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## First Canadian Mission Team to Central America



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The team traveled to Izalco, el Salvador, to work from July 23-30. They made much needed improvements to the church building, including installation of windows and fans, making benches for adults and children, putting new tile flooring in the pulpit area and the main entrance and doing other general repairs and distributed invitations for a gospel meeting that Javier and Santiago preached, resulting in three baptisms. Praise be to God!

## The Body of Christ (part 2) You Are Different!

Last month we recognized that each person has been given spiritual gift(s) from God. We are to use them to serve others, for the building up of the body of Christ, so that God will be glorified.

What are these gifts God has given? In a general sense, Peter describes two major categories for gifts: speaking gifts and serving gifts. Speaking gifts may be employed in the form of teaching, encouraging, evangelizing, counseling and leading. Those who have speaking gifts are usually more extroverted, comfortable working with people and are good conversationalists. In contrast, those with service gifts enjoy working on projects, making plans, listing out details, ministering with their hands and may prefer to be alone. Both types of people are necessary for growth in the kingdom of God.

In Romans 12:4-8, Paul describes in a little more detail seven gifts that God gives to members of His body. Desiring to put all things in context he reminds us that there are many members in the body of Christ and we do not all have the same function or role. We are different and that is all right, in fact, it is necessary. We must remember that each member belongs to all the others. We are one body, serving under the same Lord, worshipping the same God. We are one, but we have different gifts, distinct roles, specific functions and varied opportunities.

Paul writes to the Ephesian church, in chapter four, regarding unity, maturity and development. After imploring them to make every effort for unity and peace, and setting forth some of the foundational doctrines, which we must agree upon for Christian fellowship, he teaches us about the gifts that God has given to His people.

He introduces this section with the picture of an army commander returning from a victorious battle with his troops marching close behind. The general leads the victory parade through the city streets with the plunder from the enemy camp and any prisoner's of war are returned to their families. Christ defeated the power of Satan, the control of death and slavery of sin and He led the victory march. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led

captives in his train and gave gifts to men. (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe)" (Ephesians 4:8). However instead of keeping all of the gifts for Himself, Christ shared His spiritual gifts with the people who belonged to Him.

Now God has given gifts to us just as He desires (1 Corinthians 12:11) for the common good (v. 7). They are given based upon our ability (Matthew 25:15). No one has gifts that he or she cannot handle and no one has been neglected or overlooked when God distributed spiritual gifts. If some think that they should have more, less or different gifts than they have, they lack sound judgment or a good estimation of themselves (Romans 12:3 - is in the context of gifts). Even the leaders of the local churches are chosen by Jesus to serve (Ephesians 4:11).

Our response to God's grace and goodness is one of gratitude and faithfulness. In the parable of the talents, the Master fully expected the servants to use the gifts that were given. Wasting them, abusing them or hiding them was not acceptable and was deserving of punishment (Matthew 25:25-30). Those who faithfully employ God's gifts will be rewarded proportionately (Matthew 25:14-23). While some think using our gifts, talents and opportunities is optional, this parable shows us the critical need to use our gifts and to expect others to use theirs to the best of their ability. Where we spend eternity depends on it.

Paul details seven gifts in Romans 12: prophecy, service, teaching, exhorting, giving, leading and showing mercy. These are gifts that God has given to various members in the church. Everyone has been given one, perhaps two of these gifts. When we can identify these gifts we will be able to rank these gifts in our own lives, seeing where we are strong and where we are weak. While our goal should be to grow in each of these areas, we ought primarily to work in the areas where God has made us strong. However, we should also be sensitive to our weaknesses. Teachers who have the gift of teaching but lack the

gift of showing mercy may have good Bible classes but if they are insensitive and offensive, they will not be effective. Such need to recognize their weakness and make a concerted effort to be perceptive to the needs and feelings of others.

These gifts describe, not so much what we do, but how we think and how we process information. Those who have the gift of serving, don't simply do work when it is necessary, because they have to or to alleviate guilt. Instead, their hearts are into this ministry through service. While we can all show mercy, those with the gift of mercy find that compassion, empathy, caring and feeling with people comes naturally. When opportunities arise they are eager to help, feel purposeful when ministering and have a sense of satisfaction or fulfillment because they have used their gifts to God's glory.

For example: why isn't everyone eager to serve? Just about anyone can serve, but many are not inclined to serve. Most of us can walk past a job that needs to be done and not even see it, or if we do recognize a need we may think, "Someone else will do it, not me!" Servants, on the other hand, can detect a need a mile away and are enthusiastic to help out and get involved. Servants enjoy working with their hands, doing various jobs, getting things accomplished, and they may want to do it by themselves.

Our gifts really do determine how we think and feel about various situations, how we respond to needs and our estimation of other people. When a church member is very sick and has no one around to help, the church family should get involved. The servant will go over to the house and take care of the yard or clean the house. The teacher will want to explain the medication or the diagnosis or tell them how they can have better health. The encourager will give moral support and give confidence that everything will be all right. The giver will take a meal or pay the medical bill. The leader will make sure everything is organized and no important detail is overlooked. The merciful ones will sit by the bedside of those who are ill for hours and listen to their stories and

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# The Courage to Speak!

Tim Johnson

The modern Canadian communities, we live in, swirl around us with busy people. Many of them are unaware that they are lost and that there's a loving saviour longing to rescue them from sin. We struggle to find ways to simply reach our neighbours, let alone the strangers who rush by every day. Compounding our frustration is the strong skepticism of religion that Canadians seem to hold up over their minds. We seem to be a country of agnostics content to pose questions, but really wanting the answers.

How do we reach modern Canadians with the ancient gospel? Whatever strategy we take, one thing must be done before any soul can be won: we must speak up with the good news! Our example of day to day living is very important, but we must speak! Good works and compassion for people are hallmarks of healthy disciples, but conversions don't happen unless we have the courage to speak the gospel to others! The message that saves is designed to be TOLD.

Why is it we are so afraid to tell it? We convince ourselves we don't know enough Bible, or that people really don't want to hear the message, or that we're going to end up rejected or branded a radical. Some of these things may end up happening, yet we must speak anyway. If we don't speak up with the message, no one will be saved.

Where does the courage to speak come from? Here are eight good sources:

1. The message burns inside us. It saved you, God has entrusted you with it, and it sits in your heart. God's message caused Jeremiah a lot of trouble. He tried keeping his mouth shut, but he discovered "in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot endure it" (Jer. 20:9) Speak up! The message is too important to hold inside any longer.

2. You've seen God's holiness. Isaiah saw a vision of God's righteousness. (Is. 6:1-9) It made him fall to his knees as a sinful man, appreciating such a great God. When God asked, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?", Isaiah quickly volunteered. Christians also know something of the greatness and sacrifice of our holy God. We must tell others about Him, warn sin-

ners of the judgment, let people know this holy God wants to save them.

3. A sense of God's choice and commission. You don't feel talented enough to share the gospel with someone? Consider Amos, the shepherd and fig farmer from Tekoa (Amos 7:14-17). With no training to preach, he spoke the word of God clearly to the sinful people of his day. He knew that God had chosen him to do it, and nothing would stop him. If you're a Christian, God has chosen you as His ambassador. What's stopping you from telling other people about the saviour of the world?

4. A deep concern for God's people and their survival. Will the church survive in Canada for another 100 years? Nehemiah was worried for God's people of his day: would they make it without finishing the restoration of Jerusalem? (See Neh. 1-2). He prayed for God's strength and wisdom so he could speak boldly about this need. Do we want to see the church grow and flourish into all 10 provinces and every thriving community? Great strides in that direction will take place if we ask God for strength - and speak the good news to the lost!

5. A sense of obligation. Saul of Tarsus knew how badly he had sinned against God. Yet the Lord was gracious and saved him through Christ (1 Tim.1:12-17). Ananias was afraid of Saul's reputation as a church molester, yet he took courage and spoke the gospel to him and baptized him into Christ (Acts 22:12-16). Now it was Paul's turn. He felt obligated to speak the same gospel to others - the message that had saved himself. "I am under compulsion, for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:16. Can you identify with that? Speak the message that saved your soul!

6. A love for the resurrected Lord. What changed Peter and the other apostles from a timid, confused, hiding group of followers - into bold preachers? It was the death and resurrection of Christ, and the sending of the Spirit (Acts 1&2). "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses" (Acts 2:32). Their sermons and speeches were full of references to the risen Lord. That event changed these men forever, and they spoke it to the world. Is

there anything more profound than the raising of Jesus from the dead and the hope it gives us all? Then speak to others about it, for they need hope too.

7. If we don't, no one else will! In Exodus 4 Moses gave all sorts of excuses why he should not go before Pharaoh, as God wanted him to, and urge him to release Israel from slavery. Yet he finally agreed and led the people for 40 years, mostly alone. Who else was going to lead them? Almost everyone else eventually became unfaithful. And what about you? Who else is going to tell your friends and people at work about the gospel? Non-Christians won't; people from other countries won't; even other Christians can't do it for you because they are already too busy trying to reach their own friends at work. If you don't, no one else will. No more excuses. Speak up!

8. A love for the lost. Isn't this what motivated Jesus? "He saw a great multitude, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things" (Mark 6:34). The gospels are full of statements to that effect. Jesus loved people and wanted to help them, to save them. Sometimes the lost are hard to love. Maybe you were hard to love at one time, but somebody cared about you and took time to teach you. Whoever they were, they were modelling their lives after Jesus by loving the lost. We must do this too - and speak!

