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The Vine

The vine is mentioned throughout scripture. In the Old Testament God compared his people to a vine which he brought out of Egypt and planted in good soil (Palestine - the land of milk and honey). Nevertheless, instead of bringing forth good fruit, they produced bitter fruit and wild grapes (Ps.80:8; Isa.5:1-7).

In the New Testament we have the parable of the vineyard forewarning the replacement of the failed Jewish system by the church, the body of Christ (predominately Gentile).

The "fruit of the vine" is used in the Lord's Supper to remind us of the blood of Christ which he willingly shed for our sins.

Also, Jesus used the vine to teach a vivid lesson for Christians. We are to be fruitful branches by remaining in the vine (Christ) and being enabled by his words remaining in us. The result of this is much fruit to the Father's glory (Jno.15:1-8).

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Ethnic Violence Avoided

Wesley Jones

What Would You Do?

As the "Crisis in Kosovo" escalates, we all search our hearts for some answer that is humane. If one resists the present bombing solution, as I do, others inquire, What Would You Do?

Along with you I search for answers.

Perspective is important; so, let's look ahead, anticipating a crisis of the future, if Jesus tarries. Shall we seriously ponder what we can do now to prevent future such crises as Kosovo.

Thank you,
Wesley Jones

(Editors Note: Perhaps we could add an explanatory title, "From Seeds Today, Fruit Tomorrow. ECP)

Javanese and North Sumatran tribes were face to face on opposite sides of General Sudirman Blvd. in the heart of Jakarta one week ago, heavily armed and prepared to launch a civil action which would have led to the loss of many lives.

It was not a white flag raised by one side or the other which de-fused the situation and sent both "armies" back to their homes and families in peace. Neither was it the threat of some international intervention. It was, in fact, Good News, which brought quiet to the city and the nation, where millions began to breath a sigh of relief.

The (Restructured) United Nations has worked for a generation without success to bring peace between the tribes of these two major islands of Indonesia, the world's third largest nation. The strength of ancient traditions, generations of struggle for economic supremacy and the religious strife of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries have all fueled these tense relationships.

Global observers have sensed that something unusual has been afoot in the last thirty years, where time moves slowly in the equatorial nation. Some have feared the "unusual" was the development of underground armies and that January's confrontation was the culmination of these conspiracies. The relief within Indonesia, across Southeast Asia and around the world was palpable, when the two groups packed up their arms and went home, shouting and singing, and waiving banners.

First hand reports which began arriving from Jakarta via Reuters, AP and other news agencies, gave astonishing accounts of armed men and women from opposite

sides of the feared conflict who embraced, and began singing together what first appeared to be, and later were confirmed to be Christian hymns.

The banners which were waived were not white flags nor were they national or tribal flags. Each one bore a likeness of the cross of the Christian gospel and seemed to give some assurance to fighters from the other side that "we have no reason to fight and kill each other".

In the days since that crucial and happy turn of events, we have pieced together the following story:

More than one hundred years ago Christians from Canada came to live in the West Java Capital of Bandung. Their lives were united with others who had come from other nations in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in that stronghold of Islam, in the world's largest Muslim nation. In the smaller city of Subang, West Java, a congregation began which possessed a remarkable quality which, it seems, could only have come from God; for you see, in that congregation there were five ethnic groups drawn from Indonesian population, including bataks from North Sumatra, and ethnic Chinese..

Under indigenous leadership the congregation grew and became known as a lighthouse of ethnic peace in a land of tension and strife during the last decade of the twentieth century and the first of the twenty first. As bloodshed, rape and riot spread across Indonesia during those years, some began to notice one Church family where Christians loved each other, aided and protected each other, and even served Muslims or unbelievers unconditionally, regardless of their tribal origins.

Those were not simple, quiet years. As one political or ethnic uprising followed another, the international community began to discuss the possibilities of economic or military pressure to stop the brutal and dreadful crimes of some Indonesians against others. "National interests" were cited by more than one nation in an argument to justify intervention.

"Strong men" arose during these decades of strife. Two possessed great charisma and were known as fierce in their combat history - one on Java and one on Sumatra. During the early years of the twenty first century it seemed either of these "Strong men" would slaughter or

maim without hesitation to achieve power and control in his region.

Nations with much less history and with feelings of superior nationalism felt an intense need to act "in behalf of those who were being cruelly oppressed by the two 'Hitlers' of Indonesia and their henchmen". There were many attempts to line up support for intervention among ASEAN, the organization of nations of the region, from Australia to UDV (United Democratic Vietnam). These never quite seemed to come together and so the years continued with nothing effective done by the (Restructured) United Nations or by individual nations who felt overwhelmed by the complexity of the situation.

But something was being done, and now we know.

An idea, a message, a Truth, was spreading. First, the larger population of Subang and then the region of West Java began to take notice of the peaceful, happy lives of those in that Christian congregation in Subang. Men and women of that congregation began to visit other cities, villages and government offices, sharing their joy of following Jesus and getting along with each other under the blessings of Allah.

Of course many, for political or religious reasons resisted the message. Years went by before there was a recognizable "take over" of the hearts of a wider population. During that time the leaders of the Subang Christians even visited the two Generals of Java and Sumatra, prayed for them, spoke softly of them in conversations, and spread the idea that "no heart is beyond the reach of the gospel of Jesus Christ".

As village chiefs and entire villages surrendered to this "peace that passes understanding", there were kampungs within the large cities which heard the news from their relatives. Kampung leaders took the Good News to council meetings and presented the story and its remarkable effect on families and villages, to Mayors and University Presidents across the land.

In the ranks of the January fighters in Jakarta were many Christians whose blood boiled with some of the old hatred and ethnic wars. These had gone to the battle line against the pleas of their parents and friends who were Christians, who despaired of the hope that Christian faith

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Islam

Roy D. Merritt

A noted Muslim scholar, Ismail R. Al Farugi, has stated, "Islam is the most misunderstood of the world religions."

Whether or not this degree of misunderstanding is true, it does speak to a considerable ignorance in the West of what is largely an Eastern religion. This religion is based on two books which were written originally in Arabic hundreds of years ago. The Muslims claim that any attempt to translate the holier of these books, the Koran, into any other language will result in error. Nevertheless, I will use the texts of two skilled translators, M.M. Pickthall and A.J. Arberry, to give a brief examination of Islam. Pickthall is a convert to Islam.

The author of the Koran, Muhammad, was born about 571AD. He became an orphan at an early age and lived first with his grandfather and then with an uncle. His uncle was engaged in caravan trading from his home town of Mecca, which was a transfer point for trade throughout the Mideast. After travelling with his uncle to Syria and perhaps other trade centers, Muhammad entered the employ of a rich widow named Khadifah, who was 15 years his elder. She was impressed with his ability and offered to marry him despite the age difference.

This marriage of the 25-year-old Muhammad was successful in a number of ways. It gave him freedom to retire for

meditation and prayer. It was during these periods of prayer in a nearby cave that he claimed to have had an angel command him to read, even though he was unable to read. According to Islamic tradition, this was the first of a series of messages which later became the Koran. With this brief and over-simplified account of the messenger and the main source of Islamic authority, we shall move on to a discussion of the religion itself.

There are a number of things in the teachings of the Koran which deserve approval. One of the strongest articles of faith is the concept of monotheism. This was set forth first in a society where idolatry was common. Muhammad may have been influenced by the Jewish and Christian believers with whom he came into contact while travelling. Muslims insist that he was influenced by certain fellow-countrymen called Hanifs who refused idols and worshiped one god in a primitive faith. There appears to be ample reason to believe that Muhammad borrowed a great deal from what he later called "the people of the book" - Christians and Jews.

The Koran presents a strong teaching concerning Jesus Christ. In many ways his character is praised even more highly than that of Muhammad. While recognizing Jesus as the son of Mary through a virgin birth and acknowledging His ascension into Heaven, the Koran denies that He is a member of a triune Godhead. Although the Koran describes Jesus as a great prophet, it insists that Muhammad is the final messenger from Allah. As such, his

message in the Koran is said to supersede in authority all other revelations.

In some ways, Islamic law, the shari'ah, is stricter than the current ethical standards of most so-called Christian cultures. Gambling, alcohol, usury, homosexuality, lewd advertising and racism are prohibited on the basis of the Koran and Muhammad's example. Of course not all Muslims abide by the standard that is presented to them. In large cities such as Bombay, Paris and London, many visiting Muslims slip out of their distinctive apparel to "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Another positive feature of Islam is its emphasis on prayer. In fact, prayer is one of the five "pillars" which are basic to the life of a Muslim. He engages in prayer five times a day in a ritualistic fashion. He ends each series of prayers by touching his forehead to the ground, signifying humble submission. Public prayers at the mosque are engaged in only by men. It is an impressive sight to see several thousand men carrying out their prayers under the direction of an imam (leader) on a feast day. They respond as well drilled participants. A Christian finds this regimentation too mechanical.

My wife and I, as invited guests, were privileged to attend such a prayer meeting of several thousand men at the end of Ramadan. She, of course, was the only woman present, and is likely one of the few women in the world ever invited to attend such a ritual prayer session.

