

Great Lakes Has New Entrance



After years of being accessed by secondary driveways and being somewhat out of view, Ellis Hall and Tallman Auditorium, the operating center of Great Lakes Christian College, now has its central drive and a clear open view from the street. Perry Hall, the building in which the college opened in 1953 is seen at the left.

The new driveway has been named Bailey Drive in honour of a college benefactor, the late Stanley Bailey. The College is currently well past the half way mark on a capital drive to fund a new boys' dormitory, and renovations of some other facilities

Our Surprising God

The Healing of Naaman (2Kings 5:1-19a)

Edwin Broadus

Recently when I was asked to speak for my home congregation, the text for the day was from 2 Kings 5, which tells the story of a high-ranking Syrian army officer named Naaman. While I was not obligated to use this text, I thought it would be good for me to take a fresh look at the story by asking why it is there and what the Holy Spirit wants us to learn from it. After all, this is the way we need to read the Bible.

I've heard several sermons during my life about Naaman and may have preached some myself in the past. Generally, these seem to have been sermons about baptism and our need to submit to it, whether it makes sense to us or not. I cannot remember anything objectionable in these sermons either then or now. But that is not why the story is there, and if we use the Bible only to proof text, we will not hear what God is saying to us.

Facetiously, we can say the story is not a recommendation of alternative medicine. Standard medical practice in Syria had failed Naaman, so why not try something different? But we would think that anyone who used the story to make a point like this was far off the mark.

We are closer to the mark if we hear in this text lessons about humility before God or acceptance of despised foreigners, but as valid as these lessons are, they are still not the reason the story of Naaman is in the Bible.

The real hero of this story is not Naaman, the man healed from leprosy, or Elisha, the prophet through whom God healed him. The real hero is God himself. Above all else, this story teaches vital lessons about God. It tells us our God is a surprising God who works in surprising ways.

1. The story tells us God is the God of everyone, even a despised enemy army commander. Naaman was the commander of the army of Syria (or Aram, as some translations read), and Syria was Israel's chief oppressor at the time. What's more, Israel was not doing very well against Syria, and Naaman had won military victories over Israel. Guess what the average Israelite thought about Naaman! You can be sure that few if any were praying for his

recovery from leprosy.

Surprise! God cared about Naaman. In fact, Jesus made special mention of God's concern for Naaman, observing that a lot of people in Israel had leprosy at that time, but the only one cured was this foreigner (Luke 4:27). Jesus made a point of telling self-righteous people that there will be some surprises in heaven - even people like prostitutes and tax collectors will be there, while some who expected to share in it will be on the outside looking in (Matthew 21:31-32).

2. The story tells us that God is sovereign. By this we mean he is autonomous and independent; he does as he pleases and not as we think he should do. We cannot put him into a box and make him conform to our thoughts and ideas. Naaman had

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preconceived notions about how God should operate through his agent Elisha. After all, as the text says and as Naaman knew, he was a "great man" who was "highly regarded" back home. He deserved better treatment than Elisha gave him. The prophet didn't even come out to greet him in person but sent out a servant to give him instructions. And instead of doing something spectacular to heal him he sent him to dip not once, not twice, but seven times in the miserable, muddy Jordan River.

Surprise! God does not always do the expected. While he always keeps his promises and always lives up to his covenant with us, he does not fit into our mold. We often hear people expound on what God is like and about what God is going to do or not going to do. Some in Jesus' day who thought they knew all about God affirmed confidently that God could not possibly be working through Jesus, because Jesus was a sinner and God does not listen to sinners. They were wrong on both counts, and they were wrong to try to limit God's grace in this way. When we start spouting off our own conclusions about what God will or won't do, we are not saying anything useful about God but are only revealing our own likes and dislikes and often our own

ignorance.

3. Finally, the story teaches that God shows grace and patience toward those who are humbly seeking to know and do his will. Obviously, Naaman's cure was a matter of grace. Naaman brought a lot of money and other valuables to pay for his cure, but he learned he could not pay for it either in advance or afterwards. He was cured only when he swallowed his pride and humbly did what God told him to do through the prophet. But there was another manifestation of God's grace that we often overlook. Naaman had a problem - when he got back home, the king would expect him to be at his side when he went into the idol temple to offer pagan sacrifices. Naaman asked to be forgiven when he carried out these obligatory duties.

Surprise! God, through Elisha, told Naaman not to worry about this, but to "go in peace." This has bothered commentators in the past, and frankly it has bothered me sometimes when I have read it. How could compromise with idolatry be condoned?

My guess (made reluctantly, because God does not need me to explain him) is that God showed grace and patience to Naaman because he was moving in the right direction. He had humbled himself and had shown his desire to submit to God. None of us are where we want to end up in our relationship with God, but there is much to be said for any of us who are moving in the right direction. "Just as I am" means God graciously starts with each of us where we are, and graciously helps us move in the right direction.

Whatever God's reasons for telling Naaman to go in peace, we know this is what he said, and because of this we are reminded that he was gracious to Naaman and that he is gracious to us. Since God is like this, we need to be gracious to others.

Do you like surprises? Let's hope so, for our God is a surprising God who continually does surprising things. He did it for Naaman, and he constantly does it for each of us. The Christian life is a marvelous adventure, filled with marvelous surprises, because we have a surprising God!

Burlington, Ontario

Be Baptized, and Wash Away Your Sins

Roy Davison

These words were spoken to Paul after he had seen the Lord on the road to Damascus and after he had fasted for three days.

Paul, who was originally called Saul, was a prominent leader in the Jewish nation. He did not believe in Jesus. He thought Christians were disobeying the law of Moses. *"As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison"* (Acts 8:3).

But something amazing happens.

"Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' And he said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' So he, trembling and astonished, said, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?' And the Lord said to him, 'Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.' And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank" (Acts 9:1-9).

Many years later, Paul explained what happened after that: *"Then one, Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him. Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord'"* (Acts 22:12-16).

We will closely examine this last verse: *"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord"* (Acts 22:16).

Ananias first asked Paul, *"And now why are you waiting?"*

Paul had seen the Lord. He had fasted. He believed in Jesus and realized that he was wrong. It was time for action.

Years later, Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Many people believe in Christ and are sorry for their sins, but they put off being baptized, even though they know it is a command of the Lord. When you read the book of Acts, which gives many examples of conversion, you will notice that people were baptized immediately, as soon as they believed in the Lord. They did this because

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they knew that baptism was for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38) and joined one to the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12). If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and if you want to dedicate your life to God and be saved, *"Why are you waiting?"*

"Arise and be baptized!"

The word "baptize" is a transliteration of the Greek word "BAPTIDZO" which means to immerse or dip. Bible baptism is an immersion in water. Churches that sprinkle or pour a little water on people are not following the Bible. What they do is not baptism, it is not immersion. In reality they do not baptize people at all. Someone who has only been "sprinkled" or "poured" has not been "baptized". He has not obeyed the Lord.

Notice also that it says: *"Arise."* A valid baptism must result from a personal decision to repent of sin and follow Jesus. Peter told the crowd in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost: *"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"* (Acts 2:38).

To repent means to turn away from sin and dedicate your life to God. A young child has not sinned, so cannot repent. He is innocent. He is not yet lost. How can he be baptized for the remission of sins?

When well-meaning parents have their babies "christened," and think they are having them baptized, they are being deceived by false traditions that are contrary to the Word of God. No one can decide this for you. You yourself must "arise" and be baptized. You must make this important decision yourself.

The Ethiopian eunuch, after hearing the gospel, asked Philip: *"See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"* Then Philip said, *'If you believe with all your heart, you may.'* And he answered and said, *'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.'* So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him" (Acts 8:36-38).

One may be baptized only if he believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and if he is willing to confess his faith. *"For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation"* (Romans 10:10). *"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized."*

"And wash away your sins!"

Even though Paul saw the Lord on the road to Damascus and believed in Him, even though he had fasted for three days, his sins had not yet been washed away. That only happens when we are baptized into the death of Christ.

This is explained by Paul in Romans 6:3,4. *"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

Our sins are washed away by the blood of Christ. Through baptism we gain access to His blood. Baptism, immersion, represents the burial and resurrection of Christ. We are baptized, we are immersed, into His death. Then we rise from the water in newness of life, having been reborn by the power of God's Spirit.