Some people want to be swept off their feet by the eloquent message of an impressive evangelist. Yet most Canadians just want to hear from somebody who cares, and knows the truth with confidence. Sincerity and love opens hearts - but then we must speak up with the good news of Jesus Christ. Take courage, and speak.

Moncton, N.B.

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# EDITORIAL

## What's in a Name?

Wayne Turner



"What's in a name?" Shakespeare wrote, "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." How true! Yet, based on this statement, one could easily come to the faulty conclusion that names are not important. If you think names do not matter, try naming a child Jezebel or Judas, or simply address someone

using the wrong name.

A name simply is a word that is used to identify someone or something. Names help us distinguish one person or thing from another. Names are also used to convey concepts of ownership and authority. The Bible shows the significance of a name by giving the utmost reverence and holiness to the name of God. We are to baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Of the name of Jesus, the apostles declare that there is no other name given among men by which we must be saved. Christians wear and even suffer for the name of Christ.

The Bible uses a number of names to identify God's people and describe their relationship with God (and Christ), as well as with one another. Individually, they are known by terms like believers, disciples, brethren and Christians. Collectively, scripture uses expressions like the kingdom of God, the body of Christ, the family or house of God, and the church. Perhaps the most significant statement of identity and ownership is found in Acts 20:28 where Paul speaks of the "church of God which he purchased with His own blood." While the expression "church of God" is the most common description found in the New Testament, it is not used exclusively. By referring to "His blood", this passage also includes Jesus Christ. Collectively, congregations are referred to as "churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16).

Even in the New Testament era, some people began to divide and "denominate" the church. The word literally means to "give a name." Paul spoke sharply of the division at Corinth as some named themselves as belonging to Apollos, Peter or even Paul himself. He asked if any of these men were crucified for them, or if the Corinthians were baptized in their names. Paul proclaimed, "I belong to Christ." He appealed for the church to be a unified body, living and working together in the name of Christ.

Throughout the centuries since, people have continued the process of creating denominations. Today, there are literally hundreds of different religious bodies, each with its distinctive name, organization, doctrines, traditions and practices. In the midst of this, there have also been those people who, disturbed by division, have tried to reject sectarianism and be simply Christians. The Restoration Movement that resulted from people like Barton W. Stone and Thomas and Alexander Campbell is one of many attempts to practice non-denominational Christianity.

One of the challenges such a movement faces is the question "How shall we identify ourselves?" The Biblical terms for individuals were relatively easy - Christians, disciples, etc. The real

problem is how a congregation or group of congregations could be designated. To denominate themselves, or create their own name, would be inconsistent with their desire to be Biblical. It was necessary to find an expression or descriptive term (or terms) that were used in the New Testament to refer to the church. As mentioned earlier, there are several such expressions. However, practical concerns also needed to be considered. For example, though the expression "church of God" is used most frequently in the Bible, it is also frequently used today. According to Mead's "Handbook of Denominations in the United States," there are over 200 independent religious bodies in the U.S. that use the name "Church of God." As a result, the designation "Church of Christ" was used. It was simple, Biblical and glorified Christ. Though other terms were used interchangeably, including expressions like the "Lord's church", the name commonly used to represent the church in the community was "Church of Christ." This designation has also served as an effective tool, an expedient - something helpful and useful. Many of us are aware of people who, discontented with their own religious background, have sought a more Biblical faith. Often their initial contact has come through looking in the telephone book for a church with a Biblical name. For Christians traveling or moving, this designation has helped find a local congregation with which to worship.

However, we must also recognize that such a term can easily be used in a sectarian and denominational way. In the past, church members understood the nuances that distinguished the term from the names used by the denominations. Those outside the church rarely understood the distinction. Increasingly, the term has come to be used in a more sectarian way, which has obscured its distinctiveness. (This would include expressions like "Church of Christ congregations" or "Church of Christ schools", etc.) The almost exclusive use of this one designation has caused some to be very uncomfortable, especially when it has been misused.

Some church members today believe that the "churches of Christ" have become a denomination. They are seeking another  
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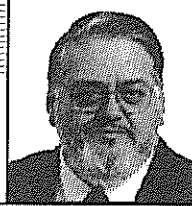
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## Strong, Happy, Fulfilling Marriages

*Max Craddock*

There are two kinds of marriages...strong, happy, fulfilling and weak, unhappy, draining. Profound eh?! If you have been alive for long in this world you know the truth of that statement. You likely know of both kinds and may, at this very time, be involved in one of them. Some wise person said, "Marriage is made in heaven." While this may be true someone else, even wiser said, "Yes, but the maintenance work is done right here on earth."

There are a number of factors that might be called "pillars" which support happy marriages and make them even happier. These factors will contribute to stronger marriages along with the side benefit of making the home a happier place for all who share it. If your home is as happy as you think it can possibly be, you may still find some thoughts here that will help make it even happier. If your marriage is less than fulfilling, maybe these thoughts can be helpful to you if you want your marriage and family relationships to be better.

The first thought is that a strong marriage is built on positive people. This is not to say the home is a place where, "never is heard a discouraging word" but rather that negative attitudes are not the norm. In a presentation on the home, Dr. Paul Faulkner observed that some studies had been done that suggested a child needs 47 compliments to overcome 1 negative. If that is true for children it is likely pretty close to true for adults as well. Negative thoughts and words will often lead to negative thoughts and actions.

Jesus used negative words to speak to the leaders of the Jews, in Matthew 23, because there was a need for them to see themselves as they truly were. In his discussion with the woman taken in adultery, in John 8, he spoke positively with her and encouraged better actions. The Book of Philippians is strong in encouraging a

lifestyle of positive thought.

In the home there will be both positive and negative experiences, some of which are beyond the individual's control. A goal is to work toward having more pluses (positives) and fewer minuses (negatives). When a couple works to build on the positive experiences this helps to erase the negatives. Reinforcement needs to be given to strengthen an already loving relationship. Words like "thank you", "honey" and "sweetheart" are positive reinforcement. (These words are only suggestions and every married couple must determine their own.) Remember it will be easy to express words of reinforcement if one truly loves.

A second need is for people to live in the present and push toward the future rather than living in the past. In Luke chapter 9, beginning at verse 57, Jesus speaks about those who would follow him. He gives warnings in this text concerning the sacrifices that will need to be made. The conclusion of this discussion has Jesus saying "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God" (vs 62). In the same way a marriage is often hurt by continually looking back. There are two problems with the backward look.

First, if and when harder times come, things in the past often look better than they really were. Many (most) people marry with stars in their eyes and wearing coloured glasses. These are usually times of excitement, new experiences and encouragement from family and friends. If down the road of life "potholes" are experienced it is easy to look back and focus on those happy carefree days. Secondly, hurts and failures of the past may often be "raked up" when times of disagreement and stress come.

Remembering the past, as a learning experience to help strengthen the bonds of the present, is well and good. However,

far too often, living in the past is for the purpose of pointing out the weaknesses of the present and leads to disharmony and unhappiness. To the comment made earlier regarding the maintenance work in marriage being done on earth can be added, "It needs to be done in the present".

A final suggestion for this time is that the marriage relationship needs to be built on a good set of goals. Goals help to establish the purpose of any relationship or combined effort. Goals make it possible to focus on direction as well as measure success. In speaking of living the Christian life, Paul makes the comparison of competing in the games and the necessity of strict training. "Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air" (I Cor.9:26). In competing in the games, one has a goal and moves toward it. To succeed one may need to practice several disciplines to accomplish success.

One concern of the person in the games, as well as persons in the "game" of marriage, is to be sure not to set too many goals. Priorities must be established so the work toward completing them is doable. If couples do not work together in setting priorities, failure is assured because of divided efforts. Prayerful and thoughtful consideration is necessary. Of course, the goals have to be attainable or they become a source of continued strife and division.

Hopefully, these thoughts can be helpful to you in building a strong, happy, fulfilling marriage.

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## Paying it Forward

**O**n a recent visit to southern Ontario, my son and I rented a video to watch one evening. The title of the movie was "Pay It Forward" and viewing the movie provided a very interesting evening. Recommending a movie or even admitting that you have viewed one is a dangerous thing to do. There are, no doubt, scenes and language in the movie that we might all find objectionable. What I liked about this particular movie was the general plot. A new history teacher in a grade 7 or 8 class was giving his students an interesting assignment that they were to work on throughout the entire year. They were to come up with a plan that they believed would change the world and then work that plan throughout the year and report on its success. Within a week of receiving the assignment, they were to report back to the class the plan they had chosen. Many of the plans, in fact most of the plans, were nonsensical, illustrating that the children were not, for the most part, taking the assignment seriously. They probably didn't believe that anything they could do would really change anything.

One boy came up with a plan of beautiful simplicity. He would do good deeds for three different people. These deeds would not be something as simple as opening a door for another, but something capable of changing the life of the recipient. Each recipient would pass that deed on to three others. In the movie this was termed "paying it forward". If each recipient of a good deed "paid it forward" to three others, then the number of good deeds being performed would multiply geometrically and the impact on the world would be significant. The rest of the movie tells the story of these good deeds being "paid forward" and the impact that it had on individuals and the world in general. It was interesting to note that the boy believed that his good deeds had, for the most part, failed. They hadn't changed people as he hoped they would. Ironically, the people were more changed than he realized and his good deeds trig-

gered a movement of good deeds that was felt right across the country.