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EDITORIAL

God and the Charter of Rights

Wayne Turner



On Tuesday, June 8, Svend Robinson gained national attention and censure from his party by tabling a very controversial petition in the Parliament of Canada. Robinson, a member of the New Democratic Party, represents the federal riding of Burnaby-Douglas in British Columbia.

The petition, containing 1,000 signatures, asked that the reference to God in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms be removed. The petition was actually written by the Humanist Association of Canada (HAC). The phrase they are seeking to change is found in the very first statement of the Charter, "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law." The HAC has stated that this is a "discriminatory reference and offensive to millions of Canadians who are non-Christian and non-religious." As an alternative, the HAC proposes the expression be changed to refer to "the supremacy of intellectual freedom and the rule of law." When he presented the motion, Robinson noted that such a change would "reflect that Canada is a secular country which respects the deeply held views of people of many different religious faiths as well as those who have no religious beliefs."

Canadians should not be surprised that the HAC would be behind a proposal to exchange the reference to God for human "intellectual freedom." This is one of the concepts of secular humanism – the elevation of human beings over any and all concepts of God. Additionally, while the United States and Canada have historically entrenched the freedom of religion in their lists of constitutionally protected rights, the HAC would amend this expression to include the freedom "from religion." Humanist literature and web pages have a distinctively anti-religious tone, particularly against Judeo-Christian concepts of God.

On one point, the humanists and Mr. Robinson are certainly right, Canada is a secular country. The values and principles which guide this country are seldom very Biblical. No one could confuse Canada with any form of theocracy. Religious views seem to have little influence in shaping the laws and legal opinions that govern the nation. For this reason, the response to the petition and to Robinson is somewhat surprising. Almost immediately, Reform party MP Keith Martin received a petition with 3,500 names favoring the retaining of the references to God in the Charter. Officially, the New Democratic Party disassociated itself from the petition and Robinson's actions, moving him from his position in Parliament on the front bench to a seat five rows back. It appears that Canadians and their leaders at least want to maintain the illusion that Canada is under the influence of God.

Belief in God was important to those who established and built Canada. Before Europeans ever began to settle the North American continent, the peoples of the First Nations had very significant beliefs in deity. Many of those who colonized North America originally were either Roman Catholic or Anglican or

other mainstream Protestants. Other settlers, like the Mennonites, came specifically seeking the freedom to worship and serve God according to their conscience. The historical reality is that Canada has been, as the preamble states, a country "founded on principles that recognize the supremacy of God..." It would appear, then, that by deleting the reference to God the humanists are attempting to introduce revisionist thinking into the Charter.

The inclusion or exclusion of the name of God in the Charter is largely significant as a bellwether of Canada's overall direction. Even as things now stand, the principle of the "supremacy of God" does not seem to have much impact on Canadian government in terms of finding direction and values from God or His word. Otherwise, why is Canada plagued by increasing divorce and marital breakdown, adultery, abortion, alcoholism, homosexuality, even confusion about what constitutes a marriage among those who sit in Canada's Parliament and make its laws? This should remind us that neither Canada, nor any other country on earth, is a truly "Christian" nation. There are many benefits and freedoms that we enjoy because of Canada's Judeo-Christian heritage. However, the Church is not dependent on governmental protection for its existence. It might even be argued that the message of the gospel spreads more quickly in nations where Christianity is neither fashionable nor comfortable.

Jesus described his kingdom in terms of salt and leaven. Its influence would be spread, not by governments and charters, but by individuals who had come to know the Christ of the cross. Whether recognized by the world or not, this influence extends throughout the world. While in some ways it seems inevitable for countries and governments to become increasingly secular, even anti-God, this does not affect our faith. Our commitment is to follow Christ, whether "in season or out of season" - whether it is socially acceptable and comfortable or not. In a very real sense it does not matter whether God is mentioned in the Charter of Rights. This is only lip service. What matters is whether he truly exists in the hearts and lives of His people. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance." (Psalm 33:12).

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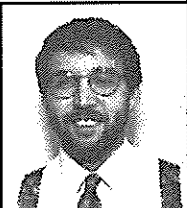
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Perfect Moments

Quietly we sit and snuggle on the couch and her hand settles gently in mine. It is another perfect moment. My night is perfectly peaceful as no one cries out "daddy" in the middle of the night. Children cry in church and I look to see who it is but I do not run towards the cry, for the child will be wanting someone else. I worship in perfect peace for there is no restless child beside me. Strangely while most parents desire more perfectly quiet nights, I desire a few less "perfect moments." You understand that no one calls me daddy.

Father's Day has come again and I wonder what it means to you. For me it is a reminder that what I desire most is to be a father. Memories flood my mind as I recall precious times with my dad. Sitting on his knee, riding on his back, and the not always pleasant memory of getting stuck with the penicillin gun. Such memories bring warmth and comfort to me along with some sadness. The sadness does not come from the fact that we have no children of our own yet, for someday, God will bless us with a child. What breaks my heart is children that have fathers but not the memories.

There is a popular country music song that tells the story of a father who receives a call from work stating he is needed at the office. On his way out the door his young son confronts him with

the question "daddy won't you play with me?" The father answers "No, I am a busy man." A lemonade stand sits in his front yard where his daughter approaches and asks "daddy won't you buy a glass from me?" His answer is simple "maybe later, your daddy is a busy man." All fathers are busy people but too often they're busy doing the wrong job. Fathers need to provide for the family both economically and emotionally. Some think that dads provide money while mothers supply emotional support. The truth is that since you cannot buy the love of your child, you need to do both.

Searching for a good example of a father, in scripture, reveals that such are few and far between. Abraham comes to mind, for while he was willing to sacrifice his own son, he taught that child the importance of following God no matter what the cost. Was David a good father? There was his adultery and the rebellion of his son. Adam, was he a good father? I cannot say but I know that his sons brought murder into this world. Examples of good fathers are often hard to find but there is one - God the father. His perfect love and his all-providing character teach fathers how to be fathers.

A perfect moment is the one a father gives to his child. We need to be less busy with work and busier being mothers and fathers. No, I am not a parent. I am a clinician who sees the remorse in

fathers eyes as their children become "too busy" to spend time with them. So called "perfect moments" of quiet and peace will come soon enough and strangely, when they get here, you may find yourself wishful of hearing someone call you daddy.

(Personal Note: Many of you have already heard but let me share it with you all. The last two years have been marked by a decline in my physical health, we now know that I have Parkinson's disease. I am not depressed only saddened to recognize the decline of my body. Remember God is still God and he will use this disease powerfully to benefit his kingdom. To God be the glory. Please remember my family in your prayers.

David Cornfield)

Family Threatened

In broadening the meaning of the word "spouse" the Supreme Court of Canada is undermining the traditional and Biblical view of marriage as a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman and is thus contributing to the further disintegration of the family as a secure haven for the raising of well balanced children.

Add this to easy divorce, laxity in sexual standards, provision for abortions etc. and we have further cause for concern that our culture is on a downhill slide.

Canadians may contact their MPP expressing their desire that all possible steps be taken to retain the definition of "spouse" as a man or woman of the opposite sex.

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Online Hearts

Recently, my family and I purchased a computer for home use (read games and Internet surfing). One of my favorite things to do on the computer so far, besides keeping up to date with the hockey playoffs is to play online hearts at Yahoo!. My nightly game usually lasts an hour or less and involves whoever is available - usually these people come from all over the world, but mostly from the USA. On the game there is a dialogue box where you can engage in some 'chatting' - it usually is little quips such as 'nice move', or 'thanks alot', and sometimes gets personal with questions about where you are from and what you like to do and your age. Once we were playing against this guy and he kept beating us. We asked how old he was and he said only 11 - we proceeded to tell him to go to bed - so he left. One night I was playing against three others from the USA - the usual questions were asked and then one of my opponents asked where each of us goes to church. Others replied different religions and I stated 'Church of Christ'. As if a can of worms had been opened up, my three opponents started rifling me with questions about our practices and what they had heard about us and what we can and can't do. It was really interesting to hear their perspectives. I have received some emails at work through our Website from people who are curious about GLCC and they ask what does the Church of Christ do?? How would you answer that? Has it ever happened? Are you proud of where you go to church or do you down-play it?

Have you ever been introduced to someone or met someone and immediately made a connection with them through an interest, or a third person that both of you know? Have you ever been in a situation which was really weird and you couldn't figure out why this was happening to you? Do you see these as opportunities to spread the gospel - or merely as chance encounters?? Ephesians 5:15, 16 says ... 'be very careful then, how you live - not as unwise, but as wise, making the most out of every opportunity because the days are evil.'

God gives us many opportunities every week to minister, to connect with someone, to be of service. We (both teens and adults)

need to be prepared in season and out of season to give a reason for the hope that is within us (Timothy 4:2). Always be ready because you will be presented with an opportunity when you don't expect it - in the grocery line, at the arena, waiting for a bus, during a fire drill - times when you don't feel like it - when you don't think you have the time - when it seems really weird that this is happening to you. My wish for you in exploring these and other scriptures is that 'the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance' (II Thessalonians 3:5)

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The Dismantling of 3:16

A perplexing phenomenon has occurred in our world today. And to tell you the truth, I find it very disturbing. No matter where you go, you will come across it. It is unavoidable. Young people, you know what I mean. What do you think of when you see 3:16? Do you think of Steve "Stone Cold" Austin? The mega wrestling star who has made it his calling card? Why does he do this? "Cause Stone Cold says so!" He has "Austin 3:16" on his wrestling attire. In fact, legions of fans wear his shirts and you see them everywhere you go. Even at wrestling events, wrestling fans will wave their own placard bearing their own names on it. E.g. Frank 3:16. Or one I saw recently was "Joe 24:7" meaning a case of beer for everyday of the week. You get the picture.

