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Graduate Study At Western Christian College



Left-right: Lowell Hodgson, John Close, Ruth Pradzinski, Bernard Krogsgaard, Wayne Turner, David Ford, Scott Laird, Dr. Carlus Gupton, Mike Bolton, John McMillan, Keith Noyes.

Ten preachers, elders, leaders attended the Harding Graduate School class on campus at Western Christian College called Congregational Development and Conflict Management. Dr. Carlus Gupton inspired the ten adult participants who came from Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This is one of the many ministry equipping and continuous life long learning opportunities offered at Western College.

Covenant, Not Contract

Randy Morritt

To many people, marriage is a civil contract whereby two people agree to do or not do certain things. By being married, a man and woman are viewed as having entered into a binding agreement or pact. As such, although it entails certain legal ramifications, it is easily entered into and just as easily broken. While marriage does involve some aspects of a contract, these are only part of what marriage was intended to be. The Bible teaches that marriage is a covenant, not simply a contract.

Our English word, covenant, is a compound word deriving from two Latin words. One of these means together (cf. Gen. 2:24). As such, a covenant is actually a relationship and involves certain things: a benefactor who dictates or makes the covenant, a beneficiary (ies) with whom the covenant is made, the benefit, i.e. the promise, commitment, pledge, or request that is granted, and the conditions or responsibilities and obligations required of all parties involved in order that the relationship might exist.

In ancient times, covenants were of three basic kinds: a covenant granted by a stronger party to a weaker party, a covenant between parties of equal strength, and covenant extended by a weaker party. Marriage involves elements of all three. Also, covenants were quite open-ended and permanent. They intended to endure indefinitely. To break covenant was a serious matter carrying no small consequence. These considerations, too, are significant in a consideration of what marriage means.

Marriage is the first covenant granted by God, the stronger, to humanity, the weaker. When God created humankind in his own image, he created both male and female (Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7, 18-23). Adam (man), as male only, was incomplete. In order for humankind to function properly and accomplish what God intended, woman was also necessary. Thus God gave marriage as a relationship for the good of humankind whom He had created to be like Himself. Through marriage, God provided the joys of love and companionship in a haven of security and contentment. He also provided a place for

them to live and food to eat (Gen. 1:29, 30; 2:15-17). Furthermore, God communicated with them on a regular basis (cf. Gen. 3:8-10). Humankind was given the responsibility of caring for and ruling over creation and of reproducing and populating the earth (Gen. 1:28); thus making the home the basic building block of civilization. God also gave one prohibition for humankind to obey; and specified what the penalty would be if they failed to do so. With all this in place, God had finished his work of creation and pronounced that everything was as He intended (Gen. 1:31). God's intention, both then and now, is that humankind should maintain permanent and faithful relationships with Him and with each other as spouses; and that they comply with the principles and laws He gave for the maintenance and smooth operation of marriage. In this, God is hon-

I, me, and mine must become we, . . .

ored and his wisdom is demonstrated that others might see and copy it.

Besides the relationship with God, humankind also shared in a relationship with each other as equals, since they both were created "...in the image of God"; and neither was complete without the other. Neither was either superior or inferior to the other in any way. They were simply different. Each supplied what the other lacked alone. Whenever the Bible considers marriage as a covenant between equals, it speaks of a monogamous relationship. Although God's people, both before and after the giving of the Law of Moses, practiced polygamy, God neither commanded nor approved of it. Whenever a man had more than one wife, trouble was usually not long in coming. In marriage, one commits oneself to one's spouse; and both mutually agree to love, honor, compromise. Self-interest must be absorbed into the common good in order for the relationship to work and to be mutually beneficial and satisfying. I, me, and mine must become we, us, and ours. Neither partner should either expect to or insist upon always having his or her own way or of always having the final say. Two are to become one; a cou-

ple, a team--partners. It should never be a matter of who is lord and who is underling. At the same time, couples need to encourage and support each other to continue growing and developing as individuals. Becoming one does not mean losing one's identity and forfeiting one's individuality. Both of these will prove invaluable in enriching a marriage. Through them, each partner can support and complement the other and thus add to the sum total of the relationship. A balance of both oneness and individuality is necessary for a marriage to be successful and satisfying.

The third type of covenant is seen in the relationship of a couple, as the weaker party, forms with society as a whole, which is the stronger party. In being married, a couple pledge to live considerately and responsibly and to fulfill their obligations as citizens of the country and members of the community and neighborhood in which they live. They promise to abide by the laws that regulate membership within the group; and to do their part to contribute to its overall welfare. In return, they expect the other members of the group, who are parties to this covenant, both individually and collectively, to provide them with acceptance, support, encouragement, and protection.

As to duration, God intends that a couple remain married for as long as they both are alive. Only death should bring the covenant to an end (Rom. 7, 3). Even though divorce was prevalent amongst the Jews, it was not God's intention (Matt. 19:1-8). God hates divorce (Mal. 2:13-16; cf. 1 Cor. 7:10-14). However, divorce is permitted when the covenant has been broken through adultery (Matt. 5:32, 33). Even if such should be the case. I believe that God's preference is that forgiveness and reconciliation take place and the relationship be preserved even as He forgives us when we repent after breaking the covenant with Him by committing spiritual adultery. A further provision is also made in the case where a Christian is married to an unbeliever. If the unbeliever chooses to leave, the Christian is to go along with the other's wishes; and is freed from the obligations and responsibilities of

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The Kingdom of Heaven Come Down, V

Geoffrey H. Ellis



To recognize the church as the kingdom of heaven come down is to remember that Christians are "end time" people. They live in the end times, between the beginning of the end and the consummation of the end. They live between the two advents of Christ. They live in the blessed present, enjoying the privilege of God's presence, Christ's reign, and the Spirit's indwelling. They look forward to the blessed future when they will surround God's throne, see Jesus face-to-face, and live in the heavenly realms for eternity.

This is to say that both Jesus' teachings with his agenda and his kingdom with its people are eschatological. The kingdom is only temporarily on earth. At the end Jesus will deliver it up to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24). The citizens of Christ's kingdom recognize that they are "resident aliens" in this world. Their "...citizenship is in heaven. And [they] eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord

Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform [their] lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Phil. 3:20-21). Yet the kingdom as described by Christ is potentially what the world can become for God's actions through Christ are intended to benefit the entire world. Thus, the Sermon on the Mount indicates the direction God wishes the world to move. The certainty of the end times constrains those who have entered the kingdom to witness to the blessings available for all and to the certainty of the end that will coincide with the judgment. Paul enjoins Christians, "Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life..." (Phil. 2: 12-16).

Kingdom present and kingdom future is the double and necessary emphasis of the kingdom of heaven come down." There is clear teaching in the Scripture regarding the "already" and the "not yet" of the kingdom. Jesus said the kingdom of heaven came near as the result of his ministry (Luke 11:20),

but he also said the kingdom is an inheritance to be received at judgment (Matt. 25:34). Christ already reigns (1 Pet. 3:22), but "he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool" (Heb. 10:13). Christ "has destroyed death" (2 Tim. 1:10), but at the end "the last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Cor. 15:24). In Christ we have redemption through his blood (Eph. 1:7), but the Holy Spirit is the seal and a deposit "guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession" (Eph. 1:14). Christians are in the kingdom according to Colossians 1:13, and yet they await Christ's "appearing and kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:1). As well, several passages identify the kingdom as an inheritance: 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10; 15:50; Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:5; and James 2:5. Paul was confident that the Lord would "rescue him from every evil attack and

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bring him safely to his heavenly kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:18). Peter taught that those who are faithful to the end "will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:11).

