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Islam

Roy D. Merritt

In July and August of 1999 I submitted two short articles on the religion of Islam. I believed then, and even more strongly now, since September 11th of last year, that Christians should have some knowledge of this great, monotheistic religion. It claims to have at least one billion adherents who compete strongly and even fiercely for converts in certain parts of the world. The terrible suicidal flights in New York and Washington have apparently served as a catalyst for the conversion to the Muslim faith of many North Americans. There are now over 6 million Muslims in the United States and their number is increasing rapidly. Canada has seen growth in its Muslim population through immigration. (National Post, Jan. 19)

What is this religion which has been so much in the news lately?

It emphatically confesses the existence of but one true god with the Arabic name Allah. It has two main sources of religious authority - the Quran and the Hadith. The first is a small book about the size of the New Testament. It has 114 Surahs or chapters which present

the prophetic messages which Muslims claim were given by Allah to an Arabian camel-

driver. His name was Muhammad and he lived in the Arabian town of Mecca from which he had to flee in 622 A.D. because the townspeople would not accept him as a prophet. His flight (hijra) marks the beginning of the Islamic faith.

The second source of authority is the Hadith which represents the collection of traditions attributed to Muhammad. For years after their prophet's death Muslim followers began to seek out the sayings and actions of Muhammad to guide them in areas of activity in which the Quran is silent.

When Muhammad died in 632 A.D. there was no clear basis for the appointment of a successor (caliph). Some of the faithful followers thought that the caliph should be appointed by an elective process which would represent the will of the community. Others were determined to have a successor who would be of Muhammad's lineage. From this difference in the method

for the appointment of a successor there emerged a major split in Islam. Those who favoured the elective method became the Sunnis, the major or orthodox party. A smaller division became the Shias with between 10 to fourteen percent.

A number of smaller divisions have developed over the years with a variety of distinctive characteristics. One very prominent sect is the Wahhabi party which had its beginning in the 18th century with Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab. This very conservative sect attracted to its doctrine Muhammad Ibn Saud, an ancestor of the ruling party of Saudi Arabia. The modern Wahhabis have considerable beliefs and practices in common with the majority party of Sunnis but consider themselves to be the puritans of that party. These beliefs can be seen in Saudi Arabia today in its drastic restrictions on the freedom of women, the severity of punishment for seemingly minor crimes and other ultra strict enforcement of religious laws.

During our work in India we became friends with a wealthy Saudi citizen. When

we last saw him, he encouraged us to write him some time, but not to even mention anything a b o u t

Christianity. He evidently feared that his mail might be read by religious authorities. Osama bin Laden and the Taliban would have ties with these sympathizers in the Wahhabi party in Saudi Arabia.

Islamic law (Sharia) is derived from two sources which we named earlier, the Quran and the Hadith. These two control the faithful Muslim not only in his religious activity but in his way of life, from birth to death. It prescribes for Muslims what is forbidden, what is required, what is recommended and what is merely tolerated. Marriage divorce and inheritance are determined to be valid by these sources of Muslim law, the Sharia. There are considerable differences of interpretation on some matters which depends partly on the particular sect of the person involved and also on whether the Sharia is the law of the land, as in Saudi Arabia. The Taliban in Afghanistan present us with an example of the strictest interpretation. As an example

of a deviant interpretation of the Sharia, some Shias practice temporary (muta) marriages where the couple agree to cohabit for a set period of time. This can be contracted for a short time and the woman receives a fee. Space will not allow us to discuss the other differences of interpretation in the Islamic world in this article.

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Baptism and Faith

Steve Cordle

When it comes to explaining the plan of salvation, there are two essential elements that must be included: faith and baptism. However, many times God's people have done a poor job at tying the two together so that we oftentimes are accused of believing in salvation by works or of teaching that baptism is a work of merit for salvation. The fact is that baptism is an act of faith out of obedience. A good text to use is Galatians 3:22-29, which states:

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (New King James Version).

If you notice the context of Paul's remarks he uses the word faith six times. Then, in verse 27, out of nowhere, the issue of baptism is raised and it is the only time that Paul mentions baptism in this context. In Galatians 3:27, Paul states, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Immediately prior to this, Paul told the Galatians, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." The point to remember is that if one does not have faith in Christ for salvation, then baptism does no good. Paul begins both verses (26 and 27) with a Greek primary particle (Greek: *gar*) which, according to Strong's Concordance, "properly, assigns a reason (used in argument, explanation or intensification; often with other particles). The word can also be translated using other English words such as: and, as, because (that), but, even, for,

indeed, no doubt, seeing, then, therefore, verily, what, why, yet.

In other words, the reason we are sons of God is because of our faith in Christ. The reason for our baptism is to put on Christ much like we put on an article of clothing. We put on clothing to cover our physical bodies. We put on Christ to cover our spiritual bodies. Boles (p. 94) states, "...'in Christ Jesus' shows the grand scope of the believer's whole existence. To be 'in Christ' is to be in His body, united with His people, and indwelt by His spirit." How do we get into Christ's body? Paul answers that question in verse 27 stating that those who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

In its comments on verse 27, the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* states:

...in that act of being baptized into Christ, clothe yourselves in Christ. Christ

"The reason for our baptism is to put on Christ"

is to you the toga virilis (the Roman garment of the full-grown man, assumed when ceasing to be a child) (Bengel). By baptism ye have put on Christ; therefore, He being the Son of God, ye become sons by adoption, by virtue of His Sonship by generation. God regards us in Him, as bearing Christ's name and character, rather than our own. Baptism, where it answers to its ideal, is not an empty sign, but a means of spiritual transference from legal condemnation to living union with Christ, and sonship to God through Him.

When one chooses to become a Christian, he is adopted into the family of God and that adoption is sealed at baptism. An important point to remember is that baptism cannot be a mere ritual one goes through, rather it must be with the intention of dedicating ones life to Christ and His service. Again, faith **MUST** be present in the one being immersed. The context of Galatians 3:19-29 makes clear that faith is a requirement for salvation just as baptism is required. John Burton Coffman notes:

[baptism] is here used in exactly the

same manner that "Faith" was in the preceding verse...[used to describe].., the primary steps of accepting the gospel and becoming a Christian; and by the use of it, Paul testified to the essentiality of it. It violates the rules of grammar to use in such a synecdoche any non-vital, unnecessary or unessential part to stand for the whole.

Jesus Himself linked faith and baptism in the great commission when He told His disciples, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Often we hang onto baptism and state that belief without baptism is only half the equation and is not enough to save a person. The opposite is also true: baptism without faith is useless and will not wash away anyone's sins. Again Coffman states: "In linking faith and baptism as binding preconditions to salvation, Christ made it clear enough that salvation is the result, not of merely believing but of believing and being baptized."

When we teach people the plan of salvation, we must remember to include the whole plan, not just one or two parts. Faith is a must for salvation, but faith without obedience is useless and obedience includes being baptized (immersed) to have sins forgiven.

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A Servant of the Servants

Wayne Turner



The disciples were shocked when Jesus took a bowl of water and began washing their feet. This was a task for a host or a servant but not their teacher. This certainly was not something that they would do for one another. Imagine how uncomfortable they were as Jesus, moving from man to man, bent down and gently washed, then dried their feet. Peter protested, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." Then, Jesus finished washing their feet, sat down and reminded them of something he had taught them earlier, "Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant." Even Jesus himself had come to serve, not to be served (Matthew 20:25-28).

Throughout the New Testament, we read of people whose service is remembered. Some of these were relatively unknown: the woman who anointed Jesus' feet, Dorcas who helped the poor, Phoebe who served the church. Some, like the Apostles, Paul & Barnabas, were quite prominent. Some served by laying the groundwork, then stepped aside for others to take over, like John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus and Andrew bringing his brother Peter to Christ. We can safely assume that most of the early Christians followed Jesus' teaching and example of service.

Within this fellowship of servants, there was a second group - those who served the servants. These Christians fulfilled very important roles in the early church, working in the background to enable others to perform more noticeable acts of service. Epaphroditus was sent from Philippi to serve Paul. Tertius appears to be another such servant. From his note in Romans 16:22, it appears that Tertius was the scribe to whom Paul dictated his letter to Rome. Imagine having the privilege of hearing the words from Paul himself, then recording those words to teach Christians for millennia to come. What a great but unsung role!

Servanthood is not about recognition. Jesus identified the real spirit of service when he told his disciples not to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing. However, since we are to encourage one another to love and good works, and set examples for others, it is appropriate for us to acknowledge and honour those people who have performed noteworthy acts of service.