Those who wear the name of Christ and have accepted His grace might reject the notion that we must pay our good deeds forward in this manner. We could easily see a number of problems with this concept. For example, I am sure that there are some who are so caught up in themselves and in their supposed misery that they can see nothing good in their lives that they should "pay forward." Even if no one has ever or will ever do a good deed for us, we still are indebted to Christ; He has taken our place on the cross and paid, with His own blood, the debt created by our sin. I could also see a potential problem with the feeling that we can repay all good deeds with good deeds of our own. We might easily ask, "Where is grace in all of this?". However, I did see merit in this young man's simple plan to change the world. I like simple plans and still believe that simple plans have the most chance of working.

I wonder if we have given up on changing our world. I wonder if our pessimism, negative thinking and outright lack of faith has caused us to believe that it is impossible for a single person or small group to have any impact on our world today. The love of God in the hearts of men, expressing itself in words and actions, is a powerful thing, one that we would do well not to underestimate.

I can already hear some saying, "Brian, our job is to preach the word of Christ not do good deeds." I would respond that our job is to do the work of Christ and to follow His example. To be sure Christ did preach and to be sure we are to let the love of Christ in our hearts express itself in words to others. We are to share the good news about Jesus Christ and His grace. Didn't Christ also do good deeds? He healed not just as a demonstration of His power but also as a kindness (read good deed) to those that were hurting. Jesus genuinely cared about people and acted out his compassion for them.

Have you done any good deeds lately? My experience is that good deeds become contagious. Even those who are not presented with the expectation that they "pay forward" the good deeds that they have received, often find themselves doing good for others. Being moved by the example of compassion and generous love, they will act on that same spirit of compassion and generous love. They are often open to hearing of the God who created compassion and generous love and who first loved us so that we might love one another.

Doing good deeds so that we might emotionally blackmail someone into going to church with us seldom produces the good results that we had hoped for. It often produces resentment and bitterness and the wish that we do no good deeds for them in the future. Doing good deeds while ignoring opportunities to share the words of Christ and the gospel that we love in the hope that people will somehow just get it from example, will be no more successful. Perhaps, doing good deeds and sharing the gospel as we have opportunity, in the same love that Jesus shared it, planting the seeds while allowing Christ to produce the increase, will produce better results. After all, it is God's plan.

Perhaps we would do well to go back and restudy what the gospel or good news actually is. I fear that what we often share in the name of the gospel is more bad news than good news. We have allowed the gospel to degenerate into "our church is better than your church", or a list of things that you will have to stop doing now that you are a Christian. There is a time and place for sharing what the Bible says Christ's church ought to be. There is also a time for looking at what behaviours need to be changed when one wears the name of Christ, but please let us not mistake those for the gospel and what needs to be taught in the beginning.

As we have opportunity let us all do good to all people. *BMC*

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# I'm a Sinner

Paul Dale

Several years ago I had the opportunity to work at my secular job with one of those unique gifted personalities that everyone loves. He has been extremely successful in his career. He is well respected across Canada for his sales and people skills by customers, fellow workers and employees. He is a soft spoken man. He would not say a negative word against anyone. He always looks at the individual person with respect. He is an effective listener. He is self assured ... and confident.

Our relationship grew to the point where we shared our thoughts with each other, including our spiritual selves. One evening over supper he shared openly his life story. As a young man he had married the love of his life. They had two children. He had his career. It had consumed him. When he wasn't "at work" he was still working, taking customers golfing, or out for dinner, and always out for drinks. His work was his priority.

Then he was swatted across the head by the reality of life. His young wife (they were both in their early thirties) was diagnosed with terminal cancer. His career no longer seemed to be a priority as he attempted to care for his wife and their two small boys. He realized that to do his job, to handle the difficulties of his wife's failing health, to raise two sons alone, he was continuing to consume alcohol for strength.

As his wife grew increasingly ill, he began to realize how much he'd depended upon a bottle for nourishment. He realized that he needed to take a step forward in his life. Despite the trials and tribulations of a dying spouse, he attended a meeting one evening that would change his earthly life and set him on a spiritual journey. Today, he works full time, in the province where he resides, for Alcoholics Anonymous. His reputation follows him wherever he goes as he assists others in helping to lift people out of the mire of alcohol abuse.

During one of our discussions, he described how, nervously, during an AA meeting, he'd walked up to the front of the hall, and confessed, "I am (...), And I am an Alcoholic". That walk changed his life! Recently I was thinking about his story. I thought about the fact that as Christians we're called upon by God through the apostle James to "confess your sins to

each other" (James 5:16).

John wrote that upon confessing our sins, "he (God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8).

Amazing isn't it? If we confess our sins as God requests of us, he will be faithful and just. He will forgive us our sins. He will purify us. But do I truly believe this?

Throughout the years of my Christian walk, there have been times when I have turned my back and attempted to walk away from God, Jesus, the church, and brothers and sisters in Christ. During those same times there was always a period where I made sure everything outwardly appeared good and right in my life. I knew it wasn't, but I couldn't, no wouldn't, confess my sin or sins to my fellow Christians. I had an image to protect. I wanted to appear strong. I wanted to show that I had it together. Inside I was torn apart. Sin consumed my mind and heart like a cancer.

John wrote, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" ... "If we claim we have not sinned, we make him (God) out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives". And so sin consumed me and his word was not welcome in my life.

In every congregation where I have attended over the past 40 or so years, I have seen the same story in other peoples' lives. It usually starts out slowly. You've witnessed it too. A member who is always present and participating begins to drop their tasks. They become less involved with the services and soon you find their seat is empty on the occasional Sunday or midweek service. You may even ask them how they are doing and they'll answer you as I did, "great". But it's not great! And one day they are gone.

I was one of those several times in my life. I could tell you all the excuses. But they are just that excuses. There is no excuse. There is a reason, "I am sinner".

Today, it is easier for me to admit to you that I am a sinner because I understand much clearer God's forgiveness. I have nothing to hide. I have nothing to protect. God's forgiveness is not a blanket forgiveness that allows me to go on and sin whenever I please. Rather, His is a forgiveness that allows me to drop the baggage I've carried for so long, and to choose to live a life

free from the knowledge that my past sins are ever present and ready to haunt me all the way into eternity. Yes, I have sinned, but I am forgiven. Yes, I have sinned, but I have been made pure by Christ's sacrifice.

My friend explained to me that although he has not taken a drink for the past twenty years, he always handles a day, one step at a time. He admits that he is still an alcoholic, although alcohol has not traveled between his lips and into his body for over 20 years. He regularly meets with those of like mind who are seeking a fulfillment from life greater than themselves, greater than the ingredients of a glass bottle. They must always "turn away" to continue to move forward.

As Christians we are on a similar path. A path where we realize but for the grace of God, and the sacrifice of Christ's life, we would not have forgiveness and would be unable to meet the standards laid down in their word. We are on a path where we must take life one step at a time. We are all on a path where we must make choices. God has allowed us the freedom to choose to turn away from sin.

It has taken me many years of external show, filled with internal pain, and finally brokenness, to realize this incredible fact ... God forgives the sinner. I am joyful that he does because I am a sinner.

Isn't it amazing to know that our God loves us so much that he provided his son so that we can "approach God with freedom and confidence" (Ephesians 3:12). Confident Christians can share both strengths and weakness in love and caring. Paul the Apostle, a confident Christian confessed, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst" (1 Timothy 1:15).

As Christian believers, learning to confess our weaknesses to each other, allows us freedom to reach upward to the eternal strength that comes by honouring God with lives moving away from an earthly sinful nature, moving ever closer to a life of purity. Confessing our weaknesses lifts the burdens of our hearts. Confessing our weaknesses allows our hearts to open wide to the healing power of Christ's blood.

Confessing our weaknesses reminds us of where we have been and where we want to go.

Stratford, ON

**POINTS BY PERRY:**

## The Inward Man

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Through the ages it has been almost universally accepted that there is a spiritual being living in our visible, sensual, physical bodies and that it continues to be conscious after the body has lost all aspects of life.

The prophet, Samuel, searching among the sons of Jesse for a new king was prone to choose on the basis of the visible but ultimately the selection was guided by God who, "seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart" (I Sam.16:7). David, "a man after God's own heart, who will do all my will" (Acts 13:20), was selected.

Paul makes a clear distinction between this inward man and the "earthly house of our tabernacle" which is to be "dissolved", while at the same time pointing to the judgement where the inner man is accountable for "the things done in the body" (II Cor.5:1-10). When we read that man was made in the "image of God", we understand that this does not refer to a physical likeness but to the inner man. Likewise, our mandate to be like Jesus applies, not to our physical appearance, but to "the invisible man of the heart". This man should, nevertheless, be quite visible in the activities and communications of the physical body.

When we are born anew by believing (accepting, in our hearts, that Jesus is divine), repenting of our sins and being buried with him in the waters of baptism, it is the inner man that is understood to be cleansed and renewed, not the outer man. We have "obeyed from the heart" (Rom.6:1-17).

It is generally accepted that this new man is strengthened, assisted, empowered and enabled by God. We are thankful that we can be confident of this help. Nevertheless, brethren have discussed, debated and dogmatized on the "how" of this providential process.

Some have taken the position that God acts in the heart of the new man in influencing and enabling through the word alone. Others have argued that the Holy

Spirit indwells those who have received this new life and that this Spirit, along side the word, strengthens those who are open and receptive to his influence.