Nothing on earth can surpass the high privilege enjoyed by Christians - they are God's people, citizens of the kingdom of heaven come to earth, living under the gracious terms of the New Covenant. Yet this experience only deepens Christians' yearning for the time when they will no longer "see but a poor reflection" but when they "shall see face to face...[when they] shall know fully, even as [they] are fully known" (1 Cor. 13:12). With the deepening insight of faith, Christians understand they are "receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken" (Heb. 12:28). At the same time, their location remains in this troubled world where Satan, already defeated, seeks to salvage his plunder. They continue to be exposed to his residual evil even as they engage in the concluding struggle. While death's sting has been removed, Christians must still march down its dark valley. They are citizens of two worlds, and in the earth-

ly realm they continue to experience suffering, pain and injury. Because they live in the kingdom of heaven come to earth, however, they long for the deliverance of the kingdom by Christ to God and to their eternal fellowship with the Father. To understand the church as kingdom is to know that the church has to do with both time and eternity.

This series on the church as kingdom is aptly concluded with these words by Dr. Everett Ferguson:

Through Christ the End, or the beginning of the End, has come. Tomorrow is here today. Something of God's glory and power has reached down and called people for the coming age. The kingdom of God has created a new people, the church. But all this is only a down payment. Much more awaits the final consummation of God's purposes.

Nevertheless, the imagery of first fruits and first installment indicates that life in the world to come and its blessings will be in continuity with the present. Those who share the kingdom now will be those to participate in it in the future. (The Church of Christ: A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today, p. 35.)

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the marriage covenant. However, such action is not to be initiated by the Christian partner (1 Cor. 7:15). It is even possible for such a marriage to provide an opportunity for evangelism and result in the unbeliever being led to Christ (1 Pet. 3:1,2; cf. 1 Cor. 7:12-14,16).

The marriage covenant is a serious matter of utmost importance - one that should be greatly treasured and highly esteemed. Those who are married need to pay careful attention to their commitment and do all within their power to support, maintain, and improve the relationship so that it can be a meaningful and satisfying experience. Those who either are or will be contemplating marriage need to do so thoughtfully, prayerfully, and reverently that might it not be entered indifferently or haphazardly; but, rather respectfully and in the fear of God.

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EDITORIAL

Familiarity Breeds Love

Wayne Turner



About forty years before Christ, Publius Syrus observed "Familiarity breeds contempt." People can lose their feelings for things that once held great value and allow them to become common and even despised. A child can become tired of a once-favourite toy. An exciting romantic relationship can become boring. An intriguing, fresh idea can become stale and old. A Christian can become weary and unresponsive.

The history of ancient Israel illustrates this. The Old Testament prophets show the cycles of commitment, apathy, disobedience, then renewal that characterized the Israelites' attitude toward God. Often, they became calloused and indifferent. God said they were "stiff necked" and had "hearts of stone." They resisted Him and turned to idols. Though they were His covenant people, they became desensitized to His word. Isaiah 5:8-23 says that the people of Israel were so caught up in their materialism, love of pleasure, selfishness and egotism that they "have no regard for the deeds of the LORD, no respect for the work of his hands" (v. 12). They have no understanding or knowledge (v. 13) and "draw sin along with cords of deceit and wickedness as with cart ropes" (v. 18). They have become so desensitized to God's righteousness that they "call evil good and good evil ... put darkness for light and light for darkness and put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" (v. 20).

We see the process of desensitization happening all around us. Violence on television and in the movies blinds many people to the horrors of death, crime and war. These same media are contributing to the changing moral climate where recreational sex is completely acceptable and speaking out for faithfulness, purity and monogamy and against homosexuality is wrong. We should not be surprised since this has always been the way of the world.

As with Israel, it is possible for God's people today to become desensitized. They may lose their appetite for His word. It is hard to believe that any person wearing the name of Christ would not be interested in Bible study. Yet, how many church members today spend time every day with God and His word? How many are eager to take advantage of the opportunities for study offered by their local congregation? (And how many of those classes are really serious Bible studies?) Is it possible that some have lost their hunger for truth or have become so desensitized by the world's lack of truth that they no longer believe it is even possible to know the truth? Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

Some church members can become desensitized to the Biblical concept of the one, undivided, non-denominational body of Christ - the Church. In fact, they may no longer be able to recognize the difference between the New Testament ideal and the countless denominations with their conflicting faiths, creeds, traditions, names, doctrines and organizations. Some may no longer know or even see the need for Biblical teaching and doctrines. They may reject what Jesus revealed through the Holy Spirit to His apostles.

The changing moral standards in the world may have an unfortunate effect within the church. Some church members become desensitized to God's standards of moral and ethical conduct. Few congregations today have not been influenced by immorality - pre-marital sex, adultery, pornography. In one sense, because of our human natures, sin will always be present. However, such things should not find approval and acceptance. How much of what we call entertainment today consists of watching immorality and ungodliness? Are we pursuing God's righteousness with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength or have we become so desensitized that we find sin entertaining and amusing?

We can also be desensitized to the lessons of history. One of these significant lessons is that without care, people tend to drift away from God and His word. Human ego loves to flatter itself by being on the edge of discovery and innovation. The unfortunate price of such novelty is often drifting. When people become desensitized to God and His word - His truth, Church, morality and righteousness - they will look for something else to fill the void and stir their feelings. Most of us are familiar with George Santayana's statement about remembering the past. Notice the rest of his thought, "Progress, far from consisting in change, depends on retentiveness. Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Jesus told the churches of Thyatira and Philadelphia to "Hold on to what you have" (Rev. 2:25; 3:11). The New Testament emphasis is on growing in Christ as we also "guard what has been entrusted" to our care (1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:14) and hold those things which were passed on to us (1 Cor. 11:2).

Unlike Publius Syrus' statement, familiarity with God's word should lead to greater respect and love. Our hearts should be open and responsive to Him. May we never become indifferent or calloused by the world. May we ever be grieved by sin. May God and His righteousness shape us according to His word. And as His people, may we grow together in unity and love in the body of Christ.

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They Are Not All the Same

Max Craddock

Have you ever considered how often people make a decision about something or someone because of some preconceived notion, based on teaching received or some experience they had? For example, a person buys a particular brand of car and has problems with it. I remember a fellow in my hometown who purchased a new car and had trouble with it almost from the beginning. He took the car back again and again for repair but the vehicle was never completely fixed. He showed his unhappiness in two ways. First, he painted lemons all over the car and secondly, he never bought that company's product again. Other people who bought the same make and model automobile did not have problems and so felt it was a fine automobile produced by a fine company.

The truth is that no two autos are exactly the same. To reach the conclusion that all of one company's product is bad because one item does not measure up is failing to recognize this truth. The same mistake is made by people as they judge other individuals by expecting everyone to be the same.

For parents this truth is seen in the very important area of raising children. No two children are exactly the same in ability or temperament and these differences will play an important role in their training. Consider the words of Solomon in Proverbs 22:6 "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it". This passage is seen by some to be filled with accusation of incompetence toward godly parents who do their best to raise their children "in the Lord" only to see them less involved and devoted than they would have wished. The parents may be filled with guilt and see themselves as failing as Christians. This guilt may be compounded as they observe the success of other parents. Thus, they conclude that if they had just

done things exactly as the other parents, they would have also been successful. If that were true, someone would have made a million on book sales describing this successful method.

The purpose of Solomon, in Proverbs 22:6, is to instruct parents of the need to point children to wisdom in their youth. This is an encouragement to remember the direction of God to the people of Israel to train their children every day in their home or as they walked along the way. The underlying truth is the need to teach children while they are children rather than waiting until they have grown.

The purpose of Solomon in the book of Proverbs is to instruct the readers in the attaining of wisdom. (Proverbs 1:1-7) The truths of Solomon's proverbs are to be understood to be general statements of truth and wisdom. There are times when the result will not be what one hopes for.

"Train" is the same idea as seen in 1 Kings 8:63 where Solomon "dedicates" the temple to the glory of God. Parents are to "dedicate" their children in the way they should live in true wisdom. Since the fear (respect) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, instructing children in godly living is pointing them to true wisdom.