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EDITORIAL

"I care ... Do you?"

Wayne Turner



2001 marked a significant anniversary for the world. In 1981, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) first published the report of an outbreak of a killer pneumonia that was attacking homosexual men. The disease was termed "Gay-Related Immune Deficiency." In 1982, the CDC renames the disease to "Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome" (AIDS) when it is discovered in women, drug users, hemophiliacs, blood transfusion recipients and even babies. AIDS cases are reported in 14 countries. In 1983, AIDS has been identified in 33 countries. In 1984, the term "human immunodeficiency virus" (HIV) comes into use. By 1985, AIDS has spread to 51 countries. Rock Hudson becomes the first "celebrity" death. In 1987, the World Health Organization reports that there are over 60,000 cases in 127 countries, but estimates the real number of cases as between 100,000 and 150,000. In twenty years, AIDS and HIV, unknown terms in 1980, have become universally known terms. Even more, AIDS/HIV has become the most feared disease on earth. Please bear with a few statistics.

Almost from its discovery, the CDC has referred to AIDS as an epidemic. Little could the organization even begin to understand how extensive the AIDS epidemic would become. Near the end of 2001, UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS released some staggering statistics about AIDS. It is now estimated that 40 million people have AIDS; 4 million of these contracted the disease in 2001. Every hour, 600 people are infected. AIDS kills a child every minute. Around the world, one third of all those living with AIDS are between the ages of 15 and 24. In Zambia, twelve percent of 15 and 16 year olds have AIDS. So far, 22 million people have died from AIDS.

According to Health Canada, the first case of AIDS in this country was reported in 1982. It is estimated that by 1996, 40,000 people in Canada were living with HIV. That figure grew to 50,000 by 1999. In Quebec, according to the FARHA Foundation, 5,743 people have been diagnosed with AIDS, and an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 are HIV positive, that is they carry the AIDS virus. Fifty per cent of all AIDS cases among women and children are in Quebec. In Montreal, 1 adult (15 years old and up) in 160 people has the virus. In Quebec, every six hours one person is infected with the disease. The average age is 23.

People often see statistics as dull and boring. It is quite possible that some people will not have read this far.

However, if we understand the significance of these figures, if we realize the staggering toll being taken by AIDS, if we can see the people: the families, the parents, the adults, the young people, the babies, we have to be moved by the tragedy.

When the epidemic first became public, it developed some very unfortunate associations with lifestyles that Christians saw as immoral: homosexuality, promiscuity and drug use. Some stated openly their view that AIDS was God's punishment on these people. It is sad that there may even be some today who still cling to this unfortunate and uninformed idea. While in some cases it may be a consequence of sin, AIDS is not God's judgment on the world, neither is it necessarily something that its victims deserve because of their lifestyle. Anyone who has witnessed an innocent person suffering the slow, torturous death of AIDS knows this.

Certainly, we cannot deny that sinful behaviours have played a major role in the spread of AIDS. However, there are other ways that people contract the virus, from health care workers who are infected by patients, people who receive "tainted" blood or blood products, babies born to infected mothers, even patients in third-world hospitals and clinics who are infected by syringes that have been reused. What about the babies and children who have AIDS? What sin did they commit? Being born?

As Christians, we need to take a hard look at how we view AIDS, as well as those people we might call "sinners." Some may find that their attitude is like that of the Pharisees, who avoided sinners and treated them with revulsion. When Jesus allowed the sinful woman to anoint his feet, Simon the Pharisee rejected Jesus, thinking, "Surely he

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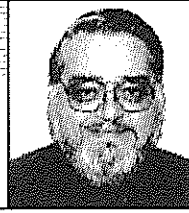
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Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage - (3)

Max Craddock

Surely it will come as no surprise that man would find fault with God's arrangement for marriage. The commitment of one person to another for life is serious and needs to be given careful and prayerful thought. Considering that marriage in the Old Testament is more a legal contract than the result of courtship, it may be hard for the modern North America person to fully relate. (One example of the way things were sometimes done in the Old Testament is that of Abraham sending a servant to "select" a wife for Isaac {Genesis 24}). While there is reason to believe that love may have grown in many of these relationships it was not necessarily a prerequisite. These arranged marriages were to be for life.

Yet, in Deuteronomy 24:1 - 4, there are instructions given for how the breakdown of a marriage should be handled. *"If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, and her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies, then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the Lord. Do not bring sin upon the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance."*

Surely it will come as no surprise that down through the years there would be debate as to the meaning of the words *"finds something indecent about her"*. Around the time of Jesus' ministry there arose two rival schools of rabbinical theology led by Hillel and Shammai. In some ways the school of Hillel held to a milder interpretation of the law than that of

Shammai. This was not the case in every thing, but the matter of divorce was one of the places these schools of thought diverged. The school of Shammai took the more narrow view on the divorce issue by saying that *"something indecent"* meant adultery and that divorce could only be granted for that reason.

The school of Hillel took the other extreme and focused more on the idea expressed in the words *"woman who becomes displeasing to him"*. Taking this view to its end would seem to allow divorce for most any reason at all. It has been suggested that a list could include:

1. If she burned the food.
2. If he found another woman he liked better.
3. If she went out into the street without his permission.
4. If she were to converse with another man.
5. If she is noisy - enough to be heard by the neighbours.

Checking commentaries will show that there are different interpretations of Deuteronomy 24:1 - 4. The proper interpretation of the passage is likely to be found somewhere between the two extremes of Hillel and Shammai. Proof of this could be based on Leviticus 20:10. The teaching there leaves no reason for obtaining a divorce in the case of adultery since the parties guilty of the adultery were to be

stoned to death. *"If a man commits adultery with another man's wife - with the wife of his neighbour - both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death."* Since death would break the marriage union there would be no need for a divorce in such a case.

Perhaps even more perplexing is the fact that God allowed divorce at all. Since God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16) why would he give the instruction of Deuteronomy? Jesus clears this up in Matthew 19 when

some Pharisees come with the question, *"Why then did Moses COMMAND that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"* (19:7). Jesus answers, *"Moses PERMITTED you to divorce your wives BECAUSE YOUR HEARTS WERE HARD. But it was not this way from the beginning."* (19:8). (Emphasis by mc)

The purpose of Moses' law on the matter of divorce was not to permit divorce but to regulate an evil that had entered into the mind of man. While permitting divorce this law still resulted in placing marriage on a higher plane than was the experience of many other peoples of the day. While allowing divorce, the law also put restrictions on it that would, hopefully, make a person think seriously before taking the step. A man could not divorce his wife unless he found something indecent about her. It was not enough to simply say that he did not like her or that he liked another better. One can speculate about what this would be but it is enough to say that it must have been something of considerable importance to the husband and not just some trivial matter. While it might not be something that would prevent another from taking her as a wife, it would be important enough to the husband to cause him to take the second step.

The second step was to give her a certificate of divorce. He could not simply tell her, perhaps in a fit of rage, to leave but must put it in writing. Thirdly, he must then give this certificate to his wife and "send her from his house". He could not have a servant or anyone else do it for him. This action would dissolve the bond of marriage and the wife would be free to marry another. The final condition was that if the second husband sent the wife away or died, she could not go back to the first husband.

One would wonder how many people today, who have divorced to marry again, have found the second choice to be just as "bad" as the first. Of course, the real key is to understand the need to "leave" and "cleave" in the marriage relationship and, with God's help, make a strong determined effort to work through the problems that would cause divorce in the first place.

Does the hardness of men's hearts today affect the will of God about divorce and remarriage? Next time, a look at the teaching of the New Testament on this vital subject.

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Changing Attitudes Towards Marriage

Those who study such things have been reporting that the age at which couples are marrying has been climbing over the last two decades. Recent evidence indicates that the trend may have peaked and is beginning to reverse itself. This shift has been recognized as a rather large one. In the 60's and 70's most were marrying in their late teens or early twenties. In the 80's and 90's many are marrying in their late twenties or early thirties.

Why are many waiting until they are older to get married? The reasons offered are many and varied.