As Christians this should cause us some deep consternation. One may argue that I am making a mountain out of a molehill here, but hear me out. What meaning has John 3:16 for you? For me it was the first Bible verse I recall memorizing. I believe that there are many that could say the same. This verse could be rambled off without really thinking about it. Indeed, it would do us well to look at John 3:16 for our own

sakes. "For God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

It is important to note the context in which Jesus is speaking here. Jesus is teaching Nicodemus more clearly about matters concerning salvation. In the two verses previous to this statement, Jesus foretold how this salvation would take place. He says, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (vs.14-15)

Here is the core of our faith, our Christianity in a nutshell, if you will. Without Christ and the cross, there is no salvation; there is no eternal life. That is why 3:16 has become the vital verse to us. It is what makes us live and breathe. It is why and who we are...the reason why we exist. This is exactly what the world does not know or has somewhat forgotten. Hence, we can understand the dismantling of John 3:16. But we cannot excuse it. John 3:16 emphatically says that God's love equals our salvation. Perhaps, as young Christians, we should wear T-shirts depicting "Jesus 3:16". Only then will the world begin to know, once again, what 3:16 truly stands for, because it is the absolute truth, an undeniable truth that has stood for all ages. Non-believers have chosen to make a mockery out of it and dismantle its meaning and society is buying it. Are we buying it? We are if we contently and idly say or do nothing! I cannot help but see the Devil in all of this. As far as Stone Cold Steve Austin is concerned, he may think himself the essence of wrestling, but there is no salvation in wrestling.

As Peter put it to the Jewish leaders so bluntly, so we need to step up today and do the same... that "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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The LORD Has Done Great Things for Us

(Psalm 126:3a)

Paul Birston

Have you ever been delayed against your will? Perhaps you have waited a long time for a late appointment. You may have been stuck in an elevator, or caught in rush hour traffic, or waited for hours at an airport. We can all identify with the feeling of relief when the ordeal is over and we are free to move on.

There was a time long ago when, for their disobedience, God's people were sent far away and detained against their will. King Nebuchadnezzar took Judah to exile in Babylon about 586 B.C. along with "all the treasures of the house of the LORD" (2 Kings 24:13). Later, his captain of the guard, Nebuzaradan, burned the temple and the great houses of Jerusalem; only the "poorest of the land" remained (2 Kings 25:8-12).

For those in exile, most everything they identified with was gone: their land, their temple, their inheritance, and all that Zion their capital meant to them. They were left with memories in a foreign land. Their most valuable possession was the Law that reminded them of the God they had rejected. God's mighty people were captives. A strange land became their habitation.

After a time, a better day came. They were free to return. Psalm 126 tells us how they felt. Please join with me in a reflection on this beautiful Psalm which shows us that hope for the future can come from remembering all that God has done for us.

The first line of Psalm 126 tells that, after being home from exile for a while, the people of God looked back to remember a time in the past "When the LORD brought back the captive ones of Zion." They were now fully aware of the One to whom they owed their freedom, it was the Lord who brought them back.

This psalm uses a special name for Him. It is Yahweh. He is the God of Moses, the great "I AM" (Exodus 3:14b). Wrapped up in the meaning of this personal name for God is the reality of "being" (a thorough exploration of this thought is found in an article by D. N. Freedman, M. P. O'Connor and H. Ringgren in the *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*, volume 5, pages 500-519). Yahweh is the One who *is*, and always was, and always will *be*. He is the God who brought Israel, His people,

into being. Their identity comes from His being their God.

Though they had once resented and disobeyed Him, now they were giving Yahweh full credit for bringing them back. This psalm exudes the joy and relief that comes from knowing that it is Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, who is protecting and providing for you.

Scholars tell us that we can also understand the term "Restore our captivity" as a restoration of "fortunes" (James Luther Mays, *Psalms, Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching* [Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 1994], 399; Hans-Joachim Kraus, *Psalms 60-150: A Commentary* [Minneapolis, Augsburg, 1989], 448). Even if this were not the case, we can easily see that a return from captivity is to a great extent a partial return of their good fortune. They would appreciate freedom in a whole new way, as a prisoner of war set free or a calf released from its stall (see also Psalm 29:6; Malachi 4:2). What a feeling of relief. And, Yahweh finally gets the credit he deserves!

How did they take it at first? "We were like those who dream" (v. 1a). "At first it seemed like a dream," as the Jerusalem Bible puts it. Can this really be happening? After the loneliness of exile, can we really be home? We might say, "Pinch me! I must be dreaming." Another rendition might be, "Then we were as men who had been healed" (John Strugnell, "A Note on Ps. CXXVI. 1," *The Journal of Theological Studies* 7 [1956]: 242) Yahweh can heal the wounds and hurts of the past.

Listen to what joy the Lord inspired in His people by returning them to their homeland:

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

And our tongue with joyful shouting;

Then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us;

We are glad. (Psalm 126:2-3)

Mouths filled with laughter and tongues with joyful shouting; you can almost taste the exuberance of their rejoicing. But why were they so happy? Everyone around them recognized the reason. It is so important that the psalmist repeats the essence of it: "Yahweh has done great things" (v. 2b,

3a). The Mighty One of Israel, the Creator of heaven and earth, "has done great things for us." "We are glad" (v. 3b). How can we help but be glad.

God's people now recognize the source of their blessings, it is the LORD. So they petition Him to "Restore our captivity" (v. 4b), or fortunes, continually. The returned captive ones of Zion compare the answer to their plea with the streams of the South Country (the Negev). Though they are dry as the desert, they fill completely with water in winter to fertilize the ground around them (*The Jerusalem Bible* [Doubleday, 1996], 914-915). In the same way, Yahweh can do even more for them, though they "sow in tears" (v. 5b), after time has passed for their crops to grow, they "shall reap with joyful shouting." The one who had gone "to and fro weeping" will come with "a shout of joy" bringing the fruits of harvest, sheaves for food and preservation.

Do we not all want this sense of relief and joy in our lives, the hope of a harvest? Yet we often feel the loneliness of exile and despair. What affections or addictions hold us captive, away from the God who wants to return us home? We may have escaped the snare of sin only to find ourselves again enmeshed. We need the LORD to restore us. He is the One to whom we must constantly turn; we never get past the point of needing Him.

We need Yahweh to bring us back from captivity, and to keep us out of it. He *is* ever present with us. He has provided a way back through the spiritual desert by the death, burial and resurrection of His Son Jesus. When we are baptized into Him, we are set free from sin and death; we are free to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4b).

God has been good to us. He has provided for our spiritual freedom and brought us to "Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" (Hebrews 12:22b). Through faith in Him, we can "reap with joyful shouting," by bringing others to Him. We can say with the returned captives of Zion, "We are glad," we have hope, because "The LORD has done great things for us."

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POINTS BY PERRY:

**'Post-Modern'
Worship**



We are living in what is being called the "post-modern age. One wonders what term will be coined to describe the next period, if the world continues. A speaker at a recent conference is reported to have spoken on, "changes to worship in a post-modern society".

Change seems to be the name of the game. The means and methods of travel, communication and of doing even the most menial tasks have changed so much in our lifetime that we hardly recognize it as the same world. A redeeming factor has been that the changes have come in small increments which have allowed us time to adjust to them. However, changes are now coming so rapidly that it is difficult to keep up and to avoid going into shock.

Changes to worship? According to a "Religion" article in our local paper, in matters of worship "a shift from the mind to the heart" is occurring. It is explained that "knowing comes through feeling more than mental exercise" and is predicted that "the power of symbol and ritual will grow in worship" and "the use of all senses in experiential, mystery filled worship will increase". Wisely, the writer then warns that "we must be careful in the days ahead not to fall into empty symbol and rote ritual".

Why must we have these pendulum swings from one extreme to another? Must the "proof text, debate" mode of one period evolve into the "feel good" mode of the next? Surely our relationship and interaction with God must involve both meaning and feeling, understanding and emotion, neither to the exclusion of the other.

The church in its beginning, under the guidance of divinely inspired apostles, appears to have included: 1) the apostles teaching, 2) fellowship, 3) the breaking of bread, and 4) prayer in its assembly wor-

ship. Of these, the third involves "symbolism" as well as the mind (remembrance, meditation) but the first and last are exercises of the mind.

Strangely, the New Testament scriptures reveal very little about how corporate worship was conducted. The most detailed descriptions of what transpired when the church assembled are found in 1 Corinthians chapters 11 and 14. The first deals with the manner and meaning of the Lord's Supper and the second with the public abuse of gifts. In both passages the emphasis is that participants need to

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understand (mentally digest) what is transpiring. There must be instruction, edification, understanding.

