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*“God’s voice thunders in
marvelous ways; he does
great things beyond our
understanding. He says to
the snow, ‘Fall on the earth,’
and to the rain shower,
‘Be a mighty down-
pour.’” (Job 37:5,6)*

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The Government of the World Will Be Upon His Shoulders

by Brian Cox

In a season filled with fellowship and family gatherings, the loneliness of many grows more intense. In a season of joy, many feel like they carry the entire weight of the world on their shoulders. It may be the uncertainty of finances or employment that has become a heavy burden. It may be the case of an elderly relative or friend. You do your best, but it is never enough. You try to do what is right, but in their eyes it is always the wrong thing. If you are the primary caregiver for an elderly friend or relative you may be feeling like you are carrying the entire weight of the world on your shoulders.

Some face the holiday season with fear and uncertainty. They have been forced to listen to their spouse say that they don't love them anymore. Sometimes they hear it said verbally, sometimes they see it through the actions of their spouse. The love of their life now treats them like yesterday's garbage. The family finances are fractured along with the family. Many of the children of divorce face Christmas with few, if any, presents under the tree and only one parent in their home. They face being shuffled back and forth between parents who don't do a very good job of hiding their hatred for one another. The gatherings of the extended family are now strained rather than joyful. They wonder if they will ever be happy again. They often feel like the weight of the entire world is on their shoulders.

For some, going to a church activity is anything but joyful. Their church has become a battleground. They have worked hard at finding solutions that always seem to be just out of reach. They too feel like they are carrying the entire weight of the world on their shoulders.

For others, the battlefield is their family. It may not be divorce, but it is constant fighting. They feel drained of all emotion. The battle may be between parents and children, even grown children, or the battle may be among in-laws. When those we love turn on us, the results are always discouraging. Those in such circumstances

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December with all its family gatherings and fellowship opportunities, may cause the grief of those who have recently lost loved ones to be even more intense. It is hard for them to be hopeful. Joy is out of reach. The joy of other families rubs their grief raw. When the world celebrates how much they have been given, those who are grieving remember how much they have lost. Their burden is heavy. It feels like the weight of the entire world is on their shoulders.

Then there are the rest of us, who daily face far more problems, pain, disappointments and failures than could be listed here. We all face struggles and pain. Each of us at one time or another has felt like we were carrying the weight of the entire world on our shoulders.

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heavy burdens. God never intended that we carry the weight of the entire world on our shoulders. But we do it, don't we? In a self-centered, control oriented way, we believe we must carry our burdens all by ourselves. We think that we must solve all of our own problems and everybody else's without help from anyone. Jesus says, "Give me your burdens!" We say, "No thanks, I'm doing just fine on my own.", while we stumble beneath the weight.

Isaiah, when prophesying about the Messiah, said, "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WORLD WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS" (Isaiah 9:6). Jesus is uniquely qualified to carry the weight of the entire world on His shoulders. Isaiah further describes Jesus as the, "WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE" (Isaiah 9:6).

Yet we continue to serve in the coveted position of GENERAL MANAGER of the UNIVERSE. We try to fix every problem, fix every person, shape up everything, get

everybody just as we want them to be, try to fix up the children and grandchildren and spouses and friends and neighbors and get all this together before the holidays. Is it any wonder that we feel like we are carrying the weight of the entire world on our shoulders?

God has promised to carry our burdens for us and He is faithful. He sent His Son, in person, to provide the help we need. But there is something that we must do first. There is a prerequisite for receiving God's help. We must stop trying to do His job for Him. We must resign as general manager of the universe. Take a moment to write out your letter of resignation. I am not joking! I want you to write a letter of resignation. I (insert your name) hereby resign as general manager of the universe. Now sign it and date it. Put it where you will see it everyday. You will likely need the reminder.

You're in for a surprise! God will gladly accept your resignation and with you out of the way will begin to really get to work in your life. Putting the government of your life on Christ's shoulders is what Christmas is all about. We need to make the words of Isaiah live in our hearts. "For to us a child is born, to us a child is given and the government will be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

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This is Who We Are

by Keith Brumley

Recently I was privileged to hear Dr. Leroy Garrett speak at the Maritime Christian Fellowship. Dr. Garrett is a consummate historian and well-researched writer of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement (which includes the "a cappella" churches of Christ, "independent" Christian churches/churches of Christ, and the Disciples of Christ). It was a thrill for me to meet and hear Dr. Garrett in person.

There was one phrase that Dr. Garrett used over and over as he spoke of our movement's history and heritage. After making some significant historical point he'd say ... "this is who we are." This phrase struck me. It struck me because I find many in the church, whether a part of the Restoration Movement for generations, or just recently coming into it, who simply don't know "who we are." I don't mean by that that we suffer from some sort of identity crisis. What I mean is many of us have lost a sense of our history and unique heritage as heirs of the Stone-Campbell Movement. It is my belief that we, as heirs of this Movement, have an important contribution to make in the Christian World. But unless we reclaim the original vision of such leaders as Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone, Walter Scott, and many others - the vision of unity between all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ - we cannot make our needed contribution effectively.

So, what is our heritage? How would you describe it to an inquirer or a visitor? I have printed on my business card, as well as on our church's sign, three statements which I believe sum up what the "original dream" of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement is all about. The statements are: "Christ-Centred," "Bible-Believing," and "Seeking the Unity of All Believers."

Our Movement was born into a Christendom divided over a myriad of issues, opinions and speculative theories. Groups claiming the same Christ as Lord were "biting and devouring" one another (Gal. 5:15) over the creeds based on these various and opposing issues, opinions and theories. Thomas Campbell, in his own Presbyterian fellowship, was caught up in the middle of these divisions. The Presbyterians had divided over whether a judge could swear allegiance to the Church of Scotland or not as he took the oath of

office. Those in favour of this were known as "Burghers" and those opposed called "Anti-Burghers." This caused a split (which further divided into other factions), and those on opposite sides of this issue weren't to fellowship with one another, and certainly not have the Lord's Supper with one another. When Thomas Campbell arrived in the "New World" of North America, he began ministering with the Presbyterians in Pennsylvania. In the frontier circuit he rode, he found Presbyterians of both kinds in the same small village. He offered the Lord's Supper to both regardless of their opinion about what judges should do back in Scotland! For this, he was in hot water with his Presbyterian colleagues and lost his license to preach. Eventually, Campbell wrote a document entitled The Declaration & Address which became the Manifesto of Christian Union for him and his fledgling group known as "The Christian Association of

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Washington"). He was "tired and sick" of all the division over meaningless opinions and theories. He wanted to "speak where the Scriptures" spoke, and remain "silent where the Scriptures" were silent (whether regarding judge's oaths or other divisive "issues" not specified in the Scriptures). He begged Christians of all flavours to accept the old Reformation slogan - "In matters of Faith - Unity; in matters of opinion - Liberty; in all things - Love!" He wanted simply to be a disciple of Christ. He wanted to be forced into no party or sect. He desired to live by "no creed but Christ!" Later his son Alexander, along with the famed evangelist Walter Scott, came up with the formula of the "one fact & one act" of Christian unity. That is, all who believe and confess the "one fact" - that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God;" and from a position of faith and desire to obey Christ, submit to the "one act" of Christian Immersion (baptism) - are united to Christ and have the "unity of the Spirit" in the Body of Christ.

So, our Movement began as a desire to unite all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ by being centred on the Person of Christ Jesus. "This is who we are!"

Also of prime importance to our Movement was the belief that the Scriptures were to be the only rule of faith and practice. Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone were both advocates of this position. In Alexander Campbell's voluminous writings, he shared the deep conviction that the Bible, and the Bible alone, is able to lead us to the truth and to unity. A. Campbell, in fact, believed that much of the religious division of his day was due to the very language religious leaders used. He believed people used loaded theological phrases (e.g., atonement, regeneration, etc.,) some of which were not even found in Scriptures. Even those that were found in Scriptures were used by people in ways that the Scriptures didn't use them. He came up with a rule that has become a slogan with us to this day; "Call Bible things by Bible names - do Bible things in Bible ways." Campbell advised that if we'd stop using the "language of Ashdod" (i.e., the language of the religious world), and began to use the language of Scripture, much of the religious controversy and division would cease to exist. Again, the idea behind going

back to the Bible and "restoring" the ancient practices of believer baptism, weekly Lord's Supper (and other Christian "ordinances") was in order to achieve the unity of all believers. For example, all believers could agree that the ancient church baptized believers upon their confession of faith. Not all believers could agree that infants were baptized in the early church. Therefore, the most unifying way to perform this ancient ordinance is to do it in the "Bible way." Our Movement began as a Bible-believing Movement because doing "Bible things in Bible ways" was believed to lead to the unity of all believers. This is who we are!

