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# The Commission's Imperatives

Geoffrey Ellis

The Bible translator's challenge is to capture the force of the original language and deliver it into readable English. That English is somewhat more limited than Greek in the nuances of expression increases the difficulty. Matthew's recording of our Lord's "great commission" is a case in point (Matt. 28:18-20).

When asked, "What command does Jesus give his disciples in the great commission?" the almost universal response is, "Go!"

This is not surprising. The English rendering of Matthew 28:19, following a 450-year tradition, commonly gives the imperative to "Go." Here are three examples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." (KJV). "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (RSV). "Go forth therefore and make all nations my disciples..." (NEB).

This treatment of Matthew's commission gives a technically accurate rendering of the Greek. Of concern, however, is what the English words might convey to the reader in contrast to the emphases of the original.

In the above examples, "Go" is given as an imperative in the English even though it is a participle in the original. There are solid reasons for giving the participle "going" an imperative sense, as we shall

see. But does the English reader who sees "Go!" understand it as a somewhat modified imperative (indeed if such exists)?

The commission, given in the extended sentence in verses 19 and 20, contains an imperative as the main verb and three participles. The imperative tells us what to do and the participles tell us how to do it.

The imperative of the great commission is, "Disciple!" or "Make disciples!" The three participles are "going," "baptizing" and "teaching." The command "Disciple!" joined with the direct object, "all nations," establishes the purpose, the focus, and the work of the church's life. The church's challenge is global. Its task is worldwide. Its target is as broad as God's love—God who so loved the world that he sent his Son to be its Saviour (John 3:16). While the going into all the world is of great importance, it is essential that the central emphasis of the commission is identified, "Disciple!"

The participle, "going" and the verb, "disciple!" are both in the aorist tense. The aorist tense signifies an undefined action normally occurring in the past. The aorist imperative "commands the action as a whole, puts forth a summary command, without focusing on duration, repetition, etc." The aorist participle suggests "antecedent time to the main verb, or an act contemporaneous with it."

The linking of an aorist participle with an aorist main verb in Greek usage can have the impact of drawing the sense of the main verb to the participle, according to the principle of "attendant circumstance." Thus the rendering of "going," in Matthew's text, or more accurately, "having gone," or "in going," as "Go!" is technically correct. The best translation of a participle in "attendant circumstance" is to turn it into a finite verb of the same mood of the main verb (here imper-

ative) and insert "and," i.e. "Go and make disciples."

The presence of the conjunction "and" implies the equal balancing of the two commands, even though in the original there is no "and." Yet for the English ear, the "go," coming first, tends to receive the greater emphasis. "This [rendering], however, leads one to suspect a coordinate relationship between the two verbs. The participle is still grammatically subordinate to the leading verb..." (Young 1994, 158). Thus the difficulty of the common rendering of Matthew 28:19-20 is that it misses the central emphasis that Jesus gives. It shifts the imperative to "go" and muffles the main imperative by adding "and make disciples."

The two participles, "baptizing" and "teaching" are in the present tense and are viewed as "participles of means." Clearly, the means by which disciples are made are through baptism and subsequent teaching. The mood of the main verb, the imperative, colours the importance of the actions of these participles as well. Again, the participle, "going" has implicit significance, given the larger context of the apostolic teaching. The disciples who "go" are armed with the gospel (cf. Rom. 10:14-15). It is the teaching of this gospel that initiates one as a disciple and qualifies for baptism. Hence, the first participle is also one of means. Thus, the imperative mood of the main verb colours the three participles with the imperative sense and the three are the means of accomplishing the command.

That "go" should be strongly conditioned by the imperative is appreciated when the first audience is considered—the apostles, Jewish men for whom the idea of making disciples of "the nations," i.e. "the Gentiles," was rather difficult. The Book of Acts records how slow the early church was to go beyond its

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# The Bible as Hate Literature?

Steve Cordle

Recently, a bill in the federal parliament came to my attention that should worry all Christians. This bill has received very little attention in the Canadian press, but needs to be exposed to the light of truth. In the last parliamentary session the bill was introduced as C-415, but in October of 2002 it was re-introduced as Bill C-250. The bill is a private members bill by Svend Robinson, NDP Member of Parliament. Bill C-250 replaces Subsection (318(4) of the Criminal Code with the following:

(4) In this section, "identifiable group" means any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, ethnic origin or *sexual orientation*. (Emphasis added)

The bill is designed to redefine the term identifiable group in the Criminal Code of Canada as it relates to so-called "hate propaganda." The current law bans promotion of hatred and violence against members of an identifiable group and makes it a criminal offence to do the following:

*Advocate genocide*- advocating the killing of members of an identifiable group or deliberately inflicting, on the group, conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction

*Public incitement of hatred*- communicating statements in a public place that incite hatred against an identifiable group. A "public place" is defined as any place 'to which the public have access as of a right or by invitation, express or implied.' This would include churches and other religious meeting places.

*Willful promotion of hatred*- communicating statements, other than in private conversations, that willfully promote hatred against any identifiable group.

According to an article dated October 21, 2002 on the news site *WorldNetDaily.Com*, Svend Robinson, the bills sponsor and self described homosexual, sends a letter to inquirers quoting Alberta Attorney General Dave Hancock, who insists protecting gays from hateful propaganda has nothing to do with endorsing homosexuality. "There are appropriate ways to discuss issues in our country... and you don't need to put forward hateful literature," Hancock

said. "It doesn't matter what you believe about sexual orientation."

There are several concerns about this proposed law. For starters, it is a direct assault on free speech and thought. Second, it will result in curtailing of religious freedom. Supporters of the bill claim it is needed to protect homosexuals from attacks. The bill's backers argue that statements against homosexual behavior for religious reasons are exempted in the current law.

However, if recent history is any guide, the courts of Canada have not been keen on accepting religious or conscientious objections to homosexuality.

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## *As Christians, we must be concerned with events that happen in the nation.*

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In the spring of 2002 a Catholic school in Ontario was barred from prohibiting an alleged homosexual teenager from bringing his "boyfriend" to the prom. The court in effect told the Catholic Church that their beliefs and teachings concerning homosexuality are invalid and they have no right to take action to back up those beliefs. Also, consider the case of a Saskatchewan man who was recently fined \$5,000 for buying a newspaper ad that quoted verses from the Bible condemning homosexual behavior. Then, there was the case in 2000 when the Ontario Human Rights Commission penalized printer Scott Brockie \$5,000 for refusing to print letterhead for a homosexual advocacy group. Brockie argued that his Christian beliefs compelled him to reject the group's request.

Given such scenarios, it is hard to see that someone preaching against homosexuality could successfully defend himself in court by claiming freedom of religion. Concerning a religious defence to charges under this proposed law, Art Moore, writing on *WorldNetDaily.com* states: opponents [of Bill C-415 now known as C-250] point out that the law addressed by Robinson's amendment spells out three different types of actions or speech considered criminal, and only

one can be excused by a religious defense. And even that one, opponents maintain, has not always held up in court, because its vagueness leaves wide discretion to judges.

• In an "action alert" distributed by Brian Rushfeldt, executive director of the Canada Family Action Coalition in Calgary, Alberta, it is stated that if C-415 becomes law in Canada, "the following consequences will result, especially once hate crime charges are brought before the courts":

• The Bible, at least certain portions of the Bible, may be declared "hate literature."

• Churches will not be able to mention certain Scriptures.

• Clergy may be subjected to criminal charges if they refuse to marry homosexuals.

• Parents may be subjected to criminal charges if they refuse to allow their children to attend classes that teach about and promote homosexual behavior.

• Expressing disagreement with homosexual behavior or the homosexual agenda, either verbally or in writing, would be considered hate propaganda.

