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70th Anniversary Celebrated by Manson, Manitoba Church

The church of Christ at Manson, Manitoba celebrated its 70th Anniversary on July 30 through August 2. Friday evening featured registration, a sing song bonfire and lunch at the rink.

After time for breakfast and registrations on Saturday, Dustin Schneider of Saskatoon was baptized by his grandfather, Lloyd Jacobs. A chicken dinner at the rink was followed by lots of visiting in the afternoon and a two hour program in which some families sang together and others did their part. Supper and more visiting was followed by a ball game and wiener roast on the school grounds. The community was invited and attendance was good.

Sunday began with breakfast and more visiting. The church service, at 10:30 at the school building, was opened by Wilf Rogers. (His grandfather, H.A.Rogers, started the church at Manson when he moved his family from Carman to farm here in 1929. Four generations of Rogers are in the picture.) Participants were Gilbert Jacobs (prayer), Rob Phipps, Monroe Washington, USA (song leading), Dwain Hicks (table), Dana Schneider, Joshua Muller, Don Maxwell (passers), Manley Jacobs (thanks for

the loaf), Ed Elford (thanks for the fruit of the vine), Don Maxwell (offering), Joe DeYoung (speaker) "Examples" and Allen Jacobs, Vancouver (prayer).

After a chili dinner, desert and visiting at the rink in the afternoon there was a two hour "memory time". Many told funny memories while others made us really appreciate what is here today. The day ended with more visiting, supper, an evening sing song, bonfire and lunch.

Monday consisted of breakfast, dinner and good-byes.

People came and left at different times but a total of over 150 attended. Most brought pictures and the picture table brought
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“God’s Lost Lambs”

Mark Addison

I have been a member of the church for many years and have seen people come and go for a variety of reasons. Some recent events have caused me to stop and ponder our response to these events.

When a new family moves into town, or begins to visit our services, we are delighted. We court them. We invite them to fellowships. We make every effort to get to know them, and do our best to make our congregation appear favorable to them in a desire that they will choose to come, worship and work with us in our ministries.

We are very good at pursuing those who come. It is the other side of this equation that concerns me. That is the side that addresses those who go. Not the ones who move away to other geographic locations, but the ones who quietly slip away unnoticed. Or the few who get their feelings hurt or get in a huff and choose to go elsewhere. Or still others who when found out in public sin, simply never return.

My question and concern: Who goes after these lost sheep? We who have been baptized into Jesus Christ are joint heirs (Titus 3:4-7). We are a spiritual family, the called out children of God (I John 3:1), members of one body where every member is important and has a purpose (I Corinthians 12:18). How is it that we could lack a fervent passion to reclaim for Jesus those brothers and sisters who stumble and fall?

Oh sure, on paper, in theory, and even in the scriptures we have evidence that we are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), and we know that we who are strong should restore those who are weak (Galatians 6:1). We have certainly discussed how Satan roams the earth as a roaring lion seeking those whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8).

Yet, even knowing these truths, we often recoil from the task of restoring those who have fallen away. I am brought to my knees in repentance of my lack of love, concern and compassion for my brothers and sisters. Having come to this point, I believe that we are, each of us, called to minister, as shepherds of God, to His lost lambs (I Corinthians 12:22-26).

When we find that some brother or sister has stopped attending our worship or withdrawn from our fellowship we need to go to them. Cards can be a wonderful form of encouragement. Telephone calls are also a terrific way to send the message that

we care. But notice the example Jesus gives us in His parable of the lost sheep. The shepherd left the flock and went to look for the sheep that had wandered away - he didn't sit back and wait for the sheep - he went (Luke 15:4-6). God says go. When we go our presence bears the message "I care", "I love you", "I am concerned for your soul", "God seeks you because look! I am here. He sent me!"

When we go, we must be specific of why we are there. We are there to call them back to God. We need to offer encouragement, a guarantee of unconditional love and acceptance. We do not accept sin because God does not accept sin; but we do accept repentant sinners. After all, that is what we all are: repentant sinners saved by grace, not of our own works so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:8).

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There are some who may never have the courage to come back to God and His church if we don't seek them out and assure them that God's love never fails (I Corinthians 13:8). And even as I write this, I sense the old fears and excuses that I have made in the past rising back to the surface. The fear of what to say. The fear of rejection. The excuse of "why, I don't really know them very well", As we walk in the spirit we must remember that it is God's spirit that is in us to will and to work (Phil. 2:13). He will give us the words. "Perfect love casts out all fear" (I John 4:18). As we choose to love our brothers and sisters with God's love, we won't be afraid. God's love will remove the fear from us. And, you know, to the hurting, it doesn't matter how well we know them personally. Remember, we are not going for the purpose of calling the lost back to ourselves, but rather to God. I don't need to know you very well to tell you how much God loves you and longs for your return to Him. I am only God's messenger in this.

Our goal as we go, is to restore the relationship of the one who has strayed on three dimensions. We seek their restoration to God, to His church, and to those who have been sinned against.

Restoration to God comes immediately

upon repentance of sin and the asking of forgiveness (I John 1:9). As we minister to this straying lamb our desire is to bring him/her back into a surrendered relationship to God. We need to encourage our brother or sister to turn back to the one who loves them most. We must remind them of God's love, His promises, His redemptive work in us and His power to heal and change lives.

Restoration to those who were sinned against is made as forgiveness is sought from those hurt by the sin of the one who strayed. This is often the toughest restoration. We need to encourage our brother or sister to go and seek forgiveness as needed. We might also need to encourage those who were hurt to respond with the forgiveness that God commands (Colossians 3:13).

Forgiveness is not just the "giving up our right for revenge" as many of us were taught. We never have a right to revenge. "It is mine to avenge" says the Lord. (Romans 12:19). Forgiveness is the releasing of debt and the restoration of the relationship. We are instructed to forgive, comfort, and reaffirm our love for our brother or sister that they might not be overwhelmed by excess sorrow (II Corinthians 2:7-8).

We must not exhibit elder brother tendencies toward our repentant brother or sister but follow the lead of God our father who runs to greet us, throws his arms around us and kisses us (Luke 15:20). There is absolutely no scriptural basis for the idea that we will allow repentant sinners to come back into our midst but that they must prove themselves or that they need to take a back seat for some undesignated length of time. When God forgives, He immediately restores and so must we.

I feel compelled to stop for just a moment and address our innate desire to judge our brother or sister with sentences such as: "I would never...", "How could they claim to be a Christian and do ...". It is not a unique phenomenon that, from my perspective, your sins generally appear to be much bigger than mine. Any sin separates us from God. It is man who has coined the terms "little white sin" and "big black sins". All sin is scarlet in God's color scheme and requires the blood of Jesus to cleanse (Isaiah 1:3). Who is to say that if God had allowed me to be tempted

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as my brother or sister had been, that I might not have fallen too? We are all taught of Satan's schemes. If we say we have no sin we are liars and the truth is not in us (I John 1:8-10). Even those deeply in love with Jesus Christ can take their eyes off the cross and stumble.

Finally, after we go seeking, after we restore, we need to nurture our brothers and sisters who have fallen. The reality is that those brothers and sisters who left the fold were weakened, possibly, long before they left the fold or before their sin became public. They need to be strengthened to resist Satan's snare. We are told to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). Those of us who are strong are to help those who are weaker (Romans 15:1). We need to build them up through encouragement; continual, ongoing encouragement; not just a cursory hug upon their initial return or response.

We need to be available to them for good and wise counsel (Proverbs 27:9).

Those who have wrestled with sins of adultery, alcoholism, substance abuse, broken relationships, anger, apathy, idolatry, or homosexuality may need professional counseling. But there are many of us to whom the scripture applies "...and such were some of you" (I Corinthians 6:11). We can use our struggles to help, to counsel in a very real and personal way our fallen brother or sister. Allow God to use you with your successes and failures to provide a powerful ministry.

Look for opportunities to open God's word together. Pray for and with your brother or sister. Pray for God's healing and watch it occur. We must never limit God's power to change lives by our own narrow faithless thinking. God is bigger than all our problems, fears and inadequacies. "The prayer of a righteous man, is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

As I write this, my fervent prayer is that we will allow God's spirit to guide us in our efforts and focus. There are hurting members of God's church who feel

ashamed, embarrassed, unworthy, unloved, apathetic and/or afraid to come back because of their sin.