Chapter 11 is headed, "Propriety in Worship" and after dealing with the different appearances of male and female, decries the abuse of the Lord's Supper and insists that its proper observance requires the "recognition" of the Lord's body. Certainly there is more than symbol and rote here.

The great emphasis in chapter 14 is that what takes place must be understood and weighed carefully (v.29), that "every one be instructed and encouraged" (v.31), and the church strengthened (v.26). A quick survey of the chapter reveals repeated use of words emphasising understanding, strengthening, encouragement, comfort, edification, knowledge, instruction, "intelligible words" (v.9) and meaning.

The mind is to be involved in the praying and singing (v.12) and knowledge results. "Intelligible words" were to be used "to instruct others".

It is a knowledge of the truth that makes men free (John 8:32). It is "the word of his grace which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

Symbol, rote and feeling cannot replace truth, knowledge and understanding. How can we hope to worship God acceptably and meaningfully without knowing his will and, yes, exchanging thoughts with Him. Let's have "intelligent words to instruct us" (1 Cor.14:18) as well as the "unlearned and unbelieving" (v.23).

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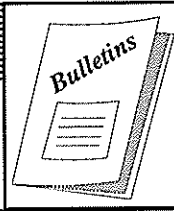
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Shocking Reality

A business man selling full-scale replicas of Florida's infamous electric chair is feeling the jolt of controversy.

John Pawley of North Carolina charges \$995 for his models of "Old Sparky", the 75-year-old death chair that's one of just a few still used in the United States. For a few dollars more, customers get a T-shirt that says, "Only sissies do the injection."

Though Pawley won't give numbers, he says his Internet and radio ads have yielded sales to bar owners, a sheriff and even a judge. He admits he's a bit "warped" but insists the venture's all in good fun.

Critics are genuinely shocked. A lawyer representing Florida death row inmates says the replicas will desensitize people even more to the fate of prisoners who've already been written off by most of society.

But fascination with the electric chair is nothing new. In the late 1890s, King Menelek of Ethiopia heard about the introduction of electrocution in the U.S. Intrigued, he ordered three electric chairs from the States, forgetting they wouldn't work in a country that didn't yet have hydro. To salvage his investment, Menelek used one of the chairs as his throne.

In an infinitely more profound way, another instrument of death now represents a King's position and authority. But the cross is anything but a powerless symbol. It embodies the stunning way in which God takes away our sins because of what Jesus did there. "This includes you, who were once so far away from God... separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now He has brought you back as His friends. He has done this through Christ's death on the cross." (Col. 1:21,22).

That cross, with its message of hope and healing, is still active today, giving life, not taking it away. But if we're not careful, we can cheapen it horribly by offering those around us what amounts to a facsimile of the real thing: one that looks genuine and serves as a great conversation piece, but

has no power.

A morbid replica is all we have if we substitute our own will and wisdom for God's and "empty the cross of its power" (1 Cor. 1:7, 2:1-5). Like me, maybe you can find yourself in the list of those who devalue the cross by "having a form of godliness but denying its power": lovers of themselves and money, the boastful, abusive, ungrateful and unforgiving; those without love or self-control, the rash, the conceited and lovers of pleasure not lovers of God (II Tim. 3:1-5). Few of us can look down our noses at John Pawley.

Even if we exhibit it daily, a cross without the transforming power of Jesus and His Spirit demeans the sacrifice of Calvary and makes it easy for people to care little about a death that has no real connection with their lives. That shouldn't come as a shock to any of us.

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Victims or Victors?

Recently, in a bookstore, I came across a book that struck me as worthless except for one idea. The author pointed out the problems people create for themselves when they see themselves primarily as victims. This becomes their basic identity and their excuse for not getting on with life.

I don't mean to sound unsympathetic. Beyond all doubt many are innocent victims of heinous offenses. Crime, war, abuse, greed, etc., all bring undeserved suffering. Sometimes the evidence of injustice is obvious – physical wounds and bruises, signs of starvation, etc. Sometimes it is hidden in the form of deep psychological scars.

Scars, whether physical or psychological, sometimes never go away. But they need not become our identity. If we are children of God, we are defined not by our scars but by the new reality of being in the likeness of Christ. This is now how God sees us and how we should see ourselves.

As Christians we know this intellectual-

ly. The problem is that instead of concentrating on this new reality, we keep dwelling on past hurts. This can gnaw away at us and eventually consume us. I've seen this when someone decides to sue over some real or imagined hurt. Getting "justice" consumes them, and if they don't get it, they grow bitter.

Deep within us is a desire for justice. We want a "happy ending" even in movies and novels. For certain we want it in real life, but we don't always find it in the here and now. I don't know how an unbeliever handles this, but I know what it means to me to believe with all my heart that God is just, that some day all wrongs will be righted and there will be a "happy ending."

With this kind of faith, we can leave our hurts with God who will deal appropriately with unjust people. Without it, we become double victims – victims of the initial injustice and victims of the ensuing hurt and bitterness that eats away at us. But when we leave justice to God, we can look at ourselves, not as victims, but as victors.

Ed Broadus, Beamsville, Ontario

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would resolve Indonesia's anguish. The urge to "fight it out" seemed to rise above all other concerns.

As they lined up and pointed their weapons at others, some of them began to think. Prayers began to be answered. hearts began to soften and anger melted. Even the lieutenants of some of the troops began to remember Mothers' prayers, Sunday school lessons, the story of the birth of Jesus, and his death, burial and resurrection. In those precious moments the hopes of Satan were defeated and Christian hope took charge of human hearts. Jesus Christ became the great commander of each heart, and national disaster was avoided.

Soldiers from civil conflict became committed soldiers of the cross. Great congregations continued to be built through Indonesia, until it is estimated that now, in 2087, 74% of the adults of Indonesia are active and fruitful Christians, imitating the example of that little "lighthouse" in Subang, W. Java, planted in the 1970s..

A mustard seed had grown, and now birds came and rested in the branches of the tree!

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Kindle The Spark In Your Child's Heart

Elaine Hart

(Editor's Note: The following was a lesson presented at a Ladies' Day by sister Hart and has been adapted to article form. We extend our appreciation to her for sharing this very timely lesson with us. LCH)

Many of you may be grandmothers and wonder what this topic has to do with you. Grandmothers can have a great influence in the spiritual lives of their grandchildren, too, as well as other children in the church or neighborhood.

Mother and grandmother were very influential in shaping Timothy's spiritual life (II Timothy 1:5, 6), and he went on to be a strong worker in the kingdom. Timothy's father was a Greek, and, we assume, a non-Christian, but it was mother and grandmother who nurtured Timothy's soul. Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother".

Those of us who are older can encourage the young mother in her efforts to train her children. We have "been there and done that" and from experience can share some of the things that worked for us.

At the time of her marriage a young Christian was neglecting her spiritual life. However, several years later a daughter was born. When the child was two or three, grandma started taking the child to midweek Bible class. The child loved it so much that eventually mother started bringing her child to Sunday School and worship. The child is now six feet tall and still loves Bible class and worship. She and her mother, who has become active once again, co-teach a class. So, Grandmother, you can make a difference!

When a child is very young is the time to mould and cultivate her heart. If this training is neglected at a young impressionable age, she won't be as interested in spiritual things later when her heart is hardened by the attractions of the world.

The following excerpt from **Children Won't Wait** by Helen M Young speaks to

this need to teach them when they're young: "There is a time to teach them the beauty of duty, the habit of Bible study, the joy of worship, the peace of prayer. For Children don't wait. Just 18 precious years to inspire and train him. I will not exchange this birthright for a mess of pottage called social position or business or professional reputation or a paycheck. An hour of concern today may save years of heartache tomorrow. The house will wait, the dishes will wait, the new room can wait. But children don't wait."

Walter and I did not have 18 years with our son. Because of our efforts and despite our failures, Neil loved his Lord. He had earned trophies and awards at his graduation, that made us proud. But a week later, when he was killed in traffic, the one thing that mattered was that Neil was a dedicated Christian and had been a strong influence to his many friends. We had a lot of pain, but that pain would have been so much worse if Neil had not been prepared to meet his Lord that day. We don't know how much time we have with our children; so, it is all the more important to use the time wisely.

The most important task in all the world is the task given to parents as they point that soul toward eternity and accept the responsibility for that child's welfare.

We need to be proactive if we want to have a positive impact on our children. We plan, we pray, we make decisions about what we want for our children.

1. What can we do to train and guide our children? Surely more than feed, clothe and educate. A charitable organization could do as much.

2. A mother told me she didn't feel it was her place to guide her children in choices they made. Why not?

- a. the ADS will
- b. the MEDIA will
- c. the LIQUOR INDUSTRY will
- d. the MOVIES will
- e. the NEIGHBOURS will

- f. the POLITICIANS will
- g. the SCHOOLS will

We use our influence in training flowers, vegetables, cattle and dogs. Aren't our children more important than these?

