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There's a Great Day Coming

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Christ is coming back. He promised it. Angels confirmed it (Acts 1:11). His apostles made this promise a central part of their preaching. Call me ignorant. Call me naive. Call me old-fashioned. I believe that my Lord is capable of fulfilling His promise.

From very early times men began to theorize as to the time, the method and the result of this coming ("parousia"). False teachers spawned their own sects on the claim that they had found the key to the time of Christ's return. Prophecies have been radically misapplied to build up false religious systems which captivated the minds and hearts of millions of misguided souls.

Charles Taze Russell developed an unusual sect in the 1870's which, under various presidents, evolved into the modern Jehovah's Witness organization. Among other dates that they have set for Christ's second coming was 1874, a year, they say, during which He came "invisibly." An earlier date-setter in respect to the return of Christ was William Miller who said He would come back in the year 1843. When that proved to be wrong, he changed the date to 1844. After this, too, proved false, a young woman named Ellen G. White claimed that she had the true "gift of prophecy." Her writings attempted to explain away all the previous false prophecies and furnished the basic doctrines of the Seventh Day Adventists.

Space will not allow a fuller treatment of these two major failures to predict the time and manner of Christ's coming. Other attempts to set the date have been equally fruitless and largely have been forgotten by the general public because they have not, in most cases, left a body of believers to explain away the false assumptions of the date-setters.

Unexpected Like a Thief

Successful thieves do not announce the time of their forthcoming visit. Our Lord made it clear to His Apostles that His coming will have that unexpected nature (Matt. 24:42-44). Years later, Peter, who had heard His Master's words, used the same figure of speech (2 Peter 3:10).

Apparently even at that early time some were saying, "where is this coming He promised?" Peter gave a clear answer with the Lord's same phrase, "like a thief", to emphasize how unexpected it would be.

Paul uses the same simile twice in his first epistle to the Thessalonians. He envisions some people as saying, "Peace and safety." At that time, Paul wrote to those who were questioning, "...the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:2-3). He repeats the same figure in the next verse for emphasis in warning against a failure to remain alert in view of the surprise nature of the Lord's return. Each of the five chapters of this epistle closes with a reference to Christ's advent.

Earth's Noisiest Day

Despite the claims of Russell and his modern followers, Christ's coming was not a silent one, nor will it be when he truly comes. Three great sounds will overwhelm the earth. The conquering Christ will sound forth a majestic command. At the same time the archangel will add his mighty voice to this triumphant arrival. And the ear-numbing sound of the trumpet of God will complete this glorious advent (1 Thess. 4:16). How could anyone ever suggest that He has already come - but so quietly that the world never knew?

Fire in the Sky

In his second epistle to the church in Thessalonica, Paul proclaims the visible accompaniments to our Lord's return. He tells us by inspiration that Christ will be "... revealed from heaven with His angels in flaming fire." The prophet Elijah, when his work was done, ascended to his God in a chariot of fire driven by fiery horses. Here One who is infinitely greater than Elijah descends from His seat at the Father's right hand with a fiery advent worthy of His glorious Person. He had entered into His earthly presence at Bethlehem heralded by a multitude of angels (Luke 2:13). Now He comes back in similar kingly fashion with a host of angels to acclaim His majesty. If some one were to ask how many angels will be involved, the answer is "thousands upon thousands" (Jude 14).

Years later the Apostle John in the spirit of prophecy proclaims, "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will

see Him, even those who pierced Him..." (Rev. 1:7). This is a reversal of the picture of His ascent in the cloud when He left the earth years before, when only His apostles saw Him go (Acts 1:9-10).

We have given only a brief description here of the Lord's surprising return as one that will be neither quiet nor invisible. The Lord willing, we shall describe some of the results of His advent in another article.

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Growing in His Grace

Paul Birston

Feeling unworthy comes easily to humans. It keeps us from peace and fruitful service. It can affect how we see our "lot in life." We may think we are not where we should be because we are unworthy, unable and there is no point in trying.

Feelings of unworthiness can affect us as a group, as the body of Christ. They can keep us from reaching out.

God's Servants Need Grace

When you think about it, this is not new. Some of God's greatest servants expressed feelings of unworthiness: Moses, Peter, Paul.

When God commanded Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses replied, "Who am I," "I have never been eloquent," "O Lord, please send someone else to do it" (Exodus 3:11; 4:10, 13).

Paul said he was the worst of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15), "not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (1 Corinthians 15:9). Seeing Jesus give the miraculous catch of fish, Peter said, "Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8).

Despite their confessions of unworthiness, God used them in mighty ways. They became examples of how far we can go with God's help. What made the difference?

Experiencing His Grace

Many things helped them overcome: seeing God's power at work, knowing God wouldn't give up on them, the comfort of His Holy Spirit, the encouragement of believers, and certainly experiencing God's grace, His favour to them, despite their faults.

Peter knew God's grace first hand. Seeing Jesus die on the cross after denying Him must have put Peter at the lowest point of his life. But Jesus arose from the dead and welcomed Peter back to the fold. He fed him, taught him and sent him to spread the good news. Peter became a powerful messenger. After his Pentecost sermon, thousands were baptized. He had experienced the good news. He was growing in grace.

Years later Peter wrote two powerful

and beautiful letters. He told us to "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

Knowing God and Standing in His Grace

Growing in grace means many things. It helps us know God better (growing in knowledge). Moses, Peter and Paul surely knew much about God, but after their experiences of His grace through deliverance, restoration and conversion, they knew and loved Him so much more.

We stand firmly before God in His grace (1 Peter 5:12). "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand" (Romans 5:1-2). Grace is where we stand in our relationship with God.

Justified by grace, we must "continue in

What a wonderful place to grow ...standing in the grace of God.

the grace of God" (Acts 13:43), lest we fall from it. We never get to the point where we do not need His grace. We make progress, not because of our merits, but because of His grace. Yes, we work and strive upwards, but we are rooted in His grace like a plant which gets its footing and food from the soil below.

Growing in grace means a better relationship with God and also with others. Peter's command to grow in grace is to the plural "you" of the church. As God shows His favour to all of us together, we show favour to one another. We grow in grace together.

Grace Works In and Through Us

Growing in grace means growing in character, even in difficulty. From the throne of grace He gives us "grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). His grace is sufficient for us (2 Corinthians 12:9). It helps us maintain integrity and personal peace (2 Peter 3:14-18). Grace strengthens us (2 Timothy 2:1; Hebrews 13:9). God "gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5). We become gracious like God.

Grace shows in our deeds: "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10). God gives each of us grace (Ephesians 4:7). It works through us. Others can see it.

Growing in grace affects our inner thought life and our words: "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person" (Colossians 4:6). Incredibly, others should receive grace as they listen to us! (Ephesians 4:29; see also Proverbs 25:11).

Grace helps us reach out with the good news. After Paul said he was not worthy to be an apostle, he said, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I laboured even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me" (1 Corinthians

15:10). God's grace transformed Paul and worked through him "to bring about the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; Ephesians

3:8).

Growing in grace keeps us looking forward to the great day when Christ will come again: "fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13).

The Cost of His Favour

God's grace is not cheap, it cost Jesus' body and blood. Though we sometimes feel worthless, God values us. Jesus paid the price because He is "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). He gives us "grace upon grace" (John 1:16).

It is grace in context of faith, works, obedience, love, joy, knowledge, holiness, baptism. Grace does not nullify God's commands. It enables us to fulfil them.

Certainly grace has long been abused. The Romans saw it as a cover for sin. Some turned "the grace of our God into licentiousness" (Jude 4). Some "insulted the Spirit of grace" (Hebrews 10:29). Grace is still abused today. Despite this, God is still gracious and still requires us to grow in grace. The Bible ends with the hope that, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be

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EDITORIAL

An Apology for Faith

Wayne Turner



What does it mean when someone offers you an apology? Ordinarily, we think of an apology as a statement of regret a person makes when they have done something offensive or wrong. In its simplest form, an apology can be the words, "I am sorry." However, this is not the original meaning of the

word.

Apology comes from the Greek word which literally means to "speak from." Where the Greek word appears in the New Testament, it is translated as "defense" or "answer." For example, when Paul was involved in a trial, he would make a defense, literally, an apology. He also described his ministry as the "defense of the gospel" (Phil. 1:16). An apology is a statement or explanation in defense (or in favor) of something. (This is why the defense of Christianity and belief in God is called apologetics.)