The training described is literally "according to his (the child's) way". This suggests a respect for the child's individuality. Keil and Delitzsch say, "The instruction of youth, the education of youth, ought to be conformed to the nature of youth; the matter of instructions, the manner of instruction, ought to regulate itself according to the stage of life, and its peculiarities; the method ought to be arranged according to the degree of development which the mental and bodily life of the youth has arrived at." (Old Testament Commentaries, Psalm LXXVIII to Isaiah XIV, Associated Publishers, Grand Rapids, Mich. Page 725) In context the idea expressed is to lead a child to be the

most prudent man or woman possible. Since "In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them" (Proverbs 22:5) a child needs to be trained to be wise enough to avoid the paths of the wicked. Wise walking will lead into straight (right) paths (Proverbs 4:10,11).

All parents want to see Proverbs 22:6 work in the lives of their children just as it is stated. A key to success is careful training with a view to the individual needs and nature of the child, realizing that no two are exactly the same. Time and attention must be given to the nature and temperament of each child as an individual.

Those of us who have tried with various levels of success, pray that God will give those who are parents of young children wisdom, strength and patience in your task. Take the time to get to know God's will and take the time to get to know each of your children so you can best impart wisdom that will result in "...when he is old he will not turn from it".

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People Building

If your vision is for a year, plant wheat.
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"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Have you ever wondered what you could do to develop better preachers? Help the eldership in your congregation fulfill their God given responsibility? Help your deacons to fulfill their special ministries? Keep our effective Bible teachers teaching? Strengthen Christian families? Build up new Christians? Help others your age to have a deeper faith and relationship with God? Or, have you ever wanted simply to help your church family to become more faithful so that they could glorify God?

Well, I want to share with you a way that you can help do all of this. With a pen, paper, envelopes and stamps (or a computer and email) you can start your own never-fail, week-in and week-out ministry of encouragement. You won't need to tug at the purse strings of the church or wait for a nod from the elders to do it. With a few dollars and a commitment you can begin your own ministry of encouragement and people building. With a simple note from the heart, you'll make a dramatic difference in the lives of those in your church family.

All you need to do to begin your people-building ministry is to stop, listen and look around. Within a few days you'll see many Christians who need and would appreciate a word of encouragement from you.

For a start, encourage your preacher. Has he said something that made you think, gave you hope, helped you understand God's love more clearly or shook you from a complacent attitude? Then write him a note and tell him - specifically - what he said and what his words did for you. I have a drawer in my desk where I keep the cherished notes of encouragement and a

special folder on my email program to store these people building notes. Everybody likes to make a difference in the lives of others and it is so encouraging and inspiring to know that we have.

Now take a look at your elders, have you noticed anything in them that you would like to appreciate? Put your pen to paper or your fingers on the keyboard and share with them the special place they have in your life. Elders usually hear from people when they have a criticism or a need that isn't being met. They will be encouraged to hear your words of encouragement.

How about your deacons? What have they been working on recently that you really appreciate? Write them a note. Make the notes personal and individual. These notes don't have to be long or filled with poetry. A few lines from your heart to theirs, describing in specific terms what you appreciate, will lift them up and encourage them in their ministry.

Bible class teachers are the unsung heroes of our congregations. Few realize how many hours they spend behind the scenes developing good lessons that encourage us in our walk with God. They seldom receive the attention or visibility of the preacher or elders, but they provide a service that is essential to your church family. Why not share with your Bible Class teacher (and other teachers) what they have said or done that is meaningful to you.

As you become more sensitive, your ministry will grow and you will grow with it. Think of the families that have suffered the loss of a loved one. A short note, sharing with them how they are in your thoughts and prayers will bring more comfort than you could ever imagine. Think of the seniors in your congregation. You probably think that the older folks don't know who you are, but my experience has been that they are vitally interested in the young people in the church and they think that you

don't know who they are. The few minutes that it would take for you to write a note to them to encourage them would make their day. A visit would make their week, maybe even their month. For couples celebrating significant anniversaries, write them and thank them for making their marriage a good example of what marriage was meant to be. It won't be long until the people in your church family will be watching their mailboxes and computer screens for a note from you. I could go on and on with suggestions for your people-building ministry, but by now you are probably way ahead of me so I will leave it at that.

What most often hinders us in a ministry like this is a lack of discipline. We start well and keep it up for a few days or weeks, but then we miss one day and then another and before long we have forgotten it altogether. Why not set yourself a goal of one note a week, you can certainly write more than that, but why not establish that as the place you want to start.

Pray for those that you write to and share with them that you are praying for them. I have received no greater encouragement than to hear that people are praying for me. I have learned to rely on the prayers that I know are offered on my behalf. People are built through encouragement and prayer. Join the ministry of encouragement today. Your words and prayers will, with God's help, build people that will, with God's help, build His church. To God be the glory!
BMC

Ukraine

Antonina Poliychuk (Oct.22) and Vasyil Bashtanni and Sergey Mykhaylov (Nov.26) bring the total of new converts a Shevchenko to 9 for the year 2000 with 2 restorations.

Plans are underway to host an area-wide Seminar on the Christian Family in Kyiv later this year. It is also hoped that with the help of the Old Park Church a long-awaited Ukrainian songbook can be published.

"You can become a productive "fruit bearer" by helping us maximize our opportunities with your generous financial support (Rom.15:26-29). The needs are great to be sure, and we look forward to the day when we will not have to ask you for assistance to help the needy here in Ukraine in their poverty and affliction"

Rick Pinczu

IN CHRIST - A study in Ephesians, PART 1

Richard Kruse

INTRODUCTION

The key phrase, the major theme of Ephesians, is "in Christ". Paul writes to those who are "in Christ Jesus" (1:1). Over 30 times the phrase "in Christ", "in him", or "in the Lord" is used. Paul repeats this message in every chapter.

The basis of every thought in Ephesians is Christ. In him we see God's love. Notice how many times Paul mentions Jesus by name, title (Christ), or by pronoun ("he", "him", "his") in the first 14 verses. We discover that, in Christ, God is as close and real as the self within each one of us. In him we understand our true spiritual self and our true relationship to God. In Christ this all comes clear. Our God is here! And we are in his presence, chosen before the universe began, to be his own children.

WHO IS CHRIST?

MESSIAH is the Hebrew word; CHRIST is the Greek word. The words mean "the anointed one." In the Old Testament times, prophets (Isaiah 41:1), priests (Exodus 29:7) and kings (1 Samuel 15:1) were anointed. The Heavenly Father anointed Christ or Messiah as our great prophet, priest, and king. Paul wrote of Jesus as the Son of God when he called God the "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1:3). During the time when Jesus was born, the Jews often used the title "Son of God" when they spoke of the coming Messiah. Christ, Son, and Lord are titles of Jesus.

JESUS. Paul wrote as an apostle of Jesus and wrote to those in Jesus (1:1). "Jesus" means "Saviour". Therefore, Paul wrote that in Jesus "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (1:7). Paul's prayer is that people should understand the greatness of the Saviour God has given to them. Jesus, through his death and resurrection, is greater than anything in heaven or on earth (1:17-23).

God, through the blood of Jesus, saved both Jews and Gentiles (2:13). Through the sacrifice of Jesus, believers have access to the Father (2:18). The word Paul uses for access is the word used for bringing a person into the presence of a king. It

would be a great blessing to have the right to take our troubles, our problems, our loneliness, our sorrow to a wise king. Through Jesus, we have access, the right to take our joys and sorrows to God (John 14:6).

Jesus died for the church. The announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus was that he would save his people from their sins. When Jesus took the cup and gave it to his disciples at the last supper, he saw his death as bringing salvation to people in a new relationship with God. Ever since that time, the church has remembered in the Lord's Supper the cost Jesus paid for the church (Matthew 1:21; 26:26-29; Acts 20:28).

LORD is a title that means owner and master. In the Greek language Old

stone". The cornerstone is the first stone of a foundation, the one from which builders make all measurements for the rest of a building. Jesus is certainly this standard for believers.

