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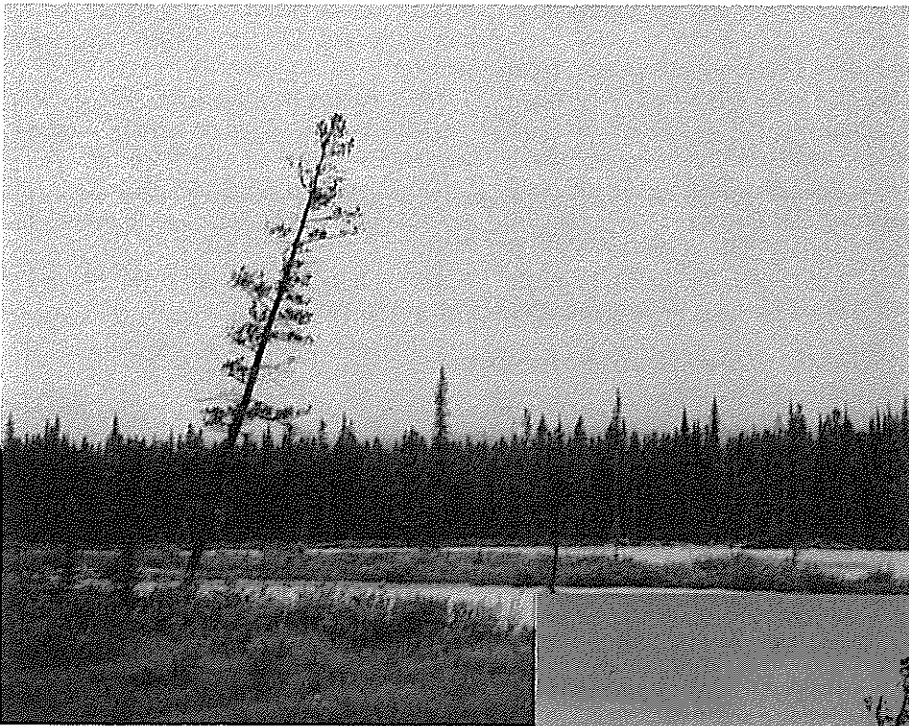
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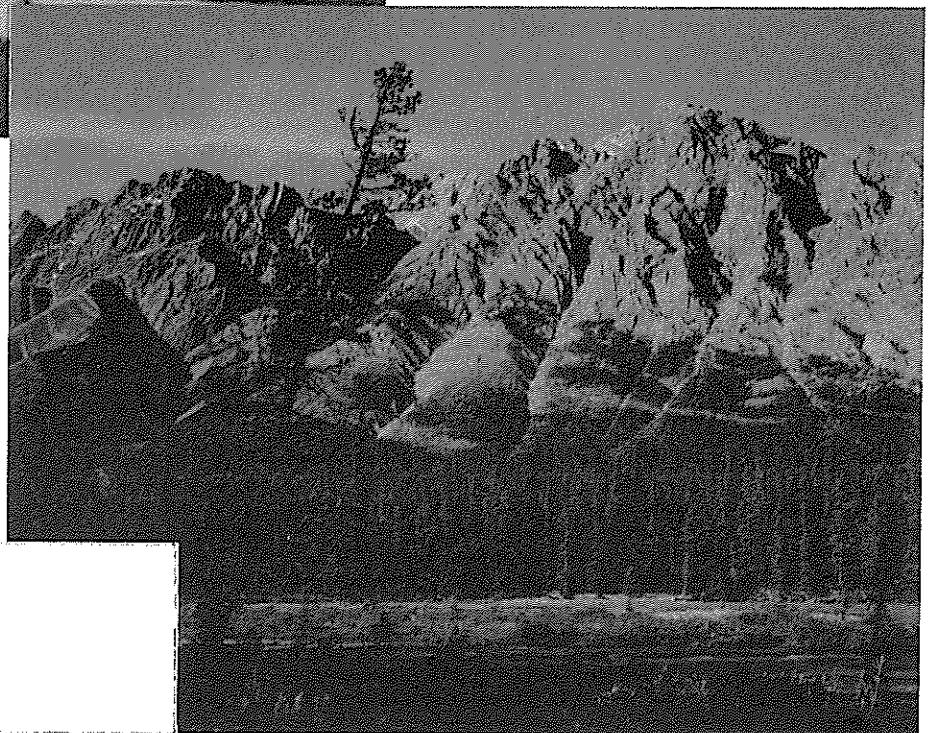
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*Just as the mist covered the mountains the blood of our Lord covers our sins. "I, even I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." (Isa. 43:25)*

*Picture and idea, David Lewis, Grimsby, ON*

*These pictures are the same view taken before and after the morning mist (cloud) had burnt off. Like the mist, we soon pass away, so live for Jesus. "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. (Jas 4:14)*



# Once for All

(Hebrews 9:11-15; 10:8-18)

Paul Birston

Each day the world over, the sun rises and sets. People everywhere awaken and live their routines. These include things we have to do over and over again: eating, breathing, sleeping. We cannot do these once for all time; we cannot store up enough food or rest to last us a lifetime.

Life is filled with repetition. Yet, some days are unique. Once-in-a-lifetime events happen in them: births, graduations, marriages, retirements, victories, defeats, deaths. Some things are only meant to be done once.

Problems arise when we ignore, or try to repeat things God meant to happen once (Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, for example). Problems can also happen when we fail to repeat what God intended to be done regularly (such as expressions of love and kindness and the Lord's Supper).

As we begin a new millennium, some talk about the need for Christians to redefine the faith, as if the definition that Jesus and the Apostles give us in God's Word is inadequate, antiquated, and incapable of addressing the key issues of changing times. For those seeking redefinition, once was not good enough. Other groups have yet to come to grips with the meaning of the gospel for the first time. They don't yet realize that we are saved on the basis of Jesus' death burial and resurrection, not on the basis of repetitive human works alone.

God has accomplished something through His Son Jesus that will last for all time. The book of Hebrews draws special attention to what Christ has done and to the benefits of His action for us. His greatest act meets our greatest need. Two passages in Hebrews, 9:11-15; 10:8-18, show us: 1) what Jesus did, 2) how long it lasts, 3) the benefits for us.

## What Jesus Did

We learn from the Gospels that Jesus came into the world and shared His life with people. He had a body of real flesh and blood, which allowed Him to "sympathize with our weaknesses" (Hebrews 4:15b). He proved His love through action. He forgave people, healed them, taught them good news and challenged them to clean up their lives and live for God.

At the end of His life, He went to the

hill of Golgotha to die on the cross. He allowed Himself to be nailed in place, though He could have called more than 72,000 angels to free Him (Matthew 26:53). He was held there by His love for the Father and for us. He suffered agony and excruciating pain. He shed blood. He died for sins that we commit so that we don't have to die for them ourselves. A faithful handful of followers placed Him in a tomb. A stone was rolled over the entrance and inside it was very, dark, quiet and still.

Three days later God raised Him from the dead. The stone was rolled away. Light entered the tomb, but a greater light came out. He was reunited with those who loved Him. The effects of His actions in those few days will last forever.

After spending several weeks with his disciples, Jesus returned to His home in heaven. Hebrews tells us more about what

## *The love Jesus showed, and the saving power of His sacrifice, are good for all time.*

Jesus did. It says that Jesus "passed through the heavens" (4:14b), and appeared before God on our behalf: "But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation" (9:11).

Jesus appeared in the brilliant and radiant presence of God for us. He gained access to this wonderful presence, "not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood" (9:12a). How many times did He do this? "He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (9:12b). Jesus only had to do this once; His single action was good for all of us, for all who ever lived and for all who ever will live. He obtained eternal redemption. To redeem is to "buy back," to "set free," and to "release." God has bought us back through Jesus and set us free from sin. This redemption is eternal, good forever. It does not expire.

There's more. The blood of goats and bulls only led to a "cleansing of the flesh" (9:13b). Jesus offered Himself "through the eternal Spirit...without blemish to

God" (9:14b). Because of its purity, His blood can "cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (9:14c).

We see that Jesus did several things once for all: 1) He died for us, 2) He was raised to show us God's victory over death, 3) He passed through the heavens to appear in God's radiant presence for us as our high priest of the good things to come, 4) He offered His blood for our redemption, 5) He sat down at God's right hand, and 6) He sent His Holy Spirit to be with us.

Jesus went where we could not go. We were not good enough, or holy enough, to warrant an audience with God; not even close. But as a result of His sacrifice, we are able to come into the very presence of God with Him: "we have confidence to enter the holy place through the blood of Jesus" (10:19b). The requirements are still the same: without sanctification, "no one will see the Lord" (12:14b). But now we can be forgiven, we can be dressed in His righteousness, and we can enter into God's presence because of what Jesus has done for us one time.

## How Long It Lasts

Hebrews is a book of contrasts. It likes to show how superior Jesus is in contrast, for example, to angels. It wants to show us how the new covenant is so much better than the old. Hebrews wants to show us how final Jesus' actions are in contrast to the repetitions of the Levitical priests: "And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins" (10:11). Despite the faithful repetition, these offerings will never ever deal with the problem of sin.

Jesus, on the other hand, "having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God" (10:12b). His one sacrifice was good for all time. It is good for all people: "this He did once for all when He offered up Himself" (7:27b). At the end of it, He was able to sit down. His work was done. "For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified" (10:14). The effectiveness of His offering is strong enough to make perfect anyone who will at

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# From The Blue Line In

Steve May

Today they buried the Rocket.