The gospel came into a very hostile world. Paul characterized the preaching of the cross as foolishness to the world. It lacked the visible power or wisdom that people found impressive, and its power lay in the message itself, not those who proclaimed it. However, these messengers had to be willing to preach the truth in the face of opposition. Their goal was to persuade people to believe. To persuade the Jews meant reasoning and proving from the scriptures that Jesus had to suffer, die and be raised from the dead. However, since the Gentiles worshipped idols without any real concept of God, it was often necessary to explain who and what God is, as well as what He has done in Christ. The early centuries of Christianity were marked by writers, known historically as "apologists," who wrote defenses and explanations for those outside the church. Among these were men like Aristedes, Justin Martyr, Tatian, Irenaeus and Tertullian.

After the fourth century and the legalization of Christianity, the concepts of God and the gospel were increasingly woven into western civilization and culture. Until the past few decades, our world was largely influenced by this thread of faith, as most people professed at least some belief in God and accepted the Bible as His word. Moral and legal concepts were shaped by the Bible. However, many observers now proclaim we are in the "post Christian" era. The influence of God, faith and the Bible have waned. Though most of our neighbours still profess church membership, we can no longer assume that they even believe in God, or have any awareness of who or what He is. Ignorance of the Bible is epidemic.

It is significant that in this world of unbelief, there is a striking need for a return to apology - well-written defenses showing the reasonableness of faith and the evidence for believing in God and Jesus Christ. Most of us are familiar with earlier works like "Why I Believe" by Batsell Barrett Baxter, "Evidence That Demands A Verdict" by Josh McDowell, "Who Moved the Stone" by Frank Morrison and "Does God Exist?" by John Clayton. In recent years, some new voices have been added. Lee Strobel has written

two books "The Case for Faith" and "The Case for Christ." One of the most recent is a fresh and very compelling book by Pamela Binnings Ewen, "Faith on Trial." (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999).

Ewen, a lawyer and former agnostic, describes her book as being "written for those on the outside looking in ... (those) who ... need a rational foundation for belief." The foundation she provides is a look at the real evidence for faith based on an examination of the gospels using the (U.S.) Federal Rules of Evidence. For those who may wonder about the validity of her approach, the book has already been used as a text at Yale Law School. She challenges the reader to sit as juror and examine the evidence for the facts that Jesus lived, died and was raised. She notes that in a court of law, while circumstantial evidence is sufficient to convict, the testimonies of credible eyewitnesses that are "consistent in material respects, if not expressly controverted, require belief." She calls the four gospels to testify as witnesses, Matthew and John as accounts written by eyewitnesses, Mark as written by a scribe or agent of Peter, and Luke as a "valid historical report or investigation." To substantiate Matthew as eyewitness, she cites the work of Dr. Carsten Thiede, papyrologist, who, after studying and researching the three Magdalen papyrus fragments at Oxford University, identified them as part of a complete uncial text of Matthew written before A.D. 66. (Since this was obviously a copy, the original text of Matthew had to have been written earlier, at a time when many eyewitnesses were also alive.) Ewen's book is a must read for those interested in seriously looking at the historical evidence for Jesus.

Peter wrote, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15 - NIV) Literally, he tells Christians to always be ready to give an apology (answer) for their faith. Faith is not based on wishful thinking or a blind leap. It is based on evidence, the eyewitness testimony of those who saw and heard Jesus. In 1 John 1:1-3a, John wrote, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have

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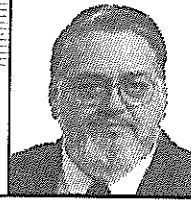
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Reasonable Expectations - Discipline 2

Max Craddock

There is the reasonable expectation of discipline in the Christian home and since the goal of this discipline is to build responsible citizens in the kingdom of God and in the world, let us notice some further factors that should help this goal become a reality.

One of the basic rights of mankind is to be treated with respect and fairness. Mankind today is under such pressure and strain to succeed and excel that other people are often overlooked and even abused in an effort to accomplish one's own goals. A baby is basically interested in self and is not able to reason that others have rights as well. It does not matter to a baby that mother needs some rest if, in the middle of the night, the baby feels the need for changing or food. The baby will make demands in no uncertain terms. Care is wanted and wanted NOW. Since a baby is totally dependent on others for food, clean clothes and the other necessities of life, that is okay. However, when a child grows older he/she needs to learn that life requires give and take.

When a child observes kindness and thoughtfulness consistently practiced in the home, these attributes "rub off" on the observer. Remember that a child is likely to be more impacted by the actions observed in the life of his parents than what he is told by the parents and especially if the actions are different from the telling! Make no mistake about it, example is by far the best teacher.

Jesus encouraged the proper attitude toward others by saying, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..." (Matthew 7:12) Paul adds to this thought in Romans 10:12, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." The home is a good place to begin to practice this quality of love for others and treating others as one wants to be treated. The discipline of love and respect for others is important in true Christian develop-

ment.

A further idea to consider in discipline (teaching, training) is to give children responsibility. Responsibility not only fills up a person's idle moments, thereby keeping one out of trouble, it contributes to a person's self worth. Giving responsibility (chores etc) makes the children a part of the family team and gives a sense of belonging. It must be remembered, however, that children will not always do things with perfection, so patience and training may be necessary to accomplish the goal. The parents must strive for the ideal balance of assigning enough responsibility to make children feel a part of the family team without putting them under excessive pressure. Remember that all children are not the same so again, wisdom and patience will be necessary to reach the desired goal of good discipline. If you want your children to be happy and well adjusted make them a part of the team with reasonable responsibilities.

Children need the care and attention of parents in order to grow up to be the well-disciplined and positive children the world, and the church, needs. To accomplish this, parents need to spend time with their children talking and teaching on the important subjects of life before God. In the Old Testament parents were told to teach their children the commandments of God. "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deut. 6:7-9) Teaching and living the word before your children is necessary to fulfill the plan of God in raising well-disciplined children.

Spending time with your children not only makes it possible for you to influence them, it also helps you to understand them. Some parents, to make up for personal neglect, give their children generous

allowances or expensive gifts but these can never take the place of personal attention. It is reasonable to expect parents to teach God's work and provide an example by living it.

Communication with children is not a one-way street. Children must have the opportunity to talk openly to their parents as well. Often in conversation children share concerns and fears that the parents can help them to deal with. This comes as a result of building a good bridge of understanding. Parents who are too busy to listen have been a destructive factor in relationship with children.

T. De Witt Talmadge tells the story of a young man who was standing before a judge being sentenced for the crime of forgery. The judge had known him as a child and the child's father was a respected lawyer who had written the definitive work on the Law of Trusts. The judge asked sternly, "Do you remember your father? The father whom you have disgraced?" The young man answered, "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the Law of Trusts, and say 'Run away, boy, I am busy.' My father finished his book, and here I am." What a tragic story! While one cannot blame others for their failures, one has to wonder what some time and listening might have done. Don't forget that your time and attention is the most valuable gift you can give your children.

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looked at and our hands have touched -- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard..." This is the powerful testimony of an eyewitness.

We need to listen to the evidence and know it well. We need to teach it to our children, so their faith is rooted in the truth of Christ and the gospel. We need to proclaim it to the world that for too long has listened to those who have confused and obscured the evidence. We do not follow cleverly devised myths. Our faith is based on the credible testimony of witnesses. We can know with certainty the things we believe, and we can teach them, with confidence.

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When Faith, Hope and Love are All There Is

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 15:33)

We had accepted an invitation to present a series of lessons at the 20's weekend at Camp Omagh on a phrase from John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble." We were beginning to outline our lessons and gather our material. Our sub-headings included such topics as, "Bad Things Happen To Good People," "WHY?" "What Can We Do To Help?" We were planning to conclude with another phrase from John 16:33, "That You May Have Peace." Our preparations were progressing nicely. We knew that we could not answer all the questions but were confident that we would be able to answer some. We were confident that by the end of the weekend we would all have a better understanding of why there is suffering in our world and why bad things often happen to good people. Then the unthinkable happened. A fifteen-year-old boy, in the community where we live took his own life. Muskrat Dam has no high school so most teens must leave home and go to Sioux Lookout for their high school years. This young man was in Sioux Lookout when he took his life.

The teens who had been at school came home to be with family and friends and to attend the funeral. The village quickly initiated its crisis plan. One teen suicide has often lead to others and plans were made to avoid that at all costs. We were asked to serve as counselors for any that needed to talk. Plans were made for around-the-clock patrols of the town and a 24 hour drop-in-centre was established with around the clock supervision. The village had done this before and everyone knew their jobs. We were amazed by the speed with which it all came together. We

offered to share, with the teens, some of what we knew about the grieving process and to offer the hope that God provides us even in our pain. The crisis coordinator quickly took us up on our offer and we began to put down on paper some of what we would share. We wondered who might attend and mentally prepared ourselves for a very small group or perhaps no one at all. A group of 8 young men were the first to arrive. One of the young men had heard about what we were doing and had rounded up the rest to come with him. Three young ladies were the next to arrive. they didn't appear to even want to sit down. When one young mother arrived and saw who was there, she proceeded to call all the parents of young people who had not yet arrived to encourage them to bring their children to our sharing circle. The parents all brought their children. We found out afterward that we had 100% participation in the age group we had targeted.