As Lord, Jesus is the cornerstone for believers because he is the perfect model or example. Paul uses the sacrifice of Jesus as the standard. His sacrifice was a life of perfect obedience to God and of perfect love to people (5:1,2). When Jesus is Lord of believers, they will love others by the same sacrifice with which Jesus loved them. They will forgive others with the same love that God shows (4:32). Jesus is the perfect model for mature believers. We must never be satisfied until we have become like Jesus in every way.

2. We can also translate the Greek word as the "top stone" or "capstone." This pictures Christ as the top stone of the building that holds all other stones in place. As Lord, Jesus is the capstone because he is the source of unity. Unity does not come from organization or ritual; it comes from Christ. Where Christ is, there is the church. The members of the church will be united only when they realize that they do not exist to teach the point of view of people, but to provide a home where the Spirit of Christ can dwell and where all who love Christ can meet in that Spirit (2:22).

As Lord, Jesus is the head for believers, the source of their spiritual life. Life and energy flow down from the head throughout the body giving purpose and direction to all its actions. Every activity of the body is associated with the head.

The church is the fullness of Christ in the sense that a head without a body is incomplete. The Lord has chosen his body of believers to do his work on earth. He did not really need us to accomplish anything, but has chosen to work through us as his body (1:23).

Toronto, Ontario

The basis of every thought in Ephesians is Christ

Testament, it usually means God (Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:6; 1 Kings 18:36,39).

The Lord Jesus Christ revealed the true God to man (Eph 1:17; John 1:18). While many gods had been carved in wood or stone, the true God made himself known in human flesh in Jesus. To have seen Jesus was to have seen the Father (John 14:9) because Jesus is like the Father. Although, people could see Jesus, no one can see God (Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3).

Believers have only one Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ (4:5). The Father has made Jesus our Lord (Acts 2:36) and one day all people will admit this fact (Philippians 2:11). No one can become a Christian without surrendering to Jesus as Lord.

Paul saw Jesus seated at God's right hand in the greatest position of power above all rule and authority, power and dominion (1:20-21). We can know God, our Heavenly Father, through knowing the Lord Jesus Christ (3:18,19;4:13).

Paul's view of the church is based on Jesus as Lord. The Greek word Paul uses in Ephesians 2:20 for "cornerstone" presents two pictures. 1. Jesus is the "corner-

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It can sometimes be said that a person is his own worst enemy. In fact, at times this applies to each one of us. We arrogantly, deliberately, carelessly or ignorantly make decisions that result in harm to ourselves.

In the physical realm decisions are made to use tobacco, alcohol or other harmful and addictive drugs; to neglect the exercise that we know our bodies need or to choose a diet of rich, fattening, cholesterol laden foods. Many have lived to regret such destructive decisions as they suffer the consequences to themselves and their loved ones.

In the spiritual realm the scriptures reveal many examples and warnings concerning decisions that are much more seriously destructive than those in the physical realm such as mentioned above.

When Cain discovered that his offering was not pleasing to the Lord he became angry. The Lord reminded him that his anger had resulted from his failure to do right and urged him to master the sin "couching at his door". Instead of heeding the Lord, Cain proceeded to invite Abel (his brother who had done right) out into the field where he killed him and then lied to God about it. For Cain, one wrong led to another and it only got worse. How is it with us? Do we react with anger and further wrongs? When confronted with our failures and faults let us "master" the impulse to be angry and defensive. Rather let us humbly repent.

When the herdsmen of Abraham and Lot quarreled, Abraham pointed out that such should not be, "for we are brothers". He then offered Lot to take first choice of the land. Lot selfishly chose the well watered plains of Jordan and "pitched his tents near Sodom". As a consequence, he was "tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard"; "was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men" and narrowly escaped with his daughters but lost his wife (Gen.13,19: II Peter 2^{7,8}). There are much more important matters than ease or material benefits to consider when making decisions pertaining to where to live or what occupation to pursue. "People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction" (II

Tim.6:9).

The people, even the tax collectors, accepted God's way when they were baptized by John but "the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John." ("rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him" KJV) (Luke 7:30). The decision not to accept John's baptism was contrary to God's purpose and harmful to those who made it. In the same way many today, even many who are considered "experts", teachers of God's way, are rejecting God's purpose to their own destruction in not being baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38).

The gospel is the death (for our sins), burial and resurrection of Christ (I Cor.15:3,4) and he will punish those who "do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord . . . (II Thess.1:8,9). To not accept scriptural baptism is a destructive decision contrary to God's purpose for us.

Those who decide to teach that God forgives prior to or without obedience to the gospel (baptism, a death to sin and a resurrection to a new life) find it necessary to skip over certain very clear scriptures and to devise ways of explaining others away. Such treatment of the word of God is destructive. Peter wrote of those who "distort the scriptures, to their own destruction" (II Peter 3:16).

Both careless and deliberate twisting of scriptures is destructive to those who do so and to those they lead. What a fearful responsibility falls on those who teach the word and what a terrible fate for those who abuse this responsibility!

The sermon on the mount draws our attention to some other areas in which we are prone to make destructive decisions. When something is said or done against us we have a decision to make. How will we react or respond. Will we seek to payback, make sure due suffering results, or will we forgive? An unforgiving attitude is destructive to the person holding it and beyond this it means the Father will not forgive us (Mt.6:14,15).

Likewise, we must be fair and charitable in our judgment and treatment of others if we hope to receive the same. "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Mt.7:1,2). Decisions to be unforgiving or judgmental are destructive decisions.

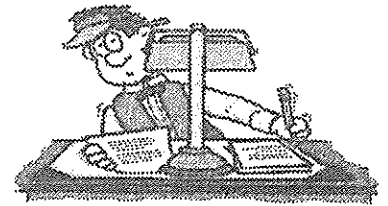
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God's Angel Messengers - IX

Power of the Private

Katheryn Haddad

Nonna was born about 300 AD. Her son, Gregory Nazianzus, wrote this of her in Oration XVIII, "On the Death of his Father," 7-9, as related in Everett Ferguson's, Early Christians Speak:

She who was given by God to my father became not only (for this is less wonderful) his co-worker, but also even his leader, drawing him on by her influence in deed and word to the highest excellence.

In the 1600s there lived a woman in France who so influenced people religiously that she was heavily persecuted by the Catholic Church and finally imprisoned by the archbishop of Paris and King Louis XIV as a threat to the church and the nation. In the book, Life, Religious Opinions and Experience of Madame Guyon, author Thomas C. Upham said:

She thought it necessary . . . to distinguish between . . . signs of the cross made upon the exterior of the person . . . and crucifixions of that which is interior . . . a course which was never forgotten nor forgiven. But this was not all. She had learned the value of the Bible . . . "I spent . . . whole days in reading it" . . . She felt it her duty, therefore, in opposition to the prevalent views . . . to urge the reading of the Bible. She regarded this as essential. This was another and great ground of offence (page 167).

. . . It was not necessary for her to set up formally as a preacher, and she had no inclination to do so. Her sermon was her life; and her eloquent lips only made the application of it. Wherever she went . . . they came to her continually that she might break to them the living bread (page 185).

This woman's influence continued after he wrote a pamphlet called "A Short Method of Prayer." The church heads felt

her influence so heavily that they went to her with threats:

This woman attracted the notice of certain persons of some name and authority in the Church. They visited her; and reproved her, and told her it was very bold in her to practice (private prayer in the manner she did). They said it was the business of priests to pray, and not of women. They commanded her to leave off prayer, in the methods in which she practiced it.

They threatened her with a withdrawal of the privileges of the Church, unless she promised to desist from her course; that is to say, unless she promised not only to renounce the reading of the Bible, and the practice of inward and outward prayer, but also to renounce Christ himself . . .

(They) next took the course of ordering all the books without exception . . . to be brought to them; and they burned them with their own hands in the public square of the place (page 188-189)."