This last phrase - "Seeking the Unity of All Believers" - is one upon which we could spend a lot of time. It is the *raison d'être* of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement. It is the "original dream" of the founding leaders of our historic Movement. It was what drove them to part with their cherished denominations and

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EDITORIAL

Looking for God in the Wrong Places *Wayne Turner*



We live in an incredible age! Scientific and technological knowledge is expanding at an astonishing pace. Above us, an international team of scientists is bringing science fiction to reality as they construct a real space station. On earth, computers transmit data to one-another at speeds that were hardly even imagined five years ago. We have instant access to information that ten years ago would have taken countless hours to even locate. Science and technology have opened the doorway to knowledge and made it immediately available. Instead of wondering about how an invention or a biological process works, we can find the answer, with almost no wait.

We might assume that in such a world, reliance on the empirical and rational would displace those things which seem more subjective and ethereal. After all, that which is tangible certainly links more effectively with that which is objective and factual. However, an interesting paradox seems to have developed - the more our society becomes involved with the scientific and technological, the more interested it becomes in the "spiritual." Spirituality, in many different concepts and forms, has become a burning interest. As an example, consider the interest today in angels. Or listen to celebrities and other people as they speak of their quest for spirituality. They are often very quick to distinguish between religion, which is usually perceived as an institutional and traditional approach, and what they call spirituality, which is a personal, subjective involvement in things that are more mystical and emotional. It seems that the more rational and scientific human beings become, the more they hunger to feel connected to experiences and ideas that transcend rational existence.

This quest for spirituality can be seen in a recent issue of *Life* magazine (December, 1998). The cover was difficult to miss on the newsstands. In bold, black, 16 centimeter (over 6 inch) letters was "GOD." A closer look revealed the whole title, "Frank McCourt: When you think of God what do you see?" McCourt's photo-essay looked at the diverse religious panorama of the U.S. He notes that the plurality and tolerance of belief in the U.S. have brought it to become "one nation under Gods." In bold red letters, the article proclaims, "Ninety-six percent of Americans believe in God." He reports that according to *The World Almanac*, over the past two decades, all of the great world religions have grown substantially in the U.S.: 24 million in those bodies professing Christianity, 4 million Muslims, 1.3 million Jews, nearly a million Hindus and three quarters of a million Buddhists. These figures do not include the growth of New Age religions or those who are following a more personal quest for spirituality.

Among the interesting statistics that help identify where the American people are spiritually (i.e. eighty percent believe in an afterlife; 72 percent believe in heaven, 56 percent in hell; 79 percent pray), is the statement "Thirty-three percent of Americans believe that the Bible is the actual word of God." It appears that while Americans are seeking the spiritual, they are increasingly separating themselves from God's word. While Canadians also seem to share this same interest in spirituality, we would expect to find that an even higher percentage would be distanced from

the scriptures.

We are reminded of similar quests that are mentioned in scripture. Jesus told the woman at the well that the Samaritans worship "what you do not know" (John 4:22). Paul pointed to the altar to the unknown god and said "what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you" (Acts 17:23). Paul even described the Jews as having a zeal for God, but not based on knowledge. Instead of following His righteousness, they were seeking to "establish their own" (Romans 10:2,3). In Acts 17, Paul referred to the times of ignorance when men sought God and tried to reach out and find Him (v. 27). This ancient search for spirituality created and followed deity in the image of man or nature, and included pluralistic and even contradictory concepts. Even the Jewish leaders were ignorantly failing to find God in the scriptures (cf. John 5:39,40). According to Paul, all of this is now past - times of ignorance that God overlooked. Thankfully, we do not have to create our own spirituality to somehow find God.

Finding God, real spirituality, does not come from us. It can only come from God, as He has revealed His presence, identity and will. We do not grope for and discover Him. Apart from God and His word, we cannot establish our own spirituality. The only basis for drawing near to God is the cross of Jesus Christ. Christianity is based on revelation, the Bible as God's actual word. It is unfortunate that in the U.S., nearly two-thirds of those who profess Christianity no longer accept God's word. Without God's guidance, the world can only grope for some self-established form of righteousness that leads nowhere. They can only return to the ignorance of a past that God no longer overlooks. God has spoken, revealing both the terrible consequences of sin and the glory of His grace and love. He has made known His will, and now, "He commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31,32).

In an age where it is not fashionable to believe and follow the Bible, may we have the courage to stand upon God's word, may we always come to Jesus, the one who has the words of eternal life. May we use His word, not to bludgeon the world, but as a lamp to illuminate the way to Christ.

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Taking Time to Remember

Many things are associated with the holiday season. For Amy and me there is the Christmas party that we host. For us it signifies the start of the holiday season. We supply the tree, cookies and drinks while everyone else brings the ornaments for the tree. The only true requirement is that you leave with a smile. The gift we give that night is one of friendship, which is better than any gift you can wrap and place under a tree.

Let me stress though, that I have nothing against presents for they too are a major part of the season. When I was a young boy I looked forward to opening the presents that had my name on them. Now, however, things have changed. The fun part of presents is watching my nieces and nephews open their gifts. Actually if the total truth was known, the best part of gifts is watching my brothers-in-law play with their children's toys. They are both dangerous at laser tag so I understand (sorry Brent and Kevin but you two were too funny).

I poke a little fun at my brothers to make the point that family gatherings are the best part of the holiday season. Parties with others are good; presents are fun but family time is by far the best. There is one problem that needs to be stated and that is that we get so caught up with planning for our

family, buying for our friends, buying for our children, and buying for our spouse that we often forget to reach out to others.

This is a reminder that the holiday season right through into January is often the most difficult time for people to deal with. We all know people that have lost loved ones this past year. We may have sent flowers or even attended the funeral to show our love and support. But, have you stopped and considered what this holiday is like for them. There's a family I know that lost their son this year. He was 19 years old and even though he died in August they will set a place for him on Christmas day. Some may read that and think how ridiculous but let me remind you that holidays magnify the pain of any loss. It is at this time of year that support is most needed and yet, because we tend to be consumed with our family, the needed support often does not come.

It is also true that people who are prone to depression or have similar difficulties find this time of year to be the most difficult to deal with. I have never known depression personally but I watched it close-up, and it is hard for me to understand what it is like to face each day with a sense of dread and no energy. When around someone who is depressed I find

myself wanting to say "just shake it off, don't be lazy, just get out and do it" but they can't. They could if they would but they can't. Some have physical reasons that cause them to be depressed while others have emotional struggles but, whatever the reason, depression is a real issue even among Christians. Just yesterday I found myself talking to a young Christian mother who shared her struggles regarding post-partum depression. She looked forward to being a mother for as long as she could remember but following the birth of her daughter came the darkest time of her life. Her husband did not understand the nature of her illness but he did all that he could. I asked her, "What was the most difficult part to deal with?" Her answer was simple and direct. She said "The church was too busy to learn and to come to understand, but they had the right amount of time to conclude I was lazy and spoiled." Imagine yourself having fallen in an old well. There is no rope and no one hears you when you yell. Then you might have a sense in a small way of what its like to be depressed.

A great deal of time will be spent by all of us giving thanks for what we have (over the next two months). Let me simply make this statement, "Truly giving thanks to God always includes the remembrance of those less fortunate than ourselves." Take time to remember those around you who have needs. Also remember to pray for all those in your church family because someone there will be having a struggle that you cannot see. Praise be to our God who sees everything. Do not pray that prayer unless you're willing to be the instrument that God chooses to use.

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Love is Not Self Seeking

When we say that love is not self-seeking, we have arrived at the very center of what love is. Everything that love is and everything that love is not relates back to this. Love is putting others ahead of ourselves. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13, states it negatively, so that there is no doubt in our minds. Love does not put self first.

I believe that selfishness is easily the greatest problem faced in North America and is at the heart of so many other problems. One can easily find a lot of help in justifying or rationalizing selfishness today. Experts in psychology tell us to take care of ourselves first. The advertising industry tells us to do something nice for ourselves. It is only too easy to justify or rationalize selfish behavior.

However, some today have burdened themselves with unnecessary guilt because of a misunderstanding. They feel like anytime they think about themselves or something for themselves, they are being selfish. Yet, it is good and natural to care for our own welfare. We are responsible for taking care of ourselves. That is the way God has made us. So at times we must think of ourselves. There is a difference between selfishness which is wrong, and self-interest which is healthy. Self-interest is the legitimate consequence of the way God has created us. Selfishness is sin! It is the desire to make self the center of the universe, to put self before all else.