We began with a prayer and a quiet time and then moved on to sharing about the grieving process. We encouraged them to help one another through this and not to give up hope. We concluded by offering them the opportunity to share their feelings and remembrances. Some wrote messages on a banner. Some shared fond remembrances and wept bitter tears as they wished they had been able to help their friend. We had been warned ahead of time that young aboriginal people don't share, especially in the presence of a white man and that they have been taught for generations to hide their tears. Yet we saw many weeping, at the memories of their friend and the pain of their loss, without shame.

We have been with and sought to support families and friends in the catastrophic loss of a loved one taken too early, but

nothing prepared us for what we have witnessed in this small village.

We prop our lives up with many things, but when faced with such a catastrophic loss, those props quickly disappear and we are left with what lasts forever. First, we are left with our faith. We don't know how those without faith survive the loss of a loved one or friend. We do know that faith is an absolute essential in situations such as these. Our faith in God doesn't just get us through the pain, it helps us to triumph over it and is the source of any encouragement that we can offer to others. Second, we are left with our hope. We trust in our hope and in the knowledge that God will bring us together in eternity. We trust that death will not have the final say in such situations. "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23) Third, we are left with love. Knowing that God loves us will get us through the pain. Knowing that family and friends love us will provide us with comfort in our tears. We hug and hold onto one another and walk through the pain together.

When the pain of loss is absent from our lives, we tend to undervalue faith, hope and love. Sports, friends and other interests occupy our thoughts. When we stand at a distance, it is only too easy to rationalize the pain of others, only too easy to construct theories as to why a God of love allows pain in our lives, or why bad things happen to good people. When we stand apart from the pain, we can easily discuss the problem of suicide in these northern communities. We may even be able to list some of the causes. When we stand at a distance, we will allow ourselves to speculate as to why a 15 year old from a good community and with a loving family, would feel so alone and without hope that he would take his own life. Yet in the midst of the pain, the theories and discussions are absent. They have no value in a time of pain. Faith, hope and love have become more precious than gold in this small northern community, maybe because we have been reminded that they are all that is left. When faith, hope and love are all there is, they are enough. "And now three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is Love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

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Fathers Are God's Leaders In The Home

Brian Cox

When I was growing up I noticed how things were between my Mother and Father. Dad had only to hint that he was thirsty, or how a cup of coffee would sure hit the spot and Mom would scurry into the kitchen and fix him one. It worked with other things as well. Dad had only to hint that he was hungry and a sandwich, prepared to his liking, would magically appear. What amazed me most was how they both seemed quite happy with the situation. I can remember thinking to myself over and over again that, when I got older, I was going to find a woman like Mom. In fact, in my younger years, I can remember proposing marriage to my mother on more than one occasion. By the time I was old enough to get married, there weren't any woman like that left.

I say this with tongue in cheek and more out of humour and for illustrative purposes than for the purpose of making value judgments (the woman I married spoils me far more than I will ever deserve). I share this with you to illustrate how much our world has changed. The majority of women work outside the home today and most dads are beginning to help out around the house. However, in two career families, often no one is looking after the home or the children. As a result of divorce, many children in Canada today are being raised in single parent families, where the single parent must try to do alone what two parent families are finding next to impossible.

Demographers tell us of another growing group in our population, --women, who are not married and do not plan to marry, who bear children, have no ongoing relationship with the child's father and keep a knowledge of the child away from the father if possible. It would seem that these women have decided that male influence, a male role model and a relationship with one's father are not important. Some men haters in this group have articulated that a male influence on their children is a negative factor and that children would be better served having no relationship with men. The Bible tells us differently and provides us with truths and principles that apply to my era no matter how culture may have changed the roles and responsibilities in

our homes.

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4) This passage clearly puts the responsibility for raising children in the Lord on the father. This does not of course exclude mothers, but it does clearly place the responsibility on Fathers.

Raising children in the Lord takes a lot of time and continuous effort. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, and when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) Before fathers (or mothers) can teach their children these things they must first believe them and God's commands must first be on their hearts. Fathers, do not wait until your children are older. Begin to train them when they are young and continue that training throughout their upbringing. This training is not hit and miss, but a constant throughout their upbringing. Fathers (and mothers) use every opportunity to speak with your children about God's commands. Speak about them when you sit at home, when you travel together in the car, at bedtime and at the breakfast table. Have them on wall hangings around your house.

I believe that Ephesians 5 and 6 clearly places the responsibility of leadership in the home on the husband and father. What kind of leaders are fathers to be? Are fathers to be authoritarian dictators who tell their children, "You do it because I say so?" Are fathers to be permissive and indifferent to their children, abdicating their responsibility as God's leaders in the home. Are they to be fathers who tell their children, "You do what you want, I don't care. I will live my own life and you live yours?" Are fathers to indulge their children, buying them things so as to buy their

affection and obedience? NO, to all of these! Fathers must lead in their families as God leads them. God leads with an unconditional love. That is not to say that we can do whatever we want and still please him, but that even when we do what is wrong God still loves us. One verse of the Hymn, Jesus Loves Me, states it in such eloquent words. "Jesus loves me when I'm good and I do the things I should. Jesus loves me when I'm bad though it makes him very sad." Fathers lead your families with an unconditional love. God continually communicates his love for us. The Bible from Genesis to Revelation tells of a God that continues to express his love for humankind, even though humankind continues to reject him. Fathers, when was the last time that you communicated in words your love for your children. God provides for us. He is the creator and sustainer of the world that we live in. He provides for our physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs. Fathers, there is more to providing for your children than just putting a roof over their heads, food on the table and clothes on their backs. Are you providing for these other needs as well? When things went wrong, God, through Jesus, took the blame and took our punishment for us. It is all too easy today for fathers to blame their wives, the school system, the world in general and even the church when things go wrong in their homes. Fathers, follow God's example and take the blame and work more at fixing the problem than fixing the blame.

In this world of changing roles and responsibilities, we still need Fathers to love and to lead as they are loved and lead by God. Thank God today for his love and leadership and thank him also for the love and leadership of your father.

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What should be the relationship between government and religion? This has been a troublesome question and is an ongoing

problem in many ways.

The wide diversity of religions, the importance of freedom of conscience and the pluralism of current culture have made solutions increasingly difficult. People should not be required to participate in activities that are "against their religion". Neither do they want their tax dollars used in the support of a faith system in which they do not believe.

History records the problems associated with the state church where governments required teachers and others to accept the creed of the church as a condition of employment and the clergy were paid from tax moneys. There are still countries whose governments support one religion, criminalize proselyting and persecute, even execute, nonconformists. Attempts, although they may be well intentioned, to completely divorce church and state, as is presently the case in North America, have resulted in a drastic deterioration of society. This largely results from the fact that moral values are almost always associated with religion.

Faith cannot and should not be legislated. On the other hand, history would seem to say emphatically that it should be encouraged.

The involvement of government in education has long been accepted and considered necessary. Few object to compulsory education up to some level. It serves the best interest of the state and the individual. Education is, however, incomplete if it does not include religion with its associated values. When the state attempts to exclude religion from the curriculum, it deprives the student of many valuable lessons. Religion has figured in much of our past and its study enables an understanding of present conditions and an appreciation of traditional standards of conduct.

The increasing diversity of cultures and faiths in many Canadian communities has resulted in the claim that the inclusion of the Bible in any school approved program or activity is unfair to some. The result, an attempt to separate religion from education, seems to be fostering a selfish, materialistic and valueless product which threatens to undermine the very standards that have made this country a desirable place in which to live.

Whereas the public school system has struggled with this problem, in Ontario, the Roman Catholic schools have enjoyed government sanction and seem to be able to access an increasing amount of government funding. It appears that Roman Catholic schools are being built by the use of non-Catholic tax dollars. (Another example of this is that the Ontario government "is pleased to provide \$1 million in funding" to help an estimated 500,000 Catholic youth celebrate their faith at the Catholic World Youth Day in Toronto this summer).

Attempts to get government to correct this unfair situation have seemed to fall on deaf ears in both Toronto and Ottawa. In desperation the matter was taken to the United Nations. On November 3, 1999, the United Nations Human Rights Committee, in the case of Waldman v. Canada, found the Ontario government in violation of the International covenant on Civil and Political rights for failing to fund religiously based schools equally.

It is being argued that the public schools will suffer if the Ontario government encourages independent schools. However, other provinces have been providing partial funding for religiously based schools without apparent damage to their public systems.

