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## Grove Park Home Launches Major Expansion



Grove Park Home celebrated its 34th anniversary as a Christian ministry on May 4, 2002 with more than its

annual tea. The ceremonial shovel went into the ground to mark the start of the largest expansion in its history.

In the photograph Mr. Marvin Johnson, Chair of the Board (far right), is joined by Mrs. Ruth Blevins, President of the Residents' Council (far left), Mr. Joe Tascona, MPP (centre left), and Mr. Mike Ramsay, local alderman for the city of Barrie (centre right) for the Grove Park Home expansion Ground Breaking.

*(see story on page 15)*

# ISLAM REVISITED (part 2)

Roy D. Merritt

It has been said that, "The greatest truth of the Old Testament is that man was made in the image of God, and that the greatest truth of the New Testament is that God was made in the likeness of man." The story of the incarnation of Christ is dear to the hearts of all true believers in His lordship. The brief account of the announcement of His birth to a Jewish maiden named Mary, and the subsequent events surrounding His birth, form an essential basis for faith in His deity. This information also gives credence to His death on the cross, as the divine Son of God, who, as the God incarnate, could die for sinful mankind.

Most Christians who read with joy the beautiful story of the virgin birth in Matthew and Luke, likely think that it is a uniquely Christian narrative. The truth of the matter is that the people of another book, the Quran, also believe the basic story, but view the birth as only that of a prophet. How Muhammad obtained his version of the birth of Jesus is one of the many questions concerning the

Quran for which time has obscured the answers. We do know historically that he had ample opportunity to exchange religious ideas with Christians from a wide variety of backgrounds and depths of knowledge in his home area. He also had traveled as far as Palestine and Syria with camel caravans.

## CHRISTIAN SOURCES

Caesar Farah has provided a good list of the variety of these contacts: "There was a minor settlement in

### *Muslims give high honour to Christ but deny His deity*

Mecca consisting of caravan leaders, monks, merchants from Syria, curers, healers, doctors, dentists, smiths, carpenters, scribes, Christian women married into the Quraysh [Muhammad's tribe RDM], and slaves from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Syria, and Byzantium sold in the market place of the town." There were many Jews in Medinah where he went when he was given a difficult time in his home town of Mecca.

## THE QURANIC ACCOUNT

Surah III:45 is one of the passages which speaks of the promise of a child to the Virgin Mary. "(And remember) when the angels said: O Mary! Lo! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a good word from Him, whose name is the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, illustrious in the world and the Hereafter, and one of those brought near (unto Allah)."

Surah XIX:16ff. reads: "*And make mention of Mary in the Scripture, when she had withdrawn from her people to a chamber looking East*

*And had chosen seclusion from them. Then We sent into her Our Spirit and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man.*

*She said: Lo! I seek refuge in the*

*Beneficent one from thee, if thou art God-fearing. He said: I am only a messenger of the Lord, that I may bestow on thee a faultless son.*

*She said: How can I have a son when no mortal hath touched me, neither have I been unchaste?*

*He said: So (it will be). Thy Lord saith: It is easy for Me. And (it will be) that We may make of him a revelation for mankind and a mercy from Us, and it is a thing ordained.*

*And she conceived him, and she withdrew with him to a far place."*

Surah XXI reads: "*And she who was chaste, therefore We breathed into her (something) of Our spirit and made her and her son a token for (all) peoples."*

After reading these passages from the Quran, take your New Testament and read Matt.1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-38.

A comparison of the two sets of text – from the N.T. and the Quran – shows quite clearly that Muhammad taught the doctrine of the Virgin Birth. It is equally obvious that his account was a second-hand uninspired account which denied that the one who was born was any more than another in a chain of biblical prophets. Muslims give high honour to Christ but deny His deity.

In a future article we shall plan to examine some of the important passages in the Quran, which show great respect for the person and the perfection of our Lord, while at the same time denying His divinity and His cross. What a shame that many millions of the world's population know only Muhammad's rendition of how the Son of God came down to tabernacle in the flesh for a brief time. The New Testament reveals Mary's child as the loving gift of a gracious God who gave believers a Saviour from sin (John 3:16).

1. Islam p.29
2. Quran passages are from Pickthall, *The Meaning of the Glorious Koran*

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# Employment Contracts

Darryl Culley

Church priorities predominantly include spreading the word and ministering to its flock and community. For their part, ministers focus on the things of God.