Let me illustrate this further so that you can understand where I am headed with this. My legitimate self-interest says that I need a good night's sleep to stay healthy. However, there is someone that needs my help. If I love, I will gladly give up my sleep in order to help. In fact, I may even give up my sleep for several nights in order to help. To refuse to help so I can make sure that I get my full night's sleep would be selfish. However, the time will

come when legitimate self-interest says I have to get some sleep or collapse. If I keep pushing myself I will do neither the one I help or myself any good. So, I get some sleep, then I'm rested, ready and able to help again.

Jesus' self-interest led him to pray in the garden that the suffering that lay ahead of him be taken away. The impending suffering was as horrible for Him as it would have been for us. But when it became clear that it was God's Will and that the salvation of the world could not be accomplished in any other way. Jesus gladly

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gave up his self-interests and rights so that God's will could be done.

God made us to be servants. To do that we need good health, energy, rest and food. We do what we must to have these, not just for our own sake, but so that we can serve others.

To avoid insisting on our own way all the time, we must analyze the way in which we think. What is our motivation for acquiring money or material things? Why are we preparing for employment that will provide us a high salary, that will in turn provide an expensive car, nice home, boat etc.? Do we want to use them selfishly, or can we really use them to glorify God and serve others?

Selfishness can even rear its ugly head in the church. When our private agenda is more important than the work of the church, we are being selfish. When our first criteria in examining the work of the church is how it affects us we are thinking too much of ourselves.

We can conquer selfishness through learning to think like Jesus (Philippians 2:1-11). Jesus in nature had equality with God, but instead of seeing it as something

he had to grasp onto, He gave it up freely. Jesus by comparison, made Himself nothing, He became a man. He humbled himself, becoming an obedient servant. Jesus died for our sins. Jesus humbled himself and God exalted Him. Those who belong to Christ are to give themselves to Christ as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1) just as Christ gave himself unselfishly to us.

In practical terms, how do we do it? How do we become less selfish? How do we become better servants? Look to Jesus' example. Try to put on the mind of Christ. Read in the gospels of Jesus unselfish service over and over again. Then, ask yourselves, "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?" as you face the numerous decisions of life. There is nothing like service to teach us selflessness. We must simply discipline ourselves to serve. That is, of course, simple to say, but difficult to do. That is why selflessness requires discipline. Practice self-examination, examining what you do each week. How much time and money do you spend on yourself and how much time and money do you spend on others and in service to God? The more you serve, the more you will want to serve. The more you give, the more you will want to give. You can change your attitudes by changing your actions. The opportunities to serve are as numerous as the gifts God has given us.

How do we know when we are doing enough? Is it when we have completed our part? Is it when we have done our fair share? If we measure our efforts in that way we will be defeated before we begin. Jesus gave us this principle, "To whom much is given, much will be required." (Luke 12:48) We live in the most blessed country in the world, at the most blessed time in its history. I believe that God is expecting much of us.

There are discouragements in serving. We see our very best efforts appear to fail. The very people we seek to serve, may not appreciate the help we give. We see our good misused and abused by others. Selflessness says, "DO GOOD ANYWAY!" The improper response to our good does not in anyway diminish our good efforts.

Jesus came to serve! Love is perhaps best seen in selfless serving. Put on the mind of Christ and begin to serve. God will reward you!

Point by Perry:

"Count Down to Eternity"
(Are We Prepared?)



Calendars, devised by man as a means of recording the passage of time, indicate that we are rapidly approaching the end of a millenium. Not surprisingly, this has brought a new surge of speculations about the end times. Will December 31, 1999, as some predict, mark the end of history as we know it, or, is it perhaps true that the most needed immediate warning is to be prepared by having our computers, microwaves, cash registers, etc., ready for the K2M problem. We are told that failure in this could result in a catastrophic crash which could effectively shut down travel, trade, communications, bank accounts and many other areas of everyday life.

There is little doubt that the turn of the century will be a critical moment for devices whose functioning depends on microchips not prepared for the year 2000. On the other hand, we have no reason to anticipate that God's plans are tied to or affected by man's time counting methods

or devices. The end is no more likely to occur at midnight on December 31, 1999 than at any other randomly selected moment in time. Despite this, we cannot over-emphasize the importance of preparedness. Jesus urges constant and continuous preparedness, "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (Mt.24:44).

The certainty that such a time will come has been pronounced by scripture and affirmed by science. Neither has attempted to predict the time. In fact, both clearly declare this to be an unknown.

Those who are "in Jesus" in contrast to "the rest of men who have no hope", are told that, "the Lord himself will come down from heaven . . . and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." (I Thess.4:16,17).

It thus becomes obvious that the preparedness referred to is that of being "in Christ". Yet many are "falling asleep" (dying) unprepared, i.e., not in Christ. There are three important conclusions.

1) It is important to be prepared. Since

there is no way of knowing "the day or the hour", it is most foolhardy to put off our preparations until too late.

2) Preparation involves being "in Christ". Thus it is necessary to clearly understand how one gets to be "in Christ" and what constitutes continuing "in Christ".

3) The message must be made known so that others can prepare. Since those not "in Jesus" "have no hope", the most urgent matter before each Christian and before congregations and the church as a whole is that of helping the vast multitudes without hope to come into Jesus and thus have hope. This confronts most of us with the need to refocus our attention and redirect our energies.

What topics dominate business meetings, personal conversations, prayers, sermons and class studies? Our time, attention and energies being spent on structuring our worship programs, discussing worship styles and dealing with other comparative trivia needs to be diverted to concentration on the real issue, evangelism.

People all around us are falling asleep out of Jesus, unprepared. Are we concerned? *ecp*

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by Geoffrey H. Ellis

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A small, very old church situated in a provincial town—is this a recipe for obscurity and stagnation? The answer is a definite No with respect to the church of Christ in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada.

This church is deeply involved in missions. It seeks a more expressive worship, and explores in depth annually a significant Biblical truth. It extends benefits to the community, and serves the student body of the nearby Christian school. It is located in a town synonymous in Canada with Christian journalism and Christian education. It struggles with the contemporary issues confronting the church at large. The Beamsville church in 1998 is 166 years old and still serving.

In the year of its establishment, 1832, Ontario was still largely a wilderness. Pioneer settlements had penetrated only a few miles into the forests from the shores of Lakes Ontario and Erie. Yet religious stirrings moved the hearts of settlers who arrived on these shores where opportunities for a new life and the rigors of pioneering encouraged the revisiting of traditional faiths.

It will be remembered that 1832 was the year that the movement to restore New Testament Christianity in the American states reached a new threshold. In Lexington, Kentucky, in that year, the "Disciples" of Alexander Campbell's influence and the "Christians" of Barton W. Stone's connection extended to each other the right hand of fellowship.

Meanwhile, some 500 miles north in the then British colony of "Upper Canada," these same two influences converged in the village of Beamsville, located just over the border 22 miles from Niagara Falls. The preacher who "constituted" the church with 16 members, Daniel Wiers, had been removed in 1829 from preaching for the Baptist church in Beamsville for upholding Campbell's views; and it was to Stone's Christian Messenger that he sent in November 27, 1832 the report of his suc-

cess in baptizing 15 since August of that year. This was the first congregation clearly identified as a church of Christ to be established in Canada. Daniel Wiers stated in his report that the church was founded "upon the New Testament alone. . . . We receive into our fellowship all who make the good confession, viz.: that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the only Saviour of sinners, and submit to the one baptism taught by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost; and who continue to justify their profession by a life of practical piety."

The first report of elders and deacons appointed was in June 2, 1839. One of these deacons was Solomon Culp who later served as an elder, and who was a frequent speaker at the services. At one time in the later 1800s, all the elders and deacons were Culp! For some forty years the congregation met in members homes; in the 1870s a building on the lakeshore was used. In 1885 a fine brick building was built in the center of the recently incorporated village, for the substantial sum then of \$5,000. By 1887 the membership stood at 150. (The present meeting house was opened in 1989.)

As the 20th century approached a link between Beamsville and Nashville was forged. The conservative position of the Gospel Advocate was echoed during this time in the Gospel Messenger (1894-1896) moved by its editor, H. M. Evans to Beamsville in 1895 when he became the local preacher. Canadian students attended the Nashville Bible School and returned to preach in Beamsville and the surrounding area. One NBS student, S. M. Jones, from Franklin, Tennessee, preached in Canada in the late 1800s and in 1902 established the first of two Bible schools to be situated in Beamsville, the Beamsville Bible School. This school lasted until the middle of World War I, closing in 1916. During the early years of this century, 1904-1914, three Gospel papers were published from Beamsville.

Sadly, Beamsville then agonized over a division which began in 1910 and lasted 26 years. Healing was brought by C. G. McPhee in 1936 as he began his ministry in the midst of the Depression; he was the

only supported full-time worker in the Province at that time. In 1952 McPhee was to become the first president of the second Christian school to be established in Beamsville, Great Lakes Christian College.