Following his response to Nicodemus, wherein he mandated the birth of water and the Spirit, Jesus explained that the pneuma (wind, spirit), although its source and destination are not seen, is made known by what it accomplishes - by what the wind does to whatever is in its path and what the Spirit does to and through those receiving it. It seems to be an expectation that this new birth would produce a new person, affected by the Spirit. Although the word is described as the "sword of the Spirit", we do not therefore conclude that this is the only way that the Spirit acts in Christians.

We find the expression, "that which worketh in us" or its equivalent, more than once in the New Testament. It might help to study its usage.

After instructing Christians to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling", the apostle continued, "for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure" (Phil.2:12,13). This provides assurance but does not tell the "how" of God's assistance.

Paul was thankful that the Thessalonians had received the message, "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe" (I Thess.2:13). The many lives that have been changed by the Bible provide abundant proof that the word works powerfully in believers. All of us can be benefited by applying more time and thought to the word. This is the "seed", which in the "honest and good heart", brings forth fruit with patience" (Lk.8:15).

Paul prayed for the Ephesian Christians that they "be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man" and, in the same context, tells us that God is able to do beyond what we might ask or think, "according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph.3:16-20). These are the same people who "were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (1:13).


Let us live positive, productive and fruitful lives by the help of God, availing ourselves of the resources He provides, rather than being preoccupied with the mechanics of the process. God made us with a need to please Him and through His Word and Spirit makes it possible for us to do so. We, however, must study the word and welcome the Spirit. *Ecp*

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share in their pain and maybe shed a tear.

You see, each one is necessary. It would not do much good if everyone was mowing the lawn and no one was visiting with the patient. Yet taking care of the yard and house or paying the bill also relieves some of the stress and worry that a hospital patient has. All are needed. However, it is easy for the servant to wonder why the compassionate visits all day and never helps with the work. Or the encourager thinks the teacher's technical explanation of the process is very unnecessary. In reality, all are bringing their expertise to the situation and offering what they have. In fact, it is what they see as most important, because it is the way they are wired. It is

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**DATE:**  
September 28, 29, 30, 2001

**THEME:**  
Waiting for the Lord  
(Isaiah 40:31)

**SPEAKERS:**  
Cheryl Schwarz, Eileen Dale, Amy Dale  
*(from the Waterloo Congregation)*

**LOCATION:**  
Riverview Bible Camp,  
near Chesley

**REGISTRATION:**  
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**COST:** \$30.00 per person;  
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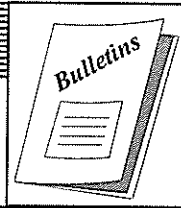
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# FROM THE BULLETINS

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## Safe from the Fire!

*Murray Smith*

In *Who Will Deliver Us?*, author Paul F.M. Zahl writes: 'A duck hunter was with his friend in the wide-open land of south-eastern Georgia. Far away on the horizon he noticed a cloud of smoke. In a short time he could hear the crackling as the wind shifted. He realized the terrible truth: a brushfire was advancing, so fast they could never outrun it. Rifling through his pockets, he at last found what he was looking for - a book of matches. He lit a small fire around the two of them. After a fairly large patch had been burned, he and his friend stood directly in the center of the burned patch and waited for the fire to come.

They didn't have to wait long. Crouching down on the blackened earth, covering their mouths and noses with handkerchiefs, they braced themselves. The roar of the fire was deafening but momentarily it swept over them. They were completely unhurt, untouched. Fire would not burn where fire had already been.'

I am sure each of us could make an application, or many applications of the above account. In many ways the "law" is like a brushfire. I cannot escape its condemnation. Rather than freeing me, it only makes me realize more and more that I am a sinner. There is only one escape for me. To place myself in Christ, where the penalty of the law has been paid. "He became sin for me."... There is no possible way I can fully appreciate this great truth, but, I shall ever believe it. I will seek ever to find my freedom in Him on whom the judgement's fire fell.

*Thessalon, Ontario*

## Why Do You Come to Church?

*Roger Lansdell*

Why do you come to church? Why do you pick up your Bible, head out your front door to come to a place where the seating is usually uncomfortable and what occurs is sometimes not all that enjoyable? Why do we do that? What's the purpose or reason? These are questions that we likely haven't considered much but probably should consider because honest answers might reveal why attendance at assemblies is not a priority for some or why for other's spiritual

growth has stalled.

For some the honest answer would have to be because they sense it's expected of them. They have a sense that a friend or family member has an expectation that this is what they are to do. So in order to avoid being nagged on or looked down on they give in to the expectation. They have been "guilted" into feeling that they have to "come to church" in order to appease or to avoid guilty feelings inflicted on them by family members or friends. In a similar way, others come because it's part of a check list of good things they do in order to feel that they are in good standing with God. This very often occurs when someone is sporadic in their attendance but it can also occur with someone that never misses. Among those for whom this is a reason there is a "justified by works" mentality that removes inner feelings of guilt and inadequacy. As a result they can move down their check list of good works and say, "Done that ... done that one too."

For others, they attend because of the social interaction. Due to age or introverted personalities they have little or no contact with others on a regular basis and as a result church attendance allows them to see and interact with others. Now we often talk about being together in order to encourage one another but for those who "come to church" for the social interaction their purpose is not others oriented but rather as an answer to the loneliness they feel.

Sadly, these reasons are what bring some to church assemblies, but Hopefully, God had in mind more noble reasons than these. I believe there are. One of those reasons is that when we assemble together we have a unique opportunity to connect with God. Unlike any other time we have a unique chance to discover, or consider, or remind ourselves of what His will is for our lives as we read and consider His Word. Now the purpose of that is to change and transform us.

However, therein lies the problem for many. Often, when we gather together, we do discover more of how God would have us to live. We do consider the principles that are set forth in scripture. We are reminded of precepts that we have heard before, but it stops there. In a very real way, for some

these things are literally left at the exit door of the building. All the things discovered, learned and reminded of are never thought of again until we walk back through the doors at the next assembly.

There is a story that some have heard about a man who took his old car to a dealer and asked him to sell it for him. When the dealer asked how many miles were on it, the man replied, "It's got 230,000 miles on it. The salesman replied, "It'll never sell unless you turn back the mileage." Knowing that this was not only unethical but illegal, the man left. However, as he thought about it, the temptation got the best of him and he changed the odometer. When the car salesman hadn't heard from the man for several weeks, he called and said, "I thought you were going to sell that old car?" "I don't have to anymore," came the reply. "It's only got 77,000 miles on it now." However, what this man was forgetting was that his old car still had a sick engine, bad rings, and a transmission that slipped. Turning back its odometer had not changed that!

This story illustrates a spiritual truth. Too many people today are only fooling themselves if they think they're pleasing God by just changing or involving themselves in some external behavior like attending church. What they need is a new heart. Hopefully, as we assemble, that is what we are seeking. Hopefully, that is one of the purposes we are looking to accomplish as we gather together.

*Pinehill Messenger, Sault St. Marie, Ont*

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how they view life. It is like getting an engineer and an artist to sit down and agree, when they are looking at it from completely different angles.

Do we ever have problems in the church related to how we see things? Some people like routine, tradition, so they will feel comfortable because they know what to expect. Others enjoy variety and the anticipation of what is coming next. Some like hymns that speak of making a decision, obedience, fighting for the right, while others desire to express heart-felt love, adoration and thanksgiving to the Lord. Which is right or wrong? They are both right. But how much you enjoy the variety depends on your perspective and how you view life. Let's be sensitive to other people even if they are different. They are not clones of us. God didn't want it that way, so He made us unique. When each person commits their gifts and talents to the glory of God, great things will happen.

*(To Be Continued)*

# FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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## New Opportunity

Shirley Straker

No doubt you've noticed the change, too.

### Before:

Perhaps you were a business woman. As you commuted daily to work via the city bus or the subway, you and your seatmate chatted about the upcoming day and understood everything the other one said. When you arrived at work, you knew what your co-workers were saying and understood your employer's instructions. Then, when you went home at night, you and your neighbours exchanged information easily.

Or you were a stay-at-home mom. After the dishes were done and the first load of laundry put in, you phoned your neighbour next door and laughed and talked easily about your day and your children's activities. You had no difficulty understanding each other.

Or you were a schoolteacher. When you instructed your students, although they may not have done that day's assignment, you knew they understood your instructions.

Or you were a nurse. When the ambulance brought the conscious, but injured, woman to the emergency room, she told you who she was, where she lived, and how the accident happened. She understood your questions and you understood her responses.

Or you were a university student. When your professor lectured, you understood everything she said, and you understood your fellow students.

### Now:

You're a career woman, a stay-at-home mom, a school teacher, a nurse, or a university student. But when you recently spoke to new community members, such as those listed above, their puzzled looks told you that they didn't understand everything you said.

*Previously, Canadians typically had English as their 1st language. Now, many people in Canada have English as their 2nd language. Therefore, the challenge for English-speaking Christian women and men today is how we can communicate our*

*faith to those around us when we may not even speak the same language. We need to put ourselves in their situations.*

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### FriendSpeak's History:

FriendSpeak evolved for North America from the Let's Start Talking (LST) ministry, which has proven effective in sending teams on short-term missions to non-English speaking countries to share their faith. Following LST's example for overseas missions, the FriendSpeak ministry now advises, trains, and provides materials for churches in the United States and Canada to equip them to reach out to non-English speaking families and/or international students. FriendSpeak has also been used successfully in prison ministries and literacy programs.

