for three months, and it is good to have them with us.

Our seniors have started meeting on a regular weekly basis for Seniors' Video night to view videos on biblical topics.

A bridal shower was held on September 18 for Ronni Burgess at the home of Janet Taylor. The wedding took place on December 30.

The proceeds from the "Steps to End World Hunger" walkathon totalled \$1,778 (Cdn.), which was forwarded to Manna International.

Teen Night was held on November 24 at the home of Wayne and Janet Peckett, where a meal was served followed by activities.

On December 15 all seniors 60- were invited to a "Salute to Seniors" evening of refreshment and discovery hosted by our teens. A delicious meal was served followed by a discussion on the differences between teen life "then and now" and some games. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Our thanks to the teens and everyone else involved.

An excellent series on the qualities which should be manifested by elders in a congregation was given by our preacher, Grant Hannan, during December.

**South Burnaby:** On January 7 Jay Don Rogers of the Delta Church of Christ reported on his latest mission trip to Omsk, Siberia, Russia.

On January 5 a memorial service was held for Millie Bate. Pray for comfort for the Bate family.

A time of craft making and fellowship is held each Saturday.

The Annual General Meeting was held on January 21.

**Oakridge:** Kirk Pankey has moved back to Richmond. Welcome home and pray for success on his new job.

Sympathy is extended to the Pinada family in the loss of Alfredo's nephew. Alfredo has gone to El Salvador to be

of help. Ask God to comfort them.

The monthly Prayer Breakfast was held on December 9. After breakfast we have a time of prayer and thanksgiving. The January Prayer Breakfast was held on the 13th at the home of Shee Hong and Poh Poh Chia.

Congratulations to the Abelle family on the birth of a daughter, Kim Linette, on December 12. All are doing well.

Christmas baskets were made up for those in need.

Our New Year's Eve celebration was a wonderful event and was a great time of fellowship.

Plans are being made for the B.C. Spring Fellowship.

We are also blessed with monthly visits from members of the Edmonotn church who share God's Word with us. As well, there are a few other members who are working in Fort McMurray. It is a pleasure to be able to study and visit with new and old Christians alike.

There are a variety of social activities on the go such as a Teen/Youth program which began with a wagon ride in November; a ladies movie night; and a ladies' retreat is being planned for 1996. A weekly ladies' Bible study and an adult Bible study are going strong. The church is in the process of initiating an Outreach Program for those who are in need. We are looking forward to new opportunities to do God's work in the new year.

## News from Ming Paul Lee

Reggy Hiller is going to be a missionary in Vienna, Austria. She grew up in Europe, speaks German and knows the Eastern European culture. Canadians can support her work and encourage her through prayer and donations made to the Southwest Central Church of Christ, 4011 West Bellfort, Houston, TX 77025.

Donations may be made for "Seeds for Africa", Bibles and/or the Gospel of John, and travel funds by writing to Ming Paul Lee, Box 13, R.R. 2, Arlington Road, Nanoose Bay, BC V0R 2R0.

Karen Bolger's garage sale provided some cash for the Ukraine mission (R. Pinczuk).

**Nanaimo, Victoria, Campbell River Youth:** This fall the "Taking Steps to End World Hunger" 20-km walk was able to help missions with about \$2,000. We hope to have another walk in the spring in Victoria or Vancouver.

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# NEWS

## — PRAIRIES —

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### SASKATCHEWAN

#### Saskatoon:

##### January-June

On February 13 we shared with the Lidbury family in remembering the 96 years of brother Jim Lidbury and his faithfulness to God. On April 26 relatives and friends from near and far gathered to attend funeral services for brother Hector MacLeod.

Highlights included a great weekend seminar with Walter Hart on the subject of "Coping with Stress"; a Ladies' Spring Banquet on March 16 with guest speaker Debbie Bolton; the music of the WCC traveling chorus; and the annual Day of Prayer and Fasting. Response to this special day, when money is raised for the poor and needy, was the best ever in this congregation.

Jason Bandura, the son of Marvin and Sharon Bandura of Gravelbourg, accepted our offer to work with us as an intern for the months of July and August. (Editor's Note: Jason is a graduate of WCC and is currently enrolled in the Bible program. IBR)

##### July-September

The third annual canoe trip set a record with 24 participants for the first week of July. The trip emphasized physical fitness, spiritual renewal and an opportunity to meet new people. Allen Close directed Teen Camp at Heritage Lake the second week of July, and Ian MacLeod was director for the preteen week. Barney Borsheim directed our annual Family Camp from August 11-13. Mike Bolton was the featured speaker.