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## The Right Question

Wayne Turner



We have all heard someone ask, "What's wrong with that?" Usually the question is raised when a person is trying to decide if there is anything morally, ethically or spiritually wrong with an action. The question represents an important understanding, that sin is real and that it is eternally devastating. No one who wants to be righteous would willingly and knowingly do wrong. However, is this really the question that Christians should ask? Does it truly represent the type of lives we want to lead as God's people? Is this really the right question?

Take a moment to think about your concept of the Bible. Is it a book of laws – God's divine list of don'ts? Certainly, the Bible contains many statements about what we should not do. Are our lives defined by the fact that we don't do wrong? Some church members act like this, focusing on the things that they don't do. From such a frame of mind, Bible study becomes little more than a search for more prohibitions. However, Paul asks the Colossians, "Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why ... do you submit to its rules: 'Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!' ... Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom ... but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence" (2:20-23 NIV). Thus, asking "What's wrong with that?" is backwards Bible study. It is the "wrong" question.

As Christians, we should base our lives on the righteousness of God. This is a positive, not a negative. God is described as holy, light, love, pure – the list could go on at length. God does not present himself by what he isn't, but rather by what He is. (Think of the seven "I am" sayings of Jesus in John.) As the people of God, our highest calling is to be like Him, like children imitating their father. As children of light, our goal is not simply to avoid darkness, but to walk in what is clearly the light. We should not ask, "What is wrong?" but rather, "What is right?" What does the Bible show is clearly and unquestionably right? Following this question leads to the one way that is right and cannot be wrong.

During the Reformation, Luther essentially shaped his thinking by the question, "What is wrong?" As a result, he believed that unless scripture expressly forbade something, it was permissible. Another reformer, Zwingli, came to a different conclusion, that the Bible identified what is right. Bruce Shelley, in his book, Church History in Plain Language, writes that Luther "would allow whatever the Bible did not prohibit; Zwingli rejected whatever the Bible did not prescribe." Many years later, leaders in the Restoration Movement would refer to the "silence of Scripture." God did not have to define everything He did not want. All He needed to do was to tell His people what was right, what He wanted them to do.

It is interesting to note that obeying the silence of scripture did not originate in the Reformation. It is even used in the Bible itself. The writer of Hebrews argues, "For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe,

Moses said nothing about priests" (7:14 NIV). God did not say that people of Judah could not be priests. He did not have to. He said that priests would come from Levi. That was enough.

About a century ago, an argument over the authority of the silence of scripture caused a tragic division within the Restoration Movement. One side, favouring the use of instrumental music and mission societies, asked, "What's wrong with these things?"—the Bible doesn't expressly prohibit them. The other side, seeking to respect the Scriptures as God's standard, asked, "What's right?" with them. They understood that the same argument that was used for these practices could also bring incense, candles and a number of other human innovations to worship. Following this rationale, we might now decide that, although the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine used in the Lord's Supper had meaning to Jews of the First Century, hamburgers and cola would be more relevant and meaningful today (and would certainly draw more young people to church). "What's wrong with that?" We don't make this change because the Bible shows us what is right, what Jesus used when He instituted the observance. If the Bible had to contain every express prohibition of things that God did not want, it would be so heavy that we could not possibly carry it.

Paul reflects this positive approach to the Bible in 2 Timothy 3:16,17, stating that scripture is useful for "teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." Primarily, God's word is a light to show us the way we should go.

Unfortunately, within our fellowship today, we are again hearing the question, "What's wrong?" A few congregations in both the U.S. and Canada have, to put it as gently as possible, "experimented" with instrumental music. Despite the arguments based on the silence of scripture, the clear testimony of early church history, the opposition to it among some of the Reformation and Restoration leaders, and the historical division this innovation created a century ago, these congregations and individuals seem determined to proceed, regardless of the cost. What has never been shown is that the use of

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# Leave, Live and Look

Harold Bruggen

The blessings of God's grace are awesome. It is through the grace of God that salvation and redemption are made available for all men. Our Lord encountered death for every man (Heb. 2:9). It is his will that all men come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4) and he is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). We've often correctly defined grace as "God's unmerited favor." It is getting something that we do not deserve (Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 5:6-8). There is no doubt that the grace of God blesses, but equally so, the passage of scripture in Titus 2:11-14 demonstrates that the grace of God also obligates. It requires and teaches certain responsibilities for all who would enjoy its favor. The meaning of Titus 2:11-14 can be summed up with three main points, all beginning with the letter L: leave, live, and look.

## Leave

First of all, the grace of God demands that we leave behind certain practices of the past and begin walking in the righteousness of God.

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We must leave behind ungodliness, worldly lust, and works of the flesh (Titus 2:12; Gal. 5:19-21). After we have become recipients of the benefits of God's grace, it is "the cross before me, the world behind me, no turning back" (Luke 9:62; 17:32). We must remember to leave the "old self" behind in the watery grave where he was buried (Romans 6:4ff). Those who come to God must remember to love not the world neither the things that are in the world (1 John 2:15). We must leave behind fleshly lusts which war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11). Thus, first of all, the grace of God that brings salvation also brings the responsibility to leave ungodliness behind.

## Live

The grace of God not only demands that we leave ungodliness but that we live, self-controlled, upright, and godly in this present world (Titus 2:12). It is not sufficient to merely eliminate evil from our lives; we must replace the evil with good. Jesus told the story of the evil spirit gone out of a man, walking through dry places, seeking rest and finding none. The unclean spirit then decided to return to his former residence. When he arrived, he found it unoccupied, swept clean, and put in order. Thus finding the vacancy, he went and took with him seven spirits more wicked than himself and they entered in and dwelled there again. Jesus said that the final condition of this man was worse than the first (Matt. 12:43-45).

The obvious point of this declaration by our Lord is that it is not sufficient to merely eliminate evil from our lives. We must replace that evil with good. We must "put on" as well as "put off" (Col. 3:10,12; Eph. 4:24; 2 Pet. 1:5-11). We must be different or peculiar from the world not only in what we don't do, but also in the things that we are doing. We must be sure to give attention to the "shalls" of the gospel as well as

the "shall nots" (James 4:17; Matt. 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 3:14-19). Jesus is certainly the best example of what it means to live self-controlled, upright, and godly. He kept Himself pure and went about doing good (1 Pet. 2:21; Acts 10:38).

## Look

Not only must we leave behind ungodliness and worldly lust, and live self-controlled, upright, and godly, but furthermore, we ought also to look for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior (Titus 2:13). This passage is a reference to the second coming of Christ. A companion passage that emphasizes the importance of living and looking is found in 2 Pet. 3:10-14. In view of the fact that this world and all that is in it will someday perish in fire, Peter asked the question, "*Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming ... So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him.*" Thus, righteous living must precede confident looking. Are you looking forward to the second coming? Can you, with Paul, say, "Come, O Lord!" (1 Cor. 16:22).

## Conclusion

The grace of God that brings salvation brings a bunch of blessings. But it also brings responsibility. We must never forget that the grace of God obligates us to leave, to live, and to look. Let us be diligent in making certain that we have met the demands of leaving and living so that we might confidently be looking for the second coming of Christ.

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## Trash Talking

Nine thousand teens participated in a recent Internet poll and their answers are, to say the least, disturbing. When asked "Do rumours run rampant in your school?" 90% answered yes. When asked, "Are there more rumours about guys or girls?" 91% answered girls and 9% answered guys. When asked what the rumours were about the answers centered on dating and what one may have done on a date. When asked, "Have you ever been the subject of rumours?" 73% answered yes. When asked, "How did the rumours affect you?" 29% answered "they made me angry," 23% answered "they just made me laugh," 19% said, "they didn't affect me at all," 11% answered, "they made me feel depressed," 10% said, "they made it hard to be at school," 4% answered, "they cost me friends," 2% said, "they ruined my life," and 1% said, "they got so bad, I had to change schools." When asked, "what's the best way to deal with rumours?" 41% said, "ignore them," 39% answered, "confront whoever spread them," 17% said, "try to prove they are wrong," and 3% answered, "try to get even by spreading some yourself." When asked, "Have you ever regretted spreading a rumour?" 52% said, "yes, when I saw the damage it did," and 48% answered, "no, I didn't really care." When asked, "is there a way to stop the rumour mill?" 80% answered, "no, once a rumour starts it can't be stopped," and 20% said, "yes, by refusing to spread rumours."