For the sixty-six years the GOSPEL HERALD has existed, it has sought to serve the Church in Canada. The countless people who have written articles, columns, news reports, editorials, and everything else published on our pages have shared this ideal. Among all of these, one individual especially stands out as the "servant of the servants," Eugene Perry. (We also want to acknowledge that Evelyn, his wife, has been an important part of this work).

Not even those directly involved with the GOSPEL HERALD fully understand what he has done. We can only begin to

list the ways he has been involved. Each month, he and Evelyn have faced a mad flurry of activity called "deadline" where copy for articles, feature pages, editorials, news, mission reports, obituaries, advertising and directory listings arrive. A mountain of material is given final editing before being sent for typesetting and layout. Later, the proofs arrive for final review and correction then are sent to the printer. After printing, address labels are printed and put on the front covers. (Before the advent of modern technology, the papers were stapled and addressed by hand.) Then the papers are sorted, bundled and sent to the post office for mailing. Through the rest of the month, he has maintained subscriptions, managed the bookstore, handled correspondence (including complaints), and generally represented the GOSPEL HERALD. This is not all. Perhaps the best way to show how much Eugene has done is to note that at a meeting this past fall, some of the editors, associate editors and board members discussed that it may take five people to look after all of his responsibilities!

The roles of editor and production manager have especially epitomized the service he has given to all of us. He has been the last line of defence. His skilled eye and years of experience have enabled him to catch most of the typographical errors, spelling and grammar mistakes, and sometimes just plain poor writing. He has helped all of us to look better.

In this month's column, "Points by Perry," Eugene is announcing that after nearly fifty years of service, he is turning over the positions of co-editor and manager to Max Craddock, another servant of the church. As Eugene and Evelyn step down from their very active and intense role, it is appropriate for us to recognize their work and express our deepest appreciation for the effort and sacrifices they have made. While this has been a labour of love, it is now more than time for them to enjoy a well-earned rest, and discover that life does exist apart from working on the GOSPEL HERALD. Thank you, Eugene and Evelyn.

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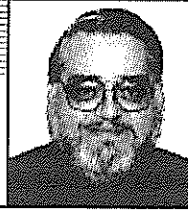
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A Problem That Must Be Addressed

Hardly a day passes that we do not read of some example of family violence in our world today. It could be hoped that such stories, many of which are hidden from public view, involved only those who claim no relationship with Christ. However, it would be hiding one's head in the sand to pretend that such is the case. Studies done at various times over the years have shown that, even among churches of Christ, family abuse and violence is a reality. Most elders and preachers who work with congregations occasionally hear stories of abuse within the church family. Family abuse is a problem that needs to be addressed!

Abuse in families comes in several forms. It may be directed toward a spouse, child, parent or sibling. Abuse cannot be allowed to continue. It must be addressed honestly. If the family cannot resolve the problem within the family unit then help **MUST** be sought. Souls are at stake as well as the enjoyment and benefit God intended in the family relationship.

Abuse may come in the form of physical mistreatment such as hitting, slapping, kicking, burning, etc. Often alcohol or drugs figure in the abuse. Sometimes it may be the result of uncontrolled anger. Among siblings it may often come from jealousy, rebellion or the feeling that one child is favoured over another. This may result in terrible actions of one child toward another. (Consider the example of Joseph in the book of Genesis as an example.) Abuse may also be verbal and emotional. Sharp and harsh words often thoughtlessly pass between members of the family. Frustrated parents may express terrible threats toward children if certain behaviours continue or if the parents' wishes are not fulfilled. Insults may pass between family members putting them down in the view of others. (Sadly, some insults have been heard in a failed attempt to be humorous.) Continued harassment is

verbal abuse that usually backfires.

Emotional abuse takes many forms. One is the withholding of expressions of love when not pleased with a family member. For husband and wife this may also include withholding sexual activity. An unwillingness to relate in sympathy and understanding to a family member who is struggling with a loss or other problem is emotionally abusive because one should be able to expect support and encouragement from family. (Even when a person's problems have been brought on because of wrong actions, family support should be a given.)

In talking of abuse and violence one must acknowledge that sexual abuse is an awful component of the scene in society today. Incest continues to be an often hidden sexual abuse. Many have grown to adulthood and not been able to adjust to normal sexual relationships because of this terrible evil. In some cases, the view one has of God is directly affected by the abuse received from one's father. This abuse is often sexual. Such abuse by close family friends and relatives shapes one's view of family. Between spouses the forcing of a partner into what they consider distasteful sexual practices is a form of abuse. Spousal rape is a real sin as well.

Family violence is a big problem because it is wrong. However, the very nature of it makes it a problem that remains un-addressed in homes today. This is especially true in Christian homes because of the shame felt by both the abused and the abuser. The abused are ashamed because they are victims feeling they must be guilty, in some way, for the abuse. The abuser is ashamed because he/she knows the actions are wrong but does not seem to be able to control them. (Sadly, of course, there are some who feel no guilt at all because of "singed" consciences. Others simply excuse their actions by blaming the abused for "caus-

ing" the abuse.) The question is, "What can be done to end family abuse?" The first step is to admit that abuse does exist even in "church" homes. The second step is to provide teaching in proper family relationships, both in word and in modeling the Christian "family life style" before others. Here the older can teach the younger through the word of God and by example. In talking about older Christian women in Titus 2, Paul suggests they have responsibility to teach the younger women to "love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands..."(4, 5). While conditions have changed, with more Christian women working outside the home, the need for teaching on loving husband and children does not change. It would seem to this writer that the same instruction would be useful to older Christian men in reference to teaching younger men about husband/father responsibilities.

Time needs to be spent in encouraging an understanding and practice of Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4. The keys to family relationship in these verses are: submission, love, respect, honour, training and instruction from the Lord. When husbands love "as Christ loves the church", there is no room for spousal abuse. When godly husbands love as they should they will receive respect from godly wives. When children are not exasperated but trained in godliness the parent will not abuse. Seeing godliness in action in the life of parents will lead children to love, respect and honour others.

We must become sensitive to the problem of abuse and love enough to confront abusers and the abused with their need to deal with it. Since a Christ-like life is the best defense against being an abuser, we must help such to grow in the mind of Christ. We may be able to help by our own counsel or through an elder, minister or trained counselor. We need to be honest in regard to our own limitations as a counselors and seek the help of those who are better able to help than ourselves.

Family abuse is a problem that must be addressed if God's plan for the home is to be realized in our time. We must begin the battle by addressing the problem within the church.

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Finding A Life Mate (part 3)

Does one find a mate for life or does the mate find them? Does it all happen by chance or is it all determined before we are born? Do we play a part in finding our life mate or is it all determined by fate? What expectations should we have of one we might one day marry? Should we have a list of the attributes that we are looking for in a husband or wife, or should we follow our heart?

I must admit a certain discomfort with a shopping list approach to finding a husband or wife. My discomfort comes from some of the shopping lists and expectations I have seen. Many are looking for perfection in the one they hope to marry. Please don't get me wrong! I am equally uncomfortable with the romantic notion that the perfect match for you will one day magically appear, your eyes will meet across a crowded room, you will fall madly in love with one another and know from the first that you are just perfect for one another.

Having witnessed the struggles that many married couples face I have come up with some items to look for in a future husband or wife. These are simply some issues that you will want to discuss before tying the knot. I am listing these as questions that you will want to ask yourselves and each other before you marry. In part one we asked: **(1) Do you share a faith in God? (2) Do you share a similar commitment to serve God and others? (3) Do you respect him or her and is the respect reciprocated?** Last month we asked: **(4) Is this a person that I like well enough to become my best friend? (5) Do we share similar goals, values and aims? (6) Is this a person I can have respectful disagreements with? (7) Do we both want to live in the same geographic area?**

(8) Do we share similar child raising goals and methods?

Begin by asking, "Are we going to have

children? When? How many?" Many couples have faced heartache when one wanted to have a big family while the other was happy with no children.

I have seen a wide variety of good methods used in providing instruction and discipline in the home. When it comes to raising children there are a number of ways to get the job done. Mom and Dad need to be in agreement and work together in providing instruction, discipline and nurture in the home.

(9) Do we share similar problem solving techniques?

As we stated earlier, problems will occur in the life of every family. Believing that things will just work out because we love one another is not enough. We must be committed to God, committed to each other, have a desire to solve the problem, agree upon a method of dealing with the problem and have a commitment to work together towards a solution.