##### October-December

Months of prayer, planning and preparation were brought to fruition on October 26-29 with the Franklin Billy Graham Crusade. It was with much reservation that we decided to participate in this event, but now that it is over,

we thank God for the good things it did for us and the new people it gave us an opportunity to meet and minister to. A keener sense of being actively involved in outreach continues to prevail in the congregation, and several new contacts are being studied with as a result of the crusade. Following several months of Bible study, Ross Friars was buried with Christ in baptism. We welcome him to the family of God and are pleased to have Lorrie and the children worshipping with us as well.

#### Adventures in Missions

Many of our members were able to get some "hands-on" experience in the mission field. In February, Walter Pradzynski headed for the Ukraine to work with Garry and Cheryl Williams. In May, Angela MacLeod realized a dream when she headed for Benin. We were pleased to be her sponsoring congregation and to provide most of her support. Our hearts were touched by the tragic death of team member, Nancy Vogt, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver.

In July, Jennifer MacLeod left for Belgium where she worked with the LST team in sharing the gospel of Luke while teaching English. The generosity of many people made it possible for Dave Patterson and Mike and Bob Parker to spend the months of October and November in India. God has been working powerfully in Northeast India, and many stable congregations exist in an area where foreigners have not been able to go prior to this year.

**North Battleford:** We are very pleased to have Ron and Sonya Geiger and their two boys worshipping with us. They come to us from Weyburn. We also were pleased to learn that the Duxburys (John and Donna) are living near here and come out to service when they are around.

On June 6, 1995, Harvey Bugler passed away in Edmonton. Julia Brabant passed away on November 20 at 68 years of age.

We had many visitors this summer including many of the Davies family and Dean and Kay Hotchkiss and Jim and Alice Williams.

### MANITOBA

**Dauphin:** We would like to announce the addition of three new shepherds to our eldership: Walter Hart, John Harvey and Blair Roberts. These

are in addition to the two serving elders: Jack Close and Bill Hart.

For some time the elders and the congregation have been aware of the growing responsibilities that the eldership was carrying. With Western Christian College's move to Dauphin in 1989, the opportunities for service continued to multiply. The logical choice was to ordain more elders to help with the work.

The ordination service took place on November 11 at the Allied Arts Centre. The local evangelist, Hugh Gannon, charged the new eldership to keep the delicate balance between being "shepherds of God's flock" while "not lord-ing it over" the flock (1 Peter 5:1-5).

The church requests your prayers on behalf of these men. Pray that they might have wisdom in dealing with the various needs of a church closely connected to a brotherhood college.

(Editor's Note: The information from Saskatoon was supplied by Bob Parker; from North Battleford by Jelsing Bailey; and the notice about the elders in Dauphin by Hugh Gannon.)

### Job Opportunity

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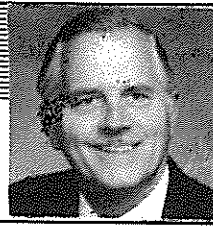
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# BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to Keith Thompson, Editor, 348 Dixon Blvd., Newmarket, ON L3Y 5C4.

(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald.)



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

*Time To Go, A New Look At The Boston Movement* by Marion D. Owens, Star Bible Publications, 75 pages, \$4.95 USD. Reviewed by Eugene C. Perry.

Brother Owens, a school teacher and one-time elder, was, along with his congregation, attracted to the Discipling Movement, now known as the International Church of Christ, in Los Angeles some years ago. He struggled with certain disturbing aspects of the movement but found so much that was good that he stuck it out for 14 years.

Along the way he sometimes questioned his "superiors" concerning some of their teachings and practices and finally even dared to address criticizing letters to Kip McKean himself. This book is an interesting account of his experiences and enquiries and the death of reasonable responses. It contains copies of his letters.

The main matters that he questioned were the use of instruments by small groups and the entertainment aspect of this; the amount of heavy pressure to give (tithe); and the fact, in the final analysis, that control was in the hands of one man.

Commenting on the fast growth of the movement, he quotes what Mid McKnight found in a study done years ago: "The rate of growth by a given group is in direct proportion to its ability to involve its entire membership in the recruiting process".

He states that the "movement is more than a religion; it is a life-style" and explains that people stay despite "the authoritarian nature of the leadership" because "the movement amply provides for so many of man's basic needs: love, security, recognition, variety, and a sense of purpose and accomplishment". It is pointed out that if one can tolerate "false

doctrine and unscriptural practices" and is willing "to relinquish control of his spiritual life—he can actually have a very satisfactory experience". Mormonism is mentioned as another example of a religion that "flourished despite outlandish teachings".

