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Those worshipping at 267 North Park Street in Brantford, Ontario recently posed on the platform for the above picture (7 were absent but a visiting family is included). Their preacher, Jamie Azzoparde, a recent graduate of Great Lakes Bible College, Waterloo, Ontario, is pictured with his wife, Biana, on the left end of the back row. The congregation has increased from 13 people about three years ago, to the present 53 (including children).

Can We Be the Church of Acts?

by Claude Cox

One time in a classroom setting, when I was student in Toronto, a professor was talking about some aspect of the church and somehow the question of "restoring" the church came up. He looked in my direction and posed the question "Why would we want to do that?" From where he sat (stood?) that did not appear to be desirable. For those of us who have grown up in a restorationist tradition, we may not have thought about that question, "Why is it a desirable thing to do?" So let's start there.

The NT begins with four gospels, followed by the book of Acts. That is, the story of Jesus is followed by the story of the church: Jesus and the church are brought into the closest proximity; the call to discipleship is followed by discipleship in community, that is, the church. It is true that within the NT, even within Acts, there is development in the community of disciples. For example, "having all things in common" at the beginning eventually gives way to disciples living with privately held goods across the Empire. The story of the development of the church is limited by the NT canon, which closes off the account of the church's growth. Most (all?) followers of Jesus look to the NT as authority, as a guide for some model or pattern of discipleship and the church.

The Role of the Beginning

From where we sit, we look back upon the church's story. We are able to survey hundreds of years of development and change and, I suppose, constancy and clarification as well. Our ancestors in the Protestant Reformation sought to "reform" the European church of the 16th century. This church was a colossal organization; we might compare it to a supertanker - not easily moved, not easily redirected, not easily changed. And so it was that several Reformers gave rise to new communities, like Lutherans, or the Reformed Church. There were others who were more radical than that, who insisted on returning to the NT alone. Amongst these were Mennonites and Baptists. They are our more immediate ancestors and, in terms of the Reformation, our immediate ancestors. In England they were called Independents, Nonconformists, Dissidents. If we don't feel very radical today it's because our

style of discipleship has now been around for several hundred years and we have a degree of acceptance that our forbears did not enjoy.

The roots of our congregations are among these radical disciples. In Ontario our principal ancestry is among Scottish Baptists, people taught and immersed by English Baptists doing missionary work in Scotland. These Highlanders emigrated to Ontario in the early 19th century and began to establish communities. James Black began about 1818 down toward Windsor; the Poplar Hill congregation, near London - now an independent church - dates from 1820. The area west of Guelph, the Niagara Peninsula, and the north shore of Lake Ontario were also places where restorationist groups began to meet. By the mid-19th century these small groups came into communion with the reforming work of Alexander Campbell in West Virginia and Barton W. Stone in Kentucky.

Recently, I reread Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address. In it he calls "our brethren of all denominations" to Christian unity. The early 19th century in North America was a time of acrimonious religious division, far worse in its acrimony than today. I was struck by Campbell's optimism, his hope that in this new place (North America), where people were free of the control of state churches, a new day was dawning for Christian unity. His plea was that Christians might unite on the basis of the church we find in the NT. One reads in the writings of the day phrases like "the current reformation," because our forbears saw themselves as standing in continuity with those who had gone before, but also in discontinuity as well.

"Restoration" as a Biblical Ideal

Within the Scriptures themselves one sees the practice of return. For example, in the days of Josiah, a book of the law was found in the Temple. Josiah initiated a dramatic religious (and political) reform based upon that book, usually identified with some form of the book of Deuteronomy, though that's beside the point. It has been suggested that this is the beginning of the idea of "canon," that is, the reform was based upon an authoritative text. Even more to the point is the reform

or restitution of the Judean community after the return from Babylonia.

In Neh. 8 we find Ezra the Scribe calling the community to a life based upon the book of the Law, probably some form of the Books of Moses. They accept.

Now the idea of "return to beginnings" is one that most people know. People are enjoined to "rekindle" the spark in their marriage, perhaps by a "second honeymoon." Organizations of various kinds, including political states, revisit the places of their origin in hopes of igniting ideals, perhaps now forgotten. Canadians go to Charlottetown to see where Confederation occurred and come away with a new sense of our country.

Many Christian groups have sought to recover some aspect of the early church, be that its lifestyle, its practice of benevolence, or the Spirit. So this is a commonly held approach, especially among those who identify with the more radical wing of the Protestant Reformation, and with others besides.

Our own predecessors were keen to restore the forms of the early church: its organization, its essential practices (the Lord's Supper; baptism). So Alexander Campbell called his book about the church *The Christian System*. W.B. West entitled his book about the Campbell-Stone restoration movement *The Search for the Ancient Order*. And we might say that our forbears pursued a radical return to NT discipleship without disenfranchising other believers, at least in the early days.

So we have tried to be the early church by restoring what we know of that community in the NT. We must say this is an "ideal" to which we aspire. It is an unending quest to be like the church that follows the four Gospels and which seeks to capture the discipleship of those Gospels. There are difficulties, of course. We do not seek to restore the church at Corinth, or at Ephesus, or in any other place known to the NT, but to be the church that emerges from an examination of all these letters and witnesses. I don't know why we haven't had greater success, but treating that issue lies outside our interests here.

Can We Be the Church of Acts?

In some respects, we cannot be the
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The Employer-Employee Relationship

Darryl R. Culley

Having grown up in the church, which, in Ontario is a small community, I have had opportunity to observe various congregational dealings with their paid staff. With 15 years in progressive management positions, often being assigned to various operations to sort out employer-employee problems, dealing with hundreds of employees and dozens of employer-employee issues, I have had to become familiar with the standards of employment. I have learned to use specialists and professionals where appropriate and have found it important to keep current with employment issues and standards through courses, seminars, and journals.

We all want and expect our employers to treat us with respect, dignity and according to the standards of the law and the community. Legal requirements are set out in legislation as well as through standards created by legal precedent. Many church members would fight for their "legal" rights through their union or through legal means if the employer did not meet the standard of the day, and we would not criticize them if they had been treated below that standard.

Why is it then that congregations often fail to meet these standards and then expect our "hired staff", primarily preachers, to accept whatever decisions are thrown their way?

I have been asking this question of various church members lately and the answers come back to primarily two issues, ignorance of employment practices and lack of funds. Neither of these reasons, however, would stand up in a court of law or before an arbitrator. Although we do not see preachers running to lawyers to take action against their congregations, we all expect Christians to live within the law, and that must apply to churches as well. This is not meant to be legal advice (consulting professional legal advice is highly recommended) but to serve to raise an awareness of the standards with which we should be treating our staff.

A common area of concern, in employer-employee relationships, is notice of termination or pay in lieu of notice. Asking your preacher to resign is just that, termination of an employment agreement. Termination "with cause", permits an

employer to end the employment relationship immediately and without compensation. "With cause", however, is not satisfied when the sermons are dry or some feel there is not enough visitation. To terminate with cause requires that the employee has committed a serious offence against the employer, the clients (community) they serve, poses a serious risk to them or has failed to correct inappropriate behaviour after a progressive counselling or disciplinary process. Committing a serious offence would include such things as assault, sexual improprieties, theft, serious insubordination, etc. Without demonstrated serious events or progressive discipline, termination is "without cause".

Unless there is a signed contract that has a termination clause stipulating severance conditions, the Employment Standards Act of Ontario requires one week of pay for every year of service to a maximum of 8 weeks. (Similar legislation exists in the other provinces.) However, there are standards that are based on case law for non-bargaining unit employees and these can be just as binding as the Employment Standards Act. Terminating an employee without cause (after a reasonable probationary period) requires that the employer either provide reasonable notice or pay in lieu of the notice.

At one time a rule of thumb generally suggested one month of salary be paid at termination for each year of service. Recent court cases, however, have disagreed with the rule of thumb approach and given larger settlements where an employer has been found to have acted in bad faith (e.g., recruited the employee from a secure position with another employer or suggested to the employee that it was a longer term employment relationship) or the employee's ability to find similar employment without hardship (e.g. moving) is compromised.

In their Solutions For Employment Law Problems (1999), the law firm Matthews, Dinsdale & Clark states "In the absence of just cause for dismissal, a non-bargaining unit employee whose employment is being terminated is entitled to reasonable notice of such termination or compensation in lieu thereof. What constitutes reasonable notice will vary depending upon a number

of factors of which the most important are the employee's level of remuneration, education and expertise, the age of the employee, the duration of employment, the nature of the position held by the employee, the size of the employer and, finally, whether the employee left another secured job in order to join the Company."

