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Hurricane "Mitch" Relief Effort Report

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!Hola! Les traemos saludos de las Iglesias de Cristo de Honduras.

(Hello! We bring you greeting from the Churches of Christ of Honduras).

I am thankful for the opportunity I had to help oversee the Honduras Relief Effort. This was a great opportunity for me to visit Honduras and meet the brothers and sisters of the Churches of Christ in that area. I, also wish to thank the elders of Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ, (Marvin Johnson and Steve Gill) for giving me this truly unique opportunity to serve in this way, travelling to Honduras with Santiago and helping with the relief effort.

We also need to thank the Strathmore Blvd. Congregation (English & Spanish) members for organizing the relief effort for Honduras here in Toronto.

Many thanks to the Churches of Christ across Canada for supporting the relief work with clothes, medical supplies, food and money.

It was great to see everyone working together, as well as the community efforts to meet the needs of the victims of Hurricane "Mitch".

Santiago and I stayed most of the time with Mario C. Godoy and his family in San Pedro Sula, Cortes. Many years ago Santiago and Mario worked together at the newspaper co. in San Pedro Sula, Cortes and Santiago eventually converted him. Now, he is the minister of the congregation in one of the poorest sections of San Pedro Sula.

We received the container from the Port of Cortes, which is in the northern part on the coast of Atlantic Ocean. The container was transported by transport truck to the church building in Barrio

Barandillas in San Pedro Sula; there we unloaded and distributed the supplies to the 5 congregations in the city. Then we loaded the remaining boxes into a smaller truck to take to the south part of Honduras.

Our first stop was Pespire, Santiago's hometown. (the house where Santiago was raised was built in 1867). While we were there, his sister was hosting a free medical clinic in her home, for the town, put on by the Doctors and Nurses from the United States.

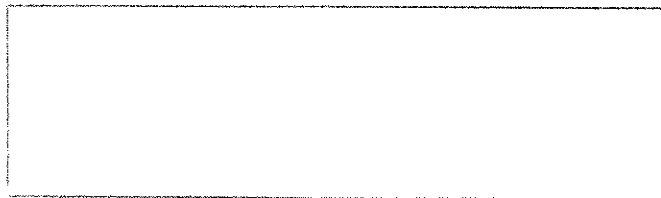
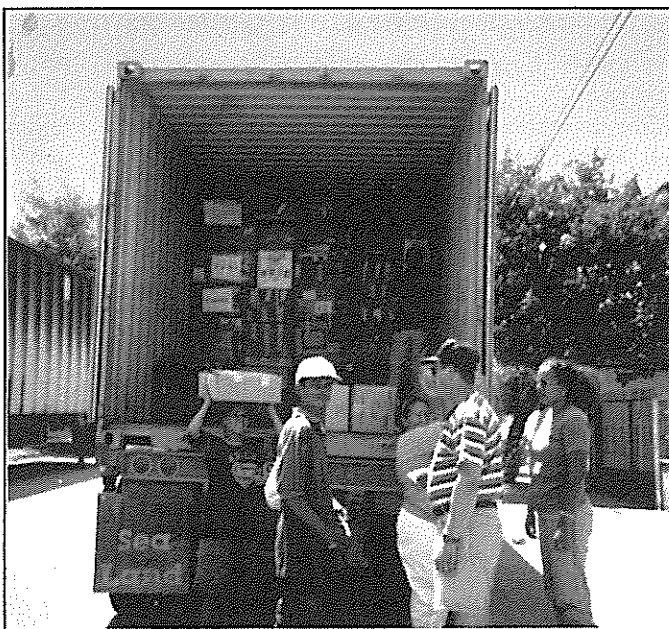
We then headed further south to Choluteca, which is in the southernmost part of Honduras, and only a 20-minute drive to the Pacific Ocean. This is where we delivered the last of the supplies.

Everywhere we went we were very well received, and they were very grateful for all the efforts on their behalf!

In conclusion, the trip was a success! Everything arrived safely and all the boxes were delivered to the proper destinations.

I (Gerry) am glad to have had the opportunity to serve in this way, it was a trip of a lifetime!!!!

Also, we've already done presentation reports on slides at Strathmore and Bramelea congregations. If you need more information on the Honduras Relief Effort, please don't hesitate to contact the elders or Santiago. God bless everyone!



"To Serve Them All My Days"

(Jn 14:15-31)

Felix H. Turner

In my study is a book with the title "To Serve Them All My Days," written by an English author by the name of R. F. Delderfield. It is an engaging book about an English schoolmaster. I have chosen the title of that book for my thoughts in this study: "To Serve Them (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) All My Days."

Our text is taken from John 14:15-31, and discusses our obligation and privilege to obey them all our days.

The motivation, of course, is founded upon Jesus' claim to be one with the Father (vs. 7-10), the miracles which provide proof of His claim (v. 11), and upon the promise Jesus has made to His disciples that if we do believe in Him we will do the same works, and even greater (more) works, than He did (vs. 12-14).

My DUTY To Obey

(vs. 15, 21, 23-24, 31)

"Jesus said: 'If you love Me, you will keep My commandments He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him' Jesus answered and said to (Judas), 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me' " (vs. 15, 21, 23-24).

In these verses, Jesus makes three things abundantly clear to all:

1. Obedience to His commandments is absolutely essential; they are NOT suggestions; they are NOT optional. Jesus raised the question: "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Lk 6:46). In Matthew's gospel, He said: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven" (Mt 7:21). Jesus Himself was always obedient to His Father (v. 31; Jn 8:29), and so must we be (He 5:8-9; I Jn 2:3-6).

2. Such obedience is confirmation of one's love for Jesus (vs. 15, 21, 23). Christ

makes it equally clear that failure to obey is solid proof that one does NOT love Him (v. 24).

3. Jesus makes it crystal clear that such obedience is POSSIBLE for all. Note the powerful words of Scripture on this point in the Old Testament: "For this commandment which I command you this day is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it" (Dt 30:11-14). John wrote: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His

Such obedience is confirmation of one's love for Jesus

commandments are not burdensome" (I Jn 5:3). Clearly, God's word CAN be understood and obeyed by all who want to do so. Paul said: "For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand ..." (2 Co 1:13). In another letter he wrote: "Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything" (2 Tim. 2:7).

My POWER To Obey

(vs. 16-17, 26)

Jesus said: "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you" (vs. 16-17, 26).

Can you and I ever hope to fully obey the Lord's commandments by relying on our own wisdom and strength? This question must be answered with an emphatic "NO!" Sin has too great a hold on us for that. We are, unfortunately, in the same

lamentable condition as the apostle Paul: "For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. For that which I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not wish to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that it is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the WISHING is present in me, but the DOING of the good is not" (Rom. 7:14-18). In Romans 8:8, Paul says: "Those who are in the flesh CANNOT please God."

No, my good friends, you and I cannot hope to obey the Lord as we should by relying on our own wisdom and strength. We must rely only upon the wisdom and power God supplies by His grace. One of my favorite passages of Scripture on this point is found in Ezekiel 36:25-27: "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and CAUSE you to walk in My statutes, and you WILL be careful to observe My ordinances."

Isn't that a marvelous promise? No wonder the apostle prayed: "That He would grant you (all Christians), according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened WITH POWER through His Spirit in the inner man" (Eph. 3:16).

The worst thing any of us can do is to develop the mindset which tells us that we CANNOT become or do what God requires of us! To have such a mindset is to fail for sure. We're defeated before we ever make the attempt. To succeed, we must have complete faith in the power of the Holy Spirit who resides in every believer. Jesus said: "All things are possible to him who believes" (Mk 9:23). Therefore, we can confidently say with Paul: "I CAN do ALL THINGS through Him who strengthens me" (Ph 4:13).

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Islam (Part II)

Roy Merritt

In our first article we mentioned four characteristics of Islam that are positive in the view of a Christian. One reason for this is that Muhammad was influenced by both Jewish and Christian adherents as he was formulating the tenets of a new religion. He evidently hoped that these "people of the Book" - the Bible - would join in his movement. He accepted many important biblical persons as prophets, e.g. Christ, Mary, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael and Moses. He stressed that he was the last of the prophetic line and the most important.

Though Muhammad counted Jesus as a great prophet, he did not accept the Christian doctrines of the cross and of blood atonement. In Surah IV:157 - 159, he explained that the Jews claimed to have crucified Christ, but that they were in error. They said "We slew the Messiah Jesus Son of Mary, Allah's Messenger - They slew him not nor crucified, but it appeared so unto them; ...they slew him not for certain, but Allah took him up unto Himself." In this pronouncement he is evidently influenced by certain apocryphal gospels which claimed to give new information about Christ's final days on earth and His ascension.

Some of these apocryphal stories also claimed to supply extra information about the childhood of Jesus. The Koran makes two references to spectacular miracles which Jesus is supposed to have done as a child. The first of these is an incident where

Jesus speaks from the cradle to reassure Mary's parents that He was born of a virgin birth to a chaste mother. Mary pointed to Him and He exclaimed: "Lo! I am the slave of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and hath appointed me a Prophet." (Surah XIX.30). Another such story tells of His shaping a bird out of clay, blowing upon it and causing it to fly away (Surah V. 110).

The Koran makes it quite clear that polygamy is permissible to Muslims under some rather loose guidelines. Up to four wives can be married legitimately according to the person's ability to maintain them and treat each of them equitably (Surah IV.3) Divorce could be achieved by a man declaring three times in front of witnesses "I divorce you!" (Surah II.226 - 230). Wives had the ability to divorce their husbands but it would usually be very difficult because of the economic hardship this entailed.

