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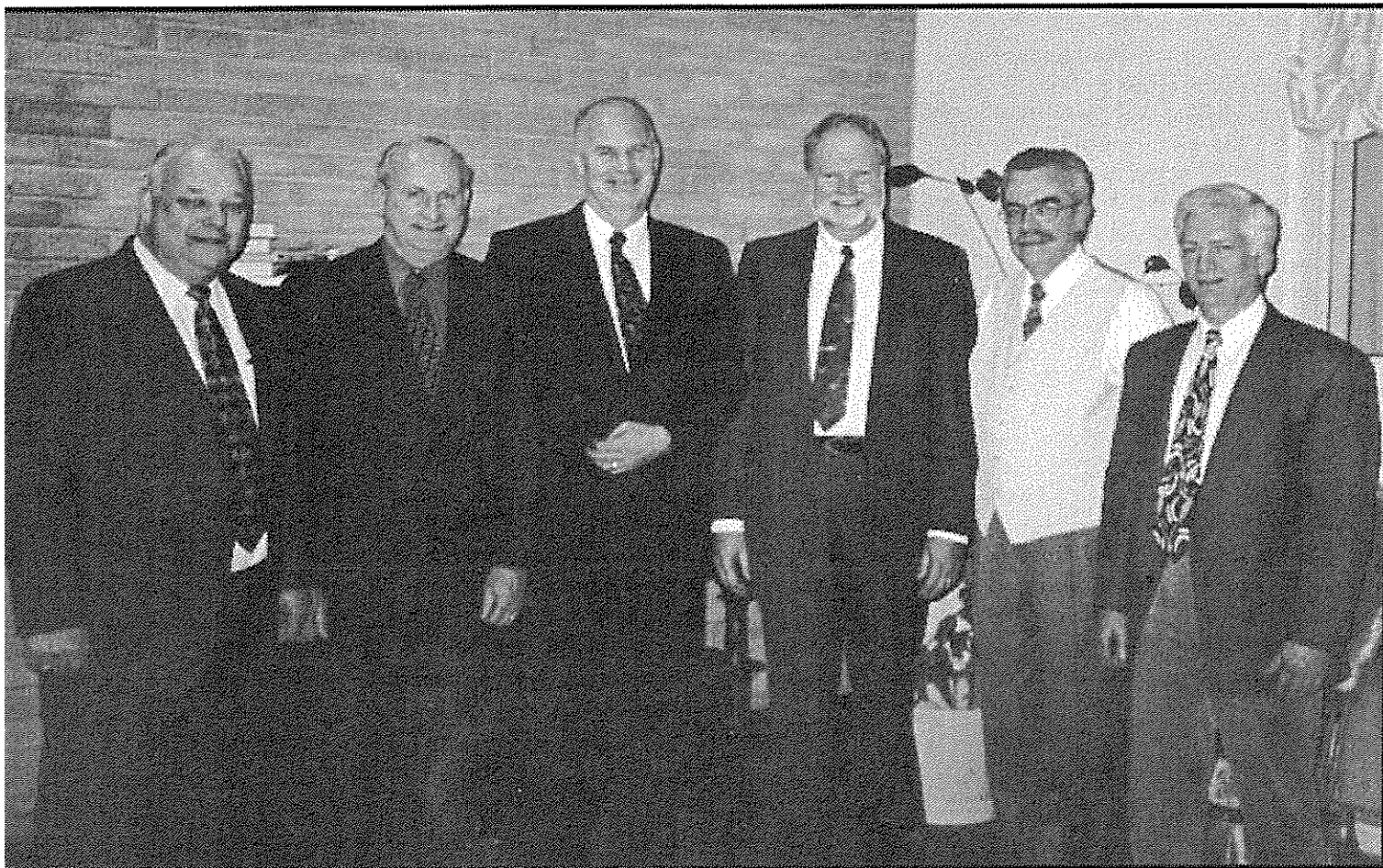
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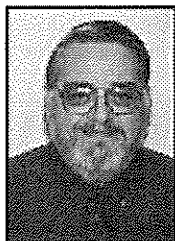
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Spiritual Decline

Max Craddock



As one gets older, there is often a decline in health and vitality. The physical body is not made to last forever so this breakdown is not unexpected. Proper diet, exercise and rest will help to keep one active. However, the "slow down" is still to be expected. It is always a joy to see someone who lives to be into their 80s and 90s who is still very active, but even then we all know the time will come when the body will cease to function and death will come. In view of the fact that death is the doorway into the presence of God, it is not feared by the faithful Christian.

There is another kind of decline that is often seen that is not so acceptable. This is "Spiritual Decline". The Bible is filled with encouragement to press on and not grow weary in doing well. See 1 Corinthians 15:58.

All Christians need to be aware of the possibility of decline so they can maintain the proper attitude and commitment to press on toward the mark of the high calling in Jesus.

Jude writes about this need in his general letter. ". . ., I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 3). In the first part of this verse he seems to start out to write in joy about the "salvation we share" but sees the need to remind his readers to "contend for the faith". This is good advice for all Christians to take to heart.

In 2 Timothy, Paul writes some interesting things that relate to the matter of spiritual decline. It is here that Paul talks about Luke, Mark and Demas. (Please take time to read 2 Timothy 4:9-18) Luke, the writer of Luke and Acts, is noted as being with Paul at this time. (v. 11) Luke is seen as that person who loves the Lord and is devoted to His service. While some have left Paul during this time of stress in his life, Luke is still with him. He is perhaps like many today who are devoted to serving God even in the hard times.

Remember that Mark was the fellow who caused the conflict between Paul and

Barnabas when they decided to make the second missionary journey in Acts 15:36 - 41. Since he had left them during the first journey, Paul did not want to take him along on the second. However, Barnabas felt they should. This led to their parting and Barnabas took Mark with him and as a result of this encouragement, Mark grew in his faith and service. This is recognized by Paul as seen in 2 Timothy when he says, "Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry." Rather than spiritual decline, spiritual growth is seen in him.

But then there is Demas. He was mentioned as a "fellow worker" with Paul in Philemon 24. He is also named in Colossians 4:14. Here in Timothy, however, the message is a sad one: ". . ., for

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Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica" (v.10). There is no growth here! Rather, it is spiritual decline! What a sad report of a former "fellow worker"!

Sadly, Demas began to cool in his love for the Lord and grow in his love of the world. Demas began to walk a road that is well traveled and easy to walk. The temptation to do so is ever around the Christian since Satan does not give up simply because one is born again into the Kingdom of God. God warns through John, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world" (1 Jno.2:15,16). Again, one needs to understand that being a Christian does not mean the pressure to partake in the sinful things of the world will cease. In fact, it often seems that when one becomes a Christian, Satan works overtime to entice and destroy through sin.

Thankfully, God promises to help anyone who wants to escape the sinful influ-

ence the world. The Christian takes comfort in the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:13. "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." If we love and trust Him, He will strengthen us through the Spirit to face and defeat Satan on his turf.

Why did Demas lose his love of the Lord? It may have been that he had failed to count the cost of being God's person. Jesus reminded his disciples of the cost to be considered. (Luke 14:25 - 32) Perhaps he simply became tired of the pressures brought on him by the world to give up the fight. Perhaps his spirit was broken by the daily fight that Paul spoke of in 2 Timothy 4:7,8. He began well but did not have the "patience" to finish the race (Hebrews 12:1).

The story of Demas is a sad one. His love became misplaced as he turned to his "Thessalonica" and away from the Lord.

Your body will get old and decline. This is natural. However, do not allow yourself to decline spiritually. Your spiritual welfare is in your hands. Not that you can "earn" salvation, but you can feed on the Word; spend time in prayer; fellowship with brethren; and grow through service. Follow the direction of Colossians 3:1-3 and escape spiritual decline. May God bless each one with strength for the day.

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Musings On Time

by Roy D. Merrit



We have now stepped through the threshold of another year. For obvious reasons its arrival makes us conscious of the passing of time. Perhaps our awareness of the fleeting nature of what one earth-oriented poet called "This bloody tyrant, Time" is heightened this year as we await a new millennium. History tells us that this is no new phenomenon. When our present millennium was about to begin, multitudes approached it with an unhealthy anxiety. They thought it would bring the end of the world. But our Lord does not need to act according to human expectations and calendars.