Congregations need to take a fair, just and (may I dare say) Christian position when looking at the way they treat their employees. If this requires seeking professional legal advice - not to see how little they can get away with but to determine what is fair - then let's do the right thing.

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church of Acts . That is, we can't recreate the world of the first century. Not many of us will do well in classes learning to speak Greek or Aramaic. Not many of us want to leave hot and cold running water behind, or return to an age where modern technology was unknown. (What, no refrigerator?) None of us wants to be a slave, or to own slaves.

However, in other respects, we can be the church of Acts . We can certainly aspire to be. On the basis of the NT we can form communities that try to make the NT our sole basis of communion, worship and benevolence ("good deeds"). We can seek to return to the relative simplicity of the church at that time and not to bind on one another the amplifications or traditions that have grown up on the basis of the NT and the passage of time. It's an ideal to be sure, but there seems to be a longing among many seekers for return, for re-ignition, for rediscovery of the discipleship which Jesus himself initiated.

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EDITORIAL

"A Velvet Oppression"

Wayne Turner



A high school teacher carefully monitors comments by students to ensure that all statements about race, ethnic background, gender, religion and sexual preference are accepting and politically correct, while permitting and condoning derogatory remarks about God, the Bible and Christians. Parents encourage their teenager to stop being interested in going to church and studying the Bible and spend more time with friends who are drinking and doing drugs. The office gossip group snickers at and stereotypes coworkers who openly admit to being Christians.

Does any of this sound familiar? It should. This is the culture in which we live. Denyse O'Leary discusses this in a Special News Report in the April 2, 2001 issue of Christianity Today in an article entitled "A Velvet Oppression." She borrowed the expression from Vancouver civil-rights lawyer, Ian Benson. O'Leary observes, "underneath a surface of calm harmony lies an explicitly anti-Christian perspective." The article's subtitle says it clearly, "Conservative Christians are not faring well in Canada's brave new secular society."

To O'Leary, the Parliamentary election last fall (November 2000) is a case in point. Stockwell Day's religious conservatism became a significant issue in the campaign. She notes that Maclean's asked "How scary is he?" while Hedy Fry, Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Status of Women denounced Day's belief that "'Jesus Christ is the God of the whole universe' as 'an insult to every Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh - everybody else who believes in other religions.'" O'Leary also mentions the CBC commentary about Day's beliefs, noting "the producers did not interview Day or allow him to respond to the program's criticism of a speech he had given three years earlier."

In the past, Canada's values were based on its Judeo-Christian heritage. This was both a blessing and a curse. The blessing was that while Christians have faced some tensions between themselves and their culture, generally, they found themselves comfortably compatible with social values, especially in areas of morality, marriage, ethics and divorce. The curse was almost exactly the same - those comfortable values lulled many Christians into a false sense of security. They lost the ability to see the difference between the church and the world. They lost the compelling sense of need for evangelism since many of those around were little different.

As the country has become more racially and religiously diverse, secularism has also flourished. A new age of pluralism and toleration has come. Today, Canada seeks to be a country where every person's freedom is prized and protected. Individuals have the right to believe and do whatever they choose, as long as those actions are not illegal or in some way limit the exercise of someone else's rights.

It is difficult to harmonize the human goals of pluralism with the

Bible and Christianity. The mantra of the day is "live and let live." Actions and lifestyles that were socially unacceptable fifty years ago have now become the norm. Couples live together without marriage. Sex is consensual and recreational, the greatest ethic being "protected sex." Where unprotected sex has resulted in pregnancy, abortion is promoted as an option. Some women are choosing to have children totally outside of marriage. Homosexuality is openly promoted as an acceptable and normal lifestyle (how many television shows now have openly gay major characters?) Politicians use "spin doctors" to control potential damage from their open dishonesty. Spirituality is expressed through occultism, new age, witchcraft, mysticism, eastern religions, or even drugs. The greatest sin is seen as being intolerant.

At the heart of Christianity is a message that the world considers intolerant. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." (John 14:6 NASB) To the secular mindset, such a claim is narrow, bigoted, and, to use the term applied to Stockwell Day, scary. To be honest, there have been religious zealots whose fanaticism has been scary. But these are neither the norm nor are they fair examples of Christianity. Unfortunately, the world uses such people to create the stereotypes that allow them to summarily dismiss Christianity.

The "Velvet Oppression" is the subtle, but very real persecution directed at anyone who openly admits to being a Christian and tries to live by Biblical values. O'Leary refers to Ian Hunter, law professor and former human rights judge who "says that although surveys show about 80 percent of Canadians identify themselves as Christians, public religious expression has become so stigmatized that to be 'publicly identified as a Christians in Canada is a political and social liability.'"

Given the direction Canada is taking, we can only expect the gap between culture and Christianity to widen. As strange as it may seem to say this, we need to see this as a blessing and an opportunity. In the past, nominal church members could comfortably slip back and forth between the church and the world. They could

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Reasonable Expectations - Discipline

Max Craddock

The subject of discipline has been mentioned on this page before. This month, in view of the reasonable expectations that children should have of parents, consider these thoughts on discipline in the home.

There are few topics that are more important to parents than that of proper discipline to help children grow and mature. Children are immature and need careful training and encouragement if they are to grow into responsible adults. Perhaps it is the importance of this need for discipline that sometimes makes it difficult to know what is best and what will work to accomplish this end.

All need to remember that the word discipline involves more than punishment for wrongdoing. While, sadly, this is necessary from time to time, there is the guidance aspect of discipline that is designed to keep children (or whoever is being disciplined) out of "trouble" in the first place. It would be cruel and unjust to withhold guidance that would prevent children from getting into trouble. While there is value in "learning by experience", the better way is to provide positive guidance intended to help children around the "pitfalls" of life so they will become healthy, happy and well adjusted adults.

This guidance will not only involve instruction and teaching but will include good examples. The parents who teach their children to be truthful and punish them if they are not, should not be surprised if children do not take this direction seriously if, when they answer a phone call or the parent, they are told "tell them I am not here". Never forget that what is done as a much greater impact than what is said...if say and do fail to agree!!

Besides teaching and example, remember the value of encouragement and honest compliments for proper behaviour. Often parents may be very quick to point out the failures of children without giving the same attention to bestowing deserved compliments. The self-esteem of children of all

ages can be greatly undermined by continual criticism and fault finding of every action. However, given justly deserved compliments, they may climb to great heights of maturity because their efforts have resulted in attaining worthwhile goals. Parents owe this to their children!!

One thing that should help in accomplishing the goal of good discipline might include being sure to let children know what is expected of them. These expectations need to be reachable and consistent. Having clearly defined expectations (rules and limits), allows children to know what is required and gives them a sense of security. If these rules and limits keep changing, then the opposite is true...instead of security there will be a sense of apprehension since they can never be sure what is expected of them. Children need to know what is expected and need to know that the basics do not change to suit the mood of the parent on any given day.

It is often helpful to explain the reason for rules and regulations to children as they become able to understand them. That there is a need for rules should be a "given" but there is no need to make rules just because there ought to be some. As children come to understand the reason for rules and see that they do not exist just for the sake of having a rule, they will be more likely to comply with them. The depth at which rules need to be explained will depend, to some degree at least, on the age of the child.

Years ago I remember a good friend who believed in making the effort to explain to his children the reason for rules and decisions made concerning them and their behaviour. One of his children was always ready to question by saying, "why daddy". This father was patient and would try to respond carefully to each "why". This would go on for a little time and finally to the "why" the father would reply, "just because". This would usually settle the issue for that time. The father knew there was a balance of how many "whys" had to

be asked before the "just because" answer would work. Of course, as the child grew older this changed but it did teach the lesson to this young child that he could ask for and receive a reason for the rule or decision.

It is worth noting that, as children grow, they can become a part of the process of "rule" setting by discussion with parents. Involving them, in the process and giving honest attention to their ideas and concerns, can open the door for wider cooperation from the children. Sharing responsibility can result in a smooth and supportive family bond. However, by reason of the God given responsibility to "bring them (children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4) parents - especially fathers - must be the final authority in the setting of rules for the household. While the "buck stops here" as it were, there is a lot of value in talking with children to reach mutual accord in the rules of the household.