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6. Providing an opportunity to witness in readers the development of genuine faith in Jesus because of their direct experience with the gospel
7. Providing an evangelistic method that is effective world-wide

**Christian women, if you read English, are surrounded by non-English speakers, and want to share the gospel with them, consider this ministry.**

Area wide FriendSpeak training sessions are tentatively scheduled at the Bramalea Church of Christ, Brampton, Ontario, October 20th; and at the Central Church of Christ, Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 11th. If you are interested in scheduling one for your area, please contact FriendSpeak at [www.lst.org](http://www.lst.org). For more information about FriendSpeak, contact: Shirley Straker, (905) 789-1632 or [sdlstra65@aol.com](mailto:sdlstra65@aol.com); Andrea Muirhead at (204) 638-9164 or [andrea.muirhead@mailcity.com](mailto:andrea.muirhead@mailcity.com); or FriendSpeak through the LST website at [www.lst.org](http://www.lst.org). And please pray for FriendSpeak.

Bramalea, ON

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### ONTARIO

**Ajax:** "A few in the congregation have helped knit items to be sent to the Ukraine for distribution for the Slavic evangelism ministry of the Pinczuk's. Our study of I Corinthians was completed in July. *Ed Jermakowicz.*

**Beamsville:** Prisca Dauner spoke at the women's Bible class on July 15. The Jeff Taylor's are moving back to Beamsville from Calgary. Janet will be teaching at GLCC. Rhyannon Allyn Smith and Douglass Darne Brown are to be married on September 29 in Beamsville. A group from Lebanon, Tennessee conducted vacation Bible school in July. Fifty-two enthusiastic children benefited from the experience. Don Smith held a meeting at Sullivan, Indiana, August 5-8. He will also speak at the Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh, September 14 & 15.

Amy and Katie Whitfield confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized and their sister Sarah became engaged to Eric Knutson on August 8. All are daughters of Wayne and Laurie.

**Bramalea:** New deacons, recently added, are Carlos Campbell, Samuel Asamoah and Rick Burrows. Jon Straker and Joel Osborne arrived back in Canada early on August 8. Allison Knutson returned home on August 1 from Brazil.

John Justin of Puyallup, Washington was a guest speaker on Sunday evening August 5. On the 12th he spoke twice at Harding Avenue where he had preached in years gone by. Wendell Broom is scheduled to speak to the congregation on August 26, a stopover on his way to Camp Omagh for his short course, "Cultural Anthropology: A Christian Viewpoint". The Bible Bowl on the book of Acts is scheduled for November 3 in Bramalea. Over \$1,000.00 was collected to help Akira Mawatari with his tuition and expenses. He left for Nebraska on July 30th.

**Brantford (North Park):** The brethren collect food for the needy on a regular basis. Friday youth nights continue.

**Grimby:** A come-and-go tea in honour of Mildred Glover was held on Monday, July 16 to commend her courage in enduring all that she has been through.

**Jordan:** Long time member, Merle Rubel passed away in early August after a period of

confinement due to poor health. Wife Margaret as well as sons Bill, Jim, Bob and Wayne and daughter Linda remain with their children and spouses to mourn their loss.

**North Bay:** Rejoice with us as little Natasha Hacquard had successful surgery in Ottawa and returned home from hospital on August 14. Continue to pray for her complete recovery.

**St. Catharines (Ontario St.):** The children of Colin and Jean Graham had a 60th Anniversary celebration in St. Catharines on July 22. There was a farewell dinner for David and Pat Knutson and family as they left St. Catharines for Kitchener. The congregation helped two families with their pantry for the month of July.

**Smithville:** Long time member, Nellie McBride, passed away on July 25 in her 90th year leaving a son and daughter, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

**Stratford:** In July, Ron Knight, and Marvin Johnson, spoke to the congregation concerning their experiences as elders in Meaford and Strathmore respectively, to assist the church in its goal of establishing an eldership. On Sunday August 5, Larry Hoover and George Mansfield were appointed as the church's first team of shepherds/elders. Kelvin Hoover, visiting from Livingston, Montana, and the founding preacher for the Stratford work, gave a lesson on the responsibility of shepherds to the church and of the church to its shepherds. Jack Dempsey, a shepherd/elder with the Plymouth, Michigan Church of Christ read a letter of commendation from the elders in Plymouth and offered a prayer for the Stratford work. Plymouth has supported Stratford since 1985.

In the past 8 months, 3 of our young people, Jen Donley, Jenny Lyn Kippax and Laura Good, became Christians. Two new families, Rob, Dana, Shea and Tyler Donley and Joel, Chris and Jacob Lacourse are regularly attending services. So far, during the Stratford Festival Theater summer season, over forty Canadian and American Christians have worshiped with us.

A Celebration Meeting is planned for September with a preacher and his singing family from New York state. In October, an Abuse seminar is planned by the congregation as an outreach program to the community.

*Paul Dale*

**Tintern:** Marianne Holston went to El Salvador on a mission trip July 23-30 with the group from Waterloo. Brad Cook and Melanie Penner were married on July 21. The brethren donated \$100 per month to Community Care West Niagara and took a carload of groceries to them in July.

**Toronto (Bayview):** Tony Lewis has resigned as the preacher as of August 31.

**Toronto (Strathmore):** Marlon Molina pre-

sented his first sermon on July 29. Santiago Molina reports that the campaign in Izalco, El Salvador in late July resulted in three baptisms on the Sunday. Santiago also took part, on Friday, in the graduation ceremony of five new preachers from "de Bible School of Occident." A memorial service was held for Evelina Dayrit, Ellen David's mother, on July 28. On July 10, Richard Wehby, a contact from Key to the Kingdom was baptized into Christ.

**Waterloo:** Geoff Ellis preached in two Bible colleges and in five congregations while on a three-week trip to Africa visiting Swaziland, South Africa and Namibia. Dean and Liz Barre were welcomed by a "pounding" on July 29. They are living in Elmira.

Mark Heuston was in charge of recreation and fellowship at the Prime Timers at Camp Omagh.

Javier Cuarezma reported on the July 23-30 El Salvador campaign (see front page) on August 5 and during the morning class that same day, Ralph Perry gave a lesson on how to share the gospel with seekers from overseas using the World Bible School program.

Jonathan Amy's friend Darlene Clarke, was baptized during the week of July 23. Geoff Ellis left early in August for a ten-day trip to Russia.

The Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh, is planned for September 14-15 with speaker Don Smith. Geoff and Doreen Ellis will be honoured, for their faithful service, at the Annual Partnership Dinner to be held at Great Lakes Christian College on September 22.

John Clayton of the "Does God Exist" program will be the speaker, October 26-28. In the midst of this, October 27 will be "College Day" for the Bible College.

**Wellandport:** A couple who have several children have been baptized.

**Windsor (West Side):** Guest speaker was Russ Bone from the Parkside Church of Christ. John Bailey is expected for a meeting with the theme "Developing a Holy Hunger", September 14-16.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

**Moncton:** Stephanie Maillet was restored after several years of being away from the Lord. On Saturday, July 21, a group of eleven young people from the church went to Fundy National Park for the day. Several teens will soon leave for various universities so their day together was a special one. Tom Johnson, Tim and Diane's fourth and youngest son goes to Harding University, in Arkansas, this fall.

Meetings this summer have seen a full house many Sundays and Wednesdays have been encouraging too. Almost all local members have been consistently present and Christian tourists have bolstered the group. Sunday, July

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# NEWS - FAR WEST -



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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Vancouver:** The Family Camp held at Spruston Road on Vancouver Island, the weekend of Aug. 4-6th, was one of the most successful ever conducted. Directed by Darren Williamson of the Delta congregation, it had the largest attendance in a number of years with some 60-65 people staying at the camp, and at least 92 present for much of the weekend. People were there from such diverse places as China, Colombia, Texas and Alberta, plus 17 young people from the Eastside Church in Portland, OR, who did a special V.B.S. for the children and teens. Dub Orr from Abilene, TX, was the guest speaker. An elder for the 11th and Willis congregation in Abilene for 25 years, he has given over 200 workshops in 35 states and provinces. Dub works with a team of people from the ACU Bible department to do "Church Conflict Resolution and Mediation" in churches around the world. Although 73 years of age, he quickly won the hearts and attention of everyone at the camp. With a sharp mind and great wisdom he spoke on "The Peaceable People of Christ." His talks emphasized the importance of our brethren in Christ Jesus, and how we need to grow in our ability to be/stay in healthy relationships with others and to resolve disputes early, if and when they arise. The young people from Portland stayed another week to do special work projects at the camp.

**Abbotsford:** Mitzi Sutherland from Lummi Island, WA, highlighted a day of activities for women, hosted by the Central Valley church and six Sojourner ladies from Texas, Oregon, and Washington, who had been helping them the previous week with a Vacation Bible School. Some 40 women from B.C. and Washington enjoyed an interesting variety of prayers, quips, favorite sayings, and last, but not least, a huge number of salads for lunch. To emphasize Mitzi's topic of "Hands" from Ps. 90:17, the room was decorated with dozens of pictures of "Hands" in various activities which had been made by the VBS children. Mitzi passed out a list of 24 things that "just one person" can do with her hands. Small discussion groups added another 15 to it.

One hundred twenty-five Abbotsford school children were enrolled in the week-long VBS,

with 60% of them repeats. Four young mothers were present for the Ladies' Day on Saturday as a direct result.

John Wedler has had a difficult time recovering from surgery he had in July and had to return to the hospital for treatment in August.