Muhammad had a convenient communication allowing him to take more than four wives. (Surah XXXIII.50). This would also permit him to have a number of slave women designated as "those whom thy right hand possesseth of those whom Allah hath given thee as spoils of war..." Despite the relaxed limits on Muhammad's ability to have wives, he does not seem to have taken more than one while Khadijah was alive. At the age of about fifty, he apparently married about nine and also had concubines. The book which he produced made it clear that "men are in charge of women" whom they can "banish to beds apart" and scourge them if they will not obey (Surah IV.34). Even the Paradise which Muhammad envisioned was pictured mostly as a reward for faithful males (Surah LV.46 - 76).

Zealous Muslims view Islam as a world order and not just as a religion. As such, it does not emphasize the ethnic lineage, the colour or the social status to which men belong. The important question is whether or not they have confessed the unique existence of Allah and Muhammad as his authoritative prophet. Where they are in the majority and able to declare their Shariah as the law of the land, they feel that they live in "the House of Peace". Where they constitute a minority and must abide by the secular laws of the land, they feel that they are in the "House of War". Their distinction is not a spiritual one as is Christianity's view of the Kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of this world (cf. Cor. 10:3 -6).

There springs from this world order concept, with its two houses, a requirement for the zealous Muslim to "strive in the way of Allah" to enlarge the scope of the world's population which will be under the Shariah in the House of Peace (IX.5,29; IV.74,75).

This striving has resulted in a number of holy wars in times past. In modern times the Islamic world is so divided that a world-wide Jihad has become most difficult, although there have been calls for such activity on the part of Iran and Iraq.

The material contained in these two short discussions has perhaps been oversimplified for the sake of brevity. Any reader who wants to make a fuller examination of the subjects discussed could likely find plenty to satisfy his curiosity by checking out a Koran from a public or school library. Our references should be helpful.

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EDITORIAL

Some Things Are Carved in Stone

Wayne Turner



There is nothing new under the sun," writes the Preacher in Ecclesiastes 1:9. "That which has been is that which will be." When you look at the book of Ecclesiastes and the mechanical and technological development of humankind, it is obvious that the writer was not speaking about human ingenuity and invention. Rather, it seems that he was more concerned with our basic nature and character. The sense of futility and frustration confessed by the Preacher is still experienced today. Over the centuries, we have really made very little progress.

We would like to think, in our age of enlightenment and prosperity, that humanity has reached greater heights. Yet our world is still plagued by war, crime, immorality, poverty and hunger. This lack of real progress may be most evident when life today is compared to life in the time of the Old Testament judges. The writer of Judges states, in 17:6, "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes." Israel was a land of moral and personal anarchy. There were no overarching standards, no absolutes that applied to all equally. At least these did not exist in the way people lived. Israel did have a covenant with God — the Ten Commandments and the Law. They had just chosen to ignore them.

In North America today, little has changed. From the highest levels of government leaders, through business and industry, entertainment, sports, and literally every area of human activity, including religion, we see the results of a society that has divorced itself from God and where people attempt to determine their own standards of right and wrong. "If it feels good do it." "It may be wrong for you, but it's right for me." "It's OK as long as it doesn't hurt anybody." Or as the lyrics of one song put it, "This can't be wrong, it feels so right." Anyone who tries to speak out for Biblical standards of right and wrong is labeled as rigid, anachronistic and intolerant.

Where has this cultural "new thinking" brought us? People generally do not seem to be any happier nor has the quality of their lives improved. Divorce and family breakdowns are increasing. Prisons are overcrowded. Cheating and dishonesty are rampant. It is difficult to watch any sports contest without seeing at least one person trying to cheat. How much have we heard about the moral weakness being demonstrated by some of the highest leaders in the world?

In his book "Sinai Summit" (Sweet Publishing), Rick Atchley states "But what is truly alarming is that in modern times we are approaching the logical end of an every-person-for-himself system of defining morality. We've almost completely lost a shared understanding of what is right. ... The only absolute is that everything, including ethics, is relative. ... there are no absolutes — no rights or wrongs for all times and situations." He later observes that he is seeing "a nation committing moral 'suicide.'" He refers to this as our "character deficit" and suggests that we need to return to the "Sinai Summit" — that in the Ten

Commandments we will "begin to understand that he (God) alone is the moral center ... the only eternal standard of good, the only source of real values. And in this instruction to Moses we find the ethic we need to become people of character."

Some church members might respond to this by stating that we are no longer under the Ten Commandments. We live under the New Covenant established by the blood of Christ rather than the old Mosaic Covenant. This is certainly true. Yet, we recognize that the two Great Commandments, love God and love your neighbor are as important today as under the Law. All of the Law and the Prophets (or the Old Testament) is summed up in these two commands. In Romans 13:8-10, Paul states that the command to "love your neighbor" sums up the commandments against adultery, murder, stealing, coveting and "if there is any other commandment." (cf. Galatians 5:13-24). Though we no longer live under the Law of Moses, the principles of the Ten Commandments still apply.

In such a world, people of integrity and character stand out. They cannot help being noticed because they are so different from the people around them. Their lives and ethics are consistent and clear. There is a distinct sense of right and wrong and of pursuing the highest principles. Christians carry this even further as they show the nature of Christ in their lives. The word "character" comes from an almost identical Greek word that refers to an image created by engraving or carving — a die or stamp. As Jesus is the very image (exact representation - NIV) of God (Hebrews 1:3), so Christians bear the character of Christ. They show that they are "letters from Christ ... written not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." (2 Corinthians 3:3).

Throughout the centuries, God has called His people to follow absolute standards of right and wrong. We are to be holy, as He is holy. The Ten Commandments represent and clearly state some of these standards. Our lives should reflect the same love for God and love for our neighbors. As one church sign has put it, "I can think of ten things that are carved in stone."

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What Jesus Means To Me, Part 1

Murray Smith

After the first American astronaut landed on the moon, the President of the U.S.A. praised the wonder of modern science and American achievement. On national TV he declared, "The planting of human feet on the moon is the greatest moment in human history." The next evening during one of his many crusades the evangelist Billy Graham quoted the President's words and then declared, "Mr. President, with all due respect, the greatest moment in human history was not when man set foot on the moon. It was when the infinite and eternal God set foot on the earth in the person of Jesus Christ." The President had enthusiasm, the evangelist knew the truth.

THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS

Christianity is more than a creed, more than an emotional high, more than a philosophy neatly packaged. Christianity is a person, the person of Jesus Christ. In this sense Christianity is unique among world religions. The most important thing about Buddhism is not Gautama, the Buddha, but his teachings. Or, considering some of the North American cults, there are no demands for the adherents to worship their founders, only to honour and follow their teachings. The most significant feature of Christianity is not the Sermon on the Mount, as great as it is. It is the person of Jesus Christ in all his grandeur who taught it. It is WHO Jesus is that gives substance and unequalled glory and authority to all that he said.

No figure has so influenced history as has Jesus. And in this last year of the 20th century, it is doubtful if there has ever been a time when the name of Jesus has evoked more interest since the 1st century when he came to our world. A number of years ago two men Tim Rice and Andrew Webber, who never claimed to be Christians, told what caused them to write the popular rock opera, Jesus Christ, Superstar. They said, "...because this life...is definitely...the most famous and interesting of all."

The essayist Charles Lamb once observed, "If Shakespeare should come into this room, we would all rise; but if Jesus Christ were to come into this room, we would all kneel." This was his way of saying that Jesus Christ is incomparable. The well over 60,000 books that have been written about him in this present century alone certainly testify to that fact.

I doubt if there is a more personal or a more urgent question for each person to

face than, "What do you think of Christ?" (Matt. 22:42). Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was martyred during the second world war, once remarked, "What is bothering me incessantly is the question-who Christ really is for us today." While no figure has influenced world history more than Jesus-consider that we divide time into BC and AD-it is doubtful if any person has been more misunderstood than has Jesus. There is a mystery in the doctrine of the Incarnation: deity, absolute eternal deity clothed and limited to a body of human flesh. This mystery compares with that of the Trinity. As one scholar has put it, "Try to explain the Trinity and you will loose your mind; try to explain it away and you will lose your soul." So it is with the question, "Who is Christ for me?" What does he mean to and for me?

Matthew records Jesus' question to his disciples at Caesarea Philippi (16:13ff). In an attempt to advance a deeper awareness of who he was and to prepare them for his fatal rendezvous in Jerusalem, Jesus asked, "Who do people say that I, the Son of Man am?" The disciples responded with a number of speculations, all of which were quite favourable. Some believed he was John the Baptist resurrected from the grave. Others thought that he was Elijah come back to life. Still others thought he was Jeremiah or some other OT prophet. Clearly, Jesus was someone very special. What the disciples did not state was that not everyone had such flattering ideas about him. Some people called him a Sabbath-breaker (John 5:16), others a revolutionary (7:12), demon-possessed (7:20), of questionable origin (7:27), a sinner (9:24), a drunk and a glutton (Matt. 11:29).

For many of his contemporaries, Jesus was an unanswered riddle. Paul's cry on the Damascus Road-"Who are you, Lord?"-echoes down through the centuries. It is a question that must be answered by every serious seeker of truth. It should not surprise us that over the past twenty centuries people have continued to see Jesus differently. Some view him as a truly great historical figure who was martyred for a just cause. Albert Schweitzer saw Jesus as a deluded apocalyptic visionary. Hitler saw Jesus as an Aryan who proved the superiority of Gentiles of European stock. Picasso portrayed him as a dashing bullfighter. Some of the eastern religions admit that he was a messenger

from God, albeit only one of many messengers.