While some rules may be hard and fast, there are rules that can be flexible, at times. When an exception to the rule is in order, the parents and the children need to recognize these as such. A rule, such as a fixed bedtime on school nights, may need to be bent on occasion to accommodate something worthwhile or even as a reward. Rules may change because the conditions have changed that brought the rule into place in the beginning. The age of the children may be reason to make a change in the normal. The important thing is that the rule be the rule and not the exception.

Further on this theme next time. May God bless you and your family as you go with God daily.

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Feelings, Can We Trust Them?

"I know that I should be getting up and going to church this morning, but I had a really late night with my friends last night and I don't feel like it." "Wednesday Bible Study, oh I'm sure it must be a great program, but after a busy day at school/work, I just don't feel like going out." "I suppose I really should be involved in that program, after all I do have a gift in that area, but I just don't feel like being involved right now." "Read my Bible and pray every day, sounds like a great concept, but you know there are so many days that I just don't feel like it." Perhaps you have heard people offer some of the above excuses for their lack of involvement in church activities, perhaps you have heard some of these coming out of your own mouth.

Should we follow our feelings in what we choose to do, or choose not to do? What would happen if we didn't go to school because we didn't feel like it, or did our homework only when we felt like it? Many of us have the report cards and transcripts to illustrate what happens when we do only what we feel like doing in our schoolwork. What if we all waited until we felt like it to do laundry? We can feel like doing laundry in a hurry when we have run out of clean clothes. What if we waited until we felt like it to clean our homes? How embarrassed would we be when visitors stopped by? Have you ever felt like cutting the grass? I must admit that when the beautiful spring weather comes and it is warm and not too hot or humid I feel like cutting the grass. I don't feel like cutting the grass when the temperature is in the 90's and the humidity is high, but I cut the grass, because I know that it needs to be cut and that I will be happy when the job is done. Doing what we know to be right, doing what needs to be done and doing what we know is good for us must override our feelings.

We have heard some suggest that it

would be hypocritical to do anything that we do not feel like doing. It would be great if we always felt like doing the right thing, doing what was best for us and everyone else concerned, but life just isn't that simple. If someone has done something hurtful to us, should we wait to offer forgiveness until we feel like it? Should we follow our feelings into resentful and perhaps vengeful acts so that we might act in sincerity? The Bible tells us clearly what to do (see Romans 12:9-21). It doesn't tell us to follow our feelings.

God didn't give us feelings as a guide to life, but as a way of rewarding us for doing the right thing. In "Making Things Right When They Go Wrong" Paul Faulkner says, "You will never feel yourself into a better way of acting, but you can act yourself into better feelings." Feelings will follow our actions, thus we must override our feelings and do what we know to be right so that we can act ourselves into a better way of feeling.

When we have been hurt, we may have feelings of bitterness and revenge. We may disguise these feelings as a search for justice, but, in truth, we want to hurt the one who has hurt us and to give a little worse than we have received. With continued retaliation the cycle continues, the situation continues to escalate, pushing a solution farther and farther away and we do not feel any better. Believe it or not, revenge doesn't make us feel better; it in fact will make us feel worse.

Feelings are like the shifting sands that the foolish builder built his house on (Matthew 7:24-27). They will constantly be changing and never provide a firm foundation for life. When storms come to lives built on the shifting sands of feelings, those lives are quickly destroyed. However, when we build our lives on the firm foundation of listening to God's Word and then putting what we learn into practice, we are building a house that will

withstand each and every storm that comes our way.

Feelings are important but they must never be the deciding factor in our lives. Our feelings can lead us away from God's Word, the truth for our lives. Feelings and emotions can be irrational and change quickly. Feelings are unreliable!

We live in a feel good culture. Decisions are often based on how we feel at the time. These decisions often produce tragic consequences, because they are bad decisions. When we base our lives on our feelings rather than truth, they will be destroyed like the foolish man's house was in Matthew 7. Are you building sand castles out of your feelings only to have them washed away when the waters of life come crashing in? Your feelings will never provide the stability to withstand the storms of life.

We are not saying that we should not have feelings or emotions. We are, after all, emotional creatures. God created us with feelings of joy, sorrow, peace, compassion and even anger. We have all felt these emotions in our lives, and rightly so, because they are a part of our makeup. However, the Bible, not our feelings, is our guide for life. Jesus' words are truth and will provide us a rock solid foundation for life. The only unchanging reality in our lives is God's Word. "The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Luke 21:33 God's Word is always true! God's Word never changes!

Jesus says that the wise people build their lives on the truth of God's Word, not on what they may feel like doing. We cannot discount God's Word for what we may feel like doing. God's Word is truer than our feelings, our experiences, our circumstances or anything else that is in the world.

So, which will you follow, your feelings or your faith? Will your life be built on what you feel or on what you know from God's Word? The choice is yours, as are the consequences of choosing your feelings and the blessings of choosing God's Word.

BMC

God So Loved The World That He Created Mothers

Brian Cox

The second Sunday in May is celebrated as Mother's Day. Mother's Day is by no means a religious holiday. We are not commanded in scripture to celebrate Mother's Day. However, giving honour, respect and appreciation to our mothers, on Mother's Day, as well as every other day of the year, is a most Biblical theme.

Unless there have been technical glitches in the production of the Gospel Herald, or Canada Post has been slow in delivering your copy, you will have received this issue in advance of Mother's Day. If you have no plans as of yet to show honour, appreciation and respect to your mother on Mother's Day, we would suggest that you get busy immediately. We have heard kind words of honour and appreciation at funerals and have also witnessed the bitter tears of those who waited too long to share those words. Share your kind words of honour and appreciation while your mother is still with you.

God so loved the world that He created mothers to love us unconditionally. Only when children are loved unconditionally can they develop the necessary emotional relationships to grow up in a healthy way. Children who have been loved unconditionally by their mothers will find it easier to accept that God loves them unconditionally. Children who have been loved by their mothers unconditionally and have accepted the unconditional love of God will learn to love others unconditionally.

God so loved the world that He created mothers to teach us His Word. "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded now lives in you also." (2 Timothy 1:5). Timothy didn't simply inherit his faith from his mother and grandmother. They taught him God's Word and Paul believed that the resulting faith was still dwelling in him. Mothers who start young and model their good teaching with their good example will find that God blesses their efforts with children that are faithful to God and thankful for their mothers.

God so loved the world that He created mothers to help us fan our gifts into flames. "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands." (2

Timothy 1:6) When Paul wrote "for this reason", he was referring back to the previous verse where he had written of his confidence that Timothy's faith, taught by his grandmother and mother, now dwelt in him. Those who have faith have been given gifts from God. The abilities or talents that we use to honour God will illustrate our faith as we serve others. These gifts are not given to us in full flame but as tiny embers that we fan into flame. Mothers can place gifts within reach of their children by encouraging them at a young age to try new things. Example is extremely important; if parents are involved in using their gifts to serve God, their children will be as well. Mothers will continue to encourage their children to use their gifts as they grow older, to try new things, even things in which they have not yet discovered an ability. Younger people may not do as good a job as those who are older, but must be given the opportunity to grow. Mothers can be there to comfort their children when they bomb. Have you ever bombed? If not, we suspect that you have not been too adventurous in your gift development. When we bomb, mothers can be there to provide comfort and to encourage us to try again. Mothers will appreciate us when we have used our gifts well, mothers react with honest appreciation, not empty flattery. Kids see through empty flattery in a heartbeat. What they need is honest appreciation. As ability grows in one area, mothers can encourage their children to try other areas of service as well. We believe that all of us are given many gifts and talents; we should not stop because we have discovered one. We should use the confidence we have found in one area to reach into other areas of service.

God so loved the world that He created mothers to teach us responsibility and discipline. Mothers could continue for years to do everything for their children and shield them from the world, but gradually, step-by-step, they give their children more and more responsibility. From our mothers we learn many things of such a practical nature that we often take them for granted. Our mothers have taught us to brush our teeth, to wash ourselves, comb our hair, etc... We may think of these as being unimportant, but they are important if we plan to be around other people. Fathers are often seen as the disciplinarians

of the family, but mothers must also be involved. It is much more difficult for mothers to discipline their children. The fact that they do discipline is a witness to their great love for their children. Discipline in the home will eventually teach children self-discipline.