Gossip is a problem that is getting bigger everyday. People are being destroyed, good reputations are being muddied, and friendships torn to pieces because of juicy bits of gossip. Without the benefit of either Internet

poll or survey God knew gossip to be a harmful and destructive thing. The wise words in Proverbs warn us.

- Proverbs 11:13, "A gossip goes around revealing secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence." (NLT)
- Proverbs 16:28, "A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends." (NIV)
- Proverbs 20:19, "A gossip tells secrets, so don't hang around with someone who talks too much." (NLT)
- Proverbs 26:20, "Fire goes out for lack of fuel, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops."

We are to honour God in all areas of our lives. We must know that gossip does not honour God. When we gossip about others we inflict emotional pain on them. We may not strike them physically, but we are abusing them emotionally.

We often hear gossip defended with, "But I know that it is true!" Truth telling is no defence for gossip. We must examine our motives. Why did we say what we did? Was it for the enjoyment of others and ourselves? Was it a put down? Was it simply out of habit? I think many gossip without even thinking about it because gossip has become a habit for them. Lives are destroyed without their giving it a thought.

What should we do when we encounter gossip?

1. Speak out. Be kind, but be firm.
2. Be positive. Turn the situation around by saying something complimentary about the one being discussed.
3. Walk away. Do not continue to be a part of the problem by hanging around.

"But my friends would laugh and

make fun of me if I spoke out, said something nice about the one being gossiped about or walked away." Well, maybe it is time to find some new friends. Do you really want friends who mock you for doing the right thing? Also, you must know that those same friends who gossip to you about others are sure to be gossiping about you when you are not present.

What should we do when we are tempted to gossip?

1. Resist the urge. I know it is not easy, but self-discipline usually isn't.
2. Pray. Ask God for the strength to resist the temptation to gossip and pray for those that are doing the gossiping.
3. Help those that are hurting. Gossip is often about people experiencing some real life problems. Pray for them. Go to them, tell them you are praying for them and offer any other help that you can.

We can resist the temptation to gossip easier when we seek to replace gossip with good words that will benefit those that listen and good works that will not only illustrate our faith but also help the one that is being gossiped about. Paul's instructions to the Ephesian Christians are a very helpful guide for us as we seek to honour God with all we say and do. Ephesians 4:29, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (NIV) If we do not exercise tight control over all that we say our religion is worthless. James 1:26, "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." (NIV)

We would all do well to ask ourselves these four questions before saying anything.

1. Is it true?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Jewish character to reach out to the Gentile world.

In the samples given at the outset of the article, the particle “therefore,” is linked to the “Go!” intensifying the importance of the going. “Therefore” links with the preceding statement by Jesus, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...” (v. 18). What more powerful mandate for the “going” could be given! No wonder the conclusion is drawn that Christ’s primary concern is with the going rather than with the larger issue of making disciples.

The “therefore,” however, located in the original as the second word in the sentence following the “going” (that receives the emphasis because it is the first word in the Greek sentence), is a “postpositive.” That is, while it cannot begin the sentence in Greek, it is understood to begin the thought and should be at the first of the sentence in English. It links all

that precedes it with all that follows it. In this regard, the NIV is undoubtedly correct in placing “therefore” at the head of the sentence, signifying that all that follows is to be conditioned by the absolute authority of Christ, not just the “going.”

Both the setting and the context of the great commission are consistent with the great emphasis of Christ’s charge to his church. The setting is that of Christ’s resurrection appearances. His chief activity during the forty days on earth following his resurrection was the commissioning of his disciples. In five different locations and in eight different statements, as recorded in the four Gospels and Acts, Jesus instructed his disciples regarding their assignment in global evangelism.

The context of Matthew’s commission has the powerful stress of the surrounding superlatives in the text. “All authority” is Christ’s. “All nations” are the target for disciple-making. Baptism is to be enacted in

the superlative authority of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The ongoing teaching of those who become disciples is to include “all” that Jesus taught the apostles and, by extension, all that the apostles would teach by virtue of their guidance by the Holy Spirit. The marching forth of Jesus’ followers, under the orders of his commission, is to be in the encouragement of his abiding presence, until the “very end of the age.”

What a powerful command given by him who has all authority! Make disciples of all the nations! Do so by going globally with the gospel! Baptize with the authority of the Godhead! Teach all of heaven’s will for mankind to those who would be disciples of Christ! May Christ’s imperatives be our commission!

(Cf. Young, Richard, A. Greek: A Linguistic and Exegetical Approach. Broadman and Holman, Publishers, 1994.)

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### The End of Another Year – How Can It Be?

*(Editor's Note: I need to apologize to our readers for the oversight in publishing the first article on Fear by Margaret Hibbard a second time. I just didn't remember that it had already been printed. I would like to also take this opportunity to again solicit help from you ladies out there. There have been a few months when there was no Woman's Page, simply because I didn't have time to write an article and I had nothing from anyone else. I know there are some very talented, knowledgeable ladies out there who have information to share with the rest of us. Please send anything you have to me either by mail (see address above) or as an attachment by e-mail at wl\_hammett@seovec.org. Thanks for your interest and help. lch)*

While working on the Gospel Herald Index for this year, I discovered that I have not yet written any articles this year. I was surprised at that, because I know I've had some ideas. Oh well, just another evidence that time is moving quickly and gets away from me faster than I would like it to.

This is always a time of year that brings with it a myriad of emotions and feelings. As the temperatures drop and the season changes, it sometimes makes us feel a little let down. Even though the trees shed their leaves and the flowers are gone for another year, there is

always the assurance that they will bloom again when the time is right.

As I look back over this year, many feelings come to the surface. I am astounded at how quickly the time has flown by. Many plans and goals that I had for the year have not been realized. I regret that because they are things that I know needed to be done. I have no excuse. I try to justify it by telling myself that I just have too many things to do and so little time. But, I can control that by not taking on so much. I often ask myself why I get tied down to so many things—and I haven't yet come up with a good answer.

Time is one of the most precious commodities available to us today, but it is also something that we take so for granted. As I get older, I am more and more aware of that fact. I am painfully aware of the many things that have been left undone this year and the many years before.

Are you so different? I don't know too many people who are totally pleased with how they spend their time or who have enough time to do everything they need to do. Maybe this is a good time for us all to stop, find a quiet, peaceful place and spend some time reflecting on our lives and how we use our time. Most of us don't realize that we are allowed to say no when asked to do

things. I'm not sure why we don't exercise that right more than we do. Does anyone out there have any ideas or suggestions about how we can manage our time better? Perhaps we could do a series of articles on that, if enough of you can send in some thoughts.

In August, my house become one without children. All three of my kids are now in college, and these last few months have been very hard for me. As I think back over their childhood, I wonder if I've taught them all they need to know to be successful, responsible, Christian adults. I wonder if my time couldn't have been spent more wisely in teaching them some important things that would help them later in life. So far, I am happy to say that they are all doing well in all areas of their lives. My prayer is that they will continue to walk with God every day of their lives and serve Him in whatever they do.

I often feel that I get so busy with life that I don't spend the needed time on the spiritual. I tell myself that there's always tomorrow. But sometimes tomorrow doesn't come. How often do we hear about people, many young in years, who suddenly get sick or become incapacitated for various reasons and are no longer able to function as they once did. Will that be me someday? Will that be you someday?