Sometimes the business side of the "operation", including employment practices and standards, are not areas that either the church or its paid staff are as familiar with as the general business community. But, it is important for churches to be informed of "the laws of the land"; often we haven't been.

Many congregations have chosen to use annual employment contracts for their ministers for a variety of reasons: other churches do it, they don't want to commit themselves, etc. It is much simpler to say "your contract is not being renewed" than to say "you are being fired." A recent civil court case in Ontario has demonstrated that it is not quite as simple as that.

The reason for writing this article is not to provide legal advice but to raise an awareness of an employment issue that may impact congregations and their paid staff. The article assumes that a congregation will treat their paid staff with the same level of responsibility as is expected in the community.

The definitions of fixed-term employment versus indefinite employment are important factors. A fixed-term employment is only to last for a specified period of time, whereas indefinite employment continues until one of the parties or both sees fit to end it. Fixed-term employment typically ends at the end of the contract whereas indefinite employment is subject to both statutory notice of termination and common-law reasonable notice, unless otherwise agreed to in an employment contract.

In the Ontario court case, an employee was hired on a series of one-year contracts that were renewed annually. After the 16th year, the not-for-profit organization advised the employee that the contract would not be renewed. The employee launched civil action against the not-for-profit organization. The judge ruled that although the employee had a series of short-term contracts, she

was effectively hired for an indefinite term. She was therefore entitled to reasonable advance notice or pay in lieu of notice, which the judge established as 16 months. The case was appealed by the not-for-profit organization and lost.

The message: a fixed-term contract cannot be used in order to reduce liability when the result of the employment relationship is actually indefinite employment. Fixed-term contracts should only be used where the intent is truly to end the employment on a pre-determined date.

## *A properly negotiated contract is fair to both parties*

It is self-evident that a large payout, such as that above, could create significant difficulties for many congregations. An appropriately worded and negotiated contract can be used to reduce the

lengths of notice or pay in lieu of notice, provided that the amount of notice does not fall below the employee's minimum statutory entitlements. A properly negotiated contract is also fair to both parties, in that they understand, at the time of the agreement, the conditions and expectations at the end of an employment relationship.

If a congregation's concern is whether or not a new minister will fit in appropriately, probationary clauses can be written into an employment contract. Typically, probationary clauses in the business community range from 3 to 9

months, with some as long as 12 months. Probationary clauses will often spell out a specified notice or pay in lieu of notice for this time period. Using the repetitive renewing of a short term contract is not the most suitable means to this end.

"Contracts", either written or even verbal, between congregations and ministers have often relied simply on goodwill. This has been enough where the situation has remained "good"; but it has not been enough where the situation has not remained that way.

It is highly recommended that proper legal advice be sought when a congregation is in the hiring or termination phase of an employment relationship or when questions arise on how to respond to an issue. Such a familiarity with statutory and common employment standards, on the part of congregations and ministers will facilitate a positive working relationship, to the benefit of everyone.

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## What is the Verdict?

Wayne Turner



Some time ago, a very pointed question made the rounds in church bulletins and sermons. "If being a Christian was illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" The question reflected the concern of many young people, preachers and other church leaders that a number of church members were content to be spiritual chameleons and blend into the world rather than clearly standing out as followers of Christ.

This question raises a second question, "How would you recognize or identify a Christian if you saw one?" What is it that sets Christians apart from the world? In what ways are they different?

A Christian, obviously, is someone who belongs to and wears the name of Christ. We understand this to be a person who has heard the gospel, put their faith in Jesus, turned away from sin, and came into Christ through baptism. However, in terms of external appearance, there is nothing visibly recognizable that identifies someone as a Christian – no hairstyle, no uniform, no secret handshake.

Generally we accept the idea that a person's nature and character after their conversion demonstrate their new relationship and life. As Jesus said, people are known by their fruit. The actions and results of a person's life clearly demonstrate their true identity. Good trees cannot bear bad fruit, nor can bad trees bear good fruit. If we are Christians, there are some activities that should be part of our lives. (And, there are others that should not.) These activities do not define a Christian, but they certainly provide circumstantial evidence that a person is a Christian – the fruit of their relationship with Christ.

Among the many fruits we might expect to see in the life of a Christian would be worship, prayer, Bible study, service,

evangelism, fellowship with other Christians, as well as personal qualities like love, joy, peace, and the other fruit of the Spirit. The presence of such activities and traits do not make a person a Christian; however, their absence should raise serious questions about the genuineness of a person's faith.