Problem solving techniques vary. Some do not solve problems but rather seek to avoid even discussing them. So ... perhaps you should ask, "Do we share similar problem solving techniques?"

Forgiveness is extremely important in problem solving. Relatively small things destroy marriages when one or both refuse to forgive. Forgiveness is an essential problem solving technique and we can learn much about forgiveness by studying how Jesus has forgiven us by His grace.

(10) Are we growing in our ability to communicate with each other?

Communication has been described as the lifeblood of every marriage. Communication will grow and deepen as the intimacy in a marriage grows and deepens. Thus we cannot expect to have the ultimate in communication before we are married. Some couples never achieve this in the entire life of their marriage. So ... ask yourself, "Are we growing in our ability to communicate?" "Is communication a

value that we share in common?"

(11) Are we both ready to commit to giving 100% in our marriage?

I have not listed these questions in any particular order but do recognize that some are far more important than others. While this question is last, it certainly is not least. We have heard a lot over the years about 50 - 50 marriages and how important it is in a marriage for each to fulfill their role and live up to their 50% of the marriage. We should aim much higher than a 50 - 50 marriage. The human tendency is for one in a 50 - 50 marriage to feel like the other just isn't living up to their 50%. They may then pull themselves back a little to match what they perceive their spouse is giving to the marriage. The spouse notices that the other has pulled back and will pull themselves back a little. This cycle continues downward until the marriage is in jeopardy because neither is giving much to it. The couple may at this point divorce or go for counseling or stay in a marriage that isn't working. If they go for counseling the counselor may get them back up to 50 - 50, but it is only a matter of time before they start down the slippery slope again.

Successful marriages are marriages where both husband and wife come to the marriage ready, willing and able to give 100% to the relationship. Giving 100% means that both give their 100% without looking to see how much their spouse is giving. Giving 100% may require one to quit a much loved job and move away from family and friends so that the spouse can take a job that is loved. Giving 100% is not easy, it requires real sacrifices. Husbands will drive an old clunker so that their wives can drive a newer car. Wives will go to a hockey game with their husbands when they would rather go to the mall. Husbands will spend a Saturday shopping with their wives when they would rather be doing almost anything else.

So ... ask yourself and any future spouse some hard questions before you tie the knot. These questions will, at the very least, provide you with some interesting discussions and may even help you build a good foundation for your marriage. I pray that God will bless you as you build your lives together.

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Looking for a Heavenly Country

Tim Johnson

An amazing house is being built in my neighbourhood. Surrounded by nice stands of trees, the architect has designed a large structure that's pleasing to the eye. There seem to be rooms for every imaginable purpose, and a big porch surrounds the front - complete with an elegant gazebo.

While it may be appealing to live in such a huge place, most people who do are really selling themselves short. Instead of concentrating on luxury now, they could have far better things to look forward to if they had the inheritance God gives to his people: heaven.

Atheists and skeptics have said that the idea of heaven is something merely thought up by ignorant ancient people. Perhaps they lived with hardships and desired a better future, unattainable for the moment. But believers know better about their hope. It's not a myth. Rather, the concept is clearly rooted in God's word. Heaven is the realm where God lives and where Jesus sits at His right hand. The hope and expectation of heaven is our goal, our motivation that keeps us going when life gets hard. Every human being needs great things to live for. Heaven, and all the people we can take there with us, is the greatest motivation of all.

Paul the apostle was very impressed with the hope the Colossian brethren had, despite some hardship and confusion. He thanked God "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of the truth, the gospel." (Col. 1:5). Their original teacher, Epaphras, was careful to explain about heaven to them when he first shared the gospel there. It's a vital part of the very message that saves. Later in the book they are told, "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory" (3:4). Our permanent home will be a place where we will enjoy glory with our Lord.

Even Old Testament people of faith knew there was a place of great reward for them, yet future. Abraham and Sarah, living in tents, always moving, were not dis-

couraged by their conditions. They knew a permanent, glorious home would be theirs someday, "for he was looking for the city which has foundations whose architect and builder is God." No big mansion in Palestine for them! The tents would do for now. Something much better was up ahead. "For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own . . . they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them." (Heb. 11:14-16). People who have the same kind of faith, a trust in a God who rewards, are therefore called "children of Abraham." (Gal. 3:29). These are men and women who aren't building for riches and comfort here in Canada, but have their sights set on the heavenly country.

***"Our permanent home
will be a place where we
will enjoy glory with our
Lord"***

There's a lifestyle that comes with this kind of faith. While a person may have many possessions now, they aren't the real goals of living. If they lost it all, they'd still be secure. Their trust is in a secure God who promises to look after people who trust Him. The writer of Hebrews reminds his readers that they once lived this kind of lifestyle, but somehow became weak. "For you showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward." (Heb. 10:34-35). Let's not be blinded by materialism and selfish hoarding of every new thing, but let's keep our focus on the riches up ahead in heaven.

What is heaven going to be like? The scriptures contain few specific details, no grand pictures and nothing in the way of an inspired tour. Perhaps it's such a wonder-

ful place that it can't be described in human language. It's a world of immortality and the glory of God - things that are beyond our present experience. Yet we are told enough to motivate us for life.

A beaten and scarred apostle Paul remarked, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18). He knew that once his time came to step into heaven, all the horrible things he suffered on earth would be completely insignificant. That's a thought worth meditating on!

Peter comforted the suffering Jewish Christians of the Diaspora by reminding them that they had a "living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3). No Roman armies or pagan persecutors could take away such a hope. It was as secure and alive as Jesus.

Asia Minor was an area of terrible earthquakes - and scientists now say terrific floods also once roared through the same Black Sea basin - that destroyed port communities, mountain villages and the homes of thousands of residents. Peter's words about heaven would have been especially attractive: "...an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1:4-5).

My new neighbours, who will soon occupy the huge new house up the street, are in for many years of financing, high insurance, big maintenance bills, endless cleaning, painting, decorating and tiring concern for many details. They could even lose the building to fire, its contents to theft and eventually find they can't look after it when they get old. I don't wish them any harm, but I do wish they could live for something much better than their house in the woods. It's only temporary. The city we are looking for is permanent. It's a gift from God. Let's be grateful for our inheritance, paid for by the blood of Jesus, and live for Him in view of that day.

Moncton, N.B.

POINTS BY PERRY:

Announcement

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The GOSPEL HERALD was first issued in Saskatchewan in March 1936. A number of people were involved in its birth and early growth.

Among them was J. C. Bailey who, over the years, proved to be a good promoter, an efficient manager and a capable editor. When he offered the publication to me in 1953, I was teaching full time at Great Lakes Christian College and working with the Tintern church on a regular basis. I felt too busy, too young and too inexperienced for such a responsibility. Because of this, it was undertaken as a team effort with Roy Merritt as co-editor.

The GOSPEL HERALD has been mailed out faithfully from Beamsville each month since November 1953. Except for the nine years that we were in Zambia, I have been co-editor as well as business manager since then. The mailing has been from our home. The desire has been to serve God by serving His people. It is hoped that we have succeeded to some degree.

Those of us who have been guiding the ship have been determined to steer a course that is safe and sound. We have tried to stand firmly for New Testament Christianity while avoiding being phari-

saical, quarrelsome or belligerent. Over the years we have weathered the "non-institutional", "charismatic", and "discipling" disturbances.

During recent years, we have published the obituaries of an increasing number of our most faithful readers. Those who have replaced them in the churches have not valued our services as highly as their predecessors. This has been discouraging. We have read recently of other, similar, publications folding, after many years of service, because of their falling subscription list. Our publication is faced with a real challenge in this area.

As the years go by and I approach eighty, the monthly deadlines seem to be increasingly stressful. It is time for a rest. It is time for "new blood".

The task calls for someone with the energy and optimism of youth and the experience and wisdom of age, -- someone willing, capable and younger. We have known for some time that Max Craddock was willing. He is already widely known and well respected. He is experienced, having been a faithful assistant editor for many years. He edited the Youth Page for several years and more recently has been responsible for the Family Page. Although he is younger, he is much older than I was in 1953 (We can hardly expect him to see us through the next fifty years!).

Max will serve with Wayne Turner as co-editor beginning with the May issue. He will also be responsible for the management and promotion of the publication. Our main

reservation and hesitation in finalizing this arrangement has been the fact that this seems to be adding too much to Max's already very heavy load. Mindful of the proverbial philosophy that, if you want a job done, you should ask a busy person, we have done so. We sincerely hope that this is not unfair to Max.