The church considered her influence in private so strong that they confined her as a prisoner in a convent for eight months. While there she wrote this poem, reprinted on page 279:

My cage confines me round; abroad I cannot fly;

But though my wing is closely bound, my heart's at liberty.

Oh! It is good to soar

These bolts and bars above
To Him whose purpose I adore

Whose providence I love.

Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleases thee.

That was in 1683 when she was 35 years old. When released people resumed visiting her in private and reading her booklet on prayer. Six years later, church officials collected three hundred copies of her book-

let and publicly burned them. Still her influence and reputation for piety continued. A wife of King Louis XIV, Madame de Maintenon, who used her own influence to keep this lady out of prison, befriended her.

But in 1692 her influence was so strong that the leader of the Catholic Church in France, Bishop Bossuet, became her personal adversary. At first he thought,

It seemed to him impossible that (a woman) . . . could produce an impression, either in Paris or elsewhere, which could be dangerous to the Church.

He is not wise who thinks lightly of the influence of a woman who has the great intellectual powers, accomplished manners, and serious and deep piety (she had). But God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty (page 342).

Finally, in 1696 when she was 48, her friend, a wife of the king, could no longer protect her, and she was re-imprisoned, this time in the castle of Vincennes. This is part of a poem she wrote while there as quoted on page 382:

Strong are the walls around me
That hold me all the day;

But they who thus have bound me
Cannot keep God away;

My very dungeon walls are dear,
Because the God I love is here.

They know, who thus oppress me
'Tis hard to be alone;

But know not, One can bless me
Who comes through bars and stone.

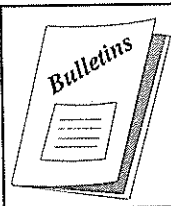
He makes my dungeon's darkness bright,
And fills my bosom with delight.

Because this one woman's influence continued to grow, even in prison, she was transferred to the Bastille for four years, a terrible tower with single rooms where the prisoner was kept in solitary confinement. It is said "the man with the iron mask went insane in that same tower at that time.

When released at age 54, she was exiled to a far corner of France. But still,

. . . numbers of religious people, some from foreign countries and among others some persons of high rank from Germany and England, came to see her. They had heard of her labors and sufferings; and came either to receive the benefit of her conversation and instruction, or to pay the homage of sincere respect to her character (page 489).

FROM THE BULLETINS



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Christ and the Church

Jesus, the Christ, is so intimately related to the church that we cannot separate the two. Their intimate relationship is, in many aspects, compared to the relationship of a husband and wife. To try to divorce Christ and the church would be a major mistake. Perhaps a consideration of the teaching of the scriptures on this relationship will help us to realize a greater appreciation for the church.

- Jesus said to his disciples, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18).
- The church was bought with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:18).
- "God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way" (Ephesians 1:22 & see Ephesians 5:22).
- Christ is the Saviour of the church, his body (Ephesians 5:23).

- The church is to submit to Christ (Ephesians 5:24).
- "Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing of water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any blemish, but holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:25-27).
- Christ feeds and cares for the church (Ephesians 5:29).
- We are members of his body, the church (Ephesians 5:30).
- Christ is the foundation of the church, "For no one can lay any other foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).
- We have come "to the church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23; see also 1 Corinthians 15:20-26).

When we consider who Christ is (he who is seated at the right hand of God, far

above all rule and authority, power and dominion), and his significant relationship to the church we must appreciate the divine nature of the church as God's chosen people, a royal, priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God to declare his praise.

Donald Perry

New Work for Chatham Ontario?

On Saturday, January 13, 2001 Bill Schwarz, Brian Thompson, David Langeman and myself met with Jeff and Tracy Gordon in their home in Chatham, ON.

They are interested in seeing a work of Churches of Christ in Chatham. We anticipate other brethren will be involved in helping with this work too.

Initially a Bible study will be held in their home beginning in late January. We hope to see meetings begin in a more public venue in the near future.

If you are aware of any Christians living in the Chatham area who might be approached about meeting with the Gordons, please contact one of the brethren listed above, or Art Ford (4308 Concord Ave., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B6, phone 905-563-5045 or e-mail art_ruby@vaxxine.com).

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ONTARIO

Note: Many congregations celebrated New Year's Eve at their respective church buildings.

Ajax: "Wednesday nights have seen a study in the book of Leviticus, while 1 Corinthians is the epistle of interest on Sunday mornings. A congregational dinner with a number of guests was on December 23. Two babies have arrived. Joshua Davis, November 7, and Caitlin Taylor, December 13, 2000." - Ed Jermakowicz.

Barrie: Since the fall of 1999, Rob Cober (Oct. 10, 99); Krin Booth (Nov.7); Jordon Cober (Dec.19); Leah White (Mar.2); and Amanda Mashinter (19) have been baptized. We held a ladies day here on October 13, 99. Murray Smith was with us, October 15-16, for "Grieving: The Journey." Kids Klub (ages 7-12) meets once a month for activities. Organizers are Brad Ellis and Shawn Rowland.

I "retired" from the Royal Victoria Hospital Ethics Committee at the end of 1999, after ten years. There was a men's breakfast on January 22 and another for women, hosted by the elders, on May 27.

We have been upholstering our church pews and are about three-quarters finished. Brian Powell, husband of Betty, died in January 1999 and Kay Johnson died on the 25. Dr. Larry Deal of WCC was with us, March 31-April 2, for a series on the family. Tim Johnson reported on his work in Moncton on February 23. The GLCC chorus sang at Grove Park Home on April 15. Tina McDonald married Darren Book. In our VBS on the theme: "In the Race with Jesus", 40-45 children enjoyed our excellent staff and snack crew. Stephen and Karen Perry hosted a summer BBQ on August 26. Winston Bolt, missionary in Batam, Indonesia, spoke on Wednesday, September 13. Drew Chapados of Windsor was with us, October 20-22 to speak on "Maturing in the Faith".

The congregation supports three foster children - Siegrid Stevenson looks after this. "Purpose Sunday" was on October 29. Bob Baylis, Russ Cosby and David Johnson have completed their first year as

elders."

Claude Cox

Beamsville: The Zambian mission team presented their message during the morning worship service at Niagara Falls, December 3. Donald Perry, one of the elders, spent the week of December 11-15 teaching "Introduction to Contemporary Philosophy" in Waterloo for GLBC credit. The brethren put together 59 boxes for under-privileged children in the community, calling it "Operation Christmas Child." Vi MacKenzie, wife of Don and mother of David, Paul and Jim, passed away on December 23 just before her 73 birthday (January 1).

Bryan Smith, son of Don and Barb, was baptized by his father on December 24, at candle-light service. Jon Straker spoke Sunday morning, December 31. The Harding University Chorus, made up of 56 members, sang on the evening of January 7. A Spring Spiritual Renewal is being planned for the weekend of March 30 - April 1. Guest speakers will be Murray Smith and Peggy Fleming-Stirman with classes for both men and women. The theme is "Growing In Our Faith."

Bramalea: Jon Straker, York, Nebraska spoke on December 24. Moses Velasco of Strathmore led a song service on Sunday evening, December 31. The GLCC chorus sang Sunday evening, January 14. Daniel Whittington led the young people in carolling on December 22. Daniel has now moved to Searcy, Arkansas to work. 2001 started off with a tragic note, in that Liz Hunter, age 61, wife of Bob, mother of Kevin, Krista and Sara, passed away while on vacation in Cancun, Mexico. Her funeral was Wednesday, January 10.

On Saturday, January 13, Paul Frias, his wife, Rebecca and son Aris, age 22, were baptized into Christ, along with Paul's younger brother, Eddie Frias and Eddie's friend, Melchor A. Suits. Melchor is married with children and is visiting from the Philippines. Eddie is married with eight children. The initial contact was through Paul, and "Key to the Kingdom."