This book is written in a candid, open, easy-to-read style and does not contain any evidence of bitterness or ill will whatever. You will want to read it through at one sitting.

*There's Got To Be More!* by Reginald Bibby, Wood Lake Books, 159 pages, \$16.95 (Cdn.). Reviewed by Donald E. Perry.

The author of this book is a professor of Sociology at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta. He is considered to be the foremost expert on the sociology of religion in Canada. For more than 20 years, he has been analyzing Canadian religious trends. He is the author of *Fragmented Gods* and *Unknown Gods*, two of his five bestselling books written since 1985. Serious readers have found his research and statistical analyses interesting but have been led to ask, "What do we do about it? There's got to be more!" Now Bibby has come out with a new book to try to respond to that.

In his forward, Carl S. Dudley writes, "Reginald Bibby faces the harsh realities of declining church membership and sees fresh possibilities. . . He documents the crisis, and yet believes that churches are 'uniquely positioned' to act. . . He shows that churches that engage in Christian mission of spiritual nurture and human care may, in the act of reaching others, themselves be restored to life".

In *Unknown Gods*, Bibby wrote, "The churches are floundering at a time when they should be flourishing." He claims that a "good number of people who are 'unchurched' have spiritual, personal and relational needs". He claims

that these needs are not being otherwise met and that the churches are in the best position to speak to the spiritual and moral needs of the country. But there is a real need "for churches and Canadians to be better connected".

This challenge to effectively connect is taken up by Bibby in the seven chapters of this 160-page book. He uses concentric circles to analyze the close, not so close and the farther away connections we may have with different groups of people. He compares this to Jesus saying that his disciples would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the world. He claims that churches "that set out to address, in integrated fashion, the spiritual, individual, and social needs of Canadians will find people to be responsive". He claims that 20% of the population are currently being drawn to churches on this basis. Bibby suggests approaches and demands action—"making sure that something happens". Wisely used, this book can be helpful.

## Minister Invited

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## So, Now What?

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ers.

The act of accepting someone else has to be just about the most loving and healing thing one person can do for another. If you don't accept others where they are and in the state they are in, you will never be able to minister to them. Actually, they will not likely accept your ministry.

### 4. Affection (phileo).

This has got to be the most important aspect to understand, whether you are a married or 'single-again' adult! Consider what just happened. Whether a spouse has died or an intimate relationship has broken down, the most prominent thing in the individual's mind is the very sudden lack of intimate affection. I know this to be true not only from my own experience. I work with a support group for single-again adults. Almost always the first question a new person to the group asks, in various ways, is, "How do I deal with this?"

This is also why a person you have known for so many years to be level-headed or conservative will suddenly seem to change and frantically go looking for another relationship. They would say or you would assume that they have gone sex mad. "I cannot live without a mate!" is a common statement.

The problem is--now, listen up everyone--the problem is not that we have gone sex mad (I'm speaking in general, of course)! We have just lost the most intimate relationship God could give us!!! I need you, the church family God gave me, to 'be there'. I need you to practice 'phileo' love for me. I need you to hug me, to put your arm around my shoulders or to just touch my hand the way a brother or sister would. (Please use the wisdom God gives you, of course.)

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities: all things were created by him for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church: he is the beginning and the

firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy (Colossians 1:15-18; emphasis mine).

I use this scripture all the time in my support group. I guess you know who is being referred to here. My point is simple; do you believe Jesus is the Christ or not? If so, then this scripture applies to you. It also means, singles, that Christ is Lord of our sexuality. We CAN control it, and Christ CAN help.

We sing a song in our congregation sometimes that goes like this: *Christ has no hands but our hands; to do His work today. He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way; He has no tongue but our tongues to tell men how He died, He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.* Do you believe it or not? Do you accept the job or not? God made us a family in order to support each other and, thereby, do His work.

As single-again adults, we may not be able to tell you that it is affection that we need from you most. After all, we are most likely in a state of extreme emotional turmoil. We don't even know who to trust any more. We don't know if we are really loved or ever have been, and that includes God. We need you to unerringly love us and give us your affection, not your judgment and certainly not your condemnation. Of course, you don't mean it that way, but this is the way it may be perceived. Remember our emotional state and just "agape" us.