God calls us to forgive - but not to a passive forgiveness - he calls us to go (Matthew 18:12-15) to reclaim His own, to restore and uphold. Let us not be held captive by unforgiving hearts, full of self righteousness or hearts paralyzed by fear to act. Let us overcome our laziness and/or apathetic hearts that have not shown care and mercy toward those who have wandered away. Rather let us truly live worthy of our calling, holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4) loving and serving, surrendering ourselves to serve our Father and tending to His lost lambs. After all, "but for the grace of God, there go I"

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Father, Forgive

Cecil T. Bailey

Few words that Jesus spoke during his earthly ministry are better known than his cry from the cross, asking God to forgive his bitter enemies. He cried out, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do!" I erroneously presumed that those to whom Jesus spoke these words were the same 'very large crowd' that had ushered Him so triumphantly into Jerusalem, (Matt.21:1-11), and hailed Him as their king. But I was wrong. During the dark hours of that night that he was mocked and tried, such folks as these would have long since been in slumberland. It would be the visiting pilgrims that were up in the night.

From contemporary secular history we learn that the Jews who had been dispersed from Palestine in the three great expulsions by the Assyrians, Babylonians and by Antiochus IV, together with the proselytes whom they had won to the service of Jehovah, were determined to visit Jerusalem at least once in their lifetime. Those who could afford to do so visited much more often. Customarily, they would arrive by the tens of thousands in time to observe the sacred Passover, and those who could afford to do so, would continue their sojourn until the Feast of Weeks, (Pentecost), fifty days later. From Acts 2:8-11, we learn that pilgrims were present at Pentecost from no fewer than 15 countries.

Thus, it was these pilgrims that made up the 'crowd' who cried out for the crucifixion of Jesus. Immediately upon their arrival in Judea they had been grossly mis-informed about the life and character of the 'Man from Nazareth'. This, then was 'the crowd' of whom Mark spoke in Mark 15:11, when he said, "But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabas instead." And of whom Matthew recorded, "But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabas and to have Jesus executed."

How smug and self-satisfied these pilgrims must have felt to have been able to be of such service to their revered leaders by demanding of Pilate the death of the hated Nazarene, "With one

voice they cried out, 'Away with this man! Release unto us, Barabas!'

But their triumph and gloating were short-lived. Almost immediately they heard that this man evoked God's forgiveness for his tormentors and assassins even while hanging on the wicked cross. How could he do such a thing? But that was but a beginning. Soon many strange stories came to their ears. From Bethlehem they learned that the angels of God had heralded his birth there. Moreover, from indisputable sources they learned that he had healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, made the lame to walk, and had even raised the dead to life again. "How", they began to ask one another, "could God allow an 'evil man'," as their leaders had portrayed him, "to do such marvellous deeds?" "Could it be that our leaders were simply horribly envious of this man's popularity with the people?"

And so it was that on that memorable day of Pentecost, just fifty days after his death and resurrection, and their arrival in Judea, they were confronted by Peter with the heinousness of their part in the death of an innocent man. Yes, and he was more than a man. Peter declared, "Therefore let all Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 8:36.

Suddenly, how gracious and meaningful to them were the words uttered from the cross by their new-found Savior: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Surely, to be forgiven by Him towards whom they had behaved so abominably was grace unfathomable, and how simple and yet so profound were the Lord's terms for their surrender to his lordship, "Repent and be baptized," Peter said, "every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:38.

When these pilgrims eventually returned to their homes, after sitting at the apostles' feet for many months, they became the pillars of the Lord's church throughout the whole wide world.

Estevan, Saskatchewan

EDITORIAL

Have you Heard?

Wayne Turner



Have you heard that the president of Proctor & Gamble appeared on the Sally Jesse Raphael show and told a nationwide audience that the company was owned and managed by Satanists? Has anyone informed you about the person who was fatally poisoned when they licked the envelope at an automated teller machine at Yonge and Eglinton in Toronto or the cases of AIDS infected needles planted in movie theatre seats and pay phone coin slots? How about the report that Canada Post and the U.S. Postal Service are planning to implement a surcharge on email? Are you aware of the reports that companies like Abercrombie & Fitch, the Gap, Old Navy, IBM, Miller beer, Microsoft, Disney, M&M's candy and others are offering cash prizes, merchandise, vacations and gift certificates for participating in email tracking system tests or programs? Have you heard the heart rending story of Jessica Mydek (or one of seemingly countless other similar stories) who is dying of cancer and who will receive financial assistance from the American Cancer Society for every email sent on her behalf? Are you familiar with the widely circulated warning about the dangers of Aspartame which attributes increased cases of systemic lupus, multiple sclerosis, blindness, birth defects, seizures, increased fat, memory loss, Alzheimers, birth tumors in lab animals and other health problems? If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, there is one more question for you to answer. Have you passed that information on to anyone else?

All of the items listed above are hoaxes, myths and urban legends that are being widely disseminated around the world through email and the internet. Many of them have been around for years. The Proctor & Gamble "Satanism" item first claimed the president of the company appeared on the Donahue Show in 1994. Such an appearance has never taken place on any program. Proctor & Gamble is a publicly owned company which is governed, like any large corporation, by a board of directors that is elected by its stockholders.

Email users regularly receive copies of these or similar messages which have been passed on by well meaning people. These email chain letters ask the recipients to help spread the message by sending it to everyone they know. We cannot even begin to imagine how quickly these spread around the world! Unfortunately, such messages slow down the internet and tie up valuable resources of the companies and organizations who are targeted or involved. There have been so many emails about children with cancer receiving assistance that the American Cancer Society has set up a web page just to disavow any such involvement (<http://www.cancer.org/letter.html>). Similarly, the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) on Sally Jesse Raphael's web page leads off with the question about Proctor & Gamble (<http://www.sallyjr.com/faq.html>).

Even more troubling is the fact that well meaning people are passing on allegations or charges against individuals or corporations without verifying the source, validity or the facts involved. People who would not think of gossiping in a personal way

sometimes suspend their normal ethics and participate in electronic gossip or slander. Unfortunately, sometimes even Christians get involved.

Part of the problem is the immediacy afforded by email and the internet. Information passes around the globe at the speed of light. Sometimes, these messages hit our hearts, either stirring great compassion or moral outrage. We sense a need for action. The keyboard and internet are at hand, and without even a further thought, the message is forwarded. However, before we pass on anything, whether received by email, letter, phone call or direct communication, we need to consider whether we have checked to see if the information is true. (For email, this can be done by contacting the people or organizations named in the email or web sites like <http://urbanlegends.miningco.com/library/blhoax.htm>). Once we have verified it, we should ask ourselves if passing it on would be gossip, spreading something harmful or malicious to another person.

Christians often speak about the search for truth, by which we usually mean learning what God has really said in His word. But the concept of truth encompasses more. When Paul identifies the focus of a Christian's thinking in Philippians 4:8, in addition to thinking about things that are honorable, pure, lovely, excellent and praiseworthy he includes things that are true and right. Truth, in all its forms, is a personal value that should be dear to each Christian. Just as we would not pass on false information about God, Christ, salvation or any other Biblical theme, neither should we pass on misinformation about anyone or anything else. Gossip and slander should be as foreign to us as false teaching. (Perhaps one of the great ironies about electronic gossip is that there is no secrecy. It is clearly possible to see the names of everyone who forwarded this information.)

The internet and email offer such great opportunities for the promotion of good and evil. There are certainly many opportunities to pass on information that will be helpful for the cause of Christ and for helping those in need. Let us use this wonderful tool for the glory of God and not participate in spreading those things which would discredit our ministry.

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What Jesus Means To Me, Part II

Murray Smith

The first answer to who Jesus is for us is the answer of faith. That faith rests on the testimony of God as revealed in his word. The second answer is that of obedience. Those who obey him learn in their own experience who Jesus is. Faith and obedience declare, "Here is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world!"

The compassion of Jesus

To serve its intended purpose, a bridge must be firmly anchored to each bank. At Avignon in France, a bridge was built to span the Rhone River. One end of the old bridge was not securely anchored. When a flood hit, half of the bridge was washed away, leaving the bridge useless. An old saying remains, "On the bridge at Avignon, they dance in circles." If Christ did not possess perfect oneness with God and perfect solidarity with humans, we would still be wallowing in our sins, dancing in aimless circles.

What Jesus means to me can only be dealt with constructively when I fully commit to who Jesus really is. It is WHO he supremely is that gives weight to all that he says, all that he models by way of an ethical, moral and spiritual lifestyle, and all that he commands. In a section of Scripture where Peter writes to "God's scattered people," he urges slaves to submit even to harsh masters. When it comes to suffering for what is right, "Christ suffered for you, leaving an example that you should follow in his footsteps" (1 Peter 2:21). What Christ means to me then is that he not only brings me to the reality of God but also to what it means to be human - what I am to be, what I was created to be, morally, relationally, spiritually. In him alone are found the characteristics of true person-hood.