**Burnaby:** Two young ladies have recently been added to the Lord's church in Burnaby through baptism. Jolyn Guarascio responded to the gospel at Teen Camp on July 25th. Following the evening service on Aug. 5th, Kristin Wood, daughter of Richard and Sheila Wood, and granddaughter of Harvey and Betty Wood, was immersed.

The Floyd family were warmly welcomed back from Nashville, TN, last month. They were here for the wedding of their daughter, Megan, to Rob Garrison of Victoria, which took place at the UBC Country Club on August 19th with Troy Hodgson of Calgary performing the ceremony. Jeff Floyd shared preaching duties with Kirk Ruch at the Burnaby congregation for ten years until their family moved to Nashville two years ago to be near Judy's relatives.

Elizabeth Jacobs, daughter of Marilyn Jacobs, made her third trip to Mexico with young people from Vancouver, WA, to help build a house for a poor family in a village south of Tijuana.

John Bailey, son of J. C. and nephew of Cecil Bailey, will be speaking at Burnaby in a special series, Sept. 28-30. A past teacher at Western Christian College, Brother Bailey is a retired dentist in Hurst, TX, and a frequent speaker at fellowship gatherings in both Canada and the U.S.

**Vancouver City Church:** Marcia Hasbrouck paid a surprise visit to her daughter, Rochelle and four granddaughters in Sapporo, Japan on July 27th. Rochelle gave birth to her fifth child, a son, on Aug. 2nd.

The Hasbrouck's youngest daughter, Heather, was with them for a week before Marcia left for Japan. She is quite ill and going through chemotherapy to combat endometriosis. Steve says that, as a father, he has learned how to pray in the sense of the Syro-Phoenician woman, who begged only for the crumbs from the Master's table, in asking that God will touch Heather with His healing hand.

The numbers for worship have been down, with so many of our families on summer holiday. On the other hand, there were four Chinese visitors, two of whom had been in Canada for only five days. These are new immigrants and are open to studying the Bible with us. The other couple will get married in September and Steve will perform the ceremony for them. The bridegroom says he is "somewhat of a Christian" and asked if he would teach them more about Christianity and especially the Christian meaning of marriage. The

bride has been a student of Steve's in English-Bible classes. Her father is a government worker in one of the southern provinces of China.

We will be teaching Psalms, Acts and The Life of Christ in the Satalite classes. We have been hit with a flurry of paperwork from the government, now that we are officially recognized as a religious body, have a "business number" and all that goes with it.

When John Alexander, our most recently baptized brother, gave an account of his decision to follow Jesus, he really inspired the entire group. (Steve, Jr., noted that, "When a person uses Habakkuk for his text, you know he reads his Bible!") We are blessed in that out of the approximately twenty regular members of our congregation, half are teens or in their twenties. With this kind of energy, we feel that God is really blessing us.

**Deep Cove:** The recovery of Don Grice, who lost most of the middle finger of his right hand in an industrial accident in July, has been complicated by an infection.

**Delta:** A celebration of the Rogers' 20 years of service in Delta and B. C. on July 22nd, was climaxed by a presentation of a "Christian Service" Award and a "Memorial Scrapbook" compiled by the Delta congregation.

Jay Don and Mary Lee arrived in Donetsk, Ukraine, via Vienna, a week after their son, Rhett, and his wife, Yulia. Yulia, whom Rhett met on a trip to Russia with his father, will act as translator for the Rogers in their work while her husband attends the Preacher Training School for the next two years.

**Maple Ridge:** The search is underway for a full-time worker willing to move to Maple Ridge. A family, especially capable of personal work, radio talks, and news columns for the local papers, would be our preference.

(We have full and permanent support for a family to come and work with us . . . Maple Ridge is part of the Greater Vancouver area with a population of about 100,000. The congregation has been meeting in Maple Ridge for 11 months. Currently there are four families involved with about twelve in attendance Sunday mornings. Several members are experienced teachers. . . We are also interested in seeing several working families and younger couples or individuals relocate here to the coast to join with us. The Greater Vancouver area is a beautiful setting with employment available in many fields and trades. Contact Andy Aaron, 20557 - 118th Ave., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2M5; (604) 465-2631; [andya@uniserve.com](mailto:andya@uniserve.com))

Vacation visitors have increased attendance at times through the summer, but newspaper ads brought few local people.

## ALBERTA

Edmonton: We are rejoicing. Heidi Hartnell

and her two daughters, Allison and Holly were added to the Lord's family, the church, on August 4, 2001.

We are looking forward to a family camp that is coming up September 14-16. A few of our families have enjoyed some vacation time while attending various camps at Yellowstone, Rocky Wilderness Camp and also the camp at Wawota Saskatchewan during the past month. We enjoyed a return visit by David and Chris Ford and their family this past weekend, August 12, 2001. David delivered our Sunday morning sermon.

Evered and Lynn Butler, as well as Jory and Katherine Krogsgaard are rejoicing with the new additions to their families. Allison Hreczuch will attend Oklahoma Christian University this year.

Herb Anderson is retiring at the end of this month as part of the paid staff here in Edmonton. Herb will be continuing on as an elder of the congregation. We are looking forward to a resurgence in the small group studies as they get started in September.

#### MONTANA

**Three Forks:** We finished up our "Home Improvement" meeting on July 1. We are very appreciative to George Carman, the preacher from the Netherwood Park Church of Christ in Albuquerque, NM, for speaking so powerfully about families. Bill Lewis, one of the elders at Netherwood Park also gave two powerful lessons. Many of the Lord's people in this area attended one of the camps offered at the Yellowstone Bible Encampment during the summer months. All the children in the congregation who were of age attended. Several

adults served as teachers and camp managers. What a blessing to have such a wonderful place so near by. This year, the camp is offering four family camps and one golden ager camp. Everyone I have spoken with has said the food was great, the fellowship even better, and the lessons awesome!

This year's VBS on July 16-19 was a tremendous success, with over 40 children attending. Every family in the congregation participated in some way. We had a special guest from the past visit each morning--the apostle Andrew came to tell Bible stories to the children. I had 18 kids in the 4th to 6th grade class! Our classroom space was pressed to the limits. On Thursday evening we held a wind-up barbecue picnic for all the parents. Turnout was tremendous--we had nearly fifty visitors. The visitors easily outnumbered the members! Through this outreach, we developed some new evangelistic contacts, and strengthened some others. Two families were overheard to say that they would begin attending worship with us. We need to do some more follow-up to continue to build these vital relationships and create opportunities to share Jesus. I was asked to teach at teen camp from July 21-27. The theme was "Servantor" (a combination of servant and survivor). I believe the lessons I gave on "The Servant's Call," "The Servant's Message," and "The Cost of Being a Servant" were all received well by the teens. There were 95 teenagers at the camp, from as far away as New Jersey. There was a very talented team of team leaders, teachers, and managers. The camp lessons were all very powerful and encouraging and had a particularly strong effect on Tobi Delaney, one of the teens from Three Forks. She was bap-

tized for the forgiveness of her sins on July 19! Keith Price attended the junior camp (July 14-21). He was baptized and began his new life in Christ on the 22nd. I committed to continue teaching Keith (we are becoming pen pals).

During the summer months we enjoy a reversal of the trend that many congregations see; our Sunday worship attendance increases because of the number of people traveling through this area. We have enjoyed large numbers in attendance (our average attendance in July was just over 48). For the past four weeks we have had over 50 in attendance. This is despite the fact that we have had three families move in the past two months, and that there have been people at camp every week also. We have had many travelers visit with us, and several new visitors from the community also. I pray that we can reach each of these precious people with God's love.

We have made plans to build a new building next summer. We have a three-lot parcel already purchased across the street from the new Post Office in town (a very good location!). We hope to build using volunteer labor, and incur a minimal amount of debt. The proceeds from the sale of our present building should cover much of the material costs. I plan to do my best to maintain the congregation's focus on evangelism and outreach during the building project. A building will not cause growth. Sharing our faith and God's work in people's hearts will cause growth. A new building may help attract new people, but only if we're out among them sharing our faith.

*David Ford*

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# BOOK REVIEWS

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*One Holy Hunger: When God Is All You Want*, Mike Cope, Hillcrest Publishing, Abilene, Texas, 155 pages, paperback, \$ 9.95. (US)

Max Lucado writes, "For years, Mike Cope has been one of my favorite writers. After reading this book, he may very well become one of yours." Mike Cope is certainly a skilled writer and this book deserves careful reading and application.

This book is both instructional and inspirational. It deserves careful reading. Preachers and teachers will find many great ideas for preaching and teaching.

Cope encourages us to see that all men have a genuine hunger for God. Only God Himself can satisfy that hunger.

Biblical knowledge should not be the goal of our reading; but knowledge of God Himself! Cope writes: "I remember reading about Dennis Wise, a young man who

spent all his time collecting Elvis memorabilia: clothes, records, photographs, programs. He even underwent plastic surgery to try to look more like his hero. But his great regret was that he never got to meet the man he adored. A similar but much greater tragedy with many Christians is that they spend years listening to sermons, reading Scripture, and teaching Sunday school classes, but fail to enjoy an intimate relationship with God. They could pass any theological exam or answer any Bible trivia question. But they don't hunger and thirst to know God personally, to be filled with his presence, to be changed into his likeness. No wonder religion often becomes empty!" Also Cope brings out lessons from biblical books that are often ignored. These include Ezekiel, Hosea, Jeremiah and Lamentations.

Marvellous illustrations from many dif-

ferent sources help the reader to appreciate the fantastic thoughts that are presented.