(Willard Tate has a set of video lessons called *Learning to Love that would be excellent to help you learn about this wonderful attribute of God called love.*)

I think we often overexaggerate our duty to "judge one another" (1 Corinthians 5:12). I wonder, was Paul commanding us to judge one another or was he telling us to watch out for each other? If we overexaggerated any of God's laws, how about the one in Matthew 22:37-40?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commands.

Amazing! All the other laws and prophecies depend on these two laws!  
(All Scriptures NIV)

--North Bay, Ontario

## Male or Female

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tion goes beyond culture, back to the beginning.

F. Lagard Smith comments that women have come a long way, but despite this, both men and women are asking, "If we're equal, why aren't we happier?" He affirms that, although many women may not realize it, male spiritual leadership would give them real happiness and fulfillment. He also refers to two kinds of leadership (i.e. functional--recognized, appointed, with designated roles and responsibilities and influence--non-gender, the obligation of all).

In his book, *Every Family Needs a C.E.O.*, psychiatrist Reuven Bar-Levav makes a clear distinction between the "job description" for mothering and fathering. He is very pessimistic about the future of a civilization lacking those who are able and willing to exercise the fathering role. His book gives practical and helpful pointers on specifics of this role and how they may be restored in the family. The recent large gathering of black males in Washington and the rapidly growing "Promise Keepers" movement in the U.S. and now in Canada are some indicators that men are becoming more aware of the great need for husbands and fathers to fulfill their God-given responsibilities.

Besides the Bible, these thoughts have been gleaned from *Women and the Word of God, A Response to Biblical Feminism* by Susan Foh; *What Most Women Want--What Few Women Find* by F. Lagard Smith; and *Every Family Needs A C.E.O.--What Mothers and Fathers Can Do About Our Deteriorating Families and Values* by Reuven Bar-Levav, M.D. All of these are interesting and recommending reading.

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## Julia Brabant

Julia Brabant passed away on November 20, 1995, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan at the age of 68. She was born on July 16, 1928 at Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

The funeral service was held at the Red Pheasant First Nation Band Hall on November 23, 1995. Jelsing Bailey officiated assisted by Lennox Wuttunee and Owen Davies.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; Daughters: Patricia Payne, Saskatoon; Karen (Stanley) Nicotine, Red Pheasant First Nation; Elizabeth Brabant, Saskatoon; Sherry Brabant, Regina; Shelly (Gordon) Pritchard, Bigger; Elaine Brabant, Saskatoon; Sons: Waverly, Saskatoon; Darcy (Elsie), Saskatoon; Dwayne, Saskatoon and Wesley, Saskatoon; 38 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents: Elizabeth and Oliver Sparvier; father-in-law, Harry Brabant; two sons: Brian and Kinsley; and granddaughter, Theresa Brabant.

Sister Brabant was associated with the church at Red Pheasant First Nations Reserve and was laid to rest in the church cemetery there. --*Jelsing Bailey*

## Clarence A. Whitfield

On Saturday, December 30, 1995 Clarence A. Whitfield, in his 87th year, died peacefully at Meaford General Hospital. He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Martha Robertson; their six children: Wilma, Norris, Myra, Phyllis, Ray and Rhonda and their spouses; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters; and 1 brother. The funeral service was held at the Meaford Church of Christ with Max Craddock and Guy Stopard conducting the service. There were also very heart-warming tributes paid by daughter, Phyllis May and granddaughter, Janet Taylor.

As Max Craddock so fittingly pointed out at the service, this may be a person's obituary but it certainly does not describe this great man's life. As the eldest grandson, I know from personal experience that Grandpa's life touched and impacted other's lives in ways that most do not even realize.

The funeral service was a celebration, not because one that was loved and re-

spected was dead but rather because of the legacy of love, sacrifice and service that he left behind as an example. This was proven as people flooded into the funeral home to pay respect and as the church building filled to capacity. I was touched and grateful to the one who said to me that this was the first funeral in a very long time that he had left feeling good and having happy thoughts rather than sad ones. As I contemplated these thoughts and my own memories, I remembered Steven Covey's book, *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, and I recalled that one habit that was in the life of those who would be highly effective in this life were those who "began with the end in mind". My grandpa may not have been successful by this world's standards, but he did try to live his life keeping the end in mind, and I think he did a pretty good job of it.

Throughout Grandpa's life he served in so many ways where he could. There are few, if any, of his family who cannot point to something or somewhere in their homes that was built with wood by Grandpa's hands. To this day there are things that were built by him from Great Lakes Christian College to any number of church buildings and homes throughout this province. It is no secret, even to Grandpa himself, that he was not the best finishing carpenter who lived, but there was never any doubt that the things that were crafted by him were from his heart.