Why did the multitudes flock to be near Jesus? There was a magnetism about him. I think that much of his magnetism was in the tears he wept, in his compassion, his sympathy, gentleness, righteous anger, mercy, forgiveness, and, supremely, in his love. John, as an aged apostle and close companion of Jesus, looks back and retrospectively writes, "We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Here is the answer

to his magnetism: He was Grace that breathed and walked and talked and ate with sinners. He was Truth who lived the truth and spoke the truth.

If I were to select one characteristic of Jesus' life that is greatly meaningful to me, it would be his compassion. How else can we describe the motivation that moved him to set aside the glory of equality with God, that incomprehensible glory, and step down into our humanity? It was his compassion for us and our lostness that motivated him to become the sacrificial victim on our behalf. In instances where the four and the five thousand were miraculously fed by Jesus, the record says, "Jesus was moved with compassion for them" (Matt. 14:14, 15:32). Jesus saw humanity as sheep without a shepherd, fainting and scattered, and "he had compassion on them" (Matt 9:36). We must use our imagination to understand what it means to be lost in sin and not even realize one's condition. The shepherd, like the "hound of heaven," goes out and hunts us down. Compassion can only begin to grow within as when we recognize the enormity of our unpayable debt to God, and how the blood of Christ has made possible the wiping clean of that enormous debt.

The World Health Commission reported recently that one out of every eight persons in our world are undernourished, and this is severely enough that it shortens their life-span, stunts physical growth, and dulls mental abilities. A Peace Corps volunteer tells about visiting a village where a family with four children and a horse lived. The income from the use of the horse allowed the family to exist. One day one of the children became desperately ill and needed medicine. The only source of income was to sell the horse. So a choice had to be made: sell the horse or let the child die. They had to keep the horse, or they would all perish. The need of the world is overwhelming. No one person, church or nation can meet these needs. But when need stares us in the face and we have the opportunity and the means to respond, the compassion of Jesus bids us to be moved and to respond as he did. Abraham

Lincoln once said, "I am sorry for the man who can't feel the whip when it is laid on another man's back". Compassion means to "feel with." Let the healthy consider what it is like to face every day with extreme pain, and then if nothing else, just be there for the sufferer. Let the mature feel what it is like to be a teenager growing up with all the fears, temptations and feelings of insecurity for the future. Let the young feel what it is like to be old and no longer to have the strength and agility needed for the tasks of the day. Let those surrounded with family feel what it is like to be alone. Let those well provided for ponder what it means to exist in poverty. And compassion doesn't just "feel." It acts suitable whenever and wherever the opportunity arises.

The risen Lord means to me HOPE that is dynamically alive. "He is risen!" There is something electric about these words. Could I not read these words, the misery of my lostness would have no cure. But thanks be to the risen Christ, I can stand at the grave and through a smog of memories and pain find the faith to smile. I have the assured knowledge that in him I shall be raised to a glorious fellowship with him and all the redeemed. All of which says, quite simply, that with Christ there is meaning to it all!

Thessalon, Ontario

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back many memories. One new picture was of Luc & LaDean Hugghebeart and family which came by computer, — Landon being only 10 days old (Belgium).

A church history is written, 1929 to 1982, - the rest is not yet completed.

It was good to have Joe (preacher here for seven years) and Judy De Young, their three sons Philip, Mark and Joel and their wives and families and Dwain (also our preacher a few years back) Flo and Clay Hicks.

It was good to see so many back.

Pictures, tapes and book (How the Church Began and Grew in Saskatchewan by H.A.Rogers) can be had. Phone for prices.

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My Passion For Preaching

I love to preach! To have a message on my heart, God's Word in my head and a group that will listen is a thrill that will never become commonplace for me. Each Sunday I pray that God will work through me. I pray that God will move me out of the way, so that the congregation might see Him. I pray that God will speak through me to His people. I recognize that the power is not in my words, but in the gospel message, but to be a conduit for that message is an indescribable thrill.

I love people! Rejoicing with those who rejoice is the greatest joy there is short of heaven. When people hurt, I hurt with them, often frustrated by my inability to provide them with comfort. I just love being with people, I love that preaching provides me with many opportunities to be with people.

I would be less than honest with you if I said I had never been tempted to quit preaching. Satan sends those temptations and discouragements regularly. Sometimes they come at the hands of those who slander me and spread gossip and rumors about my family. Sometimes they come from Satan's attacks on the church. More often than not, the discouragement comes from within. I see my own hypocrisy when I fail to live up to the truth I have preached. I am frustrated by my inability to help hurting people. I am moved to despair when I see people ignore God's truth for one more to their own liking. In my materialism, I get frustrated by my low salary, in my pride I want to support my family without my wife working, but I cannot.

Satan regularly (daily) uses my weaknesses and discouragements in an effort to get me to quit preaching. I have tried to quit, but I cannot. How do you quit a passion? Jeremiah was tempted to quit preaching. The people would not listen to him, they mocked and persecuted him. Jeremiah got discouraged and said that it might have been better if he had never been born. Jeremiah decided to quit preaching, but one who is called to preach finds it difficult to quit.

"But if I say, 'I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,' his word is in

my heart like fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot." (Jeremiah 20:9) Some describe preaching as a "profession" and have encouraged preachers to be more "professional." Others have described preaching as a ministry and have encouraged preachers to be servants. For me, preaching is a passion. If I do not preach, I cannot maintain my integrity with God or myself. In Acts 4 the Sanhedrin warns the apostles not to preach Jesus. Peter and John reply saying that they could not help speaking about what they had seen and heard. In I Corinthians 9:16 Paul describes himself as being compelled to preach. Preaching is not the only way of serving God. Once a preacher, one does not need to continue to serve a local congregation to be a gospel preacher. Paul did not. Needs, circumstances and opportunities often determine what kind of preacher one will be. Preaching is my passion, I have been called to preach, and I am compelled to preach.

How did I come to preach? When was my passion for preaching ignited? Well it wasn't love at first sight and I didn't hear the voice of God and there was no burning bush. However, God sent literally hundreds of people to encourage me and to point me toward preaching. Some were Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teachers who planted the seeds at a young age by describing preaching in the most honorable terms. Some were Bible teachers at Camp Omagh who encouraged us to give short talks in class, chapel and at campfire. Some were the preachers that visited in our home. My parents often invited visiting preachers into our home, and the fellowship and example of these preachers has had a lasting impact on my life. God placed me in a home where God was number one; where church involvement came before all other involvement and where service to Christ and his church was honored above all other human achievements. Growing up in the home did encourage me to preach. God blessed me with the opportunity to attend Great Lakes Christian College and then the School of Bible and Missions in Beamsville. My teachers and

fellow students were untiring in their encouragement. They saw something in me that I myself could not see and they refused to give up on me when I had given them reason to. I cannot say enough about the churches that endured my first attempts to preach with grace and always found something to appreciate and encourage. I know God has a special reward for those kind souls.

My wife and children have always been and continue to be my greatest source of encouragement except for God Himself. BonnieLee has supported me 100% in preaching! Her willingness to make any sacrifice and overcome any difficulty so that I could preach continues to inspire me.

I share this not in pride, but in humble gratitude for the way God has sent to me a legion of encouragers. My passion began as a tiny ember that this army of encouragers helped me fan into flame.

Are we working to ignite this passion for preaching in our young men today? Do our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teachers plant the seeds for preaching at a young age? Do our church educational programs describe preaching in honorable terms? Do our Christian Camps encourage and provide the opportunity for young men to give short talks? Are our Christian High Schools and Bible Colleges pointing men toward preaching? Are families today giving God first place in their homes and placing church involvement ahead of all other involvement? Are our churches willing to endure the early struggles of one who is seeking to uncover a gift for preaching?

It takes a lot to ignite the passion for preaching. For the apostle Paul it took a blinding light and a visit from Jesus in person to turn him around. Once turned around, Paul became a mighty voice for God. Even Paul's death could not silence him, his preaching continues today through his letters.

I know that God doesn't call everyone to preach, but is He calling you? When was the last time you encouraged a young man to consider preaching. Perhaps God is calling you to the ministry of encouraging others to preach.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those that bring good news!'" (Romans 10:14-15) LIGHT THE FIRE!

POINT BY PERRY:

**Acceptance
vs
Approval**



Isn't it great to live in a society where the rights and freedoms of all are respected; where those who are different in appearance, language, race, lifestyle or religion are accepted and where it is illegal to discriminate against such even if, or, perhaps we should say, especially if they are a minority? The tendency of some to use pressure tactics, various forms of mistreatment, even violence (ethnic cleansing) to eliminate or bring into line those who are different is abhorred. Toleration is preached and practiced in our Western Culture to a greater extent than has ever been known in the past.