As we are about to enter a new year, let me encourage each of us to evaluate our lives seriously and make sure that we are living the way we should be. Let's not be guilty of wasting precious time on things that are not going to help us get to heaven. With our eyes on Jesus and our ultimate goal heaven, we should walk with His help into eternal life knowing that we have spent our life on earth the best way that we could and to His glory.

May God bless us all with a good holiday season and a desire to make the next year even better than this one.

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*Journey Into Yesterday*  
by Ruth B. Coles,  
J. C. Choate Publications, Winona, MS  
\$20 (Cdn.) Available from Ruby Ford,  
Great Lakes Christian College.

My wife, Marie, obtained a copy of this book at this year's "Ladies Retreat" sponsored by the Owen Sound ladies. She wondered if I would agree with her purchase. I heartily agreed with her purchase and couldn't put it down until I had read it. It is especially encouraging to senior people as it shows what can be accomplished in our later years.

Ruth B. Coles was born and raised in the Scottish fishing village of Portknockie along the beautiful coastline of the Moray Firth. In later life, she and her husband,

Reg served in full-time mission work in Papua New Guinea. She writes in a way that the reader is able to visualize (as far as possible) the many thrilling events of their ministry. Many photographs help the reader to accomplish this goal.

We read of the many Canadians that were involved in this exciting ministry. There are people like the Cannons, the Locks, the Fords and the Pages. Numerous photographs enhance the value of the book. We see their fellow workers, the rickety bridge they had to cross, the wildlife, church buses, baptisms, children's classes, races at picnics, weddings, etc.

This book is instructive and inspirational. Every home would benefit from a copy.

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musical instruments in the assembly of Christians is right and ordained by God in the scriptures. It cannot be done.

The argument from silence has been much disparaged by those who want to introduce human innovations into the church. They try to portray this as a narrow, outdated, legalistic approach. Nevertheless, which is really legalism – approaching the Bible to find and follow God's will or approaching the Bible insisting that everything is permissible unless there is a scriptural law against it? Do Christians live by positive principles of right or by keeping rules?

Many Christians today do not understand the difference between these two approaches and are therefore vulnerable to the "what's wrong" type of thinking. As His people, we each need to renew our commitment to Him and His word. May we seek the life and righteousness that are His. May we ask, as we study, "What's right?" "What does God want me to do and be?" May we each find the positive life described in Micah 6:8, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (NIV)

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**ONTARIO**

**Beamsville:** Guest speaker was brother Truitt Adair, director of Sunset School of Preaching, who was the featured lecturer at the Great Lakes Lectureship, November 3-5. The brethren took special collections on November 10 and 17 to contribute to the Zambian work in famine relief. Andrew Fleming was baptized into Christ on Wednesday, November 6.

**Bramalea:** Three of our young men spoke on Sunday evenings, during the month of October; Keith Whittington, Jonathan Knutson and Josh Lourenco. Bible Bowl is planned for December 7, beginning at 2:00 p.m., using the book of Exodus as our text. Sunday night services were cancelled November 3 so members could attend the lectureship at Great Lakes in Beamsville. Linda Pappas' father died November 22 in Newmarket. Owen and Linda Whittington and family moved to Ohio on November 14. Rachel Oleksiuk from Moncton, New Brunswick has moved into our area, attending Sheridan College. The twenty-year olds from Ontario held an in-house retreat, November 29 - December 1 at the Bramalea church building. Special presentations were given by Jamie Azzoparde of Brantford, and Don MacMullin of Tintern.

**Brantford:** The brethren were collecting t-shirts and blankets for Greg Smith to take to India in January.

**Fenwick:** Brother Earl Greene from Newark, New York held a meeting, "The Promise of the Church," November 11 through 13.

**Grimbsy:** "VBS this August featured a bug-theme week of stories, crafts, puppets and songs. Our building and classrooms were transformed into a bug's garden to compliment Bible stories about God's love for us. The church family worked hard together to provide this worthwhile venture for the community and church's children. On October 5, we had our first ladies class in a member's home, which was well attended. Ann Lewis taught the first of the "Fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5. Next class in November, is the first Thursday of

the month, Heidi Halls of the Swaziland group will be sharing her experiences."

**Hamilton, West:** "On October 26 and 27 four of our young married couples participated in a Marriage Seminar in Niagara Falls. At our following mid-week Bible study they shared with the rest of us some of the things they learned on 'communicating,' 'true expectations,' 'listening,' 'encouraging and growing strong,' and other key points in the marriage journey." Ed VanAlstine.

**Meaford:** On October 18, Doug and Joyce Franklin celebrated their 50th Anniversary. A come and go tea in their honour was held October 20. That same day the Meaford and Owen Sound congregations exchanged preachers for the morning worship. The unexpected passing of Jean Ellis on Sunday, October 27 at the age of 86 saddened us all. Jean was the longest serving member of the congregation here. The annual youth rally, February 21-23, 2003, is being planned. Duane Williams from Beamsville will be the featured speaker.

**St. Catharines (Ontario St.):** The GLCC chorus sang for us November 24. Kim Sung Ae has recently moved to St. Catharines and placed membership with us. Barclay and Sharon Osborne are back from Germany and in their own house. Sharon is working part-time for the Gospel Herald bookstore in Beamsville.

**Stoney Creek:** Had a meeting November 15-17, "His Love Compels - God's Unexpected, Unrelenting and Unfathomable Love" with Dr. Tom Olbricht as guest speaker.

**Stratford:** Began their Tuesday men's class in the middle of October. The congregation planned an in-house Bible bowl for November 24 and encouraged everyone to participate.

**Thessalon:** Glenna Weir passed away Friday evening, October 11 after a short illness caused by e-coli bacteria.

**Toronto, Strathmore:** Michael Tackett, Key to the Kingdom speaker, presented lessons November 8-10, "Walking by Faith, Not by Sight" - a study of the book of Ephesians. Good crowds attended all the meetings, with a good number of visitors who watch Key on Television and are taking courses as a result.

**Walkerton:** The congregation began meeting November 10 in the Victoria Jubilee Hall with Bible study at 9:30 and worship at 10:30 a.m. Gregory and Gemma Smith, who recently moved to Teeswater, were instrumental in it's beginning with visitors coming from several

surrounding congregations. Contact them at (519) 392-8128.

**Waterloo:** Placing membership are Nathan Howell and David and Kristen Dimmick. The brethren had an open house on November 24 with a potluck for all followed by a hymn sing. Nancy Ferguson was guest speaker for the ladies on November 29. Her subject was "I Can Belong to God." Peter Nash baptized Akissi Flood in Stratford. Akissi is originally from St. Lucia and now lives in Beamsville. Guest speaker on November 17 was to be Everett Ferguson. Brother Ferguson was in Waterloo to teach the short-course for Great Lakes Bible College, "Introduction to Early Christian Literature" November 18-22. Sylvain Arseneault was to be the guest speaker at the GLBC College Day on November 23. Geoff and Doreen's 50th wedding anniversary is to be celebrated Sunday, December 29 in Waterloo.

**Windsor, West Side:** Angela D'Alessandro was baptized for the remission of her sins. The brethren had a 100% day on November 10. December 9, the brethren plan to have a leaders and wives banquet at the Parkside church building with Patrick Mead of Rochester Hills, as guest speaker.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

**Moncton:** The brethren have made an offer to buy property next to their building, so they can expand or re-build. They are asking for help from several congregations. The members have already pledged or given \$7,000.00 of the \$35,000.00 needed. Fred Nelson from St. John joined the congregation as they had an overnight retreat for the men at their building on October 25-26. The topic was "Jesus: Prophet, Priest and King." Tim Johnson taught two classes to the men at GLBC/GLCC Lectureship on November 5.