The Beamsville church has nurtured those who as students have come under its influence as well as its own. Roy D. Merritt is an outstanding sample of one who grew up under its shadow. Following college, Roy became: a church planter in Ontario - Hamilton, Ottawa, and Thunder Bay; co-editor with Eugene C. Perry of the Gospel Herald (est. 1936), Beamsville's fifth Gospel paper, when it was moved to Beamsville in 1953; first dean of Great Lakes' School of Bible and Missions (1969-1981); and missionary to India. Among those who were encouraged in their preaching in this church is Dr. Jerry Rushford, when a high school student from Detroit, 1959-1962. Currently, the church is involved in the Bible teaching program of the college.

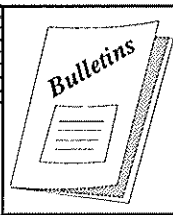
Mission work has been a continuing interest of this congregation. In the 1960s and 1970s it supported Don and Miriam Perry in Shillong, India. For six years it was a major supporter of Andy Bacic in Yugoslavia. Also, it has supported Max Dauner and Bob Grigg in France. Several members of the congregation, including two of the elders are former missionaries.

Sensitive to social concerns, the Beamsville church has in recent years sponsored the resettlement in Canada of six refugee families. Through the lead of its members a nearby housing complex for low-income families has been constructed. Special programs are regularly offered to the community on such subjects as marriage, stress, and abuse.

In recent years, the congregation has given attention to improving its worship, deepening its prayer life, and clarifying its mission statement. The Beamsville church is venerable but vital; it is provincial but influential; it is small in size but large in heart. Established "upon the New Testament alone," the Beamsville church of Christ is one hundred and sixty-six years young and still serving!

Waterloo, ON

FROM THE BULLETINS



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The Perpetual Enemy

by Murray Smith

I was just dropping off to sleep. There is a loud thud from somewhere inside the house. Maybe if I lay real still it will go away. I don't hear a thing, but I can't get to sleep. Something or somebody made that "thud"...So I get up and with heart beating a bit louder than usual, I investigate every room, closet, - every nook and cranny. Nothing! I go back to bed and eventually awaken at dawn. The night has passed, but, I am still uneasy about that "thud". Then I find its source. A box had fallen from a nail and landed on my workbench. I say to it, "If only you knew how much you scared me, last night!"

FEAR! Maybe I'm over-stating it when I say that all of us are made to be afraid at some time or another. Its been around since man and woman disobeyed God in Eden and he tried to defend why he hid from God on the grounds that, "I was afraid when I heard you walking in the garden.".. This is not to say that the basis for all fear is sin, but if sin had never been introduced into the world then I have every reason to believe that fear would not be known by us.

I think its true to say that we are all afraid of something. Multitudes are afraid of the past. Why should this be? Why should we fear that which has already happened? For better or worse, its over, and since we have already been through it, surely yesterday cannot arouse fear in us today?

How we may wish that to be true. But we know that fear about things we have done in the past seems to be written with indelible ink upon our character. Psychology tells us that things done by us in the past remain very much alive in us. It tells us that no one ever really outgrows their past. Its amazing to realize that nothing we do is ever forgotten. It lives on unconsciously within us.

Christianity, however, offers to us the greatest of all gifts. It does not promise to rid us of our past, but it does offer to us peace within despite a past we are frightened of. It offers the good news of forgiveness and of separating us from our sins as

far as east is from west. As in all things, the solution to fear is found in Jesus the Christ.

Thessalon, ON

Worship Words

by Don Smith

Revival usually follows repentance. Worship keeps me in a state of revival. It's sort of silly, but we wouldn't need so many revivals if we just stayed in a state of "vival." I don't know if "vival" is a word. I do know it is an experience. It is standing in the presence of God - not ever wanting to leave.

But we do leave. Usually it's because we have placed the wrong god on the throne of our lives. We replace God as the center of our life with ourselves. Big mistake. Life may seem to work for awhile, but the emptiness starts to creep in. General malaise. Sadness. Crankiness. Time for repentance. Revival.

We all need to run back to the cross. Always. It is our place of safety. How many of us can honestly say that when we put our own desires first, went looking to make ourselves happy, that we ended up better than when we started? Usually we end up lost, lonely, and hurt.

There is a way that seems right to us but it isn't. Many of us can speak about this as experts. Old Testament scripture reminds us that even then people thought that they had the answers to life and happiness. Just like us, they got themselves into big troubles. Repentance time. And then personal revival.

Our world needs repairing. That's because we need repairing. We often think that only the sinful need to repent. Think about that. Only the sinful need to repent. Oh yes, that's me.

Revival leads to worship and to never wanting to leave God's presence. He makes sense. He has the answers to my life. He makes my marriage work, if I will let Him. He puts "vival" into our hearts. Many of us were so sick and so tired of being sick and tired spiritually that we realized there is only one place to go. Home. God.

Come back home.

Beamsville, ON

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Mary or Martha?

We are all familiar with the incident recorded in Luke 10:38-42 which tells about Jesus' visit with Mary and Martha in their home. Although these few short verses don't give much detail they do teach an important lesson.

Although we do not know whether or not Jesus' visit was expected by these sisters, we can imagine how thrilled and excited they would have been upon his arrival. We have probably all entertained close friends, and we have wanted everything to be just right for their visit. The house must be spotless, the food must be sumptuous, and the atmosphere must be welcoming. The anticipation in this home was probably no different.

I believe that both Mary and Martha were very happy to see Jesus, but perhaps for different reasons. It is not known for sure, but the implication would be that Martha was the more domestic of the two. We read in verse 38, "...and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home". Perhaps she was the older sister and, therefore, assumed the role of leadership in the home. She had been busy with household duties, and as often happens with company, everything was not done when Jesus arrived. Making sure everything was ready and just right was her priority, even after His arrival.

Mary, on the other hand, was not at all interested in the condition of the house or preparation of the food. She apparently went with Him to the "parlour" and humbled herself by sitting at His feet. Their conversation is not recorded nor is it important to know exactly what was talked about. However, we can imagine that perhaps she asked about his trip, for He and His followers had been travelling. Perhaps she asked Him about friends whom He might have seen on His journey. But whatever they talked about, listening to "His word" (vs. 39) became Mary's priority.

We have read many articles in various Christian publications about priorities, so many, in fact, that I hesitate to add yet

another one to that number. However, I believe that much of our Christian walk is based on what we set as our priorities; therefore, it is an important topic.

Martha's desire to have everything ready and perfect was not wrong. After all, she was entertaining the Lord! However, she was "distracted with all her preparations" (vs. 40) to the point of becoming agitated that she was not getting any help from her sister. She had apparently worked herself up and was almost angry about this lack of help because Jesus' response to her plea for help was, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many

...little time and energy were left to enjoy the presence of loved ones.

things; but only a few things are necessary. . ." (vss. 41-42a). We know from other passages in the Bible that to worry about anything is not only unnecessary but also is of no benefit (i.e. Luke 12:22ff). Jesus had no home nor a place to lay his head (Matthew 8:20)—did he really care what the house looked like? He was able to make a feast out of loaves and fishes—did He really care if he was served a gourmet meal? His purpose in visiting his friends was obviously for more than a place to sit or food to eat. He almost seemed frustrated when Martha appealed to Him, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has let me do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me" (vs. 40).

How does this apply to us today? I would like you to look at yourself and ask, "Am I a Martha or a Mary?" Too many times, we neglect to entertain or have people into our homes—show hospitality—because our house isn't clean or our cupboards are bare or we are too tired or any number of other feeble "excuses". We learn from this incident, however, that those things are not that important or necessary.

Having just finished the season of feast-

ing and parties, we would probably all agree that we have eaten too much and spent too much time cleaning and making preparations for parties and holiday gatherings. We are probably ready for some rest and sensible, healthy eating. I wonder, though, how many Marys there were during all this time of merriment who actually spent little time with the fuss and muss and really enjoyed being with friends and family. When I think of times gone by when our family has gotten together, too many times there were a lot of Marthas and not many Marys. So much time and effort were put into the preparations that little time and energy were left to enjoy the presence of loved ones.

This can also be true not just at holiday times. I think about even potlucks at church. Almost every time one takes place, some feel that it is necessary to miss the worship assembly—to be Marthas making preparations in the kitchen—rather than join the Marys at Jesus' feet in worship. Is that really necessary? Does God look down with favour on this? Of course, each of us must answer those questions for herself. But my feeling is that those being served at the meal should expect to wait after services for things to be readied. After all, if they went home or even ate at a restaurant, there would be some delay.