The approach of the year 2000 (Y2K) means different things to different people. A headline in the National Post proclaimed: "From the Palace of Versailles to the pyramids of Giza, New Year's Eve 1999 will be a night of bacchanalia unprecedented in human history." My Webster's Unabridged Dictionary defines the term bacchanalia as a "drunken feast, orgy". The Post article explains the plans of many rich and worldly people to mark the entrance of Y2K with a feverish frenzy of drunkenness and hedonism. Ordinary people with the same mind set but a smaller financial potential will participate in similar behaviour on a cheaper scale. Belteshazzar and his drunken feast, and Nero with his palace orgies come to mind as we contemplate this method of entering Y2K. It is dangerous folly to say the least.

Perhaps no group of people are as

apprehensive of the dangers of the change to a new millennium, as those individuals who are responsible for computer operations. It is expected that many computers will go haywire because their embedded chips cannot interpret the meaning of the new century's last two digits, "00". For instance, we are told that the federal government's computer systems have billions of such chips. These control such operations as processing cheques for old age security, Canada Pension, employment insurance and a host of other vital operations. Evidently, there are billions of such chips in government computers and it will cost \$1.4 billion to ensure the processing will continue without glitches. The federal government assures us that all their computers will continue to operate as usual in Y2K.

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Marking a major time change is not a reason for wild abandon or an anxious dread that evil days are closing in upon us. Instead, we need to accept the admonition of the Apostle Paul, "making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" [Eph. 5:16 (NIV)].

In early January, a visit to the Royal Ontario Museum helped me to see the futility of human pride and the fleeting earthly activity of even the most important individuals. One exhibit in the Egyptian section especially set me to thinking of its

message. It was the mummy of an important official who lived millennia ago and whose processed body was now on display. He no doubt had both power and wealth in life, but was now the object of curiosity to multitudes of strangers. After several visits over a number of years, I remember most poignantly the sad sight of the man's toes protruding from the wrapping which encased his body. Time had mocked his power and wealth. Such a spectacle reminds me of Peter's quotation from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah:

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall but the word of the Lord stands forever [1 Peter 1:24,25 (NIV)].

I shall close with a cliché which is both brief and assuring. "I do not know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." In Y2K the grass will still grow, the streams will still flow, and the rain will still fall. Humans will appear and disappear. "In nothing be anxious."

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The Y2K Bug

Wayne Turner

Are you ready to face the dreaded Y2K Bug? Warnings about the Millenium Bug can be found almost daily in newspaper, magazine, television and radio reports. With almost religious fervor, prophets of the computer industry are proclaiming a message of doom and gloom. If unchecked, after the clock strikes midnight on December 31, 1999, the Millenium Bug would cause a worldwide electronic breakdown. We will be living under the ominous shadow of Y2K for the next year. (The impact of Y2K is demonstrated by the inclusion of two other articles in this issue!)

The Y2K Bug (or the Year 2000 Bug) would primarily effect computers, now the backbone of our global economic, transportation and communications systems. Years ago, when the computer industry was in its infancy and computer memory precious, systems designers and programmers conserved limited memory by allowing only the last two digits of a year to be changed. It worked well, for a while, but proved to be short sighted. As the year 2000 approached, people started realizing that when the calendar rolls forward to 2000, computers will roll backward to 1900. In some cases, this will only create a nuisance, but in others, it has the potential to create chaos and possible shutdowns

Small computer chips with internal electronic clocks to monitor the day, month and year run much of our daily lives—everything from bank machines, cash registers, motor vehicles, airplanes, coffee makers, and VCRs. Even utilities like hydro, water, gas and telephone depend on these computer chips. The worst case scenario that has been raised is extreme. We could be without communications, money supplies, food, utilities and transportation. Some sources are advising people to stockpile supplies, water and cash. What will happen when the year 2000 comes? Will everything electronic come crashing down? Will planes literally fall out of the sky? Will computer chips freeze, lose some functions or continue on as though nothing had happened? In many cases, no one really knows. Perhaps the most reasonable suggestion comes from Michael Kelly, a telecommunications and Y2K expert from Salmon Arm, B.C., in a Canadian Press report by Steve Merti, who predicts that in most homes there will be five to seven problems.

Our interest here in the Y2K bug is not its economic, religious or even its possible apocalyptic significance (although some fanatics are having a field day with it). There is something about the Y2K issue that should challenge us. The first PC (personal computer) was introduced in 1975 following the development of the microprocessor chip. ENIAC, the world's first digital com-

puter, was only built in 1945. The growth of the computer industry has been phenomenal. However, the speed with which the Y2K message has been proclaimed around the world is even more remarkable. How many of us were aware of the Y2K problem even five years ago? But today, most people in Canada and the United States are aware of the Y2K Bug. They know that there is a coming crisis, that there is a need for everyone to be prepared and that there can be serious and even dire consequences for failure. The world has heard and responded to the Y2K message.

What about the Gospel of Christ, then? If the secular world can get the message of Y2K out around the globe within five years, why cannot Christians get the Gospel out to the same extent? Many questions come to mind. Is it that we do not sense the same urgency, that we don't have an unalterable deadline of the year 2000? Our deadline could be today! You may not ever read this since Jesus could have returned before this issue goes to print. Is it that we do not feel the same sense of critical need? Although a world without food, water, transportation, communication and money would be very difficult, how much more difficult is eternity in hell away from the presence of God? In every conceivable category, the message of Christ is more important and urgent than the message of Y2K. The secular "prophets" have proclaimed their message to the world in less than a generation. Will we spread Christ's?

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Point by Perry:

“Not So With You”

(Matthew 20:25-28)



It is quite normal for a mother to want the best for her children. Thus we are not surprised to learn that the mother of James and John asked Jesus to favour her sons with positions of honour, prestige and power. Jesus often used ordinary events to teach important lessons and this is no exception. He used this request to point out a great contrast between his people and others, emphasizing that those who wish to be great seek to serve rather than to be served. Despite the clarity of the lesson, the example of the teacher and the importance of the goal, we tend to do an extremely poor job of applying it in the church.

Training classes are conducted in an effort to fill the need for leaders in the churches. Participants are given instruction and practice in leading public worship activities. We encourage them by praising their efforts and commending their progress and development as leaders. It is possible that we thus leave the impression that Christian leaders are to be publicly prominent and are entitled to special recognition for such.

Along the same line, appreciating and admiring talent, we tend to practice a “big preacher” concept. We give special recognition and honour to those who are especially capable in leading in the various areas of public worship. We thus, perhaps inadvertently, encourage wrongly motivated service.

Most churches post/issue a “service” schedule containing, for the most part, the public leadership assignments of the men who are willing and able to function in the various areas. Do we thus imply that this is the “servant leadership” which Jesus said would characterize his people? Is this where the greatness is found?

Why do we question these common and “harmless” procedures? The reason is twofold:

1) There is a danger of encouraging participation for the wrong reasons, - power, control and glory. Jesus has taught in strong terms that whatever is done “to be seen by men” has its reward from men

rather than from God (Mt.6:1,2,5).

2) We are forgetting the lesson of our text, - that true leadership among the people of Jesus is in humble, often unnoticed, service for the sake of serving with no anticipation or desire for recognition or power.

Training classes should include training in areas of none prominent service and emphasize the satisfaction that accompanies anonymous service, the feeling of having shared in the work of Jesus and the anticipation of the commendation of God rather than of men.

“Servant leadership” is not a contradiction.

There are plenty of opportunities for both men and women to lead in such areas of service. When women, as seems to be the present trend, seek leadership in the church, which area of leadership do they have in mind? Is it the “Gentile”, seeking

power and the recognition of men type or the “Jesus”, humble, unrecognized service type that is being sought?

Those who lead in public must constantly contend with the problem of motivation. We appreciate their talents and efforts and they are entitled to encouragement and yet they could easily succumb to performing for the applause of men.

“Servant leadership” is not a contradiction. It is seen in the humble serving, sacrificial life of our leader and is practiced when we follow his example. Leadership in such cases is by example and the power is that of love rather than authority. The motive is to become “great” among the people of Christ by being a servant of others, i.e., to be seen of God rather than to be rewarded by men who see us as leaders.

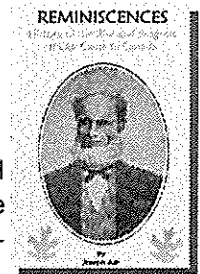
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Love is Not Easily Angered

Since we are each born with different personalities some are more prone to anger than others. Anger is an addicting habit. It is as hard to defeat as smoking, drinking, or biting your nails. The good news for the Christian is that with God's help we can defeat anger.

God in His Word (the Bible) does not condemn all anger. Anger is not intrinsically or inherently wrong. In Ephesians 4:26 Paul says, "In your anger do not sin." Paul is not saying that anger is good, he is saying that when you become angry, do not let it lead you into sin. We are each made in the image of God.