My own memories of Grandpa are too many to mention. We shared our lives together as we spent hours visiting, as we travelled places together, and as I sat by his bed in hospitals. We joked together, and as hard as it may be to believe for some, we even shed tears about somethings. Grandpa would always let me know if he thought I needed a kick in the seat of the pants, but I will also never forget his arm over my shoulder and that squeeze of approval that he so often gave me.

All the grandsons served as pall bearers, and as I carried the body of my grandpa, I couldn't help but remember all the places I had had the privilege of taking him while he was alive, and now I had the privilege of taking him somewhere for the last time.

I am so thankful to God for having the grandpa that I had because for me he was not just a grandpa; he was one of the very best friends I have ever had.

--*Roger Lansdell*

## News Far West

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*Nanoose Bay:* "Seeds for Africa" has just received about \$120 worth of peas, beans and corn seeds. Arrangements are being made to get more. These seeds will provide food for families by helping them grow their own food and enabling families to earn extra money for daily needs.

I have returned to work (December 4) after about two years of poor health. The hard work is doing me much good. Thanks for your love, prayers and letters. After two summers of staying home, Lord willing in 1996 we may have the opportunity to visit and encourage young churches in Africa (Seeds for Africa) and visits to "Hope and Homes for Children" in Croatia and Bosnia. We are blessed by many friends in Europe, Asia, the USA and Canada. Keep praying for Canada. We need them. Hearts need to change. --*Ming Paul Lee*

## ALBERTA

*Fort McMurray:* The congregation here has enjoyed a variety of visitors who attend services regularly. Many of these visitors are doing studies with various church members. The presence of these new faces who are curious about Christ is always encouraging and exciting!

*Edmonton:* With Allison Dexter's baptism, we have seen 25 souls added to the kingdom in 1995 in Edmonton. Praise God for this fruit of our labours.

Though we took a break from holding our small group studies over the holiday season, we were encouraged to still search for ways "to put in a good word for Christ" with friends and family.

The theme of the congregation for 1996 is "O To Be Like Thee". Monthly sermons will focus on the different aspects of Christ and how, as His disciples, we can grow to be more like Him. These Sundays will be treated as "Bring Your Neighbour" Days, and we are encouraged to bring friends and neighbours.

Jolene Whalen and Rob Burnstad were united in marriage in December. Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

Welcome home to Darcy and Shelley James and their two children who have moved back here. Also, welcome back to Russell and Melissa Elford and their three children.

## News East

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passed away on December 18. Sympathy is extended to Miriam and Doris Sierra and family. Evening service time changes: Sunday at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Guy Stopard spoke at Bramalea on December 31 and at Omagh on January 7. Santiago Molina attended the "11th Annual Latin American Preachers' Encounter" where 150 Spanish-speaking preachers gathered for a special meeting and campaign. This meeting will be held in Toronto in the year 2000, Lord willing. Santiago has a lump growing on his neck, which he is afraid may be cancerous. He requests our prayers. Brother Molina reports 300 baptisms in Cuba in 1995.

**Waterloo:** Javier Cuarezma attended the "Latin American Preachers' Encounter" with Santiago Molina from Strathmore and taught one of the classes. Ruby Brunton was baptized on November 19. Sophia Urtecho, Isabel Cuarezma's mother, returned to Nicaragua in December. A special Sunday evening focus on the seven churches of Asia is being presented using videos by Bill Humble and Ian Fair of Abilene Christian University. The "Annual Skating at the Park" had about 100 people in attendance.

**Welland:** The Welland congregation roof contribution has increased to \$11,000. The total bill was over \$30,000.

**Wellandport:** Kevin Garnett was baptized in the baptistry at Jordan on December 31.

**Windsor:** We rejoice with Oscar and Ana Duran on the baptism of their son, Oscar Jr., on August 6. Sister Agnes Dockeray is now in a nursing home, experiencing sorrow over the sudden death of her son, Ronald, aged 53, who died on December 4. Lewis Mutuma's brother, 32, died on December 16 in Dallas, Texas after his two-year struggle with cancer. Brother Bill Brown officiated at the wedding of Kevin Awaran to Karri Thorpe on December 9.

## QUEBEC

**Montreal (Ghanaian):** "For the past 10 years I have been trying to reach my parents with the gospel of Christ. I had the opportunity to preach at Nsawan Road congregation, and my younger brother, Gideon, responded to the

Lord's invitation after my message and was baptized. I received a letter from the preacher at Nsawan Road Church of Christ in Accra stating that my mother was baptized into the Lord's church. Please pray for my father, who is an elder in the Presbyterian church. The brethren have decided that the churches in downtown Montreal, the proposed Lasalle congregation, the Chinese church, Spanish, and some of the French groups should join together. They are hoping that they will be able to find a meeting place in the downtown area that will accommodate at least 400 people. Richard Yaw Owusu was restored last week."