John declares that Jesus is the Creator of the universe who came to planet Earth (John 1:3). And he is the light of this world (1:4). C. S. Lewis once remarked, "Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say, landed in disguise." Although Jesus appeared openly and walked and talked with people, John concludes, "The world did not know him" (1:10). The identity of Jesus is hidden to all but those who have eyes of faith. The reason, of course, is that, while one person, he is perfect God and perfect Man-quite properly, a mystery. The early Christian confession sings the praises of Jesus: "Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: he was revealed in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit" (1 Tim. 3:16). The human mind on its own cannot possibly conceive how the infinite God and finite man can be united in a single person. In response to Peter's bold claim that Jesus was, in fact, the Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus replied with profound approval, "Blessed are you Simon Barjonas, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 16:17). To know and confess Jesus as God incarnate is dependent upon revelation from God and faith that such is true. Any attempt to answer who Jesus really is apart from divine revelation is doomed to failure.

(This is Part 1 of a sermon delivered by Murray Smith of Thessalon, Ontario at the Northern June Meeting held at the Eastside congregation in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario)

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Modern Day Samaritans

You are awakened early in the morning by the ringing of the telephone. Your father answers the phone and has a short but earnest conversation. You hear your mother and father talking in the kitchen as your mother puts the coffee on. You cannot hear what is being said, but you notice something in the tone of what is being said. You do not hear the easy banter of early morning kitchen conversation, but a seriousness that concerns you. You roll over and look at your alarm clock to see that it is 5:00 AM; even the early risers in your family don't get up until 6:00. You know then that something must be up. If it is bad news you don't really want to hear it. You have just graduated from high school with honors and have only just begun a summer job that you really enjoy; your life is just how you want it to be. Curiosity gets the better of you as you hear the voices, quiet, except for your father's, and it sounds like he is praying.

You enter the kitchen and see your mother and father at the kitchen table in their robes and pajamas, a cup of coffee in front of each of them. In front of your mother is a box of tissues. When she looks up you can see that she has been crying.

Your mother tries to hide her tears with a welcoming smile. "Would you like a cup of coffee dear?"

"Ah, sure, mom," you answer. You can't take your eyes off of your dad. He has not said a word. Tears well up in his eyes, and you know that he is using all the strength in his being to keep from weeping openly.

Your mother brings your coffee, "Sit down with us dear, I'm afraid we've had some very bad news this morning."

Your father opens his mouth to speak, but no words come. He looks at you and the tears flow freely down his face. He looks into his coffee cup and begins to speak. You hear him tell you that the father of your best friend had called; your best friend has been in an accident and is seriously injured. After working the late shift, she had been on her way home at about 1:00 am when she was run off the road by a drunk driver who had then fled the scene. He was now in police custody, but still so drunk that he was slurring his

speech. It had been hours before a passing policeman had noticed her tire marks as they left the roadway. She had almost bled to death, but was now in hospital, hovering between life and death.

You can hardly believe what you are hearing. It doesn't seem real to you. You had just seen her yesterday and everything was fine. Memories begin to wash over you. You met her your first day of kindergarten. You'd held hands to keep from crying and you have been there for one another ever since: through homework troubles, boy troubles, parent troubles and what am I going to do with my life troubles. You just can't believe that you might lose her. You feel like you've been kicked in the stomach and you want to vomit but there is nothing in your stomach. Your coffee remains untouched and your stomach continues to roll over and over and over. You pray with your parents but don't remember the words. You sit crying in the kitchen with your mother's arms around you. Your mother is crying now and so is your dad. Your entire world has been turned upside down.

You get up from the table with fresh determination and announce that you are going to shower and get dressed and go to the hospital. You don't know what you can do, but there has to be something, anything.

Your dad says, "They need blood. She has already received a lot of blood and is going to need a lot more if she is going to make it." Right now, the blood bank does not have enough blood on hand to deal with another serious case, they are quite concerned.

"Your mother and I can't give," your father continues, "because of our high blood pressure pills and you've just been to the dentist, but we can get on the phone and round up as many people as we can. I'm going to get ready and go to my office and call everybody I know in town."

"I'll get our church phone committee going," your mother says, "we'll tell everyone about the need, the church people will come and help."

"I'll get on the phone with the young people and ask them to give blood," you

hear yourself say, "I'm sure they will come and give blood if someone their own age asks them."

You feel better because there is something you can do to help. You are encouraged by the initial response to your telephone calls, you hear your friends say, "just tell me when and where, and I'll be there." Their understanding employers are giving them time off work in order to help with the blood crisis. Then come the responses that cause you to question the values of some of your friends. "I'm awful busy today, it really isn't a good time for me." "I can't get time off work, I just started a new job and I'm going out tonight, maybe next week." "Give blood, I don't think so." "Can't you get AIDS from giving blood?"

"Don't they realize that giving blood could save someone's life?" You ask yourself.

I wish I could tell you that the above scenario is completely fictitious and has no basis in fact, but I cannot. It happens only too often to people like you, in towns just like yours.

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It Is Hard To Have Fellowship With a Cactus

Wayne Turner

When you were a child, did you like to run barefoot through the grass? Even for adults, there's something enjoyable about the feeling of lush, green turf under your feet. It's almost like walking on a cushion. It's wonderful - that is, until you discover something else in the grass.

Shortly after my family and I moved to Winnipeg, I learned about a weed that lurks in some Manitoba lawns. Hidden among the blades of grass is a short plant that produces thorny little stickers. Imagine my surprise when I took that first barefoot walk across the grass. It hurt! Weedkillers effectively removed it from my lawn, but I learned to be very careful about going outside barefoot.

We are all familiar with various plants that produce thorns and spines - beautiful rosebushes, raspberry plants, even cacti. These plants have built-in defenses that inflict pain on any animals or people who venture too close and too carelessly. To adapt the old expression, "Once stuck, twice shy."

Sometimes, people are like these plants. When someone comes too close or does something they do not like, they get "stuck" - the other person says or does something that hurts. It is an unpleasant experience, and like the plants above, makes a person think twice about being involved with any of these, as I call them, "human cacti."

Unfortunately, human nature being what it is, there have been, and still are, "human cacti" in the church. Many congregations have experienced the pain of having one (or more) of these people in their midst. Often, the church experiences these people's prickliness when there is a difference of thinking or opinion. Instead of being able to discuss the issues as mature Christians and brothers in Christ, the discussion is quickly aborted by a blast from this person's anger. Some of these people appear to be suspicious and distrustful of everyone.

These cacti may even be in positions of leadership. They inflict their anger and pain on others to gain or maintain control. Or they may feel they are defending the faith or the truth and are thus justified in their actions.

The question that should be asked is "Does this kind of behaviour have any place in the Lord's body, whether from a

leader or a member?"

The answer comes from 2 Timothy 23-26. "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will." (NIV)

Paul wrote to Timothy, who was a teacher. In verse 22, Paul has just told him to "pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." Notice these key characteristics, especially love and peace. Paul immediately follows this instruction

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with a warning about being caught up into arguments and quarrels. It does not take much to realize that these produce strong, angry, hurtful feelings and divisions. Therefore, "the Lord's servant must not quarrel." If we had nothing more on the subject, it would be clear that the quarrelsome "cactus" is acting in an unacceptable way.

Paul does not leave his point as simply a negative "Don't." The Lord's servant is a person of character and vision. In character, he is kind to everyone - not just those who agree with him or accept what he says--everyone. He does not harbor grudges against other people, especially his detractors. This takes a person with a very large heart! He knows that not everyone sees and understands things the same way, that it takes time for a person to learn and to grow. Therefore, he instructs gently. Paul does not tell us to go after those people that we disagree with, nail their hide to the wall and write them up in a brotherhood paper. We are to instruct them gently.

How easily we lose sight of this. Our nature is to become hurt and angry at those who are different from us and to deal with them confrontationally - often taking cheap shots at them. But how does such an

approach fit into what Paul tells Timothy to do to everyone? Certainly, there are times when some form of discipline may be necessary, but even then, should it be done in an angry, hurtful way or should it be done in as gentle and loving a way as possible?

The Lord's servant has a vision of what can happen when people are gently instructed, that even the most stubborn and difficult can change. By gaining knowledge, people sometimes "come to their senses" and repent. The goal of our teaching is not the self-satisfaction of knowing that we put someone in their place. Paul expressed the goal of his teaching as "love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." (1 Timothy 1:5).

The obvious point of what Paul tells Timothy is that the attitude and manner of the instruction are as important as the content. (We might see this as something akin to James 1:20 "Man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.") We often teach as much by the manner of our approach as by what we actually say. Teaching, even correcting, others with a prickly, angry, hurtful, confrontational approach is not consistent with what Paul taught here.

You might have noticed the specific audience that Paul has in mind. He refers to those who "oppose" Timothy. These were not people who were treating Timothy in a loving, brotherly way. They were those who stood as opponents, adversaries. This instruction specifically deals with those who were being difficult and who were wrong in what they believed and taught. (Obviously, if Timothy taught those who opposed him in this way, he would also similarly deal with everyone else.)