It was an outpouring of affection for Maurice Richard felt across the whole country:

- a state funeral
- a large cathedral full of dignitaries, politicians, family and friends
- a who's who of hockey legends
- thousands of common people lining the streets of Montreal applauding a casket
- national television covering the final journey and funeral service.

He was just a hockey player. But he was one of the best. If you were a Montreal Canadien's fan, he was the greatest hockey player ever.

In the days since his death there have been lots of tributes and the testimonies. There's been the airing of old T.V. clips showing his goal scoring magic. There's also been lots of discussion of what it was that made him so good.

Dick Irwin said today that he wasn't the best skater, he wasn't the best passer, he wasn't event the best shooter. But what he did have was an incredible determination.

Many of both his colleagues and opponents, as well as those who watched the Canadiens during the hey day of the Richard era, have mentioned this incredible intensity. There was a certain tenacity that was reflected in his eyes and was going to get the job done no matter what, no matter who.

He had a passion for the game, period.

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anytime believe in Him and allow Him to make them holy.

The love Jesus showed, and the saving power of His sacrifice, are good for all time. If He does not return earlier, Jesus' sacrifice will be as effective in the year 3000 or 5000 as it is today. Jesus' love and His one sacrifice of Himself for our forgiveness are good for all time until He returns. They possess unlimited power to transform lives. His offer will always be there for anyone obeying Him. The effects for us will last forever.

## The Benefits for Us

The benefits of Jesus' sacrifice for us are incredible. Notice from our Hebrews passages just what His actions, once for all time, bring us: 1) eternal redemption (He has bought us back and set us free forever), 2) a clean conscience, 3) the ability to serve the living God, 4) the promise of an eternal

inheritance, 5) holiness, 6) perfection, and 7) His laws placed in our hearts and written upon our minds, and 8) God will not remember our sins and lawless deeds once we are forgiven.

When we see the everlasting outcomes of Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, ascension and presence at God's right hand, would we ever want to do without them? Why do so many try to do it on their own, ignoring the free gift of God, not seeing for the first time what He has done once for all? Through God's love and grace, may we do our best to help them see. Let's always be faithful in doing those things God has asked us to do daily and weekly; and, while we do, let's be eternally grateful that we need never do, or repeat, those things only He could do on our behalf, once for all!

But they especially like to comment on this determination once he had gained the opponents end of the ice. Where he really shone, where it really mattered to him and where his eyes would blaze was from the blue line to the goal, from the blue line in. Hockey and life are a lot alike. Both, can be a battle. There are a lot of qualities that are needed to play the game well. But none are more vital than the quality of steadfast determination. The Hebrew letter speaks of laying aside every encumbrance and running with endurance or steadfast determination the race that is set before us (Heb. 12:1). The Lord's great athlete, the apostle Paul wrote about "pressing on" and "straining toward what is ahead" (Phil. 3:12-14).

If our life is an attempt to reach the goal of "the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ" (Phil.3:) then we must play life's game with a measure of that passion and steadfast determination. As one who has passed the half century mark I realize that I'm one of those who has long since crossed the centre line and am now closing in on the goal. We're now playing from the blue line in.

In hockey gaining the blue line is relatively easy but the opposition gets fierce and intense as one approaches the net. In life there are always obstacles and setbacks but none more intense or severe than when we begin to close in on the goal.

The half century mark and beyond is a

time of struggle for health, sometimes a time of family and church disappointments. The vitality, of youth and the ability to bounce back easily is gone. As body and mind deteriorate it's vital that the spirit of faith, hope and love grows stronger; the passion more intense. We are now playing from the blue line in. It's a short but determined drive from here to scoring the ultimate goal. Satan's best defenceman will block the way. It's a battle in front of the net. His goalkeeper will do whatever to keep you out. It will be easy to lose sight of the goal.

The experts often say the real good scorers see the goal, the lesser players just see the goalie. If we focus on the obstacles and struggles, we will give up half-way in. But if we see clearly the goal, the joy, and the victory, will win.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Heb. 12:2-3

From the blue line in - it's time to let our eyes glaze over with the passion of victory and against the odds drive to the net knowing the victory is ours. "Skate" in such a way as to get the prize (1 Cor. 9:24).

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# EDITORIAL

## Sitting With the Sinners

Wayne Turner



**H**ave you ever thought about the disarming ability Jesus had to attract and welcome some of the least desirable people? Many of those who followed him were considered to be the dregs of society - human garbage. His critics pointed to this crowd of riffraff and said "He is a friend of tax collectors and sinners."

His low associations included apostles who were ignorant, rough-hewn Galilean fishermen, a tax collector, a thief, and a terrorist. The crowd who followed him included those who were (or had been) physically deformed or ill, demon possessed and even prostitutes. Decent people had nothing to do with such trash!

When Jesus was invited into the home of Simon the Pharisee, a prostitute came into the house and washed his feet. Simon was disgusted by the thought that Jesus allowed such a woman to touch him at all. "If this man is a prophet, surely he knows what kind of woman is touching him." We can imagine Simon shuddering in revulsion. She was a sinner. How could a truly righteous person have anything to do with her? That she was a social pariah meant nothing to Jesus. He knew her life and character, and he also knew Simon's thoughts and heart. Simon was a Pharisee. In a situation like this, it especially showed.

In some ways, it is hard for us to really understand the Pharisees of the first century. There were so many things that they could be commended for. They loved God and His word. Their zeal for obedience to the law had led them to establish a "hedge" of traditions around the law in the belief that by keeping the traditions, they would not violate the law. They were zealous for righteousness and truth. They studied the scriptures. But there was something terribly wrong. In their love for God, they had lost sight of what God really wanted them to do - love people. Actually, they did love some people. They loved those who were just like them. They did not love people who were different. They hated the Samaritans, the Gentiles, and even those of their own nation who were "sinners" - the great unrighteous mass of those whose lives and values did not measure up to their own.

Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to help them understand that, in God's eyes, neighbour did not mean someone "just like me." The man who had been beaten and left in the ditch was a Jew. Neither the priest nor Levite considered him worthy of their involvement. The Samaritan could have used his own treatment by the Jews as an excuse for causing further harm. Instead, his compassion transcended the human issues and moved him to get involved.

Jesus himself was a model of that kind of attitude. He saw people, not for the sin or the issues in their life but for their need for God. While he certainly was aware of their sin, Jesus did not see people as unclean sinners - as prostitutes, drunkards, thieves or whatever. He saw them as lost sheep, harassed and helpless, needing the care of a loving shepherd. No matter what the sin or other issues of their lives, Jesus was concerned about their welfare and welcomed every attempt to reach out to him. No one was turned away, no matter how tainted or chaotic their life might be.

There is an important lesson for us here as Christians. We are trying to reach perfection, a humanly impossible goal. In the Sermon on the Mount, after talking about loving our enemies and doing more than others, Jesus tells us to be as perfect as our heavenly Father is. (Matt. 5:48) Our holiness and righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. The problem is that when people try to live by such a high standard of moral excellence, they have a tendency, like the Pharisees, to look down on those whose lives are openly imperfect. Since "bad company corrupts good character" (1 Cor. 15:33), many Christians shun contact with "sinners" as much as possible. Their attitudes and remarks about such people reveal a confidence in their own moral and ethical superiority.

Totally insulating ourselves from the world is not possible nor is it desirable. We cannot avoid associating with the ungodly people of this world, otherwise we would have to leave it. (1 Corinthians 5:9,10) We live in the world to influence it for Christ. We are to live such good lives among unbelievers that they see our good deeds and glorify God. (1 Peter 2:12) Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) We cannot influence people by being harsh and judgmental. Though we cannot condone their sin, we should treat everyone in a compassionate, Christ-like way.

While the goal of personal holiness is highly commendable, we must ask if a disdainful attitude is truly the way of Christ. Or, is it the way of the Pharisees? Do we show concern and compassion or contempt for the lost sheep of our generation? What is our attitude toward the "sinners" of our world? Do we treat the prostitutes, adulterers, homosexuals, alcoholics, or any of the other obvious sinners any differently than we treat those whose sins are more socially acceptable? Are we perpetuating the stereotype of the self righteous and intolerance of which the world accuses Christians? Or are we being the light and aroma of Christ sent out into the world to minister to the needs of those who are lost in sin and who need the compassionate touch of Christ to find the strength and forgiveness they need? Are we Pharisees or Christians?

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## Hereditry or Environment

Max Craddock

*(Editor's note: We want to make this page as useful as possible for readers, so your questions and topics for discussion will be appreciated. Please contact me at the address above. mc)*

It's summer time and the living is easy." This statement is sometimes made as the summer comes with vacation time, family trips, etc. Longer evenings mean more time in recreational activities, relaxing in the back yard, picnics, visiting and family outings. Often, as children grow to be teenagers, they are not as involved in these activities because they are working and/or spending time with friends. Therefore, for family life, the time children are younger and more involved in these family activities is precious.

**WARNING:** Do not allow these precious times to slip by without teaching by word and example the most important relationship of all...relationship with God.

A cartoon, published in the New Yorker magazine some years ago, showed a father scowling as he looked over the report card his little boy had brought home. The little boy was perhaps wise beyond his years and asked his father, "What do you think it is, Dad? Hereditry or environment?" Since children are greatly influenced by what they see - perhaps even more so than by what they are taught - this is a question worthy of consideration.