--Leonard Amanatey

**Sherbrooke:** Anne and Glynn Langston and children from Louisiana visited for three days in Sherbrooke on their way to Quebec City. Luc, Manon and another couple plan to start a parallel church group in January, inviting interested people from their neighbourhood. To begin, they will meet one night a week to study and pray together. They ask that we will pray for this attempt.

## NOVA SCOTIA

**Mill Village:** On October 28, Andy and Bev were united in marriage by Jack Mackey. Bev was recently baptized. On November 18, David Hallett had a cancerous growth removed from his lower left eyelid. The doctors believe the surgery was successful in removing all the malignancy. Murray Marshall of Ennis, Texas held his 32nd annual meeting September 29-October 1.

**Halifax:** After a seven-year-gap, they now have a full-time worker/family--Keith and Margaret Brumbley and their two children, Brittany and Jason.

**News At Large:** Joe and Rosabelle Cannon returned to Minsk, Belarus and will be involved in a five-week Bible school. Wesley Jones of Nashville, Tennessee, with World Broadcasting, has had a return of his cancer. Raphael Rosales from London is hoping to return to full-time Hispanic ministry in Winnipeg.

## NEWFOUNDLAND

**St. Anthony:** Daren and Kim Simmons, formerly of Fort McMurray, Alberta, are now meeting in their home in St. Anthony at 7:30 on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. See directory on

page 18.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

**Moncton:** Despite some occasions when it has not been able to use the school building, this church has had "lots of visitors to our Sunday morning assembly. . . people personally invited by members."

An opportunity to purchase a large lot with an older house which could be renovated for temporary church use is being investigated. There is space to build a church building later.

## MICHIGAN

**Marquette:** Roger Rhodes with family, Kathryn, Joshua, Caleb and Julia, was to take work with this church at the beginning of 1996.

## A Friend Indeed!

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formed lasting, strong friendships over the years, count yourself very fortunate. On this Valentine's Day, take the time to let your special friend or friends know exactly how important they are in your life. And say a special prayer of thanks to God for giving you these special relationships. Above all, let each of us strive to be a friend indeed!

## MISSION NEWS

### Zambia

After eight months of fund raising, John and Wendy Lauterbach are on the field, working at Namwianga Christian Secondary School and dedicated to saving the lost and equipping the saved. At Simusunge, 18 were baptized and 20 recommitted after John's sermon.

Oran Keirn, long-time worker from Oklahoma, recently retired from his work at Namwianga. The Merritts are now in the U.S.

We have received \$260 in donations towards the \$900 deficit on the container shipped last year. --E.C.P.

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## PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

- ALLIANCE**, Rec-Center: Sun. 10, 11; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0; (403) 879-2232 (res.).
- CALGARY** (Northside): 803-2A Ave. N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Wayne Bailey, 247-6337; Brian Guilbault, 264-9232.
- CALGARY**: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N.E., T2A 2S8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; also various mid-week home Bible Study groups - call the office (403) 272-2111; Cecil Bailey, ev., 569-2817; Larry Yurk, ev., 278-1469; Eric Nyrose, ev., 242-3164.
- CAMROSE**: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A1; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Will Hart, ev. (403) 672-1220.
- EDMONTON**: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9, 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; C. Eric Limb, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, elders.
- FORT McMURRAY**: Beauregard Edu. Community Centre, Abasand; Sun. 10-12; Thurs. Bible Talk 7:30 in homes. Mon. ladies class 1:30-3:00 in homes (phone (403) 790-0109); Terry Mullins, Treas., 399 Thicket Dr., T9H 4H7; (403) 790-3537.
- LETHBRIDGE**: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. 328-0855.
- MEDICINE HAT**: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V2; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Ernest W. Andreas, ev., 528-3026 (res.); 527-7311 (off.).
- RED DEER**: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 11:15, 10, (evening-call for information); Wed. 7; Gerry Bibard, ev., 347-3986.