Both Wayne and I are confident that Max is "sound in doctrine" and will be faithful to our long time statement of purpose, "For the promotion of New Testament Christianity".

Editing and formatting will be done in Toronto on the same schedule as formerly. The subscription list and mailing procedures will continue to be located in Beamsville. We are optimistic that this change will result in improvements in both content and appearance and lead to increased circulation and usefulness.

All material for publication, including advertisements and directory information, that has formerly been sent to us in Beamsville, should now be sent to Max in Toronto as follows: Gospel Herald, 5 Lankin Blvd., Toronto, ON M4J 4W7, Phone (416) 461-7406, Fax (416) 424-1850, e-mail copy@gospelherald.org. Subscriptions, renewals, address changes and orders will continue to be handled at the Beamsville address.

I urge all readers to support and encourage Wayne and Max and their team as they serve through the GOSPEL HERALD. Both have more than full workloads without this extra monthly responsibility. May their efforts be both fruitful and rewarding. *Ecp*

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A Song Of Creation - Part 2

Richard Kruse

GOD'S GLORY IN CREATION

David, the shepherd had seen the presence of God in the heavens. He was sensitive to God's whisper of himself in things both great and small. Even without today's knowledge of the size of the universe, David was overcome by the testimony of creation to the greatness of God. He wrote Psalm 19:1-6 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands..."

It is easy to picture these verses as an early morning meditation of the shepherd David in the hills of Judah. The singer looked east toward the pale silver Dead Sea and the deep purple of the Moab Mountain Range. The opal sky gradually turned golden and suddenly the sun rises like an eager youth anxious to claim his bride or a runner springing from the starter's block.

The first verse is literally, "The heavens are 'narrating' the glory of God". They are telling a story which, when read, will reveal the glory of God. The firmament, the "stretched-out-ness" of space, the infinity of space, proclaims or "shouts about" his handiwork. The size of the universe is a declaration of the greatness of God.

The wonders of the world of nature proclaim the greatness of God. Every night the stars silently sing, spelling out the message of the power and wisdom of God. Astronomers are starting to read some of the fine print in this star-studded book of nature. With newer telescopes and instruments, scientists are now beginning to explore other parts of the great and mysterious heavens. They have been able to step outside the envelope of atmosphere which surrounds the earth and see the stars in new glory. They have seen more of the orderliness of the universe in the movement of the heavenly bodies. They marvel at the mystery of gravitation which holds the stars and planets in suspended balance with one another.

The message of the heavens appears wrapped in majestic silence. Yet, in reality there are violent bursts of energy throughout the entire universe - the stars sing (Job 38:7). Life is possible on earth through the bursts of energy from our sun. All of this

speaks of God and of his intelligence, wisdom and power.

GOD'S WITNESS

God's witness to himself through the heavens has three characteristics. First, it is continuous. Day after day... night after night the testimony is presented without stopping. Second, it is abundant. The abundance of this revelation is emphasized: "Day after day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge." The day pours out information about God and the night spreads out for the world the knowledge of God. In other words, truth about God is pouring out to people from all dimensions, if only they have their eyes

"In creation, people can recognize the infinite intelligence and persistent power of God"

open to see it. Third, it is universal. There is no speech or language. By sight rather than sound their message penetrates to the end of the world. Paul even applies this last verse to the worldwide spread of the gospel (Romans 10:18).

God speaks every moment of every day. If people pay attention, they will hear the voice of God speak to their heart about his majesty and order. God created what we see so that he could be heard. The heavens declare the glory and greatness of God.

Who can fully understand the marvels of creation? Who can know the designs of God's creatures? People have acquired much knowledge about the mechanisms of life, the chemistry of life, yet know little of life itself. As David contemplated the works of God, he knew that the voice of God would be heard throughout the earth. Great and glorious was his God, the Creator of heavens and earth.

Whether looking through the lens of a powerful telescope into the distant space or looking into a microscope at the small, amazing "worlds" that are beyond the unaided eye, people can behold the wonderful works of God. The instruments give evidence to the existence of a wise and mighty Creator. The astounding design, the

remarkable complexity, and the limitless variety of creation declares much about the Creator of heaven and earth.

In creation, people can recognize the infinite intelligence and persistent power of God. People can be aware of the Creator's love of beauty, attention to detail, and perhaps even a sense of humour. The abundance of creation communicates the consideration, compassion and generosity of the Creator.

The sun, the greatest visible witness to God by the heavens, reflects God's faithfulness. The dramatic image the poet presents is the sunrise as a bridegroom coming forth from his chamber, and an athlete running across the sky. Faithfully the seasons change to renew life on earth.

To the observer on earth the sun appears to go across the sky. And as people see it they are exposed to its testimony. But somehow that testimony has been clouded. People do not see it clearly. They have missed the message.

Instead of worshiping the God who made the sun, they worship the sun. The psalmist wanted people to see God, the Creator whose glory was revealed in and through his creation.

A UNIVERSAL KNOWLEDGE

The glory of the heavens is like a language which speaks to all people so they can know that there is a great, intelligent Creator. The God who spoke the world into existence speaks to people today throughout his creation. The voice of the heavens and the skies "declare", "proclaim" and "display knowledge" every moment of every day and night. The entire earth proclaims the glory of God.

There is no place in heaven or on earth where the voice of the creative God is not heard. People often feel it. A hush falls upon a group of people who step out under the stars in a night sky and the stars glow with glory. The mystery of the infinite, reaching and calling out to the human spirit, silences people. People fall silent before the ebb and flow of the sea, as they sense the restless, surging power of the sweeping tides. They understand something of God's power in nature through that.

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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FEAR #2 -

When Should We Be Afraid Of God?

Margaret Hibbard

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of lessons on Fear, prepared by Margaret Hibbard. These lessons can be used for individual Bible study or can be shared in a ladies' Bible class. We thank Margaret for the work she has done in preparing these and for her willingness to share them. lch)

Purpose: To identify when we should be afraid of God.

Opening Question: Tell about a person who has terrified you.

Introduce Topic: In the first lesson we talked about "fearing God" and what that

meant. In the scriptures we read we found out that we need to revere God and act accordingly. This time we will look at some examples of people who had reason to be afraid of God. These scriptures might help us talk to someone about whether or not they need to be afraid of God.

Read: Genesis 3:8-10

- Who was afraid of God?
- Why were they afraid of God (refer to vs. 1-7)?
- What was the punishment meted out to them (vs. 10-24)?

Read: Isaiah 33:13-14

- Who was terrified of God?

- Why?
- Follow on down to verse 16 and see the opposite side of the story.

Read: Isaiah 66:3b&4 - They have chosen their own . . .

- Look to the beginning of verse 3 to see who it was that would dread something.
- Speculate what they were dreading?

Read: Matthew 10:28 (the scripture that started our original discussion)

- Who should we fear?
- What can He do to us?
- How can we avoid those consequences?

Read: Hebrews 10:26-29

- Who is this addressed to? (verse 26--Christians or non-Christians)
- Under what conditions should we expect punishment?
- What punishment can we expect?

Read: 1 John 4:13-19 (a final word of hope)

- How can we be sure that we don't need to be afraid of God?
- How do we escape being afraid of God?

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ONTARIO

Ajax: The community ministry work group has planned a seniors luncheon for the second Friday of each month. A singing group is being formed and will eventually sing at places such as Hillsdale Manor and others.

Barrie: At the Grove Park Home, a large group gathered on February 26 to celebrate Emily Jackson's 100th birthday.

Beamsville: On February 24, the congregation had a noon pot-luck to celebrate the marriage of Don and Vivian MacKenzie. The ladies discussion group is studying "Hannah - Turning It Over." Don and Dianne Perry have just returned from teaching for two months at Western Christian College.

Bramalea: Joel Osborne and Jonathan Straker held a gospel meeting in Mill Village, Nova Scotia. York College students from York, Nebraska, arrived on March 8 for Spring Break and were part of a young adults retreat with approximately 50 attendance. Joel Osborne claims that there are 100 more of this age within driving distance.

Brantford (North Park): "Things are going well. Friday evening youth night has enjoyed great attendance as the games and lessons have been enjoyed by all. Every second Sunday of the month we gather for an evening of prayer and we have an evening of song on the last Sunday of the month. We look forward to the arrival of a Freed-Hardeman group in May. They will be helping in outreach and growth. Good things have been happening within the congregation. Please pray that these things continue as we press ahead." - Jamie Azzoparde.