Some people may be surprised to learn that many Christians today are not providing as much evidence as might be expected. While working on his doctoral dissertation, Brent McCall surveyed several American congregations to see what he could learn about the difference between growing congregations and stagnant or declining ones. As his data grew, a disturbing picture consistently emerged. He shares the result of his research through seminars and as a consultant working with individual congregations and businesses through his service, Transformax. ([www.transformax.com](http://www.transformax.com)) His national data showed that the average church member spends less than five minutes per day in prayer or Bible study. Half the members "admit they never share the gospel message." One third never volunteer to become involved in church activity, with another third volunteering less than half an hour per week.

Do these results shock you? They should. As many congregations struggle with the question of why they cannot grow and others with trying to survive, some seem to be answering this by making changes to their worship assemblies, programs, congregational organization, or some other aspect of the church. McCall's data suggests that we need to look at something even more basic and fundamental – whether our lives as Christians genuinely demonstrate our relationship with Him. Have we become content to become simply "church members" and spectators or are we really Christians and disciples of Christ? What does the evidence show?

Each one of us needs to look at ourselves in light of this research. If being a Christian was illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

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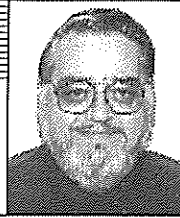
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## God Did Not Spare the Angels

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned...” (2 Pet. 2:4). These words should be a warning to all mankind of the fact that God expects obedience, even of the beings that are in his very presence. While Paul speaks of the reality of sin in life (Rom. 3:23) one can be encouraged by understanding that salvation comes as a result of the grace of God received through active faith. This salvation is freely given as one daily “walks in the light” with the Lord. In doing so “the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Just like angels, however, one can choose to rebel and walk in sin thereby bringing destruction on himself.

Peter understood firsthand the real danger of backsliding and the agony of it for one who wants to honour God/Christ in life. Years after that fateful day on which Jesus was arrested and he denied the Lord, Peter wrote, “If they escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them” (2 Peter 2:20, 21). The terrible effects of backsliding include sorrow in this life and a loss of heaven in the eternity to come.

Most often backsliding is a slow gradual series of events in one’s life. One does not usually get up in the morning and say; “I believe I will become a backslider today!!” It is usually the result of a gradual process as the “fire” begins to cool and earthly cares and events become more and more important. The examples of Peter’s denial of Jesus and the action of the one talent man hiding his master’s money in Jesus’ parable (Matt. 25:14-30)

show the terrible effects of the fear of earthly ridicule or failure. Because backsliding is often deceptive and unnoticed one may find himself back in the world, away from God, before realizing what is taking place.

It is said that if one places a live frog into a pot of cold water and then sets the pot on a stove element, warming the water slowly, the frog will stay in the water until it boils, killing the frog. This sounds like a terrible thing to do to a frog, however, it is a good example of what happens when one “slides back” or “drifts away” from the Lord. One may become so comfortable in backsliding that the seriousness of his condition is not realized until it is too late.

The case of Peter’s denial of the Lord is a good example for considering some things that may lead one to fall. First, there was the problem of pride. Remember that when Jesus told his disciples that they would leave him when he was arrested (Mark 14) Peter said, “Even if all fall away, I will not” (14:29). Peter had a high opinion of his strength, which he expressed in a pride-filled way. He should have remembered the words of Solomon. “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall” (Pr. 16:18).

In Matthew 18:3, 4, Jesus speaks of the humility of a child as a trait of those who would become faithful servants in the kingdom. Since humility is a first step in obeying God it is easy to see how misplaced pride can be a first step toward backsliding.

The second mistake Peter made was his half-hearted effort to follow after Jesus was arrested. Peter “followed him at a distance...” (Mark 14:54). When the time came for action, Peter was unprepared to follow through on his boast. Don’t be too hard on Peter. Christians today are often afraid to “stand up and be counted” when the time for action

comes. Each of us needs to remember the warning Jesus gives in Mark 8:38, “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him...” In Revelation 21:8 John lists the “cowardly” as one of those groups that will have a part in the lake of fire.

When one has denied in word and deed, backsliding is complete. At this point there are two possibilities: spiritual death, separation from God for eternity, or repentance that leads to life (1 Cor. 7:10). Peter, when he had denied Jesus for the third time and Jesus looked at him, when out and wept bitterly. This was the beginning of his return to faithful service.