3. God spoke to Samuel concerning Eli (1 Samuel 3:12, 13). He was not pleased that Eli had failed to guide his sons!

When Moses stood to bid farewell to the people whom he had led for 40 trying years, he had some special words of wisdom for parents regarding the religious instruction of their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). There are so many ways we can carry out this command even in our modern times. When telling children about squirrel's, birds, etc., be sure to preface each statement with "God made - describe how God designed each to be specially suited to his needs, gathering food, finding shelter, defending himself, etc. The child can understand that this design is no accident of some Big Bang theory he will be taught later.

Families don't "walk in the way" much today, but they are in the car a great deal. Use these opportunities to sing praises, learn memory verses, talk about their Bible lessons and applications.

Marge Pittman made use of these times and by the time her son was two, when she mentioned one day that they sing the books of the Bible, he stated, "I sing them myself". And he did all 66 books. She didn't know he knew them! This two-year-old is grown, married and serving as a foreign missionary. His young heart was molded from an early age.

Take advantage of every opportunity offered in your congregation and in the area. Consider enrolling your young people at summer Bible camps. They need to know that the church is not just this little group in their community. Not only are you encouraging other Christians, you are exposing you and your children to a large Christian family who will know and love and care about them.

When you plan your holiday, make sure you can worship with other brethren on Sunday and even mid-week. We don't take a holiday from the Lord. These times were often the highlight of our vacations as we worshiped with others and shared in their fellowship.

Young people need friends, and there is a time when their friends are more important

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to them than family. Make certain that they have opportunity to meet and know other Christian young people. Christian friends with the same ideals will help ensure that your young people make good decisions for their lives.

Be sure to invite other Christian families into your home. Invite visiting speakers and people giving mission reports. Your children will be blessed by listening to these dedicated people and their work for the Lord. Our home seemed to host the visiting speakers and missionaries, and I loved the opportunity to listen and share. One lady in our congregation felt sorry for me, but I was the one feeling sorry for her family for missing so much that our family was experiencing. Our daughter, now in a large congregation in the Dallas area, knows personally many of the speakers and missionaries who give reports to that congregation because these people were often guests in our home when she was growing up. Her husband says, "Juanita knows everyone". But more importantly, her faith was strengthened by knowing so many workers in the kingdom.

A Christian family we know associated mostly with non-Christian relatives. Their children found their best friends among their non-Christian cousins. Did it influence their life? Yes, right out of the church.

In her book, *Cups Running Over*, Judy Miller (wife of Jule Miller) tells how she and her husband used each situation and experience as it arose to teach God to their ten children. Delightful reading! In an issue of *Christian Woman*, the Miller family was pictured with their ten children and their spouses, all of whom are active Christians. Several of the couples are full-time workers in the Lord's work.

Communities have all kinds of people. Some understand and appreciate the need for education while others don't. In one place we lived, a family with eight children sent the children to school only on Thursday and Friday each week. When asked the reason for this, the mother replied, "Monday is wash day, Tuesday is ironing day, Wednesday is when I do the baking, and there is no way my children are going to school without baking in their lunch." We find this simple logic funny, but it isn't funny for these children growing up without an education. But isn't this

what we practice with inconsistent attendance in Bible class and worship?

Jean Pennington stated at a teachers workshop that it would take 19 years for a child to finish Grade 1 if he went to school the equivalent of one Bible class on Sunday and one mid-week. Well, we would never accept that in public school. But often that is all the Bible teaching our children get and even less when they miss some classes.

We need to set aside a time each day for Bible study and devotion. We always seemed to live in suburbia with a lot of children surrounding us. Finding a time for the family to have a devotion was hard. Even uninterrupted meals were rare until Walter drew a picture of a place setting with a hot meal and taped it to the front door. We found it worked and kept it on the door until after devotion. Find a time for your family to read and pray together. Little ones love to say prayers, and their hearts are so open to God. Don't stifle their sweet prayers by having them memorize prayers. While devotions are important, the greatest impact for your family is that Christian values are lived consistently in your home.

A mother is the greatest influence in a child's life. She, more than any other, determines the values by which we live. She is the greatest influence on our personalities, our morals, and our religion. We learn our ideals from her. Our whole life should reflect God's place in our lives. "Home For Sale", a Gospel Herald article, reviews a book by Charles Stanley pointing out how to share our faith with our children.

It takes time to nurture a child. In our hectic culture of thinking we need two and three incomes, time with parents is often at a premium and the child is short changed. Time is rushing by like an express train, which is precisely the point. When it is gone, it will never, ever come again.

Building a happy family is the most important adventure parents can experience. But homes are being pulled apart at the seams by forces almost unbearable. Father is pulled away by his work, civic responsibilities, club commitments, and his own need for R and R. Mother either works outside the home or has so many PTA, civic, and social responsibilities that she is seldom at home. Children pursue their schoolwork, athletics, extra-curricu-

lar activities, and a constant whirl of social activities, which make them strangers to their families. Most homes have become "dispatching stations" and most mothers seem to think that their greatest task is to see that their children are at the right place at the right time.

As mothers and grandmothers, let us make every effort to use what time we do have with our children wisely in training them to become good Christian people. In closing, let me share a poem with you.

I Would Gather Children

Some would gather money along the path of life,
Some would gather roses, and rest from worldly strife.

But I would gather children from among the thorns of sin;
I would seek a golden curl, and a freckled, toothless grin.

For money cannot enter in the land of endless day,
And the roses that are gathered soon will wilt along the way.
But, oh! The laughing children, as I cross the sunset sea,
And the gates swing wide to Heaven so I can take them in with me!

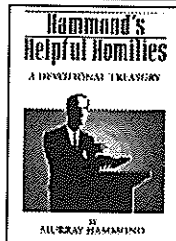
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Ajax: A youth night was on Friday May 7. Their mid-week service has been canceled until September.

Beamsville: Randy and Lois Morrill were given a going away farewell on June 27, as they are moving to Meaford where Randy will serve as the congregational minister. Vacation Bible School, to be conducted by a group from Michigan and Arkansas, is scheduled for the week of July 4. Ruth Zimmerman, just home from college, has joined a group to do mission work in Ghana. Angela Adams, granddaughter of S.F. and Maxine Timmerman, who were visiting, flew back home to Arkansas and on to Honduras where she spends her summers doing mission work.

This summer, Donald Perry is teaching a class on Colossians on Sunday mornings.

Bramalea: Building construction continues. As of June 14 the decks were on both the flat roof over the entrance and the main roof for the auditorium. Allison Knutson, Jenny and Jamie Stowe are home for the summer from Rochester College. The church is planning a grand-opening of their building expansion on October 2 with a three-day meeting and afternoon singing following a pot-luck on Sunday. This will be combined with their 30th anniversary. Donald Williams was baptized Saturday evening, June 12. He had been studying with Derek Wilson. Derek is engaged to his sister in Jamaica. Donald had attended the Mona congregation in Kingston, Jamaica as a youngster and during his teen years. He moved to Canada, married, has two children here and is moving to the Brampton area on June 25. He had visited the congregation several times on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings in the last two months.

Brantford: A spring meeting with Don Smith of Beamsville, on the subject, "Overcoming in this World of Stress" was held May 13-16.

Brantford: (Afternoon group) After much prayer and discussion, the group decided on a new legal name that they will use in their new location. "Followers of

Christ" will be the name put forth to the community. "The name change is not meant to be critical of churches of Christ. We are part of the one church established by Jesus, which makes us a church of Christ no matter what Biblical name is on the sign."

Joshua Crewe died quietly in his father's arms May 23 and went to his Father's arms. The eighteen month old baby had a brief but inspiring life that touched everyone. More than a hundred people were at the funeral. The congregation hosted a huge and successful sports and devotional night with 27 teens and adults, including some from Hamilton and Stoney Creek.

Rick Gamble is the keynote speaker for a college conference in Calgary called, "Living in the Real World." Cheryl Kasapouitsch and Howie Baker are returning to Brantford for their wedding July 10.

submitted by Susan Gamble

Collingwood: The Georgian Bay Singing was here on June 6.

Grimby: On May 13, several students from GLCC spent the day at the building scrubbing, polishing and dusting. Thirty boxes of clothes were collected to ship to the refugees in Kosovo. Vacation Bible School, "Hiking the Heights - Jesus Leads the Way" is planned for August 23-27.

Guelph: Recent speakers have been Steve May, Jamie Azzoparde, Brian Boden, Keith Thompson, S.F. Timmerman, (visiting from Arkansas) and Roy Merritt from St. Catharines. Larry Penner is considering going to Honduras with Graham Amy this summer. Speakers for the last two weeks of June were to be Bob Hibbard Jr. and Walter Hart.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): Community outreach projects for June include two video sessions for "Keys for Loving Relationships" and on June 19, we offered free pony-rides for the community for Father's Day.

The congregation that meets at 450 Concession St. held a meeting with Royce Chandler and seven students from Florida College in Florida on May 16.

New Liskard: Charlie Robinson, son of Jackie Robinson, was baptized recently.

Newmarket: On May 10, Ann Lindhorst told the ladies class about her trip to the Holy Land. Jennifer Webb and Howie Taylor were to be married on June 19. Molly Anderson celebrated her 90th birthday on May 20 and the GLCC chorus sang on the 29th. Howard Williams celebrated his 80th birthday and Marjorie Williams, her 75th.