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

- ABBOTSFORD**: Michael Collins Studio (behind B.C. Tourist offices on McClelland Rd.); Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30 in homes; Central Valley Church of Christ, Rob Robinson, Sec.-Treas., 45215 Blue Jay Ave., Sardis, B.C. V2R 2V3; (604) 824-0322; church-Ray Fillion, 850-8670.
- BURNABY** (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10:05, 9 & 11; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453; (604) 522-7721 (off).
- CAMPBELL RIVER**: 226 Hichey Road, V9W 1P4; (604) 923-5233.
- CHILLIWACK**: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6V4, 24 hr. phone 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046.
- COWICHAN VALLEY (CROFTON)**: 1288 Smith St.; Sun 11; Wed. 7; Box 45, V0R 1R0; Jack Ellis, 246-4189.
- CRESTON**: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2329, V0B 1G0; 428-7411 (off).
- DELTA**: Ladner Community Centre; Sun. 9:50; Wed. in homes 8:00; 205-1318 - 56th St V4L 2A4 (off); 56th St., V4L 2A4; Jay Don Rodgers, ev., (604) 943-4341 (res.), 943-0515 (off).
- KAMLOOPS**: 629 Battle St. V2C 2M4; Sun. 11:15, 10; Mid-week studies in homes; (604) 374-3512 (off); Contact Rob Harper, 554-2421.
- KELOWNA**: 1317 Ethel St.; Sun. 10:45; Bible study 9:30 (except July & Aug.); Tues. 7; Box 2697, St. R. V1X 6A7; Charles McKnight, ev. (604) 765-8739; Wayne Muirhead (604) 861-4008; Ted Windmill, 763-8445.
- KELOWNA (Rutland)**: #209-120 McIntosh Rd., V1X 7E8; Sun. 11. Call for directions/other services, Bill Forman, ev. (604) 765-3643.
- LANGLEY**: Meeting in homes; Sun. 10:30; Phone for location 534-0485; c/o I. Eastwood, 20420-54 Avenue, Apt 103, V3A 6N6.
- 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**: Boy Scout Hall, No. 1 Road & Francis Road; Sun 10:30, 11; 3431 Bentinck Pl., V7C 4H3; Gary L. Mans, ev. (604) 271-6197.
- 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; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.
- 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; Don L. Killough, ev. 745-3786.

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

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

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

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE**: Contact Gerald McCutcheon, 239-1817.

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

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

**MONCTON**: 1 Trites Rd., Riverview, E1B 2V5; Sun. 10; alternate Weds. 7:30; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-2628 (res.) or 852-0919 (off.).

**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 Gamett, ev. (902) 678-1168 (res.); 678-8881 (off).

**SHUBENACADIE**: Mill Village Church, 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7; R.R. 1, BON 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

**SHUBENACADIE**: Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Shubenacadie & Area Church of Christ, R.R. 1, BON 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**: 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; Walt Cromwell, ev., (905) 892-4557; 892-5661 (off.).

**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.

**GRAVENHURST**: 441 Bay Street, P1P 1H8; Sun. 11:00; (705) 687-3250.

**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.

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

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

**HAMILTON**: 666A Fennell Ave. E. at 27th St.; L8V 1V2 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; (905) 385-5775; John Dennis, sec., (905) 389-0717.

**HAMILTON** (Centre): 33 Highdiffe 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 Westdiffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100; Peter Morphy, ev., 387-3699.

**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 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, 200 King St. W.; Sun. 12, 11; John Spencer, sec., 396 Gatestone Blvd., N2T 2J0; (519) 746-2576.

**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; Upper Canada P.O. Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Brian Cox, ev., 165 Britannia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; (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; Steve May, ev. (905) 563-5043; \*905) 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; Box 2081, K9J 7H5; Peter McPherson, ev.(705) 742-5349; Shaun Parks (705) 876-7104.

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

**PORT COLBORNE:** 700 Steele St., L3K 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; Gordon Harris, ev., 937-8250 (res.), 935-9581 (off.).

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

**ST. THOMAS:** 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off.), 633-2646 (res.).

**SARNIA:** 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140; Drew Chapados, ev., 332-8359.

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

**SAGLT 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.

**BELKIRK:** 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 Gamer, 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.

**STONEY CREEK:** 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Harold Parker, ev., 945-8803 (res.); Robert Priestnall, sec.

**STRATFORD:** 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 9:45, 11:00; Wed. 7:00; (519) 273-5280; Kelvin Hoover, ev. 273-5381; Larry Hoover, ev. 271-9545.

**SUDBURY:** 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Maurice Brown, ev., (705) 525-0996, 560-3964 (off.); Paul Valli, sec. 674-2352.

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

**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842-6533; Murray Smith, ev., 842-2741.

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

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

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

**TINTERN:** Spring Creek Rd.; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Oliver Tallman, Campden, L0R 1G0; 563-7822.