Peter learned from his experience and later in life taught, “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, cloth yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time” (2 Pet. 5:5, 6). Over-rated confidence of self and one’s own strength may lead to pride and a lack of dependence on God. The person who is wise will follow Peter’s advice and develop a spirit of humility.

Peter warns about the enemy that prowls around in an effort to destroy people of faith. He will try to get between the Christian and the Lord so Peter says to “resist him, standing firm in the faith...” (1 Pet.5:8, 9). In reference to diligence in the Christian life he says, “For this reason, made every effort...”, “Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager...”, “...make every effort to be found spotless...” (2 Pet. 1:5, 10; 3:14).

Peter had learned by travelling the hard road of experience the possibility and pain of backsliding. When he saw the eyes of Jesus on him he was convicted and turned back to faithful service. May we be aware that Jesus looks with love and concern at us when we backslide. Escape this sorrow by heeding these words, “Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position” (2 Pet. 3:17).

# The Most Difficult Thing

Roger Lansdell

**A**bout the most difficult thing that any of us has to do, on a regular basis in life, is to make decisions. Some of these decisions can be difficult, sometimes even depending on the day. Sometimes, it's all we can do to decide which size coffee and what we want in it at Tim Horton's. At other times, we can quite easily make decisions that might be life altering.

However, without question, one of the greatest things that separates us from all the rest of God's creatures is our ability to weigh factors and different alternatives; then to make a decision and to implement an action plan toward the successful accomplishment of that decision. As we look back in our lives, we've made decisions about where to be educated and what program to pursue. We've made decisions about where to seek, or to accept, employment. We've made decisions about whom to marry,

where to live, whether to buy or rent our homes, whether to lease or purchase a vehicle, what colours to paint various rooms in our homes, what priorities to place on the use of the funds available in our families, or how to spend vacation time. The decisions have been many that bring us to who and what we are today. Many of these decisions have been difficult decisions. The difficulty may not show right now, but at the time they were made, they were tough decisions.

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## *From the beginning, people have had to make decisions*

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Choosing is central to humanity! This is an important activity of our everyday lives. When you make one choice, it ends the potential of other choices in that particular area. Whenever you say "yes" to something, you are saying "no" to other possible choices. The challenge with which we are sometimes faced is that there is only one choice that can be made and acted on. Certain things in life are done only one way. This causes a struggle for us at times.

From the beginning, people have had to make decisions. Adam and Eve had to make a decision, a choice to obey or disobey God - and we know the choice they made and can recognize rather clearly something of the repercussions that have flowed, even to us, from that initial choice of serving self rather than God.

Do you know what the most important choice is that you and I have to make? This is a decision that has only one right answer. It is "being ready." According to Jesus, being ready is a one-choice principle. In Matthew 24:42-44, He said, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

According to Jesus, start wrong and the rest of your life will be askew. Not everything is such an important decision. The Bible translation you read is not such an important choice. The music you prefer isn't as paramount. The ministry you select isn't. But being ready for Jesus' return is a one-way truth! Get this right and the rest will fall into place. Miss it and get ready for many problems!

So, our task is a real one! It is to choose our eternal home. You and I can afford many wrong choices in life. You can choose the wrong career and survive, the wrong city and survive, the wrong house and survive. You can even choose the wrong mate and survive. But, there is one choice that must be made correctly and that is your eternal destiny.

If you look at Jesus' ministry, you will notice that his first and last sermons have the same message. In his first sermon, Jesus calls you and me to choose between the rock and the sand, the wide gate and the narrow gate, the wide road and the narrow road, the big crowd and the small crowd, the certainty of hell and the joy of the heavenly kingdom. In his last sermon, he calls us to do the same. He calls us to be ready. Are you? Are you really? How will that choice impact your choices in this day?

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# Can You Imagine?

Paul Vance

The song, "Imagine," by the late John Lennon makes me think of God's creation even though, if you heard the words, you would wonder why.

**But can you imagine –**

A creation without beauty? We would have to take away the starry skies, so there would be no Big Dipper, no Milky Way, no full moon in all its splendor lighting up the dark night sky, and no chance to gaze at their beauty.

We couldn't see that awesome sunrise lighting up the horizon, or the colorful sunset with its glowing colors reflecting on a still lake. We would miss the colorful display of lights that lightning makes in a cloudy sky, or the way heat lightning flashes across that evening sky as we relax after a hot day in the sun.