As the "good old summertime" comes along what lesson will you teach your child/children by example? For some, holiday time is the time to get away from it all. They spend time at the cottage, beach, touring or whatever is enjoyed and things like worship services, Bible study, Christian service go on "holiday" as well. You know how it is in Canada...only a couple or three short months for holidays and fun, so make the best of it by putting everything on the back burner, including worship, Bible study and service to God.

God has always expected his people to share the message about Himself with family. Parents are given instruction to teach children about God and His works and to give children the proper perspective of what is important in life through direction from God's Word. However, if the example of some is to be believed they have "fractured" the scriptures as follows:

Taking a thought from instruction given to parents in the Old Testament some may

***Don't live in such a way that your children can use you as an example of why they are not godly.***

have rewritten it as: (the changes are in bold) "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, **except in the summer when life is so laid back** and when you walk along the road, **except in holiday time when enjoying the beautiful outdoors**, when you lie down and when you get up, **except in the summer when so tired at the end of a busy day of recreation in the sun, water and sight-seeing and when it is important to get on the road to take advantage of the short holiday time one has**" (Deut. 6:6,7). "Train a child in the way he should go, **during the school year when they are receiving training in the three Rs**, and when he is old he will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6). From the New Testament, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord, **except in the summertime...after all everyone needs a break!**" (Ephesians 6:4).

Overstated? Maybe, maybe not. However, understand that children are more likely to remember what they see than what they are taught if the teaching and the example do not match. Anyone who is an observer of humankind has seen

children following the example of the adults around them. Parents should be the first adult example to influence their children. Will the example they see be one of consistent Christian commitment to God in word and deed or will it be the example of people who: (1) Say one thing and do another when it comes to high Christian principles? (2) Put the Lord and His work first all the time; most of the time; some of the time or only when nothing else is interesting to do? (3) Perform for other Christians to gain their respect but not live the Christian lifestyle at home behind closed doors?

It is true that parents can do their best to live the Christian life before their children and yet see them reject the Christian life. This is sad and hard to accept. However, it happens far too many times. Yet, it is always a surprise to see parents who are nominal Christians and focused on material living who are surprised at the fact that their children have no real love for Christ and the Lord's Church. "I just don't understand why they don't go to worship and have no interest in the church", they say. Be honest parents. Is there any reason, based on your example, why they should? Don't live in such a way that your children can use you as an example of why they are not godly.

A young man, who had spent some of his life trying to be an unbeliever, decided to become a preacher. When asked why he had changed his view he said, "There was one argument in favor of Christianity which I could never refute - the consistent conduct of my father." What praise! May it be the goal of every parent to be such an example. Then perhaps it can be hereditry and environment that make the difference in your children.

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## God's Volunteer Army

*Brian Cox*

Each summer churches all across Canada have their annual Vacation Bible Schools. For months in advance volunteers prepare the material they will teach, the crafts that they will share with the children and the activities they will participate in. The enthusiasm at VBS is contagious; you cannot help but get caught up in it. VBS usually ends with a closing program to which the children invite their parents, grandparents and other family members. They want them to see their class and the other classes present some of the things that they have learned during the week. At the conclusion of their VBS, the workers go home exhausted but thrilled at the opportunity they have had to share God's Word with young minds.

Churches of Christ across Canada have established a number of Bible/Christian Camps to further the kingdom of God. These camps may have some paid staff, but volunteers do the majority of the work. I have been involved with several of our camps and have noticed a number of similarities. Most noticeable has been the spirit of the volunteers. Camps require an immense amount of work to operate. Those involved with maintenance often give every spring Saturday (as well as other personal time) to the preparation of camp facilities. Throughout the program they willingly and joyfully come out to Camp to maintain the equipment. The program people spend hours at home preparing their Bible Class materials, crafts and activity programs. They are always watching for new ideas that will make their session just a little bit better. They arrive at Camp, having taken a week (or more) of their holiday time to work 12 to 16 hour days. At the end they go home exhausted but already preparing for the next year. I am a better person just to be around these brothers and sister. Behind the scenes are a number of individuals

involved with the good administration of our camps. Their work continues year round.

I wish that time and space permitted me to share with you all the volunteer activities that I am aware of and how they bring glory to God. I have shared the above two with you because they are timely and they are good examples of activities in which people volunteer their time joyfully for God's service.

I have seen some who served grudgingly. They were not happy. They felt like they had been trapped or tricked into serving. They were sure that they were the only ones who were serving or that they were doing more than anybody else. They felt under-appreciated and they felt the need to tell us how much they were doing. Such do not glorify God and their service is often ineffective and unproductive. They are miserable and make all those around them miserable. If you ever walked in on any individual or group serving grudgingly, you are not encouraged to jump in and help, neither do you wish that you had volunteered to be a part of the work they are doing. You are happy that you are not a part of it and glad that you can get out the door and go home.

Thankfully, I have more often seen those who serve cheerfully and willingly. They are thrilled at the opportunity to use their gifts to benefit others and glorify God. They thank God for the opportunity to serve. In groups these people are often encouraging one another and openly share their appreciation for each other and God. Their good cheer and enthusiasm quickly infects anyone who happens to come upon them. One wishes to be a part of the group and mentally makes a note to volunteer for this work the next time the opportunity comes up. Those who serve this way don't keep track of how much they do; as far as they are concerned they can't do enough. Their service glorifies God; it is an effective

and productive work.

What is at the heart of the difference between these two types of serving? When I think of those who serve with joy I am reminded of Eric Little the famous Scottish Olympic sprinter who refused to run a race on the "Lord's Day." His story was made famous by the movie "Chariots of Fire." Eric Little was the son of one of the first missionaries to China and later himself became a missionary to China where he died a young man. Eric was in Scotland where he was studying theology and through the encouragement of friends and family became involved in athletics with great success. Those who encouraged him in athletics thought it was good for young people to see a good athlete who was a devout Christian. Eric's sister Jenny disagreed, she thought Eric should devote his time completely to ministry. Eric assured her that he had committed himself to missionary work in China, but for a little while he was going to run, his goal the Olympics. He told her that God had created him to run and had made him fast and that when he ran he felt God's pleasure. Eric went on to win a longer distance race than he had ever trained for, refusing to compete on Sunday he had been switched to another race. Those who witnessed Eric running watched in amazement, Eric ran not because he loved to win, or to make a name for himself, but for the sheer joy of it, when he ran he felt God's pleasure.

Those who serve grudgingly will never know that joy; they will never feel God's pleasure. Those who serve cheerfully and willingly know what I am writing about; they know the joy that comes from serving and they feel God's pleasure.

Should we wait for the feeling to serve? No, the joy is the result of cheerful willing service. Should I stop serving when it stops feeling good? No, at times our work is hard and Satan throws many obstacles in our way, but God will reward our endurance with joy at the end of the day. How does one get started? There are so many opportunities for service that I cannot list them all here. If you need some help getting started, contact me by email, phone or mail (see top of page) and I will try to help you. Join the joyful army of God's volunteers today!

*BMC*

# Grace in Ephesians - Part II

## Grace for the Believers

(Editor's note: Part 1 of this three part series by Richard Kruse appeared on page 2 of the March issue. ecp)

Because of God's rich grace, Paul could write "Praise...God" (Eph1:3,6). God is not an unknown spiritual force. By his grace he has revealed himself to us as the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"(1:3). God has blessed us by giving us "every spiritual blessing in Christ" (1:3).

EPHESIANS 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship...." We could translate the word "workmanship" as "poem". The word contains the idea of a beautiful, hand carved, work of art. God is the creator. When he makes something it is perfect. By his grace, God has made the believers spiritually perfect, completely saved.

By grace God has given believers something to do: to live as "God's poem." He gave them life and purpose for living. Believers are to do the good works which God has prepared for them. This does not earn them salvation. There is nothing that people can do to make salvation more complete or perfect. They are not working to become justified in the eyes of God. They work because God has already justified them. They work because of their relationship with him - they are servants of God. Their work is in response to God's gift, not to earn it.

EPHESIANS 3:1-8. After his conversion, Paul knew he belonged to the Lord (Rom 14:8). Even though he was in a Roman prison, he knew he was a prisoner of the Lord. He reminded the Gentiles that he was in prison because he taught that the gospel was for people of all races, languages and colours.

It was by grace that God saved Paul. By grace God called him. He was taught the mystery of the good news by the grace of God (v 2-3). The mystery now made known was that salvation was now for both Jews and Gentiles. All races are equal in God's love and in his plan through Jesus Christ (vs 4-6).

Paul's task was to share God's love to the Gentiles. They too could be children of God. His efforts were not to be his own. It was the power of God working through him (v 7). By God's grace Paul was able to

preach the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph 3:8; Rm 11:33; Isa 4:13-14). The word unsearchable means "that which a person cannot trace or fully understand." The riches of Christ are so rich, great and abundant, that it is beyond human power to know, grasp or fully understand them all. He became a "servant" of the gospel (v 7). In becoming a servant he was imitating Christ (5:1).

A parable of Jesus (Lk 17:7-10) shows this principle. When the servant came in from the field, the master did not sit him down and serve him. The master expected the servant to serve him. He did not even thank him for what he had done. He had done nothing to earn special honour or reward. He merely did his duty.