God so loved the world that He created mothers to model His forgiveness for us. The home is a haven we can go to when the whole world is against us. We find acceptance at home. One of the reasons we find acceptance at home is the forgiveness of our mothers. This does not mean that they condone the wrong but, rather, that they want to encourage us to do better while still accepting the consequences of the wrong. This encourages us to look for and to find forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

You've finished reading this article; now get down on your knees and thank God for your mother. If your mother is still with you in this life, make plans now to show her honour, respect and appreciation. If your mother is no longer with you in this life, help show appreciation for all the other mothers. A word of appreciation and encouragement to a young mother struggling to keep her head above water will mean more than you will ever know. Remember, mothers are a creation of God's love for us!

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kid themselves into believing that there really wasn't that much difference. It is becoming increasingly difficult to stand with one foot in each, like the person with one foot on the dock and the other in the boat as the boat is drifting away from the dock. Like the challenge of Joshua, it is time for each person to choose who they will serve.

As Christians we need to be more committed, better taught and trained, better prepared to face the real onslaught of Satan and an unchristian world. We need to openly stand for Jesus and in the process totally disprove the stereotypes of irrational fanaticism, intolerance and hate. We need to proclaim and live the message of love. Our goal is not social acceptability, it is Jesus' approval, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

POINTS BY PERRY:

The Teen Scene

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From ancient times concerned adults have observed the actions and life styles of the upcoming generation with alarm and have recorded statements of their convictions that the "world is going to the dogs". Our day is no exception but, as has been true so many times in the past, the observation may be flawed.

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them'" (Eccl.12:1). "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Prov.22:6). These and many other Bible verses remind us that the youth of today will be the society and church of tomorrow. The media presents a picture of "raves", drug abuse, violence, premarital sex and abortion as the norm for the teen scene. In the church we hear that many of our youth, failing to heed the scriptural admonition to "come out from them and be separate" (II Cor.6:17), participate in some of these same activities. Such reports may be causing casual, careless, unjustified and "doomsday" like conclusions.

Although such reports are not usually fabrications, they do tend to overshadow, in the news and in our minds, the good values and promising futures of another, larger segment of the young. As with the adult scene, the teen scene is quite varied. There are many fine, virtuous, hardworking, conscientious, promising people out there. There are signs of strong spiritual interests and zealous desires to serve, we venture to say, among just as high a percentage of teens as of adults. Maybe the future is brighter than we are being led to believe. We have young people who are willingly giving up their vacations, the opportunity to earn needed money during school breaks and even to use their own funds to participate in campaigns. Some are even interrupting jobs and education to be involved for longer periods. There are some who go to foreign countries with "Let's Start

Talking" teams. Five young people will soon return from three months of mission work in Zambia. Four others including two Canadian youths, are preparing to serve for five years in Sendai, Japan.

It is difficult to predict the future on the basis of the media and our own limited experiences. Sometimes the results are biased by whether our own attitude and disposition is one of optimism or pessimism. Sociologists have developed what they believe to be more scientific and more accurate methods of doing such evaluations. These involve interviews, surveys and polls of sample groups followed by the analysis and reporting of the results.

Reginald Bibby, who once aspired to be a preacher, turned to sociology and after obtaining a Phd, became a professor at the University of Lethbridge. He has authored several books, three of which are, *The Emerging Generation* (1985), *Teen Trends* (1992) and *Canada's Teens: Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow* (just released). The last, based on a confidential survey of 3500 high school teens across Canada concludes that most of today's teens will do well. They are pictured as comparing favourably to adults and even, in some areas, to have higher (more conservative) standards.

The survey shows that their parent's generation is more liberal in approving premarital and extramarital sex than the teens. Likewise, a higher percent of the teens surveyed refrain from drugs than was true for the previous generation. There is even an indication that at least some of the teens understand the serious harm that the commonly approved drug, alcohol, has done and is doing to society.

According to Bibby, 78 percent of teens believe in life after death and 65 percent that Jesus is the divine Son of God. In fact, attendance at religious services by teens shows an increase from 18 percent in 1992 to 22 percent. Despite the fact that over 30 percent of Canadian marriages end in divorce, even including the children of such relationships, 90 percent of teens expect to marry, have children and continue together for life.

Much of this provides some reason for optimism. One finding is, however, discouraging. Today's teens place noticeably less importance on honesty and good manners than was true in previous studies. In response to an honesty check question, only

35 percent of teens said they would return the money if given too much change by a cashier in contrast to 74 percent of adults.

This finding is truly alarming. The erosion of basic integrity undermines and threatens all of the other good things revealed in this study. Honesty is necessary to the well being of society, marriage and religion. A well know US President, although he may not have practiced it very well, observed that, "Honesty is the glue that holds society together".

God is faithful. His word can be depended on. The devil, having lied to Eve in the garden, is described as the father of lies (Jno.8:44). The people of God are to be faithful. Jesus teaches that his people are to be trustworthy, "Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No', 'No'." (Mt.5:37a).

The future of economics, marriages, other relationships and the church itself depends heavily on honesty and respect for others (politeness). Commitments in business, marriage and religion must not be made lightly or taken carelessly. Honesty and politeness are very important to the future of society and the church. *ecp*

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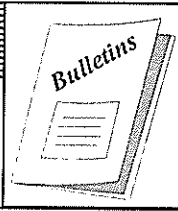
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(Correction: This correction was intended for the last issue. Murray Smith of Thessalon informs us that he is not the author of the article, entitled "The Snake", which appeared on this page in March. Even though he thinks it a good article he cannot take credit for it. We will have to attribute it to 'author unknown' via Thessalon News, bulletin of the Thessalon, Ontario church. ecp)

More and More Roger Lansdell

More and more people of all generations are questioning why we do certain things. Sometimes there is a legitimate answer. Many times the honest answer must be: "I really don't know, probably because everyone else does." or, "Because we always have." or, "Because that's just how we do it here and to change would cause an all out war."

Some things never change and should, but some things haven't changed and shouldn't. There is probably not a more hot topic in the church today than that of change. In the vast majority of situations the focus has been on the positive nature of change, and the message has been to "get with it" or "get left behind." However despite the positive nature and excitement that change brings there has been a understandable tension that has developed. It's a fear of "throwing out the baby with the bath water." As a result I believe that it is important to remind ourselves, regardless of where we might stand regarding change, of some things that haven't changed, shouldn't and won't!

One thing that will never change for any of us is the intense desire to know and be known and to love and be loved. Each of us longs to love and be loved. We were created by God with this intense desire. The absence of love creates a powerful and painful void within us. The human heart must be touched, and the local church is the best environment in which to see that happen.

The second thing that will never change for any of us is the inner drive to connect with the Creator...to be in communion with a force larger than ourselves. The truth of God's existence is evident even in nature

itself (Rom. 1:19-20). But people have struggled to make this connection for centuries. People know there must be something greater. People are searching for a connection with God.

Another thing that will never change is the passion to make a significant contribution before our earthly life is over. People want their lives to count, to matter, to make a difference. All of us have, at times been haunted by the possibility that the things that we have worked so hard for, are of little real value. It's a scary thought. In contrast, the church has the opportunity to hook people up to opportunities for contributions of eternal consequence... to things and service that really matters.

Something else that will never change is the need for spiritual leadership. John Maxwell has said, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." It's true. Without spiritual leadership, the most innovative and cutting edge ideas will never blossom or realize their full potential. Without leadership, no progress of any kind is ever realized and no fruit is seen. One of the great responsibilities of the local church is to develop Godly leaders.

Finally, another unchangeable is the longing for peace, contentment and joy amidst stress, confusion and unhappiness. Never before in history have people been so unhappy. The pace is fast, but the depth is shallow. Personal desires have replaced personal discipline. We want more, while we try to "simplify," which results in confusion. The joy is gone. The opportunity that the church has is that with biblical priorities and perspectives, what is longed for is obtainable and doable.

You see the point is that the greatest unchangeable is Jesus. The truth of His message hasn't changed, shouldn't, and never will. It is the answer for life's deepest concerns.

As a result, in questions, discussions and debates about change, don't get lost in all of the rhetoric. The real issues are not about what needs and should be changed simply because these things that are relevant today will be replaced by something new in a short while. The real issue is meeting the needs of people as Jesus did and knowing that the key elements of life will not

change. Of course, we will have the opportunity to be creative and continually change how you go about meeting these needs, but knowing the real issues will help to keep us in tune with reaching people.