Brantford: Wednesday night Bible study is "The Parables of Jesus" led by Jamie Azzoparde. The teens have a fellowship every Friday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. Several of the ladies went to Waterloo on December 9, for a special session with Carol Pinczuk who is home from the Ukraine. Sister Audrey Cox has been undergoing treatments for cancer.

Grimsbey: Jeff Cobb will be the speaker at the Sundridge Youth Rally, February 2-4. The brethren had a singing at the Bethesda Nursing Home December 17.

Guelph: Guest speakers were Greg Smith, Kitchener, Keith Thompson, Newmarket, Roy Merritt, St. Catharines, Ralph Perry, Beamsville and Mike Gosselin, Hamilton.

Meaford: "On November 19 the ladies of the congregation hosted a come and go reception in honour of Maurice and Donna Pickard's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Family and friends from all over were present to join in the celebration. On Saturday, November 25, the men gathered for breakfast together. These periodic get-togethers are excellent fellowship opportunities, as are our regular Wednesday meetings at lunch time for soup. During November and the first part of December, the congregation was involved in the "Operation Christmas Child" shoe box project which provided gifts for children in third-world countries. The holiday season was a particularly busy time. We were especially pleased to have our young people back home from school for a short time.

On December 13 some of the younger couples hosted a dinner honouring and thanking our senior members for their example of faith and dedication. Several of our young people, along with Scott and Tereasa Mansfield, attended the GLBC college day in Waterloo on the 16th. The next day some members of the congregation were involved in the Community Carol Sing in the afternoon and our annual Christmas Programme/Concert was held in the evening. On the 24, our young people led in a special service celebrating the birth of Christ.

David, Amy and Isaiah Cornfield were home for Christmas. This was their first visit since Isaiah's birth almost a year ago. We were blessed to have David, who is presently undergoing treatment for Parkinson's disease, speak at our morning worship on the 31st. Following the service a congratulatory presentation was made by the congregation to the Cornfields celebrating Isaiah's arrival. That evening a number of the congregation saw the New Year in together at the building in a time of eating, playing and singing.

The annual Youth Rally is coming up February 23-25."

Randy Morrilt

Newmarket: The Brian Cox's family were able to get together for part of the holidays in the north where Bonnie Lee works and their daughter Sarah teaches. Brian Cox has tendered his resignation with the congregation as of January 31, 2001. On Thursday, January 11, George

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NEWS - FAR WEST -



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ALBERTA

Calgary: On December 3rd the Oak Park Church of Christ hosted the Southern Alberta Men's Fellowship. Rick Scruggs was the speaker and the theme was "Tender Warriors".

This is the 10th year we have worked together with Exit Community Outreach. We donate new items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toques, mitts, socks, etc, for the Street kids of Calgary, and teddy bears for the teen prostitutes. These articles are wrapped and given to about 200 street kids.

Our 4th Annual Christmas Program was on Friday, December 8th.

We hosted our 2nd annual Christmas Day Camp on December 9th. People from the communities surrounding the church building were invited to drop off their children for our free Day camp so they could enjoy a child-less afternoon of shopping at the Marlborough Mall. The parents were then welcomed back to the building to enjoy a fabulous turkey dinner with all the trimmings and some great entertainment.

On December 24th we held a special

family service with carols by candlelight.

For New Year's Eve the Village Square Leisure Center was rented for a great time of assorted activities, food and a devo.

Moms and Tots has reorganized with an emphasis on community outreach. We will provide discussions on parenting topics, crafts, guest speakers, coffee and conversation for moms.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Youth Rally in February.

Edmonton: In the month of December the congregation here in Edmonton rejoiced as Ahee Kim was baptized into the Lord on the 10th. This brings a total of 16 souls added to the body during the year 2000.

Prayers were answered on behalf of Verna Hotchkiss as she underwent minor surgery on her leg and for Paul Hotchkiss during a bout with pneumonia.

A New Years Eve Fellowship was scheduled on the 31st of this month with good attendance. This included sledding in the afternoon followed by a potluck at the building. The evening was spent waiting for the new year playing games and fellowship.

Also this month the Grande Prairie team met on the 23rd with a record number in attendance. Please continue to pray on our behalf for this great work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): Steve Hasbrough has begun working with a new congregation at Port Coquitlam.

MONTANA

Three Forks: Thirteen of our members traveled to West Yellowstone for the Winter Wonderland Rendezvous, December 8-10. We enjoyed 6 great lessons on "The Church in the 21st Century".

Through keeping statistics we are able to see growth of the church here over the last year.

We have scheduled a Gospel meeting with George Carman of Albuquerque, NM for June 29 - July 1st. The title of the weekend is "Home Improvement", with the theme focusing on family needs. This theme should draw some to hear what the Bible has to say to help strengthen families.

David Ford

Kosova

I just returned from Kosova, two great months.

We met one young man from Albania, a very fine, mature, wonderful Christian. He is 20 years old and starting new congregation in Albania. Most encouraging. We have many good students in Prizren (prison), Kosova and there will be more teachers for teaching English and sharing faith this year. I hope someone from Burnaby or BC will go and accept the challenge and callings.

I am busy raising funds for houses for children in Kosova and Romania this year. I have come to love the people there very much. Many villages have had 70% of the

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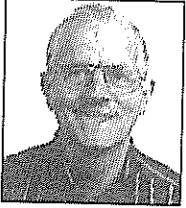
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GOD, Seen Through the Eyes of the Greatest Minds by Michael Caputo, Howard Publishing Co., 224 pages

After thanking his "forbearing wife and children" the author thanks many individuals at Howard Publishing for their assistance. Then he writes, "Most of all, I would like to thank the Almighty, who inspired this work and who

motivated me to carry on the task the many times I felt tired and discouraged." This book, which is remarkable as well as beautiful, shows that most of the greatest men and women of the past were neither agnostics nor atheists but believers in God. Many of these people were unbelievers at first but as a result of their study became believers. They were believers in Jesus Christ as well as believers in God the Father.

Among those quoted are Dante, Bach, Bacon, Beethoven, Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning, Michelangelo, Chaucer, Chekhov, Da Vinci, Defoe, Descartes, Donne, Dostoevsky, Einstein, Eliot, Emerson, Faraday, Franklin, Galileo, Goethe, Handel, Harvey, Hugo, James, Kant, Kierkegaard. We could go on through the rest of the alphabet. Every home should have this book in a conspicuous place.

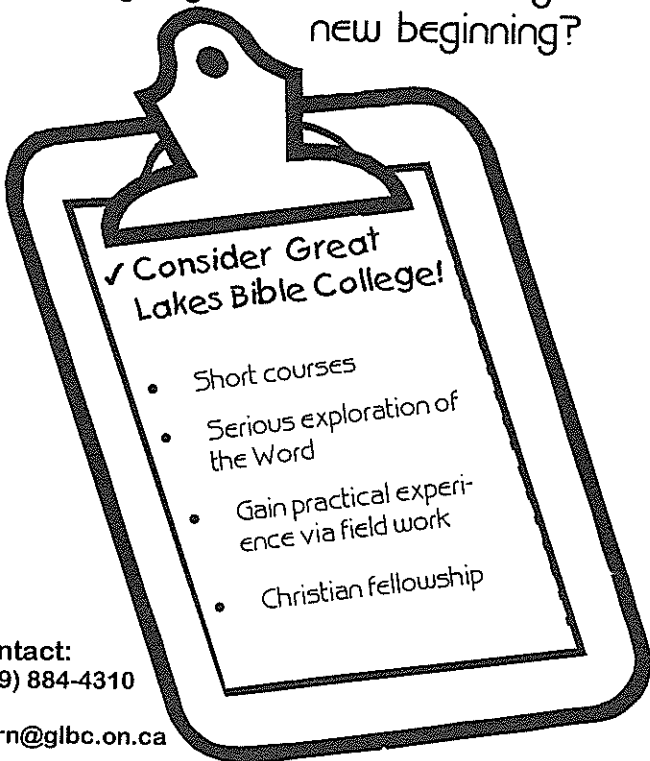
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houses burnt, farm animals killed, schools burnt down as well. The Church of Christ, Partners in Progress has a huge fund to help the villages people in many wonderful ways. It was a joy and blessing to WITNESS the good works, -- building houses, new roofs, bridges, feeding the whole village for the wintermonths.