In the same way, we can never present God with a bill for our services. In doing what he says, we are merely doing our duty and exercising our privilege. We can never do anything beyond what we were created in Christ to do. We can never deserve his grace. What we have is the result of his

***"The Messiah wants his spiritual body to be healthy, growing and maturing."***

gift, not our efforts. We have nothing to boast about.

EPHESIANS 4:7-13. It is God's plan for every believer to be able to contribute to the full work of the church. The Lord knows how much of his grace he needs to give to each new believer.

The Psalm 68, especially v 18, pictures David returning from one of his battles. When he entered Jerusalem with all the captives and ascended to his throne, he received gifts from the people. Now notice how Paul contrasts the triumph of the Messiah. When Jesus ascended on high he gave gifts to those who would be his followers. Paul is picturing the Lord as one who gives, not demands; one who pours out love, not demands tribute.

The Lord has given each believer a spiritual gift - a grace (4:7). The Ephesians were to use the spiritual gifts that the Lord had given to them: a) to become mature in the Lord, b) to be powerful, c) to be mature - that is, to be like Jesus, d) to be active and grow, e) to be an example of his love. These spiritual gifts take training and

encouragement to develop and be ready for active service.

To accomplish this goal, God designed a plan for the church. This is not a church building or an organization, but is God's plan. a) God gave gifted leaders to the church to make the church grow and be united. b) God also prepared every member to have a certain function or functions, within the body. The Messiah wants his spiritual body to be healthy, growing and maturing. To be like this, every member has a ministry that is useful for the health of that body.

Spiritual gifts are Christ's characteristics reproduced by the Spirit in the body of believers. Believers reach the full stature of Jesus Christ through sharing the gifts and being ministered to by the spiritual gifts.

### The Function of the Spirit

a) To prepare. Putting a person or thing into the condition it ought to be. To a doctor this was a medical term used for setting a broken bone in place. In politics it carried the idea of bring together opposing factions to make the government function. To a fisherman it was the word they used for mending nets (Mk 1:19). In Gal 6:1 Paul uses the same root word concerning the disciplining of a member of the congregation. The discipline is for the member to fit in again with the body of believers.

b) Ministry; service. This carried the idea of practical service as in the preparation of a meal (Lk 10:40); distribution of alms (Ac 6:1).

c) Build up the body of Christ. To edify; to build; to be constructive. To see that the problems do not cause divisions. To strengthen and not ever loosen that which bound them together.

d) Unity. Spiritual gifts were part of the problem at Corinth. The spiritual gifts were to unite and not divide the congregation.

e) Maturity; that is becoming like Christ. Each believer is to grow in relation to the Lord; to become like Christ. Each is to build up the others, to help them become mature. Read Col 3:12-14.

*.....to be continued  
Toronto, Ontario*

**POINT BY PERRY:**

**Test the Water**

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**T**he E. coli 0157 situation, resulting in deaths and death threatening illnesses, in Walkerton, Ontario has caused all of us to have a renewed awareness of the need for care in the matter of our water. Carelessness on our part or on the part of those entrusted with our water supply can result in sickness and death. Just one warning not given or not heard has resulted in seven deaths. We ignore warnings about our water at our own risk.

Likewise, care in regard to the "water of life" should figure prominently in our concern for spiritual safety, health and life. Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well about "living water" which he would have given to her if she had known who he was and had asked him for it. In contrast to the water from Jacob's well, which temporarily quenched spiritual thirst, this living water permanently quenches spiritual thirst as it becomes in the recipient "a well of water, springing up unto eternal life" (Jno.4:10-14).

It would seem that Jesus had in mind the life giving gospel message which provides eternal life to those who recognize him as God's son and call on his name for salvation. If, as has been proven by sad experi-

ence, it is so very important to be careful about the water we drink physically, surely we should exercise even greater care when it comes to this "living water" whose consequences are spiritual and eternal. Even though results of carelessness may not be as immediately visible, they are even more certain and more serious.

The living water, the message of salvation, must be tested for purity on a regular basis. We tend to be trusting of those doing the dispensing of both our community water supply and our spiritual water supply. These people have accepted these responsibilities and we expect them to be reliable. Then a failure is discovered. Even reliable, conscientious people can fail in either case.

There are those who carelessly mishandle the word of truth. Others may do so deliberately. If we accept their message, the results are just as disastrous whether the error was deliberate or accidental. The false prophet with the wrong motive and the misinformed or misled preacher or teacher, who means well, are equally dangerous.

The Berean people are held up as an example, not just because they received the message with great eagerness, but because they "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11). They tested the water for themselves.

Besides the many worded warnings, there are numerous Bible examples of God's great displeasure with men who adapted his word to suit their convenience or pleasure. Let us make sure that we are drinking pure

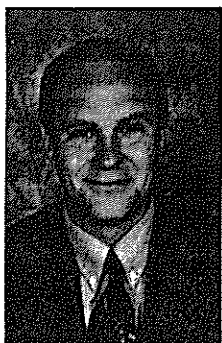
water. "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (I Jno 4:1).

One very common area of carelessness and convenience driven teaching is that of the use of water in baptism. We have never heard or read of a Bible scholar, regardless of his teaching and practice, who would not agree that, in the New Testament era, baptism was the immersion of a penitent, adult believer. For the most part, such would also admit that it was then understood to result in the "remission of sins", "salvation", "the washing away of sin" (Acts 22:16).

This being true, is it not very strange that so many, so readily accept and practice a different baptism not found in the scriptures. Man has changed the teaching. Infants (unable to believe, repent or confess) are being sprinkled with water and a gullible, trusting public is accepting it as the real, safe thing. Others, because of a doctrine developed by man, believe that baptism is a meritorious work, and deliberately delete it from the essentials (their plan of salvation) or steps that lead to salvation. (See Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:4; I Pet.3:21).

Strange indeed that, despite the eternal consequences, so many are so willing to drink this impure water without first testing and proving it. There are serious responsibilities and consequences for both those who dispense and those who drink. Test the water!  
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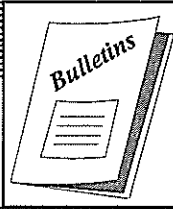
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# FROM THE BULLETINS

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## Formula For Success

Henrietta Mears in her book, "Dream Big: The Henrietta Mears Story" said, "To be successful in God's work is to fall in line with His will and to do it His way. All that is pleasing to Him is a success."

Zig Ziglar is quoted as saying, "Success is not measured by how you do compared to how somebody else does, but by how you do compared to what you could have done with what God gave you."

In both the Old and New Testaments there are summaries of what God expects from folks in order to be successful. Take Micah, for example. "What does God really want from you?" is the question that this prophet asks. The religious elite later counted 619 commandments in God's law, which they eventually expanded into a huge set of volumes known as the Talmud.

But Micah condenses the list considerably. He said that what God really desires is for us, "to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly before your God" (Micah 6:6-8). This is God's formula for success.

Jesus, as well had something to offer in this regard. When asked to identify the "greatest" commandment, he did not specify baptism, or church attendance, or helping the poor. He simply said, "Love the Lord your God, with all your heart and soul and mind and strength" (Matt. 22:35-38). His advice wasn't to "obey" God, or "fear" God, or even "serve" God. It was for us to "love" God. And the second greatest commandment, he said was to love your neighbor as you love yourself (Matt. 22:39-40).

Paul, in Romans 13:10, echoed Jesus when he said that loving one's neighbor fulfills the law. Of the three great qualities: faith, hope and love, Paul said, "the greatest is love" (1 Cor.13:13). In Colossians 3:14, he urged that we are to put on love above all other traits.

Now obviously, the one who seeks to obey these core commands will find that they have enormous implications on life's daily details. Neither Micah nor Jesus nor Paul suggests otherwise. There is little doubt that when these success formulas are taken to heart they will impact every facet

of our lives. Everything that we do, say or think will be guided by these commands. And, when our lives are guided by these principles then success, God's way will be ours.

However, injected into these very true thoughts comes the big, "but" that tends to erase the truth of being completely and solely guided by loving God as our formula for success. Into our thinking comes those thoughts of the realities of life like chronic disease, trials, problems, failures and frustration. Since we feel and would argue that we love God but still succumb to these challenges, the tendency is to take control ourselves in order to overcome and thus achieve success and meaning.

Isn't it interesting though, how our attempts at achieving success leave us still feeling empty? Isn't it intriguing that our efforts to find meaning always seem to be lacking? But yet we still keep chasing after those things that we believe will make us a success and give us meaning.

Could it be that what we really need to contemplate and consider is the real depth of our love for God? Could the real problem be that we don't love God as much as we think we do or should? God's promise is that we will experience fulfillment and meaning when we love Him. If that is not what your experience is then I would suggest that the real depth of your love for God needs to be considered.

Another quote I read this week said, "Success is not measured by how high you fly, but how high you bounce." That is a profound thought. Life, being what it is, will bring our way it's share of challenges and difficulties. The depth of the ones you have, only you truly understand. However, you can be a success in the midst of them if you will learn to bounce. That is bounce into the arms of God with complete trust and faith because of your love for Him. If that will be your focus there isn't a trial or trouble that you won't bounce back from and in so doing your success is assured and certain.