Pinehill Messenger, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

We Will Not Pass By On The Other Side

Drew Chapados

This was the statement of President George W. Bush in his inauguration speech. As most of us are aware it is in reference to the story of the Good Samaritan. What President Bush was calling on his fellow countrymen to strive towards was the high call of loving their fellow man despite whatever differences there might be.

While we are hopeful that all people will try to live up to that ideal, we are mindful that the call to love your neighbour as yourself was never given to a government or nation but to the spiritual nation of God's children! We can certainly pray that people out in the world will be loving and kind, but we must insure that citizens in God's Kingdom live out this idea.

With that thought in mind, Christians are to have a mindset that says, "Where there is need, I will somehow be involved."

1) Where the work of the church needs a hand, I will not pass by on the other side.

2) Where the members of God's family are sorrowful or suffering, I will not pass by on the other side.

3) Where there is hurt in my community, I will not pass by on the other side.

4) Where there is a soul in need of the gospel, I will not pass by on the other side.

5) Where there is a need for a word of encouragement, a prayer for strength, a hand to assist, or a weary traveler to lift up, I will not pass by on the other side and leave it for someone who is coming by later.

I certainly hope people will put aside personal beliefs and answer President Bush's call, but we have to remember who is to be the example to others: we, the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven!

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I'm Adopted

Pat McClure

When I was baptized for the remission of my sins, the instant I came up out of the water I was adopted; adopted by God into his family, His church. I became a child of God, a sibling of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

No more am I alone, without family and roots. I now belong to the family of God. God, Himself, adopted me.

Sometimes people are convicted of sins and are ready to be baptized for the remission of those sins but they remain unaware of their responsibility to their position in the new family.

Let's look for a moment at adoption in the physical world. Adoption into a family means membership in that family. It is with great joy that the adoptee takes the name of the family, moves into the home of the family, and begins to function with all of the privileges and responsibilities of life in that family. Any contact with any of the so called, "birth " family is now severed. One is now expected to follow the rules and regulations of the adoptive family while also expecting the rewards of the relationships within it.

The same is true for your spiritual adoption into God's family and Christ's church. You now sever ties to the old organizations and their teachings. You set your eyes on God's Word and living a life pleasing to Him becomes your focus. Just as a physical family would expect you to attend family functions, whenever possible, God, the Father, and Jesus our brother, expect to see us at the Lord's Table each week. Just as in the human family, you must now set your time clock to be synchronized with your new family, you must now arrange your time to be with your Christian family when it meets to remember the sacrifice of Jesus that made your adoption possible.

The next time you are tempted to sleep in, visit friends, mow the grass, tend the

garden, play golf, watch football, or whatever will keep you from your appointment with Jesus on the Lord's Day, you must remember what it cost for you to be adopted into the church family. God gave His Son and Jesus shed His blood so that you would have the opportunity to be adopted and added to Christ's church.

The next time you have an excuse rather than a reason, tell it to God. Perhaps telling it to Him will make you realize that while your brothers and sisters will miss you, this is nothing to the consequences of God being disappointed because you have not kept your appointment with Him.

He forgave your sins and adopted you but, this adoption is on the condition that you remain faithful unto death and then you will receive the crown of life. Is it worth that extra hour of "whatever" to miss the Lord's supper for some selfish reason just to be told at the judgement, depart from me I never knew you. We have a place reserved so that this will never happen if we take seriously the new life we were given at baptism. We must study and know what our heavenly Father expects from us since He has given us ALL things that pertain to life and godliness. All that remains is for us to give our lives to Him and to service in His church. He only built ONE church. Christ died for ONE church. At your baptism you were added to that One church. Jesus has promised to meet you at His table in His church, as you remember Him. How important is that to you?

Scriptures to study to confirm the above thoughts:

- Acts 2: 38-47-added to THE CHURCH (There is only ONE).
- Ephesians 1:4-8-adoption
- Romans 8:15-16- adoption
- Galatians 4: 3-6- adoption
- Luke 9: 62-don't look back

- Matthew 26: 27---the Lord's Table
 - I Corinthians 11:25---Commanded to take the Lord's supper
 - Luke 22:14-20-29-(* verse24) Lord's supper commanded
 - I Corinthians 11:25-no room for the Lord and devils
 - Hebrews 10 :25---not forsake the assembly (worship)
 - II Timothy 4: 1-8---faithful unto death.
 - Revelation 2:10b-faithful unto death-crown of life
 - Matthew 25: 31-46 (note verses 41 & 46)
 - John chapter 14---wonderful promise to the faithful
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ONTARIO

Ajax: "Margaret Wright, a long time member has been recovering in hospital from a heart attack and open heart surgery. The Art Bone family has seen the loss of their mother and grandmother - the funeral was conducted by Ed Jermakowicz on March 17. A few of the children and youth have travelled to Bramalea to participate in the rallies held by Harding University students. *Ed Jermakowicz*

Barrie: On May 26 the Barrie church of Christ presents "A Day of Kitchen Table Counselling" for the ladies with Dorothy Dennis from Vandeleur Church of Christ.

Beamsville: Ken Cox was baptized into Christ on Tuesday, March 20. Guest speaker on April 8 was Johnny Markham from Tennessee. He will be bringing a group of teens and adults to Beamsville to do a Vacation Bible School and volunteer work at Great Lakes during the third week of July.

Bill Nichols of Bradford, Pennsylvania has reported that the congregation there is looking for young men who might come down to do some preaching on weekends. Chris Wise from Indiana would like to bring a youth group to Ontario in the summer of 2002 for service projects, VBS, and/or other ministry related activities. Contact Art Ford.

Bramalea: Twenty-four students from Harding University arrived on March 17. They conducted a Vacation Bible School, an area-wide singing and a youth rally all in one week. They also knocked doors one day and three of them attended the "Friend Speak" program in which Joel Osborne and Jonathan Staker taught 9 of the Bramalea members some tips on how to do one-to-one ESL, for people with English as a second language, using the book of Luke. Tim and Trina (Wood) Heinz have moved to Banff, Alberta. Mark Knutson spent spring break in Haiti on a mission trip and Kurt Whittington worked in an inner-city mission in Memphis, Tennessee.

Federico (Rick) and Eusebia Ido (Bing) Baltazar were baptized into Christ on March 18. On April 8, Michael Currie, son of Bill and Lynn, was baptized by his father. Congratulations to the Currie family in this new chapter of their life.

Besides the Harding Students, we had guest

speakers, Javier Cuarezma, Warren Whitelaw, Art Ford and Max Craddock. Special lessons on leadership were given by Warren and Max. Allison Knutson is planning to go with a mission team to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to work with the Vitoria church of Christ. They will conduct a Vacation Bible School, teach conversational English, visit nursing homes and hospitals and work with children from July 14 to August 1.

Because of the support workers' strike, the Training for Service meeting was moved from the North Albion Collegiate in Toronto to the Cawthra Park Secondary School in Mississauga.

Brantford: The congregation is looking forward to a spring meeting with about 25 young people from Freed-Hardeman visiting. They will be canvassing the area and holding evening gospel meetings on May 16 - 18. Their preacher, Jamie Azzoparde, has well attended Friday evening gatherings with an excellent group of young people. This will be changed to Saturday May 19 during the spring meeting. They have a couple of active "Key" students and are blessed with quite a few visitors from the community attending their Sunday morning services.

Fenwick: The congregation held a spring meeting entitled "Mud in Your Eyes" (John 9) with Jonathan Straker from Bramalea, preaching five lessons, April 6-8. He was assisted by Joel Osborne, as song leader and Derek Czeban working with the youth while there. This series was geared to both teens and adults. It was well attended.

Grimsby: The ladies prayer group meets Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Harding University students led the mid-week service on March 21. On Sunday, March 18 the congregation sang at Bethesda Group Home in Vineland. Ethan Bruce Kennedy was born March 22 to Jeff and Kerri. Everyone is doing well.

Guelph: They had guest speakers, Ralph Perry, Mike Gosselin, Mark Stowe, Bob Hibbard, Keith Thompson and Wayford Smith. Richard Amy is raising funds to spend a month in Italy this summer with a campaign group which will be working with and encouraging four different congregations. In July, Larry Penner plans to go with Javier Cuarezma to El Salvador to rebuild houses. S.F. and Maxine Timmerman have agreed to come back to Canada and work with the congregation for approximately six weeks beginning in mid-April.