All men are brothers. We have common ancestors. We are of "one blood", made by the same Creator. In recognition of this we are to accept one another and grant each other the right to peculiarities, practices and beliefs that might not conform to our standards. Only when such are known and recognized as harmful and destructive is opposition to be considered.

*The end result . . .
no standards remain.*

Good as it appears to be, it seems that this attitude of tolerance and acceptance in which we tend to take pride, has gone too far. Allowing my neighbor his rights, accepting him as a neighbor and fellow-man does not mean that I approve of and endorse his beliefs and lifestyle. Difficult as it might seem, while accepting people, there are times when we must let our disagreement with their beliefs and our disapproval of their conduct be known. Sometimes the way we live will speak the disapproval as was apparently true of Noah (Heb.11:7). Sometimes it will need to be vocalized. Jesus accepted the woman taken in adultery but at the same time there was no mistaking his disapproval of her past conduct.

It is alarming that we seem to have progressed in our tolerance to the point that we are tending to fail to distinguish between acceptance and approval. Hence

both those tolerating and those being tolerated have come to feel that approval is involved. The end result of this is that contradictory beliefs are being approved and accepted as "right" and hence no standards remain.

This trend is taking us in a very dangerous direction in many aspects of life. Nowhere is it more serious than in religion. If accepting another's right to his religious belief means that he understands that his religion is right with God (and in the process I gradually begin to feel the same), no effort will be made to enlighten him, - What would be the need?

God's people are to be a distinct people and always have been. There is *right* and *wrong*, *truth* and *error*. God has provided the truth and the way and his people are to be the *light* not the *twilight*. We can and must accept without being understood to be approving. *ecp*

Feedback

We welcome reader's reactions to the articles published in the GOSPEL HERALD. We are encouraged to know that they are being read. We even appreciate those who correct and criticize. We are glad to have stimulated thought. Efforts to help us stay on track and improve are appreciated.

It has been pointed out that the use of a "thin green switch" to create a long remembered stinging sensation in a child as suggested on page 11 of the last issue is illegal here in Ontario. The author, not being from this area, was not likely familiar with our laws. We, as editors, being a bit on the old fashioned side, failed to notice. It is not our policy or intention to openly encourage or endorse illegal actions or to support what might be viewed as abuse. That being said, one wonders if such a law is not too restrictive on parents who are conscientious about their God given responsibilities.

There has been responses which evidence some misunderstanding of our "Points by Perry" article on page 8 of the same issue. No, we were not reacting to the situation in any one congregation. We were expressing concern for what appears to be a very general situation — the tendency to use various methods to attract people to us, followed by very little, if

any, targeted teaching of the gospel message.

No, we were not teaching that the church should not be involved in fellowship groups, "attractive" worship programs, ministering to needs, etc.. Our concern is that such, all too often, appear to be an end in themselves. These and other strategies can be used to "surface" those who are open to teaching but are we doing the teaching? This very important and necessary part of our reason for being does not seem to have much priority. How many of us are even trying to schedule and conduct Bible studies? Are individual Christians inviting friends and cultivating relationships in order to teach the saving truths of God's word or is the trend to stop short of this.

After writing the above, I read Bailey McBride's editorial in the August CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE which we recommend that you read. From it we quote, "Are the financial and human resources of your home congregation being used so that you send a clear message that saving the lost is the first priority of the church? Do all the ministries of your congregation know that sharing the gospel is the real ministry of the church to a world wracked by sin? Do your preacher and other staff members know that they should be modeling evangelism by their work with people in the community?"

Our point was that catching (surfacing) and teaching are both necessary. *ecp*

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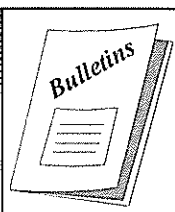
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FROM THE BULLETINS

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“Truth and Tolerance”

“**T**ruth and Tolerance” is the title to an essay by Josh McDowell in the little magazine, Focus on the Family, August, 1999. He claims that tolerance has become the cardinal virtue; that the meaning of tolerance has got so out of hand that it has become “the central doctrine of an entire cultural movement”; that it “poses a threat to us, our children, our churches and our very faith.”

McDowell contrasts the traditional definition of tolerance with today’s definition:

Traditional definition: “Tolerance means to recognize and respect others’ beliefs, practices, and so forth without necessarily agreeing or sympathizing with them. This attitude, that everyone has a right to his own opinion, is what tolerance means to most of us.”

Today’s definition: “The new tolerance considers every individual’s beliefs, values, lifestyle and truth claims as equally valid. So not only does everyone have an equal right to his beliefs, but all beliefs are equal. The new tolerance goes beyond respecting a person’s rights; it demands praise and endorsement of that person’s beliefs, values and lifestyle.”

McDowell goes on to write, “I believe that fundamental change in meaning — and thinking — represents one of the greatest shifts in history, and most people are missing it.” He has co-authored a paperback book on “The New Tolerance.” In this book the authors teach you how to neutralize this threat to our faith and our children, by discerning truth from error, teach your children to discern between acceptance and approval, and lovingly respond to a hostile culture that seems willing to tolerate just about anything except biblical truth.

Throughout the ages past mankind has sought truth. Pilate asked the question, “What is truth?” In his prayer to his father, Jesus said, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17). He said to his disciples, “I

am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me” (John 14:6). How much “tolerance” can we tolerate?

Donald Perry, Beamsville, ON

Remain True to Your Word

Responsibility. Don’t you sometime get tired of it? Our lives at times, it seems, get overloaded and overwhelmed with the responsibilities that we have. There are responsibilities at home. There are responsibilities at work. There are responsibilities at school. There are responsibilities to friends. There are responsibilities at church. Everywhere we turn it seems there are responsibilities that we have accepted or chosen. But to top it all off, every time we turn around it seems that someone is reminding us of the responsibilities that we have.

Responsibilities are a reality of life and they are not going to go away but how is the Christian to respond to the overwhelming nature of responsibilities? In our lives that get so burdened down with responsibilities and when we are so tempted not to live up to the responsibilities that we have, is there a way that Christians are to act that shows that they are different from the world?

I think there is. So often and too many Christians look, act and feel just the same as the world does and there isn’t a difference. However I am convinced that if we would begin to look at some of the everyday things of life, like responsibility and see how in these areas that we can be different, it is then that we will be on the road to being different.

Jesus said, Let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No. For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. (Matt. 5:37). In 1878, a merchant in Bozeman, Montana, extended to Andrew Garcia what was called “jawbone credit.” Without putting anything into writing, he gave Garcia \$300 worth of supplies for a hunting and trapping expedition. The trapper promised to return and pay his debt with hides

and pelts from his expedition.

While Garcia was away, hostile Indians moved into the area around Bozeman. Weather conditions got bad. Fellow trappers told him to forget about returning to Bozeman, but Garcia wouldn’t hear of it. After a series of harrowing experiences, he returned to the merchant with hides and pelts to pay his debt. He kept his word. He fulfilled his responsibility.

We usually can’t put that much stock in verbal promises these days. Many people make promises and pledges but fail to keep them. Every divorce means at least one person has broken a sacred vow. People in trouble with the law may promise to change their ways if only they can have another chance. But when they receive clemency, they often forget the vows they had made. However, people who trust God’s Word should be people who can be trusted because they fulfill their responsibilities.

Shortly before his death, the Duke of Burgundy was presiding over the Cabinet Council of France. A proposal was made that would violate an existing treaty but would secure important advantages for the country. Many “good” reasons were offered to justify this action. The Duke listened in silence. When all had spoken, he closed the conference without giving approval. Placing his hand on a copy of the original agreement, he said with firmness in his voice, “Gentlemen, we have a treaty!”

It’s a strong temptation these days to abandon our word and responsibilities. Especially is this true when it seems that we have or have taken on so many responsibilities. As believers in Christ, however, our responsibility is to remain true to our word so that God is glorified. So, when you give your word, keep it! If you make a commitment, honor it! If you take on an obligation, fulfill it! Your honesty and reliability should be so evident that you can be trusted for any promise you make. If non-Christians can trust you in these areas, they will be more likely to believe you when you speak about where you place your faith and trust. When we’re tempted to break a promise or not live up to a responsibility, let’s think again of these words: “Gentlemen, we have a treaty!” or as Jesus said, “Let your Yes be Yes, and your No, no.”

Roger Lansdell, Sault St. Marie, Ontario

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Answering a Real Need Orphan Opportunity

(James 1:27)

Some of you younger women are expecting a new arrival in your family. This will be a wonderful experience and a joy to the parents, grandparents and friends.