Brantford (Gamble): "According to World Bible School figures from 2001, Jean Edwards and Rose Gale have about 500 active students in the African countries of Zimbabwe, Ghana and Malawi."

Grimsby: The brethren held a chapel service at Bethesda Home on February 24.

Guelph: The congregation's fund-raising to assist the church in El Salvador is going well. Guest speakers have been Jamie Azzoparde, Bob Hibbard, Joe Sandassie, Art Ford, Paul Moore and Keith Thompson.

Hamilton, (West): On March 3 the brethren held their first conversational English class and had two students present. They did some further

advertising and ended up with seven more students and were expecting ten students on Sunday, March 10. Avril Keoughan has arrived safely in Ghana. She is very busy setting up and organizing the much needed medical clinic. Thanks to those congregations and individuals who sent financial support and prayers for Avril. This is her third tour in Ghana.

Meaford: On February 13, the men invited the ladies of the congregation to their soup lunch. Rayburn Lansdell was the featured speaker at the Youth Rally, "Living In the Real World," February 22-24 with about 120 young people registered. On February 22, the congregation watched a video of the Rochester, Michigan congregation's musical production on the "Life of Christ." Brent Cramp, formerly of Meaford had the lead roll. The production has been used as a means of evangelistic outreach in Rochester. On March 10, the congregation welcomed a group of sixteen students from Abilene Christian University. It took them all night to travel from the airport in Toronto to Meaford because of the storm but they arrived safely. Services were cancelled on Sunday. They were to conduct a junior rally on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, March 13-14 as well as doing some visiting and painting and other work around the church building. The remainder of their stay will be spent visiting Niagara Falls and Toronto.

Newmarket: Speakers in March were David Rogers, Geoff Ellis, Keith Thompson, David Knutson, Devon Bennett and Everett Kent. Liam Reece Samuel was born February 12 to Kevin and Rilla Samuel.

North Bay: Baby Natasha Hacquard had her heart surgery. She has fully recovered and has returned home smiling and healthy. Twenty six enjoyed Winterfest, a day of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, building snow men and forts, outdoor barbecue and bonfire.

Sarnia: Sister Dennis, age 92, passed away. She was one of the charter members of the congregation.

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): Michael Tackett, from "Key to the Kingdom" will be holding a special meeting entitled "In God We

Trust," April 5-7.

Stratford: George and Pat Mansfield held a marriage enrichment seminar for a group in Sombre. The brethren enjoyed a fellowship at Cleary's on February 10.

Tintern: Jim McPherson, age 82, passed away on Sunday, February 17 and the funeral was held on Wednesday, February 20.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Devon Bennett has taken over the teen class and is working to develop a strong youth ministry. The secret sisters were exchanging gifts and identifying themselves. Francis Dwomoh recently brought his wife, Phyllis to Toronto. Sylvan and Marie Alexander are now worshipping with the congregation. Their children are Leandra and Sergio. Max Craddock spoke at Fennell Avenue, Hamilton on February 10. Brother Petro Dhimitri recently arrived from Albania.

Waterloo: The congregation has purchased a new building at 470 Glenelm Crescent in Waterloo. Needless to say everyone is very excited as the building will seat 250 people and will have adequate room to house the Great Lakes Bible College program. They anticipate their first service in it on May 5. The Glenelm building is twenty-four years old. It has a fellowship area capable of seating ninety for dinner, classrooms are about the same number as the old building but

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ALBERTA

Calgary: Caleb Gordon was baptized and added to the Lord's family on January 27.

The Ladies are planning a Good Friday Retreat. The purpose is to renew and refresh relationships with God & other women. It will be a cross-centered experience surrounded by God's incredible presence.

The ladies are planning to have a "Ladies Breakfast" on a regular basis. The one scheduled for March will also contain an inspirational lesson on the topic "The Power of a Praying Wife".

Campbell soup labels are being saved for the Western Christian College.

The SALT group has determined its mission destination as being Tijuana, Mexico. They will be going for a week and a half - July 21-30. Some of the things that they will be doing are: building up the local church, encouraging the children at the orphanage and planning evening activities with the Mexican teens. We are excited and would appreciate your continued support and prayer! A prayer service was dedicated to the situation in Zimbabwe.

Edmonton: We rejoice with the angels in heaven over another soul being saved from the hands of Satan and his destruction. Shawn McNeil was added to the Lord's body in Edmonton. We look forward to many years of fellowship here with Shawn and most of all to an eternal fellowship with Shawn in heaven.

We have been busy with the coordination of Vision Canada that is going to be held in Edmonton from June 25-28, 2002. King's University College is the facility that has been secured for that lectureship. We are looking forward to hearing speakers from across Canada and some parts of the United States and to meeting many of our brothers and sisters from across our vast nation. We hope to see you there.

March is turning out to be a busy month. On Friday, March 1st, we held a Retirement Tea for Eric Limb and Herb Anderson. They recently retired from paid staff. They will continue to serve the congregation here in their capacity as elders. Over 80 members attended the gala evening in which we heard some of the history of the Lord's body in Edmonton, along with seeing a slide show down memory Lane. Some of the members shared some of the past events that these two elders used to shape the Lord's body here in Edmonton. The evening was closed out with our teens serving tea and dessert. They did a commendable job. It was a

time of reflection and fellowship that was enjoyed by everyone present.

March 15-17 is the Annual Edmonton Men's Retreat. We have booked the Van Es Camp and Conference Center again this year. We are looking for a strong showing by our male population this year. Attendance has not surpassed our Ladies retreat yet, but this year we are giving it a good run. We are going to be looking at the role of the male Christian in his home, in the congregation of the Lord's church, and in the world around him. Our Sunday lesson will be taking a look at "Jesus the Man." This should help us to see that Arnold Schwartzner and James Bond are not supposed to be our role models.

We are looking forward to our Annual Alberta Spring Fellowship from Friday March 29 - Sunday March 31 with many people from across Western Canada and the Northern States visiting. Our speakers this year will be Jim McGuiggan from Ireland and Thaddeus Bruno from the Caribbean. We are looking forward to a weekend of encouragement and fellowship. You are invited to come and join us.

We are currently supporting a student in Lithuania who is studying through the Sunset International Bible Institute classes. He is studying to be a homegrown preacher to take the Gospel of Jesus to his own people. We have four full time students in our intern program in Edmonton. David Boswell is the latest student to join the program.

On somewhat of a selfish point, I am glad for the Carson families' return to Edmonton because it is really great to be able to work along side of a man like Kevin Carson. We are looking forward to a prosperous 2002.

David Ford

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford: The Fillions returned on Mar. 17th from their annual visit to Haiti where they continued their work with the school located in the most poverty-stricken part of that country. It was easier this time because they had arranged the purchase of a car in which to make their rounds of the villages rather than by foot or donkey as in the past. The vehicle is for the use of the permanent director and school staff.

Burnaby: The 40 member Western Christian College chorus sang at the Burnaby building on March 28th, as they neared the end of a spring break tour from Saskatchewan to B. C.

Lorelie Clelland is the new Social Convener for the congregation, assuming this duty after a short tenure by Bev McClure.

The Youth Group's year-long planning and fund-raising activities for a 3rd annual rally resulted in bringing together around 100 young people from Washington State and B. C. to enjoy activities at Camp Howdy. Troy Hodgson from Calgary was the featured speaker from Friday evening, April 19th, through a worship service on Sunday, the 21st.

Allen and Betty Jacobs returned from a busy three-month mission trip to India on March 4. Arriving the same day were Mike and Barbara

Nienhuis, who were able to spend two weeks traveling with the Jacobs when Mike made a business trip to New Delhi for his company.

Deep Cove: Sandwich and cookie packets and Bibles are being prepared once a month by the Deep Cove congregation and handed out to people on the downtown eastside. Members describe it as spiritually rewarding to see the gratitude as they help some of the city's poorest in their struggle for survival. The Sunday morning service at 10:30 moved from the house in Deep Cove to the building in downtown Vancouver where Dan Keeran has office facilities at the corner of Main and 6th. This location is closer for most of the members, and in an apartment area where more people may be contacted.

Delta: Healthy and happy from their month's work for the church on Maui, Jim and Carolyn Hawkins returned on Mar. 1st. When they left at the end of January, they left snow, but came back to brilliant sunshine and warm temperatures, so at least there wasn't too big a climate jolt on their arrival back in Vancouver. Carolyn's sister was able to spend some time with them in Hawaii.

Maple Ridge: Todd and Jamie Brunner arrived in Canada on Feb. 10th to begin their work with this fledgling congregation. They are from Decatur, Illinois, and both are graduates of ACU with degrees in "Missions". Both have spent considerable time as interns in Thailand, Japan, Korea, and other countries.