North Bay: Their "Prayer Warriors" let-

ter reports that the eight Laos prisoners have been released after one year, one hundred and twenty-nine days. Natasha McMillan and Chuck Lock have returned home from their four month Papua New Guinea and Australia mission trip via Singapore and Hong Kong.

Owen Sound: The third annual soul-winning workshop, 20/20 Vision will be conducted at Great Lakes Christian College, August 5-7. "Living Water held a singing workshop for us on the afternoon of May 15, then led in an evening of song later that day. Jackie Padfield put on the Lord Jesus in baptism on May 23.

It was decided to send \$500 to assist Graham Amy in his mission to Honduras. On June 2, Bill and Betty Muzzell were born again of the water and the Spirit. This occurred while they were visiting here from British Columbia. Since they live not far from Prince George, they have been directed to the church there for Christian fellowship." *Walter Hart*

New Location for Ladies Renewal: "As summer unfolds God's handiwork, the ladies in Owen Sound are already thinking ahead to autumn. This year's Ladies Renewal weekend will be held September 17 to 19 at Camp Aneesh located close to Owen Sound. The buildings at this Girl Guide Camp are spacious and heated. Kathryn Haddad will be speaking on topics such as "Friendships", "Flying Through Life", and "Heaven". (Have you read her articles on the "For Women" page?) Singing and devotionals around the campfire will restore, revive and renew participants. Watch for brochures and registration forms to arrive at your local congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen friendships among sisters in Christ while enjoying the beauty of autumn. For further information contact Elaine Hart at 519-372-9042 or Owen Sound Church of Christ at 519-376-6702.

Sarnia: The brethren had a Community Open House, June 12 and 13 with Mark Bryson from Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Two deacons' benches were donated by Marie Hibbard and Hazel Hibbard in loving memory of their husbands, Aubrey and Ralph who faithfully served the church as elders. The benches provide the seniors a place to sit while waiting for their rides.

Skip Francis and his wife Kay are welcome additions to the church. They have four children. They look forward to working in the vineyard of the Lord for many years.

A Jack and Jill wedding shower was
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NEWS

- PRAIRIES -



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SASKATCHEWAN

Regina: As the school year winds down and summer begins, various mission groups are heading out. The Let's Start Talking Team heading for Tijuana, Mexico left May 11. Other L.S.T. teams are heading to Riga and Tartu. Additionally, the youth will be undertak-

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held at the church building for Aaron Bolhous and Wanda Hibbard. They are to be married on July 17th. A campfire and singing was held later in the evening at the home of Glen and Tracy Fournier.

Sunday morning attendance has been 93, 103 and 103 for the three weeks beginning with May 30. It has been many months since we have had three consecutive Sundays over 90.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): The ladies class was able to send another \$100 US to the Rosies in Madagascar. Ron Paul's seminar was moved to May, 28-30. The congregation bought a moped for brother John Raj Singh of Bilaspur, India. Now he can visit the various congregations in the area. The brethren have been working in the soup kitchen and singing in the Finnish Rest Home.

Sault Ste. Marie (Eastside): The brethren are hosting this year's Northern June Meeting on June 20 with Murray Smith and Geoff Ellis as guest speakers.

Stratford: The Bezati family, Daut, Mimoza, Blerina and Ani, from Tirana, Albania have arrived. Their annual 'Spring Sing' was May 30. Their volleyball tournament had teams from Kitchener, Waterloo, Sarnia, Brantford, London and Stratford participate.

Sundridge: Viola (Grandma) Preston, who was 95 in April, recently moved to a nursing home. She would enjoy cards or letters at this address: Eastholme, Box 400, Powassan, ON POH 1Z0.

Hubert and Terry Lawrence were married 25 years ago on June 1. Lewis and June Kent had their 50th anniversary on June 4. A more formal celebration is planned for the Kents on June 19. We praise God for giving these couples so many years together. Bethany Mashinter

ing a mission venture. Richard and Sue Krogsgaard are heading for Zambia.

Bernard and Alicia Krogsgaard are heading for Estonia. After their return in July, they will move to Dauphin, MB where Bernard will be working with the new missions program at WCC.

On May 23, Vicki James was baptized.

Ray McMillan received an M.A. in Christian Ministry from Briercrest.

A special day of prayer and fasting was held on June 6.

MANITOBA

Dauphin: Rick Goodwin was baptized on April 24 and Chris Neufeld on May 9.

Mike Parker, evangelist for the Wawota, SK congregation spoke on May 30.

plans to be married to Steve Cox at the end of July. We pray that they will have many years together serving the Lord.

Thessalon: Sonja Bailey received the news that the cancer was contained and removed. Sunday evening service was to be held at the Algoma Manor on April 25. Ken and Jane Whitehead have moved to Sault Ste. Marie.

Thunder Bay: A prayer group will be starting on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 at the church building. Family camp will be Aug. 27-29 at the Dorion Bible Camp. A Sunday School picnic was planned for June 13.

Tintern: May 16, the elders, deacons, preacher and their wives had a pot-luck lunch following the morning worship. Cory Smith has returned from a great Oklahoma Christian Chorale Tour. He was chosen most outstanding member of the group and was elected president for next year. On June 2 the GLCC chorus sang here.

Toronto [Bayview]: The Sunday evening 'life group' have been using the book, "How to Give Your Faith Away." Mabel Thompson celebrated her 98th birthday April 27. The offering on May 16 was sent to Kosovo for refugees living in Albania.

David Knutson, from St. Catharines, continues to drive over to preach for them on Sunday mornings.

Toronto [Strathmore]: A Bible Bowl on the book of Acts is being planned for this fall. The young people are having an activity every other week. Max and Cledith Craddock flew to Vancouver to take part in a special "Key to the Kingdom" weekend. Ray Lee Overton of Bedford, Virginia, and a former preacher at Barrie, was guest speaker for a meeting on June 11, 12 and 13.

Windsor (West Side): A farewell pot-

Winnipeg: For the months of June, July and August, Sunday morning meeting times have been changed. Bible school is at 9 a.m. and our worship assembly is at 10 a.m.

Lord willing, Rolland and Laurie Bouchard will be moving to Winnipeg at the end of June. Rolland will begin work with the congregation as its new youth worker on July 1.

Much of our concern and prayer has been directed toward Earle Davis who has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. We ask all of our brethren to join in prayer on his behalf.

Walter Johnson stepped down from the eldership on May 30. He and Margaret are in the process of moving to Edmonton.

luck gathering for the MacKenzies was on June 13. On July 25 the brethren are having a barbecue at 5:30 and then a devotional following. Plans are in the making for a 75th anniversary celebration in October. Adult classes will be studying 'Job' in the auditorium class and 'Prayer' in the downstairs class.

Geraldine McDonald has died after her long struggle with cancer. (See appeal on page 15 of the June issue.)

NOVA SCOTIA

Mill Village: The congregation hopes to move into its new building a half mile down the road by the end of June. Built on a sidehill, both upper and lower floors have outside wheel chair access. Contributions received are appreciated. A debt of about \$40,000 will remain. Walter and Elaine Hart visited in March after holding a meeting in Moncton, NB. David Hallett and the Harts were both in Orange, Texas for a special Homecoming in April.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: Al Meakes reports that Jack Lockett was baptized on May 5th and Edwina Bilbrey placed membership on the 16th. A "Friend" Sunday on the 23rd saw 286 in attendance including an estimate of "dozens of visitors".

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: The sisters picked new prayer partners May 23 and the congregation had a singing at the Tonawanda Manor May 30. Their Vacation Bible School is arranged for July 12-16 with their annual picnic on the 17th. The ladies were planning a retreat at the Watson homestead June 18 and 19. David Cornfield has had a preliminary diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease.

NEWS

- FAR WEST -



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ALBERTA

Edmonton: Belinda Foster was baptized into Christ on Sunday, May 8. Belinda is sister to Pam Fald, a member here in Edmonton. Belinda had been studying the Bible with Kevin and Pam Fald. Also in May, Ralph Kapteyn was baptized on Sunday the 23rd. Ralph was actively seeking the truth and came in contact with the church via the internet.

In the month of May we put out the call for men to serve as elders and deacons of the church. Two names have been put forward. After a time of testing (June), if there are no objections, these men will be installed on July 4.

We were sorry to have Dolly Powell leave Edmonton for sunnier climes. Dolly has moved to B.C.

Our monthly Parent Talk discussion was held on May 22. We had a very informative and interesting discussion on "Child Discipline." Thanks to Bruce Hoddinott, deacon of the Bible school program for leading the discussion. Bruce shared some of his expertise and experience gained from his years with the Edmonton Police Service.

Eleven of our ladies attended the Pine Lake Ladies Retreat on May 28-30. Nine of our ladies travelled to the Gardom Lake Retreat April 30-May 2.

We are very excited about our Gospel Meeting coming up on June 4-6. Charlie Kymes, pulpit minister for the Crosstown Church of Christ in Tulsa, Oklahoma will be sharing six messages on truth during that weekend.

Also coming up in June is the Edmonton Youth Rally. We will be holding a youth rally from June 25-27. The youth rally begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. Our speaker for the weekend, Randy Schilling, (who used to serve here as the campus evangelist) is currently working in Champaign, Illinois as campus minister. The theme: Don't Let Satan Win.