- Many have recognized the value of a longer courtship period and taking more time to get to know one another.
- Many have chosen to wait until they have completed their education and have their careers well established.
- Some have stated that they wish to take more time to be sure that they marry the right person rather than marry the wrong person and regret it.
- Some, after seeing the divorces of their parents and other family members and close friends, have chosen to put off marriage indefinitely, questioning their ability to make a marriage work.
- Some report that they did not find the right person until they were older; some are still searching for the right person.
- Some say that they want to wait until they or their future spouse are older and can make a more mature commitment.

We have also noticed some rather disturbing societal changes that are also affecting the age at which many marry.

- The last two decades have seen an extremely large increase in the number of couples that choose to live together without being married.
- We have also seen a large increase in the number of couples that are neither married or living together but have children together.
- Recent surveys report that a large majority of Canadians see nothing wrong with either premarital sex or living together without being married.

• There is evidence to indicate that a growing number of young Christians see little wrong with premarital sex or couples living together without being married. Some base this belief on myths that while not being true are so often repeated that many have come to believe them.

Myth #1 "The Bible does not specifically condemn sex outside of marriage." In 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Paul encourages us to honour God with our bodies and describes how engaging in a sexual relationship outside of marriage dishonours our bodies which are God's temple. When we dishonour the temple of God, we dishonour God. Then in 1 Corinthians 7:1-9 Paul describes how sex has its place in the marriage relationship. In 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 Paul encourages us to control our bodies in a way that honours God and that no one must wrong or take advantage of another. In Ephesians 5:3 Paul says that there must not even be a hint of sexual immorality among those who call themselves believers.

Myth #2 "It is okay to have sex outside of marriage as long as you are in a committed relationship" "What is the big deal, we are in a committed relationship and plan to get married someday, don't be so legalistic." We stated above that 1 Corinthians 7:1-9 describes how sex has its place in the marriage relationship. The passage very clearly says marriage and uses terms like husband and wife. It is not enough for a couple to be in a committed relationship before they engage in a sexual relationship, they must be married. It would seem that many who want to avoid the clear teaching in God's Word like to use the term legalism for those who seek to uphold and obey the teachings in God's Word. Not all couples that are engaged get married and not all couples that consider themselves committed to one another stay together for life. God's plan, God's ideal is that the sexual relationship be a part of marriage where both husband and wife have made a lifetime commitment.

Myth #3 "Marriage is just a piece of

paper and we don't need a piece of paper to be committed to one another for life." I wonder why some are so worried about obtaining that piece of paper so that their marriage can be legally recorded? Why are some so worried about sharing their lifetime commitment with others in a public ceremony? Is it the piece of paper or the lifetime commitment that is giving them so much trouble? Marriage is God's creation (Genesis 2:24) it isn't something that man dreamed up. God intends that the couple stay together as long as both remain alive. There is a beauty in making a public lifetime commitment to one another. Why would anyone want to avoid that?

Myth #4 "We are going to live together before we get married to see if we are compatible. That way we can ensure either a better marriage or a break up with far less hassles." If this myth were true then couples that live together before they get married and still decide to get married should have a higher success rate in their marriages, but the opposite is true. Couples that live together before they get married have a higher divorce rate than couples that do not live together before they get married. Is a break up with fewer hassles our highest value when entering a relationship? Our highest value should be building a relationship that will last a lifetime and living together before one gets married will not accomplish that.

I am not here arguing for couples marrying at a younger age. I am suggesting that we base our decisions on sound reason and God's Will for our lives as we find it in the Bible not on the myths that Satan offers us.

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The God Who Sings - Part 2

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SOME TYPES OF SONGS/Psalms

There is a great fullness of spiritual comfort and joy in the hearts of those who sing or read the psalms as an act of praise to the Messiah. The songs can delight the heart, rekindle the will with the fire of love and ignite a passion for righteousness and justice. The songs can drive out and destroy discontent, producing peace in both body and soul. The songs can be like a light brightening the life, health for a sick heart and honey to a bitter soul. The songs of the Bible cover a wide range of topics and emotions. Besides expressing the inexpressible, the songs often bring to light significant feelings which people did not even know were there. They help people get in touch with life's buried issues and assist in expressing them.

1. SONGS OF PRAISE were the psalms people sang when they felt comfortable in their relationship with God. The greatness and goodness of God is praised. The hearts of the psalmists were in tune with God. Their songs are the most thoughtful reflections on God to be found anywhere. It is noteworthy that of the 150 Psalms, 120 address God directly, 14 others call upon all creation to praise the Lord (Some examples: Ex 15; Psa.29,47,96,98, 146-150).

2. SONGS OF LAMENT were prayers to God when the people were hurting. The poet felt upset with himself, betrayed by others or even abandoned by God. Most of the laments begin with negative thoughts and move toward hope, ending with praise or trust (2 Sam 1; Psa.3,13,22,44,60,64, 77,80,88).

3. SONGS OF THANKSGIVING were similar to the songs of praise in celebrating God, but a thanksgiving celebrated God for hearing an earlier lament and answering prayer. The structure of the songs is: first the poet had a problem, he appealed to the Lord who responded (Jdg.4; Psa.18,30, 32,112).

4. SONGS OF CONFIDENCE were expressions of trust in God using a vivid central metaphor (Psa.23 - shepherd/sheep, Psa.131 - mother/child).

5. SONGS OF ROYALTY. God was presented both as the divine king and

human king (Psa.2,18,20,21,45,72, 89,101, 110,132).

6. SONGS OF REMEMBRANCE were calls to remember God's gracious acts in history (Psa. 66,78,105,106).

7. SONGS OF WISDOM would include Psalm 1,37,39,45,49,73,78,119, 127,128,133 as well as the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Job.

8. SONGS OF PILGRIMAGE, included the Songs of Ascent, were sung by the Israelites travelling to Jerusalem for the special feasts (Psa 84, 120-134).

9. SONGS OF THE MESSIAH reflected the promise and hope of a Saviour (Psalms 2,16, 22,69,110; Isaiah 40)

"The songs of the Bible cover a wide range of topics and emotions."

SONGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

The writers of the New Testament books quoted the book of Psalms more than any other book in the Hebrew Bible. According to one author, there are 360 Old Testament quotations in the New Testament writings with 112 of them from the Psalms. Therefore, almost one-third of the quotations are from the Psalms. The songs of Isaiah are in second place.

Matthew used 17 quotations, Mark used 9 quotations and John used 15 quotations from the book of Psalms to show that Jesus is the Messiah.

Throughout Luke's history of the life of Jesus are many thoughts echoed from the Psalms. The letter

to the Hebrews quotes ten psalms, as well as examining word-by-word Psalm 110:4 in relationship to Jesus.

Mary sang praises to God after the announcement that she would give birth to the Messiah and Zechariah sang praises to God at the birth of his son John (the Baptist). Jesus, who originally was greater than angels, became lower than angels, to lift his people to the place of honour which God had planned (Psa.8:4-8; Heb.2:5-9). The song of angels greeted his birth. Jesus sang the songs of Israel throughout his life. His teaching reflected the songs, his death and resurrection were prophesied in the songs. After his resurrection Jesus spoke to two disciples on the road to Emmaus explaining how he had fulfilled the message of the Old Testament Scriptures, including the Psalms.

The Apostles John and Paul wrote many new songs praising Jesus the Messiah (Phil.2:6-11; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rev. 4:8,11; 5:9-13; 7:10-17; 11:15-18; 12:10-12; 15:3-4; 16:5-7; 19:2-8).

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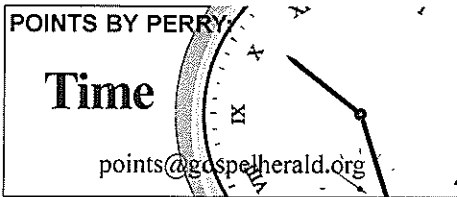


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Those of us who are older will agree that each year seems to pass more quickly than the last. We are more aware of the passing of time. Our precious time on this earth seems to be passing rapidly. When we were younger we may have felt that it took a long time to get to the next stage in life but that is no longer the case. We are more and more conscious of the truth that "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes" (James 4:14).

In our land of plenty, we tend to be sinfully wasteful. We throw away useful items and nourishing food and are often not very careful with how we use money. We waste time in non-productive activities that benefit neither ourselves nor others.