A "Bring A Friend Day" was followed by a potluck luncheon at the home of Don and Patti Johnston. A morning ladies' Bible study at the home of Corrie Anne Van Veen has been using the Jule Miller video series with workbooks.

Vancouver East (City Church): We had 33 present for the service on March 10th, double the number we started the congregation with a little over a year ago. Our Chinese work is growing. On the first Wednesday in March, the women began coming together each week for a special time of prayer and devotion (not to be construed as a ladies' Bible class, though they study the Word also.) A 12-week course on Timothy and Titus will be offered on Wednesday evenings as part of the Spirit of Life Bible Institute, our satellite school, beginning April 17th.

Vancouver: Nineteen men from several Vancouver area congregations appreciated fellowship and informative studies on the reformation movement and its impact on the church today as outlined by Steve Hasbrouck on Feb. 22nd and 23rd. Camp directors passed along the word that a women's party there at the same time were impressed by the devotional song service they could hear in the dining room as they breakfasted. Steve has recently received his doctorate in Church History from the Columbia Commonwealth University in Missoula, MN. He wrote his dissertation on a comparison of the U.S. Restoration Movement with the Japanese Non-Church Movement. These two groups that sought a return to prim-

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People feel uneasy when they hear the wind howl, or watch a storm rage with the thunder and lightning crashing around. There is something of the voice of God which speaks to people on these occasions.

Human beings cannot plead ignorance of God, since he never ceases to reveal himself. As the apostle Paul put it, he has not "left himself without testimony" (Acts 14:17). All humanity can hear God's glory if they will but listen to creation. Paul shifts the imagery from sound to sight, describing God's revelation of himself not as sound-less voice or wordless speech but as invisible presence. "... since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them ... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator - who is forever praised. Amen" (Romans 1:19-23,25).

THE MESSIAH

Because people have seen the wonders of God's creation - the stars always in their courses, and the desert coming alive and blooming after the rain, they can know there is a Creator God to whom people are

accountable. Yet, beyond nature, God reveals himself through the Messiah. The Apostles John and Paul reflect the songs of creation when they wrote about the Messiah:

"In the beginning was the Word ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1-3,14).

"He is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation ... For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him" (Colossians 1:15-19).

God's song of creation, his creative work, gives a foundation for the whole biblical worldview and his work continues. The heavens continue to sing the song of creation, declaring the glory of God. Jesus the Messiah said, "My father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working" (John 5:17). Believers in the Messiah are in union with the Creator. They are in union with the Lord Jesus, the Word of God, who became an extraordinary human. They are in union with the One who spoke the vast universe into being by the power of his Word. They live

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Mission News

Ukraine

Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers returned to Donetsk, Ukraine, on February 3rd after two months in Canada and the States visiting family and friends and raising additional funds to help with their work in the school there. Their first problem occurred at the Lubbock airport when the small commuter plane to DFW could not handle their 9 pieces of luggage. Then they were informed that since they were going to a "high risk" country, all of it had to be searched, and it was--for 2 hours! When they finally arrived in Kiev, only 3 pieces arrived with them. (Their son had even reserved extra space on the train to Donetsk to take care of the luggage.) In spite of their dismay, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise when the airline not only delivered, without the hassle at Customs, the missing pieces a few days later, but brought all of it up the 84 stairs the Rogers have to climb to get to their apartment. When Mary Lee arrived suffering from a cold, but refused to go to a hospital, a doctor came to visit her at home. The fee: \$2.00 U. S.!!

Ethiopia

The church in Ethiopia distributed food and other necessities of life to a total of 6,998 Christian families who otherwise would have slowly starved to death last year. The cause of the disaster was a prolonged drought and lack of clean drinking water, which, as in Haiti, is the leading cause of death when there is no rain. A small farm drip irrigation program has been introduced that may prevent future crises of this kind. Preachers and church leaders have been trained in the use of the system and sent home to teach others. Healing Hands International has led the program and provided drip kits to all members of the church who request them. A family of 5 or 6 can be supplied with daily food by using one of these "survival" gardens which can be raised with a small amount of water. Seventy men were trained to be gospel preachers last year, and have returned to their home areas. Land in Awassa was officially given to the church and construction started on the World English Institute Center and a new auditorium. Awassa is the fastest growing city in Ethiopia and the commercial center of all the southern regions of the country.

Sudan

Work among refugees from Sudan to Ethiopia continues to grow. A Ugandan refugee, Roger Walker, makes trips to the border to encourage the Sudanese churches in that area. Several Sudanese men have been trained to lead in the 5 established congregations. Plans are being made to construct a preaching school in Gambella, a

few miles inside the Ethiopian border.

India

An Indian preacher, R. Sudhakar Rao, has been invited to come to Calcutta to preach a number of gospel meetings. This is the first time the church has been given this type of opportunity in that part of the country. Calcutta is a huge city of over 15,000,000 people with many denominational groups.

Allen Jacobs held numerous meetings and conducted daytime classes in towns and villages during a 3 1/2 month stay in Southern India. Allen likes to limit the number of people in the classes to 30, but in several instances as many as 50-60 showed up. Most meetings closed with several baptisms, the largest number being on January 6th when 21 were added to the Lord's church. The Jacobs express their appreciation for the cooperation and prayers offered while they were away.

Papua New Guinea

The Madang church is sponsoring a young man named Reuben to attend the Melanesian Bible School. Before he left, the church presented him with a new Bible in which all the members had written their names. After a reading from Acts 11 by Jason Moriarty, everyone laid hands on him and a number of the men prayed. Jason feels that Reuben will be another "Paul" as he is a natural leader eager to learn and spread the gospel.

Zambia

Opportunities abound in Northern Zambia. Roy Merritt and other Namwianga workers have planted 53 new congregations there 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 is a challenge. Each 10-day trip involves eight workers. The cost averages \$1,000 per trip.

If you can help reach into Northern Zambia, send your check to Northreach, College Church of Christ, c/o Curtis Mcmurdy, Searcy, AR 72143".

Word has been received from Bernard and Alicia Krogsggard of Dauphin, who are in contact with the Namwianga Christian School, that they are feeding people who are at the point of starvation. After giving out a litre of meal and a bun each day to families, their depleted supplies forced them to cut this help in half. They are appealing for help. It is believed that most of these needy people are our brethren.

Kenya

In Western Kenya, the city of Kisii and surrounding countryside numbered 5,000,000 in 1999 with 18 congregations having a total of some 800 Christians. The first church was planted by a native Tanzanian preacher in 1977 and the gospel spread with the help of an

American missionary named Roy Lane between 1981 and 1995. Local brethren have done the work of evangelizing, church planting and maturing since that time. Some 25,000 WBS students are now in Kisii, but only 5,000 who attend WBS seminars have been contacted personally. Out of every 100 students receiving letters, only 20 respond. Homes cannot be located by mailing addresses, as they are often many miles from their postal address. Many roads are impassable by automobile. Walking and/or public transportation must often be used to do WBS follow-up work.

--reported by

David Marube, Nyamue church of Christ in Kisii

Yugoslavia

Opportunities available: There are 60,000 Chinese in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. I have 20 lessons/set for 20 students of WEI materials and hope to get more if needed to teach English and Bible in Belgrade. The church has invited us to come. Workers, encouragers and teachers (WEI) needed for church planting. Interested to go or Send, Please contact: Ming Paul, Lee, 2635 Island Hwy, Nanoose Bay, BC Canada V9P 9E5. mingpaul@unisverve.com

Thailand

Thirteen baptisms were reported in December, bringing the total for 2001 to 96. "We are about to reach the nine tenths of a million in enrollment since the program began in 1970." The new goal is one million by the end of 2003, which calls for an average monthly enrollment of 4,117. There were 4,128 in December. "Thanks very much to the Lord and all of you who are helping this happen.

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Women Opening the Word by Casandra Martin, *Echoing His Heartbeat: The Life of David*, 163 large pages, \$ 12.99 (U.S.)

This book and the others in this series are definitely "user friendly." The pages are large, everything is well spaced and clear. The lessons are very well planned and easy to follow.

Ladies will enjoy using this book and the others in the series. Don't be surprised if the man of the house also finds them very beneficial!

Jesus Up Close by Skip Heitzig, Tyndale House Publishers, 242 pages, \$ 10.99 (U.S.)