As this new year begins, may each one of us examine our own life and try to determine which sister we are like. Some are able to be like both, that is, have everything ready and be able to then sit at Jesus' feet. But I fear too many of us are more like Martha and worry about the unnecessary things in life. Having a clean house or cooking the perfect meal will not get us to heaven. Listening to and following Jesus' teachings will.

Make a decision to invite guests into your home regardless of how it looks or what you can serve them. Most people do not care about those things; they just enjoy spending time together.

Our text closes with Jesus' response to Martha. "...for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (vs. 42b). She didn't seem to feel guilty about not helping Martha, and Jesus said that was okay. Let's make this year one in which we determine to become more like Mary. The physical preparations were Martha's priority; the spiritual were Mary's. Are you a Martha or a Mary?

NEWS

- EAST -



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Happy New Year!

ONTARIO

Ajax: A hymn sing was held on December 6, from 2-4 p.m.

Beamsville: Donald and Dianne Perry plan to be at Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba in January. He is to teach as a retiree-in-residence for the winter semester. A collection was taken to purchase new hymn books, "Songs of Faith and Praise." Earl Clint led a group of sixteen students on a one week trip to Haiti, leaving on November 22. In response to Hurricane Mitch, clothes were taken and given to the local congregations to distribute. The students worked in the countryside with World Vision, doing clean up and helping with some building projects.

Bramalea: Kurt Whittington went with the group of students to Haiti. Daniel Whittington was home from Harding College for the American Thanksgiving. In the congregational meeting, held November 15, the date of May 1 was approved to begin building an extension on the church building for added space and a barrier free access. Lewis Mutuma, of Windsor, was guest speaker on November 29 and Derek Wilson on December 6. An extension course of GLBC was begun Sunday evening, November 29 with six students enrolled. It is taught by Walter Straker and the course of study is Romans/Galatians.

Brantford: Eileen Sears, a student from 'Key to the Kingdom' was baptized.

Brantford: (afternoon group): The teen club filled shoe boxes with items for third world children. On November 22 "we rejoice with the angels for Angela Potts' decision" to be baptized. Brad Blake and his new bride, Jennifer visited the congregation during the week of November 29. Brad was born in Brantford while his father and mother, Tom and Carolyn ministered here more than a quarter century ago. Brad is the minister at Patchogue, N.Y.

Collingwood: About 50 people from Meaford and Owen Sound attended the Georgian Bay area singing, November 29.

The GLCC chorus sang on December 5. "Chad Dale was immersed for the forgiveness of sins and as an expression of his faith and repentance" on November 29.

Grimsby: The teens put on a parent appreciation dinner November 21. The ladies had their secret sister Christmas party on December 7. Ralph and Joyce Perry flew to Colorado in mid-November for the funeral of Frances Perry, wife of Ralph's brother, Charles.

Hamilton, (West): On November 22 Bradley Nevilles obeyed the gospel and Carl Moore was baptized on the 29th. Barry Van Alstine is home visiting for the month of December then returns to his teaching position in South Korea. The congregation is providing gifts and a Christmas dinner for a needy family with three children. We have enjoyed a number of visitors from the Men's Mission. Dan and Donna Page from California will be home for the holidays, as well as, Nancy Van Alstine, from OCU and Jonathan Page from Harding.

Newmarket: A congregational Bible teachers appreciation dinner was held on December 6. The ladies held a 'secret friend' holiday party on the 7.

North Bay: Steven Bailey's blood pressure had levelled off and plans are being made for a possible transplant in the future. North Bay's 'Prayer Warriors' indicates that John Close, teacher at Western Christian had some heart trouble and is in Intensive Care in the hospital. Also, Bill Love, who preached in Winnipeg in the 60's and now lives in Houston, TX, had a severe stroke and can't move his right side and has lost his ability to speak.

Pine Orchard: A seminar on singing was held Saturday, November 21. The group, 'Living Water' from Tintern was involved.

St. Catharines: November 15 was set as 'purpose Sunday' where the congregation had the privilege of letting the leadership know how much they are willing to contribute to the financial upkeep of the Lord's church. The congregation celebrated by having fellowship with fellow Christians with a ladies' breakfast on November 21, 'Kids for Christ,' on the 22nd, and men's breakfast on the 28th.

Sarnia: Rhoda Wager moved from South River to Forest, Ontario and placed membership in mid-October. The young ladies hosted the annual 'Seniors Dinner' with a festive decor. Financial help has been sent to Honduras and Marcy Escobar planned to visit relatives, who are safe, with more help. Vern and Margaret Hibbard celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): The Marc

Lemieux family have found jobs and are comfortable with their new church family in Red Deer, Alberta. Items were collected for Honduras. Melissa Whitfield came home for the holiday weekend in November.

Stoney Creek: On November 29 we were honoured by the presence of 16 guests invited by our members. Average attendance for November was 56.

Lisa, the daughter of Mark and Elaine Robertson who are members here, was baptized on December 6.

The children put on an Xmas play on Sunday December 13 and a family Xmas service is scheduled for the 20th. We have put together gift boxes for seniors.

-Michael Ensley

Stratford: Two separate cell groups met Tuesday, November 24 and everyone was encouraged to bring a friend, their Bible and their class book. The ladies had a pot-luck meal and Bible study on Monday the 23rd.

Sudbury: A special collection of \$274.00 was raised for Honduras. Drew Chapados was guest speaker on November 29th.

Thunder Bay: On Wednesday evenings, the ladies are studying the book of Ephesians, while the men are discussing the promises from the 'Promise Keepers' movement. Brian Whitfield was honoured for making the highest mark at the Lakehead University in the Masters Program and was featured and pictured in Maclean magazine.

Tintern: Jordi Walker left for Calgary in early October and is now working there. The congregation had a celebration of thanks over the Thanksgiving weekend with a turkey dinner. James Cox, April King, Pam Ellis and Amanda Whitehead travelled to Haiti. Brad Cook and Lily Whitfield were elected to the Camp Omagh board of directors. The adult Wednesday night Bible study is offering classes on Parenting, Old Testament Characters, Parables of Jesus, and a Ladies' Bible class. The ninth graders hosted a seniors' dinner on November 28.

Toronto [Bayview]: The annual festive dinner was held on Friday, December 4. The congregation held its quarterly congregational meeting on November 29 and was making plans to send money to Cochin, India, through Tony Coffey for the education of young women, who would not otherwise have that opportunity. Guestwas Dave Knutson who taught the adult class.

Toronto [Strathmore]: A collection of \$1, 805.00 was given for Honduras. Santiago Molina visited Honduras, his
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MANITOBA

Dauphin: On Sunday evening, November 1, Owen King, who is sponsored and supported by the congregation, reported on his work in Irpen, Ukraine.

On November 15, a fellowship evening was held. The women had a salad potluck at the Bolton's while the men had a sandwich potluck at the Ewings.

A special collection was taken for Central America on November 29th.

Winnipeg (Central): The congregation said goodbye to Jeff, Patty, Willie and Thomas Harris at a farewell potluck on Sunday evening, November 29. Patty and the boys flew out Monday. Jeff headed off with the truck on Tuesday. We wish them well in their new work in New Jersey. We heard from Jeff on December 4 that he had arrived safely and without incident.

We rejoice with Andrew Wiebe, David Turner and Christopher Gatey on their recent baptisms.

On Friday, November 27, sister Kay Laycock passed away. She had suffered a stroke a few weeks earlier, but had not regained consciousness. Her funeral was held in Carman, MB on Sunday the 29th. It was conducted by Walter Johnson and Wayne Turner, with Al Winkler leading singing. A somewhat surprising coincidence came to light after her death. Kay's grandson is married to the daughter of Denise Komar. (Denise's baptism was mentioned in this column in the December, 1998 issue.)

A special collection for victims of Hurricane Mitch raised over \$3,000.

Congratulations to Terry Harrison and Jason Pope. Terry has been offered a four year scholarship to play hockey for the University of Northern Michigan. Jason will be representing Canada on the soccer team at the 1999 World Special Olympics in North Carolina.

A multi-cultural potluck had over 35 in attendance. Those participating included members and visitors from Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Hong Kong, China, Zambia as well as a few from the U.S. and Canada. Recent visitors to services also include people from Jamaica, Kenya and the Ukraine.

SASKATCHEWAN

Estevan: It is now six months since we moved from Calgary into the Valley View Heritage Place in Estevan, Saskatchewan. We are happy to be a part of an active congregation with a dynamic young preacher, as well as dedicated deacons and elders. As I contemplate the leadership here, I am reminded of our heritage in the Restoration Movement. Let me explain.

Well over one hundred years ago, two neighboring farmers heard the simple gospel message of salvation. They were both baptized into Christ, and became the nucleus of the Griersville Church of Christ, near Meaford, Ontario. These two men were Peter Elford and William John Cann. The latter was my maternal grandfather.