The recently read Ontario budget proposes the provision of

tax credits for tuition for parents who choose to send their children to independent schools. This will be welcome news to the many parents who have been paying tuition to send their children to the school of their choice, while, at the same time, paying taxes which support the public and Roman Catholic schools

The tax credit proposal is a different mechanism than used in other jurisdictions but will, as it is phased in over the next few years, provide some relief for parents presently involved and enable others to take advantage of faith based education. It is a step towards the greater equality advocated by the UN Committee.

Parents, you have encouragement to consider an education that better provides for the good character and future wellbeing of your children. This can help in fulfilling the mandate to raise children "in the faith" in a culture which is increasingly anti-faith. *ecp*

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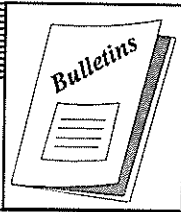
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Unbroken Chain of Love

Roger Lansdell

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman, "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel that served as their home. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. The farmer replied proudly, "Yes." The nobleman then said, "I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow into a man you can be proud of." The farmer was reluctant but finally agreed.

In time, after many years of hard work farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. However, that is not the most amazing part of this story. You see what is really amazing is that farmer Fleming's son went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

But yet the story doesn't even end there. Years afterward, the nobleman's son, whom farmer Fleming had rescued from the bog now was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said, "What goes around comes around." I don't know who claims to be the originator of this saying but how often have we seen or experienced the truth of these words? As we witness the experiences that others face, both good and bad, we see the truth of these words.

As we witness the moral fiber of our society disintegrate before our eyes; as we see the impact of pollution on the environment; as we watch the effects of greed, pride and selfishness we see the truth of these words. When we look honestly into our own lives and come face to face with the results of our choices and decisions, we see the truth of these words. What goes around truly does come around.

Over the last while there has been a song playing on country radio stations that tells the story of a lady who had a flat tire out on a lonely stretch of highway. A stranger stops to help. She is understandably nervous but the stranger assures her that all he wants to do is help. She accepts his help gratefully and once the tire is changed she offers to pay him but he refuses. He tells her that if she wants to repay him she can do it best by not letting the chain of love end with her.

On down the highway this lady stops at a diner for something to eat. There she notices a lady who is very pregnant and shouldn't still be working but who obviously must have to for financial reasons. After her meal this lady left the diner but she did leave a \$100 tip for this waitress with a note about doing something nice for someone else when she could and not letting the chain of love end with her.

That night when the waitress arrived home and crawled into bed next to her husband who was already asleep, she snuggled next to him and whispered how much she loved him and how things were going to be okay because they wouldn't let the chain of love end with them. Who was her husband? He was the same man who had stopped on a lonely stretch of highway that day to help a lady with a flat tire.

And so, as you go through life don't let the chain of love end with you because without a doubt what goes around does come around or as Galatians 6:7 tells us, you will reap what you sow.

Pinehill Messenger, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Lessons Learned in Difficulty

Max Craddock

Difficulty will often uproot one's self sufficient and independent spirit. One of the real reasons for our lack of prayer is

that we do not want to admit that we have needs. While "I can do it myself" may be cute in a little child who is growing and developing in the ability to do things for himself, in adults, it may be the sign of a deep seated independence that prevents one from truly leaning on the power of God.

This is not a new problem in the world. It likely dates back to the very beginning. Submission to the direction of God has never been the most popular or easiest of directions in the life of a man. Perhaps the entire Old Testament is the revealing of this truth as God deals with mankind. Even those who were closest to and most blessed seemed to have trouble getting out of their own will and into the will of God.

Mankind is often like the fellow who drowned out in the middle of a wide, fast moving river. He had begun to swim across the river and knew that he had the ability to reach the other side. However, in the midst of the river he realized that his strength was not what he had thought it to be and he began to sink. Rising to the top he saw a life ring that had been thrown to him, but in arrogance he refused to take hold of it, saying that he could make it on his own. Later a fellow in a boat offered him his hand and safety in the boat. Again his arrogant response was that he could make it on his own. Yet he drowned. What a sad story. The end could have been joyful.

In the same way, man must learn to cry out to God who is the one who can make even bad things a blessing (Rom. 8:28). We hear this verse and even quote it sometimes, yet in times of difficulty, we may question it's truth and disbelieve it's promise. The principle of God's providence is one of the most precious of all promises given to Christians. This principle is true because God knows man and his needs even better than man himself does. David acknowledges this truth in Psalms 142:3 "When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who knows my way." The bottom line of what David is saying is that in spite of all that seems to be going wrong in his life, it is God who, knowing the end of a matter before its beginning, will see him through. That same God watches over his people today.

As Christians, we need to learn to be content with the blessings that God gives us and open to see them. (Phil.4:11,12). Henry Ward Beecher said "If one should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for

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Ajax: Studies have included I Corinthians, Ruth and Samuel. "The congregation participated in teaching children's classes during Training for Service Day in Toronto, April 13. Four youth attended the GLCC youth rally held the end of April." *Ed Jermakowicz.*

Beamsville: Donald and Dianne Perry have arrived home from Zambia. The GLCC Chorus sang Wednesday, May 6. A group from Tennessee will be coming up to help with the July 23-25 Vacation Bible School. Beamsville will host a combined Sunday evening service on June 24.

Bramalea: 'FriendSpeak': Shirley Straker attended the certification training in Stillwater, Oklahoma on April 6-8 to enable her to help train workers in this program. Two Russian ladies have been involved in this program on Thursday evenings, reading from the book of Luke to improve their English.

Lillian Barnes of the Waterloo congregation, was honoured on her seventy-fifth birthday by her family and friends at the Bramalea church of Christ, on April 29. Approximately 155 guests attended which included 90 relatives.

Joel Osborne left for Japan on May 8 and will be there through the end of July.

Hernando Caratin's mother, Nirce, passed away May 11.

Walter Straker and Fred Whittington drove to York, Nebraska to meet with the York elders concerning the co-sponsoring of the Sendai Mission Team.

Bernard Straker, who was in town with his wife Carol, en route to Turkey and Greece, to walk the paths of Paul on his missionary journeys was a guest speaker. Other guest speakers were Joel Osborne and Kurt Whittington. Kurt was home for a couple of weeks on his way to take a job with Boeing in the Los Angeles area of California.

Three teams have been studying the book of Matthew for the May 26 Bible Bowl at Fennell Avenue. Akira Mawatari is planning to arrive May 17 to be an intern through the month of July.

Brantford: The ladies had a dinner on April 10 with a few of the ladies speaking on different aspects of "The Power of Positive Thinking."

Grimsby: On April 1, Don Rose was a guest speaker and taught the adult class. The brethren

had their second annual Bible Bowl on the book of Acts on April 22. June 10 is the scheduled date for their combined area-wide evening service.

Meaford: On March 25 several of the members took part in the Owen Sound area singing. On the 31, about 20 men gathered for a breakfast fellowship.

The congregation was saddened by the sudden passing of Orrin Gonder on April 2. Orrin and Jean had just returned from wintering in Florida. The funeral was conducted from the church building on April 5.

On April 7, Lu Ann Pickard made a presentation regarding the work at Strawberry Point Christian Camp. This included the progress made and plans for future development.

Guy Stopard (Hamilton) and Randy Morrith had a pulpit exchange on April 22. Sister Ina Bennetts (Edythe Williams' mother) has moved to Meaford from Stoney Creek.

Sharon Lansdell, daughter of Joyce Cann, was the featured speaker at the mother-daughter luncheon held on Saturday, May 12. Her topic was "Being a Daughter of the Father." Rayburn Lansdell gave a report on his ministry in Tillsonburg on May 13. Rayburn is partially supported by the congregation. The men of the congregation are planning a "guys weekend" of fishing, devotion and fellowship on May 18-20.

Newmarket: The brethren rejoiced in the baptism of Gregory Mashinter on April 24. He was baptized by his grandfather, David Ellis. It was good to have Jordan Kent back with the congregation again. Recent speakers in May were Keith Thompson, Max Craddock and Geoffrey Ellis.

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): The ladies had an appreciation breakfast on May 5. Their planned evening combined service will be on June 17. Cliff Simmons is in dire need of our prayers. He has lost over fifty pounds and is on morphine at least twice a day for pain.

Stratford: Men's and ladies' special Bible classes on Tuesday evenings, meet on alternate weeks. They had a special teachers meeting followed by a barbecue on April 3. Some are getting ready for the Bible Bowl in Hamilton on May 26. The young people were having a gathering at the Neeps on May 2.

Thessalon: The annual Ladies Day was held on May 12. Fifty-nine ladies attended and they enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship together. Sister Lillian Vine passed away at 1:30 p.m. on April 21, after a lengthy illness. On May 27, Art Ford gave a presentation concerning Great Lakes Christian College.