Sitting on the porch imagining the different shapes and forms the clouds make against a blue sky would be out of the question. A double rainbow after a cooling evening rain and the awesome fresh smell it leaves would be missing.

**Can you imagine –**

A creation without the beauty of the wild flowers of the field and colorful bushes; no flowers to beautify our gardens; no flower beds around our homes; no wonderful arrangements at funeral homes to show we care; or the bouquet the bride throws at her wedding. And we certainly couldn't have that special arrangement we guys bring home to our wives "just because."

We would miss the awesome colors of the botanical gardens around the world and the first spring flowers popping through to get us so excited about the warm weather to follow. There would be no lilacs with their special aroma to fill the spring air; or crocuses; or trilliums - no blossoms to admire in all their beauty. And, of course, there could be no mountains flowers.

There would be no waterfalls beneath which we could sit and listen to the soothing sound gently washing over the rocks in the background; no bubbling brook to admire, as it trickled by and left us wondering where its destination might be; and no opportunity to sit in a row boat in the middle of the lake and admire the beauty on the shores all around us.

**Can you imagine –**

A creation without the beauty of the birds of the air? There would be no blue jay fluttering in the bushes; we would miss the first sight of a robin in the spring, so welcome we almost want to hug it after the long winter. There would be no lustrous red cardinal gleaming in the sunlight; or all the little yellow birds that flit back and forth; or the swallow dipping and diving gracefully as it reduces the mosquito population; or the enormous crane that looks too big and clumsy to fly.

## *A creation without beauty?*

**Can you imagine –**

Never seeing a beautiful doe and her two little spotted fawns playing close by; or the stately big buck in the distance; or the moose standing in a swamp with her young by her side. There would be no mink darting across the river bank into the water; or beaver sitting on top of the dam he has just created; or fox running across a field with such ease you are awestruck; or wolf, or coyote; or gopher speeding away when it is threatened. We would never hear the ground hog whistle to warn his friends about the threat we might be to their well-being; or see the mother cat crossing the garden with her young in tow, going on a training expedition to teach them to hunt.

My wife and I would have no memories of evenings in which we were entertained by watching our calves play like children while their mother keeps a close watch; or see the baby pigs playing for hours in a bunch of straw; or

sit perfectly still while a butterfly – whose beauty is astounding – walks around on us.

**Can you imagine –**

A world without these wonderful sights and sounds? A world in which we – its people – are so busy that we miss these things that God created for our enjoyment. A world where money and things of our own selfish needs are so important that there is no time to acknowledge God's awesome creation. The things I've described don't begin to reveal God's love for us. And God put man over all these things to nurture and take care of them. How are we doing?

PSALM 8:6-9:

*You made him ruler over the works of your hands.*

*You put everything under his feet – all flocks, all herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the seas, all that swim the paths of the sea.*

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.*

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## Turning back Time

Jamie Azzoparde

A few years ago I had an opportunity to go to the movies with a good friend and brother in the church. I was in my second year of Bible College and he was just finishing a year at Conestoga in Waterloo. We decided to go see a comedy that we had heard good reviews about. As we sat through the movie, the vulgarities seemed to get worse and worse. About three quarters of the way into the movie the brother turned to me and said, "Maybe we should leave". At that moment many things passed through my mind, I thought to myself; the movie was almost over, we would disturb those sitting around us and would others really know why we were leaving anyway? Having

hummed and hawed for a few minutes I finally turned to the brother and said, "The movie is almost over, we might as well just stay to the end". With those words I failed yet another test in my life. Every time we are faced with a decision to make between good and evil, we are being tested. God calls on us to do good and He gives us the choice of whether we will listen or not. That day at the movies it was I who should have initiated the remark to leave; after all I was the older one, I was the one in Bible College. I have no excuse for my failure that day but I do know that we all make mistakes and it is what we do after our mistake that counts.

Every day we all make many choices, and with these choices come responsibilities. One of the things I have learned over the years is that we cannot turn back time. Duuuuh, obvious, right? Well why don't we live by this principal then? Most of the time we know when something is wrong before we do it. Often we are even aware of the consequences, yet we still do it anyway. Can I get rid of those images and sounds to which I opened my mind during that movie? All the bad things we put into our mind will affect us in one way or another; they stay with us in our subconscious forever. Remember, it's always easy to do something for a first time but you can never go back.