Suppose you were living in Zambia or one of the many other developing countries where this joyful event often results in death, sorrow and serious problems. You, the mother, have not survived the birth because you live in a remote village and have not been able to make a visit to the doctor. In the prevailing conditions your husband and your mother cannot raise the baby on their own.

What is to be done? They have two or, perhaps three, choices. Do they bury the baby with you, try to raise it while almost sure to watch it die of malnutrition, or do

they take it to someone many kilometers away whom they have heard about. The last choice is the one that provides the hope that the baby will survive.

Many in Zambia are experiencing this problem and making this choice. They walk many kilometers carrying the hungry baby and hoping that it will live until they reach the home of Roy and Kathi Merritt at Namwianga Mission. An excerpt from Merritt's last report follows.

"When a desperate family presses a starving baby into your arms, it is hard to say "no". If we turn the baby away it will probably die. So we take it — or provide the family with formula, soap and diapers.

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keep orphans to the first difficult year.

"We currently provide for 13 babies, six in our house and seven in other homes. In our home we care for these newcomers in addition to the eight older children."

The Merritts have had eight babies brought to them in the last five weeks. If this trend continues it is difficult to estimate how much financial help will be needed. This is a wonderful opportunity to care for these young ones and contribute to their being brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord as well as introducing their relatives to the gospel.

We ladies have a great opportunity here. Let us rise to the occasion and help Roy and Kathi carry out the dictates of their hearts. We can have garage sales, craft sales and do other things to raise the money to support one or more babies for a year. I am making a 5 foot doll and the resulting donation for it will be used towards this opportunity.

The Merritts will be in Canada in October. Come on ladies, let's show them where our hearts are. I'll try to provide information about how much we in Canada have raised sometime in the year 2000.

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ONTARIO

Beamsville: Vacation Bible School averaged 50 in attendance. The group from Wheeler Road Church of Christ conducted the Wednesday evening service and also worked on the campus of Great Lakes in the afternoons. "We are pleased to be able to report the baptism of Chris Courson on July 9."

Bramalea: Larry Grizzell, of Colorado Springs, presented two special lessons on "prayer" on July 8 and 22. Special speakers in July and August were Mark Stowe, Jonathan Straker from York, NE, Earl Greene from Newark, NY and George Robinson from Austin, TX. The grade 1-4 Thursday night class presented a play on the "Plagues of Egypt" for their parents and other children's classes on July 15. Fred Lockman placed membership on August 8.

The building expansion is nearing completion. It will provide a new wheel chair accessible entrance, additional auditorium space, more classroom space downstairs and an elevator. All the interior walls were painted and most of the flooring was upgraded throughout the building.

A special meeting with Wilson Dicker, of Rochester, NY on October 15 - 17 will highlight our "Opening Day" of the new addition on October 17 and celebrate 30 years as a congregation.

The elders have agreed to host the XVI Encounters Iberoamerican for the Spanish brethren October 10-15, 2000.

Collingwood: "Rejoice, Rejoice: This past Wednesday afternoon Jeff Lloyd was immersed for the forgiveness of sins here at the church building in the presence of his father, Rick, and grandparents, Vernon & Ruth Cornfield. We rejoice with Jeff and welcome him into God's family.

We have a special 4-day meeting early in October with Sam Kitching, whom many know from his work in the past.

The annual Georgian Bay Fellowship at the Meaford Church of Christ on Saturday, September 11 will include two lessons, an hour of singing and a pot luck meal togeth-

er. This year's guest speaker is Max Craddock.

Grimby: Wally Cromwell was a guest speaker on July 25. Amber Leverette was baptized early in July by her grandfather, Ralph Perry.

Meaford: Randy and Lois Morritt have moved here to work with the church. Randy has been an elder at Beamsville. Amy Cramp and Randell Cramp were baptized at Strawberry Point Camp in July.

Meaford will host the annual Georgian Bay Fellowship, planned for Saturday, September 11.

Newmarket: Several worked as staff at Camp Omagh's Singspiration and Family Week, with Brian Cox as director. Lynn Harris placed membership on August 1. On August 28 the wedding of Elizabeth Keough and Chris Rausch is to take place at the church building.

North Bay: Jacque Lacourse's mother passed away quite suddenly July 25.

Owen Sound: "Our Vacation Bible School was July 19-23, directed again this year by Mark Perry. A good number of the congregation were involved in one way or another. Attendance averaged 83 with a high of 89. A number of parents and grandparents attended Family Night (Thursday) and the closing cookout on Friday.

Fifteen speakers and teachers presented a total of 27 lessons at the 20/20 Vision '99 Soul Winning Workshop August 5-7. We are grateful to each one for their good work, to Great Lakes Christian College for making its facilities available for the workshop, and to area Christians who helped provide billeting for those attending. The Owen Sound Church appreciates the generous assistance of churches and individuals with the expenses involved. Calvin Russell coordinated our work at the event, as some 38 of us were present and helping in various ways." *W. Hart.*

Sarnia: The wedding of Wanda Hibbard and Aaron Bolhous was held at the Patterson Memorial Building. Some of the guests came from as far away as Alberta. Congratulations to Bill and Louise Smart who celebrated their 60th Anniversary in Beamsville. The family also celebrated with Becky Hibbard Morgan to honour 2 year since her transplant.

Lewis and Doris Barnard and Mike Lunn have made trips to Traverse City, Michigan, taking items for Ghana relief efforts. The parking lot is finally paved and Steve and Mary Rastall have done an

excellent job re-doing the landscaping around the building.

Ethel Dennis turned 90 on June 6th and many family members were in Sarnia to celebrate the event. Bernie Dobbings' mother passed away and Ida Gould's grandmother (Pat Hack's mother) also passed away recently. We mourn with these two in their loss.

We welcomed Mark Bryson, who spoke at Sarnia's Open House on June 13. We had a return of some members as well as visitors from the community. The event was well attended. For three weeks running the attendance was over 90 with two Sundays over 100. We see great things happening for the Lord with the addition of our recent minister, Skip Francis, and his family.

Sault Ste. Marie [Pinehill]: A smaller version of a hymn book went to the printers on June 30. Nancy, Timothy and Nathan Klym moved to Texas on July 12. A workshop with Jim Woodruff is planned for September 10-12.

St. Catharines [Ontario St.]: On August 1st a new adult class will begin a survey of the books of the Bible. A Marriage Seminar with Jerry Jenkins and his two sons, Dale and Jeff was planned for August 29 - September 1. John Clayton will be presenting his seminar on "Does God Exist" on October 2 and 3. A home Bible study is held at the Cordle's home on Thursday evenings. Barclay and Sharon Osborne were home from Japan for a visit.

Stratford: Several from the congregation helped staff week 2, at Camp Omagh with 95 campers. VBS was a great success. Ron and Judy Babbit from St. Louis helped in this effort, with Ron teaching the adult classes. The Bazati family moved to London July 11. They will be greatly missed.

Thessalon: A song service was held the evening of July 25. July 30 a come and go tea was held in the honour of Ivan and Addie Seabrook's 50th wedding anniversary.

Tintern: Tintern's Family Retreat was held July 9-10 at Camp Omagh. David Peirce spent several weeks this summer working with 15 Bangkok University students, teaching English with "Let's Start Talking." Megan Smith left on July 14 for her work in this program in Japan. "Colors for Christ," from Oklahoma Christian University presented a program of skits on July 28. Samson, Elizabeth and Michael Ling bid farewell and moved to

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- PRARIES -

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SASKATCHEWAN

Regina: A special collection for refugees in Kosovo was held on June 6. \$2,179.77 was given.

Recent baptisms include Carole Carman and Candace Sanders.

Let's Start Talking teams headed out for Tijuana, Mexico, Tartu, Estonia and Riga, Latvia. As well, Krogsgaards and Ulrichs headed out on a mission-support activity in Zambia.

Autumn Challenge 99 is coming up September 17-19 with Don Smith as the featured speaker and Malcolm McMillan as worship leader.

Weyburn: Recent baptisms include Delee Kemp and Melissa Wieb.

Dan Wieb did a series of lessons on Sunday evenings. John Bailey taught the adult class and Wendell Bailey spoke on July 18.

The July 18 bulletin mentions the passing of sister Mildred Mowrer on July 12. Many are familiar with Max and Mildred through their work with both Great Lakes and Western Christian Colleges.

MANITOBA

Dauphin: A Sojourner's team arrived on July 3rd to work for three weeks at

WCC.

The congregation is in the process of appointing additional elders.

On Wednesday, July 14, the congregation heard mission updates from Honduras (Mabel Bailey), Mexico (Travis Sass) and Africa (Josh Muller).

Jonathan Bolton was baptized on July 12.


Winnipeg: The teens held a 24-hour "famine" to raise money for Kosovo relief. The final total was \$3,600.