We do not have to look very far in the New Testament to see that Christians can have difficulty agreeing and getting along with one another. The test of our Christianity is how we deal with our differences. Do we treat one another with gentleness, love and respect even when we disagree, or do we rationalize acting in unBiblical and unChristlike ways that turn us into "human cacti" -and treat one another in ways that create suspicion, mistrust and division? It's hard to have fellowship with a cactus.

Winnipeg, MB

POINT BY PERRY:

Caught and/or Taught



Jesus invited some fishermen to follow Him and assured them that he would make them "fishers of men". No doubt this was an appropriate enticement and a suitable challenge to attract them to follow Him. Fishermen make their catches by the use of bait or by some form of entrapment and the purpose is not usually the well-being of the catch. In fishing for men neither trickery, deception nor entrapment were the methods used by those whom Jesus prepared for the task and the effort was for the benefit of those caught.

Efforts to accomplish "church growth" sometimes involve trying to gain in numbers by presenting an attractive and exciting worship style, by inviting to warm open and friendly fellowship groups, by offering seminars to help people with problems and hurts in their lives, etc.. People might like us, enjoy participating in our worship and appreciate our efforts to make their lives better and decide to "join" us. Our bait appears to have been effective. They might then discover that we have an "initiatory requirement" and submit to being baptized so that they can become members.

This scenario is especially possible in the current culture in which the primary interest seems to be in what is gained now. How many people can you think of who have been involved in "church-hopping", not because of convictions but because, "My needs are served better over there" or "They just did not fulfill my needs"? How much are we depending on these "current needs - fulfillment" strategies to enable us to "catch men"?

Jesus teaches us to let our "light shine before men", who seeing "our good deeds" will "praise" God (not us) (Mt.5:16), because they recognize that the light and deeds are the result of our relationship with God. If Christ is enshrined as Lord of our hearts, people will likely be asking us "the reason for the hope" that they see in us.

Such questionings give opportunities to use the fishing techniques used by Jesus and those he taught to fish, i.e., to teach the truth of the gospel with gentleness and respect (I Pet.3:15).

Jesus showed His disciples His fishing technique "as he went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing . . ." (Mt.9:35). However, those who looked for Him because of temporal benefits (healing and loaves) were told to "work for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give

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you" (Jno.6:27) and many "turned back and no longer followed Him" (v.66). Wherever Jesus and those He taught to "fish" went, the dominant activities were "preaching and teaching".

The power to save is in the "gospel" (Rom.1:16). To be saved people must hear and believe the gospel. The process required a preacher (Rom.10:14,15). There is no substitute for the message. It must be communicated (taught).

Jesus trained men to be fishers of men. They would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). People were saved, churches established and increased by the simple technique of convincing men that they were sinners and that Jesus died and was raised from the dead to provide them forgiveness and eternal life.

Teaching the gospel was the fishing strategy of those trained by Jesus. Cultural changes and the tendency of human wisdom to develop alternative strategies must not be allowed to replace this. Timothy was

instructed to "watch his life and doctrine" to save himself and his hearers (I Tim.4:16) and also to entrust the things he had heard to "reliable men qualified to teach others," (II Tim.2:2).

Evangelism and valid church growth involve teaching the truths of the gospel. Solid church growth results when sinners are *taught*. Those who are *caught* are without personal conviction and tend to fall away or become *church-hoppers*. We are not involved in winning people to us but in making disciples (learners, followers) of Jesus.

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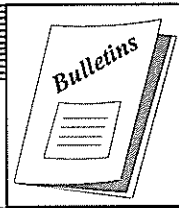
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Read and Marvel

I read a true story recently about a woman who just "showed up" at church one Sunday, responded to the invitation and requested to be baptized. The preacher was naturally concerned about her understanding. He asked her about the purpose of baptism and how she learned the gospel. Realizing that she was well taught, he gladly took her confession and baptized her into Christ.

But the story behind the wonderful conversion is quite amazing. It seems that she had gone to a garage sale and while browsing through the various "treasures" she discovered a box of religious filmstrips and tapes. The owner was only asking \$3 for them! She bought them, took them home and watched all five. And what tapes did she buy? The "Jule Miller" Filmstrips!!

How wonderful this story is, and yet how sad. It is wonderful because of the conversion of a lost soul. But yet it is so sad to think that a member of the church had lost their evangelistic fervor and so devalued the power of the word that they would sell the gospel treasure for a mere pittance of \$3. It

reminds me of Judas selling Jesus for the price of a slave. A sinner valued the gospel more than a saint!!

Remember the parables Jesus told comparing the kingdom to a hidden treasure and the costly pearl? In each case, the finder sacrificed all that he had to possess what was better by far! Solomon said "Buy the truth and do not sell it," (Proverbs 23:23).

When the gospel story is still your most valuable asset, that's...GOOD NEWS.

Les McGalliard, Wichita Falls, TX

Grace and Repentance

In Hebrews 12:29 is a provocative reference to a person "who has insulted the Spirit of grace." The context shows that this refers to any of us who "deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth" (verse 26). The Holy Spirit is called "the Spirit of grace." And the implication is that we abuse God's grace and God's Spirit whenever we intentionally continue living contrary to God's will.

This insult to the Spirit of grace seems twofold when we not only deliberately continue sinning but also think God's grace

will cover us when we have no intent to change. This is a total misunderstanding of grace.

In the story of the Prodigal Son, or Lost Boy, the father's grace, as wonderful and amazing as it was, could not help his son until he came to his senses and decided to go home and throw himself on his father's mercy. This was not because the father quit loving his son when he was far from home. The problem was with the son - he was not where his father could bless him. He had to go home first.

This is what repentance is all about. It is the decision to go home and confess to the Father. In the story of the Prodigal Son, the amazing thing about the father's grace is that the son wasn't treated like he deserved but was restored to all the privileges of sonship. There was nothing the son had done or could do that could not be forgiven if he would but repent and return home.

Grace is amazing. It's amazing, because no matter how often we stumble and fall, if we get up and go back to the Father, he throws his arms of love around us. It's amazing, because no matter how terrible the sin, if we repent and seek forgiveness, our Father takes us back. It's amazing, because when we sincerely seek to do our Father's will, he accepts us, no matter how faltering our attempts may be. But grace is not an excuse to sin, and for us to even begin to think this way is also amazing!

Ed Broadus, Beamsville, Ontario

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My REWARD When I Obey

(vs. 27-29)

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (v. 27).

We live in a very troubled world today. That cannot be doubted by anyone. I am really not speaking of physical trouble, although there is certainly plenty of that; I am really speaking of mental and emotional trouble that so many people are suffering from today. The couches of psychiatrists and psychologists are filled, as are other institutions of mental and emotional health, by the ranks of such troubled people. Some of the problems are due to physical conditions within the brain, and are, therefore, beyond the control of the individual. However, I believe that many, if not most, of these troubles stem from the simple fact that such people make no honest effort to do what they know is right in their lives. The Bible tells us that if we will do what is right, we

will feel good about ourselves and about life generally. Two passages, I think, make this clear. The first is found in Genesis 4:7. Following God's rejection of Cain and his offering, the Bible says that Cain's countenance (his facial appearance) fell, that is, he was depressed and angry. God said to him: "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up?" (vs. 6-7, NASV). In other words, had Cain done as he should, he would NOT have been depressed and angry.

The second passage on this important point is found in Romans 8:6, and points out that in order for us to feel right, to enjoy true peace of mind and heart, we must focus upon the things of the Spirit - not only on the things required and taught by the Spirit, but also upon the POWER of the Spirit which enables us to accomplish whatever needs to be accomplished. I like what Isaiah has to say here: "Lord, THOU wilt establish peace for us, since THOU hast also PERFORMED

FOR US all our works."

Folks, peace comes not only through doing what we know is right in the sight of Almighty God, but it also comes through firmly trusting in the power of God to do His work in and through us. So in closing, let's take with us the wonderful, encouraging words of that great champion of the faith, the apostle Paul, who said: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And THE PEACE of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall GUARD YOUR HEARTS (emotional health) AND YOUR MINDS (mental health) in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

Remember, please, that we have a DUTY to obey; we have the POWER to obey; and we will be REWARDED by the Lord WHEN we obey. I hope this is, or will become, your lifelong ambition: "to serve them (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) all your days."

Fenwick, Ontario

"Humble Thyself"

Luke 18:9-14

Keith Brumley

I would like to begin with a question. Suppose after worship today you go home, eat Sunday lunch and then settle in for the big game, and BOOM! - the Lord returns! As you stand before the judgment seat of the Lord you hear him ask, "Why should I allow you to enter into heaven?"

Think about that question for just a moment. How would you reply?

In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus tells his disciples a parable - the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. It is a parable about two very different men who had gone to the Temple to pray. Had this question been posed to them, no doubt they would have given two very different answers.

Let's look at this parable today with a view to learning how we might answer "the question" correctly.

Let's look first at the Pharisee. For us, the very word "Pharisee" is tainted because of what we see of them in the gospels. The very word conjures up synonyms like "legalist" and "hypocrite." We need to understand that for the majority of the people of Jesus' day listening to this parable, and reading it in the first century, the sect of the Pharisees were an honored, God-fearing group of people, admired and respected by many. To be sure, there were the "bad apples," but by-and-large, they were considered the popular religious leaders of their day. So, when Jesus begins the parable by telling us that two men went to the Temple to pray, one of which was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector, they would have assumed the Pharisee was going to be the "hero" in this story.