## NEW YORK

**North Buffalo:** The brethren had a prayer day for Faith and Freedom on October 13.

## MICHIGAN

**Plymouth:** Al Meakes has moved from Ann Arbor and is now Outreach and Involvement Minister in Plymouth. Plymouth is in the Detroit Metroplex. The main suburbs served by the church are Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville, Westland and Novi. Average Sunday morning attendance is 235. The Meakes may be reached at: 36504 Dover, Livonia, MI 48150. The church phone number is (734) 453-7630.



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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

### ALBERTA

**Calgary:** Terri Davis was baptized on October 4. Jason and Sheryl Moriarty are home for a month from their mission in Papua New Guinea. They will be involved in church staff meetings, missions committee meetings, individual meetings with supporters, presentations/visits to various Sunday classes, preaching Oct.27, and visits to other congregations in western Canada.

**Edmonton:** As we mentioned in our last newsletter, Daryl Johnson came to Edmonton from Missoula Montana to give a lectureship on creation verses evolution. The lectureship was called, "Stand on the Rock." The weekend was well attended by our members as well as by many visitors from our community. Daryl equipped us with some very helpful information to use in teaching our children about the truth of creation as well as for studying with non-Christians. It was a good weekend of learning and fellowship. Jamie Lobert, one of the interns in the Edmonton School of Evangelism is graduating this month. Jamie and his wife Liz will be working with the "Crescent Heights Church of Christ" in Medicine Hat. We welcome Eric Martin and his family back to Edmonton. Friday November 15 has been chosen as the night that the congregation here will spend together in prayer. We meet throughout the city in different homes and lift our voices to God in thanksgiving and praise. Beginning on the first Wednesday of December, part of the congregation will be meeting in a small group situation in St. Albert. This is a test run to see if meeting in small groups throughout the city of Edmonton would be beneficial to the growth and nurturing of the congregation. Maintaining members is as important as gaining members.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** Norm Weir flew to Ottawa to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Glenna Weir, who died in Ontario October 11.

**Burnaby:** Edlira, from Albania, was baptized October 10. Edlira, her husband Edison, and their two children have attended the services since arriving in Vancouver two and a half years ago. Edison's brother, Andrew, and his wife, Daniela, who was a translator for our missionaries in Albania, introduced them to the church. Robin Smith conducted a workshop for church leaders Friday and Saturday October 26 & 27. His wife, Karen, had a session for the ladies on Saturday afternoon to tell of some of her experiences in raising and home-schooling their seven children. Labeled by Brother Smith as "A Journey to Heaven", a 2-hour song service Saturday evening came as near that as we can get on this earth.

**City Church (E. Van.):** It is exciting to have four women, three from Peking and one from Taiwan, studying the book of Luke on Wednesday afternoons. The class on Saturday evenings has been in Luke. I hope to have a new class in that gospel begin at least every few months since from Luke the natural progression is to Acts. We are training everyone to lead others by reading scriptures together. Rather than saying 'I will teach a Bible class', each is encouraged to learn how to lead a reading group, or even just one person. The object is to get individuals to read the scriptures with believers, to get excited about what God actually says to us through the Holy Word. Anyone can do this if they feel confident to lead a reading and discussion rather than having to "teach" a Bible class. Steve Hasbrouck

**Delta:** Larry and Martha Hoff went to Portland for the funeral service of his and Bev McLure's aunt, Helen Hoffman,

who died in Vancouver, Washington. The Hoffs attended the TLC ("Together with Love in Christ") program at the Oregon Convention Center. This was the 18th year that the Portland/Vancouver area churches have met together in October. Over 1,800 were present. Ken Young, from Midland, Texas, and leader of "Hallal Music", led the singing. Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, was guest speaker and preached on this year's theme, "To God Be the Glory". Larry wrote: "It was a great service and, of course, fellowshiping with old friends, including former "Canadians", was an extra treat. I pray for the day when we can have a similar function in the Vancouver area. I invite you to attend next year's program on Sunday, October 19th, 2003.

**Kamloops:** On October 13 we had a guest speaker, Murray Ververda, who related highlights of his month's trip to Papua New Guinea, giving us insights into how the Word is being spread there, as well as something of their culture. His is a former missionary to PNG. We also gained further information about the island that is called Australia's "umbrella", because of its location,

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## Church Planter Wanted!

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# MISSION NEWS

Barbara Lewis

**Ethiopia:** John Ed Clark of the Woodward Park church in Fresno, Ca. left for Ethiopia on October 17 to participate in this year's National Preachers Conference in Santarrea, Sidamo, from Nov. 7th-10th. Over 700 preachers attended the conference, the first since 1998. There were seven guest speakers from the U. S., and a total of some 1500 attended. Ethiopian brethren are rejoicing that Roger Walker finally received a student visa from the government of Ghana, and will be able to enroll in the Ghana Bible College at the end of this month. Upon completion of his studies in the next two years, he will be permitted to return to Ethiopia to work with the Sudanese people on the Ethiopian border instead of being deported back to his own country, where he would have been imprisoned or possibly executed. The World English Institute Center was completed at the end of October. Networked together by two men from Rancho Cordova, Ca., 10 new computers, using the Bible as a textbook, will be teaching students how they are operated.

**Cuba:** "I just talked with someone who is connected to the study of Spanish in Cuba.

This may be an "open" door for Christians to spend their winter months in warm Cuba and share their English language and faith with the university students. Seven-week study of Spanish, 9am-noon-Monday to Friday, Havana University campus. Air fares, food, room, and study course - about \$3,000.00 Canadian. Classes begin in January and are limited to 20 students." Ming Paul Lee, mingpaul@uniserve.com; 2635 Island H'way, Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P 9E5; (250)468-7976.

**Haiti:** Please note the address for Raymond Fillion who is leading the "Partners for Haiti Society work". The address is: 102 - 2410 Emerson St., Abbotsford, BC, V2T 3J3. Phone: (604) 850-9001

**South America:** Summer campaigns were numerous. Among others, the Highland congregation in Abilene sent a team of 116 campaigners to the city of Itu, Brazil, where it supports a missionary family. The Northside congregation in San Antonio sent 50 to Fortaleza, Brazil, for its ninth bi-annual campaign. Twelve went to Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela, for eight days. Each resulted in baptisms and new Bible studies. The "Let's Start Talking" ministry is having a tremendous impact in South America.

**Ukraine:** "Fall was short-lived this year and we have just seen our first snow (early Nov)... another sign of God's beautiful creation. It is so nice to look out and see the awesome beauty of pure white snow instead of brown dirt!! October was a busy month with a lot of blessings and company and many irritations! I had the worst flu bug I have had in many a year. Though we love our work and are daily falling in love with the people here, we both can hardly wait for a visit to a country with more conveniences!

During October our water, electricity or phone lines were off continually. (Apartment buildings here have one central boiler system over which you have NO control.) The government does not allow the heat to be turned on until October 15th or later. When they do turn it on, the water goes off so the pipes can be checked...We had several visiting Americans who support the school and various students... Don Green from Tennessee persuaded Rhett to start an English devo/class on Sunday evenings. We are having about 20. We sing spiritual songs in English, which is a great way of teaching as well. Also Rhett (our son) is preaching at various congregations on Sundays. Rhett is getting more comfortable in speaking each time. The people are so very grateful, after living in a godless/communistic country for so long, that we are willing to come and teach them about God. Patrovka Orphanage houses kids who have been abandoned and left on the streets. Many are problem children because of their circumstances, but these people take them in and try to give them help. They are older children 9-14 years of age... All the material goods they have are a bed, a wooden chair and a bowl and spoon. We are so, so blessed in North America we really can't realize what others endure just to survive. At the orphanage where the babies with aids are...the director shared the good news that seven of their babies had tested negative for aids and could be placed in other orphanages. Two of the babies were going out for adoption and that is an answer to prayer for them...We took Julia and two of our students with us. One of the young ladies who went is 17. At age 14 she was raped and beaten for over 2 hours. She was not only left with the horror, but the very drunk man who did it left her infected with the aids virus. She is a beautiful girl inside and out who tries to deal with this in a godly manner. The school felt a MAJOR loss with the departure of Brenda, Allen and Daniel Swinford, who moved to Fort Worth to a new work and Chris whose term was over. They were a huge asset to the Ukraine work and are greatly missed. Chris is planning to come back yearly and teach a term, so we are thankful for this. We plan to be in Texas the month of December and Vancouver, Wa. and Canada in January. Jay Don and I want to take this opportunity to again thank each of you for your love, support and prayers. Without them we would not be able to be God's workers over here."