Two of the five elders of this congregation are great grandsons of Peter Elford. They are Dale and Calvin Elford. Their wives are Cathy and Mary. The other two elders are husbands of great granddaughters of William John Cann, our daughters Mary and Betty, respectively.

The fifth elder is Bob Goud. Bob and Ivadell have served the church faithfully for many years.

The young minister is the grandson of Lawrence Hannon, a fine brother with whom I worked in close fellowship, some fifty years ago in Radville, Saskatchewan. Can you understand why we do feel quite at home here?

Cecil T. Bailey

Regina: (This item was accidentally left out of the December issue ecp.) Roger Peterson of Weyburn, former principal of WCC, was taken to Plains Hospital on Thursday, October 1, after a heart attack.

Bernard and Alicia Straker presented a LST workshop in Saskatoon on September 20th. The congregation there is considering using the LST method in initiating outreach to international students. A group from Regina was also planning to attend the LST Leaders Training Retreat in Oklahoma on October 30 to November 1.

On September 30 about 35 ladies participated in the Area-wide Women's Day.

Kathy Oberg passed away on Wednesday, October 21. Her funeral was on the 26th in Moose Jaw.

Upcoming events include a Ministries Rally on November 1, Purposeful Ministries Workshop on the 15th and Spiritfest '98 for Young Adults on 20-22.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): Five students have been enrolled in the Sunset International Bible School.

Brother Miguel Figueroa is teaching singing each week. We have also obtained 50 copies of the newest song book through a contribution from Crosstown Church of Christ.

In November, three Sunday morning lessons were on being Spirit-filled men and women. We learned what it means to be Spirit-filled and how to live Spirit-filled lives.

We have been in contact with our sister congregations of Burnaby and Delta and we are making plans for a special contribution to help with the needs in Central America since the disaster of Hurricane Mitch.

ALBERTA

Calgary: On September 19th, Steven Vaughn Pawlak was born to Brad and Melissa. Daniel Jon Lawrance was born on October 26th to Shibu and Claudia. November 11th brought Evan Richard Lewis safely to Mark and Jackie. For all three families these children are the beginning of parenthood and we wish them God's blessings in their children's lives and in their new roles as parents.

Fall Activities included a golf tournament in Nanton, our annual Men's Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Camp, a Ladies Fun Night - for relaxing and sharing, a Family Bowling Night, a clothing exchange, a crab apple jelly bee to fill our pantry and, of course, three baby showers.

We have had many new faces added to our family this fall. They include, Ross MacPhee from Nova Scotia, Doug and Susan Nielsen and family, Kim and Denny Straker and family - both from Yellowknife, Melinda McKnight from Kelowna, Trisha Logan from Edmonton, Marjorie MacPherson and Lois E. Fike from Calgary, Paul Bonnefin from Australia, and Jordan Walker from Ontario. It seems that there are people constantly moving to Calgary and we are so thankful to be able to welcome them into our congregation.

Our small groups are in full swing and all is going well. There is one group that focuses on making our visitors and new members feel welcome, two others that make a point of visiting members that aren't always able to make it to service, and one that constantly looks for opportunities within the community to serve.

Our teens are busy planning their Youth Rally for 1999. The dates are February 12th - 14th and Malcolm McMillan of Victoria, B.C. will be our feature speaker.

Ron Rose from Texas has been able to visit with us for two weekends this past year, and he will be visiting again from February 21st - 23rd. Ron is helping us in areas of leadership, worship, core values and a direction for our church. The sessions have been very spiritually rewarding and unifying.

March 18th - 20th has been set aside for a Leadership Retreat, at Pine Lake Christian Camp near Red Deer, Alberta, with Lynn Anderson. This retreat is designed specifically for ministers, elders and their wives, but anyone is welcome to attend. Call our church office for more information. Following that time, Lynn Anderson will stay in Calgary and conduct a seminar with our congregation from the 21st to the 23rd. The lessons are titled, "Freshness for the Far Journey."

We are eagerly looking forward to these events and the time of fellowship with other Christians that they will bring.

-Hope Pawlak

Edmonton: Rejoice! Thelma Bourne was baptized on November 18. Thelma is hearing impaired and has been attending partially as a result of our willingness to provide deaf sign language interpretation for Sunday and Wednesday services. Also, Al and Sandra Pazder were baptized into Christ on November 30. Al has been studying the Bible for a couple of years. He and Sandra have three children. We welcome all of the Pazders to the family of Christ. Twenty-two souls have been added to the kingdom in Edmonton in 1998.

In November, we wrapped up our Wednesday night series of lessons on the unseen spiritual world. "Satan, Angels, Heaven & Hell." On Wednesdays, starting in December, Herb Anderson will be teaching on the Kingdom and Premillennialism. We selected this topic to counter the current mania surrounding the coming of the new millennium. On Sunday mornings, Gerry Bibaud will be teaching a series of lessons titled, "Diseases of the heart."

Congratulations to Sean and Heidi McCartan, who are the proud parents of their first child, Connor Sean, born on November 17. All are doing fine.

We were pleased to welcome Max Craddock back to Edmonton for a short visit. Max presented a seminar on "Singing as Worship" on November 27-29. We appreciated Max's willingness to share his experience and singing talent.

Looking ahead, we are holding a fellowship potluck on December 13 to show appreciation for the work and service of our elders and their wives. We will be honoring Herb and Carlene Anderson, Henri and Marie Bouchard, David and Verna Hotchkiss, and Eric and Beryl Limb.

Looking even farther ahead: The schedule for the 1999 Alberta Spring Fellowship has been finalized. Speakers this year are J.J. Turner from Bear Valley School of Preaching in Colorado, and Philip Slate, from ACU. The theme for the weekend (April 2-4) is "Keeping the Flame Alive."

-David Ford

MONTANA

Great Falls: The teens attended a youth rally in Belgrade entitled "Shine Jesus, Shine!" There were fantastic lessons given by Miles Boulton, Mark Music and Joey Castel. Many fun activities took place and the fellowship was special.

In 15 months, the congregation has paid half the loan for the purchase of the house next to the church building. Thanks to everyone who sacrificed to make this possible. The elders are beginning to organize a task group to do all the preliminary work necessary for breaking ground and going ahead with the expansion of the building to include new bathrooms, stairway, possibly offices, some classroom space and auditorium seating increase. We will soon be sharing the plans for supporting a second evangelist with the body for feedback. Once the preliminary work in this area is completed we hope to begin the search for another supported co-worker in January 1999. Let us pray fervently for God's guidance in these areas.

Home studies are in place and the gospel is going out into neighborhoods and work places.

Koinina Kin Groups are more numerous than before. Many of our families are opening up their homes, so that God's people can fellowship and encourage one another. This should be a great tool and time for Christians to get to know one another better and hopefully help us to fulfill God's commands to us concerning each other.

Mops has begun. Our Bible school classes have a number of new teachers serving.

BOOK REVIEWS

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



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

Christians on the Oregon Trail by Jenny Rushford, Missouri, 553 pages, illustrated, \$29.99 (U.S.)

A few of us can remember when Jerry Rushford attended Great Lakes Christian College. The last time he was at the school he mentioned that his great speaking ability was due to the speech class he took from me! (Yes, he said it with a big smile). Anyway, Jerry has accomplished much since those days, not the least of which is this excellent book. You don't have to be from Oregon to find much of profit in this book. If you love the great stories of the Restoration, then you will definitely appreciate this work.

This book is as exciting as any movie showing the migration of settlers as they travelled across this great continent. If only we today could capture the excitement of brethren in pioneer days. They not only had a vision of going to a new land but an even greater vision of establishing New Testament Christianity in that land.

Concerning Christians from Tennessee and Missouri, Jerry writes, "Ahead of them lay an arduous five-month journey across an uncertain trail, but they were buttressed by a strong faith in the providential care of a loving God, and were buoyed by an unshakable vision of 'the land flowing with milk and honey on the shores of the Pacific' - a veritable land of promise."

Preachers today who complain about their lot in life would profit from reading about the great pioneers. A.L. Todd was such a preacher. His children wrote about how his "greatest desire in life was to win souls to Christ. . . ." They could not remember any occasion when he had failed to fulfill a preaching appointment. This involved narrow escapes from death as he forded dangerous rivers, was attacked by wild animals, preached to as few as four people in a school house with no lights,

went out when it was much below zero, etc. He never tired of telling "of the unbounded love of Jesus Christ for fallen and suffering man and called sinners to accept that love and to live under the banner of the Heavenly King." Like Christians elsewhere brethren in Oregon divided over societies and instrumental music.