When we study the Old Testament and God's dealings with His people we see occasions where God becomes angry. We, who are made in His image, will, at times, become angry but we must be careful not to allow our anger to lead us into sin.

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ANGER IS WRONG WHEN IT RISES EASILY! "Love is not easily angered" (1 Corinthians 13:5). In Titus 1:7, we see that those who lead in the church are not to be "quick tempered." If we "fly off the handle" quickly, we can be sure it is wrong.

ANGER IS WRONG WHEN IT IS PROLONGED! "In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold" (Ephesians 4:26-27). Couples preparing for marriage are often counseled to never go to bed angry, to not carry problems from one day to another. That is good advice for all relationships. Get rid of your anger before the end of the day. A smoldering anger is a grudge holding anger, which leads to a revenge seeking anger, where we repay evil with evil, which is simply not an option for Christians. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.

MAN CENTERED ANGER IS SINFUL AND SELFISH! "Man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God

desires." When our hurt feelings or desires lead into anger, we will not please God. When we selfishly seek our own interests or seek to protect our own rights, we will not please God. In Romans 12:17-21, Paul describes man centered anger as being selfish and full of revenge, an option that Christians do not have.

God says that anger is wrong: When it rises too quickly or comes too easily; when it is prolonged; when it centers on self; when it ends with revenge.

IS ANGER EVER RIGHT?

We can learn how to get rid of anger.

Is there ever a time or circumstance when anger is justified? We have seen that to be angry is not in itself wrong, but can lead us into sin if we are not careful. God is perfect, yet at times He became angry. Anger is justified when it is like God's anger. But what kind of anger does God have? God became angry when Israel sinned. When Israel left His ways for the ways of the world, God got angry. God was angry because Israel was hurting itself in leaving Him. His anger was not selfish, but out of concern for Israel. We cannot condemn all anger, but too often the attitudes that cause anger are wrong and we know that anger, if allowed to continue, will lead us into sin.

WHAT CAUSES ANGER?

ANGER CAN BE LEARNED BY NEGATIVE EXAMPLE. "Do not make friends with a hot tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared" Proverbs 22:24-25. When we associate with angry people, we may follow their example and learn their ways.

ANGER IS CAUSED BY SELFISHNESS OR SELF-CENTEREDNESS. There is a self-centered, self-willed person who has himself as first and a few friends that he can use as second. He wants his own way all the time and is willing to fly off the handle to get it. He may have been an over-indulged, spoiled child. Children

throw tempter tantrums in an effort to get their own way. If their parents and the adults in their world allow them to get their way through the use of tempter tantrums, they will grow into adults who use tempter tantrums in order to get their own way.

ANGER IS CAUSED BY FEELINGS OF INFERIORITY. Many insecure people become angry. They do not feel that they are as good as other people. When someone disagrees with them, they see it as an attack. This insecurity may be the result of them being constantly put down by those they respect.

ANGER IS OFTEN AN EXPRESSION OF FEAR. We get angry at the person or object that we fear losing. This often results in ensuring that we do lose what we have feared losing.

We can learn how to get rid of anger, and we can learn how to control the attitudes that lead us into anger.

When we are around those who are angry, we must seek to influence them, rather than be influenced by them.

If selfishness is a cause of your anger, then you must learn to be less selfish. Selflessness can be found in serving, but don't wait until you feel like serving, the feelings may not come until you begin. Serving selflessly proves to us that it is better to give than to receive.

If your anger comes from feelings of insecurity or fear, you will need to grow out of those feelings. You may benefit from the counsel of one older than yourself.

Since anger is so common, we must learn to keep it from leading us into sin. Physical exercise can be a help. Counting to 10 before saying anything is also a help. Those 10 seconds allow us to get our anger under control and not say something that we will later regret. It may help us to examine our anger. Ask: Why am I angry? What do I need to do to diffuse this anger?

Anger is not intrinsically or inherently wrong. However, since it can lead us into sin, we must learn to diffuse our anger immediately and not allow it to lead us into sin. Some types of anger are wrong from beginning to end and we must, with God's help, learn to defeat the attitudes that lead us into wrong anger. God is there ready, willing and able to help. Please call on Him today.

Freedom Misdirected

by Felix H. Turner

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1, NASV).

Legalism, which is the attempt, through faith in human ability, to achieve salvation and a righteous character, cuts us off from Christ; we fall from grace (Galatians 5:2-4). The successful path to salvation and inward holiness is placing all of our faith (our confidence, security) in Christ Jesus as we express our faith by working through love (5:6; James 2:14-26).

We have been set free in order that we might truly live as free people. This amazing freedom is the abundant life Jesus came to give us (John 10:10). Let us cherish this freedom and firmly hold on to it. We must not allow anyone to rob us of this precious gift.

However, it is also vital that in our daily lives we do not permit our freedom in Christ to become misdirected and thus destroyed (Galatians 5:13-15). Paul tells us in this passage that there are two ways in which our freedom can be misdirected.

First, it can be misdirected or derailed through the indulgence of the flesh. "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh" (v. 13).

The word "flesh" is a word "implying sinfulness, proneness to sin; it is the carnal nature, the seat of carnal appetites and desires, of sinful passions and affections whether physical or moral" (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY, Zodhiates).

Paul teaches emphatically in his letter to the Romans that if we have truly "died to sin" we cannot, will not, continue to live in it or practice it (Romans 6:1-18). Therefore, "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh" (Romans 13:14). If, after being freed from sin's grip through the blood of God's Son, we return to a pattern of living by the flesh, our freedom is again destroyed. In 2 Peter, chapter 2, Paul speaks about false teachers. In v. 14 he says that they have eyes full of adultery (unfaithfulness) and that they cannot or will not cease from sin.

In v. 19 he says that while they promise others freedom, they themselves are the slaves of corruption. Make no mistake about it, SIN DESTROYS CHRISTIAN FREEDOM!!

The root of all sin is a spirit of self-centeredness. Therefore, rather than living by the selfish desires of the sinful flesh, Paul urges that we "through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). True freedom is experienced not in selfishness but in actively loving and serving others.

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As we live this life of love we "fulfill" (in matters of duty, this word means "to perform, to execute" — Thayer) ALL the demands of the Law (Galatians 5:14; see also Matthew 7:12; 22:36-40; Romans 8:4; 13:8-10; 1 John 3:18-20). We are also assured that we are "walking in the light" (1 John 2:9-11). And we can KNOW "that we have passed out of death into life (1 John 3:14).

The second way we can allow our freedom in Christ to be misdirected is through a spirit of disharmony. "But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another."

To "bite" means "to thwart (obstruct, frustrate, defeat), to vex, irritate" (THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY). To "devour" means "to consume and destroy" (Ibid).

If we choose to relate to our brothers and sisters in Christ in such a way as to thwart or obstruct their efforts at spiritual growth and service, if we choose to yield to the temptation to vex or irritate them, resulting in their spiritual downfall, Paul warns us that we may end up completely consuming each other. Such a spirit of bitterness spreads like a raging fire on a windy day and will quickly destroy a congregation (see Mark 3:24).

Therefore, Paul admonishes: "Let us not become boastful, challenging (provok-

ing, or irritating one another, *FHT*), envying one another" (Galatians 5:26). The writer of the book of Hebrews cautions: "see to it ... that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled" (Hebrews 12:15). Then, to his Roman readers, Paul urges: "So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Romans 14:19 — read carefully vs. 13-21). David's attitude must be our own: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

Let us fully enjoy this wonderful freedom granted us in Christ Jesus, refusing to allow it to be misdirected or sidetracked in such negative and destructive patterns of living. *Fenwick, ON*

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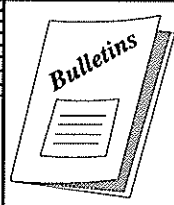
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Why 2K?

by Rick Gamble

(Note: My thanks to good friend Joel DeYoung of Vancouver who gave me the initial idea for this article.)

Though 1999 is just days old, the countdown to next New Year's Eve is already underway, especially in the computer world.

Y2K — international shorthand for Year 2,000 — has prompted concerns about the potential crash of countless computers equipped with software programs that aren't designed to work beyond December 31, 1999.

Many people now fear "the millennium bug" will cripple everything from hospitals and power plants to airlines and banks. In a recent poll, 71% of people said they're expecting some degree of trouble. Though 38% said they won't take any special precautions, others plan to stockpile food (20%), arrange alternative sources of energy, (25%), withdraw extra money (30%) and avoid air travel (37%).

Canadian banks have already spent a billion dollars on the Y2K problem and both they and major airlines say they'll have their computers fixed long before next year. But many people will stay worried and braced for the worst.