Many are making big

decisions in their lives. Perhaps you are deciding if you will go to school, where to go to school, who you will marry, what car you will buy, what friends to associate with, where to live, and the list goes on. How often do we really think about the outcome of our decisions? I can remember buying a car one day for 3000 dollars. The next week I saw a better one and bought it also. I had 3 cars, a motorcycle and one big headache all at the same time. I had to sell one quick and I ended up not getting paid for it.

It's not so easy selling a car if you buy one you don't like. Many schools will not refund tuition after a certain period of time. There is no way you can get a refund on your husband or wife. God has created a world in which every action has a reaction and we must live with that reaction. You cannot take memories out of your mind but you can easily put them in there.

The Bible tells the account of a man who used to imprison and beat innocent men and women. This man's name was Saul. One day Jesus appeared to him and held him accountable for his actions. In Acts 9:4 we read that, "He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" This man changed his ways and became a preacher of the Gospel; we know him as Paul. Even though Paul had changed himself, he could never take back all of those wrongs that he had done. To Timothy he writes: 1 Tim 1:15-16 "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst". Those people he had hurt became his very own family members in the church. All of the bad choices we make will carry consequences perhaps even to the end of our lives. How we deal with them afterward may determine our eternity.

When we do make bad decisions, we need to be strong enough to admit it and do something about it. So what if we look stupid, or weak? Are we going to let our pride hold us back from eternal life? Every time I did something wrong I felt separated from God and unworthy to talk to Him. Well, who is worthy to talk to Him by their own merits? I had to tell myself I would not make that choice again but sometimes I would choose wrong again the next day. Whenever this happened I would say the same thing all over again until I finally won the battle.

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# BOOK REVIEWS



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*The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, Good News Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois, Reviewed by Thayer Salisbury, Swaziland.*

I felt at home in reading this translation. The ESV takes The RSV as its starting point, yet it seems to be closer to the ASV. It "stands in the classic mainstream of English Bible translations." It is essentially literal with a word-for-word rather than a thought-for-thought philosophy of translation. Thus the ESV translators, unlike most modern speech translations, retain theological terminology which might be unintelligible to the unchurched. Thus the ESV may not be the ideal translation for evangelism, but perhaps we ought to realize that much of the Bible was not written for evangelistic purposes but as exhortation to those already in the church.

The ESV, like the NKJV is likely to be comfortable for those who have been

raised on the KJV or the ASV. But the ESV has one very distinct advantage over the NKJV version. It is based on more recent textual evidence. Also it is an excellent choice for anyone wanting a more traditional translation based on the most recent manuscript evidence. It will enable the reader to make a deeper study into the Word of God.

*How To Talk So People Will Listen by Steve Brown, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 169 pages, \$12.99 (U.S.)*

Too many people try to speak when they have very little idea of how to do it. The prophets and apostles showed great power in speaking. Since we today do not have the same gifts as them, we have to work much harder to communicate the word. This book will be of great help to aspiring speakers, including preachers and teachers.

Just think about all the opportunities we

have to speak. The most important for Christians is in communicating the gospel to others. What a great privilege this is!

This book will be of tremendous help to all who are seeking to grow in this area.

*God of the Covenant, A Study of Biblical Covenants by David Lusk, published by the author, 165 pages, price \$10.00.*

The author has done in-depth study and teaching on this vital topic. He shares his efforts with us in this extremely helpful book. He has preached in congregations across the United States and in other countries as well. He has been leading campaigns in Guyana South America since 1989.

He shows that a covenant is also a last will and testament. Also it is a contract as he and his wife discovered as they signed up for several magazines!

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## ONTARIO

**Ajax:** On May 24 the congregation held a special family night with a pot-luck supper and children's activities and a devotional. Eighteen attended.

**Beamsville:** Geoff Taylor has moved back from Calgary to join the rest of his family who returned earlier. Donald Perry is teaching a class on the book of James. Rhonda Whittington is teaching the ladies on the book of James and with the idea that between them, they will develop a Bible Correspondence course emphasising "Spiritual Maturity." Rayburn Lansdell was to be the speaker at the Baccalaureate Service on June 12. A church picnic was being planned for June 23. An area-wide Sunday p.m. song service was held in Beamsville on June 2.