Rolland Bouchard began work as youth minister on July 1. Rolland and Laurie welcomed their daughter, Kaelie Ann, into the world on August 12.

Ekatherina Jiminez, of Grecia, Costa Rica, was baptized while visiting with her aunt, Floribeth Aguilar. The congregation also welcomed sister Mwandu Muulu from Zambia.

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ALBERTA

Edmonton: Praise God for his grace and mercy! During the month of July, three precious souls were added to the kingdom of God in our city. Ryan Love was baptized on July 4. Ryan was reached through our college/career ministry. On July 18, Margaret Carson was baptized into Christ. Margaret is the grandmother of Kevin Carson, who formerly served the congregation in Edmonton as an evangelist, and who is now serving as a missionary in Lithuania. On July 25, Rob Roy was baptized. Rob is brother to Patty and Connie Roy, who have both been baptized in the past year. We want to acknowledge the prayers and efforts of the many people who have reached out to, studied with and prayed for these three souls over the past months and years. What a blessing they will be to our family here.

A bridal shower was held on July 17 for Nicole Kent, fiancée of James Rasmussen.

During July we welcomed home on furlough Kevin and Catharine Carson and their two children, Jesse and Claire. This faithful family is serving as missionaries in Lithuania. Kevin presented the sermon on July 18. He baptized his grandmother, Margaret Carson following our Bible class.

Several of our members, including six teenagers attended the Alberta Rockies Wilderness Camp west of Pincher Creek, Alberta from July 25-31. Once again, a spiritually uplifting time was had by all who attended. This year, however, the local bears failed to make an appearance!

Two members of the Lord's church moved to Edmonton recently and placed membership in July. Kelly Green, who moved to Edmonton from Houston, Texas; and Deborah Xu, who moved to Edmonton from mainland China. Deborah became a Christian after hearing the gospel preached by a member from the United States on short-wave radio. Deborah corresponded with this preacher, who flew to China to

baptize her. Welcome to Edmonton, Kelly and Deborah.

Congratulations to Susan and Rob McMillan on the birth of their son. Douglas Patrick on July 25. Susan is a member of the church in Edmonton.

submitted by David Ford

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Surrey: We rejoice to report that another precious soul has been added to the body. This lady, Sandi Julian, also came to obedience to the Gospel by contacting the Key program and taking correspondence courses and completing them. Then for the next year, she studied the scriptures on a weekly basis. She obeyed her Lord in baptism on July 10th.

In the past couple of years we have had about 30 responses (just in our area) to the offer of taking a Bible correspondence course. These courses require correcting delivering of certificates and in home Bible studies with those who are interested.

The Key to the Kingdom program has been one of the better means of making contact with people who desire to study God's word. In the congregation, we have between 2 and 5 studies in progress each week. God is blessing our work in this area. To Him be the glory.

submitted by P. McLure

Vancouver (Oakridge): The first course, Acts, has been completed. the Historical Christian Evidences classes are beginning.

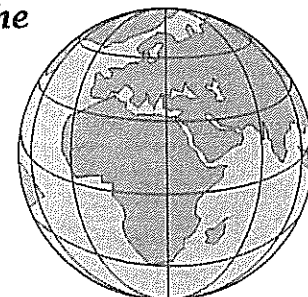
A special contribution was taken for the work in El Salvador. The Garcia family will be travelling there on August 1st. They are taking some supplies and money for buying Bibles and song books.

We have recently had two new sisters born again into the kingdom of God, Vivian Anderson and Charito Sabaria. This year we have been blessed with six baptisms.

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Key to the Kingdom on Sunday Nights

Some (most of you) may already know that we now have Key on Sunday nights. We took the offer from Vision to try this time at a cost of a little over \$3,000.00 for the summer. They came back to us to find out if we wanted to keep the time. There will be an increase in the costs every 13 weeks making a year's cost just over \$20,000.00. We are getting a good response from this time period so we have agreed to keep the time for a year - Sept '99 - Aug. '00. We pray that the brethren will support this decision. **WE WILL KEEP THE PROGRAM ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AS WELL.**

We pray that this program will continue to open doors for the teaching of the truth. Over the last 4 weeks there have been 6

baptized as a direct result of the Key contacts. There may be others we don't know about.

The Sunday program is beamed from Toronto at 12:30 a.m. Sunday night (Monday morning). Those covered by the Toronto broadcast will receive the program at that time...whatever that is where you are. Then 3 hours later, 12:30 a.m. Vancouver time, it is broadcast from there.

Those who are covered by the signal from Vancouver will be covered at that time. Check the local listings for the time in your area.

We need to continue to pray for the program and those who are involved in the study of God's Word through it. If there are any questions concerning the program please contact us.

Max Craddock

Mission News

Nadin Sabir of Pakistan, who became a Christian in 1988, married a Philippine wife and attended IBC in Florence Alabama, is prepared to work with Indian, Pakastanic, Philippino and other ethnic groups under the oversight of a Canadian church. Although he may well come with most or all of his support, he needs a church in an area with such an ethnic mix to act as his sponsor so that he can come to Canada to work. He may be contacted at (901)989-3420.

Government changes in psychiatric care have made it very difficult for Richard Kruse of Toronto (International Bible Correspondence Courses) to provide needed care for his wife Bettie. He would welcome financial assistance

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Huntsville, ON. "Living Water" presented a program at "Singspiration '99 on August 1st.

Toronto (Bayview): Bonnie Porter presented a terrific overview of her recent trip to the Holy Land on June 12. The congregation is still looking for a full-time evangelist.

Toronto (Harding): Since the middle of July there have been eight baptisms at Harding. Many of these are the result of Key to the Kingdom studies. The following were baptized: Clifford and Michelle Lowe, Joel and Peter Pylat, John and Catharine Lee, Olaf Schneider and Joshua Alexander. Joshua is from Brooklynn, New York and has returned to the US. Bill Clint, one of the Harding elders, had the Key to the Kingdom studies with John Lee. Following this John was responsible for the seven others becoming obedient to the gospel.

Three more have been baptized since the above was submitted.

Toronto (Strathmore): MaxCraddock directed the "Sharpening the Sword" weekend and Week 1 at Camp Omagh in July. Bob Hibbard was a guest speaker on June 19. Amy Ellis responded to the invitation of Jesus and was born again into Christ on June 27. Through the summer on Wednesday evenings the adult class had a survey study of the Old Testament. The Sunday School Picnic was held July 10 at Wilket Creek Park.

Waterloo: A fellowship meal was planned for August 22. Rocky Larocque

underwent heart transplant surgery on August 5. This church is hosting the Waterloo Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh on September 17-18, — "Near to the Heart of God: Ministers of Reconciliation" with Philip Slate teaching. Geoff Ellis taught the mid-week adult Bible study throughout the summer on "Music in the Bible." Bob Costen and Karl and Philomena Usmani were baptized.

Windsor (West Side): July 25 was a barbecue and devotional evening. August 15 was a combined Spanish/English service. A "Friend and Family Day" is planned for September 26th with the theme "Finding the Power to Live". Brian Pella took Jesus on in baptism. He and his wife Shawna have been visiting for the last few months. August 1 was the last Sunday Jeremy Hoover was to work with the congregation as an intern minister. He and his new bride, Devon will be attending Harding Graduate School in Memphis this fall. October 17, 10:30-4:30 is the time scheduled to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the West Side congregation.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: The new outreach pamphlet is now ready. It's called, "You are More Than Your Possessions" and will be distributed into the community. Ruth Peters was in the Saint John, N.B. hospital to have a 6x-heart bypass in July. Wednesday evenings Tim Johnson taught a study of the character of Jesus.

Attendance at mid-week has been better than usual with good discussions and participation. Daniel Johnson will be attending Harding University in Arkansas this fall.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: The July 12-16 VBS was great, followed by a picnic on July 17. A farewell party was held on July 24 in honour of the Cornfield family.

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Saturday, OCTOBER 23, 1999

9:00 - 4:00

Barrie Church of Christ
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OBITUARIES

(Editor's Note: Some may have wondered why obituaries of their departed have not found a place in our pages. The reason is that we do not normally publish obituaries unless someone, the preacher, the family or others submit them. We do not send out reporters to write obituaries for us. They are usually provided by the preacher who conducts the funeral but many preachers fail to do so unless the family requests that it be done. ecp)

Bumstead, Dorsey Wellington

With his family by his side brother Dorsey Bumstead passed from this life to be with the Lord on July 17, 1999 at the Meaford Nursing Home. He was in his 85th. year.