In the Introduction the author asks, "Will the Real Jesus Stand Up?" He says that while he was on earth people classified Him in different ways. Yet those who followed him saw

Him as " God's unique Son, Israel's Messiah, the world's Savior, and their Lord and God." For example in His meeting with the woman at the well (John 4) Jesus made an appeal to human kindness, a lifelong hope, spiritual thirst, a guilty conscience and to future deliverance.

If the reader will check all things by the Scriptures, he or she will find many instructive and inspirational thoughts in this book.

Step by Step by Bob Chisholm, 21st Century Christian, Number of pages not given. \$12.50 (U.S.)

The author of this excellent book is Bob Chisholm, the preaching minister of the White Station church in Memphis, Tennessee. He is the associate editor of the 21st Century Christian.

Evertt Huffard, Dean of the Harding Graduate School of Religion says, " One thing our culture is demanding of us today is authenticity. A new generation looks for practical outcomes of faith before they ask about doctrine. We need tools to help us integrate our inner life and our outward practice. Bob Chisholm patiently walks you through the Gospel of Mark in 90 days. If you reflect on the questions he raises and study the text you will grow spiritually. I have heard Bob teach these lessons and appreciate his passion for a closer walk with the Lord."

Here are some of the questions he proposes for the first eight verses of Mark 1: " Why is it 'Good News' for God to become a person like us? How would you define 'bad news'? What is the general feeling about sin today? What is your attitude? Why is it so difficult to admit our failures? Do you more easily focus on forgiveness ? Why ?

Even though we may have been studying the Bible for many years we can still gain new insights into its meaning for our lives. Books like this will be of great help in reaching this goal.



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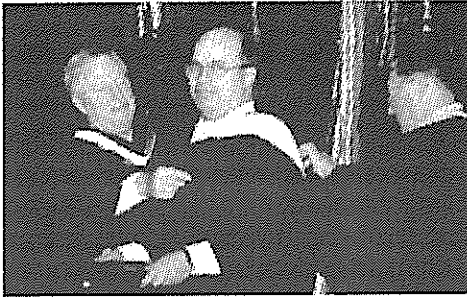
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McMillan Honoured



At the December 2001 Commencement Ceremony of Faulkner University, John McMillan (center) received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. The degree was conferred by president Billy Hilyer (left) and Vice President of Academic Affairs John S. Enloe (right).

Faulkner University is located in Montgomery, Alabama. John McMillan, President of Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba, delivered the commencement address at the Faulkner ceremony. In the presentation, Dr. Hilyer recognized Dr. McMillan's years of service to the community, Churches of Christ, and especially to the Western Christian College.

Western Christian College has a rich heritage of fifty-seven formal years of service to Canada, the United States and the world. Dr. McMillan is in his tenth year as President. Western Christian College has recently made the decision to transition to Regina, Saskatchewan.

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Paul Dale

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Swaziland, situated on the north-eastern border of South Africa and adjoining Mozambique, has a population approaching one million. The country enjoys a standard of living somewhat above the average in Africa. Churches of Christ were planted in Swaziland in the early 1960s. Currently there are some 24 congregations in the country. The Manzini Bible School was established by Eldred Echols and Al Horn in 1965. The current director of MBS is Kurt Platt who is in his thirteenth year with the school. The Bible

school is situated on 200 acres of arable land and for the past several years has been engaged in establishing a plantation of macadamia nut trees. The objective is to secure a source of income to help advance the work of the school. Students attend MBS from several southern African nations such as Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, etc.

The mission team will be situated at the Bible school campus that is located near the city of Manzini. They will engage in a variety of services including working with local congregations, hospitals, elementary schools, and participate in the life of the community at the school.

Serving the team as home coordinator is Jeff Cobb, evangelist with the Grimsby Church of Christ. The Grimsby congregation is sponsoring the team and administering their travel and work fund. Also serving the team as director of their activities is Geoff Ellis, Waterloo. In addition to coordinating their activities in Swaziland, Ellis will teach two courses in the Bible school. Ellis travelled with Roger Church, chairman of the African Christian Schools Foundation, Nashville, to Swaziland last June to visit the campus and make preparations for the team's arrival.

Contributions are invited and may be directed to: Grimsby Church of Christ, Box 181, Grimsby, Ontario L3M 4G3. For additional information, contact Jeff Cobb at jcobb18@hotmail.com or Geoff Ellis at

ghellis@golden.net.

Christmas Cheer - "Lights Up" The World of Our Blind Children

Thanks to the wonderful love and generosity of churches of Christ in Canada (See full story in January 2002 Report) we were able to distribute 12 large boxes of hand-knitted mittens, scarves and hats to 167 blind and partially blind children in Kyiv on Christmas Day!

Each of us, who were privileged to present this warm gift-set to the children, were enormously blessed by their delight, thankfulness and smiles of joy! They were especially impressed that these gifts were personally made for them by people far away in Canada!

Our family will remember this Christmas as one of the most satisfying and rewarding we've ever had! Surely, it is far more rewarding to "give than to receive!" - even though we were only "channels" through which our brethren were able to share these gifts of love!

Thank you, brethren, for enabling us to "light up the life" of these precious blind children with your love and generosity!

(Note: Churches in Ontario helped with this project which was coordinated by the Waterloo church. The Pinczuk family extend their heartfelt thanks to all who have helped with the work in the Ukraine and encourage us to check out their Website: www.thesem.com ecp)



Mark your calendars --- more details will follow.

OBITUARIES

Ethel L. Dennis

Ethel L. Dennis was born June 6, 1909. She lived in the Glencoe, Ontario area where she and her family were members of the Lord's church at Woodgreen. She was baptized by C.W. Petch in 1921 and married Lawrence L. Dennis in 1930, with S.M. Jones performing the ceremony.

In 1942 Lawrence and Ethel, with their young family, moved to Sarnia, Ontario where they again were active members of the church there until the Lord called them home. Lawrence passed on in 1967, in his 69th year. Ethel left to join him February 21, 2002 in her 93rd year.

She was pre-deceased by one son, Lawrence in 1980, and his son Shawn in 1999.

She will be missed by sons Gordon (Dorothy) of Mount Forest, ON, Bill of Vancouver, BC and Leonard (Nancy) of Sarnia. Also 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

At the February 25th funeral service Skip Francis gave words of comfort, remembering her faithfulness and influence as a Christian mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Sons Leonard and Gordon recalled pleasant memories and a few of the lessons she taught the family. Grandson Lyle spoke affectionately on behalf of the grandchildren. Steve Rastall lead us in singing 3 of her favourite hymns (I come to the garden alone, Tempted and tried, Amazing grace).

Following the service the Sarnia church family served a wonderful lunch and provided time of fellowship. It was the kind of send off mother would enjoy. Thank you to all who showed how much you cared.

Submitted by Gordon Dennis

Dora Nicholson

On December 26, 2001, sister Dora Nicholson, 85, was released from the body that had imprisoned her for many years to be with the Lord. The day before, she had enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner with her husband, Richard, and her daughter and son-in-law, Jenna (Nelda) and Thomas Bailey. She died peacefully the next morning.

Dora was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Her faith, courage and positive attitude showed even in the face of illness and adversity. For many years, her body suffered the ravages of arthritis, her hands twisted in very unnatural ways. She tried not to allow the arthritis to keep her from being active and positive. As time passed, her body continued to fail. She suffered numerous falls and injuries. An aneurysm was discovered near her heart. Yet, her positive spirit continued.

Dora was born in 1916. Her father, William Tucker, came to Canada from England in 1906 and originally lived in Carman, Manitoba, where he was converted and baptized into Christ. Later that year, he moved to Winnipeg, where he would be an active and faithful Christian for the rest of his life. Later, he married Dorothy Dafforn. (Dorothy lived to her

100th year). On November 7, 1942, Dora married Richard Nicholson.

A memorial service was held for her on December 31. Dora's son-in-law, Thomas Bailey, shared some of his memories of her life. Cecil Bailey, Thomas' father and a long-time friend of Dora's, presented a very timely and encouraging lesson. John Muller led the singing. It was encouraging to see how many people wanted to show their love and respect for Dora by taking time out in the afternoon of a busy New Year's Eve.

James LaVerne McPherson (1920 - 2002)

Jim McPherson spent his growing up years with his family on the farm. The need to work on the farm kept him from continuing in school. He served in the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers during WW II and upon his return from overseas married Olive Garner, to whom he had written daily during his service time, on December 22, 1945.

It was a happy and lasting marriage blessed with four children: David, Debbie, Donna and Jane. Debbie's death by leukemia at age three, in 1953, was a difficult time for them.