There is a vast difference between wasting wealth and possessions and wasting time. We can go broke or bankrupt and regain our material prosperity. Lost possessions can be regained. Wasted and lost time, on the other hand, cannot be regained. It is gone!

Realizing this, we should handle the time we have in careful and productive ways. The year 2001 is gone. We will never get it back or have opportunity to live it over again. The year 2002 lies before us providing 31,536,000 seconds to be used in some way. How will we use them?

For the Christian, time provides opportunities to relate to and encourage two groups of people. Our fellow Christians need our time as we give attention to their needs and encourage them in the Lord. The New Testament contains at least thirty passages in which "one another" or some equivalent expression is found. These remind us of the unselfish concern for others that characterizes Jesus and His people (Phil.2:4).

We are also to be concerned for those who have not yet become Christians. It is significant that the word "time" is found in a verse that instructs us about our behavior towards "outsiders" (Col.4:5 ASV, "oppor-

tunity" NIV). The context cautions us to use gracious conversation. The idea is to be concerned and involved in leading "outsiders" to Christ.

We read, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Eccl.3:1). It is true that a wide variety of activities take up time in our lives. Some are busy things, some are selfish things and others are unselfish, service things. Wherever we have control, it is up to us to apportion our time wisely in an effort to please God, serve others and live fruitful and balanced lives. In addition to wisdom, self discipline is required to keep us from going with the flow of the selfish, materialistic society in which we live.

One of my favourite hymns, "Take Time to be Holy" does an excellent job of reminding us how we should use our time if we would be holy. Activities recommended to those who pursue holiness are:

- "Speak oft with thy Lord" -- Prayer.
- "Abide in him always" - Steadfastness.
- "Feed on His word" - Bible reading and study.
- "Make friends of God's children" - Associate with fellow Christians.
- "Help those who are weak - Be concerned for and involved in ministering.
- "Abide in Jesus . . . alone" - Spend private time with Jesus and his word resulting

in our being seen to be like Him.

Time spent thus brings calmness of the soul (the peace of God that transcends all understanding {Phil.4:7}); complete mental submission (set your minds on things above {Col.3:2, II Cor.10:5}); being led by the Spirit (evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit in our lives{Gal.5:18,20}) and fitness for service in heaven (readiness to be "at home with the Lord" {II Cor.5:8}).

We are challenged to use the time that God gives us in activities that please God. (II Cor.5:9). *ecp*

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your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." The substance, water, has no magic power to wash away sins. The power is from God. Thus, when we are baptized, we must call on the name of the Lord for salvation. That is why we are commanded: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (Matthew 28:19). Notice also that calling on the name of the Lord is something we must do ourselves. Our parents cannot do this for us.

Baptism is not a cleansing of the body, but a cleansing of the conscience through the resurrection of Christ. After mentioning Noah's salvation through water, Peter explains: *"There is also an antitype which now saves us, namely baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"* (1 Peter 3:21).

Baptism is not a meritorious work, but a gift of God to be received, the *"washing of regeneration"* that cleanses us and saves us by the blood of Christ: *"For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleas-*

ures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:3-7).

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

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Challenges to the Family in the New Millennium, Part 3

LaVonne Roberts

So what is the solution? What are the answers? Hang in there; do NOT be discouraged! There is good news! Read Ephesians 6:10-18 -- the Good News is that God has given us the tools to make a difference and to protect ourselves and our families.

Put on the Full Armor of God

A. Wear the Belt of Truth (Romans 15:4). We must know the truth, which comes from being in the WORD so that we can understand what God's truth is. The world's idea of truth is only reality, but reality is changed by time and circumstances. God never changes; His truth stands firm.

B. Wear the Breastplate of Righteousness (Matthew 5:6-12; 6:33). We must attempt to live holy and righteous lives of service to God. We must be in the business of holy living.

C. Wear the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace (Romans 1:16). We must spend time in the gospel in order to know it and be able to share it. The message of the gospel should be our protection and support through our daily walk in it. Many people are searching for the peace we find in Him.

D. Carry the Shield of Faith (Hebrews 11:1). We must develop our faith and trust in God through prayerful meditation.

E. Carry the Sword of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). We must have a spirit-filled life. A spirit-filled Christian must know the Word better than anyone. A soldier cannot win a battle without his sword, whether he has the rest of the armor or not. The rest of the armor protects him, but the sword and only the sword helps him to fight back (2 Timothy 1:7).

F. Wear the Helmet of Salvation (Acts 4:12). We must understand our salvation, and we must beware of and understand sin!

Another solution or resource to the challenges of the family of God is empowerment. We hate power failures. We can have power but fear it, abuse it, hoard it or lose it. We are afraid to be without it. Christ chose us--this is the ultimate power, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to share the gospel so that others can know that they, too, are chosen. We can be instruments in transforming the powerless to the power filled. God's Spirit empowers us to follow His role model in our roles as parents, children, spouses, neighbours, friends and coworkers.

We must:

1. Acknowledge the source of power--God. We have no power, no hope, without Him. We must give Him the glory and seek His guidance.

2. We must respect others--God respects us even when we are sinful.

3. We must respect ourselves--take care of the gift of life and love which He has given us.

4. Forgive, forgive, forgive--and press on.

5. Discipline your loved ones and yourself. Discipline comes from the word "disciple" which means "to teach", not "to punish". God wants faithful and obedient people. He lets us experience the consequences of our rebellion.

6. Constantly instill confidence and strength in the lives you touch. Live in "Construction Zones" instead of "Destruction Zones"!

God puts Goliath in our path just like David faced Goliath in the Old Testament.

Ever feel like you can't make a difference or that you are just one person and won't be able to change anything?

How do we make a difference? David made a difference when he fought the battle with Goliath and all of the other battles that he faced in his life.

1. David had to become aware of the problem. We must be aware of THE PROBLEM.

2. David had a reaction of righteous indignation. We must also have THE REACTION.

3. David was willing to take action. We must initiate THE RESPONSE. If more of God's people move from simply reacting to responding, there is no telling what cultural society changes we would initiate. We are pretty good at the reaction, but we fail to move on to the response.

4. David was focused on the size of his God. We must have the faith to know that God is still bigger than the world or the challenges of the world. David was not distracted by the size of his giant. He was focused on the size of his God. God is still bigger (1 John 4:4).

5. David's motives were pure, and THE CONFRONTATION must be made out of a desire to do God's will just as David's was.

6. David triumphed. We can TASTE THE VICTORY. The Lord will use passionate people to tackle seemingly impossible problems and beat overwhelming odds. . .for His glory.

How will we make a difference this year. . .and in any year God gives us?

Nothing of significant spiritual value occurs without the power of the Holy Spirit activated by prayer. We must pray for wisdom! An ounce of understanding yields a pound of prevention.

All things were created in perfection, including the family. All things were infected by sin, including the family. All things were redeemed by Christ, including the family, and all things will be restored by Christ, including the family, when Christ returns to take us Home.

The family is redeemed by Christ but never escapes the influence of sin. Biblical teaching when put into practice changes the landscape of family living.

VICTORY IS NOT RESERVED FOR THE HEAVILY ARMED BUT FOR THE HEAVENLY ARMED!!!

NEWS

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ONTARIO

Ajax: "Constance Alma Entwistle, long time member of the church at Ajax and Oshawa, passed on to be with her Lord on October 22, 2001. The funeral was held on October 25 with Steve May officiating, aided by others. Her faith and life crossed many boundaries and her love for God was admirably commendable. A few in the congregation have been helping with Samantha Bone's schooling at GLCC.

Ed Jermakowicz

Barrie: "In recent months several families have placed membership with the congregation: George and Peggy Beattie; Don and Darlene Lee and Michael; Doug, Mark and Susan Beattie; Fred and Anne Lindhorst; Rick, Sarah and Erika Conyette. Walter Hart was with us October 26-28 to conduct his "Seminar on Stress" which was very well received. Sunday morning attendance is now 110 or so."

Claude Cox

"Grove Park Home's expansion and renovation plans were unveiled at two open houses in November. Many past families and supporters of the Home attended, including past board members, to see the exciting plans. Administrator, Darryl Culley is travelling to various congregations to share the blessings of this ministry. If you would like a presentation of the Grove Park Home ministry, please call (705) 726-1003."