Dorsey is mourned by his beloved wife of 55 years, Irma Juniper, who visited and cared for him daily in the nursing home over the last several years. He also leaves his children: Donna and her husband Allan Muzzell of Owen Sound; Gary and his wife Sheila of St. Catharines and Connie and her husband Jay Greavette of Bradford.

Sadly missed by seven grandchildren, he also leaves his brother, Walter (Agnes) of Owen Sound. He was predeceased by one sister, Elda.

During my years at Meaford I got to know Dorsey very well. He will be remembered by those who knew him as a good friend, a caring person, a lover of God and a devoted family man.

During his working life he worked hard in all kinds of weather as a delivery man. He delivered for the food stores and others in Meaford for some time. He later began to deliver furnace oil to the homes in Meaford and area. Later he left that and became the caretaker of the Godfrey Apts. a Senior Citizens complex in Meaford. After he retired from that he became a school crossing guard and did this for several years as well. He was loved by the children who crossed at his corner two or three times a day.

The best memory for the writer is that while Dorsey delayed for many years there came a day when he saw the need and was born again into Christ. He took a great interest in the things of God and grew greatly in the grace of knowledge of Christ.

A service of praise and celebration of the life and memory of Dorsey Bumstead was conducted by Randy Morrith and the writer at the Meaford Church of Christ

building on Tuesday, July 20th. May God bless Irma, the rest of the family, and all who mourn at this time with the comfort only He can give.

Max Craddock

Derek Jackson

Earlier this summer brother Derek Jackson of Hamilton fell and died in Gladys' arms while they were out walking. He had been a faithful and active Christian for many years and besides his wife Gladys, he leaves their two children Derek and Susan with their spouses.

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Jean Whitfield

Sister Whitfield, mother of a large family of active Christians and wife of Mervyn recently passed from this life in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The family was raised in Thessalon and they only moved to Sault Ste. Marie recently.

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Thomas Gregory Elliott

Tom Elliott was born in Port Colborne, Ontario on January 18, 1959 and had lived in Port Colborne all his life until his sudden passing as a result of a car accident in Caledon Township, Peel, Ontario on May 15, 1999. He was 40 years old. Tom never married.

He was baptised into Christ by the writer in 1994 and was a member of the Port Colborne Church of Christ. Although shy in nature he enjoyed visits and Bible studies in his home and loved to show you his garden at the back of the house or the newest things he was working on in the basement. He had a special interest in cars as well.

He is survived by his father Don Elliott who is in Chronic Care at St. Peters in Hamilton, his sister Donna Bidgood of St. Catharines; by two nieces Sterling and Paige and by several aunts, uncles and cousins. He is predeceased by his mother Phyllis Haymes and by his grandparents Fletcher & Loretta Elliott and Raymond & Orpha Haymes.

His presence and delightful smile will be greatly missed.

The memorial service was conducted by the writer and Ralph Perry.

Brian Thompson

Victor Maunse Dale

Brother Victor Dale passed away suddenly at London Health Sciences Centre-Victoria Campus, South Street on Friday July 30th, 1999. He was in his 81st year and was predeceased by his wife Muriel Dale of London and by his brother, Walter Dale of Beamsville.

Victor was born on March 27, 1919 in Maple, Ontario. At a young age Victor

became a Christian and later in his life was involved in church work such as preaching at the Fern Avenue congregation and serving as a deacon and the Sunday School Superintendent at the Bayview congregation.

In his earlier adult years Vic used a horse and wagon to deliver milk from house to house. Later, he and his son, Wayne, operated a Fina gas station for a while and then for around 26 years he was a custodian with Centennial Public School in London until his retirement. Around 1961-1962 Vic moved to London to help Ralph Perry with church work.

He is survived and dearly loved by his 3 sons, Wayne, Brian and John; by his 2 daughters, Barbara Donley and Lynda Izzard; by his 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; by his brother Bert and by his 2 sisters, Joyce Perry and Marion McDonnell and by many nieces and nephews.

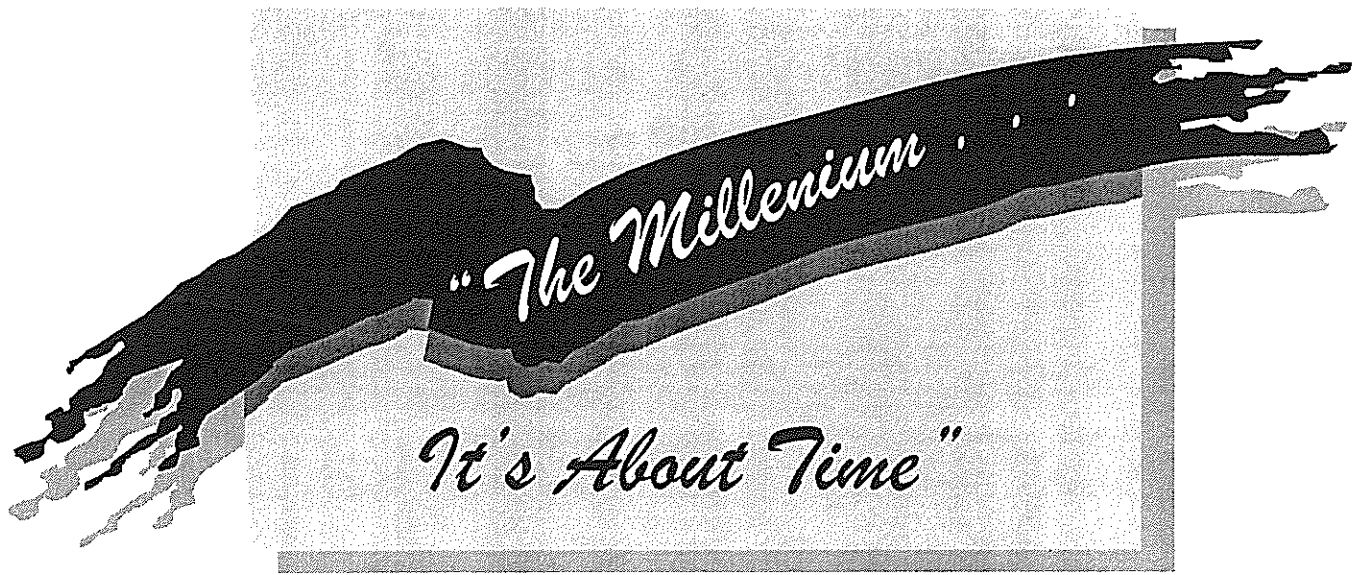
Numerous memories from the family were shared during his memorial service with Vic's granddaughter, Ivonne, paying particular tribute. He was deeply loved by his family and loved to be with them whenever he could. He especially enjoyed fishing and family get-togethers such as Christmas and birthdays. His favorite scripture was the Lord's prayer which he used to recite in Latin and his favorite hymn was Amazing Grace which was sung during the service.

It was a wonderful day, just a few months ago, when Blake Ogilvie and myself met with Victor and heard him express his desire to return to God and the fellowship. Victor also shared with us the special time he had with his wife, Muriel, in the hospital prior to her death where words of love and forgiveness were exchanged. Victor placed membership with the St. Thomas church of Christ and was a faithful member until his passing. He will be greatly missed by all his family and his brothers and sisters in Christ. May Victor and Muriel enjoy rest and peace in Christ.

The memorial service was conducted by the writer. The internment service was led by Ralph Perry and the song leading was by George Mansfield.

Memories are a gift from God. In the days that lie ahead may they fill all of the family with joy and laughter and may they provide them with the strength and courage to carry on so that Vic's family can say, "Dad, you mean more to me with every passing year!"