Hamilton (West): Scott Thakeray was baptized on March 5. Tim Page will be Camp Omagh's new Camp Manager this summer.

Meaford: Registration for the annual youth rally in February reached 115. Dan Larocque, a Great Lakes student from Waterloo was baptized on Saturday evening. After spending several years in a nursing home, Carlos Caan

passed away on February 25 with funeral services held at the Gardiner Wilson Funeral Home on March 5. Rayburn Lansdell, who is married to one of Carlos' nieces officiated. Ila Ellis celebrated her 90th birthday on March 10. Besides being a long-time member of the congregation, she was also a former teacher of GLCC. Scott Mansfield took six young people to Waterloo for their annual skating fellowship.

Newmarket: Allan Barter was baptized on March 18. Recent speakers were Keith Thompson, Geoffrey Ellis, Elgin Whitfield, Bill Russell, Don and Clare Preston, Wes McLeod and Howie Taylor.

North Bay: Nelson Powers had open heart quad bi-pass surgery in Sudbury in March.

Port Colborne: Port Colborne is looking for a full time minister. Ralph Perry is currently commuting from Beamsville to help out.

St. Thomas: "Rejoice with us! On April 7th, 2001 Joseph & Dianna Muise of London, ON, were baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. They had seen the Key to the Kingdom TV program and decided to take the correspondence courses." *Brian Thompson*

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): Pray for Cliff Simmonds who has been diagnosed with lesions and tumour on his liver. The congregation has instituted a "Bring a Friend" to Sunday school program. A young visitor who attends approximately ten weeks in a row will receive a gift Bible. The friend who brings the visitor will have the honour of presenting the gift Bible. The teens have been invited to Niagara Falls, N.Y. for a special Teen Nite on April 21.

Stratford: Ladies Bible class met March 20 at 7:00 p.m.. The third area-wide Spring Sing is planned with eager anticipation for Sunday, June 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m..

Tintern: Four deacons, Noel Walker, Dwayne Williams, Don Whitehead and Jim Whitfield, have just been added bringing the total to nine.

Thunder Bay: The Sunday school students participated and completed the 30-hour famine. They also gave up TV and computer games for a week to raise money for this.

Toronto (Bayview): Ray McClure celebrated his 80th birthday in February.

Toronto (Strathmore): The Sunday school had a "bring a friend day" on April 1. A second child, Alejandra Fores Ramirez from Tijuana, Mexico, is being supported through 'birthday and anniversary' donations. Max Craddock held a meeting in his home town congregation at South Point, Ohio. Estela Molina was married to Wilson Ramirez on Saturday, March 10. Yvan Koleskinow's funeral was on April 10.

Waterloo: A team of GLCC students, under the leadership of Geoff Ellis and Jeff Cobb, have received formal permission and invitation

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ming Paul Lee: If you are interested in a mission work, please contact Ming Paul Lee. He knows of several works that are looking for people to join them or to contribute to them in some way.

There is fund raising for a roof for a Christian couple in Croatia called "Faith Enough for New Roof".

"Hope and Homes for children" is a project of British Col. Mark Cook. He is building 5 new family houses for children in Kosova in 2001.

Brother Jim Cassie and his wife, of Scotland, are returning to Kosova to do mission work through "Partners for Mission - Kosova". Jim's email is jim_cassie@hotmail.com

Doug Smith is working in Prizren, Kosova.

Velma Forman is working in Papua New Guinea in the medical field. She may be contacted by mail : Velma Forman, P0 Box 1234, Lae, Morobe Province 411, Papua New Guinea.

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ALBERTA

Edmonton: There was cause for rejoicing during the last week of March! The Edmonton congregation welcomed into the fold three precious souls. On the 25th of March Nancy Millard came to put on Christ after studying with Dave Friesen, our evangelist, and his wife, Dianne. Welcome to the family Nancy. Also on the 25th Jonathan Killeen was baptized into the body of Christ followed by Matthew Quaaale, another young man who also, after careful study of God's word, made the all important decision on the 28th day of March.

Both of these young men's parents are members here in Edmonton and the fact that these two boys made the decision to put on Christ is clearly a testament to the positive influence a good Christian family can have on a young teenager. Praise God for all three of these souls!

During the weekend of the 16th through to the 18th, the men enjoyed a retreat at camp Van-Es. This year's theme is the "The Father's Mandate". We would like to express our appreciation to Bernie Qullette and Dave Friesen for putting everything together and for ensuring that everyone enjoyed an uplifting weekend.

Our annual "Acts Class" began on the 14th of this month. This class is designed to equip the Christian with Biblical knowledge in winning lost souls to Christ. *Shawn Redding*

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to enter Swaziland, in 2002.

As part of its outreach, the congregation produces a Guest Bulletin and provides a welcome gift to each visitor. Following a meeting featuring Greg King from Helena, Montana, numerous one-on-one Bible studies have been initiated.

The Spanish brethren had a series of lectures on April 13-15 with Spanish brethren and speakers from across Ontario and the U.S.A.

Windsor: Russ Bone of Michigan taught a series on Ministry Placement on Wednesday evenings in April. Jeremy Hoover has accepted the associate minister position with a congregation in St. Josephs, Michigan. He'll begin his work in June. A vacation Bible school is planned for July 23-27 with the theme "Jesus to the Rescue."

QUEBEC

Verdun: As of April 13, Christopher Blackwell has resigned as part-time associate English minister (not youth minister as reported last month) because of increased work commitments. The congregation is in the process of looking for a full-time minister to come and work with the English group there. Roger Saumur is responsible for this missionary work.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: The brethren have had some interesting Bible studies. Vivian Caissie passed away March 12 from kidney disease. The chorus from GLCC in Beamsville visited three churches in Nova Scotia and the church in Moncton. In contrast to what is happening in many congregations, a Sunday evening service has been added to the schedule of regular activities.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: A Fundamentals of the Faith course is being studied on Sunday mornings. A monthly Sunday afternoon singing at Tonawanda Manor is being continued.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: John Strader was baptized at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, in the presence of most of the youth. The 2001 Women's Welcome Tea will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.. A Women's Fellowship Dinner will be held from 6:30-9:00 p.m. on October 5 with guest speaker Mrs. Birgie Neimann from Rochester College.

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The Lloydminster Church of Christ is seeking a full-time evangelist to work with a congregation of 30-40 people. Lloydminster is a growing community of approximately 20,000 people, located on the border between the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and approximately halfway between Saskatoon and Edmonton on the Yellowhead Highway.

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- (ii) Have demonstrated abilities in working with young people.
- (iii) Be evangelistic and growth oriented.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to **Keith Thompson**, Editor, 348 Dixon Blvd., Newmarket, ON L3Y 5C4 (Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald) email:bookreviews@gospelherald.org



The Source -- Eternal Design or Infinite Accident? by John Clayton and Nils Jansma, 278 pages, Fully Illustrated. Howard Publishing Co., West Monroe, La., \$19.99 US.

Many of our readers will be acquainted with the outstanding work of John Clayton. He is a former atheist but now is a committed Christian who spends much of his time presenting seminars on the Bible and science and related subjects. He has spoken frequently in Canada as well as in the United States. In Newmarket we rented space in a local school for his program. Also we have read his "Does God Exist" magazine with great appreciation. Now we are thrilled to see his work in this beautifully produced book. The very well known Dr. Carl Brecheen, Professor of Bible at Abilene Christian University says, "John Clayton is the best scientist I know at presenting the case for science and faith. Every Christian needs this information, in specific scientific form, as a ready resource. This book provides this much-needed help." This book should be in every home, especially where there are young people who are being influenced by atheism every day.

Those who have more training in science will probably be able to appreciate the book more than the rest of us. But those who have more limited knowledge will be able to get much enlightenment in this vital area.

The book has numerous photographs, drawings, charts, etc. that will help all readers to understand the sometimes complex material. Other works for further reading are cited. A comprehensive index is also provided.

Why I Am A Member of the Church of Christ by Leroy Brownlow, 192 pages, pb, \$4.99 (U.S.), hd \$5.99 (U.S.).

Thanks to Ken Gilmore of the Meaford, Ontario congregation for sending another book for review. He writes: "I feel that everyone should read and study it." Unfortunately there are some who believe that having a scriptural name, baptism, worship, etc. is unimportant. They are able to find a great deal to criticize in the church

today. However this is not surprising since the church is made up of weak and sinful people like us. We need to strive to have all the scriptural qualities that are listed in this book. But beyond that we also need the spiritual qualities that are often lacking.