Darryl Culley

Beamsville: Don Smith will be teaching "God's Treasury of Virtues" on Sunday mornings. Wednesday night Don Perry and Art Ford will be team teaching a class on "Rightly Handling the Word of Truth." The ladies had a special lesson presented by Julie Cromwell on Symbols of Remembrance in the Bible. GLCC Chorus sang on the evening of November 18. Don Perry was guest speaker at Newmarket on November 18.

Bramalea: Tammy McKnight returned home after living the past several years in Waterloo. Lane, Kim, Mariah and Brianna Hamm have moved to the area from Dallas, Texas. Jonathan Straker gave a three lesson series on John 9. Our teen boys conducted a devotional service on Sunday evening, November 25. Don MacMullin has preached in St. Thomas and Port Colborne.

Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: "Brother Don Burgoin fell and broke his hip but is recovering

well. He recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. Becky Love has retired and has moved to Tennessee to look after her mother. The Bible school is hosting a "Community Pasta Night" as an outreach in preparation for the 2002 VBS. Guest speakers have been Marvin Johnson, Lawrence Whitfield, Graham Amy, Jamie Azzoparde and Calvin Russell. The church was saddened at the passing of our beloved sister Dolly Hoover on Sunday, October 14."

Chris Gardner

Meaford: October 28 was the last "preacher exchange day" for 2000. Brian Thompson and Randy Morrith traded pulpits. On November 4, the area congregations met for a hymn sing which was well attended by brethren as well as visitors from town. Randy Morrith was one of the speakers at the Great Lakes Lectures. Wednesday "soup-lunch" fellowship resumed and will continue into spring. Maxine Morrith, mother of Randy, passed away on November 20. The funeral was held in Collingwood on November 23 with Les Cramp officiating. The congregation is involved in collecting food supplies for the breakfast club at Meaford Community School. Marie Cornfield and Lois Morrith are involved serving breakfast on Tuesday mornings. Considerable effort is being made by Scott Mansfield and Youth Rally team members in planning for the annual youth rally scheduled for the weekend of February 22-24, 2002.

Newmarket: "Speakers for December were Jonathan Straker, Fred Knutson, Max Craddock, Bill Russell and Keith Thompson. Lucan Kent's fiancé, Amy McKinnon was baptized in Taiwan where they both teach school. They will be married on January 7, 2002 on the island of Maui and then attend university in Australia."

Keith Thompson

Niagara Falls: The ladies had a baby shower to welcome Keara Boland. The grade one and two's had a class party at the building. The food barrel for Project Share is once again ready to be filled. The children eagerly met the challenge of the church family quiz and memory work in the book of Philipians."

Dorothy Boland

North Bay: Praise God for the safe arrival of Ella Gordon, born November 13 at 7 pounds, 2.5 ounces, daughter of Jeff and Tracey Gordon, granddaughter of Mike and Jan Kent. Josey Anne Lebel was buried in baptism and raised a new creature in Christ on December 2.

Pine Orchard: Bill Schwarz was guest speaker for a special meeting November 2 & 3.

Owen Sound: "Eileen Dale, Amy Dale and Cheryl Schwarz were the teachers of a recent Ladies Renewal Weekend, held September 28-30. It was well attended with around 100 ladies present and a good number of congregations represented. Brian and Faith Thompson and family moved to Owen Sound in August when

Brian began full-time work with the congregation. Their new address is 102010 Grey County Rd. 5, RR #3, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N5, phone: (519) 372-2155, email: brianthomp@bmts.com

Brian Thompson

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): James Bolger was baptized on Sunday morning, November 4. The ladies Bible class held a work night to make "care bears" and teaching dolls for the hospital children.

Sudbury: During the week preceding October 21, Shane Ogoiman was baptized by brother Dan LaMarche.

Bethel Bailey

Stratford: The GLCC Chorus sang Sunday, November 18. Barb Donley underwent cancer surgery on November 26.

Tintern: The brethren had a family fun night on November 2 and their marriage seminar was a resounding success on November 3 & 4. Jamie Tallman and Stacey Kennedy announced their engagement. Josh Tanton was baptized on Friday, October 19 and Paul Dube (father of Debbie West) on November 4. Micah Rose was born on Saturday, October 20, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, to Don and Corrie. Jamie and Bev Boden have an addition to their family, Gabriel James, born November 21. Olive McPherson's brother, Larry Garner, died on November 20. The brethren made a special contribution of \$1735 to the Manhattan church of Christ in New York City to aid in its relief efforts.

Toronto (Rexdale): Renita Alicia Comrie was baptized by Derrick Grant in the presence of her parents, Rupert and Ann Comrie and her elder sister on Sunday evening, November 25 at the Bramalea church building.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Grace Yu was baptized on Sunday, September 30. On Saturday morning, Kathleen Bonner, a friend of Pearl Romeo was baptized by Devon Bennett. Luis Ignacio Perez Huerta and Luis Segundo Bustillos (both Spanish) were baptized by Santiago. John and Joanne Van Vere and John's son, Shane Mitchell and Lisa Dwomoh (daughter of Peter and Euphemia Dwomoh. Peter is one of our elders.) are others who were baptized. Aldrick and Sarah Conyette have moved to Barrie. New members from China are: Frank, Alice and Xin Chen, also David, Jennifer and Hanson Kang are welcomed to the congregation.

Closed circuit TV equipment has been purchased to allow the Sunday services to be seen as well as heard in the basement. This has been made necessary because of the overflow numbers on Sunday morning. This alternative was chosen rather than choosing to have two services on Sunday morning.

A 'Friend Speak' program has begun on Thursday evenings to reach out to new residents in Canada by helping them learn conversational English, using the Bible as the text book. A

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(Since we have not been successful in recruiting an editor for the Prairie News Page, and very little has been submitted from this area for sometime, Prairie churches are encouraged to send news reports and/or bulletins {preferably with items for the news hilited} to Marion Waugh at the above addresses. ecp)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford: Ray and Merle Fillion left on January 1 for Haiti carrying a number of suitcases packed with kitchen, bathroom, sewing, and children's items. They will be working at the Mission Centre and preaching during their two-month stay. The mission houses a school with 200 students and 6 teachers. Since retiring nine years ago, they have spent two months in Haiti every year, and used the other 10 months to raise funds to keep the Centre open and provide help for the natives.

A "Bring A Friend Day" on Dec. 9th was followed by a potluck luncheon.

A special tribute was given to the Waite, Kurt Wedler, and Al Prystupa families in the bulletin and at a farewell potluck meal on November 18th. Gladys (Courage) Waite has been a mentor to many women for many years. These people will become a part of the Chilliwack congregation. The church hosted the Young Adults Group from Burnaby and other congregations that participate, at a "Potluck-Entertainment" luncheon on Dec. 2nd. Members provided the potluck, and the group provided singing and information about the "Got Faith?" youth rally to be held in the spring.

Burnaby: The congregation raised money to enable the Feruzi family which has been worshipping here for the past several months to return to Montreal where Frederick has found a job. As the Feruzi's, who came to Canada from the Congo, speak French, it is hoped they will be able to find more fellowship there. Expecting to leave in December, they were stranded when Canada 3000 flights, on which they had tickets, stopped flying.

Allen and Betty Jacobs left for India on November 15 to revisit congregations and friends they have had ties with for many years. Their return is slated for mid-February.

Joan Paul Quina from the Philippines, and Lena Li, from Beijing, China, were both baptized in November.

Kirk Ruch, our minister, was away two Sundays in November to make a trip to visit his father, recovering from brain surgery, in Alaska, and to present a three-day workshop on

"Front Lines" ministry in Ft. McMurray, Alberta. Fifty adults and children participated in a retreat at Manning Park January 1-3, where a lodge to accomodate groups has been rented for the past several years.

Chilliwack: The congregation has received new strength with the addition of three families from the Abbotsford congregation who live in this area. George Sillman, who has been the mainstay of the church for many years, remains in poor condition.