Now, enter into the Temple Courts with me and overhear the prayer prayed by this particular Pharisee. Hear it as an answer to our question. We picture a man standing off by himself praying, isolated from others, in the position of prayer - eyes lifted towards heaven, hands raised and open in expectation. You immediately recognize him as a Pharisee by his appearance, especially the wide phylactery and the extra long tassels on the bottom of his tunic (see Matt. 23:5). This would explain why he is off by himself. You know that the Pharisees don't like to mingle with the ordinary people for fear of being made ceremonially "unclean." Then, you hear him pray the prayer recorded in verses 11-12. Hearing all you care to hear, you move on.

This Pharisee's prayer epitomizes the

person to whom Jesus directs the parable - those "confident" in their own righteousness and who "looked down on others." No doubt every word of this prayer was the truth. He wasn't a thief, avoided evil in his life, didn't cheat on his wife, and certainly wasn't a filthy tax collector! Instead of fasting only the required two or three times per year, he fasted twice a week. Instead of only tithing what the law specified, he went above and beyond the call of duty and tithed everything, even his "mint and dill" (see Matt 23:1). No doubt every word of his prayer was the truth!

But had this man been asked our question, he may have replied with words very similar to this prayer. He may have said, "Lord, look at my devotion to you. Look at how I go above and beyond what is required of me. Look, what a good boy am I!" One almost gets the impression that God owes him heaven, and should be pleased to have such a man as he for company!

This Pharisee sees no need for God's mercy in his life. He is a self-made man, lacking nothing in the righteousness department. Sadly, because of this proud attitude of "needing nothing" from God, he asks nothing from God, and gets exactly that.

Our would-be hero is looking less and less heroic all the time. Let's look at the other man who went to the Temple to pray that day. Again, because of our familiarity with this parable, it is impossible for us to hear it as it would have been heard in first century Palestine. Back at verse 10, when Jesus mentions the tax collector for the first time, at the mere mention of a tax collector the crowds may have booed and hissed. Tax collectors were a hated and despised group of people. The tax collectors we come across in the NT were generally employees of the Jews' enemies - the Romans! The tax collectors were subcontractors who bought the rights to act as tax collectors for the Roman Imperial tax agents. They would set up tollbooths at strategic locations like main roads, city gates, markets, the Temple, etc., and assess and tax people and their goods. Often they would assess these items liberally and tax exorbitantly. In other words, they were in the habit of ripping people off. One only has to look at how Zacchaeus is able to pay back those whom he has defrauded four times as much as he'd stolen from them to see that tax collectors made a habit of ripping off their fellow Jews (19:8). In

other words, tax collectors were despised not only because they typically ran an extortion racket, but because they were looked on as filthy "Roman-lovers" and traitors to their nation. Certainly, at first glance, when Jesus begins to tell this parable, the expectation is that the tax collector is the villain of the story. But, read on!

Enter into the Temple Courts with me again and hear the prayer prayed by this tax collector. Again, hear it as an answer to our question. You notice another man out of the corner of your eye and for some reason you feel you know him, though you are a visitor to Jerusalem and don't know anyone. Then it hits you. That is the tax collector who stopped me at the city gate yesterday. That scum-bag charged me too much. What's HE doing HERE? Just as the Pharisee had stood off by himself, this tax collector does as well, though you suspect for very different reasons. You watch him and his very posture and demeanor indicates a man racked by his shame and guilt. Instead of the typical Jewish posture of prayer (eyes heavenward, hand outstretched expectantly), he can't bring himself to look towards heaven. And he balls his own hands into fists and, as if to give himself what he feels he deserves, he beats himself on the chest. He lowers his tear-filled eyes and then you overhear him utter his heartfelt prayer of penitence "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

This tax collector's prayer is the picture of a man overwhelmed by his own sinfulness before a Holy God! This is a man confident in nothing, a man conscious only of his deep need for the mercy of God in his life. A man desperate to be reconciled to God - to be in a right relationship with him again. Had this tax collector been asked our question, no doubt he would have responded by saying he didn't deserve heaven (though he desperately wanted to get in). Notice now the startling conclusion to this parable in verse 14. Our would-be hero, the Pharisee, turns out to be the villain. It is he who goes home without being right with God. And our villain turns out to be an unsuspected hero. Because he humbles himself before God, and penitently asks for mercy, he receives it and for the first time in a very long time, goes home right with God! As he so often does, Jesus upsets our expectations with his radical teaching!

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN



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“Christian Parenting”

(Note: This is number seven of a series (“She Shall Be Called Woman”) by Betty Burton)

She was a sweet little three-year-old girl, but she was also stubborn, crying and having tantrums whenever her parents said “no” to something she wanted. A curious by-stander asked her, “Why do you act like that?” With the innocent frankness of a child, she answered, “So they will do what I want.”

Children are not stupid. Often they are ahead of their parents in figuring out how to manage situations to their liking. And, so that peace and quiet can reign, finally the parents will give in to pleading or crying and tantrums. The children, in such cases, have won and are in control. What a dangerous thing it is when the inexperienced are in charge—and how dangerous, especially, when it is the development of human souls and personalities that is entrusted in the hands of the unknowing ones who are actually being developed!

But parents will insist, “I must give them what they want—otherwise they will not stop crying!” Is that really true? No. There are other ways to handle the situation so that the parent, and not the child, is in control. Let me share some wisdom gained from my parents and also from my own experiences from rearing four children.

First, the parent must decide once and for all that he/she is the boss and that the child will obey. Once that decision is firmly made, the victory is assured—the only factor remaining is to find the strategy that works best with each child, for children are different and must be handled according to their individual personalities.

Second, use some psychology to find the method that best curbs the child. Scolding and reasoning are enough for some sensitive children. Others may respond more quickly to the temporary loss of a favorite toy or some privilege. Taking away television privileges for an evening or a week can quickly change a rebellious

attitude.

Why does a child cry in a tantrum? Because it realizes that it is forcing the parents to turn all of their attention to him, trying vainly to quiet the noise. With my own children I learned that if I sent them to another room to cry alone, the tears disappeared quickly! I usually said, “Just go to the bathroom [or to your bedroom, or stand in the corner with your face to the wall] and don’t come back to me until you have a smile on your face and can say, ‘Sorry.’” Amazingly, the tears dried up quickly when there was no audience! Even a child realizes that a tantrum performed for no one is a useless effort!

When authority has been established, and when the child realizes that his parents will be obeyed, most of the confrontations will disappear. But occasionally strict discipline will be necessary and the parents must be ready to use it, for the child’s own welfare. Sadly, sometimes when such clashes of will occur, the parents lose their tempers and act like undisciplined children themselves, hitting the child about his head and ears or beating him mercilessly. How wrong it is for anyone to act the part of a bully, even angry parents!

How should physical punishment be carried out? With control, with concern, with love. Before using any instrument of punishment on my children, I used it first on myself. That easily answered my questions about how to use it so that no real physical harm would be done. One of the most effective tools of correction, as my mother taught me (both through practice when I was a child and through advice when I became a parent), is a thin green switch from a bush or tree (small Ashok limbs are excellent), stripped of its leaves. Applied correctly, it creates a stinging sensation that will long be remembered—but, again, parents should try it first on themselves so that they will not hit hard enough to make marks.

All parents have the responsibility to

their children to practice loving discipline so that they will grow up to be worthwhile, well-trained adults, but especially is this true of Christian parents. In His word, God has given us strict instructions about the importance of training our children properly. Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” “Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction” (Proverbs 19:18). “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Proverbs 13:24).

Mistakenly, some parents think that they love their children too much to correct and discipline them. They let them grow as they will, unruly, undisciplined little humans whom others avoid because their behavior is so terrible. They develop complexes, feeling unwanted, having few friends even the parents are relieved when they are away at school and there can be a little rest. If you, as a parent, feel happier when your children are somewhere else, it is time for some careful evaluation of your methods of parenting, for it is the parents and not the children who are to blame when they are “bad.”

Sometimes we are blind to the unruly behavior of our children, laughing it off as only “naughty.” Others can see the corrections that need to be made, but parents are very sensitive about any suggestion made by someone else that their children are not perfect. Why is this? Because of our own foolish pride. We realize, subconsciously, that a complaint about our children is really a complaint about the kind of job we are doing as parents, so we become offended.

But let’s be practical: How many years did you go to school to learn to read and write? How much training was required for you to do your work well? We know that in every phase of life, training and experience are necessary in order to do the job well, and we are eager for the training, not offended when a suggestion is made that is needed. Yet, with the most important responsibility of all—the rearing of our children, the shaping of their souls—we somehow feel that the moment they were born we became all-knowing authorities on the subject of parenting and we bristled inside against advice offered by anyone.

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NEWS

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Ajax: Fellowship activities have included a Sunday School picnic, June 12, a Father's Day lunch, June 20, the ladies annual supper, June 21, and a monthly barbecue at different homes during the summer.

Beamsville: The ladies discussion group ended the season with a special eat-out evening on June 24. Randy Morrill officially resigned as an elder to move to Meaford at the end of June to begin working as a full-time minister. In a note from Ruth Zimmerman, from Ghana, "We have been doing house to house studies in villages near Atieku, as well as teaching classes. We are now in Boadua. We will be going to Salaga and Yendi later this week. We will be overnight in Kumasi around June 10." A \$1000 contribution was made for Ruth and her work.

The Vacation Bible School was "Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure" July 5-7. It was conducted by a group of 20 from the Wheeler Road Church of Christ in Midland, MI. \$500 was given to Graham Amy and his son, Richard for their work in Honduras. Support of \$1000/per month, to Wanda Spiers, also in Ghana has been resumed.