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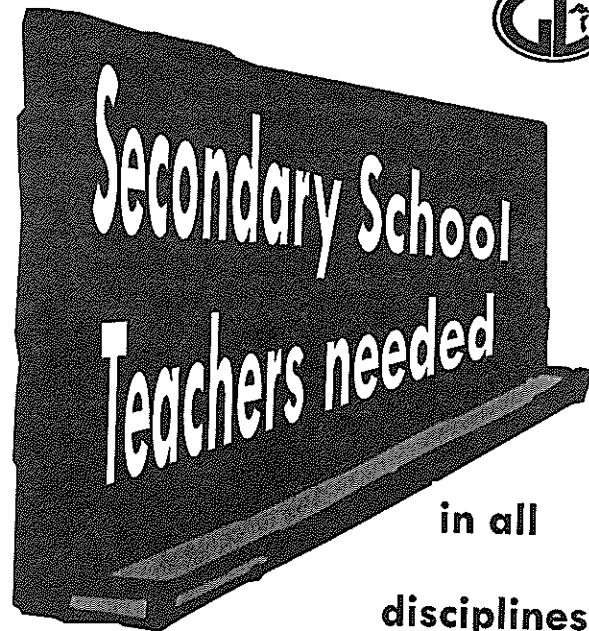
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and Peggy Beattie, Doug and Bill's parents, confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized.

North Bay: Andrea Dimmick gave birth to a healthy baby girl, named Kylie, on January 8.

Owen Sound: "Special contribution during November and December totalled \$725.00 for local benevolence and \$2,168.55 for Ethiopian famine relief. A congregational gathering on January 1 saw 68 in attendance, with the highlight being John and Ethel Freeman putting on the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism."

Walter Hart

Walter and Elaine Hart were to be with the congregation through Sunday, January 28.

Sault Ste. Marie: On December 31, Lawrence Pomber, age 35, husband of Megan (nee Whitfield) passed away. Megan is the daughter of John and Diane Whitfield of Thunder Bay.

St. Thomas: Carl Russell, brother to Opal and Lillian, passed away in December.

Stoney Creek: David and Joanne Toews, after 30 years at Thunder Bay, have moved to St. Ann's and placed membership at Stoney Creek.

Stratford: Laura Good, daughter of Allan and Linda Good was baptized in mid-November. Fred and Donna celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary November 12.

Thunder Bay: The brethren cancelled their Sunday morning service and instead had a 6 p.m. candlelight Christmas eve worship service together.

Tintern: Small group ministries were reorganized and meetings began again on November 12. They are focussed on spiritual growth and evangelism. As a means of community outreach, mittens were collected and distributed to those in need. A.J. Whitfield was born again as he committed his life to Christ and was baptized into him on Tuesday, November 21. Ben Mitchell is on a six month peace keeping mission in Ethiopia. Jon Straker was a guest speaker, Wednesday, December 27 discussing his upcoming mission trip to Sendai, Japan.

Toronto (Bayview): The brethren had a bowling extravaganza on December 16 and a group went carolling on December 22. The GLCC chorus sang Sunday morning, on January 14, with a pot-luck following.

Toronto (Strathmore): "The congregation strengthened its leadership in December with the appointment of two

elders and three deacons. Peter Dwomoh and Jean Volcy, who had served several years as deacons, were appointed to serve as elders with Steve Gill and Marvin Johnson. Kwabena Akuoko, Ed Brown and Roy Witty were appointed deacons to serve along with Gerald Ellis and Moises Velasco.

A ten week training program is being conducted following the evening service to help develop ability to take leadership in worship services; i.e. prayer, Lord's Supper, speaking etc.

Key to the Kingdom continues to have a good number of calls each week."

Max Craddock

Santiago Molina was a guest speaker in Waterloo, December 3.

The ladies had a special end of the year ladies class on December 9. Sympathy to the Harvey family, as their mother, Dora, passed away on Thursday, December 21. Her late husband, Bill, had been an elder for many years. On January 15 Geoff Ellis began teaching a 15 week, 1st year Greek, class on Monday evenings from 7-10 p.m..

Waterloo: The brethren were deeply saddened by the death of Vi MacKenzie, who with her husband Don had been in the eldership for many years before their recent move to the Beamsville area.

Windsor (West Side): A group of men participated in a Men-4-Jesus Breakfast and Bible study on January 20.

QUEBEC

Yvon Beaudoin has been so busy that he has been delayed in reporting his labours with the churches. He felt much benefit from attending a retreat in Maine where Philip Slate lead on the theme, "Dynamics that work in small churches". At Sherbrooke, Monique Dessaints, Gaetan Goudreau and Gilbert Vaillancourt have been immersed for the forgiveness of sins. "Christian Mercier, a former member, is now back with us." "Yves Boucher is my right hand in the work."

In Quebec City, John Edwards Matthews, retired from the army, was baptized at the end of May. Roger Paradis, one of the long time members is preaching

every Sunday morning and there are signs of growth among members.

In Shawinigan Sud, the congregation, 150 kilometres from Yvon's home, is made up of Claude Marubeau, Lucien Pouliet and his wife Gisele, who are faithful.

Montreal: Montreal, South Shore and Verdun are three of the four churches meeting in Greater Montreal. There are also Hispanic, Chinese and other ethnic groups using the facilities for a total of about 400 members.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: The brethren are starting to get follow-up Bible studies with new contacts generated from the seminar by John Clayton. Al Meakes began a series of lessons December 3 on "Assessing Postmodernism." Sunday, December 17, during the Bible class period, the young people sang and expressed their appreciation to the senior citizens.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: Prison Ministry: Three men are being visited on a regular basis.

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OBITUARIES

Roy A. Farr

Born in Ogema, Saskatchewan on April 22, 1914, Roy Farr died on December 12, 2000, at the age of 86 in Texas.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Margaret, three sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Roy was a longtime member of the church in Saskatchewan where he was well known and respected. Among his areas of service was the setting up of the printing equipment on which this paper was published in Radville for many years. Also, he took many of the photographs of the Radville Bible Schools.

For the last 30 years he has lived in Iowa Park, Texas. The funeral was conducted by John Bailey on December 16 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

James "Jim" Eydt

James "Jim" Eydt passed away peacefully at St. Joseph Hospital in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan on November 9 at age 76. Born on November 25, 1928 in Niagara Falls, New York, he was moved with his parents to the Meyronne district of Saskatchewan where they worked for a farmer and later homesteaded in the McCord district in the 30s. When his grandfather died in 1942, the family took over the farm south of Meyronne. He worked with and cared for his parents until they died and then continued caring for the land and cattle.

He gave his life to the Lord in baptism in 1936 and was a faithful member of the Lafleche and later the Gravelbourg congregations of the Church of Christ.

A supporter of the NDP party, he loved sports and enjoyed bowling in Meyronne even after retirement in Gravelbourg.

Predeceased by his parents, Samantha (1958) and Edward (1979), twin brothers, Ed and Jake in infancy and sister Beatrice Richmond, he is survived by one sister, Marion (Ernest) Schwab of Meyronne and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service at the Piche'-Hawkins Funeral Chapel was preached by Jason Bandura and included a number of his favourite hymns led by Mark Elford, scripture reading by Stanley Bell and prayer by Gerry Bell.

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Dora Harvey

Dora Harvey passed from this life on Dec. 21, 2000, in her 81st year following a two year battle with cancer. She was a long time member of the Strathmore Blvd. congregation

and served along side her husband, William, during his years as an elder.