Thunder Bay: Three people were baptized on April 22. Angela and Becky Armstrong and Doug Livingston all committed their lives to Christ. The congregation rejoiced with them as they began a new life in Christ and anticipated

all the changes it would bring. Allan Pepper underwent a partial amputation of his leg in mid-April.

Tintern: The congregation hosted a "Friends and Family Day" on April 8.

Oliver and Sadie Tallman were honoured for their sixty years in the funeral business. Because of the Tallman's deep commitment to Christian education and their roles as Honorary Chairpersons of the Capital Campaign for Great Lakes Christian College, it was felt to be very fitting to combine this celebration dinner with the Great Lakes presentation on March 18.

The York College students were honoured with a pot-luck dinner on Wednesday, March 14, for the work they did in the Niagara region for adults and children.

Jim Holston's family became landed immigrants with permanent resident status. Elaine Burrows placed membership with the congregation in March. Tintern was to host the combined evening service on June 3. The congregation was planning to have teams in the Bible Bowl for May 26.

Lena E. Pierce, age 86, died Sunday, April 15 at her home in Lewiston, NY.

The Zambia team gave reports on their mission trip on Sunday, May 6 and Thursday, May 10, showing pictures, memorabilia. Personal reflections were given by each person.

Toronto (Bayview): The Bayview congregation sponsored the Training for Service on Friday, April 13 with about 500 people present at a new location, Cawthra Park Secondary School in Mississauga. The ladies had a special class, Saturday, April 28.

Toronto (Harding): Robin Sing Leton was baptized on April 22.

Toronto (Strathmore): Guest speakers were Bob Hibbard, Carlos Campbell of Bramalea and Eugene Perry, elder at Tintern. Marlon Romeo returned to Trinidad, to arrange for his working papers so he can return to Canada. Strathmore is hosting teams to go to the Bible Bowl at Fennell Avenue.

Waterloo: On March 4, Jason Kuepfer from El Salvador was baptized into Christ. He had been studying with Javier Cuarezma since November. The Waterloo congregation hosted the Great Lakes Spanish Lectureship April 13-15. Brethren attended from Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Chicago and Waterloo. Their topic was "Encouragement for Holy Life." Dagoberto Martinez, from Texas was the guest speaker. Approximately 85 attended the lectureship.

Javier Cuarezma will lead a group of twelve Canadian church members to be involved in a mission trip to a town called Izalco in El Salvador. There will be a gospel meeting every night. During the day construction repairs and painting of the church meeting house will be done.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Outstanding event of the year for British Columbia churches was the B. C. to B. C. ("Beaming Christ to British Columbia") lectureship on April 13th. Two hundred fifty people registered during the day, representing at least 10 congregations from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Each of the two main speakers presented dynamic lessons during the morning and afternoon sessions. "The Cross Has Said It All" was Steve McMillan's first topic. He pointed out that "we are the concrete social expression of the cross in our generation", and that when Jesus cried out 'It is finished' from the cross at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that fateful Friday, it was the last time the Jewish ram's horns would ever need to sound again at that time of day. In Steve's second message, titled "From Ichabod to Glory", he noted that the name "Ichabod" means "the glory of God is gone". This name was given to her newborn son by a distressed mother when she learned that the Ark had been taken away by Israel's enemies. "In our day, we don't expect or look for the glory of God. Is it that we don't want the presence of God with us now?" he asked, "The key to the holiness of God is not to straighten out our theology, but to make our God holy again by realizing we have made Him too small....and lived off the faith of others for too long." Steve preaches in Yellowknife, NWT.

Darren Williamson's initial talk was around "Centre Focused Faith", in which he noted that a recent poll showed that 65% of the people interviewed didn't have a clue as to the meaning of the word "gospel"; 75% didn't know what the Great Commission was, and neither did 25% of "Christians".

His conclusion was that "Obviously, we have not done our job." Darren's second lesson was on the topic "I Am Not Ashamed", based on Romans 1:16, in which Paul "gives us an insight into who and what he is, starting with what he is NOT.....We all have things of which we are ashamed, but Paul is saying the 'there's nothing wrong with what I'm saying'.....We all have a little bit of Peter in us. We downplay the role of Christ in our lives, leaving a lot of potential for shame." Darren lives in Surrey, but is currently working with the Delta congregation, which was this year's host.

Burnaby: The "Got Faith: No Question!" Youth Rally sponsored by the youth and young adults groups in Burnaby was attended by around 85 young people plus adults, April 20-22nd. Activities which started Friday evening

continued all day Saturday and through a worship service and lunch on Sunday. Over half of the attendees were from Washington State, with a 14-member group from Cascade College in Portland called "Ensemble" giving a special program of song on Saturday evening.

The monthly Men's Breakfast on April 28th was provisioned by Terry Sillman as chief cook, and John Clelland, who delivered the spiritual food.

Tyler and Nancy Knibbs have recently moved to Surrey from Vancouver, Wash., and are worshipping with the Burnaby congregation.

In response to the donation sent to El Salvador for the relief of earthquake victims, the church has received a grateful letter of acknowledgement.

Chris Clarke received a broken wrist when a ladder on which she was standing collapsed under her.

Campbell River: The small congregation meeting here was able to burn its mortgage in April.

Chilliwack: In place of an evening service, the church sings and conducts a devotional for residents of the Birchwood Nursing Home. George Sillman still teaches a Bible class at the Home on Monday mornings.

Deep Cove: Phoebe, the daughter of Dan and Jennie Keeran, was only slightly injured when her bike was struck by a car in Abilene, Tx., where she is a senior student at ACU.

The Grice family has asked for prayers for their son and brother, Michael, for his rehabilitation and a new outlook on life as he serves a six-month sentence in a correctional institute. His younger brother, Ryan, graduates from Senior Secondary School this month.

Delta: Jim and Carolyn Hawkins have created a new website designed to help people "grow spiritually by taking Jesus into their lives and being refreshed". Called "Growth Resources". It may be visited at: www.growthresources.org.

Jim was asked to come to Thompson, Man. to conduct a special three-day workshop for the Crisis Center in that far-north city of some 35,000 people. He went from there to Western Christian College in Dauphin for a week's workshop on Counseling. He and Carolyn then traveled to Texas for their son Jay's graduation with a Masters Degree at ACU, and to each of their 50-year high school reunions before their scheduled return to B.C. near the end of May.

Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers have been given additional support for their move to Donetsk, Ukraine, by the Calgary congregation on Maryvale.

Jay Don gave the church an update on the work in Russia during the Bible class period on April 1st, following it with a sermon titled "Joy in Serving--Imitating Christ's Humility".

Ruth Hoff, who is in a home for Alzheimers' patients, had to have a hip replacement when she suffered a broken hip in

a recent fall.

Maple Ridge: Pat Johnston is taking a refresher course in nursing in preparation for their move to Maple Ridge from Coquitlam. She believes this may be a way in which to reach people with the message of hope.

Patty Scott and her two boys, who live in Maple Ridge, are visiting our group on Sunday mornings.

Alice Van Veen continues to lose strength in her on-going battle with cancer, but surprises us once in awhile by making it to the service.

Oakridge: Mary Lou McGinnis, long time member of this congregation, died on March 27th from intestinal cancer. She was 69.

Recently, Brother Miguel Garcia from Oakridge Church of Christ in Vancouver asked individuals and congregations in the Lower Mainland for support, that Brother Antonio from Apulo Church of Christ in El Salvador had requested, to help the brothers in Christ and friends who suffered damages to their houses and other possessions caused by the earthquake that shocked El Salvador earlier this year.

Around \$2,500 US dollars were collected and sent to our brothers in El Salvador. With this donation, materials, food, and medicines were bought and delivered directly to those in need.

I, Miguel Garcia, would like to express my deepest gratitude to individuals and the following congregations who made this effort possible: Burnaby Church of Christ, Victoria Church of Christ, Nanaimo Church of Christ, Chilliwack Church of Christ, Salmon Arm Church of Christ, Delta Church of Christ, Surrey Church of Christ, and Oakridge Church of Christ. Thank you for your support and prayers.

I also want to thank the Korean Community at Tivoli Gardens, Vancouver for their support.

The following is excerpted from the letter received from the brethren in El Salvador: "Your willingness to help in our need and also your love, sure were raised before God as a sweet savor. And we know that God will give you your reward in His time."

Salmon Arm: On the same day as his two brothers were appointed elders in Dauphin, MB, Blair Roberts became an elder at Salmon Arm.

Surrey: Greetings from the church in Surrey, B.C. Wish you could all share in the indepth study that Ron Beckett, our preacher, is bringing on the book of Revelation. He is laying a firm background foundation using the O.T. prophecies so that we have solid ground on which to understand the message of the book of Revelation.