City Church (E. Vancouver): A new Bible class organized by Cherry, a young woman from China, was started in November. Six fellow renters in the house where she lives were present and the class was a delight for the teacher with many questions being asked. We are able to teach Mainland Chinese the Bible right here in Vancouver. From three to five are meeting with us every week... Our goal is to get the congregation more into congregational, public reading of scripture. Stephen Hasbrouck, Jr. prepares readings and teaches the men to read the scriptures with meaning. There is an earnest desire to read the Word so that the congregation hears the voice of God every Sunday, Steve says.

Delta: Larry Hoff has recovered from a fall on an ice rink that knocked him out and caused considerable injury to the right side of his body. He was unable to use his hands for several weeks.

Maple Ridge: The church has been meeting at the local hospital to visit and sing hymns for Rowena Ansell, who suffered a major stroke in the fall, and has been in a Transition Care facility receiving therapy for speech recovery.

The services of Todd and Jamie Brunner have been procured for the coming year. They are graduates of ACU, with Todd having also studied at Sunset School of Preaching. They are expected to arrive this month to begin work with us.

Surrey: The Surrey church family met on November 25th to finalize our goals for the new year, 2002. We have tried it both ways, goals and no goals. We found that when we have goals, we have a prayerfully and mutually set focus to strive toward. We always ask for God's guidance and that His will be done.

We often meet many of these goals. If we set no goals they are easily met.

Among those we set this year is restoring our practice of each member praying at 8 PM regardless of where we are at the time. It is comforting to know that we are all praying for the work and for each other at the same time.

We are focusing on reading the Bible in a year and this year, we planned for a phoning committee to encourage each other to keep on keeping on with this plan.

We will continue to reach out and study with those who will study and strive to keep our meeting facilities in good repair but we all realize that focusing on our spiritual growth first will make the other tasks much easier because of our commitment to Jesus.

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ALBERTA

Calgary: God has richly blessed the Calgary Church of Christ in 2001. We have seen 24 baptisms this year to date. We continue to observe God at work bringing people from the community to the church family here. Our church family members are continually encouraged to grow in their personal walk with God through Bible study and prayer.

Under the direction of our shepherds we have stepped out in faith and added new ministers to the staff. John Close joined the ministry team in July and serves in the Youth & Family Ministry. David Libbury began working on a part-time basis in September in the Family and Pastoral Counseling Ministry.

We have met with success in offering the Alpha course in the community and have seen our own members challenged to grow through the Experiencing God course.

We have been blessed by the influx of 20 - 30 brothers and sisters immigrating to Calgary from the southern Sudan. We are challenged to help these wonderful people adjust to our climate and culture. These brethren have a genuine interest in growing spiritually and reaching out to others who have come from their native country.

We are able to offer two services each Sunday and our attendance reached a high of 392 recently and continues in that range.

Troy Hodgson is spearheading a series of lessons on "Shaped by the Cross" in Sunday morning assemblies.

A couple of upcoming outreach events are:

1. Christmas Day Camp for community children ages 4 to 12. We have a team which teaches the children and does some crafts with them and afterwards the church provides a full course turkey dinner for parents and children of the community.

2. December 24 will see a candlelight service geared to the community.

3. December 31 will see a family evening at a nearby Family Fun Centre.

It is exciting to watch our young people serve the congregation in a number of ways. A group of teens are part of a Mission Team known as S.A.L.T. (dedicated to: Saving All the Lord's Treasures.) This group is committed to raising funds and taking a Mission Trip in the summer of 2002 or 2003.

Another goal that we have is to become more of a praying people and we would like the Calgary Church to become a "House of Prayer."

Keith & Penny Rathwell were sent by the congregation to visit Jason and Sheryl Moriarity in Papua New Guinea to encourage them and report back. There is much to do in this mission field. We are also helping with the work of Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers in the

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Mission News

DONETSK, UKRAINE

Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers were back in the States in December, and will be in Memphis for a Board Meeting of the Trustees for the Ukrainian Bible Institute this month. Jay Don is overseeing the remodeling of a building that has been purchased to use for classrooms, as well as teaching some classes and doing all administrative work. They recently had a whirlwind trip to Kiev, where they met Rick Pinczuk, and learned something of his work in that city of 3,000,000.

ZAMBIA, AFRICA

Dr. Sandy Hazelip and her grandson, Matthew Householder, joined 80 other Americans for a medical mission trip in July. Dr. Hazelip reported that the team treated 17,000 patients while there, and 60 people were baptized into Christ, while many others were restored. She said the trip was hard physically because they slept in tents, had three meals a day around a campfire, had no running water, electricity or other conveniences. Yet when she asked her grandson if he would go back, his reply was, "In a heartbeat!"

Christians from Victoria dug wells, installed pumps and provided seed and fertilizer. These projects will be especially helpful to the orphans and those in the blind community. Ming Paul Lee invites those wishing to donate or have more information about this to contact the Victoria church or write to him at 2635 Island Hwy, Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P 9E5

"NORTHREACH" TARGETS UPPER ZAMBIA

Rogers Namuswa and other Namwianga workers have planted 53 new congregations in upper Zambia since March 1999.

If we can send three teams north each month, the number of northern churches could exceed 300 by the end of the decade.

Funding this outreach is a challenge. Each 10-day trip north involves about eight workers. Accommodation, food and lodging averages \$1000 a trip.

Kathi and I wrote a book. We call it, "POTHOLES --Ups and Downs on Zambia's Mission Road" Our potholes are stories of Africa, Namwianga and the Merritt family. Some stories are funny, some are sad. Some may lift your heart.

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Northreach, Fall 2001,
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Roy and Kathi Merritt

ROMANIA

After many months of sorting, packing, palletizing, and waiting on approval from the Ministry of Health in Romania, a 40-foot container arrived last fall. The shipment contained medical supplies and equipment, hospital beds, rocking chairs and other furniture that was sent on to a hospital in this country by the relief organization RAPHA, which is based in Ft. Worth, Texas.

INDIA

One of the most important aspects of the work in India is the training of native preachers. A three-month training school of concentrated study was begun by the Ron Clayton team in 1995, and there are now six branches of the CCMIBC, with approximately 600 men per year graduating and able to preach the gospel. They are not paid for attending the classes, nor provided with travel funds. They are furnished with food and lodging while there, and given a Bible upon graduation. All classes are taught by Indian brethren, with visiting Christians used as guest teachers when available.

TOBEY HUFF-- STATESIDE

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On Nov. 6, 2001, C. Cox, Chair of the CCCHS Board, and Dr. Mark Steinacher, Acting Archivist, McMaster Divinity College, signed a Letter of Understanding. The subsequent second signature of CCCHS Treasurer, Jim Dale, activated the Letter, which will allow Restorationist materials to find a permanent, secure, and accessible home on the campus of a major Canadian university, namely McMaster University in Hamilton, ON. The purpose of the Society is to gather, place, and educate concerning these historical resources. If you would like to become a member of the Society, have materials that you might donate or loan, or wish information about accessing information, please communicate with the Secretary, Dr. Geoffrey Ellis, at 120 Moccasin Dr., Waterloo, ON N2L 4C3, or by e-mail at ghellis@golden.net Claude Cox

Roy Merritt

Ups and Downs
on Zambia's Mission Road

The roads and trails of Zambia are notoriously replete with "potholes". (One, reportedly, swallowed a whole vehicle). Roy Merritt, who was born in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), has served there for most of his life. A talented writer, he has provided us with 322 pages of very interesting "African Episodes"

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Philip Yancey is one of the most appreciated evangelical writers. He has previously given us "The Jesus I Never Knew", "What's So Amazing About Grace?" and several other significant books.

Yancey states, "Every writer has one main theme, a spoor that he or she keeps sniffing around, tracking, following to its source. If I had to define my own theme, it would be that of a person who absorbed some of the worst the church has to offer, yet still landed in the loving arms of God." In spite of these negative experiences he found great encouragement in the lives of many influential people. These people include Martin Luther King, Jr., G. K. Chesterton, Leo Tolstoy, Dr. C. Everett Koop, John Donne and Henri Nouwen. The lives and works of these men are not appreciated by many today. However Yancey is able to show us the many lessons we can learn from these remarkable people.

What The Bible Says About Baptism, by Jack Cox, Star Bible Publications, Ft. Worth, Tx. 59 pages, \$6.95 US

Sometimes we think that we have mastered a biblical topic and can learn nothing more about it. This is especially true of familiar topics like baptism. This book gives a good discussion of the topic from a biblical standpoint.