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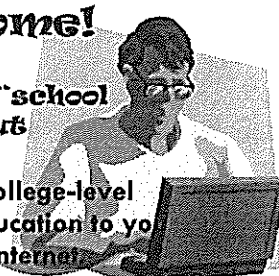
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# FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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## Graduation

Linda C. Hammett

**M**y daughter, Mandi, our middle child, just graduated from high school a few weeks ago. As the anticipated day approached, I was filled with emotions. Everything that happened during the last few months seemed to be pointing to that important day in her life. During the variety show performed by the choral department at school in early May, I was moved to tears when Mandi began to cry as she linked arms with her fellow seniors as they sang "Friends". When she sang with Treble Chorus at their final concert I thought back to the first concert she was part of and how proud I was to see her using her talents. When she rang in her final bells concert a week before the end of the year, I found myself teary-eyed as I remembered the first time she rang and how amazed I was at the beautiful sounds that came as she joined the others. And when she was called to join the other seniors on youth day at church to be honoured and presented with a Bible, I had a lump in my throat as I remembered all the youth rallies and mission trips that she has been a part of over the years.

Those final days of school were very difficult for her and most of her fellow seniors as they realized that their time together was drawing to a close. Many of them had been together for 13 years while other had only been classmates for a few years. But the bond that they shared was strong no matter how long they had been classmates.

Then came the all-important day of graduation. As we gathered in the gym where the ceremonies would take place, there was an air of excitement, emotion and anticipation wafting around us. As I watched Mandi march in with her class, I again was moved to tears. At that moment, I could only remember the sweet little toddler dressed in ruffles and ribbons who only a few short years ago had been following me around like my shadow. Where had the years gone?

As I have thought about that important day in the life of Mandi and her fellow grads, I have been flooded with many

thoughts. Have I prepared her to go off to college where she will experience a certain amount of independence? Will she be able to make right choices and decisions based on what she has learned at home? Will she be wise in her choice of a future husband? Will she be able to manage her finances? Will God always be number one in her life? And on and on. . .

I have also been thinking about my children and their lives a lot lately. We now have only one left at home, and in two short years, he will also be off to college. I look back over the 20 years that we have had children, and I thank God for every day that we have been blessed with them. But I also realize how quickly the time passed to bring us to this day. I see so many things that I should have done differently in teaching them as a mother. I remember when my children were little, older parents would tell me to enjoy them while I could because they wouldn't be small very long. I kind of laughed at that, especially on days when they were particularly hard to handle or I was extremely tired, wishing in a way that they were grown and out from under my feet. Many was the day I longed for a boarding school for toddlers!! But as I look back, I realize the absolute truth in what those wise people were telling me. It seems now like only a breath of time has passed since my teens were babies.

Unfortunately we aren't able to turn back the clock and undo things that we did badly or change mistakes. We can only move on from this moment. For those of you who still have young children, I urge you to value and cherish every moment that you have with your children. Make careful decisions about how you discipline and teach them. When you do make a mistake, don't be afraid to correct it, apologize and move on.

For those of you who have grown or almost grown children, remember that your guidance will continue all through their lives. If you have laid the foundation for them, they will always come to you for advice and assistance. When they reach the

age when they will make their own decisions and choices, stand by them as much as possible, advise them and be there when they need you.

You sisters who are grandmothers have an important role as well. We mothers often need to turn to you for guidance in raising our children. In addition, time spent with you can be invaluable to our children in growing up. Make the time with your grandchildren special and memorable, and teach them the things that you have learned from life.

The most important thing that we as mothers can do is to pray for and with our children. We should pray daily that God will give us the wisdom and understanding that we need to raise our children to become responsible, Christian adults. We need to pray that He will guide us in disciplining our children so that they will learn how to be good citizens in society. We need to pray for God's help in teaching our children good morals and life skills. Pray that our children will be safe and make good choices and right decisions. Start when they are young to show them the importance of praying daily for God's help in every decision in their lives. Pray with them for things that are going on in their lives so that they will see how important prayer is in your life and theirs.

There are a lot of graduations in life. Many are now graduating from preschool, kindergarten, grade 8, high school, and college. There will eventually be the final graduation at life's end. We must all be prepared for the graduations in our lives. They are important days!!

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## ONTARIO

**Ajax:** A special luncheon was held May 28 to celebrate "Mother's" and "Father's" day.

**Beamsville:** Ruth Zimmerman reports from Lae, Papua New Guinea that she is moving to the island of Rabaul, north of the mainland. She is with an American couple who are starting a church there. She has plans to begin a pre-school there. Len and Dorothy Graham (London) are moving to Beamsville. Myrna Perry is also moving from Nashville during June, after 30 years of working in the David Lipscomb University library. The GLCC Chorus sang on Wednesday evening, May 21. Sarah Gossling, a student of GLCC was baptized Thursday evening, June 8, surrounded by a circle of friends at the Beamsville church building. A congregational noon meal is planned for Sunday, June 18, "Father's Day."

**Bramalea: Ibero-American Encounter:** More than 150 people have registered, and are applying for visas, so that they might come for October 10-15. Fourteen countries are represented in this number. A contribution was made to Freed-Hardeman University on behalf of Beth Langman of the St. Thomas congregation and formerly of Bramalea, for her campaign trip to New Zealand this summer. Approximately 35 leaders and wives attended the dinner June 6 at the Muddy Duck restaurant in Milton. Max Craddock was the guest speaker.

**Brantford:** The GLCC Chorus sang on May 14.

**Grimsby:** Jeff Cobb and family went to the country of Turkey for his military tour of duty in May with plans to visit both Tarsus and Antioch while there.

**Guelph:** Keith Thompson and Mike Gosselin were guest speakers in June.

**Newmarket:** June 12 the ladies had a final dinner for their class. A VBS Mission trip to Nova Scotia is being planned for August 18-27.

**North Bay:** Bruce and Laurie St Clair arrived safely from Scotland.

**St. Catharines, (Ontario St.):** Con-

gratulations to Roy and Nelle Merritt who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 30. Awards night for the Kids for Christ, including a picnic, was held on Friday, June 9. The group from Welland participated with them. The Cordle's hosted a Men's Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, June 10.

"Kay Pryszlak was baptized last weekend" (That would be June 3-4; no specific date) "Brandy Huard is engaged to be married to Jason Barry of Smithville."

**St. Thomas:** "the church here enjoyed a great Gospel Meeting with Michael Tackett on April 14-16 in which he encouraged us to take a closer look at the resurrection of Christ. We had 28 different individuals from the community attend. We invited them to a church picnic on June 11. Seven congregations were represented.

**Sarnia:** "The spring gospel meeting with brother Max Craddock was most enjoyable and uplifting. It was well attended and brought much encouragement to the congregation. Baptism: On May 7, at the tender age of 10, Britney Dennis gave her life to the Lord. We rejoice with the angels over her decision. Heather Hall, a talented young lady in our congregation, has been accepted at three different universities. We wish her well in her decision." - Skip Francis.

Merri Vaughn became Mrs. Mike McCabe on June 3 in Port Huron. Mike and Merri have bought a home in Sarnia where they plan to live. Mike will be working as the fill-in preacher at Port Huron for the present time.

**Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill):** This spring the brethren had a special study on spiritual gifts. They had a senior's afternoon on Tuesday, April 18. Kay Bailey has graduated from college with a BA in Psychology. Hazel Moore celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday. Baptism: The congregation rejoiced in early May as they witnessed the new birth of Jessica Lansdell into the Kingdom of God. Jessica is the daughter of Roger and Sandra. Over 60 ladies enjoyed an excellent ladies day together on May 6. The Northern Youth Meeting has been canceled for this year.

**Selkirk:** Jennifer Hoover (Mrs. Steve), granddaughter-in-law of the late Hazel Hoover, was baptized on June 4.

**Stratford:** A quarterly meeting and potluck was held on May 28. Violet Whitfield celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday in early May.

**Thunder Bay:** The annual Bible presen-

tations were made to the students on June 11. A Sunday School picnic followed in the afternoon. A VBS is being planned. Angela Armstrong was awarded the Walter Poshtar award of Excellence, based on her grades, school and community involvement.

**Tintern:** A VBS is scheduled for July 3-7. On June 3 an information/planning meeting regarding a Senior Care Centre was attended by interested people from several congregations. Darryll Culley, administrator of the Barry facility acted as the resource person.

**Toronto (Harding Avenue):** The Ghanian brethren at Harding Ave. are sponsoring a meeting June 30 - July 2 with brother Samuel Twumasi-Ankra from Abilene Christian University, a well known Ghanian evangelist who works among the Ghanian and English speaking brethren.

**Toronto (Bayview):** In April the brethren had a sign-up to re-establish their ministry teams for the coming year. They also had their annual spring social at the Peddle's after church on April 16.

**Toronto (Strathmore):** A "Marriage/Family Enrichment Weekend" with Walter Hart is being planned for December 1-3. The theme for "Bring a Friend Day" on May 28 was Living Life to the Full. Ten of the ladies went to hear the lessons on "The Hands of Jesus" at the Fennell Ave. congregation in Hamilton, May 13.