That's because the Y2K situation symbolizes many of society's greatest fears, including our growing dependence upon vulnerable technology, and a nagging fear that something cataclysmic is meant to happen at the start of the new millennium. Why 2K? Many Christians see confirmation in obscure prophecies from the Old Testament and Revelation. Non-believers get their dire warnings from psychics, numerology and new-age religion.

But the year 2000 is an artificial, unreliable date. For five centuries after Jesus was born, most of the world followed the Roman calendar. Then in A.D. 532, Dionysius calculated Christ was born in the Roman year 754 so he adjusted the calendar to begin with that date. The years before Jesus were counted backwards (B.C. — before Christ) and those after were counted forward (A.D. — Anno Domini, Latin for "in the year of our

Lord"). We now know Dionysius' figures were off. Besides, parts of the world still follow other calendars, including the Chinese version, or the Julian calendar designed by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C.

Most objective experts predict the world will survive the computer bug and there's no evidence 2000 will bring either catastrophe or the second coming. After all, Jesus said He'd show up like "a thief in the night" (Luke 12:39,40). With so many awaiting Him in 2000, it may be the one time we can be sure He won't return!

Regardless, Y2K is a good reminder to put our ultimate trust, not in technology but in the Designer who made us with all of eternity in mind. Now is the time to get ready for whenever Jesus comes — or we depart — and life as we know it comes to a jarring halt. Though many others will continue to feel end-of-the-century anxiety, "do not fear what they fear... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have" (1 Pet.3:14, 15).

Tell 'em we'll be OK in 2K.

Brantford, ON

A New Lesson

by Peter Morphy

We have begun a new year and are embarking upon a new millennium. Oftentimes when we begin a new year, it is a time of reflection on the past and planning for the future. Our society is rapidly changing - everything from technology to transportation, mentality to morality.

The Bible speaks about things that are new because of our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and things that will become new when we meet with the Lord in the heavenly home.

We have a new covenant with God, far better than the first covenant of law and works. The new covenant is based upon the loving grace of God and the love and obedient faith of humanity. The Hebrew writer expressed the power of the new covenant, "For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance — now that he has died

as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant." (Hebrews 9:15)

We have been given a new life through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. We participate in our own death of self, burial of the old life and resurrection of the new life, symbolized in baptism. Paul said, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

We have been recreated into something wonderful for God's possession and purpose. With the awful past behind and an awesome future Paul said, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

A new life in Christ includes a new way to live. Paul described this transformation of a new attitude of mind which is displayed in a new self, true righteousness and holy living. To the Ephesians, he wrote, "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4:22-24)

The new future encompasses the here and now as well as the then and there. We eagerly anticipate the new and living hope which is eternal life in heaven. For this we can always honor the Lord. Peter wrote, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1:3-5)

Jesus promised a glorious city and declared, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (Revelation 21:5) For this reason, we like Peter, "... are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13) where we will worship God and sing a new song of thanksgiving, honor, glory and praise for our salvation. (Revelation 5:9-10)

The next time someone asks, "What is new?", you will have many great and wonderful things to tell!

Sudbury, ON

Rage and Retaliation

Tim Johnson

It was my misfortune, while working for a Winnipeg sporting goods store, to be on duty one day when a vengeful customer stormed in. He had purchased a bike for his son, only to find it had not been adjusted properly. After one attempt to have it fixed, he decided to give up the struggle, but not before he vented his frustration on the store. I had never met the man before, but he sure left an impression on me! He shoved the bike into my hands, angrily told me what to do with it, then left the store without even asking for a refund. Bystanders were as shocked as I was.

Rage, retaliation, and verbally venting anger is popular today, even in our staid Canada. People who "tell others off", especially in public, are treated as heroes. Many television programs seem devoted to revenge - the fine art of getting back at someone. Ingenious plots are developed to catch an enemy off-guard and give him what he deserves, to even the score. While we may find the frantic pace of such programs and movies entertaining, do rage and retaliation really work?

The answer is no.

Rage, especially verbal, only invites a backlash. It creates long-term enemies. People don't easily forget overwhelming embarrassment! The story may end on television, but it doesn't in real life. The person you have embarrassed may be a future neighbour, employee, or they may even marry your son or daughter! The person who will be embarrassed then will be YOU! More serious than that is the deep seated hatred that develops when a person practices retaliation and unbridled verbal rage. The bitterness unleashed on another does not make a person feel better for long - it only makes the heart darker. "Will the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the end?" (Abner to Joab in 2 Samuel 2:26).

There will never be a time in society when there will be nothing to be frustrated about, no situations that drive us mad, no more infuriating people. Life will

always be full of upsets. How do we handle them in a way that makes us feel that justice has been done? Certainly we must take strong, appropriate action when we encounter abuse and violence against others. There are constructive avenues to take when we ourselves have been abused. But how do we handle the strong anger that sometimes wells up within us when we've been wronged?

1. God flatly tells us to forego revenge and let Him handle it. Revenge belongs to Him alone, it is not our territory! "Do not

Rage will always blind us from seeing what is best for the other person.

say, 'Then I shall do to him as he has done to me'; I will render to the man according to his work" (Proverbs 24:29). "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone...Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay', says the Lord" (Romans 12:17, 19). God notes wrongs done against us and He is much wiser than we are when it comes to justice. Therefore, God strongly urges us to leave room for His work. It is His work, not ours! There is no room for our verbal outbreaks.

2. We are to search for more constructive ways to deal with others who offend us. "See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men" (1 Thess. 5:15). "Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not" (Rom.12:14). Rage will always blind us from seeing what is best for the other person. Let God look after revenge, we are to work on what is good for others. That takes a bigger man than one who only seeks to "tell someone off."

3. Let's realize that while verbal rage and retaliation may be admired in society, God calls it sin! It must be banished from our lives. "But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth" (Col. 3:8). "Let all bitterness and wrath and clamor and slander be put away from you,

along with all malice" (Eph. 4:31). Blowing up at people is just not the character of Christ! He didn't allow Himself that luxury because He knew it was sin.

4. Our character is to reflect what we've been given: a blessing. "To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit, not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:9). If God has saved hateful, sinful, rebellious people like you and me - and given us great blessings - what are we doing handing out insults and revenge? It just doesn't fit! Seek to bless others, even when they have been offensive to us. The world should see that kind of character when they see His church in operation.

Perhaps it all boils down to faith. Do we trust that God will judge others for their wrongs and that we can safely leave matters in His hands? Do we really believe that the right way to handle things is by self-control, forbearance, and by offering something more constructive than rage against others? He promised to look after us and our concern for personal justice. Trust Him, and "leave room for the wrath of God."
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A Knowledge Given in Childhood

Gayle D. Gilmer

(Editor's Note: The following is an article received a couple of years ago. Gayle Gilmer is a faithful member of the church of Christ in Lobelville, Tennessee. She has a son and daughter who are also members of the church. All three of them have taught both Sunday School and VBS classes over the years. Gayle is a regular teacher of a nursery class for children three months to one year old. She enjoys teaching a ladies' class several times a year. This article is the first in a series she prepared on the lesser-known women of the Bible. We thank her for her submission and hope to include further articles in this series throughout the year. LCH)

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he wrote commending him for his great faith in their and our saviour, Jesus Christ. He wrote of his memories concerning Timothy, "...the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness, a faith that first lived permanently in the heart of your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am fully persuaded, dwells in you also" (2 Timothy 1:5). This is the only mention of Eunice by name in the Bible. Paul speaks of her as having genuine faith in her God. What more glorious thing could be said of us than that we are permanently grounded in the faith and doctrine of our God? Is she not someone whom all women should admire and have for a model?

Though named only once in the Bible, this inspiring woman is responsible for many lives embracing God in faith and others who would go preach, teach the gospel, and save many more. Although she married a nonbeliever, a Gentile (Acts 16:1-3), she kept her belief strong and reared her son to not only believe but also to put that faith to work in his life. As Timothy becomes a faithful disciple, preacher, and co-labourer of Paul, we see this influence demonstrated. Millions of lives over the past 2000 years have been influenced by this little-known woman.

Eunice implies "conquering well", and was a name expressive of a good or happy

victory, and in its origin doubtless commemorated some such event. Nice or "nike" was a favorite ending of female names in the Macedonian Age. Eunice's name was appropriate as she conquered in the effort to rear up her son "...in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Proverbs 22:6).