Reaching for the Invisible God by Philip Yancey, R. G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, On. 301 pages, \$19.99 CN.

Philip Yancey is one of the outstanding evangelical writers of our day. He has written such books as "The Jesus I Never Knew", "What's So Amazing About Grace?" and "The Bible Jesus Read". In this new book he chronicles his progression from doubt to faith. Another book is planned to address more practical issues of our relationship with God. He uses many examples and illustrations that help us to understand matters that are very deep.

Yancey cites many great authors like Leo Tolstoy, Thornton Wilder, Keirkegaard, John Donne and C. S. Lewis. He disputes with people like Carl Sagan who claimed "The cosmos is all there is and all there ever will be." He interacts with the hymns of William Cowper, the writings of Scott Peck and even a Woody Allen movie. He also relates lessons from his experiences with the missionary surgeon, Dr. Paul Brand. But of far greater significance he writes of the Christian's relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

In doing all this he gives us a "spiritual action plan for living the Christian life." We are encouraged to become mature in Christ. This takes us beyond the legalism of the law and into the freedom that is found in Christ. Yancey uses the growth that he and his wife have experienced in their marriage to illustrate our relationship to God. He even uses the character played by Tom Hanks in the movie "Saving Private Ryan".

Six times in the Gospels Jesus repeated the words "Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will find it." He comments Jesus' own life bears out that principle, for he experienced the loss as soon as he committed himself to public ministry. Crowds stalked him with ever-increasing demands. Opposition arose. Ultimately, he lost his life.

Finally he demonstrates that we need Biblical faith to pattern our lives in the image of Jesus Christ. He is "the way, the truth and the life." Only He can transform us into His likeness.

Love God With All Your Mind by J.P. Moreland, Navpress, 249 pages. Navpress produces many excellent books for the Christian reader. They are intellectually stimulating but sometimes contain typical ideas of the evangelical world.

This book encourages the reader to learn how to relate to the many ideas of the twenty-first century. Many vital themes are considered such as "Why the Mind Matters in Christianity". He sees the impact of "anti-intellectualism" on the church; "the separation of the secular and sacred", "how some make the gospel irrelevant"; and a loss of boldness in presenting the gospel to the world. We are encouraged to live for Christ in this hour of crisis. This involves following His example in contending for the faith. Many scriptures are quoted in this regard such as 1 Peter 3:15 (NASB) "And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defence to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." This book will greatly assist the reader in putting that great command into practice.

Is The Bible True, How Modern Debates and Discoveries Affirm the Essence of the Scriptures by Jeffrey L. Sheler, Harper/Zondervan, 278 pages, \$15.00 (U.S.)

This book has received high praise from many reviewers, both secular and religious. For example "The Dallas Morning News" said "Sheler...brings his considerable skills as a journalist to eke out an answer to a question that has divided believers in the Judeo-Christian tradition for much of the past 2,000 years."

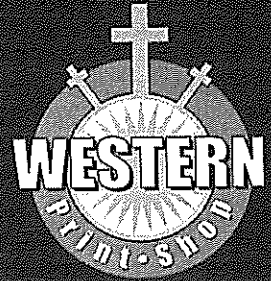
The popular evangelical magazine, Christianity Today gave it the Book of the Year Award for 2000.

Sheler writes on religion for U.S. News & World Report. He evaluates many of the critics of the Bible. He quotes their works and effectively responds to their errors. Although we can find much of profit in his book, we cannot agree with all of his views. But his book is certainly worth reading in light of all the information it contains.

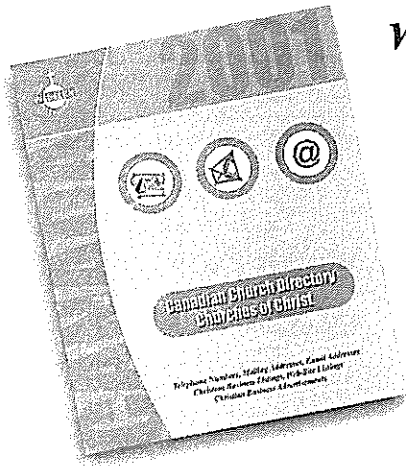
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MISSION NEWS:

Lithuania

During these first three months of 2001, we have witnessed 2 more souls being added to the Lord's church here in Klaipeda. Beatrice Narbutyte put on her Lord in baptism on March 17. Our first preaching intern, Juozas Puodziukatis, assisted in her baptism during a young adult fellowship evening. Ana Andrejeva also had her sins washed away in baptism on March 24. Ana has been the secretary for our Bible study center and has served as a translator for many classes and one-on-one studies. Also in March, Arvydas Taranda placed membership with our congregation. The church in Klaipeda is now 48 souls strong.

A second man has decided to begin training as an evangelist along side our first intern, Juozas. His name is Kestutis Puodziunas. He will do his training with the Sunset International Bible Institute material. We express our thanks to the church in Edmonton, Alberta for offering financial support to Kestutis as he studies. Kestutis will also be doing written translation of tracts, brochures and correspondence lessons as he completes his courses.

Don and Dianne Hiatt along with Bill and Pat Wallis from the Waterview congregation in Richardson, Texas presented the second Character for Kids seminar at the University of Klaipeda. These seminars have provided us with many contacts with students and faculty at the university. Don Hiatt also presented 2 evening lectures at our study center. The topics were alcohol and nicotine addictions.

Planning has begun for the children's summer camps as well as a VBS. These events have come to be a very special time for both the children and the people who organize the events. Thanks to all of you who have supported and prayed for the work here in Kalipeda

Cliff Turner

Papua New Guinea

Velma Forman writes of the annual "Anga Bible Camp" at Wonenara in the Eastern Highlands Province where over 600 attended. "Much to our delight the turbid creek at the edge of the village was lined with believers and local people waiting to witness the baptism of five of the campers. Before the weekend was over eighteen individuals committed their lives to Christ and had their sins forgiven in the waters of baptism, while fifteen others repented and recommitted their lives to the One who gives us 'hope and a future'".

There were busy clinic sessions resulting from hurts and diseases "picked up" on the trail.

Velma has served at One Mile Clinic for five years. She writes of visiting Kakimar, a picturesque village overlooking the coast of Madang. A congregation was started there last year as a

result of the conversion of a young man in Lae. A small bush meeting house had been built and was officially opened with a week of classes. Three women were baptized.

Health classes are being taught in the Bible School and to classes of four to six year olds in Lae.

Zambia

As we write this, the Zambian Mission Team is preparing for their return journey. They recently accompanied Roy Merritt on a Northreach trip in which they made preparations for Family Seminars in early May, Medical Clinics in late June and World Bible School work in early July.

The Zambian currency, the Kwacha, has been overvalued making these outreach efforts much more expensive and resulting in an even greater need for more financial help.

Religious Persecution

"The Evangelical fellowship of Canada's concern about Bill C-11 flows from its experience with those who are persecuted for their religious beliefs. Religious persecution is wide-spread internationally, with an estimated two hundred million people persecuted for their faith and four hundred million suffering from discrimination and legal impediments."

Canadian Church Directory

A new and more complete directory of churches of Christ in Canada, including not only the names, contact information and location of meetings of churches but also listing names and contact information of members, is being prepared by Cory Vance of Western Print Shop/Melior Graphics. This book will also include advertising and information from parachurch institutions and mission projects. See advertisement on page 14.

The deadline for prepublication orders is May 15th and they may be placed with your minister or church secretary.

Directories will also be available from the Gospel Herald Bookstore.

Missionary Memoirs

The story of Post-World War II evangelism by members of the church is largely unknown to the younger generations of today. Many of those who were involved have already gone to their reward and others are in their retirement years.

A group at the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas is interested in preserving this history for the present and future reference. The plan is to interview these pioneers, focusing on the unedited raw data of that generation and recording the oral history to be saved in digital format.

Search is being made for the names and addresses of present or former missionaries who would like to participate. Contact can be made with the 20th Century Missionary Memoirs Task Force at Sunset Church of Christ, Attn: Jay Jarboe, 3723 34th Street, Lubbock, TX 79140, (806) 792 5191 or at mmemoirs@sunset.cc by email.