Brian Smith and his cousin David Ellis, with their grandmother, Linde Zila left from Uxbridge for a three week visit to Germany.

Bramalea: Derek Czeban placed membership. Building expansion is now into its third month. The roof is on, the sheet rock is on the inside walls and the windows and doors are installed.

Sean Maxwell graduated from the University of Toronto, summa cum laude in Political Science. He will be continuing his studies at U of T Law School in September. High school graduates were Renee Wong, Oleta Thomas, Veronica Fordjour, Kurt Whittington and Mark Knutson.

Gerry Ellis and Santiago Molina gave a report on their trip to Honduras and Daniel Whittington gave a lesson describing his trip to New Zealand with Harding

University and the work they did. Two men from the Great Lakes Bible College extension course, Michael Darlington and Jason Jones, gave their first sermons on two Sunday evenings. The "Prime Timers" at Camp Omagh had 20 students in attendance on a daily basis, with a high of 26 on Thursday. It went from the hottest day of the year to wearing sweaters on Thursday morning.

Brantford: Out of town speakers were Jamie Azzoparde and Charlie Kippax. They were holding their annual church picnic on July 4. Joe and Viola Jones celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 1.

Collingwood: Services were held at the Sunset Manor and Bay Haven nursing homes July 23 and 30. The residents enjoy having several from the church join them.

Grimsby: A Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 23-27. Don Rose, from GLCC was a guest speaker on June 27.

Meaford: Marie Pelkie has been welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

Newmarket: Brian Cox, who is chairman of the board for Omagh Bible School has bought 48 Bibles for the camp, so children that don't have a Bible, can receive one. He encourages contributions to this Bible fund that the camp has established.

North Bay: David and Karen Lock celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with family.

North [Lake St. Clair and Erie] Shore: This young congregation began with 10 members and had a recent attendance of 20. The brethren have been getting some attention from a local minister who is concerned enough about the church of Christ's belief on baptism, weekly communion and not calling ministers 'reverend', that he spoke to his large ladies Bible class twice about it, which only created more questions; thus, more people know about the church. The brethren considered it "free advertising". They collect canned goods weekly and have helped two families, including one from Albania. Their 2-3 hour mid-week class has two new members from a conservative denomination. Ron Meecham, formerly of Toronto, but now of Warren, MI preaches each Sunday. A congregation in North Carolina donated a baptistry. Another congregation donated a communion set and some older, teaching film strips. They have borrowed pew Bibles and song books. Their new address is 2882 Co. Rd. 27, RR 4, S. Woodslee, ON N0R 1V0.

Sault Ste. Marie [Pinehill]: The Northern Ontario June meeting was at Eastside. Geoff Ellis spoke for the Pinehill congregation on Sunday morning. Ron Pauls gave a special series on "Coping with Stress and Depression."

St. Catharines [Ontario St.]: John Clayton will be presenting his seminar on "Does God Exist" on October 2 and 3.

St. Thomas: Victor Dale has returned to God and the fellowship and has placed his membership with the church here. On July 5th, Irma Degenmeir was baptised into Christ at the young age of 75. A meeting with Michael Tackett on the theme of the Resurrection is planned for the spring.

Brian Thompson

Stratford: VBS was to be July 11-14. The mortgage was paid off on the first of June and on June 20, Rachel Hoover was baptized at the building.

Thessalon: On July 4 a sing-song was conducted at Algoma Manor. Eleanor Smith celebrated her 75 birthday.

Thunder Bay: The brethren had a great time at their Sunday school picnic. The date of their VBS is October 9-13.

Tintern: Don and Penny Whitehead and their children, Brandon, Amanda, Shanna and Ryan, formerly of Tillsonburg, placed membership. Graduating from high school were Kendra Dickie, Terrel McBay and Lee Whitfield. Jamie Boden received his BA from McMaster and James Woodland, who graduated from medical school at the University of Western, ON is serving a two year internship at McMaster University Medical Centre. VBS was July 5-8 with the theme, "Champions for God."

Toronto: [Bayview]: While Dave Knutson was away, guest speakers were Walt Cromwell and Don Whitfield. The brethren took up a special collection of \$1,134.00 for the work of the church in helping the Kosovo refugees. The GLCC Chorus sang on May 30.

Toronto: [Harding Ave.]: August 2-6 will be a gospel meeting and revival with David McFalls. The theme is "Be Ye Steadfast".

Toronto [Strathmore]: Speakers: Ike Eteinne and Moises Velasco gave lessons while Max and Cledith Craddock were in Vancouver for a special taping of the Key to the Kingdom program. The church in Surrey, BC had two baptisms as a result of outreach from Key to the Kingdom. The "Key" program has a special 12:30 a.m. series for 12 weeks that started June 13. A report from Roy and Ann Witty records that about 30 are responding to the night

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ALBERTA

Edmonton: We held a gospel meeting on June 4 - 6 with Charlie Kymes from the Crosstown Church of Christ speaking on "The Truth." We had good attendance at all six lessons. During the weekend, two people were baptized into Christ. Jim Hrdlicka, who has been attending for some time, and has been reached through the college/career ministry, was baptized on June 5. Connie Roy was baptized on June 6. We welcome Jim and Connie to the family of God, along with Connie's two teenage daughters, Tara and Jennifer. Connie has been attending one of our small group evangelistic Bible studies for several months.

Our annual College/Career/Young Marrieds retreat was held on June 11-13, with about 30 in attendance. Several of the young men gave lessons on "Practicing the Truth".

Gary Poon and Suzanne Richer announced their engagement on June 20. No date for the wedding has been set yet.

We held a Youth Rally from June 25-27 at the church building. Although attendance was small, those teens who attended had fun, and heard some encouraging lessons on the theme, "Don't Let Satan Win" by Randy Schilling. Randy used to serve the congregation in Edmonton as campus minister. He now works in Champaign, Illinois, as campus minister at the University of Illinois.

On June 27, we bid farewell to Rolland and Laurie Bouchard. Rolland graduated from the Edmonton School of Evangelism in May. Rolland has accepted a youth ministry job with the Central Church of Christ in Winnipeg. They will be missed by many in Edmonton. A baby shower for Laurie was held on June 19, in anticipation of the couple's baby to be born in August.

Sadly, we also said farewell to the Gwozd family in June. Todd, Chantelle and Matthew are relocating to Lloydminster, where Todd will take up duty as a physician.

Several of our teenagers graduated from high school this year: Amanda Bartley, Hilda Doerksen, Peter Ivany, Joanne

Kabanuk, Tara Schaffler, Carol Shyback, and Lorien Wilson. Congratulations to all on achieving this milestone.

Medicine Hat (Crescent Heights): Mel Tarrent was speaker on April 4th.

Earnest and Joyce Andreas were back in Canada. They were in Edmonton for the spring fellowship and in Calgary and Medicine Hat visiting. Earnest spoke here on April 11th. (A note from the Andreas: We are happy to be back with you after our five months in Warsaw, Poland. Our work was very enjoyable and rewarding. Two of our students were baptized and several more are seriously thinking about it. They continue studying with the missionary there.) The Andreas are now traveling throughout the States.

Bob Watts was the speaker for the weekend of April 30 - May 2nd. The lessons were very informative and encouraging.

Gerry Barth was the speaker on May 30th.

Ladies classes are held weekly.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Delta: We rejoice with Karen Konitzer who was added to the Lord's family in May.

Jim Hawkins and Norm Weir went to 100 Mile House to encourage a couple of families who have started meeting together. There is also a woman who has started meeting with them who has been contacted through the Key to the Kingdom T.V. program.

Jay Don and Mary Lee were in Vancouver, Washington giving a report on the work here and in Russia.

Ming Paul Lee: Kayo Setaguci, Cindy Penafiel, Ming Paul Lee and his wife Suwana are in Kosovo delivering supplies. Supplies were donated and bought through such fundraising projects as plant sales, car washes and concerts.

Oakridge: The Miguel Garcia family will be visiting El Salvador in August. They will meet with Brother Antonio Pineda. The Garcia family will encourage him in his work there and will be taking some supplies to help on the needs there. Actual items are being donated as well as a special collection being taken on the last Sunday of June to purchase songbooks and Bibles in El Salvador.

A barbeque was held July 10th to honor Jeff and Judy Floyd, preacher from the Burnaby congregation. They are moving to Nashville, Tennessee.

Spruston Road Camp: Junior Camp - July 11 - 17, Teen Camp - July 18 - 24 and Family Camp - July 30 - Aug. 2. The theme for family camp is "Roots that Run

Deep" (Jeremiah 17:8) and the speaker is Steve McMillan of Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Surrey: Since 1997, we have been involved with the follow-up to the Key to the Kingdom T.V. program. We rejoiced on May 30th when a husband and wife, Victor and Maria Ondrasek, obeyed their Lord in baptism. Victor and Maria had contacted us through the T.V. program and had studied for several months. Several more studies are continuing after the first contact coming through the Key to the Kingdom.

We congratulate Sister Celia Beckett on her 94th birthday on June 18th.

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program and about 45 to the Thursday morning program each week.

Approximately 230 attended the June 27 Homecoming service.

Waterloo: The brethren are excited about their Seminar of Hope for Families with guest speaker, Silbano Garcia II. It will be presented in English and Spanish on alternate days.