Timothy's name which means "one who fears God", may have been chosen by his Jewish mother and not by his Gentile father who most likely did not "lean" toward God. There is no mention of his being a godly person. Because Eunice was a Jewess, she was probably well versed in the Old Testament scriptures. This personal faith and piety was to become the reference point of the personal faith in the son of this Jewish mother and to prepare him for the future which would see him become a famous evangelist. Here again, we note that Paul makes no mention of his father. Paul says to Timothy that he [Timothy] should always be thankful unto God for this grounding in the faith by his mother and grandmother.

How wonderful a thought for perspective parents that a child born into a Christ-centered home will grow up to bless God for all his/her spiritual blessings. What better example for a young mother to follow than the one of Eunice and her teaching of the scriptures to her son? Even a mother who feels that she cannot teach in public can teach her children at home. As faithful Christian mothers, we should each be striving to become a woman like Eunice, who is commended by Paul for teaching and nurturing her child in the teachings of our Lord. At most our children may have two to three hours a week in the church classes. This teaching must be supplemented and reinforced by parents at home in order to nurture, guide and help our children become strong Christians. What greater acknowledgement could we, as mothers, have than to be known for teaching our children the word of God? For truly a knowledge given by a mother to a child in youth can produce infinite blessings.

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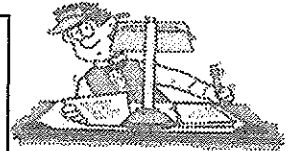
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“Will Opal and I Know Each Other in Heaven?”

by Hugo McCord

An octogenarian plus two has buried part of himself. For 63 years she was a devoted daily helper. He mourns. He will never be the same. His words, “I miss Opal so very much,” tell only a little about his lonely days and nights.

In 64 years of preaching he has brought comfort at funeral services to many bereaved people. He knows every verse in the Bible that describes heaven. Also, he knows that “what we shall be has not yet been made known” (1 John 3:2). But he would not be human if he did not ask, “will Opal and I know each other in heaven?”

He knows that his specific question is not directly addressed in scripture. However, we rejoice that indirectly the Holy Book leaves no doubt that he and Opal will know each other in heaven, though in different bodies: “If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body” (1 Corinthians 15:44).

They will not continue their happy marriage relationship in heaven (Luke 20:35), but they will be the same two people in heaven that they were on earth, for “God is not the God of the dead, but of the living” (Matthew 22:32).

When God spoke to Moses at the burning bush, saying, “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6; Matthew 22:32), he did not say, “I was the God of Abraham before he was buried 330 years ago,” nor did he say, “I was the God of Isaac before he was buried 225 years ago,” nor did he say, “I was the God of Jacob before he was buried 198 years ago.”

Instead of God using the past tense (“was”), Jesus pointed out that he used the present tense (“am”), and so concluded that “God is not the God of the dead but of the living.” This not only proves that there is something in human beings that never dies, but it also demonstrates personal recognition in heaven, for Abraham will still be Abraham, Isaac will still be Isaac, and Jacob will still be Jacob.

Also, said Jesus, in the kingdom of heaven, “many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with

Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob” (Matthew 8:11). Though our bereaved friend and Opal have never seen Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in heaven they will somehow know each one, and know their names.

Personal recognition beyond this world is also true about wicked people. After the rich man (Neues) had “died, and was buried” (Luke 16:22), something about him was not in the cemetery, but in a place called “Hades” (Luke 16:23). That something about him still had a memory of five brothers still back on the earth (Luke:27-28).

Now Hades (a place of flaming torment, Luke 16:24) is not heaven. But, as people in Hades remember people that they had known on the earth, so people in heaven will know people that they had known on the earth, as Paul so eloquently writes:

What is our hope or joy or crown of exultation before our Lord Jesus at his

“If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body”

coming? Is it not you? You are our glory and joy (1 Thessalonians 2:19).

Paul looked forward to the Lord’s coming, among other reasons, because then again he would see the beloved Thessalonians, who were very dear to him (1 Thessalonians 2:17). An anticipation which filled him with gladness was the assurance that he would be reunited with the people whom he had turned from idols to the true God. As a winner of an Olympic race received a garland of flowers, so Paul pictured the Thessalonians as his diadem of glory at the day of the Lord.

The significance of 1 Thessalonians 2:19, with converts becoming crowns for Paul, appears based on the assumption that Paul would know who those converts were. Personal recognition beyond the grave is therefore an indirect Bible teaching. One’s physical body does not survive, but his undying part, with the ability to remember people known on the earth, does survive. The fact that this teaching also has a negative implication does not remove the truthfulness of it.

Similarly, people in heaven will know people in heaven whom they had not known on the earth. Not only will they know and visit with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as shown above, but others as well. Moses, whose physical body of 120 years was buried “in a valley in the land of Moab” (Deuteronomy 34:6), appeared in a different body 1500 years later on a mountain in Palestine (Luke 9:28-36). Though Peter had never seen Moses, somehow he knew who he was.

Likewise, some 900 years after Elijah left the earth he, like Moses, appeared on a mountain in Palestine. Again, though Peter had never seen Elijah, he knew who he was (Luke 9:28-36).

Similarly, since angels cannot die (Luke 20:36), Michael the archangel, who talked to Daniel (Daniel 10:13, 21), is distinct from all the other angels, and consequently recognizable by name when our brother and Opal are together in heaven.

Likewise, Gabriel, who talked with Daniel (Daniel 8:16; 9:21) and with Mary (Luke 1:26), is distinct from Michael and from all other angels, and so recognizable by name when our brother and Opal are together in heaven.

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(Note: Nearly every congregation reported a get together on New Year's Eve or during the holidays.)

ONTARIO

Ajax: Baptism: Paul Blackwood became a new brother on Nov. 22. The ladies packed baskets with food and crafts to distribute.

Beamsville: Natasha McMillan is home following a special mission experience program in Alberta and is planning to go to South America. Bob Sookdeo is returning to Trinidad where he was baptized earlier this year before coming to Canada. Donald and Dianne Perry were leaving Beamsville on Jan. 11 for a semester at Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba. Wanda Spiers reported on her work in Ghana with the medical mission. She is required by the Ghana medical authorities to go through an orientation and certification with them but that will not take place until June. Wanda plans to return to Ghana in April or May. Art and Ruby Ford are teaching a class dealing with effective families during the winter quarter.

Bramalea: The GLCC Chorus sang on January 15. Santiago Molina was guest speaker and a special contribution was taken which brought in \$2,209.67. In total the congregation sent him \$3,909. for Honduras relief. Also arrangements were made for a gift of medical supplies worth about \$25,000 from the Yorkdown Pharmacy for Honduras. Other speakers were Jason Joseph, who is in an internship with the Linwood congregation in Buffalo, N.Y., Jonathan Straker, who is a student at York College, Patrick Hunter Buffington and Fred Knutson of Bramalea.

Brantford (afternoon): The congregation financed baskets for six members of the family who needed physical and emotional help during the holidays. Tim and Care Alexander and their children were home from Taiwan. Judith Alexander was in from Abilene Christian University. Chris Ulysse, son of Sandra Ulysse, was

baptized on Dec. 25. Chris was the seventh person to be baptized in the congregation in 1998.

Collingwood: On Dec. 20, Wayford Smith was to be the final guest speaker for the year in Meaford. Peter Dale was to speak at Collingwood.

Newmarket: The annual meeting and dinner is planned for Feb. 21.

North Bay: Three young boys, Josh, Eric and Andrew were baptized on Sunday, Jan. 3. David Flood, age 37, from Manitoulin Island, died of liver cancer. He leaves behind a wife and family. David Rogers requires funds to move to North Bay and work as family and youth minister. Preparations are being made to raise funds for handicap access to the building.

St. Catharines: The congregation collected unperishable groceries for needy families in the community. A number went carolling three different days at older members homes. An overwhelming contribution was made towards relief for Haiti.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): Baptisms: Two new babes in Christ, Sandra Dias, and Jessica Fletcher. Twenty-one pairs of socks stuffed with toiletries and candy plus a pocket Bible reference booklet were delivered to the soup kitchen. The WAVES raised over \$700 for Great Lakes Christian College from a bake and craft sale. The elders are sending \$500 aid to Honduras and \$600 to brother Singh in India so that he can buy a new moped. Fifteen carol singers collected \$25 for childrens' relief by singing and cheering some of the seniors on the 21st of December.

Sudbury: Raymond Beaulieu was born again on Friday, Dec. 18. Luc Michaud, who is a student at Freed-Hardeman University was guest speaker during winter vacation. The ladies class prepared ninety gift baskets for seniors in the community. A special collection has been taken for the Christians in Honduras.

Thessalon: The mid-week evening service has been changed to 7:15 p.m. Melita and Joel Lock visited from Rochester College.