*Two Views of Hell, A Biblical and Theological Dialogue*, Edward William Fudge and Robert A. Peterson, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, Willowdale, On. 228 pages, \$ 12.99 (U.S.)

Many people believe in the existence of hell, but do not think they would ever end up there. They think they are "good enough" to avoid it. Most Canadians think they are "not too bad."

But hell is very plainly set forth in the Bible as a very definite reality. But how long will it last? That is the issue debated in this book.

Peterson, a professor of systematic theology at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, defends the traditional view that the lost will suffer eternally in hell. Fudge, a member of the Bering Drive church in Houston, Texas says that after a period of suffering the wicked will be put out of existence. He is very skilled in presenting his arguments. But your reviewer tends to agree with the previous author. Reading this book will require most readers much concentration and patience.

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name to express the non-denominational nature of the church. Among those being used are "Community Church" and "Followers of Christ Church." On one hand, we should acknowledge that these attempts may be motivated by a desire to be more non-denominational. On the other, we need to raise some questions. If denominate means "to give a name," how can a congregation become more non-denominational by throwing off a Biblical designation in exchange for a name that they have created for themselves? Is the real goal to be inter-denominational rather than non-denominational? Are they seeking to distance themselves from other churches of Christ in more than just name? (If so, why do they still want to be included in directories listing congregations in different areas?)

When Paul appeared before Felix, he called himself a "follower of the way," one of the early terms used to refer to Christianity. Even though the Jewish leaders saw the church as merely a sect, Paul unashamedly used this name and their misunderstanding as a teachable moment, an opportunity to clarify and explain the truth. How does this differ from our pres-

ent situation? Why should we allow misuses and misunderstandings of the designation by which we are known keep us from using something that is clearly Biblical and which glorifies Christ and acknowledges His ownership and Lordship over His people?

There is a very real need before us that needs to be addressed - the careless or misguided ways in which the designation "Church of Christ" has sometimes been used. We need to understand and communicate the concept of a truly non-denominational, non-sectarian church. The vision of the Restoration Movement was not to create another sect among a myriad of others, but to totally step outside the sectarian religious world and return to the unity and simplicity of the church established by Christ. This vision is challenged by the reality that the world around us, which thinks in sectarian terms, may never understand or value the difference. However, this does not diminish the goal. Rather, it offers us unlimited opportunities to teach others about Christ and His church. We should not diminish our ideals because of the abuses and misunderstandings. Neither should we attempt to pursue solutions that are even more sectarian and denominational in their nature. Let

us continue to be followers of the Way, members of the body of Christ, His church. Nothing more, nothing less.

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15th was a record-setting day for recent years with 34 present.

## MICHIGAN

**Ann Arbor:** Jewell McClendon was baptized on Wednesday night, August 1. The fifth Sunday contribution, had a goal of \$23,000 to retire the debt on the church building. At the Art Fair booth, 55 signed up for a Bible drawing and 17 for some form of Bible study or personal contact. Al Meakes exchanged pulpits with Art Williams of the Northwest Church in Detroit on July 22. Pete and Janine Brazle from the Heritage congregation in Clauson, MI, presented their "Friend Speak" program work on August 18.

## NEW YORK

**North Buffalo:** Stacey Hanks has received full church support from the Smyrna Church of Christ in Tennessee. She'll be moving to Tennessee at the end of August to bond with the church, work at the church office and take a semester of Russian language classes at a local university. In December she will visit family and in January, move to Novosibirsk, Siberia. Harold Johnson was baptized on Friday, July 27 at Gowanda.

## Mission News:

### From Roy Davison

A study has been added to the Archive, "What is the work of the church?" <http://www.oldpaths.com/news.html> With the help of a brother in California, five more radio sermons by Germaine Lockwood have been added to the audio section: <http://audio.oldpaths.net/Archive/Lockwood/Gemaine> A complete financial report for 2000 has been posted on the Supporters page. If you would like to have access to this information, please request a password and further instructions. Support during 2000 averaged \$2,012.03 per month and an average of \$600.51 per month was earned by Dutch-English translation work. These amounts are before taxes. Additional support is needed. The prayers and help of Christians and churches through the years are greatly appreciated

### Vanuatu Island

When a preacher from Papua New Guinea was brought over to conduct healing exercises "exactly like Jesus and His apostles did in New Testament times" according to their ad in the papers, Tobey Huff answered this claim with scriptures and a challenge to prove it. He was immediately attacked by the religious group making the claim and threatened with expulsion from the country or loss of his life. Tobey did not back down. One of the two newspapers continued to print his challenge and stand by him, while the other ran hugely-inflated stories about the trouble Dr. Huff was causing.

### Papua New Guinea

Ruth Zimmerman made us aware of and kept us informed about the plight of a 15-year-old girl in Papua New Guinea who desperately needed a heart operation. After several months of waiting and frustrations, finally enough money was raised and the necessary papers obtained to fly Mary Kerro and her mother to Australia. Following is an

e-mail from Ruth on the 8th of August: "Good night from PNG! I just had a phone call from Mal Kerro regarding Mary. The operation on her heart was performed this morning (8:00 am -12:00 pm) and was an "absolute success". They were able to repair a third, previously undetected damaged valve while replacing the two valves. God has worked wonderfully through all of your prayers and through the prayers of the Christians throughout PNG.....The family has a deep desire to thank each of you personally for your prayers and support over the past several months. Would you please send a short email in response to this one with your address, and I will pass it along. If you wish to personally contact Mal and family, their address is: Mal Kerro, P.O. Box 3731, Lae, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea."

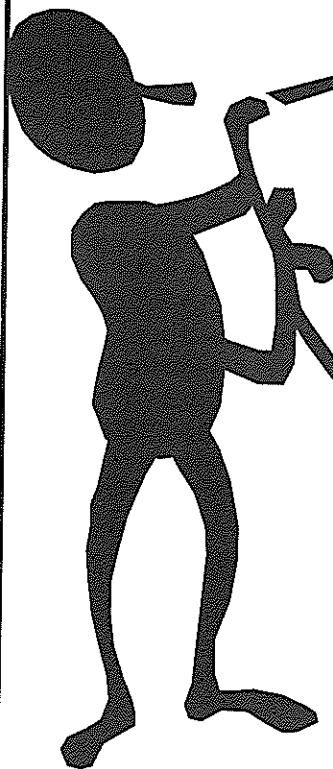
"On May 11th, Andy & Catherine Scott arrived from Scotland, with Paul Halliday, a youth worker from one of the congregations in Scotland. The Scotts came to prepare for a group of Harding University stu-

dents who arrived in PNG on the 16th and stayed for a month. On the 13th, I was able to go to worship service for the first time in several weeks. (Ruth has had two bouts of malaria, and one of typhoid in the last 5 months.)

"We were surprised on the 13th to see David Buskirk, a long term missionary in Irian Jaya. He arrived for a few days' visit. He stayed in Rose Cobb's house, and was able to visit with many of the Christians here and promote interest in the Work in Irian Jaya, while also being spiritually encouraged....Several families have some connection with the country (which is the other half of the island of New Guinea) and some have gone to Jayapura and studied with people there. Perhaps the future will see mission teams from PNG visiting other areas of Irian Jaya. The Harding group (11 in total) were supposed to visit parts of the Waria Valley, but a massacre there two weeks before Andy and Catherine arrived, made them hesitant.

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They decided instead to visit Indagen and Derim in the Kabwum District of Morobe Province. This made a number of us ecstatic! There are a few congregations throughout the district, but there has never been a group, such as this, to go into that area. They have been overlooked for many years. We went into quick preparation, and on the 4th, Tupolin Wosse and I left for Indagen to prepare for their arrival.....

The group was welcomed by a large crowd and much excitement. The part that made their visit even more special was that Lacy Nelson was among the visitors. In the early 1980s, her father, Don, along with Ken Page, flew into Indagen to strengthen the then new congregation, and to meet with the leaders of the Lutheran church there at their invitation. When they arrived, they were met with open hostility by the Lutherans, and were physically persecuted and forced to walk out of Indagen, over the mountains, to another village. Over the years, the congregation has continued to grow, and with prayer, the mindset of the Lutherans has changed. The arrival of the Harding group was met with nothing but welcome and joy, and the same family group which were responsible for persecuting Don and Ken so many years ago, welcomed them with a traditional "singsing" (dancing, singing and costume), and one of the village leaders made a speech. Many of us couldn't avoid tears, and the impact of the group's visit will be felt for many years to come. From

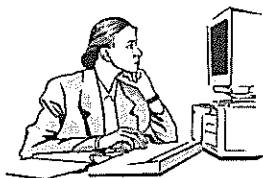
Indagen, they walked to Konge (a nearby village) and then went by truck on to Derim where they spent several more days.

#### India

A cab driver, a tailor, a common laborer, a computer expert, a woman who teaches ladies, and two preachers all had a hand in converting the preacher and the owner of the building where the "Logos Church" meets in Hyderabad. The owner has replaced that sign with one announcing that "The Church of Christ Meets here", although he now permits the denomination to continue meeting there at a different time. The group is being taught the True Gospel by their former preacher and others, with the potential of becoming one of the largest congregations in Hyderabad.

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PENTICTON: Penticton Retirement Centre, 439 Winnipeg St.; Sun. 9, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 24082, V2A 8L9.

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RICHMOND: 5800 Karner Rd VEV 1R9; call Call Gary Marrs, cv. (604) 271-6197 or Carlos Castillo (604) 273-0506.