We have recently, in fact are still fine tuning, set up a web site. Keep in touch by checking for us at www.churchofchristsurrey.bc.ca

Ming Paul Lee: Love Kosova Campaign 2001. This is a most amazing challenge for summer 2001. There is going to be a great camp in Albania. More than 800 were baptized

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SASKATCHEWAN

Estevan: In the past few months, the congregation has rejoiced with two new sisters as they put on their Lord in baptism. Debby Kerr was baptized at the end of December. She was reached through friends and with the help of our weekly newspaper article. On April 12th, Terri Jardine, a daughter of one of our members was baptized. We have been encouraged by their enthusiasm and their response to the gospel.

From March 11-22, six members of the congregation (Calvin and Mary Elford, Vern and Norma Erickson, Bill Muirhead and Tim Pippus) were blessed by being able to tour Israel with Ron and Rita Pauls. The lessons learned and the insights gained have been very valuable and are benefiting the teaching program in the congregation. *Tim Pippus*

Clearview Christian Camp: Clearview Christian Camp is in the process of building 3 new cabins for the coming camping year. Attendance at the camp has been steadily increasing over the past few years and there is a lot of enthusiasm for this good work as it enters its 40th year of operation. Information about the camp schedule, fees, registration, cabin construction and other details can be obtained by visiting our web site at <www.clearviewchristiancamp.ca>.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to donate to the camp, please contact Tim Pippus (estevan.cofc@sk.sympatico.ca).

Saskatoon: The University year has ended and a number of the young people of our congregation have left for the summer months. This congregation has been most fortunate. Being in a University city, a group of Christian young people come to worship with us. Their positive attitude gives us much encouragement as we try to live out God's witness in this community. Most of the students will be returning to us in August. Two who will not be returning are Joseph Adjei-Nimoh and Tim Bell.

Joseph will be moving to Toronto to continue studies in Computer Science. Tim Bell has completed his Agriculture studies and will be working with his father on the farm in Gravelbourg.

Tim will be returning to Saskatoon to become part of a team from the congregation who will be going to minister to Christians in Five Churches in North East India. The team will be made up, at this writing, of four of our congregation members, although two will be added at a later date. The Present team members are Bob Parker, Michael Parker, Tim Bell and Garth Nelson.

The congregation has previous contact with these India churches and the team looks forward to renewed fellowship in India Mission 2001, Crossing All Borders with the Gospel of Grace. As we actively plan, with our brethren in India, we look forward to this time of renewed fellowship as a time of hope and encouragement.

As we continue our preparations, it is important that fervent, effective prayer be a vital part of this mission. To that end, a special focus group has been formed that will commit themselves to praying daily for the success of this mission.

In the event that others may wish to become partners in this process of reaching out, we want to invite our brethren to join us in this effort to carry the gospel message to the "uttermost parts of the earth"

Phone Bob Parker at 306-343-7884 or write him at 2402 Ewart Ave. Saskatoon, Sask. S7J 1Y6 or e-mail him at: <mizpah@sk.sympatico.ca> Bob would be delighted to forward further information.

Cheyenne Steffen will be temporarily working with the congregation for the summer months. She will be involved in writing curriculum and organizing group and individual Youth activities.

Submitted by Ken Miller

MANITOBA

Dauphin: Marge and Bert Roberts, who have three sons, saw two of them appointed as elders recently and on the same Sunday, Blair became an elder in Salmon Arm, BC

Winnipeg: Michael Tackett, from the Key to the Kingdom television program is scheduled to be presenting a special series of lessons on "Finding Your Faith" on June 1-3. He will be speaking in Carman on June 4.

Kid's Rally was held on April 28-29. This year's theme, "It Couldn't Just Happen," was about evidences. Learning centres looked at the Human Body, the Earth and Sea, the Universe and the Bible. A Friend Speak training workshop is being planned for August 10 & 11. Friend Speak is the version of Let's Start Talking that has been developed for local use.

The congregation now has its own domain on the internet. Our webpage is www.winnipegchurch.ca

Plans are progressing for the 100th anniversary reunion on the Labour Day long weekend. We are trying to identify and locate all who have been part of any of the Winnipeg congregations. If you can help us, please write to us, or email: 100anniversary@winnipegchurch.ca

As we did last year, for July and August, on Sunday mornings we will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. for a combined assembly, followed by worship at 10 a.m.

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them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet, and sweep through it, it would draw to itself the most invisible particles. The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find some heavenly blessings." Perhaps this is Beecher's way of saying what David says in Psalms 142:7 "Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me."

With God's help make difficulties stepping stones not stumbling blocks.

Strathmore Searchlight, Toronto, Ontario

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with all. Amen" (Revelation 22:21).

Our Gracious God

What a marvelous God we have. He showed Moses what He is like, "Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth'" (Exodus 34:6). He showed Paul on the Damascus road. He showed Peter. He is showing us, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men" (Titus 2:11). What a wonderful place to grow...standing in the grace of God.

Winnipeg, MB

BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to
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(Books may be ordered from the *Gospel Herald*)
email:bookreviews@gospelherald.org



A Man of Heroism and Humility, Elijah,
by Charles R. Swindoll, Word-Nelson, 179
pages, \$19.99 (U.S.)

The author is one of the most prolific authors in the evangelical world. In this latest series he has already done books of Joseph, David, Esther and Moses. His desire in this book is "to establish deep within you a desire to stand strong for the right as you bow low before Him who is worthy of your trust and obedience. In a world that has lost its way, due in part to the lack of balanced, godly leadership, we are more than ever in need of a few Elijah - like men and women who are not afraid to live courageously before their peers as they walk humbly with their God."

The historical background in 1 Kings involves the conflicts between the northern

and southern kingdoms and the excessive wickedness of Ahab and Jezebel. Elijah's name means "My God is Jehovah" or "The Lord is my God." God used Elijah "as a persistent goad, pressing the godless monarch into submission, forcing him to surrender his will to the One who had created him."

Elijah is not mentioned in Hebrews II but his life was characterized by one act of faith after another. He faced numerous trials and overcame them with God's power. He stood for God in the great battle between good and evil. This is powerfully illustrated in the conflict on Mount Carmel. The author uses this and other great events in Elijah's life to illustrate the trials we face in the Christian life. He writes "Throughout this study of Elijah I

have often thought of how closely the great prophet's life resembled that of the Messiah, who was yet to come: the way he spent time alone; the courage he showed as he stood in the presence of his enemy and delivered God's message; the power he exhibited when it took a miracle to convince his audience that he was a man with a message from God -- the one true God; the compassion he demonstrated when he cared about the widow's grief and brought her son back to life; even the anguish he felt in his own Gethsemane as he wrestled in his soul. And finally, how much like Christ was his departure. As others stood staring, he was taken up to heaven out of their sight . . . Elijah's heroic and humble life urges us to be like Christ--to lift our eyes from the grit and grind of today's woes and to turn our attention to the glory and hope of another land. Immanuel's land! And in that frame of mind, we'll redirect our gaze from who gets the glory to who gives the grace. And then, while fully focused on Him --our King of grace, the Lamb--the deepest longings of our souls will be satisfied."

BACK to the BASICS

First Annual

Christian Men's Grasslands Trail Ride
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 22nd, 23rd & 24th

Join the round up and spend a weekend filled with fun and fellowship while traveling on horseback through the beautiful great outdoors. Reflect on the days sights, sounds and smells while you fall asleep under the stars with your belly full of good ol' home cookin' - Dutch oven style.

Never before has there been an experience set before you with such opportunity. Men of all ages, riding together on horse back from Mitchell Ranch, south of Glentworth Saskatchewan, starting a journey that will focus on "Back to the Basics" - the western way.

Steve McMillan, a second generation preacher, will treat and inspire every trail rider with a personalized message. This spiritually filled weekend will be one to remember, trail experiences will become the stories of tomorrow as you look forward to riding again year after year.

Don't delay, horses are limited, call to reserve your saddle!

BACK to the BASICS

Where Your Heart is . . .

Women's Conference For women of all ages
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 29th, 30th & July 1st

Enjoy an inspirational camping weekend as you relax in the surrounded beauty of Canada's popular Grasslands (located at Mitchell Creek Camp) and delight in the aroma of skillfully prepared meals cooked over-the-fire - Dutch oven style.

You will have the rare opportunity to hear successful Canadian rancher, musician, and inspirational speaker Mark Elford, his best canine friend, "Mick" and equine companion, "Little Man" as they join together in a fun filled presentation of "Back to the Basics" country style. They plan to bring to "life" a whole new meaning of "THE HEART OF THE MATTER" while presenting a new approach to getting "Back to the Basics".

You will also be enlightened by the ever popular Mary Muirhead and her daughter Sheena Koops as they present their hands-on, "Back to the Basics" ideas in a fresh new way. You will learn how to skillfully pace yourself; find more quality time; gracefully recover when outside pressures become overwhelming, and many more innovative approaches to every day life.