Tintern: A special meal was held for the teens. Donations of clothing were given to victims of Hurricane Georges in Haiti and a contribution was being taken for hurricane Mitch relief in Honduras. Two fruit hampers and toys for four children were given to needy families.

Toronto [Bayview]: Guest speakers were Don Whitfield on Dec. 6 and David Knutson for the rest of December. A thousand dollars was raised for work in India. Life group meetings were discussing the

topic of evangelism and how to give away your faith. The congregation is hosting a weekly indoor sports activity in a local school. Summer-weight clothing was being collected for Honduras.

Toronto [Strathmore]: The church is gathering summer clothing to be taken to Honduras. The congregation held a dinner for their seniors on Jan. 2. It was served by the youth, sixteen and up. On Sunday morning, Dec. 20, Norma Ferguson was baptized into Christ. She was a Bible student contacted through the Key to the Kingdom TV program. In the Spanish work, Marlon Molina, 26 year old son of Santiago and Ana was baptized on Jan. 3. Out of town guest speaker was Bob Hibbard.

Windsor: On Nov. 7 they held a Sunday School reunion. Special contributions were given to provide toiletry items for ladies in a women's shelter. A 50th Wedding anniversary celebration for David and Tess Raeside was held Nov. 8. Guest speaker was Jeremy Hoover. Phil Vance, a missionary to the Ukraine gave a presentation on the evening of Jan. 3.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: "A new family began attending in the fall after viewing one telecast of the Key to the Kingdom program. After personal studies they were baptized. We are grateful they are part of the church now. About 130 people in the province have requested the World Bible School course through the TV program and we are trying to handle these from Moncton. A good number of these contacts are developing in Saint John and we hope they will become good possibilities for the church meeting in Fred Nelson's home. Please pray for your brethren in New Brunswick."

- Tim Johnson

The Goud's and Nelson's, of Saint John, visited Moncton.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: Dave and Sue Trisdale and their son Mark placed membership on November 22. Susan Seyfried was baptized on December 9. Mike Boyd and Brian Schad have been appointed deacons.

Attendance has increased since moving into the new building. Averages have been: Sunday morning -235, Bible classes - 169, Wednesday evening - 118.

The sum of \$1000.00 was sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort and another \$1000.00 has been identified to aid the hurricane victims in Honduras.

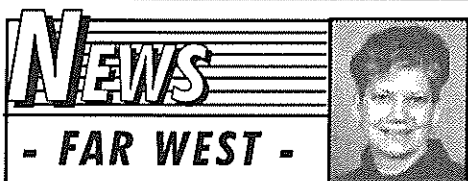


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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): Two deacons have been appointed to serve the congregation. Miguel Garcia is looking after work on the building and Alex Abelia the visiting of members.

A new commitment is being made in the congregation through Bible studies to know more about Jesus and the church. A training seminar is being planned for better understanding of membership in the body of Christ and for services. Several men have been meeting to discuss plans for the congregation to develop and grow.

Allen and Betty Jacobs are returning to work on the mission field in India.

A New Year's Eve Fellowship was held.

Ming Paul Lee: It is encouraging news that the churches of Christ in Vancouver and Vancouver Island are involved in helping the people in Central America after hurricane Mitch. Villages, towns and roads are buried by mud, 22 churches destroyed, bridges washed away and 3 million are homeless. Coffee and banana plantations are gone. In the early part of 1999, I hope to stop over in Houston, Texas to purchase seed, Spanish New Testaments and Bibles and tools for Christians and needy families. I plan to work along side with Christians in rebuilding homes and churches.

\$1838.48 has been donated for Honduran relief.

The congregation appointed deacons on December 13. These are Rod Davis, Larry Deal, Doug Ewing, Don Husband, Mark Husband, Ron Johnson, David Muller, Wayne Olson and Scott Roberts.

The elders have begun a visitation program. Their goal, over the next few months, is to visit everyone in the congregation.

Winnipeg: Congratulations to Denise Komar, one of our new Christians, who got married in December. Her new last name is Jiminez. She will be moving to Texas in mid-January.

During the holidays, the teen-age girls had an overnight lock-in, organized by Valerie Turner.

The group of High School and College age people meeting in our home on Fridays is growing. We come together for dinner, games, fun, sharing and Bible study. These young people come from Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, USA and Canada. They have no spiritual support or encouragement from their families. For most, it is the first time they have heard of Jesus, His teachings, healing, and forgiveness. It's a joy and rich experience to see their faces as we talk about Jesus. Pray for us, as they continue to be amazed at Jesus. We need to open our homes as Canada is a great mission field.

ALBERTA

Edmonton: Nicole Kent was baptized into Christ on December 13. Nicole had been studying the Bible with Francis and Sandi Pati, and with James Rasmussen. On December 25, Lihong Wang and Lixin Huang were baptized. They moved to Edmonton from Shanghai (via South Carolina) and contacted the church through the internet. Welcome to the family Nicole, Lihong and Lisheng! We had a total of 25 baptisms in Edmonton in 1998.

The ladies of the congregation prepared and distributed their annual seasonal baking packages. These are given to seniors, shut-ins, singles and visitors.

The Harris family is now settled in their new work in Westfield, New Jersey.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: We rejoice at the baptism of Jolie Toews.

It is wonderful to see that in addition to \$500 that had been previously committed, the congregation gave \$825 on December 20 for Honduras Relief.

On January 3, changes were being made to their Sunday morning schedule. Classes were to run from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and the worship service was to begin at 10:30.

It has been an exciting year for all those involved in reaching out to these precious people. We look forward to another year of growth in 1999. There are numerous one-on-one studies on-going, that, prayerfully, will result in more souls added to the kingdom.

Edmonton was selected as the host city for the 2001 World Track and Field Games. We are already planning for the outreach opportunities this event will provide.


We held an appreciation luncheon for our elders and their wives on December 13. The event was well attended. Four of our members shared fitting tributes for each of the elders.

A New Years Eve fellowship was held on December 31. Eric Limb and Peter Ross prepared a great meal. Games, fellowship, and a devotional followed.

We are looking forward to an exciting Alberta Spring Fellowship April 2-4. J.J. Turner from Bear Valley (Colorado) and Philip Slate from ACU will be the speakers. The theme; Keeping the Flame Alive.

David Ford

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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald)



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Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust The Bible by Erwin W. Lutzer, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, 216 pages, \$16.99 (U.S.)

It is good to take fresh looks at old subjects. Even though we believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures, there are many who do not. In fact our world seems ready to believe anything and everything.

Lutzer shows that many today are only concerned if something is "meaningful to me." They think that every opinion is sacred, no matter how far fetched it may be. We are in desperate need of a reliable guide, such as the Bible claims to be.

Reason One is a logical reason that deals with the claims of the Bible as to its inspiration and "The Decision You Cannot Avoid." Reason Two is the historical reason and demonstrates the reliability of the Bible reasoning from the contribution of archaeology, an evaluation of New Testament documents and the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Third Reason is from prophecy and contrasts so-called prophets such as Nostradamus and the grocery store tabloids with the accuracy of the Scriptures. Fourth, we have "The Christological Reason - The Authority of Christ, that shows the errors of the so called "Jesus Seminar" and asks "Could the Disciples Have Invented the Stories About Jesus?"

Number Five presents "A Scientific Reason" including the accuracy of the Bible in this area and the Demise of Evolution. Six is called "A Providential Reason" and explains how the Bible came to be and the error of including the non-canonical books as the Catholics do. Reason Seven is A Personal Reason as one sees the power of the Word (A Sword with two edges) in one's own heart. The final chapter is addressed to doubters and shows them how to come to faith.

This is an excellent discussion of this vital theme. It will strengthen your faith

and help those who doubt.

The Face That Demonstrates the Farce of Evolution by Hank Hanegraff, Word Publishing, \$16.99 (U.S.)

Here is the best book to come out on evolution in many years. The esteemed author is editor of Christian Research Journal and author of such books as Counterfeit Revival and Christianity in Crisis. He is an expert in communication. He "skillfully uses easy to remember acronyms to expose the sophistry of Darwinian Evolution" (Charles Colson).

Anyone who wants to use this material in teaching will find many photographs, charts and other illustrations that would make ideal visual aids. The advocates of evolution have done an awesome job of convincing most people of the truthfulness of their theory. Many will not want to give up the theory because they think it gives a solid basis for their chosen lifestyle.

Not only does this book refute the errors of Darwinianism, it gives positive arguments for accepting the Bible as true and the resurrection of Jesus as fact. Also in applying the truths that are established, it deals with the errors of abortion and cloning.

The book provides an extensive bibliography, Scripture and Subject Index. It is also available on tape.

Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind by Tremper Longman III, 234 pages, soft-cover, Navpress, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, On. \$14.00 (U.S.)

Can you imagine a book on Biblical Introduction that you couldn't put down? Most of the books in this category are so technical and scholarly that only the most diehard students can manage to plough through them. This book is a very definite exception. It would be ideal for a College Introduction to Bible study. But any average reader will find it a gold mine of inspiration and information.

Many new Christians get excited about

reading the Bible. They can't seem to get enough of it. Then sometimes the excitement seems to wear off. To some it becomes "as dry as a stick." As the author says, "This book seeks to ignite that dry stick, for the Scriptures are like fire; they rekindle the character of Christ within us if we will just stay close to them and let them do their heartwarming work."

The first part of the book deals with "The Bible's Transforming Power." The second part discusses "The Receptive Heart", as set forth by our Lord in the parable of the sower. Next comes "The understanding Mind." Then lastly "The Literary Cornucopia" a survey of the marvelous variety of Literary genres that make up the Bible. John Calvin is quoted as saying that while the reading of the great philosophers may delight the reader that the reading of the sacred volume will surpass all other reading, "so that it is easy to perceive something divine in the sacred Scriptures, which far surpass the highest attainments and ornaments of human industry."

There is so much misunderstanding of the Bible. Longman counteracts such by arguing that it is not "a grab bag of promises and comforts, a compilation of riddles and secrets or "a talisman with magical power." He argues for approaching the Bible as God's Word, a Guide for Living to be interpreted with "Christlike humility." It must be approached with prayer and contemplation and obeyed in our lives. Longman contends that the Bible has been faithfully passed on to our generation. Also that we must consider Biblical guidelines for interpretation.

The largest part of the book is devoted to a survey of the books of the Bible, which he calls "a Literary Cornucopia." He introduces each section of Scripture and the individual books. This gives the reader a good knowledge of the different types of writing in the Bible. Here is our only criticism of the book: Acts is classified in the gospels and joined with Luke as "Luke - Acts," with almost no discussion. Of course Luke wrote Acts but Acts is the central book of the New Testament. It shows how the apostles carried out the Great Commission and introduces many of the letters to the churches by telling of their establishment. The last page gives a very fine set of questions for understanding and applying the Scriptures to our lives.

Grove Park Home, A Christian Ministry

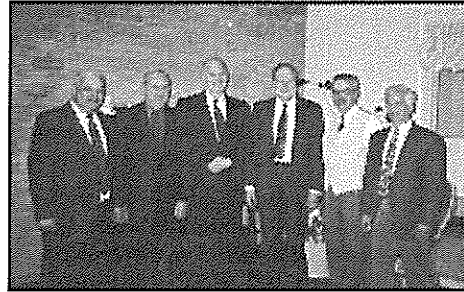
Grove Park Home for Senior Citizens has celebrated its 30th year of operation quietly and without much fanfare. But that is how Grove Park has always served, quietly yet with love and compassion.

Grove Park Home was conceived in the 1960's by Wesley Jones, Clarence Rittenhouse and David Carruthers as a Christian outreach and a place to which members of the church of Christ might retire. The Home was erected in 1967 and opened in 1968 with the generous help of the citizens of Barrie, various church members and the provincial government. The first members of the Board that was incorporated to operate the Home were: Norman Matthews, David Carruthers, Wesley Jones, Blenus Wright and Clarence Rittenhouse who also served as the first administrator. David Johnson, previously the minister of the Fennell Ave., congregation in Hamilton, assumed the Administrators position in 1973 and recently retired after 25 years of dedicated leadership and service.

Dr. Claude Cox, the Minister at the Barrie church of Christ, is contracted by Grove Park Home to provide chaplaincy service spending one day a week teaching

a Bible study, visiting and providing spiritual support to residents and staff. Claude is a key member of the staff and highly respected amongst residents and staff alike.

The home has 94 residents and is served by more than 120 staff and 300 volunteers including the board of directors. Our pres-



ent board of directors represent Christians from across southern Ontario: Marvin Johnson - Toronto, is the Chair and has been a part of the board since 1971, Robert Hunter - Bramalea (secretary), Steve Gill - Toronto, Terry Codling - Oshawa, Russell Cosby - Barrie, Clark Hannah - Beamsville.

The staff and volunteers are a compassionate and generous people giving the

home a very prestigious reputation in the community. This is demonstrated by the fact that Grove Park Home has the longest waiting list in Simcoe County with 280 names. Although there is a long waiting list, members of the church have priority through an agreement with the placement coordination service. As the population ages the importance of this type of ministry becomes vital.

Grove Park Home is a charitable non-profit facility funded through the Ministry of Health, residential fees and private donations.

The apostle James wrote, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." Grove Park Home is a ministry of Christians in this spirit. Christians and congregations can participate in this service through visitation, cards of encouragement to seniors, becoming a penpal, volunteering, hosting an event at GPH, remembering the work in your prayers and donations. For more information on how you or your congregation can be a part of this work please call Darryl Culley at (705) 726-1003.

Mission News

Zambia

Five congregations participated in a meeting at Nyawa where twelve were restored and four baptized. Another meeting, south of Namwianga, involved 20 congregations and had an attendance of over 350. Three trips to the pool of water ten kilometers away saw fifteen baptized. Eighteen were restored.

Roger Dickson of South Africa held seminars for church leaders in both Kabanga and Namwianga.

Several were restored in a meeting at Zyangale. Two more churches have been started in the Barotse Plains.

Papua New Guinea

Phil Lifsey reports three baptisms. Peter (after several studies), Ruben Pari and Elsie (a teen who had participated in studies for several months) in Madang. The church has been making up boxes of household items, tools, a Bible and notes of love and concern for the people of Aitape who lost their homes due to the

tidal wave in July.

India

The generosity of those who make donations to the Gospel Herald Foundation, often along with their subscription renewal, has enable us to send free copies to overseas workers. A number go to India. One of these goes to brother N. Danaiah, an evangelist. He writes, "... it is very much useful to me and my church members and the students of our Gladeys Green Memorial Bible Learning Centre in

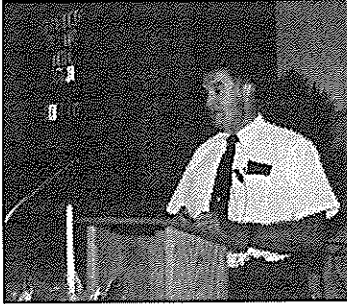
Jbalpur City".

"The gospel work in our areas is progressing very well. Membership of our churches is increasing day by day." He reports 80 baptisms in early 1998 and more than 800 enrolled in World Bible School Correspondence Courses in three months. He continues, "We have distributed 200 Holy bibles, 359 New Testaments and 205 Song Books free of cost in the last three months. We have helped many number of leper, blinds, orphans and widows by some amount of money."



Nine were Baptized by Brother N. Danaiah at Kodur River. Kodur, South India

Georgian Bay Fellowship



Pictured is Bob Davison, (formerly of this area, now serving in Ohio) speaking on "Holding on to the Hope" at the 1998 Georgian Bay Fellowship, which was held in Meaford on September 12. The 1999 Georgian Bay Fellowship is scheduled for September 11th, with Max Craddock as speaker."

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OBITUARIES

Muriel Dale

On November 30 of the past year, God saw fit to take His daughter and faithful servant, Muriel Dale, to reside with Him for eternity in a better land. Muriel was born in South Wales, England on August 26, 1921 but lived many years in the Province of Ontario.

Her passing to her new home leaves many on earth in mourning. She was a loving mother to Wayne, Brian, Barb, Linda and John, and was visibly supported by them and their spouses to the end. Some of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends and her spiritual family were in her hospital room throughout her stay there. Victor, her husband, never missed a day.

Muriel's death leaves so many in sorrow mingled with joy because of the kind of life she lived before them. There is sadness beyond measure due to her absence; there is joy because of her new address and the peace she now enjoys.

The brothers and sisters of the church of Christ in Stratford will continue to miss Muriel's smiling eyes and positive approach to everything.

Ralph Perry officiated at the funeral assisted by George Mansfield. Ralph pointed out that this wonderful sister had patterned her life after the worthy woman of Proverbs 31 whose children rise up and bless her. This they will continue to do.