**Bramalea:** Jocelyne and Peter Pylat were baptized Sunday morning, May 19. They have been involved in a Wednesday evening Bible study for several weeks using the Jule Miller Videos and correspondence course. Shauna Baker was baptized Sunday afternoon, May 19. She had been taught primarily by Elias and Desiree Korah. Shauna has a young son, Calvin. Newly arrived from Guyana, where Moses and Donna Lall, and children,

Kevin, Nadine and Lisa. They say that in the last 10 years, 78 congregations have been established in Guyana. Guest speaker on June 9 was Al Meakes, with his wife, Linda, visiting from Chicago, IL. Three of our Bramalea family have lost family members this month. Walter Straker will be teaching the Prime Timers at Camp Omagh, July 9-13. The Sendai team will be in Bramalea for a special commissioning on July 7, as they plan to leave for Sendai, Japan on July 11. They have spent four weeks in June at ACU studying missions. Kurt Whittington spent six weeks during May and June in Tanzania, with the Let's Start Talking program.

**Grimshy:** The congregation hosted a chapel service at Bethesda Home on May 17. Victoria Day weekend, a group of men from the congregation went to Strawberry Point on Manitoulin Island to prepare and repair camp for the summer. Two faithful members, Helen Lewis and Mildred Glover were called home to be with Jesus, May 22 and May 25 respectively. The Swaziland mission team, which had been training with Jeff Cobb, left Monday, May 6 for Swaziland; Angie Bailey, Heidi Halls, Wes Kuryluk and Geoff Ellis. Geoff returns June 19 and the others, six weeks later.

**Meaford:** On May 15, the ladies were invited to join in on the last men's Wednesday lunch fellowship for the season. This activity will resume in the fall. On May 19 a potluck was held with a presentation shower in honour of Jeremy Knight and Jennifer May, who plan to be married June 22. The family of Gordon and Gwen Cramp hosted a come and go tea at the church building in honour of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2. Leighton and Freda Vail also celebrated their 50th on June 7. On a sad note, the congregation has experienced several deaths recently, three more in addition to those mentioned in our last report: Doreen Doran (May 17), Carole Risk (May 23), and Elvira Ormsby (May 31). Our hearts and prayers are with those who mourn the passing of loved ones. We are making plans for our annual Wednesday backyard devotionals for the months of July and August. If you are visiting Meaford during the week in July and August, please call ahead at 538-1750 or 538-2235 for location.

**Newmarket:** Larry Penner from Guelph, made a presentation about the El Salvador work. Devon Bennett from Strathmore (Toronto), was a guest speaker in June.

**Sault Ste. Marie, (Pinehill):** Hazel Moore celebrated her 90th birthday on Wednesday, May 1 with a party on May 4. Fifty ladies attended their spring tea and 22 of them were visitors. The Northern June meeting was to be held June 16. Les Cramp and Steve May were scheduled to speak. Rachel Rose was named "student of the year" at her high school in Pickford, MI. Myrtle Vine celebrated her 93rd birthday on the 23rd of May.

**St. Catharines (Ontario St.):** The church planned a picnic for June 30 at Burgoyne Woods.

**Stratford:** The men were planning a work bee on Tuesday, May 21 at their building.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.):** A Bring a Friend Day was enjoyed on May 26 with the theme, "Building Relationships That Last". A monthly singing is being held following the evening service the second Sunday each month. Sister Monaliza Espinosa moved to Kentucky to be married. She is to marry the man who taught her the gospel and baptized her a few years ago. Alexei Tretiakov was baptized on June 8. He is a young man who came here from Russia. Art Ford, President of Great Lakes, spoke at the June 9th morning worship service.

**Waterloo:** On May 13, the ladies at Waterloo celebrated their year-end class with a dinner and lesson by Marg Sandiford. Several from the congregation are planning to take the Spanish ministry mission trip to Costa Rica July 22-31. The brethren had a community open-house and barbecue, inviting the community to a special Sunday service, on June 9, from 4-6 p.m.