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; (250) 832-3828 or 804-4833; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murrey, Gordon Parmenter and Blair Roberts, elders; Shuswap Christian School, Box 789, V1E 4N9; 832-7994; Doug Kendig, adm. 835-7994 (res).

SURREY: (Greater Vancouver); 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, cv., 594-1796.

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

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

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

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; c/o D.B. Laycock, Box 955, R0G 0V0; or contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Hugh Gannon, cv., 745-6969.

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

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085; E-mail: Kastar@escapce.ca

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald McCutcheon, 239-1817.

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

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 852-0919; Royal Mailet (506) 532-2956, Tim Johnson, cv., (506) 386-1682, elders. <tmj@nbnet.nb.ca>

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 3 Charleston Court. Quispamsis, E2E 4W9; Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802 or Tom Gaud, 847-2199.

## NEW FOUNDLAND

ST. MARYS: Meeting in the home of Robert D. Ryan, Main Rd. Time flexible. Call (709) 525-2680 or address Robert at Box 198, St. Marys, NF A0B 3B0

## NEW YORK STATE

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

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

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 10; (867) 873-3875. Elders: Doug Ashby, Craig Robinson, Randy Straker; Steve McMillan, min.

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Neil Prokop, cv. (902) 443-9628 (off), 431-2048 (res); Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10, 6; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, cv; 582-3457; Toll free 1-800-236-7891

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

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Durham Region): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Call for mid-week information; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477(off); Edward Jermakowicz, cv., (905) 426-8465 res. <ejermakowicz@sympatico.ca>

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

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

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

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

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

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Roy Cox (519) 449-3239; office (519) 759-6630; Jamie Azzoparde, cv. (519) 770-4814 (res)

BRANTFORD: Call for information; Sun. 11, 7; Wed. 7; c/o 10 Baxter St. N3R 2V4; Contact Rick Gamble for information, (519) 753-5353

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

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

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

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

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email <DonHjwell@AOL.com>

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Gore Bay waterfront, past docks); Sun. 10:30; B14, POP 1H0; Contact John Robertson (705) 282-3499; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095.

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

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

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

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

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

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

HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E.; Sun. 11, David Preston (705) 789-7697

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

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

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

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

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room), 200 King St. W.; Sun. 11:15, 12:30; Wed.



7:30 in homes; Gregory Smith, sec., 480 Drummerhill Cres., N2T 1G4; (519) 884-2449.

**LONDON:** 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-6037

**MEAFORD:** 113 Nelson St. W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Randy Morritt and Scott Mansfield, cvs; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meafordcofc@bmts.com..

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

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30, Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, cvs.

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

**OMAGH:** 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Mcneer, ev. (905) 383-5259; 875-2939 (off).

**OTTAWA:** 1515 Chamley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.).

**OWEN SOUND:** 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Barry Mellish, 519-371-1966; <osoc@bmts.com>

**PETERBOROUGH:** Chapel, Rubidge Retirement Residence (Sherbrooke & Rubidge); Sun. 10 and 10:45; Wed. 7:30 at 220 Gallagher St.; Peter McPherson, ev phone705-742-5349 or 876-7104; <pcetmrc@peterboro.net>

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

**PORT COLBORNE:** 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; Pot luck every first Sunday. (905) 834-5775 (off).

**ST. CATHARINES:** 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Steve Cordle, ev.; (905) 934-3862 (res); 935-9581 (off.); Email: churchofchrist@on.aibn.com; WebSite: http://churchofchrist@n3.net

**ST. CATHARINES (Garden City):** Ina Grafton Gage Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 1231/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

**ST. THOMAS:** 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7

**SARNIA:** 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Skip Francis, ev., (519)-339-1161 (off) 344-4846 (res.), E-mail: <sarcof@ctech.net>; Other contact: Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; email: <vhibbard@ctech.net>

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

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

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

**SMITHVILLE:** 246 Station St. L0R 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

**SOUTH RIVER:** Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, 386-2628, church bldg, 386-2551.

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

**STRATFORD:** 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 9:30 Assembly; 10:00 Bible Study; Wed. 7:30; (519) 273-5280, George Mansfield, ev. 272-1714; <gmansfield@quadro.net>; John Brush, 625-1045; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TINTERN:** R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Sun. 11:15, 9:45, 6 (call to confirm); Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

**TORONTO (Bayview Ave.):** 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 534-3033; Tony Lewis, ev.; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

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

**TORONTO (Metro East):** 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E. between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun 5, 6; Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd.#611, Scarborough M1N 4E2, 599-4116; R. Krusc, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

**TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):** 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dusomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Voley (416) 267-6820, Elders: Max Craddock (416) 461-7406, e-mail <mxz@strathmore-cofc.ca>; FAX (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev. Devon Bennett (English) ev. (905) 686-2486; website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

**TRENTON-BELLEVILLE:** Sun. 9:45; 10:45; p.m. in homes; Tues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741; J. Short 965-1079; Ron Moore 962-1530.

**VANDELEUR:** E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, RR3; Mount Forest, Box 274, N0G 2L0; (519) 334-3077

**WATERLOO:** 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:15, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed. 7:30; Javier Cuareza, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res); Bill Schwarz, ev., (519) 571-1047 (res.).

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

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

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MONTREAL (French):** 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 6:30 p.m. "Phoebe" women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: <scaddeo@sympatico.ca>.

**MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian):** 2401 St. Jacques; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 West Mount Station, H3Z 2T1; James Bell, ev. (514) 683-1638 (res), (514) 934-0400 (work).

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

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

**QUEBEC CITY:** 2980 Verreuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Boaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240.

**PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

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

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

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

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

**LLOYDMINSTER:** 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10, 11; (780) 875-4056; email: <kawed@telusplanet.net>

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

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

**PERRYVILLE:** 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 71/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnicny; Sun. 11, 10; Box 158, Wishart, S0A 4R0; 835-2681.

**PRINCE ALBERT:** 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (306) 763-2218. Contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187

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

**REGINA:** 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Please call for times; Ray McMillan, senior min., 949-0969

**SASKATOON:** Hours may vary; Please phone to be certain; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev. 343-7884; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: <stoocofc@sk.sympatico.ca>

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

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

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

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

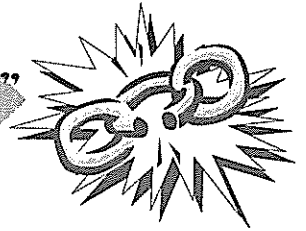
**WHITEWOOD:** Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 1798 Esterhazy, S0A 0X0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; (306) 745-2311.

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

CALENDAR	
September	
14-15	Men's Retreat, Camp Omagh
14-16	John Bailey Meeting, Windsor
22	2:30 Annual general Meeting of the Corporations of GLCC and GLBC
	5:30 Partnership Dinner
28-30	Owen Sound Ladies Renewal
October	
13-14	Homecoming at GLCC
November	
11-13	Great Lakes Bible Lectures
December	
1	Building Foundations That Last A Lifetime Campaign Gala Finale at GLCC



# “Life in the Kingdom of God’s Son”



Studies in Colossians

**Great Lakes Lectures:** Sunday, November 11 to Tuesday,

## Sunday, November 11th

4:00 p.m.		Worship in Song	
4:30	Youth class:	“How Dark is the Darkness?”	Rayburn Lansdell
	Adult class:	“The Distance Between Darkness and Light”	Glen Dods
5:30		----- refreshments -----	
6:00		Welcome and Introduction to Lectureship Theme	Art Ford
6:15		“Captives to Philosophy and Empty Deception”	Glen Dods

## Monday, November 12th

9:00 a.m.		“Understanding the Gospel in Order to Bear Fruit”	Steve Miller
10:00		“Living a Life Worthy of the Lord”	Murray Smith
11:00	Men’s Class:	“Walking in the Faith . . . Beyond Reproach”	Steve May
	Ladies’ Class:	“Walking in the Faith . . . Beyond Reproach”	Wilma Smith
12:00 p.m.	Lunch:	“The Mentoring Experience”	Jim Holston
1:15		“Home-Made Religion That Looks Good”	Drew Chapados
2:30		“True Truth”	Walter Hart
3:45	Class Theme — “Challenging Fine Sounding Arguments”:	“Existentialism — Meaning for the Moment”	Jim Holston
		“Skepticism Unlimited”	Dave Knutson
5:00	Supper:	“Youth in Missions: Zambia 2001”	Donald Perry
7:00		“From Darkness to the Kingdom of God’s Son”	Wayne Turner

## Tuesday, November 13th

9:00 a.m.		“The Pre-Eminence of Christ”	Harold Bruggen
10:00		“To Present Every Man Complete in Christ”	Randy Morritt
11:00	Men’s Class:	“Rooted and Built Up In Christ”	Steve May
	Ladies’ Class:	“Rooted and Built Up In Christ”	Dorothy Graham
12:00 p.m.	Lunch:	“The Internship Experience”	Paul Moore/Jim Holston
1:15		“Christ is Saviour and Lord”	Ed Jermakowicz
2:30		“Set Your Mind on Christ”	Darrin Douglas
3:45	Class Theme — “Challenging Fine Sounding Arguments”:	“Mysticism and the Church”	Donald Perry
		“The Changing Face of Post-Modernism”	Al Meakes
5:00 p.m.	Supper:	“Youth in Missions: Swaziland 2002”	Geoff Ellis
7:00		“Dead to Sin but Alive to Christ”	Wayne Turner

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There is no registration fee to attend the lectures. Meals will be made available at a modest cost.

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