George Mansfield

Maude Caroline Silver

On November 21, 1998 the auditorium of the Sarnia church of Christ was filled with family - both physical and spiritual - and friends in memory of Maude Caroline Silver. Maude and her late husband Paul first contacted the church through the Herald of Truth. After personal Bible study in their home, they were baptized into Christ in November of 1971. Maude's husband died the following January, not before they witnessed their daughter Paula also baptized. Maude returned to school and then worked at the Sarnia General Hospital until her retirement. She always had a smile and an encouraging word for everyone in spite of her own personal struggles. For the past few years, Maude

had been in and out of the hospital due to heart problems. Finally, on November 18th after returning to bed for rest having had her breakfast, she claimed her final rest. Besides her Christian brothers and sisters, she leaves her daughter Paula (Hibbard) and her family, son Jack Dauphin and his family, sisters Vivian and Doria Rose and Shirley Johnson. Her good Christian example will long be remembered by family and friends.

David Walker

Frank Pack

On December 9, 1998, longtime Pepperdine University professor, noted Bible scholar and author and minister died of natural causes at age 82 in Upland, California.

He served Pepperdine for more than 30 years but also taught at David Lipscomb University, Abilene Christian University and the University of Southern California. He authored nine books and wrote more than 300 journal articles.

He is survived by Della, his wife of 51 years. Memorial donations may be given to Sunset Haven (909-986-1192) or the Frank and Della Pack Distinguished Professorship Endowment (915-674-2000)

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CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N.E., T2A 2S8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Small Groups (Fri. - Mon. eve.) Phone: (403) 272-2111; E-mail: coofc@cadvision.com; Larry Yurk, ev., 547-2046.

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A3; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Ted Archbold, ev., (780) 672-9963

EDMONTON: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9, 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; C. Eric Limb, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, David Hotchkiss 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 (780) 790-0109; Terry Mullins, Treas., 399 Thicket Dr. T9H 4H7; (780) 790-3537; Billy McMillan, ev.

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 5V3; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Herb Camagey, ev., (403) 527-5406 (res.); 527-7311 (off.).

RED DEER: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 11:15, 10, (evening--call for information); Wed. 7; John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986.

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ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): Columbia Bible College Chapel, 2940 Clearbrook Road; Sun. 11:15, 10; midweek class 7:30 in homes; #4-3292 Elmwood Drive, V2S 6B2, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10:45, 9:30; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 951-4102; (604) 522-7721 (off).

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hiltchey Road, V9W 1P4; (250) 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 (604) 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046.

CRESTON: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2329, V0B 1G0; 428-7411 (off) or 428-5937.

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DELTA: Ladner Community Centre; Sun. 10, 10:50; Wed. in homes 8:00; 205-1318 - 56th St. V4L 2A4 (off); 56th St., V4L 2A4; Jay Don Rogers, ev., (604) 943-7280 (res.), 943-0515 (off).

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

PENTICTON: Pentiction Retirement Centre, 439 Winnipeg St.; Sun. 9, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 24082, V2A 8L9.

PRINCE GEORGE: Columbus Community Centre, 7201 Damana Blvd.; Sun. 10; for other meeting times and places call David Forman, (250) 962-2058 or Blair Roberts, 962-0800; 4343 Highland Dr. V2K 2C7

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

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

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 541, V1T 6M5; Bruce Tetreau, ev., 503-0112.

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 8:30 or 11:00, 10:00; midweek in homes; Kelly Carter, ev. (250) 592-4914 (off), (250) 472-3775 (res.).

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MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Gilbert Jacobs, (204) 722-2148 or Lloyed Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders.

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

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

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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 Conroy 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. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or 582-1227; Ray Fisher, ev; 582-3457

SHUBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477 or A. Langford, sec., (905) 683-6735; Devon Bennett, ev. (905) 686-2486.

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; 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, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Roy Cox (519) 753-6051; office (519) 759-6630.

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Contemporary services Sun. 2 p.m., classes 1 p.m., prayer, praise and studies, Sun. 7:30 and Wed. 7:30 in homes; contact Rick Gamble (519) 753-5353; 759-6630 (bldg).

BURKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence, R.R. #2, P0A 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

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

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

CORNWALL: 205 Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11 plus home Bible studies; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Randy Downton (613) 936-0718; e-mail downton@cnwl.igs.net; Ann Hotchkiss, sec. (613) 932-5053; bldg. (613) 933-4999; for bus pick up (613) 932-8819.

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; Felix Turner, ev. (905) 892-9020.

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

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; Dave Cox, sec. (905) 945-3833.

GUELPH: The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 428 Cole Rd., N1G 3J8; David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

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HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street, L8V 3G8 (at Fennell) (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; (905) 385-5775; John Dennis, sec., (905) 389-0717; Guy Stopard, ev. (905) 318-0102.

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

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, R.R. 1, Kimberley, ON N0C 1G0.

HUNTSVILLE: Chaffey community Hall, Muskoka Rd. 3, one km. N. of Hwy 60; Sun. 6:30 p.m.; Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630; David Preston, sec., R.R. #1, GR Box 174, P0A 1K0; 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr. PIH 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; 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; Earl Rattai, ev., 548-2245.

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

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room), 200 King St. W.; Sun. 11:15, 12:30; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Gregory Smith, sec., 480 Drummerhill Cres., N2T 1G4; (519) 884-2449.

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

n St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Bill Scharz, ev., (519) 538-1750 res.), 895-6502 (off.); e-mail: meafordcfc@bmts.com.

vis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Upper Canada P.O. Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; nia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; Ph/Fax (905) 778-0366 (res), 895-6502 (off)

11 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from rd Rd.); Sun. 10:30-12, 5:30 (last Sunday of month 10:30, 1); Wed. 7:30; Henry nd Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

de St. E.; Sun. 11:15, 10:30; 6:30 in homes (call for information); Wed. 7; Box 745, (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail-- /ebSite--http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Meadows/8939.

a Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o 3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Mencer, ev. (905) 383-5259;

y Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off);

th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Walter N. Hart, ev. (519) 372-), e-mail wn.hart@bmts.com.

e Lions Center (corner of Hunter St. & Burnham); Lord's Supper/Classes, 10-11, Jan Ave., K9L 1K9; Peter McPherson, ev.(705) 742-5349; Shaun Parks (705) 876-

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

0 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30 Potluck every first Sun.; 834-5775

Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Steve Cordle, ev.; (905) (off.); contact David Carrothers (905) 227-8972.

den City); Ina Grafton Gage Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; mp, ev. 123 1/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

geware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210

E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Len Dennis, 542-3260; Contact Vern E-mails: sarcocf@cbtech.net

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

inehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, 1988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., 949-7612.

village); Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

ion St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Art Garner, Box 144, L0R 2A0; (905) 957-7745;

St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Z15, 386-2628, church bldg. 386-2551.

King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings rrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 664-7583(res); Robert Pricstnall, sec.

swick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 11:15, 9:45; Wed. 7:30; George Mansfield, ev. (519) (res); e-mail: gmansfld@quadro.net; David Ross, 744-2872; com John Brush, 625-1054; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439;

ft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Peter Morphy, ev., (705) 524-3944 ail: pmorphy@cyberbeach.net; Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933..

4.; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 1Z0; (705) 384-5214.

St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842- 142-2741.

ward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; (807) 577-2213; Sun. 9:45, 11 (10:30 ne Toews, sec. (807) 577-4081 (res).

4. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

Public School, 200 Victoria Ave.; Sun. 10-12; Thurs. 7:30-8:30; Box 1396, P4N call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Jim 8 (res), 563-6311 (off).

e.); 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; Ph (416) 534-3033; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

e.); 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., xert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

: 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E. between ; Sun. 5, 6; Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd.#611, 9-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

Bldg.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); farvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, elders; Max . e-mail maxc@sympatico.ca; FAX (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish)

E: Clarion Inn, 211 Pinnacle St., Belleville; Sun. 9:45; 10:45; p.m. in homes; box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-

y #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. t. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, RR3; Mount Forest, 334-3077

/ St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Bob Sandiford, sec., iff Ellis, ev., 885-6330 (off.); 885-3702 (res.).

Ave. L3C 4G6; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7; SE Timmins; Box 102

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, ev., 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's women's class; 1st Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: caddeo@total.net.

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

MONTREAL (Verdum): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; (Fr.) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 635-5105; rsaum@total.net; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Wed. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, ev. (514) 639-6432; chrisb7777@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, ev., 634-8195, res.

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

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

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

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

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

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. S. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 7 1/2 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. 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, ev., 949- 0969; Bernard Krogsgaard, 352-5621.

SASKATOON: Hours may vary; Please phone to be certain; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev. 343-7884; Jason Bandura, Youth Minister, 343-8540; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: <stoonecfc@sk.sympatico.ca>

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

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

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

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

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2C7; Sun. 10:15; Wed. 7:00 p.m. (call for locations); Randy Fiske, ev. (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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