Don't pass up this rare and exceptional opportunity to share a spiritual and flavorful weekend with other sisters in Christ.

For more information on both events call (306) 266-4536

News from Bethel and Blanche Bailey

"Now King David was old, and advanced in years and they put covers on, but he could not get warm." (1Kings 1:1)

Though this statement was made with respect to King David, my wife might think that history is repeating itself.

Yes, the years have begun to take their toll very noticeably. Besides the above-mentioned problem, for some time my hearing has been seriously impaired and in such a way that not much help can be administered. Just recently, I became aware that I am rapidly losing the sight in one eye. I only had five percent left at the last report. Graciously, my other eye is very good; so hopefully I will be able to continue to operate the car for awhile.

But worst of all, it takes so little exertion before I am no longer able to do very much. Although for years we have been aware that someday we must give the responsibility of the gospel to others, it is no longer a matter that belongs to the distant future.

Throughout life it has always been our goal to train others in the work of the Lord. I am sure that several will attest to that fact. Among those actively engaged is a son preaching in Oklahoma, a son-in-law preaching in Cornwall, and a nephew of ours preaching in Windsor, Ontario. Our youngest son does considerable preaching in the congregation here in Sudbury. To make our comments as brief as possible, we will now go immediately to the main reason for our letter.

We have ten grandsons and our hope is that one day many of them will endeavor to hold up the banner of king Jesus to a lost and dying world. About a year ago, one of the mentioned grandsons enrolled in the "Aim Program" at Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock Texas.

Jeremy Bojarski has now completed the Bible training successfully and will be going to Brazil for eighteen months in the near future, the Lord willing. The work will not be easy, but we feel confident that Jeremy will do well. He has already demonstrated a willingness to succeed. When he was only seventeen, he actively assisted in the conversion of his best friend. This young man has since married and has converted his wife. They live and work in Peterborough Ontario. Since that time, at least six more people have been baptized. Most have remained faithful.

Who can put a price on a human soul? It is going to take money, lots of money to keep Jeremy in Brazil for the next year and a half. With our limited resources, my wife

and I plan to contribute \$200.00 monthly to this effort. This may jeopardize our future, but the Lord has always cared for us in the past, and we are confident that He will keep us well supplied. If you feel that you can help in this project, assistance can be sent through us at our mailing address:

Bethel and Blanche Bailey
34 Roger Street
Sudbury Ontario
P3B 3R6

or to:

Dover Road Church of
Christ
702 Dover Road
Cornwall Ontario
K6J 1W1

We still preach once or twice a month, and are still quite active in personal work (making contacts), giving advice in counselling, and in other ways. But with a mind that no longer functions as it did in the past, our efforts are labored.

Helping to get others involved in the greatest cause known to man may help to ease some of the frustrations.

MISSION NEWS:

Key to the kingdom
Michael Tackett, accompanied by Mr. Hu Yongtao of the Chinese Embassy in Washington,

DC, is on a trip to China, May 15-23. A camera crew hopes to tape some programs and some interviews with Chinese officials concerning religious freedom. The President of China has asked for copies of the Bible Correspondence Courses so that he and his cabinet members can learn more about Christianity.

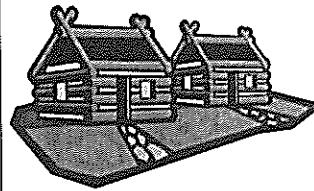
Between March 12 and April 12, the program in India brought in 3811 letters and 723 phone calls and 13 are known to have been baptized.

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Full-Time Evangelist Position

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.

This congregation is seeking an evangelist with experience in sharing God's word through preaching, teaching, home studies and visitation. Applicants should

- (i) Have some full-time experience as an evangelist.
- (ii) Have demonstrated abilities in working with young people.
- (iii) Be evangelistic and growth oriented.

Please address your inquiries or send your resume to:

Mr. Ed Young, Chair, Selection Committee
Church of Christ
P.O. Box 88

Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, T9V 0X9

Phone: (780) 875-4346

Email: kawed@telusplanet.net

OBITUARIES

Harold Paden

Word was received on April 1st that Harold Paden, the church's first post-war missionary in Italy, died of a heart attack while driving from Lubbock to Tyler, Tx., to visit his wife's parents. When he suddenly slumped over the wheel of his car, it went out of control, crossing the median and crashing into the ditch on the opposite side. His wife, Sally, was injured. He is survived by his equally well-known brother, Cline Paden, who also worked in Europe for many years.

Harold served in a crack ski patrol during WWII, and narrowly escaped a suicide mission to Hitler's hideaway in Berchtesgaden when word of the war's end reached his unit. Harold Mobley, later a preacher for both the English and Italian congregations in Montreal, worked for several years with the Padens in Italy. Along with other tributes from people who had known him, Gwynneth Curtis, Missions Coordinator for Europe at ACU, noted: "A great soldier has gone on ahead to help the Lord get ready for us to join him in heaven."

Lena E. Peirce

Age 86, died Sunday, April 15, 2001, at her home in Lewiston, NY.

She was the beloved wife of Donald L. Peirce and the dear mother of Gary and Audrey

Peirce, Linda and Murray Lumley, and Lois and Jim Cargin. Loved grand-mother of Stephen and David Peirce, Todd (Heidi) and great-granddaughter Jackson Rose; Anne; Tom (Megan); and Owen Lumley and Sean Cargin. Dear sister of Oliver Tallman. Predeceased by a brother, O.H. Tallman, and a sister, Erma Draper. Lena was a member of the Church of Christ. She retired from the Lewiston Post Office after 11 years there, was long-time volunteer for Meals on Wheels and was also a charter member of the WAVES (women's association) of Great Lakes Christian College.

Mrs. Lillian Elvira Vine

The congregation in Thessalon recently lost a sister in Christ who had been a member here, all her life.

Mrs. Lillian Elvira Vine passed from this life, April 21/01.

She leaves to mourn, her husband who she loved very deeply, and in turn was loved very much by him, Mr. Wilfred (Bud) Vine. She is also mourned by their children, Karen Lock (David), Shelda Hartung (Bernie), Michael Vine (Marlita), Anne Kirkland (John). Lillian and Bud had been married for almost forty-eight years.

Lillian is greatly missed by thirteen grandchildren, three surviving brothers and a multitude of other relatives and friends.

She was an industrious person all her life. She loved the church assemblies and would be present when it took every ounce of her remaining strength to be there. As a young woman, she taught school and later was

employed by Algoma Manor. But primarily she was a wife and mother in the truest sense. At her memorial service, son Michael and granddaughter Emily Vine paid her beautiful tributes.

Together she and Bud raised their family, encouraging them in the faith. Today their faithfulness is reflected in the lives of their children.

Lillian loved to make quilts for her children and grandchildren. It was her great delight to present these pieces of wonderful gifts to them. They are now very precious to each one, as are the memories she has inspired with us all.

Of her we could say with confidence, "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord."

Lionel Weir and Murray Smith conducted the service of memorial.

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in 10 years in Albania. Let us pray and help send some students and adults from Prizren, Kosova to the summer Christian camp in Albania. The students in Kosova have never attended any summer camp and will need assistance for travel, camp fees and a few dollars for basic foods on the roads to camp and back.

More doors are opening for the gospel in Kosova. There is a great calling and need for more teachers and workers, even for short term missions. For Canadians who are interested please email Doug Smith - pipkosova@hotmail.com or mingpaul@uniserve.com.

Edmonton: Owen Jokinen, Nancy Mallard, Kevin Klingbiel, and Jonathan Killeen were all added to the Lord's church in Edmonton last month.

It is exciting to continually see the power of God's Word work in the hearts of people and to be able to be part of that.

Our annual Youth Retreat is May 11-13. This is a time of great spiritual encouragement and fellowship for our youth. We are expecting a few visitors from out of town this year.

Jamie Lobert, who is currently interning in Edmonton is heading up the retreat.

Shawn Redding our other intern and his wife Donna are currently in Lithuania on a two-week visit. Shawn and Donna are considering going to Lithuania as missionaries this coming fall after Shawn graduates from Sunset International Bible Institute.

We are looking forward to several other

men in Edmonton joining our Bible School program this fall as interns. Marion Waugh and David Friesen have both attended a seminar for Sunset International Bible Institute Extension Schools, Edmonton being one of them.

The seminar was hosted by the Lakeview Church of Christ in Tacoma, Washington, USA. Marion and myself are now accredited by Sunset as Extension School Administrators.

Easter weekend was Edmonton's 26 annual Alberta Spring Fellowship seminar. It is a weekend of spiritual encouragement and growth along with a great time of fellowship. This year was no different. Charles Speer from Sunset International Bible Institute and Steve Hasbrouck were our guest speakers for the weekend. Robert Oglesby from the Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas conducted a leadership retreat weekend in Edmonton on May 4-6 and was our Sunday morning guest speaker. As always, Robert brought a great deal of insight for our leadership to gain from and he also delivered an awesome message to the congregation on Sunday morning.