In Oregon today there are about 45 churches affiliated with the Disciples of Christ, about 180 with the Independent Christian Churches and about 120 with the Churches of Christ.

Finally Jerry writes, "Some books are written to achieve fame, and others are written to make money. This book was written to rescue from oblivion the names of some humble Bible-believing men and women who were proud to wear the name of Christ. They never once thought of themselves as heroes or heroines, but they lived the most heroic of lives. "We are indebted to those who made this great effort and to Jerry Rushford for making it live for us today."

Gospel Advocate Classic Series, Gospel Advocate Co. 1998, paperback \$9.99 U.S. each. Reviewed by Tim Adkins, Nashville, Tenn.

When the names Ira North, Batsell Barrett Baxter, Marshall Keeble and Guy N. Woods are mentioned one can only think of the remarkable work they have done for the church.

The Gospel Advocate Company has reprinted four books written by or about these Christian men as part of its new Classic Series, allowing older and younger Christians to re-read or read them for the first time.

The ideas North shared about church growth in his book, *Balance* which was first published in 1983, are still as timely for today's church in an ever-changing society. North's book can aid congregations looking to grow and prosper.

Baxter's book, *Family of God*, provides

readers with an in-depth study of the church, examining such topics a worship, the Holy Spirit and fellowship. The book was originally printed in 1980 and provides detailed analyses with biblical support.

One of the most well-known brotherhood preachers, Keeble crossed the racial boundaries and baptized more than 50,000 people before his death in 1968. Readers will be captivated by his life which is depicted in J.E. Choate's book, *Roll Jordan Roll*, first published in 1972.

For those who are unacquainted with the Greek language but want to read and study the New Testament in its original form, Wood's book, *How To Read the Greek New Testament* is a good starting point. First published in 1978, the book assists students in better understanding this somewhat difficult language.

Who We Are

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seek to be simply "Christians" (as Stone's followers were called), or simply "disciples of Christ" (as the Campbell's followers preferred). I challenge us all, as heirs of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement, to read some good books that chronicle the history of our Movement. Especially important for grasping the importance of unity to our Movement is to read the founding documents written by Barton Stone and Thomas Campbell. Campbell's "Declaration and Address" is very insightful, and Barton Stone's less lengthy "Last Will & Testament" is equally important in stressing that ours was a Unity Movement from its inception. Other good books that will help the hearts of the heirs of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement burn and yearn again for unity would include: "The Stone-Campbell Movement" (revised edition) by Dr. Leroy Garrett; "Captives of the Word" by Louis and Bess Cochran; and "Discovering Our Roots" by C. Leonard Allen and Richard T. Hughes. (These can be ordered from the Gospel Herald Bookstore).

"Christ-Centred" ... "Bible-Believing" ... "Seeking the Unity of All Believers!" This is our heritage. Let us reclaim our heritage of unity and, as the Apostle Paul tells us "let us pursue the things which make for peace and for the building up of one another" (Rom. 14:19). This is who we are!
Halifax, NS

St. Catharines Report

The Ontario Street church in St. Catharines is experiencing a period of steady growth, spiritually and numerically. Six have put on their Lord in baptism in recent weeks. Attendance at Sunday morning worship services has increased over the past 12 months from an average of around 75 to an average of 120-125, reaching 153 on a recent Sunday.

Visitors from the community are present at every service, including Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Attendance for these services is also growing. A special "Neighbor Day" in October drew about 35 visitors. Morning worship was followed by a congregational dinner for which many of the visitors stayed.

A special contribution of more than \$5,500 was made for storm relief in Haiti where the congregation supports Jean T. Elmera in preaching the Gospel. In addition, a trailer-load of good used clothing was collected and delivered directly to the Beltline church in Decatur, Alabama, which will ship it to Haiti and oversee its

proper distribution. The community was invited to participate in this clothing drive. Norm Smart, assisted by Phil Wallace and several others, sorted and packed the clothing and the trailer was taken to Alabama by Steve Cordle.

In addition to Brother Elmera, the congregation continues to support the work of Yvon Beaudoin in Quebec.

Six persons in the community are enrolled in Bible correspondence courses as a result of the Key to the Kingdom television program. Janet Roche oversees their studies.

Members are active in several other community service programs. A group of the women led by Vivian McInerney make and distribute "Care Bears" for children in the local hospitals and another group make quilts to fulfill special community needs. Members under the direction of Bonnie Wilkes help supply food for The Raft, a downtown help center for teenagers, and also keep a well-stocked pantry to answer special calls from the community.

The "Kids for Christ" program directed by Betty (Knutson) Bruggen draws 28-30

youngsters for Bible study and Friday night fun. She has help in this activity from a number of members. A monthly Ladies Bible Class also has good interest and good attendance.

Upcoming activities include a Spring Break Vacation Bible School in March with help from a group of students from Oklahoma Christian University and a Seniors Workshop planned for late winter, probably February.

On-going fellowship activities include monthly breakfasts for both men and women and other monthly social activities enabling members to become better-acquainted with their Christian brothers and sisters. A special congregational dinner is planned for the middle of December.

Steve Cordle has been working with Ontario Street as evangelist for about a year. He preaches nothing but the pure Gospel of Christ, and when that is done, blessings result. The congregation asks that you pray with them that they may continue to grow in spirit and truth and that our Lord may be glorified by its work.

Mission News:

Papua New Guinea

I have just returned from Papua New Guinea where I had the pleasure of living with two local Christian families. This provided me with an opportunity to teach, train and counsel most of each day. One day a week I taught cooking along with a Bible class. All of my Bible classes were textual except for my marriage class which was taught in pidgin to women of the Morata congregation. Another phase of my work was counselling both formal and informal. I found it challenging because of the cultural differences.

The second house that I lived in was an executive house, very spacious, with three bathrooms and very tight security. It overlooked the ocean so I spent some time each day enjoying the natural beauty. Just as I was getting ready to leave, my hostess requested some parenting classes with her next year when we return. I said I thought I could get something ready for her so I began formulating pertinent parenting information which she appreciated.

I feel truly blessed to have been to PNG on my own which gave me additional opportunities. While living with the local people is a real plus, it can also cause cul-

tural stress. By and large my experiences were good and the work was both fruitful and rewarding.

*November 25, 1998
Elizabeth Lock*

A report from Andy Scott informs us of the baptisms of ten "very old" people at the church in Wongoi, province of Chimbu. Of the four men and six women, one was blind and another so aged that he had to be carried into the water.

Zambia

Funds have been provided for the Roy Merritts to replace the vehicle stolen in a hold-up, as reported in the September issue, and to pay off the remaining debt on it.

A new church was started by Roy's neighbour's gardener four or five months ago. It meets in a grass fenced area under a mubanga tree. One, baptized in a murky pool about two miles away, was added to the more than 30 already baptized.

At a church about 90 km from the college, 578 from 11 congregations assembled for a meeting and 18 rededicated their lives and two were baptized. At another village 12 were baptized on a weekend visit.

At Kanchele on a Saturday 4 were baptized and 9 restored in a meeting in which the preaching continued until 4 o'clock Sunday morning. After a short rest the preaching continued on Sunday and the end result was a total of 5 baptized and 21 restored.

Slavic Evangelism

Twent-five from the Shevchenko church in Kyiv along with 9 young people and their Sunday School teacher from the church in Minsk, Belorus attended the third annual camp. Those from Belorus reserved 25 places for next year. Two adult campers obeyed Christ in baptism.

Brother Rick Pinczuk has sent us sample copies of the issues of Adult and Children's Quarterly magazines - Dzherelo (Source) and Perlinka (Littel Pearl) - which are being well received by the people there.

A new warehouse has been constructed for the storage of Bibles and relief supplies.

A couple in Nashville has supplied cassette multiplying equipment and 10,000 used audiotapes for use in the audiotape ministry which will serve small house churches and shut-ins

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home, on the way back to Toronto from El Salvador, and said that one of his family members had lost everything but that the rest of them were safe. Of the thousands that died, not a single Christian lost their life. Sister Cynthia Smith moved from Hamilton into Toronto and placed membership. Lily Stone and her children, Misha Stecyk and Tonya Stecyk moved from Cookeville, TN. Lily is the daughter of Yvan and Maria Kolesnikow. Bob Hibbard from Hamilton was a guest speaker on November 29. Max Craddock spent the last few days of November speaking in Edmonton and Red Deer, Alberta. Two more 'Key to the Kingdom' converts from Moncton, N.B. were reported. We rejoice with these new Christians and pray that God will bless them as they grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Waterloo: The GLCC Chorus sang on December 6. GLBC had a College Day on the 4th with prospective students visiting from Toronto and GLCC. On the 12th, the annual skating was 2-4 p.m. at Columbia Ice Fields with a chili dinner, devotional and games night to follow.