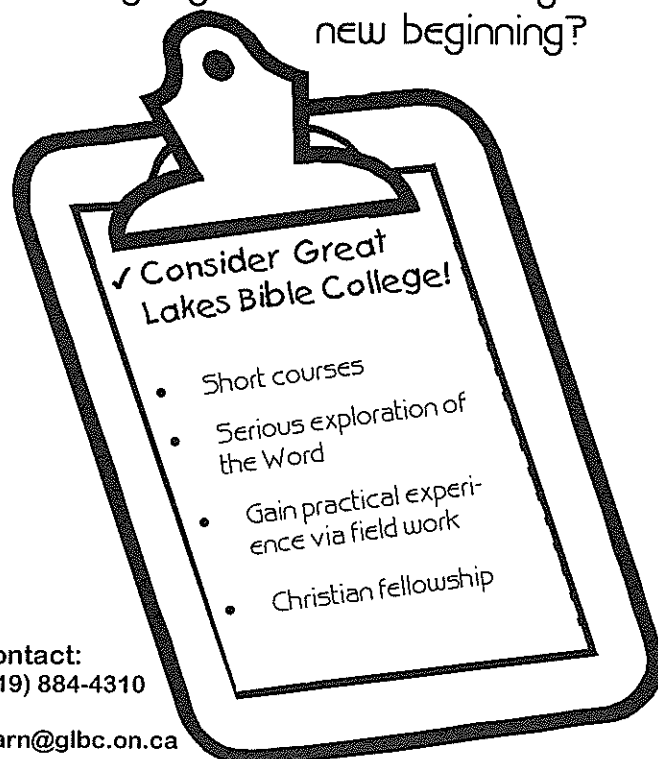
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You are welcome to forward your resume or inquiries to Church of Christ, Box 454, Wawota, Sask. Canada S0G 5A0 or contact Glen McMillan by phone at 306-538-4654 or fax at 306-538-2250

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OBITUARIES

Marion Blanche Hartle

Sister Harlte, the widow of a long-time preacher in the Cape town area of South Africa, passed away on February 27th. Twenty four family members (3 grandchildren were unable to be present) were with her on January 14th for her 95th birthday.

Reported by daughter, Ruth

Lewis Barnard

On December 15th of the year 2000 many people gathered together to pay their respects to Lewis Barnard, a member of the church in Sarnia, loved by all who knew him.

It was my privilege to call him my friend and a greater blessing to call him brother.

Lewis was born on April 10, 1931 in the city of St. Catharines but lived the majority of his life in the city of Sarnia where he worked for Polysar until his retirement. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Doris (nee Waldeck), of more than 50 years, two daughters Susan Harrison, Lou-Anne Kitchin and a son, Ron. He also leaves two brothers, Robert and Dick and a sister Gloria along with 5 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

Lewis was a very giving and kind man and this will be missed by his church family in Sarnia. This departure is made easier by his 1997 decision to be baptized into Jesus Christ

for the forgiveness of his sins. While he will be missed, it is wonderful to know that there will come a day in which we will see him again. In view of the resurrection of Jesus, what seems like a great loss is actually a great gain, for we know that because of it Lewis has gone on to meet his Lord.

The funeral was conducted by the writer along with a family tribute given by daughter Susan.

Drew Chapados

Yvan Kolesknikow

Following a short illness, Yvan Kolesnikow passed away on April 6, 2001, two years and one day following the death of Maria (Maria was killed by a hit and run driver.) his beloved wife of 64 years. He leaves to mourn his passing his children: Andy and his wife Linda of Montreal; Nick and his wife Regina of California; Valerie and her husband Villen of Toronto; Lily of Toronto and Tanya of Oklahoma. He also leaves one brother and two sisters in Russia.

He was predeceased by two sons, John and Victor. He leaves 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. His many friends, church family and co-workers in the ministry he conducted through radio preaching in the Russian language will miss him. At one time he was heard 65 times a week on radio, behind the iron curtain. Even today he is heard 2 times a week in the Russian language.

Yvan was born in Ogorodna, Russia, September 11, 1907. He met his wife, Maria, in Berezino where she was working in the kitchen

of a cement factory. While they did not speak the same language, she was German and he Russian, they fell in love and married in 1934. They lived with his family until WW 2 when the Germans invaded their city. Becoming refugees, they went to Poland and then to Germany where they faced great hardship until the war ended. They moved to Belgium and then on to France. After a while they applied to the UN to be relocated and they were sponsored to come to Canada.

In 1991, the Alabama Christian School of Religion bestowed an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Ministry on Yvan to recognize his distinguished service to the Russian people through his radio and translation ministry. He translated, or caused to be translated, many books, sermons and tracts into the Russian language and is the author of a Russian Bible Correspondence Course consisting of thirty lessons.

Yvan overcame many obstacles to learn the way of the Lord and to become a powerful blessing in the life of many Russian speaking people who may have never heard the pure gospel message without his radio ministry. Yvan and Maria came to be members of the Strathmore Blvd. Congregation in 1994 and were an inspiration to all of us because of their love for the Lord and commitment to His service. May God bless those who mourn his passing as they rejoice in his life of service to Christ. A service of thanksgiving for his life was conducted by the writer and Roy Witty at the Strathmore Blvd. Building on April 10, 2001.

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

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

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HALIFAX: 48 Convey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Cell Groups meeting throughout the week - call for details; (902) 443-9628 (off.); 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, cv. 582-3457

SHUBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd. 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7:30; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving 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, cv. (905) 426-8465 res, <ejermakowicz@sympatico.ca>

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S, L46 1L9; (entrance beside Mac Flemming Paints); Sun. 11; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail <sharvey@IDIRECT.COM> or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

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

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

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

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

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

BRANTFORD: Worship 11am; Contact Rick Gamble for information, (519) 753-5353

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

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

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

CORNWALL: 205 Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11 plus home Bible studies; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Ann Hotchkiss, sec. (613) 932-5053; bldg. (613) 933-4999;

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; Felix Turner, cv. (905) 892-9020. email <fturner@vaxxine.com>

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

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. SS 11:05; Worship 9:45, 6; Wed. 7; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058; Jeff Cobb, cv. (905) 309-1979

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

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

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

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

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Eiford, 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>; RRI, Group Box 174, P1H 2J2; other phones 789-7630/8292.

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

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

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

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

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

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, cv. 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: meafordcofc@bmts.com.

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Clayton McLeod, sec. (905) 473-9447 895-6502 (off)

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8. (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30-12, call for weekly group meetings; 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—big-daver@vianet.on.ca; WebSite—http://www.gcocities.com/Hearthland/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 Mencer, 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; Barry Mellish, 519-371-1966; <scoc@bmts.com>

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

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

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

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Steve Cordle, ev.; (905) 934-3862 (res.); 935-9581 (off.); 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 Krafon 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: <scarcofc@ctech.net>; Other contact: Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; email: <vhilbard@ctech.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.

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

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 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..

SUNDRIIDGE: 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. RRI Belle River ON N0R 1A0, (519) 735-0270; Ron Meecham, ev.

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

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. 7; Eric Bailey, ev. (807) 473-5353(res.), (807) 577-2213 (off.); email <ebailey@baynet.net>.

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

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

TINTERN: R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., 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, 399-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

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

TRENTON-BELLEVILLE: 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 962-530.

/ANDELEUR: 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 Cuarezma, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res.); Bill Schwarz, ev., (519) 571-1047 (res.).

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30 David Stewart, 834-5652; Harold Bruggen, ev 732-2465

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 1179 Harrison Ave., N9C 3J4; (519) 253-3932 e-mail: <wsidcoc@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;

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

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; 648-3435; Marvin Bandura, Sec. 648-3629

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

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10, 11; (780) 875-4052 (off).

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, ev. (306) 693-4064 (off.).

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

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 71/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnicichy; 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: <stoanocfc@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 Lalonde 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 Guenetie, sec. (306) 782-2917.

CALENDAR

May

11 Graduation & Promotion Dinner, Great Lakes Bible College, Waterloo, ON

12 Ladies Day, Thessalon, ON

26 Bible Bowl, Fennell Ave., Hamilton, ON.

June

13 Baccalaureate Services, Great Lakes Christian College, Beamsville, ON

15 Graduation and Year End Ceremonies, GLCC, Beamsville, ON

July

10-13 Prime Time at Omagh Bible School

15-21 Sharpening the Sword, Omagh Bible School

August

4-6 Singspiration, Omagh Bible School

6-11 Family Week, Omagh Bible School

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