Peter Ross, one of our elders, has stepped down due to the many commitments he has with his business and other personal reasons. We will sorely miss Peter serving here in Edmonton as one of our elders.

On a brighter note, Marc and Jennifer Laplante are the proud parents of their second baby boy, Garrett. He was born on Saturday evening, May 5, 2001. If you are traveling

through the Edmonton area, we would like to invite you to take some time out of your schedule to stop and visit us.

- David Friesen

CALGARY: The young people are raising money towards a mission trip in Mexico, planned for the future.

NORTH WEST TERRITORY

Yellowknife, NWT: Morris Taylor had to have a prosthesis replaced in his knee on April 17th when the original operation did not work. In the Yellowknife Hospital at the same time was his son, Paul, who had surgery to restructure his knee-cap in order to prevent it from dislocating. Both were doing well at last report.

MONTANA

Three Forks: I began a class in April titled "What makes churches grow?" In this class we will study through the first 11 chapters of Acts, looking for church growth principles and practices. Sunday evening classes are "equipping time" for members.

Our small group Bible study is going well. We are averaging three non-Christian visitors each week. We have been studying "God's Grace" for several weeks in response to a request from one of the visitors.

On Sunday, May 13 (Mother's day) we are having our first "Bring your neighbour day."

David Ford

CAMP OMAGH PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2001

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PRIME TIMERS	July 10-13
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Max Craddock	
WEEK 1 (ages 7-9 years)	July 15-21
PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Scott Mansfield	
WEEK 2 (ages 8-10 years)	July 22-28
PROGRAM DIRECTOR - George Mansfield	
WEEK 3 (ages 11-13 years)	July 29 - August 4
PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Michael Toohey	
SINGSPIRATION	August 4-6
PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Bob Sandiford	
FAMILY CAMP	August 6-11
PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Dwayne Williams	
WEEK 4 (ages 11-13 years)	August 12-18
PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Walter Cromwell	
TEEN WEEK	August 19-26
PROGRAM DIRECTORS - Rick McBay & Sharon Ellis	

Wanted

Evangelist to work with a small rural congregation in South East Saskatchewan, Canada. While experience is preferred we are open to considering opportunities with the beginner to the semi-retired. Areas of special interest would preferably be evangelism, Bible class teaching, involvement in youth and family Bible camp in July and August, self motivated and community involvement.

We are located in close proximity to the only camp in southern Saskatchewan operated by the Churches of Christ. We are actively considering moving our center of worship from Wawota, Sask. to Kenosee Lake (15 miles) as we feel it will increase our opportunities to serve, locate us very close to the camp and be more central to our spread out membership. We are financially self supporting and have begun an active building fund. While we do not have any fixed time lines, we would prefer to fill this position by mid 2001.

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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On April 27, Ozvaldo Jose Cuarezma, Javier and Isabel's older son, graduated as a mechanical engineer from Oklahoma Christian University and plans to take a job in Houston, Texas, his wife's home town.

Great Lakes Bible College: At a Commencement and Promotional Dinner, on May 11, Garry Nutt of Waterloo, received a Bachelor of Religious Education degree; Javier Cuarezma, (Waterloo) and Jamie Azzoparde (preacher at Brantford), received a two-year diplomas and Eileen Dale (Waterloo) and Mike McCabe (Sarnia) received one year certificates.. Dr. Wilson Dicker from Rochester, NY was the guest speaker. \$3,795 came in as a result of the dinner with additional pledges for next year, which brings a total of \$8,750. Approximately 130 people attended the gathering at Waterloo University. Four new full-time students stood up and announced their plans to be enrolled for the fall of 2001 in Waterloo.

Windsor: On May 20 the congregation held a Spanish/English service followed by birthday celebrations for the month of May. A VBS is planned with the theme, "Jesus To the Rescue." Lewis Mutuma is recovering from a serious car accident, suffered in Zimbabwe on April 13 while attending his brother's funeral.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: The congregation celebrated its 25th Anniversary on May 6, with David Hallett of Mill Village, NS. as guest speaker. Prayer meetings have been held to pray for the success of outreach and a new pamphlet, "Is Your Life Overloaded?" is being distributed in the area.

Allian Mazerolla, A Key to the Kingdom contact and WBS correspondence student, has requested baptism. After nine years of searching for the true church he is very excited about what he has found.

NOVA SCOTIA

Mill Village: As a result of the Tuesday Ladies Bible class, two ladies from the community, Carri Brown and Mary Ashton obeyed the Lord in baptism. The old building is in the process of being sold to one of the members

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: A new sister, Glenisha Ferby, was baptized on

March 18. The brethren continue to visit three men in the Correctional Institute.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: The brethren have a deacon speak once each month. The young men of the congregation presented a devotional on Sunday evening, April 1. Gordie Belcher was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning, March 25. Gordie is in the seventh grade.

Teacher Needed

Shuswap Christian School (Grades K to 7) may be needing a Grade 6-7 teacher for the coming school year.

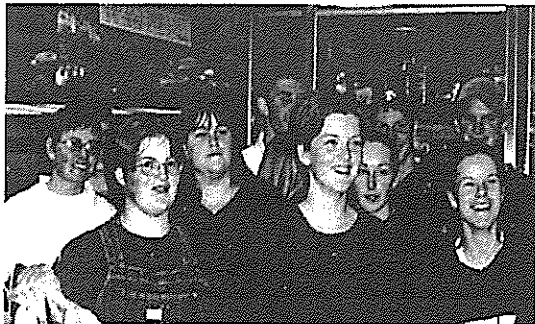
Qualifications Include:

- 1) Being an active Christian who will be a part of the local congregation.
- 2) Eligible to receive a teaching certificate in British Columbia.
- 3) Have energy and enthusiasm as a part of a caring dedicated staff.

Salmon Arm, located on the Shuswap Lake with its mild interior climate, is a community of 16,000 people located half way between Calgary and Vancouver.

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Counseling or social work experience will be an asset.

For more information on this position, please contact:

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Thursday, October 4		
6:30 p.m.	Prairie Servant's Seminar	Supper in WCC Cafeteria \$6.50 Mustang Room
Friday, October 5		
9:30 a.m.	Prairie Servant's Seminar	College Building
1:00 p.m.	Luncheon Honouring Past and Present Elders, Deacons and Ministers	WCC Dining Hall
7:00	Class Sessions for all ages	WCC Campus
8:00	Sonshine	8th Avenue Hall
8:30	Lecture: We Will Glorify the King in our Hearts -Malcolm McMillan	8th Avenue Hall
10:00	Visiting and Coffee	8th Avenue Hall
Saturday, October 6		
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast with the Board	WCC Mustang Room
9:00	WCC Society Annual Meeting	WCC Auditorium
11:30	Encouraging Ministry Luncheon	College Building, WCC Campus
	Women's Service Club Annual Meeting & Luncheon	Dauphin Church of Christ
2:00 p.m.	Class Sessions for all ages	WCC Campus
3:00	Fall Fair	WCC Gymnasium
4:30	Friends of the Library Supper	College Building, WCC Campus
6:30	College Singing Group	8th Avenue Hall
7:00	Lecture: We Will Glorify the King in our Homes -Troy Hodgson	8th Avenue Hall
	Directions - WCC President John McMillan	
	Choral Presentation	
9:00	Visiting and Coffee	8th Avenue Hall
Sunday, October 7		
9:30 a.m.	Worship: We Will Glorify the King in our Churches - John Smith	8th Avenue Hall
2:00 p.m.	Class Sessions for all ages	WCC Campus
3:00	Sing Song	WCC Auditorium
3:30	Lecture: We Will Glorify the King in the Community - Kevin Vance	WCC Auditorium

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This position will administer all areas of the cafeteria, including ordering, planning, supervision of cafeteria staff, and student activities. This person will work under the supervision of the Office Manager.

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This position must have or be willing to obtain a Master of Library Science degree or its equivalent. This position will administer all areas of the library, including organization, purchasing, supervision of library staff and supervision of students. This person will work under the supervision of the Dean of the College and collaborate toward obtaining accreditation.

Enrollment Services Manager

This position will administer all areas of student recruiting and retention with some public relations, administration of student financial assistance, and organizing campus ministry. This person will work under the supervision of the Dean of Students.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kevin Vance is the new Dean of the College. Kevin has several years of experience in congregational and youth ministry. He is truly an academic scholar with a zeal for the church and training others for ministry.

For more information contact: Western Christian College, Box 5000, Dauphin, MB, R7N 2V5 204-638-8801, Ext. 224 or 223 or reply by e-mail to this address.