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# OBITUARIES

## Jean McKay Ellis

Born in St. Vincent Twp., Ontario, July 23, 1916; died of heart failure Oct. 27, 2002. She was married to Charles Ellis (d. 1986).

A member of the Meaford Church of Christ, Jean made contributions to her community in significant ways: she was instrumental in getting the Kay Butchart Workshop (for people with special needs) started; she was involved in setting up the Meaford Museum; and for some years she was the town Librarian.

She was the mother of David (m. Barb Franklin) and Mary (m. Neil Laskie); grandmother to Lesley and Ginny. In her retirement she and Charlie travelled the country. After his death she continued to be involved locally, especially in local history efforts, including the wonderful book published by the Meaford church, *The Meaford Journals 1848-1998*, which, on p. 2 contains a photo of Jean with Jim and Pauline Ford.

Jean was an amazing person and, though I knew her well, it is only with her passing that I have come to realize the extent to which she had contributed to her community. She also gave her children an interest in many things. Like her life, her faith was richly dimensional.

Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery, Meaford.

Claude Cox.

## Mrs. Glenna Marion Weir

The church that meets in Thessalon, and the surrounding community, were shocked at the sudden passing of Mrs. Glenna Weir. Born in 1947, Glenna passed from this life in her 55th year. It was quite unexpected. She became infected with Ecoli 157 from an unknown source. This led to further infections until her immune system simply could not fight off the final enemy of all humanity.

Glenna leaves to deeply mourn her passing, husband Lionel. It is difficult to say Lionel without also saying Glenna. They were not only husband and wife; they were companions and the best of friends. Only those who have incurred such a loss can understand Lionel's pain.

In addition she is greatly missed by daughters, Tracey Michael and husband

Robert, Julie Walker and husband Noel, and Jamie Weir. She is also sadly missed by 6 grandchildren.

The youngest child of the late Bethel Vine, her mother, Myrtle Vine, 4 sisters, 3 brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends survive her.

The church at Thessalon has lost someone who was always there to help and encourage.

Glenna was employed at the local C.I.B.C. She held an important post and her sudden demise has left a gap that is deeply felt. Fellow employees respected her, and it is obvious that such respect was reflected in the community at large. A multitude of people came to pay their respects during the hours of visitation, and the building was filled to overflowing at the time of the funeral.

We believe Glenna was given a vision, by faith, of that which our eyes cannot behold; the eternal home of the spirit within. She fell asleep in this world, to be awakened with the redeemed. We commend her to God and into His keeping, both now and forevermore.

Norman Weir, Noel Walker, Robert Michael, Loyal Beggs, Don Smith, Don Whitfield, and Murray Smith took part in the funeral service.

## Alice van Veen

Alice van Veen passed away on October 31, 2002. Born on March 19, 1922, in Oud Averest, the Netherlands, Alice was the victim of cancer.

At a memorial service in the Burnaby church building on November 4, long-time friend, Don Johnston, gave highlights of her life, which included being a member of Holland's Underground Movement during WW II. She had graduated from school at the age of 14, and was sent to the West Indies to live with an aunt the following two years. Upon her return to Holland, she went to school to become a nurse, and then a mid-wife. She married a young sailor who she never saw him again because his ship was torpedoed soon after. In 1947, she married Johannes van Veen. Seven years later, with two children, they immigrated to Canada. Upon arrival, they were dismayed to discover that the \$5,000 sent on ahead as surety had been misappropriated. A passing motorist, who gave them a lift, proved to be a soldier whom the underground had helped escape during the war. He

immediately found lodging for them, and eventually bought the family a home.

The family grew to 8 and they were introduced to the church in 1975 when Daryl Taylor knocked on their door. Alice and several of their children were baptized, becoming members of the Coquitlam congregation.

The family suffered a traumatic loss when Johannes died suddenly in 1976. Alice was left to finish schooling and provide a living for her family. Finding comfort in her unwavering faith and extended church family, she succeeded until overtaken by ill health 20 years ago. In spite of constant pain for such a long time, Alice welcomed visitors – in person or over the phone – with cheerfulness few of us in good health could match. She remained interested in the church and its growth long after she was unable to attend the services, having been a member first in Coquitlam, then Burnaby, and finally, Maple Ridge. At her memorial service her youngest daughter, Corrie Anne, sang Alice's favorite hymn, "I Walk With The King".

Sent in by Barbara Lewis

## Helen Hoffman

The widow of gospel preacher Norman Hoffman, Helen, died in Vancouver, Wa, on October 22, 2002, at age 89. She was the aunt of Larry Hoff of Delta, and Bev McClure of Burnaby. Larry gave the address and eulogy at the funeral service on October 26.

Brother and Sister Hoffman were products of the Radville Bible School, and were baptized by J.C. Bailey. The Hoffmans moved to Victoria in 1947 as their first full-time minister which made the 6th full-time preacher in BC. They also worked in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Washington, and Oregon until Norman's death from cancer in 1971. Helen had been living in a nursing home in Vancouver, WA, since 1999.

Sent in by Barbara Lewis

**Correction:** In the obituary of Theodore Daniel Martin, November, 2002 issue, page 14 the following corrections need to be made: Line 1: "Ozro" should replace "Ooze". Paragraph 3: "Hope Wilkens" should have been "Hope Williams". We regret these errors.

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## “A Quick-tempered Man Does Foolish Things”

**B**oth the Old and New Testaments contain instruction concerning anger. As long as man lives on this earth, because of the imperfections of mankind, people will hurt, inconvenience, and frustrate each other, resulting in anger. How one deals with that anger gives insight into the true character of the angered person.

In Proverbs 14:17 Solomon points to the “*natural acts*” of a quickly angered person. This type of person does not take the time to think about what he is going to say or do, often resulting in doing foolish things. He enlarges this thought in Ecclesiastes 7:9 by pointing out, “*Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.*” In what may be an even more clear and pointed statement, David states in Psalm 37:8, “*Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret-it leads only to evil.*”

In the New Testament Paul states, “*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger...*” (Ephesians 4:31a) and “*But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice...*” (Colossians 3:8a) In a strong statement James said, “*My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.*” (James 1:19, 20)

Some may suggest that God has the capacity for anger. His anger, however, is directed toward evil. Unfortunately the anger of man is not always toward evil. Paul does suggest it is possible to be angry and not sin in the process - “*In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry*” (Ephesians 4:26) - however, man does often sin. This, according to Paul, “*...gives the devil a foothold*” (vs. 27).

A word often used for anger in the Bible is ‘thumos’. In defining this word, Barclay says, “*the blaze of temper which flares into violent words and deeds, and just as quickly dies*”. Some have said, “I

know I have a quick temper, however, it is over in a minute”. That may be true but so is a tornado! And, like a tornado, such a quick flare up of anger may do a great deal of destruction.

A word often used in the Bible for wrath is “orge”. About this word, Thayer says, “*indignation which has arisen gradually and become more settled*”. In his word studies, Vine says this word, “*suggests a more settled or abiding condition of mind*”. This is the more serious and lasting effect of anger that is not managed properly.