**TORONTO (Bayview Ave.):** 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:15; Chris McCormick, 25 Cumberland Lane, Apt. 803, Ajax, L1S 7K1; 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 Connie, 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 Bemice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

**TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):** 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Conwell 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; Wed. 6:30; S.F. Timmerman, ev., Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cresc., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

**WINDSOR (West Side):** 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; 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):** 760-44th Ave., Lachine, H8T 2K8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; Wed. 7; 637-3931 (off.).

**MONTREAL (Verdun):** (Fr.) 3947 Verdun Ave. H4G 1L1; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. 765-8919.

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

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

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

## PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**BENGOUGH:** E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, 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 Tebeau, ev.

**HORSE CREEK:** Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); Lonnie Goodwin, Box 58, McCord, S0H 2T0; (306) 478-2516.

**LOYDMINSTER:** 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; Jeising Bailey, 446-2630.

**PERRYVILLE:** 20 mi. s. Wynyrd 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 Krosgaard, 352-5621.

**SASKATOON:** 2240 Albert Ave., S7J 1K2; (306) 343-7922, FAX 1589; Sun. 10, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7; (Hours may vary, please phone to be certain); Robert Parker, 343-7884.

**SWIFT CURRENT:** 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Susan Gusikowski, 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; (306) 842-6424.

**WHITEWOOD:** Legion Hall, 738 Lalonde St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 82, Broadview, S0G 0K0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; 735-2862.

# CALENDAR

## February

4-7... 40th Anniversary Meeting, Fennell Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario

4-9... Freed-Hardeman Bible Lectureship, "Settled in Heaven", applying the Bible to life

17-19... Meaford Youth Rally

18-21... ACUniversity Bible Lectureship

23, 24... Seminar on "Change and the Church", Newmarket, Ontario

## March

2... Bible Teachers' Workshop, Great Lakes Christian College

*(If you have events that you would like to have listed in this Calendar of Events, please contact Eugene Perry at (905) 563-7503.*

# Focus on Faith

**34th  
ANNUAL  
TRAINING  
FOR  
SERVICE**

**FRIDAY,  
APRIL 5,  
1996**

**Time:**  
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Registration – 9:30 a.m.

**Location:**  
North Albion Collegiate  
2580 Kipling Avenue  
Toronto

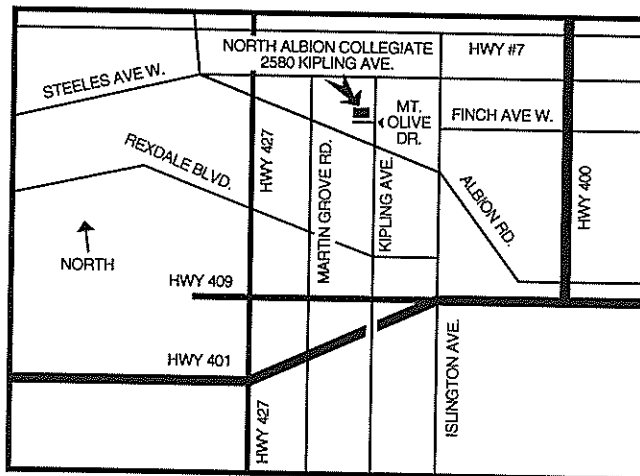
Bring your own lunch.  
Beverage supplied.

"Spectrum" from  
Michigan Christian College  
will sing following lunch.

## TOPICS:

1. The Supreme Evidence of God's Existence and Biblical Uniqueness
2. How Shall We Respond to Our Doubts?
3. You Can Trust Your Bible

- Dr. Don England**
- Has been on staff at the university for 36 years
  - Past chairman of the Department of Physical Science
  - Elder at the College Church of Christ in Searcy
  - Often preaches at area congregations
  - Author of 3 books:
    - A Christian View of Origins
    - Faith and Evidence
    - God, Are You Really There? (video & book)



NORTH ALBION COLLEGIATE — 2580 KIPLING AVE.

## ALSO...

**on Saturday,  
April 6, 1996**  
You are invited to a  
special presentation:

### Where Did Life Come From?

A lesson of  
special value for  
high school  
and up.

The singing group,  
"Spectrum"  
from  
Michigan Christian  
College  
will start things off  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Don England**  
will speak  
at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a  
question and answer  
period afterward.

Everyone is welcome.

This presentation  
will be held at  
Strathmore Boulevard  
Church of Christ.

346 Strathmore  
Boulevard, Toronto