I question his use of Isaiah 35:8 as teaching that the way of salvation is simple. But it is certainly true that the scriptural teaching is plain and one needs help to avoid it.

L. Ken Jones, president of Lubbock Christian University says, "I recommend this study to all that sincerely seek -- the depth and truth of what God intended for his people." Chapter One on the baptism of Jesus makes some clear and preachable points: "It was a voluntary act. It was a prayerful act. It was burial. It was an act divinely approved. It was an inconvenient act. It was a humble act."

Soul Survivor, How My Faith Survived the Church by Philip Yancey, 319 pages, Hardback, \$21.95 (U.S.)

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Ukraine and want to follow their efforts and support the work financially and in prayer. Our support of the work of Billy and Deista McMillan in Fort McMurray continues. A group travels to visit the church there and we have the McMillans visit with the church here to encourage them and share their experiences in their work.

Port McMurray: We have moved to Centre Boreal, a school in the Abasand area. Our website has also changed. It is <http://members.shaw.ca/bdmcm>.

Two separate mid-week studies were held last fall. Both groups are beginning a long-term survey this month, starting in Genesis.

Les and Juanita Borie were baptized in November after studying with Billy McMillan this past year. He is now studying with another new family. We were thankful for the help of the Olson family from Regina in our VBS in July, and for other visitors. The McMillan's daughter, Laurel, who is a cancer victim, has been well since completing her chemotherapy in August. She has her blood checked every month, with trips to Edmonton for complete check-up every three months. The McMillans express their appreciation for the prayers and encouragement given them by fellow-Christians. Their personal e-mail address is bdmcm@shaw.ca.

Red Deer: The congregation began worshipping in the new building at 68 Dunlavy Avenue in the Davenport subdivision on December 16. The official opening celebration is scheduled in the new year for the weekend of January 18-20 with Micheal Tackett (Key to the Kingdom) as guest speaker.

SASKATCHEWAN

Estevan: Many summer activities centered around Clearview Christian Camp. In June several members spent many weekends at the camp to help construct three new cabins. More than

60 people attended and enjoyed classes and fellowship at our annual Weekend at Camp in July. Many of our people also worked during the regular program of the camp as teachers or directors.

We were blessed to have Josh and Jeanine Muller with us for a few months while Josh worked as our summer intern. They hope to return to the Canadian prairies to work with the church when they complete their studies at Harding University.

We have been blessed with growth over the past year, both spiritual and numerical. Several new families are worshipping with us and we are excited about the seeds that are being planted and the potential harvest. This month, we have been especially glad that Kevin Jardine and Adam Jocelyn made their decisions to obey the Lord in baptism. We rejoice with these young men and continue to pray for others that are close to making this decision.

Tim Pippus

Saskatoon: November started off to be a very exciting month with Heather (Lock) Smith obeying the gospel, being buried with Christ in baptism. There was much rejoicing in heaven and in our congregation as we welcomed our sister in fellowship.

The congregation hosted a College Rally on the November 9 - 11 weekend led by Jason Bandura and Rob Brock.

Rob Brock and Jason Bandura provided preaching for our congregation, sharing the time the team was in India.

Our 2001 India Mission Trip draws to a successful conclusion as our team returns to Canada beginning November 10th as Gloria Drader and Sharon Parker arrive in Saskatoon. Garth Nelson returns on Thursday, November 15, and the remainder of the team, Bob and Mike Parker, Stewart McMillan and Tim Bell arrive on November 19. Weekly e-mail reports from India attest to a busy schedule. The India congregations were outstanding in their fellow-

ship and arranged a maximum number of opportunities for the Team to preach the gospel in churches and schools in Northeast India. At home in Saskatoon, and across Canada the focus prayer group provided sterling service in holding up the mission team in prayer. In all things we can give God the glory.

On December 7th the congregation will be hosting the second annual dinner theatre. The title of the drama will be "The Man in 316." This will provide an opportunity to introduce others to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to our congregation.

On January 25 and 26, 2002, we will be hosting a men's fellowship gathering in which we encourage one another in the faith and glorify the Lord who rules and directs our lives. The feature speaker will be Blair Roberts of Salmon Arm, B.C.
Ken Miller

MONTANA

Three Forks: Jim & Elma Miller lead the Lifeline of Hope Mission work in Russia. Jim made a presentation in October and he asked if the Three Forks congregation would take over the support for one orphanage in Khabarovsk-Krai, Russia. There are thirty-two orphans who live in this facility. How wonderful to have faces and names to consider as we give and pray!

Gene and Nancy Polvado visited on one week end in October and Gene presented a gospel meeting on "Great Chapters of the Bible." He spoke on Friday evening from Isaiah 53, on Saturday evening on Romans 14 and on Sunday on Romans 8, 1 Corinthians 15 and Psalm 1.

On November 4 David Ford, along with several other church leaders, headed for Bismarck, ND for the annual Bismarck Missions Workshop. There were 15 challenging lessons throughout the book of James. This year the workshop was planned and led by Gene Goblen of Broken Bow, NE.
David Ford

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workshop for using this program was led by Shirley and Jonathan Straker and Joel Osborne, from Bramalea, on November 10. At present there are six taking advantage of this program. (One from Central America and five from China.) A pot-luck dinner was held on November 17, at which Art Ford made a presentation concerning the work and plans at Great Lakes Christian College. A dinner for the Seniors was held on November 24, served by the young adults.

Jerry Rushford of Pepperdine University spoke on Sunday morning, December 2, at the Sunday school hour and for the worship service. Jerry last spoke at Strathmore on the last Sunday of November or the first Sunday of December, 1961 while a student at Great Lakes Christian College.

Waterloo: The GLCC Chorus sang on Friday, November 16. Javier and Isabel Cuarezma's son, Oswaldo, with his new wife, Clavelia have moved to the Kitchener/Waterloo area. Oswaldo is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University in the Mechanical Engineering department. The congregation sponsored Abdul Razaq, his wife, Shanti and children, Solomon (6) and Sara (5) in their effort to settle as refugees in Canada. Nathan Hoel was baptized on Sunday afternoon, October 28. Over 200 attended John Clayton's

lectures on Saturday and 184 on Sunday morning.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: Three of our young men, Mario Girouard, Stephane Maillet and Shawn LeBlanc have all moved closer to the church community. Shawn LeBlanc is making long range goals to enroll at Great Lakes Bible College in order to prepare himself to return to the province to preach. A home Bible study has begun with Shawn's mother. Tim Johnson drove from Moncton to attend the Great Lakes Lectureship, attend an editor's meeting for the Gospel Herald and visit family members. They anticipate having their sons, Daniel and Tom home for the holidays.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: Two hundred and eighty-six attended F. LaGard Smith's series on Sunday October 14. The teens co-ordinated a food drive to help needy families for their November Thanksgiving.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: The congregation collected toys for needy children. Lloyd Yoder died on Monday, November 12. He was known as a man of integrity, well respected and was a joyous person.

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OBITUARIES

Ivan George Wright

On the 1st day of November 2001, Ivan George Wright departed this life after several minor strokes had left him quite handicapped. He had been in a nursing home, for the last couple of months, and was then moved to the hospital where he died. The last few days, he lapsed into a coma.

Ivan was born on April the 17th 1923 on the Manitoulin Island and lived there until he moved to the Sault, where he remained for the rest of his life, with the exception of a few years the he attended Great Lakes Christian College.

He married Phyllis Ivadelle Bailey on November the 17th 1952. They would have been married forty-nine years had he lived sixteen more days. To this union, were born six children; four boys and two girls. They and their mother live to mourn his passing.

Ivan was baptized into Christ in the year of 1952 and remained faithful to the church and his Lord until the time he was called home. Ivan was not gifted as a great speaker, but he was always willing to participate in the meetings, and was capable of leading a well-worded prayer.

If anyone was in need, Ivan was always there to help. Most of his life was directed toward mechanics and for years he had his own business. On one occasion I recall quite vividly, some people travelling through the city had their car break down on a Saturday. The garages in the city were closed for the weekend. Somehow they located Ivan's place of business. They were accommodated in their home while Ivan worked on the car. By Monday the car was repaired and they were on their way. But the kindly persons that they were, wrote a letter back to the Sault Star which the paper printed and added comments of their own. I am sure the Lord was well pleased. Ivan will certainly be missed by his family, and also by many more who will remember him kindly.