When a person truly becomes Christian, he has help in overcoming anger because he becomes a new person. “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Dealing with the problem of a quick-temper would be so much easier if in becoming a Christian a person dropped all bad habits and weaknesses in that act of being born again. However, the truth is that, in most cases, a struggle between right and wrong will continue and the battle will have to be won over and over again.

Paul addresses the issue in Romans 12:1-3 with the instruction to “*renew*” the mind. The Christian can not allow himself to be forced into the mould of the world that often sees “*acting out in anger*” as a natural, normal, and even healthy response. While few, if any, would suggest that acting in such a way as to harm another is an acceptable way to deal with anger, there are many who would consider a little slamming and banging, perhaps even a little yelling to be a healthy way to relieve the pressure of anger. From the Christian view this is very doubtful. Why? Unless very controlled one is often apt to sin with tongue in this type of behaviour. Also, slamming and banging does not set a very good example for those who may be observing the “*light*” of the Christian acting in this manner.

This renewed creation comes as a

result of the effort of the individual, with God’s help. In Colossians 3 Paul uses strong language in talking about how to become such a renewed creation. “*Set your minds on things above...*” (vs. 2). This does not just happen! It takes work to control what a person thinks about. “*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature...*” (vs. 5). Living in the world without a true working relationship with God will take a person into many sinful and destructive activities. Since these kinds of activities may have been a regular part of the person’s life before becoming a Christian they may be that much harder to overcome. “*But now you must rid yourselves...*” (vs. 8). Anger, rage, and malice are three of the things that must be gotten rid of by the Christian.

While there are often things that are changed with little effort when one becomes a Christian, others take great effort. The control of temper is one that falls into the latter category for most people.

Learning to think about the positive and good rather than the negative and evil, will go a long way toward helping in this difficult task. Paul says that Christians need to focus, “*think about*” those things that are good and worthwhile (Philippians 4:8). The idea behind this is that a person needs to control what he thinks about and not allow himself to dwell on the negative and hurtful. Even when being slighted or abused most people have a lot of blessings to occupy their mind.

Solomon gives good advice in saying, “*Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way.*” (Proverbs 4:14, 15) In other words, get away from it. Don’t “*stand around*” in those situations that cause anger to arise. The brave person will walk away rather than allow himself to be provoked.

Solomon suggests positive action, “*A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.*” (Proverbs 15:1, 2) A fire will go out if it does not have fuel. A quick-tempered person fuels the fires of anger and wrath by allowing the tongue, and sometimes fists, to take control.

In the words of David, “*Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret-it leads only to evil.*” (Psalm 37:8)

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when Velma Forman gave a presentation of the work through the Clinic that she is in charge of, and the Melanesian Bible College. Our preacher, Dane Bengard, spoke to the church in Boston Bar, B.C. on October 6.

**Maple Ridge:** The church sponsored a "Fall Friends Day" on October 27 when special attention was given to visitors during the Sunday morning classes and service. Members and visitors enjoyed a luncheon at the Don Johnston residence afterwards.

**100 Mile House:** Stan and Judy Weir spent several days in Ottawa with Stan's brother when his wife died in October. The Bell family, who has been with us since spring, are moving back to Kamloops for a few months.

**Oakridge:** We are supporting a wheelchair-bound preacher in San Salvador who has started a number of congregations in that country. We are also supporting a missionary to the Philippines. In Vancouver, Miguel Garcia is preaching and conducting Bible studies in Spanish.

**Prince George:** In addition to a Sunday morning assembly at the Columbus Community Center, a class called "Common Grounds" is conducted from November through April.

**Surrey:** Less than two weeks after our meeting with Brother John Grubb of Duluth, Georgia, we hosted the long-planned homecoming for the Surrey congregation, September 6, 7, & 8. It was a dream of our Sister Mary Ann Hovind. The homecoming was planned for all members of the congregation from its inception in the mid 70's until the present. We shared old memories and made new ones. Many people travelled long distances to share in the festivities. One of our sisters, who had been away from the services, has been in regular attendance since the reunion. It appears that all who attended the event went home with a renewed sense of joy at being a part of the family of God. We had more than 160 members in attendance. The once in a lifetime event that followed the end of the programme, left those who shared in it, deeply moved. Mary Ann and Dave Hovind's eldest grandson, Matthew Hovind, (18 years old) asked to be baptized. To every person who had a part in the events of the weekend, a great thank you for any part you had in making this event such a success. Our Surrey family is now preparing our goals for the next five years. With prayer and preparation, planning and teaching, we can grow in spirit, knowledge and love, and become active and productive in preaching the Gospel of Christ.

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- Educators, including those at private religious schools, will not be able to refuse to teach homosexual curriculum.
- Religious institutions will not be allowed to teach anything non-supportive of homosexual sex.
- Canadian Blood Services will not be allowed to screen risk-behavior donors.
- Governments (including local municipalities) will be prevented from passing (even debating) sex standards laws.

Looking at these concerns and considering the vague definition of "hate speech" simply quoting Biblical texts such as Leviticus 20:13 could be considered hate speech. The Bible is very clear on the issue of homosexuality: it is a sin. God stated in Leviticus 20:13: *If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.* Paul and anyone who quotes him from Romans 1:24-28 could be considered inciters of hatred: *Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed*

*forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another; men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting...*

As Christians, we must be concerned with events that happen in the nation, especially if they relate to our freedom and ability to proclaim the Word of God, thus we need to take action. The WorldNetDaily.com article asserts that Robinson's bill passed a "vote in principle" in the House of Commons in May 2002 – with just 16 MPs present – and must pass a final vote before submission to the Senate, where opponents say it likely would be rubber stamped. Bills that become law pass a final formality of "royal assent" from the queen's representative, the governor general.

Some Canadians mistakenly have believed that the bill is a dead issue, according to opponents, because when a new session of Parliament convenes, all

legislation from the previous session dies. But according to the rules, if Robinson resubmits the bill within 30 days of the September 30 "Speech from the Throne" — which outlines Parliament's plans for the year—the legislation will continue on its track from the same position it had before. This action has taken place and according to Ron Gray of the Christian Heritage party of Canada, the Justice committee has decided to fast track Bill C-250 and "the gay lobby is using tactics bordering on blackmail or extortion to get their agenda through." What should we do?

1. Pray for the Justice Committee as they consider the Bill

2. Pray for all who are responding to this issue

3. Send a letter of concern to the Minister of Justice and a copy to your Member of Parliament.

4. Even if you signed a petition or otherwise contacted you MP concerning Bill C-415, you must sign a new petition or re-contact your MP. Objections to C-415 WILL NOT automatically transfer to the new bill.

If we do not take action, we may find our preaching and teaching censored by the government and who knows, can a banning of the Bible be far behind?

St. Catharines, Ontario

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**RED DEER:** 68 Donley Ave., T4R 2V8; Sun. 11:30, 10, (evening—call for information); Wed. 7; John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986 email: <davenportccc@aol.com>

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley):** Columbia Bible College Chapel, 2940 Clearbrook Road; Sun. 10, 11; midweek class 7:30 in homes; #4-3292 Elmwood Drive, V2S 6B2, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8570 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052.

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

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hilchey Road, V9W 1P4; (250) 923-5233.

**CHILLIWACK:** Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6J4. Contact Brian Law (604) 795-7696; email: <travlers@dwco.com Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046

**CRESTON:** Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; 130 5th Ave. N. V0B 1G3; 250-428-7411 (off) or 428-5937.