**Windsor (West Side):** "On May 7, three of our young men presented the evening lesson. We had a young men's training class for four weeks in April and May. Tom and Jean Hamilton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 5. On May 22 a group went to the Detroit Zoo and then the church, along with some from the Northshore congregation, had a barbecue at the building. We continue to provide groceries for a ladies shelter in the city. We have been blessed to welcome the Pecani family from Albania. Petika, Marianna, Blerina and Albana moved here on May 1. A welcome shower was held for them on the evening of May 21." - Drew Chapados

During the two years there have been 70 Key to the Kingdom contacts of whom 20 are continuing their studies.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

**Moncton:** Over 2000 copies of our new pamphlet were delivered to homes and apartments this spring. One lady has responded and is regularly attending services. May 18, Heather Urquhart was baptized into Christ. She is the teenage daughter

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# NEWS

## - FAR WEST -



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### ALBERTA

**Edmonton:** Good news! On Monday, May 29, Jan Thomson was baptized into Christ. Jan is a first year English student at the University of Alberta. He first heard about the church through some banners advertising Al Zeepers' web page. Jan began attending one of the small group evangelistic Bible studies in the city. Rob Burnstad and one of the evangelists studied the Bible with Jan. Also baptized in May was Young Kim. Young was invited to study the Bible by Jenny Law. Jenny owns her own hair salon—very few customers escape from her chair without being engaged in a conversation about faiths, Jesus and the Bible. Young studied the Bible with Jenny and one of the evangelists.

From May 12-14 we held our first annual

**Youth Retreat.** Sixteen teens from Edmonton and a dozen adults attended the retreat. Everyone involved agrees that it was a successful weekend. Rolland Bouchard, youth minister from Winnipeg did a great job with the lessons. Thank you to everyone who planned, volunteered and attended.

On May 13, Suzanne Richer and Gary Poon were united in marriage. The newlyweds will make their home in Edmonton.

Congratulations to Sean and Heidi McCartan on the birth of their second son, Ethan Patrick, on May 16. Everyone is healthy and doing fine.

Bob Lewis from Longmont Colorado presented a Family Enrichment Seminar on June 16-18.

We are in the process of seeking additional qualified men to serve the congregation as deacons and elders.

*David Ford, evangelist*

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Vancouver (Oakridge):** The men of the congregation have begun meeting weekly to pray and discuss plans for outreach and growth of Oakridge. It is a time of sharing ideas and working together to find ways to do more for the lost in our city. It is not a business meeting but a time to pray and work on

ideas for strengthening the work here.

**Surrey:** The congregation of the Lord's church meeting in Surrey, is being blessed beyond all we could ask or think.

During the past few months we have had several members move to the area and place membership with us. This, coupled with the increased involvement of the members in the spreading of the gospel has resulted not only in the baptism on May 21st of Jessie Mar (a student of the Key to the Kingdom correspondence course) and Olga Mate (the mother of one of our newer members) but the warm, friendly relationship of the church family here. We praise our Heavenly Father, as we continue to teach the message of the Gospel to the lost.

Just as negativism rubs off on others, we are experiencing the joy of positive, committed members sharing their joy in serving God with the rest of the members. We are thankful for the inspiring Bible class lessons for all ages and the outstanding sermons by our preacher, Ron Beckett.

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*Pat McLure*

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Bill Schwarz "Authentic Christianity"  
Darrin Douglas "Obligated, Eager and Not Ashamed"  
5:00 - 7:00 Supper on your own  
7:00 - 7:30 Praise and Prayer  
7:30 - 8:30 Key Lesson: David Lusk "The Magnificent Obsession"

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- 9:00 - 9:15 Praise and Prayer  
9:15 - 10:00 Key Lesson: Earl Greene "Why We Can't Wait"  
10:15 - 11:00 Workshops:  
John Clayton "The Use of Evidences to Gain Contacts"  
Russ Bone "Remaining Evangelistic and Fired Up!"  
Bruce Tetreau "Kitchen Table Studies"  
Teens - Bill Schwarz "Livin' La Vida Loca"  
11:15 - 12:00 Workshops:  
Earl Greene "Why We Can't Wait"  
Peter Morphy "Growing Bold"  
Bruce Tetreau "Who Should Teach The Class?"  
Teens - Scott Mansfield "The Auction Block"  
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch at the building  
1:30 - 1:45 Praise and Prayer  
1:45 - 2:30 Key Lesson: John Clayton "Approaches to Faith Problems"  
2:45 - 3:30 Workshops:  
John Clayton "The Use of Evidences to Gain Contacts"  
Bruce Tetreau "The Lesson Plan"  
Wilson Dicker  
Teens - Peter Morphy "What's Your Sign?"  
4:00 - 4:15 Praise and Prayer  
4:15 - 5:00 Key Lesson: Jim Holston "The Kingdom of God is a Party" (Luke 15)

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# BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to  
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There are also included extensive end-notes, bibliography, and scripture and subject index. The author is the host of the Bible Answer Man radio broadcast.

*Preaching Christ from the Old Testament* by Sidney Greidanus, R. G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, ON 373 pages, \$33.99 (Cdn.)

This book should be the standard reference work on this subject for many years to come. It will help preachers learn how to and how not to preach Christ from the Old Testament. Haddon Robinson says of this book, "The Old Testament was the Bible of the early church. Yet many pastors in the modern church find the Old Testament difficult to preach. Greidanus offers thoughtful readers some practical and helpful counsel on preaching Christian sermons from the Old Testament. This is a book well worth reading and applying in our teaching of the Word of God."

The author is well acquainted with all past and present authors who have dealt with this great topic. He warns preachers of the danger of "reading Christ back into the Old Testament" in allegorizing and typologizing. This forces the text to say something it does not intend to say and misuses the Old Testament text. We need to follow the example of the apostles in their methods of preaching Christ in the synagogue and in their letters. It is so easy to force our interpretations on the text and fail to allow it to speak for itself.

Beginning preachers will find vital guidelines to help them in their work; older preachers will find help in correcting their deficiencies and in doing a better job in preaching the greatest message in the world. Highly recommended!

*Resurrection* by Hank Hanegraaff, Word Publishing, 281 pages, \$16.99 (U.S.)

Lee Strobel, author of *The Case For Christ* calls this book "A stirring and powerful

defense of the central event in Christianity." It is also highly recommended by other prominent evangelicals such as John MacArthur, Joni Eareckson Tada, Rick Warren, Norman Geisler and by Max Lucado. Previously we have reviewed other books by this author. *The Face That Demonstrates the Farce of Evolution, Christianity in Crisis and Counterfeit Revival.*

There is no doubt that the fact of Christ's resurrection is the most powerful defence of the Christian faith that is available to us. It is the prime evidence of the rock upon which our faith is built. This book not only sets forth this evidence in a most powerful way but it also answers the false teachings of cults like Jehovah's Witnesses and the unbelief of the so-called "Jesus Seminar" and other unbelievers.

The author includes many valuable quotations from other writers. He uses many current illustrations like the sudden passing of golf champion Payne Stewart.

He answers a multitude of vital questions regarding this great foundation of our faith. "Was Christ's physically resurrected from the Dead or Did He Rise an Immaterial Spirit?" "Does the Soul continue to exist after the death of the body?" "Do believers receive resurrected bodies when they die or when Christ returns?" "Are Reincarnation and Resurrection Mutually Exclusive?" "Is Cremation commensurate with the Christian Concept of Resurrection?" "Will we be resurrected at the same age that we died?" "Will there be sex after the resurrection?" "What about rewards in the resurrection?"

Although he says we can receive the Lord through prayer only he also cites the verses that show the importance of baptism!

## Zambia

"At the present time there are approximately 693 congregations of the Lord's church in Zambia. Since 1990 the more or less 266 that have been planted have been done so mainly by the Zambian brethren. Many of the congregations are started by another congregation in order to reach out to areas where the church does not exist. Roy and Kathi Merritt, along with Namwianga Mission teachers and staff, have recently started a church planting program in the Northern province of Zambia. their efforts have resulted in a number (17 ecps) of church plants" from Kalomo Reporter

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## MISSION NEWS:

### Papua New Guinea

Velma Forman reports that as 1999 drew to a close, a youth camp, was conducted despite threats of disruption. "Five young women were baptized and one young man was restored to the fellowship." The clinic staff saw 120 patients between classes. The financial report shows a deficit of \$5,042.46 as of the end of April, 2000.

Ray and Elizabeth Lock, who served in this field from 1974 to 1986 and revisited in 1997 and 1998, are making plans to, along with granddaughter Angela Voyles, spend threemonths there beginning in mid August. They are attempting to raise \$15,000 to cover the costs.

### Ukraine - Pinczuk

The Pinczuk family are proceeding with plans to return to Canada in July and have submitted the following report.

"God has blessed us and our work here more than we deserve! The church is growing faster (numerically) and spiritually now more than ever before. Another three precious adult souls were added to the kingdom (through baptismal renewal) this past Lord's Day. Over 30 of our brethren gathered in a beautiful wooded area on the Dnieper River and witnessed

this awesome "new birth!" We blended our voices with angelic hosts in heaven and rejoiced as heaven's gates were opened to another three lost souls!

"The work of the Slavic Evangelism Ministry continues to exceed all former levels of service. We have provided 20 churches of Christ (so far) in Ukraine with a Church Library valued at more than \$250.00 each. Our dream is to do the same for the remaining 80! IS THERE A BETTER WAY TO EVANGELIZE THAN TO "EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE" FOR WORKS OF SERVICE?

"We are keeping our apartment in Kyiv because I would like to return several times to keep an eye on the work here! LORD WILLING, WE ALL ARE PLANNING TO RETURN FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS IN THE SUMMER OF 2001.

"We are all well and are looking forward to coming home for a little while. Please continue to remember us in your prayers!"