After his discharge Jim worked briefly on his father-in-law's farm and at mail delivery but soon signed on at General Motors where he served in the fields of electricity and air conditioning for 33 year, until retirement.

The family was an active part of the Tintern church which Jim served as a deacon, elder and song leader. He really enjoyed church meetings and singing hymns and has greatly missed this since being immobilized by the loss of the use of his legs. He used his trade in construction projects at church, Omagh Bible Camp, Great Lakes Christian College and in helping friends.

Jim was admired for his desire to do right, his interest in the well being of others, his cheerfulness and his patience in caring for his aging mother-in-law and handicapped brother-in-law. He is remembered as a devoted husband, dedicated family man, loving father, ideal neighbour, encourager and fine Christian.

He left us on Sunday morning February 17. Surviving with fond memories are wife, Olive, son, David and daughters Donna (Bob) Zelmer and Jane (Shawn) Baylis.

The service in the Tintern church building on February 20, featured congregational singing led by Russell Walker, tributes by children and grandchildren and remarks by Jim Holston and Eugene Perry.

Eugene Perry

Tribute to Roger Church

Roger Church, in his 74th year, passed away in his home in Nashville on Monday, January 28, 2002. Doreen and I with Ralph Perry were present at the funeral service on Wednesday, January 30. I was privileged to present the eulogy and used the words descriptive of Barnabas in Acts 11:24, "He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord." Roger was truly a good man, a faithful Christian and a leader in the church. He shared in the founding of the Harpeth Hills congregation, a church that was to become a major force in world missions

including support for the work of the congregation in Waterloo from 1984 through 1998. He was a leader in providing Bible schools in Africa, a country where churches of Christ have grown from a handful of congregations fifty years ago to a number approaching 8,000 today with a membership approaching a million people in over 30 nations. Roger and his wife, Sara were wonderfully hospitable, caring for people passing through Nashville from the four corners of the world. Their home was my adopted home from the mid-sixties while traveling for Great Lakes Christian College and after. Ralph first met Roger when both were teen-agers at David Lipscomb College in 1944. Ralph, having done significant work in Nigeria, continues to serve on the board of African Christian Schools Foundation that Roger led as chairman for 30 years. Roger began experiencing back pain at the end of our trip in southern Africa this past summer. This was the beginning of his cancer that quickly caused his death this past week. Some 500 people attended the funeral service at the Hillsboro congregation. The service was a celebration of the victory in Jesus that Roger with God's saving grace had won. Please pray for Sara, the five children, Rachel, Steve, Bruce, Susan and Kay and the thirteen grandchildren.

Geoff Ellis

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double in size. Work to be done on the new building includes a sound system, new carpet downstairs and work on the parking lot. Two portables are also part of the complex. Waterloo is on the move!

Windsor: Anastasia Vasilevskaya was baptized into Christ on February 8. New deacons appointed on February 10 were Rick Liebrock and Garry St. John. Cliff Baird, who is involved with printing Bibles for China, was scheduled as guest speaker for March 24. He taught the Bible class and preached. Over the past four years the congregation has had a steady increase in both membership and attendance. Attendance has risen again the first quarter of 2002.

Welland: Paul Moore of GLBC was a guest speaker in February. There was much work done by a group of campaigners from Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas during Spring Break. A great lesson was given by Eric Granberg on Sunday, March 10. Plans are being made to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Welland congregation on Sunday, April 21. S.F. Timmerman will be the guest speaker for the day. The congregation would like for others to join them.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: The brethren are holding an active daily prayer schedule. At this time there

are fifty lost souls being mentioned before God's throne each day as well as other prayer requests. The brethren have renewed their Saturday church ad and an upcoming pamphlet is being prepared to send into the community. Shawn LeBlanc and Mario Girouard are both wanting to become preachers, so we are trying to provide a bit of training. Both want to attend Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo in the future. They have started a bi-weekly Saturday night class for teenagers. Shawn is taking an internet course from GLBC. He plans to give his first sermon on April 28 and Mario will give his on March 31.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: Rodney Stone, (out at Wende), was baptized on Sunday January 27. The congregation has started a free Bible Verse e-mail service in an effort to encourage their members to be daily readers of the Word.

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itive, i.e., 1st century Christianity, but have some striking differences between them. Congregations in the Lower Mainland have been encouraged to save labels from Campbell's Soups and Dairyland Products for Western Christian College. When accumulated in quantities these can be exchanged by the school for sports equipment, computers, and other items. They should be sent to Western Christian College, Box 5000, Dauphin, MB

R7N 2V5 ATTN: Dorothy. Campbells requires the full label, but from Dairyland products only the bar code need be sent.

Ming Paul Lee: News from Albania and Kosova - At the recent Youth meeting there were 216 young adults. For some, it was the first time they had ever experienced the joy of meeting so many believers. They come from Muslim communities, schools, families and nations. The churches work together in one accord.

There is a new venture, YOUTH NEWSPAPER, in the Albanian language via e-mail, and soon it will be in printed form as well. Do you know some friends who read the Albanian language, please e-mail bvalca@yahoo.com.

Ming Paul Lee

MANITOBA

Manson: We are a small church (28) but have lots of love. We meet each Sunday in Manson and on Tuesdays at the home of Luc and La Dean Hayghebaest at Hargrave (near Virden where he has a barbershop) for Bible study, which Luc teaches.

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Lunch at Kimono's Chinese Restaurant
\$8.50 per person
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon History and Devotional 2:30 p.m.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO ENJOY CAMP OMAGH

CAMP OMAGH



Do you recall those hot summer days of your youth in the 1950's, 60's, 70's, or 80's? Packing clothes and a sleeping bag? Driving on the QEW or the 401 with your family? Turning onto Highway #25 or Trafalgar Road across the chip and tar roads of Halton? Your first week away from your parents? Selecting your bunk for the week ahead? The smiling face of your counselor? The excitement of "Capture the Flag"? Your daily Bible teacher? A game of baseball or soccer? Standing by the pole with volleyball attached and hitting it for all you were worth with your fist with a fellow camper your competitor? Do you remember the campfires? Singsongs? Your first experience at washing 100 dishes? A dive into the cool clear water? A hike into the ravine and across the mud of the creek below? Do you recall your days at Camp Omagh?

From it's inception in the late 1930's with a dream to provide young people an opportunity to enjoy the country while experiencing the Christian faith, Omagh has provided hundreds, if not thousands, of memories and relationships that continue to this very day.

Have you considered renewing your interest in Camp Omagh?

Camp Omagh is supported by corporation members whose faith is Christ centered. We hope you will consider becoming a member of the Omagh Corporation. Also consider giving of your time and skills as a Camp Omagh volunteer. We have a number of opportunities for volunteers throughout the year! Please take the time to fill out your membership and volunteer applications. And if you have young people, consider giving them the opportunity of relationship and spiritual building which you experienced at Camp Omagh.

APPLICATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OMAGH BIBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION

Name: _____ Local Church of Christ: _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

The cost for an Omagh Corporation Membership is \$10/Single or \$15/Couple. Please enclose your cheque (payable to Camp Omagh) with your application and mail them to: Elaine Gray (Board Secretary), 163 Wendover Drive, Hamilton, Ontario L9C 5X6

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER MY TIME AND SKILLS TO CAMP OMAGH

Name: _____ Local Church of Christ: _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

My Skills: (check all that apply)

Painting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plumbing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Labourer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Counselling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	_____		

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VISION CANADA 2002

A Seminar on Church Growth through Evangelism

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white unto harvest"

Will be held:

Tuesday June 25th - Friday June 28th, 2002

On the Campus of Kings University College

Edmonton Alberta Canada

The following speakers have been invited;

Tim Johnson, Moncton NB
Max Craddock, Toronto, ON.
Wayne Turner, Winnipeg, MB
John McMillan, Dauphin, MB
Dan Wieb, Weyburn, SK
David Friesen, Edmonton, AB
Jim Hawkins, Delta, BC
Gregg King, Helena, Montana
Phillip Slate, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Mike Tackett, Merkel, Texas

Geoffrey Ellis, Waterloo, ON.
Bill Schwarz, Waterloo, ON
Rolland Bouchard, Winnipeg MB
Scott Roberts, Dauphin, MB
Kevin Carson, Edmonton, AB
Steve Hasbrouck, Vancouver, BC
Scott Laird, Great Falls, Montana
David Ford, Three Forks, Montana
David Lane, St. Louis, Missouri

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