The writer used the occasion of his funeral to speak words of comfort but also words of challenge to those who need to think seriously. We noted that: "we sorrow not as those who have no hope", but we also noted that parting from a loved one is a time for sorrow even with hope. It is a time for serious thinking.

submitted by Bethel W. Bailey

IN MEMORIUM I

Dear brother, still my memory's pride and joy!
Thou'rt gone, but still I feel thy presence near.
These last few months as I beside you sat
And held your hand, you daily grew more dear.
Before my eyes my early childhood passed:
And I saw you - a youth not yet a man.
All things you said or did, I marvelled at:
To be like you, each day I used to plan.
Then you left home - had family your own.
A little while I hovered in the nest,
Until one day for better or for worse,²
I went with you to make my home "the West".
It was a wondrous choice, for there I found
A maiden highly prized by everyone.
For sixty-six short years she's been my bride:
But now our "little race" is almost run.
Compared with yours, my life has been quite dull.
You made yourself a "Name", of which I'm proud.
You walked the earth untouched by mundane things:
Like Saul with "head and shoulders o'er the crowd."³
Years take their toll, e'en good things cannot last
Our lives must end, and tides must outward go;
God brought our lives together once again
Just ere that restless spirit was laid low
As week by week, I watched thy spirit ebb,
Until the "house of clay" did weaker grow.
And now thine earthly battles are all done;⁴
You've gained that final victory o'er the Foe.

Cecil T Bailey July 9, 2001

1. John Carlos Bailey was born to Tom and Edith Bailey, September 13, 1903.
2. I left home near Thessalon, Ont. on May 26, 1931.
3. See 1 Samuel 9:1,2.
4. J. C. quit this Vale of Tears on Monday, July 2, 2001.

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knows what kind of woman this is who is touching him."

Throughout his ministry, Jesus welcomed people from every background. Although he acknowledged their sin and told them not to sin any more, he dealt compassionately with everyone (except for the hypocrites who treated people poorly). "I came," he said, "to seek and save the lost." Jesus cared about every lost soul, no matter what they might have done. He called on his followers to show compassion and love to everyone - their next-door neighbour or the socially unacceptable "Samaritan."

For the Christian, compassion includes looking after people's physical needs. This can be seen in the parable of the Sheep and Goats. The AIDS epidemic offers an opportunity for Christians to demonstrate their concern and generosity toward those in need. However, there is an even greater spiritual need to help people whose lives have been broken by disease and sin, people who are having to face their own mortality and to try to understand the meaning and purpose of life. These people need to know that there is a loving God who understands their pain, and offers hope. They need to hear the story of Jesus from someone who really cares.

"I care ... Do you?" was the slogan for UNAIDS "World AIDS Day" December 1, 2001. It calls every person to go beyond the statistics and care about the people who are suffering and dying from this disease. It invites each individual to compassionate involvement. It challenges each Christian to show Christ's love to the world.

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HALIFAX (In homes) Sun 10, 11, Thurs 6, 224 Jeep Cres., Dartmouth B3G 1P4, Daren/Kim Simmonds (902) 461-9436, <daren.simmonds@xwave.com>

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 Maaeky, 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, <e.jermakowicz@sympatico.ca>

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

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

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

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

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

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2, Sun 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6 30, Wed 7, contact Roy Cox (519) 449-3239; office (519) 759-6630, 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 10, 11; Wed 7, Allen Bojarski, cv Phone (613) 933-1825, fax 933-1879, Email abojarski@cogeco.ca, Website: http://members.home.net/abojarski/abojarski.html

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 <DonHipwell@AOL.com>

GORE BAY: W Manitoulin church, (Gore Bay waterfront, past docks), Sun 10 30, B1-4, 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 9-4:5. 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, POP 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

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpudde Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building Sun 9 45 a.m. Exhortation, 10:05 a.m. Bible Study, 11:00 Worship, Tuesday Afternoon at 1 p.m. in Board Room Brian V Sullivan, evangelist 905 892-6247 or bvsprchr@computan on ca Web site: <http://www.computan.ca/~bvsprchr/>

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr. Sun 9 45, 11:00, 6:30, Wed 7 30, Box 21581, L5Y 8J1, Clayton McLeod, sec. (905) 475-9447 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, evs

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

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

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9, Sun 10, 11, 6, Wed 7, Robert MacRury, ev, 733-2580 (off), 757-0701 (res)

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave E., N4K 3H8, Sun 9 45, 11, 6, Thurs 7, Brian Thompson, (519) 376-6702 (off), 372-2155 (res) 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 phone 705-742-5349 or 876-7104, peterm@peterboro.net

PINE ORCHARD: Sun 10, 11, Bruce Brandon, sec 852-5026, RR 2, 1 sbridge, 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)

SE 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.ainb.com, WebSite: <http://churchofchrist@n3.net>

SE CATHARINES (Garden City): UNF Hall, 77 Facer St., Sun 9, 10, 11, Wed 7, c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev 1231 2 Keeler 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)-329-1161 (off) 344-4846 (res) E-mail: sarcofe@itech.net, Other contact Vern Hubbard, (519) 383-6700, email vhubbard@itech.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 1/2 km N of village, Sun 10, 11, Wed 7 30, Box 13, N0A 1P0

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

SOUTH RIVER: Jasper St. S., off Ottawa St. W., Sun 10, 11, 6, Wed 7 00, Box 549, P6A 1X0, Jim Nicholson, ev (705) 384-5215, church bldg 386-2551

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

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6, Sun 9 30 Assembly, 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

SUBBY RY: 2665 Bancroft Dr. P5B 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 Lubbrook, 172 Pheasant Run Dr. RR1 Belle River ON, N0R 1A0, (519) 755-0270, Ron Meechan, ev

THESSALON: 8 Albert St off Hwy 17, Sun 10, 11, 7, Wed 7 30, Eric White, RR 2, P0R H0 (705) 842-6533, Murray Smith, ev. 842-2741

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

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

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

TINTERN: R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON, L0R 2C0, Sun 11 15, 9 45, 6 (call to confirm), Wed 7 00, Jim Holston, ev (905) 563-6148 (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, 65 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 Wiredu, sec., 242-8731

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxswell 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 Volev (416) 267-6820, Elders, Max Craddock (416) 461-7406, e-mail: mzc@strathmorecofc.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.

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

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

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

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.), 254-6262 or 945-4851, Sun 9 45, 11, 5 30, Wed 7 00, Drew Chapados, ev., 1179 Harrison Ave., N9C 3J4, (519) 250-4407, Chad Celaire, ev., email: wsidecoo@wincom.net, www.geocities.com/wsidecoo

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: <caddeo@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 (450) 635-5105, rogersaumur@sympatico.ca, <http://www3.sympatico.ca/rogers-saumur/>, (English) Sun 11, 10, Wed 7

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel), Sun 9 30, 10 30 (French), Wed 19 30, C P 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8, Yvon Boadoin, 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 30, Box 507, S0H 1X0, Wendell Bailey, ev (306) 648-3435, Marvin Bandura, Sec 648-3629

HOORSE 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, Box 804, Wilkie, S0K 4W0, Contact Owen Davies, (306) 843-2210

PERRYVILLE: Meetings in the home of Sheldon Perry, Phone (306) 835-2681, Mail to Box 496, Wynyard, S

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

SASKATON: 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: <stooncofe@sk.sympatico.ca>

SASKATON (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, Scott Wade, ev. (306) 842-6424 (off), (306) 848-2032 (res)

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

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

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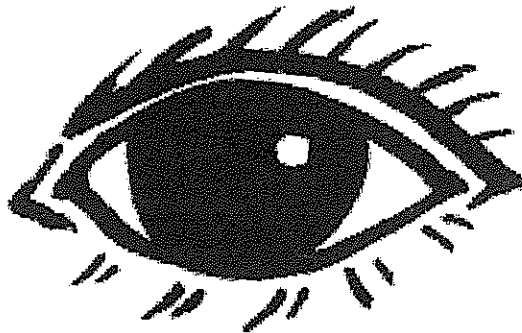
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