Windsor (West Side): The brethren are planning a 75th anniversary for the congregation in October. Becky Hammond moved to Calgary and Jeremy Hoover is interning as an associate minister this summer. Jim Dawson and Jeremy Hoover took turns speaking and conducting the adult class for the North Shore congregation for the month of June.

There are quite a number of contacts from the Key to the Kingdom, TV program that airs on Thursdays at 8:30 am and currently Sunday nights at 12:30 am. The Mackenzie family has moved to Lake Orion, Michigan.

NOVA SCOTIA

St. John: Jonathan Goud, who enters grade 12 this fall was baptized June 11 while Tom's parents were visiting the family. Jonathan is the son of Tom and Stella Goud.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: Sad news: Their preacher, David Cornfield, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, received further diagnosis and treatment from a Cleveland, Ohio clinic and will be moving with his wife, Amy, to Abilene, Texas.

Imprisonment Ends

On Monday, June 7, prayers were answered when the eight Laos prisoners were released and returned to their families. It was the 129th day of the second year since they were imprisoned for their faith.

BOOK REVIEWS

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



Anointed Expository Preaching by Stephen F. Olford with David L. Olford, Foreword by Adrian Rogers, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, ON. 369 pages, \$39.99.

It was this reviewer's privilege to hear this author several years ago in one of his seminars on preaching. I was impressed by both his great ability and by his deep spirituality. All of this is seen in this outstanding book. No matter how many other books you have read on this topic, you will find much here that is very instructive and stimulating. Of course we cannot agree

with everything in the book (as is the case with many books) but those able to separate the wheat from the chaff will find much of benefit in this impressive work.

365 Life Lessons from Bible People, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, ON. 365 pages, \$17.50 Cdn.

This is one of the very best books on this topic that we have ever had the privilege to read. It can be read for personal or family devotionals. Preachers and teachers will find it filled with the best illustrations available.

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How foolish that attitude is! And, sadly, because of our own pride, our children are the losers. They pay the price while we, through trial and error, bring them up. Useless mistakes are made that we are able to see so clearly in later years, when they are shaped and formed and it is too late to help them with our tardy wisdom. But other more experienced parents could have helped us avoid those mistakes if we had only been big enough to bury our pride and welcome advice for the sake of the children who were dependent on us.

The world is changing. The family unit is changing. Children are being influenced more than ever by television, the cinema, their friends, and a relaxing of standards. Many more temptations await them than their parents were confronted with as they grew up. To remain good and obedient through the teen years and early adulthood will be severe challenge. It can be achieved only if the parents exercise loving control over their children while they are young.

The scriptures say: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives...Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but grievous, nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:5,11). Let us listen to the wisdom of God and be guided by it.

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But how does this help modern day disciples answer "the question" with which we began? To begin with, we need to notice that there are lessons to learn because we are the audience Jesus was addressing. The parable wasn't given to Pharisees. It was given to disciples of Jesus who very often fall into the trap of self-righteousness and look down on others. But there are some very specific lessons for us to learn from this parable.

One lesson to be learned is that no one is so good that they can pridefully approach the Holy God. In 1 Timothy 6:15-16, Paul declares that God's holiness is so awesome that no man can approach him. It was Paul himself who shot down the idea that one could be good enough for God when he said in Phillipians 3, that if anyone had cause to boast, he was the man (see vv. 5-6). This was Paul the Pharisee before meeting the Crucified and Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Then he changes his tune in verses 7-9. He learned that only the Holy God through his Crucified and Risen Son, can make unholy men holy again. We must learn the truth the writer of Proverbs shares with us in Proverbs 16:5,18 -- no one is so good that they can pridefully approach the Holy God.

Another lesson to be learned is this: no one is so bad that they can't humbly approach God and ask for and receive his mercy. Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking some folk are just beyond God's love and mercy. Not so! No one who humbly repents and asks for God's mercy is

refused by Him. God is not stingy with his grace and mercy. In fact, he sits on the edge of His Holy Throne waiting for a humble, penitent sinner to ask him for his mercy and forgiveness. In passages like 2 Corinthians 1:3 and Ephesians 2:4, God is described as the "Father of mercies" who is "rich in mercy." In Micah 7:18, the prophet of God praises God for pardoning sins, and then he adds, "you do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy." Take note: It is the Father of Mercy's greatest joy and delight to shower his grace, mercy and love on humble penitent sinners. That is why Jesus could say "I tell you there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Lk. 15:10). God throws a party in heaven when he's able to shower his mercy upon a sinner who humbly asks! Again, no one is so bad that they can't humbly and penitently approach God and ask for and receive his mercy.

The main lesson we should take from this parable, though, is this: humility before God is essential for all, just as mercy from God is available to all who humbly ask.

Now, let's end where we began. How would you answer "the question?" After looking at Jesus' parable, I hope none of us would answer anything like the Pharisee. I hope none of us would say, "Well, I always went to church. I read my Bible everyday. I prayed often. I gave of my means. I went to Bible class, was baptized by immersion, took the Lord's Supper every Sunday ... say, did I mention that I sang without instruments?" As important as these items are, I would hope, after hearing the words of Jesus in this parable, we would echo the words of the tax collector and simply say, "Lord have mercy on me, a sinner!"

The good news is that all who obediently accept the mercy of God offered through his Son can be "justified" in Jesus. Hebrews 4:14-16 assures us that we have a great High Priest in Jesus, the Son of God. We are assured that he sympathizes with our weaknesses. We are encouraged to "approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may find mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Let us come humbly and penitently to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ, trusting that we will, indeed, "receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

(The above is a sermon preached by Keith Brumley in Halifax where he serves with the church that meets at 48 Convoy Avenue.)

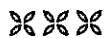
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SPANISH SEGMENTS AND TRANSLATIONS

OBITUARIES

Earle Davis

On June 25, 1999 after a brief battle with cancer, Earle Davis passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord at home with his family by his side.

Earle was born in Brandon, Manitoba in 1942. For many years, he lived in Estevan, Sk. where he and his wife, Marilyn, were converted to Christ. Earle's new faith and desire to learn more about God's word led him to attend the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Tx. After graduation, they returned to Estevan where they were very involved in the work of the congregation. They subsequently moved to Manitoba where they were involved with both the West Winnipeg and Central congregations.

Earle and Marilyn had been married 30 years when she passed away in 1997. In the fall after her death, Earle met Wendy Tucker. In the following months, he led her to the Lord. On March 21, 1998 they were married. About a month after their first anniversary, Earle was diagnosed with cancer. Just over two months later, he passed from this life.

During his last two months, Earle touched many people with the power of his faith and hope. On a Sunday afternoon less than two weeks before his death, when a group from the congregation was having a devotional with him, Earle spoke of his faith and the victory we have in Christ.

Just a few hours before his death, Earle spoke his last words. After just hearing John 14:1-7 read, he began repeating, "Home...Home...Home." The reality of his faith and life as a Christian, his courage and his hope will long be remembered by those who knew and loved him.

A funeral service for Earle was held in Winnipeg on June 29, then in Estevan on June 30 where his body was interred.

McDonald, Geraldine

Geraldine McDonald of Windsor, Ontario, Canada passed away on Thursday, June 10, 1999. The Canadian memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 6, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Christ at 2355 Totten St. in Windsor. Evangelist Drew Chapados officiated. Memorial services in the United States were held on Saturday, June 19, 1999 at the Moses Lake Church of Christ, 808 E. Sharon St., in Moses Lake, Washington.

Geraldine was born on January 6, 1956 in Caldwell, Idaho, the youngest of seven children. She lived and went to school in Warden, Washington, graduating from High School in 1974. On May 20, 1977,

Geraldine married Lloyd J. McDonald. They met while attending Columbia Christian College in Portland, Oregon.

She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was also well known as a person who enjoyed arts and crafts.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Lloyd and two sons, Brandon and Dallas, two brothers, Marvin (Betty) Hall of Friendsville, TN, Lynn (Terry) Hall of Celina, OH and three sisters Rosalie (Patrick) Fagan of Bremerton, WA, as well as a number of inlaws, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens near Caldwell, Idaho next to her parents. Those on earth are at a loss, but this is Heaven's gain and a victory for Geraldine. We mourn not as those who have no hope. (I Thessalonians 4:13)

Connie Lowery

Sister Connie Lowery, faithful servant of God, died suddenly at her residence, Monday, June 21, 1999 in her 77th year, she was born in Toronto, along with her twin sister Betty Mashinter, May 3rd, 1923.

Her parents Fred and Ema Byne came from England, where her oldest brother Ed Byne was also born. Connie and Betty were the youngest of seven children. Her brothers and sisters, Ed, Elsie, Maizee, Leslie and Harold have all predeceased her.

Connie was the beloved wife of the late Douglas Lowery, dear mother of Ed, mother-in-law of Janet, proud grandmother of Daniel and cherished twin sister of Betty Mashinter. She leaves behind many neices, nephews and friends.

Connie was a devoted Christian who served the Lord in many ways. In her early years she attended Maplewood church in Toronto, then Concord and for the past many years, Newmarket. She taught children's Bible classes and many ladies classes. She was the social convener at Newmarket, always willing to organize food for showers, weddings, V.B.S. and other gatherings. She faithfully mailed out the church bulletin. She worked for CHATS and the Blind institute as a volunteer driver. She always put others first and was always willing to help.