**CROFTON:** 1288 Smith Rd. Box 45, V0R 1R0; Phone for time; (250) 246-3659.

**DELTA:** Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; Sun. 10; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, V4K 4V7; Darren Williamson, ev., (604) 943-0515 (off)

**KAMLOOPS:** 1110 Tranquille Rd.; Sun. 10:30; Tues. 7:00; PO Box 2129, V2B 7K5; Dane Bengard, ev. (250) 377-3386

**KELOWNA:** 1317 Ethel St. V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (excl. July - Aug). Evangelists: Charles McKnight, 250-765-8739; Barrie Forman, 250-764-4313, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marvayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward\_windmill@telus.net

**KELOWNA (Rustland):** #209-120 McIntosh Rd., V1X 7E8; Sun. 11. Call for directions/other services, Bill Forman, ev. (250) 765-3643; Clint Ponte, (250) 491-1900

**NANAIMO:** 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, Wed. 7:00; Grant Hannan, min. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish, sec. 758-6929; cell phone 729-1833.

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

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

**PRINCE GEORGE:** 4337 Ewen Dr., V2M 5Y8; Sun. 10; For more information contact Grahame Somerville; 562-6708 or Leo Selzer, 964-9102

**PRINCE RUPERT:** 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; Sun. 4, 3; Thurs. 7; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

**RICHMOND:** 5800 Karter Rd. V6V 1R9; Call Gary Marrs, ev. (604) 271-6197 or Carlos Castillo (604) 273-0506.

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

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

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

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

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

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

**CARMAN:** Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Hugh Gannon, ev., 745-6969.

**DAUPHIN:** 378 River Ave. E. (Corner of River & Bond) R7N 0H8; Sun. worship 9:30; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; Darin Ashby, min. (204) 638-6321 (off), 638-6025 (res.), Fax: 638-0872; email: <dashby@escape.ca>

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

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE:** Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817.

**WINNIPEG (Central):** 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10 worship, 11:10 Bible School, Wed. 7; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7925 (res); Roland Bouchard, youth minister (204) 452-4824; Bible Call 284-9506; 475-6462 (off/fax).

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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

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

## NEWFOUNDLAND

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

## NEW YORK STATE

**BUFFALO (Linwood):** 2523 Main St., 14214; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 832-7171.

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303. Off (716) 285-6534, Home (716) 885-2871. Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius. e-mail BRONCFCC@juno.com

**NORTH BUFFALO:** 350 Kenmore Ave., 14223; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Drop P.O. Box 128, 14223

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**HALIFAX:** 48 Conroy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; ev. (902) 443-9828 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

**HALIFAX:** (Saint's homes); Sun. 10, 11; Tues/Thurs. 7; Daren Simmonds, 224 Jeep Cres., Dartmouth, B3G 1P4; (902) 461-9436, <daren.simmonds@xware.com>; Neil Prokop, (902) 430-9543; <neilprokop@hfx.eastlink.ca>

**KENTVILLE:** 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, ev. 582-3457; Toll free 1-866-236-7891

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

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

**AURORA:** 15216 Yonge St. S. L4E 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. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; Dan Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off); e-mail: <don093@sympatico.ca>

**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, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

**BRANTFORD:** 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Roy Cox (519) 449-3239; office (519) 759-6630; Jamie Azzoparde, ev. (519) 770-4614 (res)

**BRANTFORD:** (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; call for information on various mid-week classes: 519-758-5673 (75-U-LOAD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

**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 Road, K6J 1W1; Sun. 10, 11; Wed 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825; Fax: (613) 933-1879; Emails: churchofchrist@cocego.ca or abojarski@cocego.ca; Website: http://home.cocego.ca/~abojarski/abojarski

**FENWICK:** 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1L0; (905) 892-5661; email <DonHipwell@AOL.com>

**GORE BAY:** W. Manitoulin church; (Gore Bay waterfront, past docks); Sun. 10:30; B14, P0P 1H0; Contact John Robertson (705) 282-3499; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095.

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

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

**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 Ellord, R.R. 1, Kimberley, ON N0C 1G0.

**PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

**HUNTSVILLE:** Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:30, c/o Dave Preston, (705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5, Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts: Gen Smith, (705) 789-8292, Steve Watson, (705) 788-2332.

**HUNTSVILLE:** 36 Hilltop Dr. P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 118N); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

**CE LAKE (Manitoulin Island):** 11/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; 9:45, 11 a.m. Sun. & 7:30 p.m. Wed.; es Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tallman, sec., 1.R.#1, Mindemoya, POP 1S0, 377-4555. mail <lcramp@manitoulin.net>

**ENORA:** 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.D. 30x 2905, P9N 3X8; Earl Rattai, ev., 548-2245.

**INGSTON:** 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; Hugh Pitcher, 171 Broken Oak Cres., Kitchener, N2N 1N8, Ph: (519) 745-2713. Other contact: Julian Smith, (519) 742-8626.

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

**LONDON (East):** 380 Adelaide North, Tolpuddle 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 305 892-6247 or bvsprchr@computan.on.ca Web site: http://www.computan.on.ca/~bvsprchr/

**NEAFORD:** 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: neafordcolc@bms.com..

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

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

**NORTH BAY:** 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 11:15, 10:30; 1:30 in homes (call for information); Wed. 7; Box 45, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911. e-mail: bigdaver@vianet.on.ca; WebSite: http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Meadows/8939.

**ORHAM:** 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, 9T 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; 175-2939 (off).

**OTTAWA:** 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 333-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.).

**PENNSYLVANIA:** 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.) ;oscoc@bms.com>

**PETERBOROUGH:** Chapel, Rubidge Retirement Residence (Sherbrooke & Rubidge); Sun. 10 and 0:45; Wed. 7:30 at 220 Gallagher St.; Peter McPherson, ev phone705-742-5349 or 876-7104; ;petermc@peterboro.net>

**PINE ORCHARD:** 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) Stouffville; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

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

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

**ST. CATHARINES (Garden City):** UNF Hall, 77 Facer St.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 1231/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

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

**ST. THOMAS (Southside):** 15 Hepburn Avenue, N5R 4J4, (519) 633-4160 Contact: David Langeman. Please call for times.

**SARNIA:** 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; (519)-339-1161 (off). Other contact: Steve Rastall, (519)869-2003

**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. 9:30, 10:50; call for Sun. pm time; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev., (705) 256-1977 (off/res), <r.s.lansdell@sympatico.ca>; Rob Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612, <rwhitfield@sympatico.ca>.

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

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

**SOUTH RIVER:** Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, church bldg. (705) 386-2551.

**STONE CREEK:** 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 654-1130 (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. 10:00. Wed. Bible Study 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):** 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Voley (416) 267-6820, Elders: Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecolc.ca>; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev. Devon Bennett, ev. (905) 686-2486; website: www.strathmorecolc.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, 240 Elgin St. N., Box 274, Mount Forest, N0G 2L0; (519) 323-2424

**WATERLOO:** 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 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., 3713 Shinglecreek Cr., Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; Chad Celaira, ev.; email: wsiddec@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidedec.

**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 Caddo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: <caddo@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, H3T 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/rogersaumur; (English) Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7

**PLESSISVILLE:** Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, 66L 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. 8041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Beaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240.

**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

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

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

**MOOSE JAW:** 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, ev. (306) 693-4054 (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., Bpx 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

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

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

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

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

**WAWOTA:** Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 10; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 5A0; (306) 739-2103 (off); Brent Olson, minister, 306-739-2546 or contact Cam Husband, 306-538-4585 or G. McMillan, (306) 538-4654.

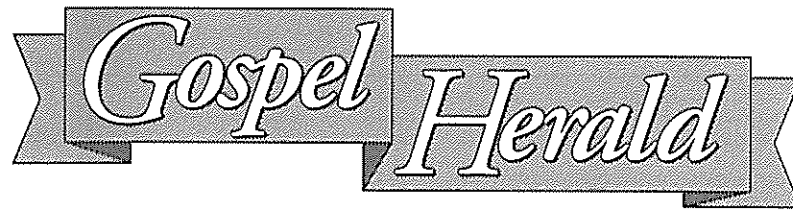
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**WHITEWOOD:** Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 1798 Esterhazy, S0A 0X0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; (306) 745-2311.

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