Windsor: "One of our elders, Bob Lyles, suffered a severe stroke and is currently in hospital undergoing rehabilitation. We are close to completion of an elevator. We hosted a food shower on November 22 to welcome Michael Crown and Nancy Le Gros who both moved here from Wisconsin. A special collection was taken on the 29th for disaster relief in Central America. A total of \$3,030.00 was collected. The congregation is in the midst of an eldership search. We have begun having monthly Spanish/English services each third Sunday night. Our ladies have become involved in some benevolent works which include helping out a local women's shelter, and adopting a family for

Christmas, among others."

- Drew Chapados

QUEBEC

Sherbrooke: Yvon Beaudoin reports another baptism in Sherbrooke and informs us that one sister has provided a meeting place in her home. After the worship on November 29, Daniel Dessaints was baptized after studies with Yvon the previous week. Yvon is kept busy encouraging the churches in Sherbrooke, East-Broughton, Plessisville and Shawinigan and needs help to pay his travel expenses which are considerable because of the great distances separating these places. He is presently receiving about half of his needed support with some coming from Bayview, St. Catharines, Tintern and Windsor congregations in Ontario and two sources in the U.S.

At Shawinigan a member has been added, and a Thursday night study with three more students arranged in a new meeting place that has been rented on Main Street. At East-Broughton there is slow growth with studies by phone, monthly visits on the first Sunday and weekly studies with three young girls. At Plessisville there are encouraging signs of improved relationships among the Christians. Yvon has also been involved in French Guiana and has been requested to visit the work there. Who will help him?

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: Dan and Mary Lewis, a retired couple, have been attending as a result of seeing a church invitation on Key to the Kingdom. They have participated in Bible studies and brought their adult daughter. The daughter of a new sister is also quite interested.

The Nelsons and Gouds, the two Christian families from Saint John visited

on October 11.

Tim Johnson has 7 adults, three of whom are church members, attending Sunday nights for the course, Feeling Good About Yourself, which introduces Christ as the one who can add meaning to life.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: Al Meakes reports that Debbie and Cliff Chafin and two daughters and Stephanie Dorah and son have placed membership and Kelly Schula, wife of Joe has been baptized.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: October 24 & 25 was the congregation's 60th anniversary. An open-house/reception was held on Saturday between 1 - 4 p.m. A pot-luck meal was held following the Sunday morning service. Mj Zachary lost her brother Bob, who was in his thirties, when he died suddenly of a heart attack on Wednesday, November 4. The area-wide fellowship Sunday was held at North Buffalo on November 22. On the 15th the ladies revealed their prayer partners and picked new ones.

Corrections

Webpage: Our apologies to those who tried and failed to access our webpage. The correct access number is <<http://www.geocities.com/~centralcofc/gh.html>>

December Editorial: The correct title, as shown in the index, should have been "The Grace of Giving" rather than "The Grace of God". The mind appears to have overruled the eye!

Prairie News: A section on the Regina church was accidentally omitted.

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OBITUARIES

Edna May Tallman (1902 - 1998)

Edna Tallman passed from this life on October 19, 1998 while residing in Gore Bay, Manitoulin. Edna was in her 97th year, having been born on September 24, 1902 in Meaford, Ontario. Her husband, Lemuel Tallman, predeceased her in 1984.

Treasuring her memory are her daughter Blanche Maddeaux of Toronto, son Richard Tallman of Mindemoya, brother Herman Mason of Parkersburg, West Virginia, sister Edith Kneeshaw of Collingwood, their respective spouses, eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. She is lovingly honoured by many brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Ontario and beyond.

Edna spent the greater portion of her life in the Niagara Peninsula where she was a faithful member of the Beamsville Church of Christ for many years.

Edna Tallman was renowned for her sweet disposition, her pert spirit, and her hospitable ways. She was "Aunt Edna" to many whether claiming family relationship or not. Her life displayed in ample measure the Christian virtues of kindness, compassion, humility,

gentleness, patience, and forbearance. These comments were commonly heard regarding Edna: "She was always supportive, never judgmental, always looking for the good in every situation and person. She was constant, steady, and concerned. She lived her life in an even tenor." Her life was full of years and full of good deeds.

The funeral service was conducted at the Beamsville Church of Christ by William Maddeaux and Geoffrey Ellis. Internment was in the Pleasantville Memorial Gardens, Fonthill, Ontario.

Geoffrey H. Ellis

A. Frances Perry (1935 - 1998)

Allie Frances Perry of Colorado Springs, CO fell asleep in Jesus on November 12 in the hospital where she was being treated for cancer. She had been diagnosed only a few weeks prior to her passing.

Frances Brummitt, known to many of our readers as a teacher of business subjects at Great Lakes Christian College and as the wife of Charles Perry, formerly of the Tintern church, came to Canada from Tennessee upon graduation from David Lipscomb University. While teaching at the college she became acquainted with Charles and they were married on June 28, 1958. They moved to Colorado soon afterwards seeking a climate

more suited to their health conditions.

Besides raising a family she became a realtor and also was very involved in church activities, teaching, canvassing, helping with VBS and teaching by Bible Correspondence Courses. It is reported that she had about 200 World Bible School students enrolled when she became sick.

Among the many who are left with feelings of loss are husband Charles; sons Chris and Jody; daughters Dawn, Velvet and Melody; three brothers; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Christian College, 4875 King St., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B6 or Mountain States Children's Home, P.O. Box 1097, Longmont, CO 80502.

Eugene C. Perry

Thomas W. Hartle (1910 - 1998)

On September 26 brother Thomas Hartle of Capetown, RSA fell asleep in the Lord after a brief hospitalization with pneumonia. He was just three days short of his 88th birthday.

During our time in Africa we enjoyed visiting the Hartles. He was a Christian for 66 years and did full time preaching since 1955. After 66 years of marriage Ruth will miss him at her side.

Eugene C. Perry

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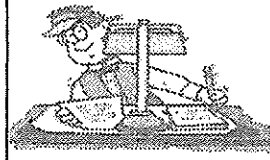


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WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7; S.F Timmerman, cv., Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cresc., L3C 4G6, (905) 788-3248.

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; Drew Chapados, cv., 1179 Harrison Ave., N9C 3J4; (519) 253-3932 e-mail: <drew@wincom.net>

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 5:30 p.m. ☞Phoebe♀ women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; Silvio Caddeo, cv., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: caddeo@total.net.

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

MONTREAL (Verdun): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; (Fr.) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, cv. (514) 635-5105; rsaum@total.net; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Wed. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, cv. (514) 639-6432; chris7777@videotron.ca.

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 11, 10; Yvon Beaudoin, (418) 653-3493.

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.

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, cv., 634-8195, res.

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; 648-3435; Larry Elford, cv. 648-3106.

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

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10, 11; (403) 875-4052 (off).

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, cv. (306) 693-4064 (off.).

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

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 7 1/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punichy; 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. 10 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Richard Thuc, sec., Box 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

REGINA: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Sun. 10; Ray McMillan, cv., 949-0969; Bernard Krogsgaard, 352-5621.

SASKATOON: Hours may vary; Please phone to be certain; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, 343-7884; Jason Bandura, Youth Minister, 343-8540; mailing address, 1589; e mail <stooncofc@sk.sympatico.ca>

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

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 5A0; (306) 739-2103 (off); Michael Parker, cv.; or contact G. Husband, 739-2915 or G. McMillan, 538-4654.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Russell Ferris, cv., (306) 842-6424 (off); 848-0645 (res).

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

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2C7; Sun. 10:15; Wed. 7:00 p.m. (call for locations); Randy Fiske, cv. (306) 782-4662 (res); 783-6877 (bldg); Harry Meakes, sec. 783-6850. (Inclusion in this listing does not mean complete endorsement of all teaching and practices.)

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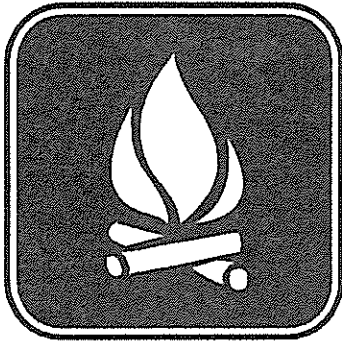


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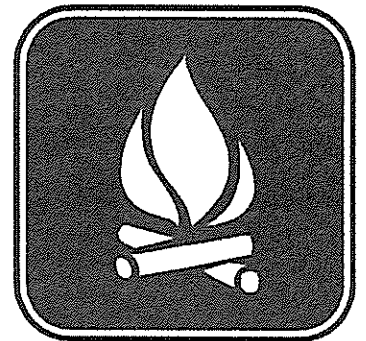
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