Dora is survived by her son Richard and his wife Suzanne, Scott and his wife Linda and her daughter-in-law Diane. She leaves 6 grandchildren: Kyle, Tiffany, Jennifer, Kimberley, David and Alex. She is also survived by a sister Hilda. Besides her husband William she was predeceased by her son Earle.

Dora will be remembered by her many brothers and sisters in the Strathmore family for her determined spirit to live her life to the full. The writer will remember the expressions of faith as she faced the death of her husband and later her battle with cancer. Her faith was expressed in the idea of taking life a day at a time leaving it in God's hands.

She loved the Lord and his word and was comforted in reading and discussing scripture. Her family was with her when she died and her son Scott read the 23rd Psalm to her. An encouragement as one comes to the end of life on this earth must surely come in thinking of the Shepherd who walks through the shadow of death with his brothers and sisters.

A service in Dora's memory was conducted by the writer on Dec. 23rd at the Strathmore building. Dennis Brumley lead singing for the service. May God give comfort and encouragement to the family and all who mourn.

Max Craddock

Vi MacKenzie

Viola Evelyn MacKenzie, wife of Donald MacKenzie, passed to her reward in Vineland, Ontario on December 23, 2000. She was born on January 1, 1928 in Little Current on the Manitoulin to Joseph and Nellie Martell. She was pre-deceased by three brothers and a sister. Vi's memory is honoured by her family that includes with her husband, Don, three sons: David and his wife, Lynn, of Beamsville; Paul and his wife, Cathy, Lake Orion, Michigan; and Jim and his wife, Laurie, McKinney, Texas; and, as well, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Vi was widely known and dearly loved as a woman of wit, friendly ways, warm hospitality, a compassionate heart, and a deep faith. She enjoyed crafts, cooking, entertaining the saints, long-time friends and neighbors, and especially being with her family. Vi was down to earth, practical, perceptive, and wise. She bore with equanimity the constraints of deteriorating health. Lovingly cared for by her husband following a stroke in November, 1998, Vi was carried by her strong faith and sure hope to her departure to be with the Lord.

Donald's career requirements occasioned several relocations of the family. As a result the MacKenzies participated in the life of several congregations of Churches of Christ. These included Winnipeg, Barrie, where they were charter members, Bayview, Blair,

Beamsville, Ajax and Waterloo, the latter two included eldership responsibilities for Don. In each place, Vi was loved and respected and valued for her example and contributions in teaching, counseling, and serving.

Don Smith of Beamsville conducted her funeral service at the Tallman Chapel in Vineland. Each of her sons had a part in the service, each speaking with pride and deep affection of their "Mud" in their eulogies. This writer was also privileged to pay tribute to Vi's memory. Internment was at the Mt. Osborne Cemetery in Beamsville.

Geoffrey Ellis, Waterloo

Note of thanks: I would like to thank all those who have sent expressions of sympathy and remembrance of Vi in so many ways. Also, to those who have done acts of kindness during this time. The Lord has many great people willing to serve and care. Thank you again.

Don

Gladys Vance

Gladys died at 7 p.m., November 11, 2000 at the Cambridge Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband Clarence (1981), daughter Margaret Peddle in 1999, and her two brothers Dave and Barclay Moote. Gladys died at the age of 90. She was the oldest in her family.

She is survived by two sisters, Margaret Woods and Dorothy Duke of Orangeville, Ontario, as well as several nieces and nephews, and two sons -in-laws. Paul Peddle and Al Samuelson and Nancy her youngest daughter in Toronto, Ontario daughter Sally, Kitchener, Ontario son Paul (Bonnie), Cambridge, Ontario son David, London, Ontario and oldest son Phillip of Maple Ridge, B.C.. She is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Gladys and her husband Clarence raised six children on a farm seven miles from Orangeville, Ontario where they worked hard. They bought the Waldemar store and Post Office in the mid fifties where they lived for several years before they moved to the London area where my Dad died. Mother continued to live there until November 1999. She lived with my youngest brother Paul and his wife Bonnie for about a year before she died.

Gladys loved her family and loved to visit people. She was a faithful member of the church attending whenever she could right up until her death which came as a bit of a surprise, as she had been in relatively good health for several months before she died. Her funeral service was conducted in London by Grahamn Amy along time friend assisted by Jamie Azzarparde.

Phil Vance

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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, ev.

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: ccofc@cadvision.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A2; Sun. 9:30, 10:45; Wed. 7; Ted Archbold, ev., (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 Beauregard School, 255 Athabasca Ave; Abasand; Sun. 10-noon; Box 5094, T9H 3G2; Billy McMillan, ev. (780) 790-0109.

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

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

RED DEER: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 11:15, 10, (evening—call for information); Wed. 7; John Smith, ev. (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, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052.

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hiteley 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 Stillman, ev., 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, ev., (604) 943-7280 (res.), 943-0515 (off.).

KAMLOOPS: 110 Mohawk Cres.; Sun. 10:30; Tues. 7:00 PO Box 2129, V2B 7K5; Dane Bengard, ev. (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, evs.; 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, ev. (250) 765-3643; Clint Ponte, (250) 491-1900

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10, 11, Wed. 7:00; Grant Hamman, 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 Grahame 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, evs.

RICHMOND: Call Gary Marrs, ev. (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, ev.; 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, ev., 594-1796.

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

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 541, V1T 4M1; Murray Verwerda, ev. (250) 545-5256 (res); 545-6892 (off).

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9, 10; midweek in homes; Kelly Carter, ev. (250) 592-4914 (off), (250) 472-3775 (res.).

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 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, ev., 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: cmbolton@mbnct.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 Starnes, 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, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); Rolland Bouchard, youth minister (204) 452-4824; Bible Call 284-9506; 475-6462 (off/fax).

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

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

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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

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

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Mee Rd.; Sun. 11, 10, 6; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, ev; 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 Durham Region): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Call for mid-week information; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477 (off); Edward Jermakowicz, ev., (905) 426-8465 res, e_jermakowicz@sympatico.ca>

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

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off); e-mail: <dsmith@mergetel.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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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, ev. (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 Azzopardo, sec. (519) 821-9179.

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

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

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

HUNTSVILLE: 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, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, 377-4555.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Moneer, 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@bms.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 Linden 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.); Email: churchofchrist@on.aibn.com; WebSite: http://churchofchrist@n3.net

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: <sarcofc@ctech.net>; Other contact: Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; email: <vhbbard@cbtech.net>

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

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

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

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. L0R 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.

SUDBURY: 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. Areas., (705) 268-4526.

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

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; Tony Lewis, ev; 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 Bemice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

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

TRENTON-BELLEVILLE: 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. 0, 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 Cuarczma, 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: <wsidccoc@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; chrisb777@videotron.ca.

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verueil, 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.

ESTEVA: 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; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: <stoncofc@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 Latonda 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

February

16-18 Marriage & Family Weekend led by Dr. Geoffrey Ellis at Strathmore in Toronto.

23-25 Meaford Youth Rally

March

2,3 Great Lakes Christian College Drama Production

30-April Spring Spiritual Renewal, Murray Smith and Reggy Stirman, Beamsville Church

April

13 Training for Service, Toronto, "Spiritual Wellness for the New Millennium, B. McMillan, Mark Dailey and Scott Mansfield

20-22 GLCC chorus trip, Tilsonburg and Detroit

27-29 GLCC Youth Rally

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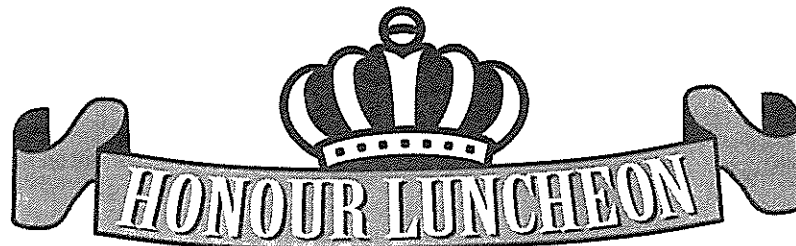
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