A service of praise and thanksgiving for her life was held at the Marshall Funeral Home in Richmond Hill on June 25. Brian Cox conducted the service. Kevin Thompson gave the obituary and Clayton McLeod led the singing. Burial was at the Elgin Mills Cemetery in Richmond Hill. After the burial the ladies of the church provided refreshments at Connie's home.

Connie was a light in the lives of everyone she touched. "Blessed are the dead

who die in the Lord. They rest from their labor, their works follow them." Connie will be greatly missed.

Keith Thompson

Mildred Mowrer

Word has just been received (July 13) of the passing of Mildred Mowrer in Washington, Colorado. She and Max served with Great Lakes Christian College and then with Western College for several years beginning in 1972.

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- Dale Jenkins |
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- Jeff Jenkins |
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September 1st | The Memory Of Home
- Jerry Jenkins |



Hear These Speakers

Jerry Jenkins is the minister of the Roebuck Parkway church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama. He received his education at Freed-Hardeman, David Lipscomb, Harding Graduate, Southern Christian and Abilene Universities.

Dale Jenkins is the minister of the Granny White church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee, and has authored such books as "Never Surrender", "Never Had A Friend Like Him", "Love Can Build A Bridge", and "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Spiritual People (unpublished)". Dale received his education from Jefferson Christian Academy, Freed-Hardeman University and Southern Christian University.

Jeff Jenkins is the minister of the North MacArthur church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He received his education at West Birmingham Christian School, Faulkner University, Freed-Hardeman University and Southern Christian University.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road, V9W 1P4; (250) 923-5233.

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg, Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6J4, 24 hr. phone (604) 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046.

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

CROFTON: 1288 Smith Rd. Box 45, V0R 1R0; Phone for time; (250) 246-3659.

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; Sun. 10; Midweek: Call for times; 205-1318 56th St., V4L 2A4; Jay Don Rogers, ev., (604) 943-7280 (res.), 943-0515 (off.).

KAMLOOPS: 110 Mohawk Cres., V2H 1J6; Sun. 10:30; Thrus. 6:30 pm; Contact Dan McLean (250) 374-4624, Rob Harper, (250) 554-6721; FAX 554-6728.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St. V1Y 2X1; Sun. 10:45, Bible study 9:30; Charles McKnight (250) 861-9486 and Barrie Forman 763-2103 (pager 717-8043), evs.; Wayne Muirhead 861-4008 and Ted Windswill 763-8445, elders.

KELOWNA (Rutland): #209-120 McIntosh Rd., V1X 7E8; Sun. 11. Call for directions/other services. Bill Forman, ev. (250) 765-3643; Clint Pontic, (250) 4911-1900

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10, 11, Wed. 7:00; Grant Hannan, min. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish, sec. 758-6929; cell phone 729-1893.

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

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

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

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd; Sun. 4, 3; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, Bob Turner, evs.; (604) 624-4449 (res.), 624-5834 (off.).

RICHMOND: Call Gary Marrs, ev. (604) 271-6197 or Carlos Castillo (604) 273-0506.

SALMON ARM: Community Center, 2550 TransCanada Hwy. N.E., Rm 1; Sun. 9:45, 10:45; 7:30; Wed. 7:30 at Shuswap Christian School, corner of 5th & 5th SE. Call 832-3828; P.O. Box 51, V1E 4N2; W. Bailey, John Murray, M. Taylor, elders. Shuswap Christian School, Box 789, V1E 4N9, 832-7994; Doug Kendig, adm. 835-8529 (res.).

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

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

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 541, V1T 6M5; Bruce Tetreau, ev., (250) 503-0112.

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

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

BRANDON: 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10:30; Midweek; call for location (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 6; Wed. 7:30; c/o D.B. Laycock, Box 266, Miami, R0G 1H0; 435-2413; or contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Hugh Gannon, ev., 745-6969.

DAUPHIN: Multipurpose Room, Dauphin Regional Consolidated Secondary School, Mountain Road; Sun. 9:15, 10:00; Sun. & Wed. p.m. call for class locations; P.O. Box 701, R7N 3B3; (204) 638-6321 (off); William Hart, elder, 638-5283.

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085; E-mail: Kastar@escape.ca

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

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders

(204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); Jeff Harris, ev. 261-5360 (res); Bible Call 284-9506; 475-6462 (off), 475-5302 (fax).

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 852-0919; Royal Maillet (506) 532-2956, Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682, elders.

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 3 Charleston Court, Quispamsis, E2E 4W9; Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802 or Tom Goud, 847-2199.

PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

STEPHENVILLE: 13 Florida Loop, A2N 2W9; Sun & Wed 7:30 p.m.; Daren & Kim Simmons, (709) 643-2629.

NEW YORK STATE

BUFFALO (Linwood): 481 Linwood Ave., 14209; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 882-5434.

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

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 11, 10; (867) 873-3875. Elders: David Lidbury, Barnard Straker, Steve McMillan, ev.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Call Groups meeting throughout the week - call for details; (902) 443-9628 (off.); Keith Brumley, ev. (902) 445-4194 (res); Wayne Taylor, sec., (902) 876-7402.

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Mee Rd.; Sun. 11, 10, 6; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or 582-1227; Ray Fisher, ev; 582-3457

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

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

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

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off).

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd. (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Roy Cox (519) 449-3239; office (519) 759-6630.

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

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

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

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Rd., K6J 1W1; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825, e-mail: allenk@glen-net.ca; website: www.glen-net.ca/of-c; fax: 613-933-1879

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

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

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

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. SS 11:05; Worship 9:45, 6; Wed. 7; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058; Dave Cox, sec. (905) 945-3833.

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

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

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street, L8V 3G8 (at Fennell) (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; (905) 385-5775; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174; Guy Stopard, ev. (905) 318-0102.

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

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

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

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr. P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, 377-4555.

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Earl Rattai, ev., 548-2245.

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

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

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

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St. W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Randy Morrill and Scott Mansfield, evs; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meafordcfc@bmts.com.

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Upper Canada P.O. Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Brian Cox, ev., 165 Britannia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; Ph/Fax (905) 778-0366 (res), 895-6502 (off)

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30-12, 5:30 (last Sunday of month 10:30, 1); Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, cvs.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 11:15, 10:30; 6:30 in homes (call for information); Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail--bigdaver@vianet.on.ca; WebSite--http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/8939.

NORTH SHORE (Lakes Erie/St. Clair) St. Clair Beach Community Center, 13731 St. Gregory off/Co.Rd 19; Sun. 9:15, 10:15; Tues. 7:00 homes; contact Richard Haddad (519) 975-4630

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Mencer, ev. (905) 383-5259; 875-2939 (off).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chonley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.).

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Walter N. Hart, ev. (519) 372-9042 (res.), 376-6702 (off), e-mail wn.hart@bmts.com.

PETERBOROUGH: The Lions Center (corner of Hunter St. & Burnham); 10-10:45, Preaching & Lord's Supper 10:50-11:50; Midweek 7:30; ph:(705) 742-5349; 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Peter McPherson, ev. (705) 742-5349; Shaun Parks (705) 876-7104..

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

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30 Potluck every first Sun.; 834-5775 (off).

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Steve Cordle, ev. (905) 934-3862 (res); 935-9581 (off.); contact David Carruthers (905) 227-8972.

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafton Gage Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 123 1/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

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

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Skip Francis, ev., 519-339-1161 (off) 519-344-4846 (res.). E-mail: sarcocf@cbtech.net; other contact: Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; Email:vhibbard@cbtech.net

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

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev. (705) 256-1977 (res.), (705) 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612.

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Art Garner, Box 144, L0R 2A0; (905) 957-7745; John Hains, ev., 957-1123.

SOUTH RIVER: Jasper St. S. off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, 386-2628, church bldg. 386-2551.

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Darrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 664-7583(res); Robert Priestnall, sec.

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 11:15, 9:45; Wed. 7:30; George Mansfield, ev. (519) 273-5280 (off); 272-1714 (res); e-mail: gmansfld@quadro.net; David Ross, 744-2872; John Brush, 625-1054; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439;

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Peter Morphy, ev., (705) 524-3944 (res.), 560-3964 (bldg); email: pmorphy@cyberbeach.net; Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933..

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

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

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; (807) 577-2213; Sun. 9:45, 11 (10:30 summer); Wed. 7:00; JoAnne Twocw, 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 Hilbom, 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; Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd.#611, Scarborough M1N 4E2, 699-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cres. 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 maxe@sympatico.ca; FAX (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev.

TRENTON-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) 969-0741; J. Short 965-1079; Ron Moore 962-1530.

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 4th Sunday). Wed. 7:30; Javier Cuarezma, 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 Cres., 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; chrisb777@videotron.ca.

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verduil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 10:45, 9:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; (418) 651-3664.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

ESTEVAN: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res.

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

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

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

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

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

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 7 1/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnichy; Sun. 11, 10; Box 158, Wishart, S0A 4R0; 835-2681.

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187.

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 10 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Richard Thuc, sec., Box 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

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

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

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- 2-6** Revival Meeting, Harding Ave., Toronto, David Mc Falls. - Be Ye Satisfied
- 5-7** 20/20 Vision - Great Lakes Campus, Beamsville, ON
- 27-29** Second Annual 20's weekend at Camp Omagh "What do we believe and why do we believe it?"
- 29-Sept. 1** Seminar on Marriage; Ontario St., St. Catharines, ON by Jerry Jenkins
- 30-Sept 3** Harding Graduate Class: Youth ministry at WCC, Dauphin, MB by, Dr. Robert Oglesby

September

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

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