*Rick & family*

### Kosovo (condensed)

"After three and one half weeks here, we are reluctantly preparing for our departure. Ten years of severe persecution at the hands of a barbaric army which culminated in the 1999 war, has left devastation

everywhere. After a year of cleanup activities there are still burned out and bombed buildings everywhere.

"Many of the humanitarian organizations are pulling out of Kosovo to go to other war torn areas of the world. They are however leaving before the job has hardly begun. You (those who have donated) are helping to immunize the population through supplying thousands of needles and syringes that our man Doug Smith is able to purchase locally.

"BUT THE REAL NEED HERE IS SPIRITUAL. The spiritual void that exists is in our experience. Marie-Claire and I have worked with Ken in studying with medical doctors, professors, teachers, students and housewives. They come in droves and although some are apprehensive at first, they soon see that there is a difference in what we are sharing with them and what they have previously heard.

"All that is holding them back is a lack of people to come and share the gospel. If you can read English you can do this. I'll be home next week and look forward to talking to those of you interested in coming to help out here for a month or longer. YOURS FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH ALL WHILE THERE IS YET TIME!

*Bill McDonough*

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of Carol Urquhart who came to Christ two years ago. Tim Johnson was to hold a gospel meeting in Caribou Maine, June 2-4.

### NEW YORK

**North Buffalo:** Grace Nigro died of congestive heart failure Monday, May 8. A memorial service was held for her on May 15. Don and Sara Rolls moved to Hawaii in early June. Art Ford, with some students from GLCC, planned to preach on June 4. The ladies were exchanging prayer sisters on June 11.

### Zambia Mission

In January of 2001 a group of seven members of the Churches of Christ plan to leave Canada on a mission trip. Plans are underway and arrangements have been made for us to work in Zambia, Africa. Our group consists of five students, recent alumni of Great Lakes: Matt Whittington (Beamsville), Amanda Whitehead, Lee Whitfield, Terral McBay (Tintern), Amanda Boland (Niagara Falls), and two sponsors Donald and Dianne Perry who are involved in Great Lakes and are experienced on the mission field.

Our mission to Zambia will last three months. We will stay at a mission school called Namwianga for most of our time, providing help with the work there. Missionary Roy Merritt, our contact, says there is an endless list of work and challenges. Among these are: accompanying him on his trips to the villages, manual construction labour, tutoring, sharing the Word and nursing, making friends with the students and influencing them towards Christ, and working with a blind community near the school.

We are very excited and hope others will share in our enthusiasm. Financial support can be addressed to the Church in Beamsville, (marked for Zambia Mission); whereby tax receipts will be issued. Questions can be addressed to: zambiamission@hotmail.com

Or contact Donald Perry - <dperry@becon.org> (905) 563-7312

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# OBITUARIES

## Jessie Florence Jacobs (1914-2000)

Jessie Florence O'Neal was born on January 6, 1914 at Athabasca, Alberta in the Peace River area. She passed away in Brandon Regional Health Center on February 3, 2000. She was the daughter of Ross and Edna O'Neal. At the age of 18 she moved to Saskatchewan with her mother, 4 sisters and 1 brother. She worked at housework for various people in southern Saskatchewan. In the spring of 1939, she came to Manson to work for the Rogers family.

On November 6, 1940 she married Gilbert Jacobs at Harptree, Saskatchewan. They settled on the farm near Manson where they resided until October of 1999 when they moved to Elkhorn. Because of Jessie's health she moved to Elkwood Manor Personal Care Home. Gilbert moved to the Elkview Lodge to be nearby.

Jessie's top priority in life was tending to the needs of her husband and children. She was always there for them. She took an active part in the Church of Christ, taking her turn at teaching children's Sunday School classes. She served as 4-H Leader and helped out with various other community activities. Her hobbies were reading, sewing and needlework.

She is survived by her husband Gilbert; her children, Evelyn and Bill Muller of Elkhorn; Edith and Ed VanAlstine of Hamilton, ON; Lorna and Rick Shine of Victoria, BC; Gerry and Irene of Winnipeg; Ernie and Bernette of Elkhorn; son-in-law, George Overton of Midland, TX; two sisters, Irma Start Bengough, SK, and Blanche Goodchild of Dawson Creek, BC; twenty-four grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Ross and Edna O'Neal; two sisters, Norma and Beulah Start; one brother James O'Neal; her daughter, Elnora Overton; an infant daughter, Linda; and an infant grandson, Bradley.

### Viola Preston

On Monday, April 17, Viola May Preston passed away peacefully on her 96th birthday at Powassan, Ontario. On April 20th she was honoured and remembered at the Sundridge church building with a large gathering that included her 8 children - Eugene Preston (Edna), Clare Preston (Elsie - deceased), Grant Preston (Edith), June Kent (Lewis), Donald Preston (Margaret), Alex Preston (Shirley), Clark Preston (Donna), and Fred Preston (Barb). Also present were many of her near 100 grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren. Two granddaughters shared in the tribute paid at the memorial service.

Viola was the 3rd of 6 children born to the union of C.W. Petch and Ada Elford. Her father, was named Charles Wesley in recognition of the great Protestant Reformer and

through the Elford family he came in contact with the Restoration Movement. C.W. and Ada attended the Nashville Bible School in the fall and winter of 1899 and 1900. They returned to Canada, first to Carmen, Manitoba and then to Selkirk, Ontario where Viola was born.

Charles served in various places throughout Ontario including St. Catharines, Fenwick, Tintern, Stouffville, Pine Orchard, Toronto (Strathmore), Omagh, and Charlton Station. Often he traveled to various churches to serve in lengthy meetings of nightly preaching or for several months in efforts to assist or revive struggling works. This often meant leaving the family behind on the farm in the Newmarket area to support his efforts to preach elsewhere.

Viola May was often a part of that work. She liked to recall how at age 10 she was taught to drive the horses. This so she could handle the lines each Sunday on the 10 mile journey from Pine Orchard to Stouffville so Dad could study his sermon notes before preaching there.

When 3 years old she accompanied her father to the June Meeting in Toronto where C.W. was the afternoon speaker. Little Viola May broke away from whoever was looking after her, climbed over a railing and joined her father on the platform. He simply reached down and took her hand and kept preaching. From there father and daughter went on to Griersville for a 3 week evangelistic meeting.

She made her own commitment to Jesus and was baptized by her father at age 12 in 1916. She was baptized in Cedar Valley Pond like so many others in that area including her future husband, Alex Preston, a few years later.

Her faith in God was the driving force behind the establishing of the Church of Christ in Sundridge. The Preston family moved to the area in 1943. They met as the church in their home and through their evangelistic efforts, that included tent meetings with George Johnson, others soon joined and the church came into being.

Family members have shared that while there were many discouragements in both trying to eke out a living from the farm and in establishing a church it was mother's faith in God that carried the day. Her quiet faith and fortitude are the reason many of us are in the fellowship of the church here in Sundridge.

In recent years with difficult hearing and wheelchair bound she liked nothing better than to "go to meeting". Her faith in God never wavered. Her faithfulness to the assembly of the church was her constant desire. The spiritual welfare of her grandchildren her constant concern.

May we honour the memory of those saints of faith and give thanks for the efforts of those previous generations who kept the message alive by giving it away.

*Steve May, Sundridge, Ontario*

If you have memories or factual information on the life and preaching efforts of C.W. Petch could you please pass it along to Steve May, R.R #1, Sundridge, Ontario P0A 1Z0

## Help Offer

"The Salem Church of Christ, Florence, Alabama has a group of young people who would like to help a small church (Ontario mentioned, ecp) to be strengthened with a door knocking campaign or any other effort to coincide with our week out of school beginning Oct. 27, 2000. We will have the ratio of one adult per each two teenage students. For more details contact John Henry, elder. 256/760 9412 or jwherry3@juno.com  
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## PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

**CALGARY:** (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Derek Chambers, cv.

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

**CAMROSE:** 4901-42 St., T4V 1A2; Sun. 9:30, 10:45; Wed. 7; Ted Archbold, cv., (780) 672-1220 (off).

**EDMONTON:** 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9, (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 10:45, 9:30; Wed. 7:00; C. Eric Limb, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, David Hotchkiss, Peter Ross, elders.

**FORT MCMURRAY:** Father Beaugrand School, 255 Athabasca Ave; Abasand; Sun. 10-noon; Box 5094, T9H 3G2; Billy McMillan, cv. (780) 790-0109.

**LETHBRIDGE:** 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, cv. 328-0855.

**MEDICINE HAT:** Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V3; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Jim Goud (403) 529-1996

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

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**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, cv. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 850-5052.

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

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hickey 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, cv., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046; V2P 6J4.

**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, cv., (604) 943-7280 (res.), 943-0515 (off.).

**KAMLOOPS:** 110 Mohawk Cres.; Sun. 10:30; Tues. 7:00 PO Box 2129, V2B 7K5; Dane Bengard, cv. (250) 377-3386

**KELOWNA:** 1317 Ethel St. V1Y 2X1; Sun. 10:45, Bible study 9:30 (excl. July-Aug.); Charles McKnight (250) 861-9486 and Barrie Forman (250) 764-4313; pager 868-4393., cvs.; Wayne Muirhead (250) 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, cv. (250) 765-3643; Clint Ponte, (250) 491-1900

**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 729-1833.

**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:** 4337 Ewen Dr., V2M 5Y8; Sun. 10; For more information contact Graham Somerville; 562-6708 or Leo Seltzer, 964-9102

**PRINCE RUPERT:** 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; Sun. 4,3; Thurs. 7; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Dick Brant, (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res), George Robison (250)624-5554, cvs.