Because of the growth that we have had in Edmonton (our average Sunday atten-

dance has been 321 through the first five months of this year), we are going to have a trial run with two worship services on June 13, 20, and 27. The first worship service will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by a class at 10:00 a.m., with the second worship service beginning at 11:15 a.m. The information we gather during this trial will help us plan for the eventful need for two worship services on a regular basis.

submitted by David Ford

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): The satellite school is on course and will be open to the other congregations in September. The first course that is required is Book of Acts by Brother Abe Lincoln. This course will set the tone for all the other courses that are being offered.

The "Oakridge Educator" is being printed every other month and it gives information on the satellite school, teaching hints, and insights from the word of God.

The Adult Bible class is a series on the Old Testament. Major themes of each Book will be discussed as well as the overall themes of the Old Testament.

We are planning to host the B.C. fellowship next spring. The guest speaker will be from Sunset International Bible Institute. This is an exciting event to look forward to.

Spruston Road Bible Camp plans are made for the summer. Applications are available.

Salmon Arm: Last summer we had Marlene Krebs travel to Albania to evangelize. Since she still has contacts there the Vernon and Salmon Arm congregations wired over \$2,000.00 together to help their efforts in ministering to the refugees from Kosovo.

Last month, Doug Kendig began serving as an elder. Doug is also the Administrator of Shuswap Christian School here in Salmon Arm. He and his wife, Linda, have always been an active, faithful influence the many years they have been here.

Our youth group enjoyed the Youth Rally in Victoria last month. We sent six teens with a chaperone.

Our small group ministry currently has four groups meeting throughout the week.

Beginning in July our summer schedule will be to meet at 10:00 and finish by 11:00. We still meet in the Community Center, but are hoping to find a better facility soon. Please pray for us in this.

Our summer Bible Camp at Clearwater for ages 9-18 is June 27 through July 3. The theme this year is, "Spiritual Warfare."

submitted by Dave Bengard

Ming Paul Lee: Cindy Pendafiel, a student from the University of Victoria, will be travelling with us to Northern Albania this July. We will be staying and working with a medical doctor's family in Northern Albania and a small Albanian church near the Kosovo war zones. We will be assisting families and children in the refugee camps.

We are having fund-raising campaigns, such as plant sales, car washes, and selling chocolates to raise money for Cindy to travel with us.

MONTANA

Great Falls: Several of our young people attended the youth rally in Columbia Falls. The theme was "Blessed and Fruitful". Over the Easter Weekend, we held a youth rally with the theme "Giddy - up" based on scripture Jeremiah 12:5. Dan Fraser from Nebraska was guest speaker. Lesson titles included, "In the Race", "If You Stumble in the Safe Country... How Will You Manage in the Thickets of Jordan?", "How Will You Run with the Horses?" The singing group "Witness" from Cascade College in Oregon performed. They were very uplifting and inspirational to us all.

Two more souls, Anna Ludwig and Gary Knutson have been added to the Lord's family.

We are nearing a decision on a second evangelist. As well, an architect has been hired for the building project.

We are seeing growth in the congregation. People are tackling works of service that they have never done before by stepping out in faith and trusting that the Lord will see them through.

Chilliwack: Velma Forman who has been running a clinic in Lae, Papua New Guinea and visiting outlying villages left there for a few months furlough. Beginning June 18 she will spend four months visiting in Western Canada. She plans to be back in the field on November 4th.

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If I straighten the pictures on the walls of your home, I am committing no sin, am I? But suppose that your house were afire, and I still went calmly about straightening pictures, what would you say? Would you think me merely stupid or very wicked? The world today is on fire. What are you doing to extinguish the fire?

Corrie ten Boom, Amazing Love.

On most days, we enter the world with a "picture-straightening" attitude. Our interest and concerns are frequently centered on externals, the window-dressings. We go about tidying up in order to make things look right, very much like someone going through the house tilting the pictures on the wall back to their upright position. Never mind that flames and smoke are licking at our heels. It's a strange, and incongruous scene.

Christians have a singular purpose in the world. We sometimes get it all confused. We tend to think that our job is to amaze the world with our wisdom, to impress it with excellent architecture, or even to make people think that we have escaped all of life's troubles and turmoil. The reality is that our sole purpose boils down to making disciples for Jesus. There are many ways of saying it, I suppose. You might call it evangelism, or converting the lost, or discipling, or some other term, but in the end, it's all about helping others become followers of Jesus Christ.

It's easy to lose sight of that purpose. There are so many activities, so many responsibilities, and many, if not most of them, are good things to do. But, they may not be the most important. If we are not working to make disciples, we are missing our most important calling. If we're dashing through life, hurriedly juggling a thousand activities, burning the candle at both ends, even looking like a successful Christian, yet not bringing anyone to Jesus, then we may just be straightening up pictures on the wall of a house that is burning down.

Perhaps our biggest single problem is

BOOK REVIEWS

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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald)



Hammond's Helpful Homilies, A Devotional Treasury by Murray Hammond, Gospel Herald Foundation, 148 pages,

Joe Cannon writes in the Foreword, "When we were together at Omagh Bible School (Camp Omagh), the director, Raymond Crumbliss, wrote a poem in which he said, "Hurry, scurry, worry Murray." This partly describes the way he was then." Joe remembers when Murray gave his first talk at Fern Ave. in Toronto. "He got up, stared blankly, and fainted!" Joe continues, "From that inauspicious beginning, Murray developed into an orator whose messages were fine tuned, not too long, and well delivered."

It was through Joe and Murray that I went to Omagh and became a Christian. I

that we don't see the problem. I heard recently that it's possible, after a lightning strike, for the sap in a tree to boil for several days before the heat finally creates a burst of flame. You might not even see the fire raging inside that tree. In the same way, we miss the fire that is about to consume our friends and neighbors, family and other loved ones, not to mention the strangers whom we pass by daily.

Let me encourage you to pay attention. There's a fire raging out of control. We need to help people before it consumes them. Stop straightening pictures on the wall and rescue the perishing.

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Mission News

Quebec Province

Brother S. F. Timmerman, now living in Arkansas, recently pointed out that there are four full time workers in the province of Quebec who are natives of that province. One of these is Yvon Beaudoin who, although located in Quebec City, is ministering to several small churches spread over a large area.

The Quebec City church, without an evangelist for nearly two years, recently requested Yvon to assist them. He was already serving churches in four other centers. He consented to also work with them and now works out of an office

rejoice with Joe and many others that these sermons have been released in book form.

Preachers and teachers will get many ideas for sermons and classes. All will be brought closer to God by reading and meditating on them.

Listening to God, Using Scripture as a path to God's presence by Jan Johnson, Navpress, 220 pages,

To whom do you listen? Many listen to everyone except God. This book will show you how to listen to God. Of course, God speaks to us through His Holy Word.

The author is very skilled in showing the reader how to hear what God is saying in a Particular passage of Scripture. Many very helpful methods are used to demonstrate the fine art of "listening to God."

located in their building. He teaches their Wednesday night class, trains a preacher to "build his own sermon" and provides encouragement and teaching to individuals. Two have returned to the fold and he is hopeful for others.

The small group in Sherbrooke is visited twice a week (800 km) in an effort to stabilize the situation there. On April 27, Diane, the wife of Daniel Dessants, was immersed for the forgiveness of her sins,

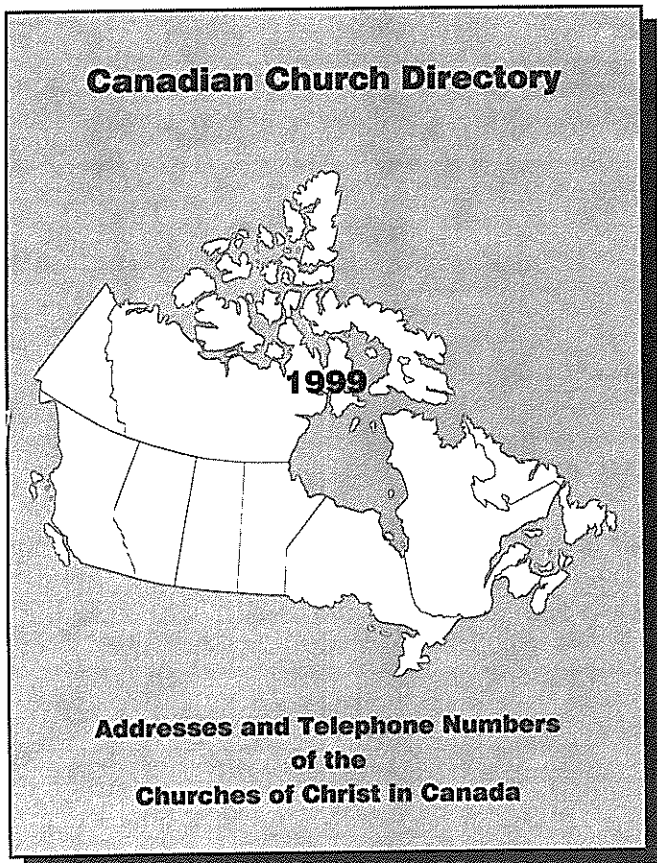
East-Boughton, population 1200, has an attendance of 10 with 7 members. Worship is a 8 p.m. and the Beaudoins are usually there until 10 and reach home about 12. In Shawnigan-Sud, where there is a small church, five students are doing Bible Correspondence Courses. Yvon also works with the Plessisville church which he considers his home congregation.