Brian Thompson



November 11 – 13, 1999

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Friday Schedule

9:00-9:45 a.m. **"Christ in Culture"**
(Chapel) Wayne Baker

10:00 a.m. **"Millennialism in our Church History"**
Geoff Ellis — Waterloo, ON

11:00 a.m. **"Hastening the Day"**
Ron Bryant — Phoenix, AZ

1:15 p.m. **"The Family in the 21st Century"**
Brian Boden — St. Catharines, ON

2:30 p.m. **"What Christ Thinks About the Church"**
Bill Schwarz — Waterloo, ON

3:30 p.m. **"Every Thought Captive for Christ"**
Jim Holston — Tintern, ON

7:00 p.m. **"The Last Days" (Present)**
Ron Bryant

Saturday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Devotional

10:00 a.m. **"The State of Religion in Canada"**
Geoff Ellis

11:00 a.m. **"The New Jerusalem"**
Ron Pauls — Tillsonburg, ON

1:15 p.m. **"Dispensationalism"**
Dale Pauls — Stamford, CT

2:30 p.m. **"The Church as a Colony of Heaven"**
Mark Daly — Horseheads, NY

3:30 p.m. **"The New Covenant"**
Dave Knutson — St. Catharines, ON

7:00 p.m. **"The Day of the Lord" (Future)**
Dale Pauls

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Date: October 1, 2 & 3, 1999

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Evangelist of the Church of Christ of San Juan, Trinidad, West Indies

Friday, October 1

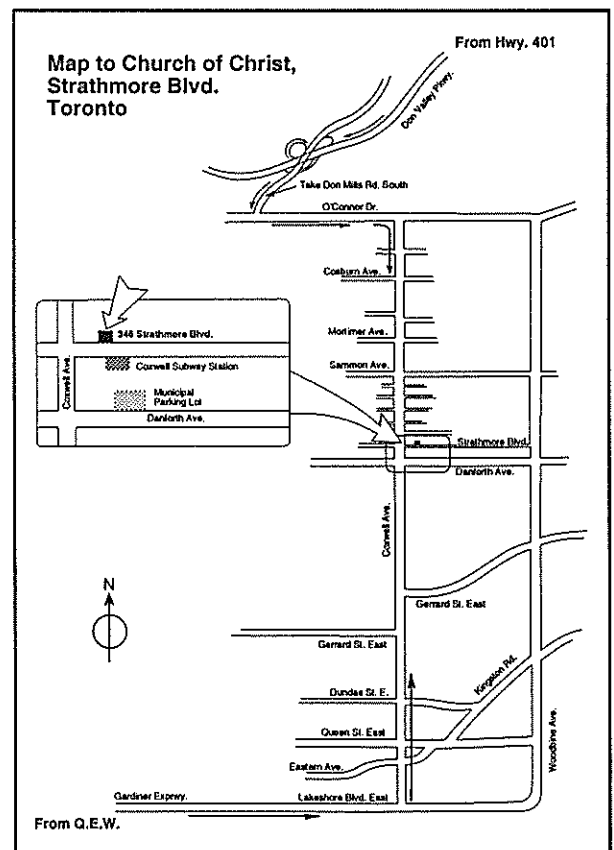
7:00 pm – 7:15 pm Singing
7:15 pm – 9:00 pm *Soldier of Christ: Be Strong*

Saturday, October 2

10:30 am – 11:00 am Singing
11:00 am – 12:30 pm *Soldier of Christ: Know Your Enemy*
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch Break
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm Singing Group
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm *Soldier of Christ: Put Your Armour On:
Gird Up! Strap Up!*

Sunday, October 3

9:45 am – 10:00 am Singing
10:00 am – 10:45 am *Soldier of Christ: Put Your Armour On:
Lace Up! Lift Up!*
11:00 am – 12:30 pm *Soldier of Christ: Put Your Armour On:
Cover Up! Sharpen Up!*
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm *Soldier of Christ: Watch and Pray.*



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9:30 - 10:00 Welcome, Coffee and Donuts

10:00 - 11:10 UFO's, Ancient Astronauts,
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11:20 - 12:00 Morality's Proof of God

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch - on your own

1:30 - 3:30 Jurassic Park and Genesis

3:30 - 5:00 Question and Answer

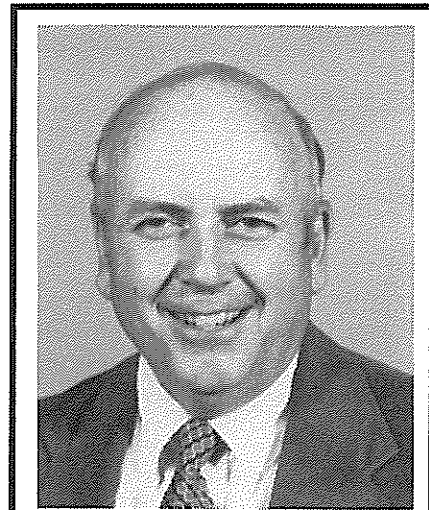
5:00 - 7:00 Dinner - on your own

7:00 - 8:00 Does God Exist?

8:15 - 9:30 The Nature of God

9:30 - ????

Question and Answer



John Clayton
Scientist, teacher
and former atheist

Sunday, October 3rd.

(Ontario Street church of Christ, Ontario Street and Linwell, St. Catharines.)

9:30 - 10:15 Do Not Sin Against the Child

10:30 - 12:00 Why I Left Atheism

12:00 - 1:30 Pot Luck Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 How To Instill Faith In the Child

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PIB 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. PIA 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail—big-
daver@vianet.on.ca; WebSite—http://www.gcocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/8939.

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WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Russell Ferris, cv.,
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YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 11:30; 10:15; Mid-week Bible Study - Call for details, Randy
Fiske, cv. (306) 782-4662 (res); 783-6877 (bldg); Harry Meakes, sec. 783-6850.

CALENDAR

September

- 10-12 Workshop at Sault Ste. Marie, ON with Jim Woodruff
- 11 Georgian Bay Fellowship at Meaford with Max Craddock
- 17-18 Men's Retreat, Camp Omagh, Philip Slate
- 17-19 Owen Sound Ladies Renewal with Katheryn Haddad
- 19-22 Dr. Philip Slate "...To the Ends of the Earth" at Waterloo, ON

October

- 2-3 "Does God Exist?" by John Clayton, St. Catharines, ON
- 3-6 Sam Ketsling meeting at Collingwood, ON
- 8-10 Western Christian College Lectureship, "The Greatest is Love"
- 15-17 Formal Opening of the new addition and celebration of 30th Anniversary at
Bramalea, ON; Speaker-Wilson Dicker of Rochester, NY.
- 17 75th Anniversary, Westside, Windsor, ON

November

- 11-13 GLCC Lecturship, "The Millenium"

WESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE LECTURESHIP '99
"THE GREATEST IS LOVE"

Friday, October 8

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| 1:00 p.m. | Luncheon Honouring Past and Present Board Members | WCC Dining Hall |
| 7:00 | Class Session for all ages | WCC Campus |
| 8:00 | Sonshine | DRCSS Gymnasium |
| 8:30 | Theme Lecture: "The Beginning and End of Love: Fellowship with God" Eddie McGuiggan, Sioux Falls, South Dakota | DRCSS Gymnasium |
| 10:00 | Visiting and Coffee | WCC Dining Hall |

Saturday, October 9

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| 7:30 a.m. | Women's Service Club Breakfast and Annual Meeting | TBA |
| 9:00 | WCC Society Annual Meeting | WCC Auditorium |
| 11:30 | Encouraging Ministry Luncheon | College Building |
| 2:00 p.m. | Class Session for all ages | WCC Campus |
| 3:00-4:30 | Open House for New College Department | College Building |
| 3:00-4:30 | Minister's Benefit and Pension Plan Options and Planned Giving Consultation with Murray Delamare | Mustang Room, WCC Campus |
| | Visiting and Coffee | WCC Dining Hall |
| 4:30 | Friends of the Library Supper and Meeting | 378 Ave. E, Dauphin Church of Christ |
| 6:30 | Sing Song | DRCSS Gymnasium |
| 7:00 | Theme Lecture: "The Christian and Love" Calvin Chapman, Belle Fourche, South Dakota "Directions" - WCC President John McMillan Choral Performance | DRCSS Gymnasium |
| 9:00 | Visiting and Coffee | WCC Dining Hall |

Sunday, October 10

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| 9:30 a.m. | Worship Theme Lecture: "The Church as it Relates in Love" Leroy Murphy, Hibbing, Minnesota | DRCSS Gymnasium |
| 2:00 p.m. | Class Session for all ages | WCC Campus |
| 3:00 | College Singing Group | WCC Auditorium |
| 3:30 | Theme Lecture: "God and Love" Scott Laird, Great Falls, Montana | WCC Auditorium |

DRCSS (High School) Gymnasium. 330 Mountain Road

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| <i>"Personalities in Ministry"</i> | PRAIRIE SERVANTS' SEMINAR | Calvin Chapman |
| Thursday October 7 | 6:30-9:00 p.m. | Supper in WCC Cafeteria \$5.00 |
| Friday October 8 | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon | |

All classes are three part series: Pre-school, Darla Chapman, Belle Fourche, South Dakota; K-Grade 4, John and Angie Close, Dauphin, Manitoba; Grade 5-8, Bernard and Debbie Olson, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Grade 9-11, Darin Ashby, Regina, Saskatchewan; Grade 12-College, Charlie Wharton, Pierre, South Dakota; Adults, Wes Matthews, Minot, North Dakota, I Cor. 13, "A More Excellent Way"; Dr. Russ Dudley, Brooklyn, Minnesota, "An Exposition of I John"; Brett Osborne, Duluth, Minnesota, "Love in Action; How to Involve Teens in Ministry".

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