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

**SALMON ARM:** 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; (250) 832-3828; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig and John Murray, elders; Blair Roberts, cv.; 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 Beckett, cv., 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, cv. (604) 241-7544 (res); Spanish services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30; Milton Diaz, cv., 432-1749 (res.).

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

**VICTORIA:** 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9, 10; midweek in homes; Kelly Carter, cv. (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, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; c/o D.B. Laycock, Box 266, Miami, R0G 1H0; 435-2413; or contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Hugh Gannon, cv., 745-6969.

**DAUPHIN:** 378 River Ave. E. (Corner of River & Bond) R7N 0H8; Sun. worship 9&11; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; Mike Bolton, min. (204) 638-6321 (off), 638-9858 (res), Fax: 638-9843; email: mcbolton@mbnet.mb.ca>

**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 Simes, sec. (204) 722-2085; E-mail: Kastar@escape.ca

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**WINNIPEG (Central):** 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10 worship, 11:10 Bible School, Wed. 7; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, cv. (204) 257-7926 (res); Roland Bouchard, youth minister (204) 452-4824; Bible Call 284-9506; 475-6462 (off/fax).

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**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, cv., (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.

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**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, cv. (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, cv.; (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, cv.

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**HALIFAX:** 48 Conroy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Cell Groups meeting throughout the week - call for details; (902) 443-9828 (off.); Keith Brumley, cv. (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, cv. 582-3457

**SHUBENACADIE:** Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd. 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7:30; 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, cv. (905) 686-2486.

**AURORA:** 15216 Yonge St. S., L4E 1L9; (entrance beside Mac Flemming Paints); Sun. 11; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail <sharvey@IDIRECT.COM> or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

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

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., L3R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, cv. (905) 563-7655 (off); e-mail: <cdsmith@mergetel.com>

**BRACEBRIDGE:** 14-4 Manitoba St., P1L 1R9; (705) 645-3356; We worship at home each Sunday.

**BRAMALEA:** 750 Clark Blvd. (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, cv. (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:** Worship 11am; Contact Rick Gamble for information, (519) 753-5353

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

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

**CORNWALL:** 1702 Dover Rd., K6J 1W1; Sun 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Allen Bojarski, cv. Phone (613) 933-1825, e-mail: <allenk@glen-net.ca>; website: www.glen-net.ca/c-of-c; fax: 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 dntown@cnwligs.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, cv. (905) 892-9020. email <frturner@vaxxine.com>

**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; Jeff Cobb, cv. (905) 309-1979

**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, cv. (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 Westchiffle PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100.

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

**HUNTSVILLE:** meeting in homes; Sun. 6 pm. (call to confirm); David Preston (705) 789-2697; email: <presto@ican.net>; RR1, Group Box 174, P1H 2J2; other phones 789-7630/8292.

**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):** 11/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Cramp, cv. (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, cv., 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, cvs; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meafordcofc@bmts.com..

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Brian Cox, ev., 165 Britannia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; Ph/Fax (905) 778-0366 (res), 895-6502 (off); e-mail: briancox@home; website: members.home.com/briancox

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—big-daver@vianet.on.ca; WebSite—http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/8939.

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, LOP 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Meneer, ev. (905) 383-5259; 875-2939 (off).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley 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. 11, 10; 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 Caruthers (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. 1231/2 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) 344-4846 (res.). E-mail: <scarcofe@etech.net>; Other contact: Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; email: <vhilbard@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) 256-1997 (res.), (705) 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612.

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

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. LOR 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7.

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.

STONE 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. 9:30 Assembly; 11:00 Bible Study; Wed. 7:30; (519) 273-5280, George Mansfield, ev. 272-1714; gmansfld@quadro.net; John Brush, 625-1045; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439.

SUBBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; 566-2898; Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933..

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 1Z0; (705) 384-5214, Steve May, ev. 384-0597.

TECUMSEH (North Shore): St. Clair Beach Community Center, 13731 St. Gregory Rd.; Sun. 9:15, 10:15; Contact Rick Liebrook, 172 Pheasant Run Dr. RR1 Belle River ON N0R 1A0, (519) 735-0270; Ron Meecham, ev.

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; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. 7; Eric Bailey, ev. (807) 473-5353(res.), (807) 577-2213 (off.); email <ebailey@baynet.net>.

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

TIMMINS: 290 Riverside Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

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

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

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Aikins Wiredu, sec., 242-8731

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 maxc@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) 885-6330 (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; 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30 David Stewart, 834-5652; Harold Bruggen, ev. 732-2465

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: <wsidecoc@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): 2401 St. Jacques; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 West Mount Station, H3Z 2T1; James Bell, ev. (514) 595-6744 (res), (514) 934-0400 (work).

MONTREAL (Verdun): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; (French) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 635-5105; Roger.Saumur@sympatico.com; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Wed. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, ev. (514) 747-7417; chrisb7777@videotron.ca.

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verceil, 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; Marvin Bandura, Sec. 648-3629

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; (780) 875-4052 (off).

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; 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 Punichy; Sun. 11, 10; Box 158, Wishart, S0A 4R0; 835-2681.

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

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

REGINA: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Sun. 10; Ray McMillan, senior min., 949-0969; Kevin Vance, youth min. 569-7837

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: <stooncofc@sk.sympatico.ca>

SASKATOON (Hub City Church of Christ): Rm 13, Albert Community Center, Clarence Ave. at 11 St. (Use south entrance off parking lot, take elevator to main floor); Sun. 2:30. Call ahead for possible changes. Taylors, 933-2706; Bastians, 931-8978; Browns, 255-2025

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 773-1185.

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 10; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 5A0; (306) 739-2103 (off); Michael Parker, ev.; or contact G. Husband, (306) 739-2915 or G. McMillan, (306) 538-4654.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Russell Ferris, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); 848-0645 (res).

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 1798 Esterhazy, S0A 0X0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; (306) 745-2311.

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 11:30; 10:15; (306) 783-6877 (bldg); Gilles Guenette, sec. (306) 782-2917.

## CALENDAR

### July

28-30 50th Anniversary, Saskatoon, SK

### August

11-12 20/20 Visison Evangelism at GLCC Beamsville, ON

18-27 Newmarket planned VBS in Nova Scotia

19 Annual Meeting of C.C. Historical Society with E. Ferguson

20-25 Courses on Church of Christ and Christian Living by Everett &

Nancy Ferguson at Camp Omagh

### September

23 Corporation meeting and Partnership Dinner at G.L.C.C., Beamsville, ON

### October

19-21 World Mission Workshop at W.C.C., Dauphin, MB

### November

12-14 Great Lakes Bible Lectureship, Beamsville, ON

Western  
Christian  
College

# World Mission Workshop

Dauphin  
Manitoba  
Canada

## Thursday, October 19

6:00 p.m.	Registration		
7:30	Welcome and Culture Shock		
8:30	Praise Time		
9:00	Worship and Message	<b>Crossing the Border: Universal Love</b> Rex Boyles - Canadian, Texas	<b>Genesis 1</b>
10:00 p.m.	Billets		

## Friday, October 20

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast		
9:00	Praise Time		
9:30	Worship and Message	<b>Crossing the Border: Entering the Fight</b> Daniel Rodriguez - Pepperdine University	<b>John 1</b>
10:30	Classes		
11:15	Break		
11:30	Classes		
12:15 p.m.	Lunch		
1:45	Classes		
2:35	Praise Time		
3:00	Worship and Message	<b>Crossing the Border: Calling in Reinforcements</b> Mark Brazle - Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	<b>Mark 1:14-20</b>
4:00	Community Cultural Experience		
6:00	Supper		
7:30	Praise Time		
8:00	Worship and Message	<b>Crossing the Border: Touching the Helpless</b> Rex Boyles - Canadian, Texas	<b>Mark 1:40-45</b>
9:00	Dramatic Presentation		
10:00	Devotional		

## Saturday, October 21

	Breakfast with Billet		
9:00 a.m.	Praise Time		
9:30	Worship and Message	<b>Crossing the Border: Challenging with Care</b> Daniel Rodriguez - Pepperdine University	<b>Mark 12:13-17</b>
10:30	Classes		
11:15	Break		
11:30	Classes		
12:15 p.m.	Lunch		
1:45	Classes		
2:35	Community Cultural Experience		
6:00	Supper		
7:30	Praise Time		
8:00	Worship and Message	<b>Crossing the Border: Living Proof</b> Mark Brazle - Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	<b>Matthew 28:18-20</b>
9:00	Commitment Session: Joe Cannon - Memphis, Tennessee		
11:30	Worship and Communion	<b>Crossing the Border: Return and Re-entry</b> Lynn Anderson - Dallas, Texas	<b>Luke 24</b>

Location of classes and activities: Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School 330 Mountain Road

Registration Fees: Before September 30 \$40 Canadian \$30 U.S.  
After September 30 \$50 Canadian \$35 U.S.

Meal Ticket: 3 meals Friday, 2 meals Saturday \$25 Canadian

What To Bring: Sleeping bag or bed roll, towels, Bible

**October 19 - 22, 2000**  
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