The Beaudoins are serving with dedication and energy even though poorly supported. May there efforts be fruitful.
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Zambia

A defunct church at Muzya has been revived and the move of a family to Mukwola provides opportunity to start the church there. The churches at Manyemunyemu and Siabaswi were visited. Seven young men were restored at Siabaswi.

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SPANISH SEGMENTS AND TRANSLATIONS

OBITUARIES

Marta Alvide (Arneson) Krogsgaard (13 December 1900 - 14 March 99)

Grandma Krogsgaard was born in Lillehammer, Norway. Her family came to southern Saskatchewan in 1905, before it was a province! On March 24, 1924, having been widowed earlier, she married Harold Krogsgaard and settled to farming and family development in the Ogema area. In 1966, they moved to Regina. In 1986, unable to function in their own home, they became residents of Extencicare/Parkside Nursing Home, where Martha lived for the past 13 years. Harold passed on ahead in 1989.

They leave us with a great heritage of faith and family; 7 children and spouses, John Malm, Ellis, Eloise Smith, Borden, Ruby Elford, Carole Straker, Sharon Robinson; 36 grandchildren, 96 great grandchildren, and 8 great, great grandchildren.

"You were special to us your children of four generations; in the first instance, you gave us life a precious gift! From your heart, you gave us your toil, your values, your example. You nursed us with compassion, tender care, and "straight talk." You gave us home, marvelous meals, an abundance of fun. For what and who we are, we owe you much." *Family & Friends*

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At Matsushi, attendance was 441 and 510 and "12 souls responded to the message and were baptized.

Starting in 1995 with about 15 volunteers, Christians from the United States have conducted annual medical missions in Zambia. These have attracted country wide attention. There are about 50 going this year. Among them is Wanda Spiers, RN, of Beamsville, Ontario. The number of people screened has increased from 500 in 1995 to about 8000 in 1998.

India

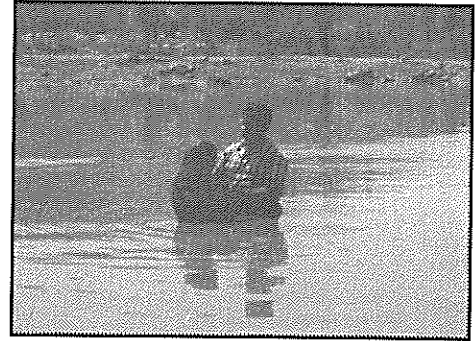
Benjamin Nanda writes that, while studying at a college conducted by a Christian Church Mission in 1973, he learned the truth through a "Basic Bible Correspondence Course" conducted by J. A. Johnson and through resulting correspondence with J. C. Bailey. He was converted into Christ in 1975. J.C. Bailey and Charles Scott came to Orissa and after Bible studies, baptized 27 into Christ at midnight on November 26, 1975.

Currently neither of these men is able to visit India, - Scott because of immigration restrictions and Bailey because of age. Thus the work in Orissa is left to brother Nanda. He writes, "Since then I am work-

ing for the Lord. Now there are 29 congregations in Orissa. Six were baptized on March 19 and 11 on April 11 and 335 students are enrolled in WBS.

"I urge you all to write me with encouragement. If any brotherhood is interested to come and work with me he is most welcome."

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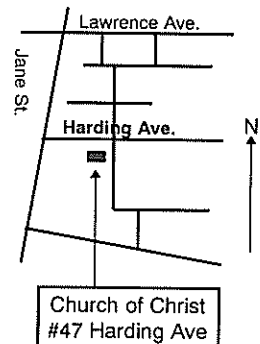
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THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; (807) 577-2213; Sun. 9:45, 11 (10:30 summer); Wed. 7:00; JoAnne Toews, sec. (807) 577-4081 (res.); Eric Bailey, ev. (807) 473-5353(res.), (807) 577-2213 (off.).

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TIMMINS: W.E. Miller Public School, 200 Victoria Ave.; Sun. 10-12; Thurs. 7:30-8:30; Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

TINTERN: R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:15; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; Ph (416) 534-3033; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E. between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6; Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd.#611, Scarborough M1N 4E2, 699-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

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

TRENTON-BELLEVILLE: Clarion Inn, 211 Pinnacle St., Belleville; Sun. 9:45; 10:45; p.m. in homes; Tues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-3741; J. Short 965-1079.

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, RR3; Mount Forest, Box 274, N0G 2L0; (519) 334-3077

WATERLOO: 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; (519) 855-6330 (off); Sun. 9:15, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 1st Sunday), Wed. 7:30; Javier Cuarcorna, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res.); Bill Schwarz, ev., (519) 571-1047 (res.).

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7; S.F. Timmerman, ev., Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; 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" women's class; last 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 Masonneuve, 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, ev. (514) 635-5105; rsaum@total.net; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Wed. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, ev. (514) 639-6432; chrish777@vidotron.ca.

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verreuil, 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 Eiford, 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., 7½ mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Puntnichy; 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 Krosgaard, 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: stoocofc@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. 9:30, 10:30, 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.)

CALENDAR

July CAMP OMAGH

- 2-4 Sharpening the Sword - Camp Omagh,
Max Craddock
- 5-8 Prime Timers - Walter Straker
- 11-17 Ages 7-9 - Max Craddock
- 18-24 Ages 8-10 - George Mansfield
- 25-31 Ages 11-13 - Brian Thompson
- 31-Aug 2 Singspiration - Brian Cox

August

- 2-6 Revival Meeting, Harding Ave., Toronto,
David Mc Falls - Be Ye Satisfied
- 5-7 20/20 Vision - Great Lakes Campus, Beamsville, ON
- 29-Sept 1 Seminar on Marriage, Ontario St., St. Catharines, ON
by Jerry Jenkins

September

- 17-18 Men's Retreat, Camp Omagh, Philip Slate
- 17-19 Owen Sound Ladies Renewal with Katheryn
Haddad

October

- 2-3 "Does God Exist?" by John Clayton, St. Catharines, ON

20/20 Vision '99

August 5-7, 1999

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

7:30 - 8:00 Praise and Prayer
8:00 - 8:45 Key Lesson: J.J. Turner
9:00 - 9:45 Vocal Concert

Seminar location:
Great Lakes Christian College
Beamsville, Ontario, Canada

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30 - 9:45 Praise and Prayer
9:45 - 10:45 Key Lesson: Mark Frost "Pray Without Ceasing"
11:00 - 12:00 Workshops: J. J. Turner
Walter Straker "One to One"
Al Meakes "Strategies for Real Growth for 1999, 2000 and Beyond"
Drew Chapados "Seeing What Jesus Saw"
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch at the building
1:30 - 2:30 Praise and Prayer
2:30 - 3:30 Key Lesson: Earl Greene "Heaven's Evangelism Program (Being Free to Serve)"
4:00 - 5:00 Workshops: Dan Cooper "Just Exactly What Is Friendship Evangelism?"
Mark Frost "Small Groups - A Biblical Model For Church Growth"
Geoffrey Ellis "The Preacher: Evangelist, Leader, Builder"
Darrin Douglas "It Will Cost You Everything!"
5:00 - 7:00 Supper on your own
7:00 - 7:30 Praise and Prayer
7:30 - 8:30 Key Lesson: J.J. Turner
8:30 - 9:00 Prayer Devotional

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 - 9:15 Praise and Prayer
9:15 - 10:00 Key Lesson: Wilson Dicker "The Master's Message For The New Millennium"
10:15 - 11:00 Workshops: Dan Cooper "I Will Make You Fishers Of Men"
Max Craddock "Blessings And Responsibilities"
Peter Morphy "Growing in God's Garden"
Teens - Jim MacKenzie "Sin is Toxic"
11:15 - 12:00 Workshops: Dan Cooper "Jesus And Friendship Evangelism"
Earl Greene "Heaven's Evangelism Program
(Spiritual Laws of Reproduction)"
Bill Schwarz "Cross Communication"
Teens - Jeff Cobb "W. A. R."
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch at the building
1:30 - 1:45 Praise and Prayer
1:45 - 2:30 Key Lesson: Dan Cooper "Jesus And Friendship Evangelism"
2:45 - 3:30 Workshops: Wilson Dicker "The Master's Model For The New Millennium"
Jim MacKenzie "Becoming the Family-Friendly Church"
J.J. Turner
Teens - Bill Schwarz "Absolutely, Not Exactly"
4:00 - 4:15 Praise and Prayer
4:15 - 5:00 Key Lesson: Max Craddock "A Time To Step Forward"

There are **no registration fees** for the workshop. Contact us for **billeting possibilities** on campus or with local church families. A **list of area hotel and camp ground accommodations** is available. **Child care** will be available on site for children ages 2-8 at a cost of \$5 per child per half day (\$3 per additional child per half day to a maximum of \$10 per family per half day). For additional information contact:

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