**Welland:** Welland had a great homecoming in April with a wonderful crowd of friends. The congregation wants to thank all who were there to encourage us. S.F. Timmerman gave excellent lessons. June marked the closing of our 13th year of Kids for Christ with the award night on June 21. Over 30 children have participated in the program but Outstanding student of the Year award went to our youngest child, Rachel Wirkkunen. The runner up was also one of our youngest girls, Cassandra Stuart. Both these girls completed two levels of memory work. Our Tots For Christ will be completing their 4th year of operation and graduating two more to Kids for Christ in the fall. Our guest speaker for May was Don Rose and we enjoyed a good lesson. Please continue to pray for the work in Welland.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

**Moncton:** The brethren had a Friends Day on May 5 with 8 visitors from the community. They enjoyed a pot-luck lunch together with over 30 attending. David Hallett, from Mill Village, NS was their speaker and taught the adult class. They have distributed 3,000 copies of a new pamphlet called "Real Security" in their immediate community. Chris Williams, Janine's oldest son, moved back to Moncton from London, ON. Tom and Daniel Johnson arrived home from Harding University May 13. Daniel is planning to have a summer counsellor job in Gander, Maine.

## NEW YORK

**Buffalo, Linwood Avenue:** The congregation is celebrating 28 years with minister, Dr. John A Smiley. They held a gospel meeting from June 2-6 with Clyde Muse of Oklahoma as guest speaker. They hired Jason and Elaine Joseph of Brampton to work with brother Smiley.

**North Buffalo:** A congregational meeting was held on Sunday morning, May 12. They had a farewell lunch for Dick and Debbie DiTullio, who moved to Grand Island, where they hope to start a new congregation. A.J. DiTullio plans to be married to Jess Seifert June 22. On June 30, there is a singing at Tonawanda Manor.

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

## ALBERTA

**Calgary:** The "Salt" teens are hiring out for odd jobs to make money for their mission trip to Mexico. A garage sale is also being planned. Congratulations to Chase Grandberg who was recently baptized. About 2 dozen teens and adults participated in the 30 Hour Famine. The Ladies' Retreat at Pine Lake was a success. Judy Mooney spoke on "Humor in Our Christian Walk". All enjoyed the fellowship. Several congregational activities such as the Year End Brunch, Annual Church Picnic and Church Family Fun Night have all contributed to help form special family bonds within the congregation.

**Edmonton:** On Sunday, May 19 Nicole McNalty was baptized into Christ. She is the daughter of Bernard and Lori. Thanks to Jamie Lobert and all those who worked hard to make the annual College Career/Teen retreat an overwhelming success again this year. Bernard Krogsgaard from WCC and Don Partain from Missoula, Montana were the speakers. Their lessons were encouraging and convicting. Final preparations are being made for Vision Canada 2002. This is promising to be an enriching four days. Plans are also being finalized for the VBS planned to follow Vision, July 2-4. David Lane from St. Louis, Missouri is to be our special guest speaker. We are looking forward to reaching many people in our community through the planned lessons and outreach events. Some of our ladies spent the weekend of May 24-26 at the Pine Lake ladies' retreat that is hosted by the Calgary congregation. On June 3 Jim and Judith Sedor hosted supper and John McMillan and John Bailey of WCC gave a presentation on their view and plan for the future of the College and it's move to Regina, SK.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** Over 100 people attending the Dinner-Auction in the Legacy Sports Centre at the Abbotsford Exhibition Park on June 1st raised \$6000 toward the expenses of Velma Forman, R.N., to come home on a 4-month furlough after three year's work in Papua New Guinea. The money will also help with visits to sponsoring congregations in the States. Velma has been working in PNG since 1993.

**Burnaby:** The congregation surprised Kirk and Lori Ruch with a money tree at a tea honoring them on their 25th wedding anniversary after the evening worship period on June 9th. On June 7th, parents and teens honored Mike and Michelle Parker at a dinner in the Burnaby building on the 2nd anniversary of their work with the youth in this area. Jessie McLean was presented with a pot plant and basket of fruit on the occasion of her 86th birthday on May 26th. Our Youth Group (grades 6-12) joined Victoria's for a Retreat May 31-June 2 at Spruston Road Bible Camp on Vancouver Island. A number from Vancouver area congregations were present for a song service preceding a presentation about the future of Western Christian College. President John McMillan stated bluntly that the school would either have to move to Regina in 2003 or close its doors. Following a brief talk by Dr. John Bailey of Euless, Tx., Pres. McMillan presented a number of reasons why a move to a larger, more accessible city would be an advantage. Mrs. McMillan, who accompanied the men on their trip, showed slides during the presentation showing the history of the school since its inception in 1931 with Summer and Winter Bible Schools to the present time. From several small towns hosting these, Radville Christian College was born in 1945 as a high school. When offered a vacated army base in 1957, it moved to Weyburn, Sask. and added a year of college work to the curriculum. In 1989, the school again moved, this time to Dauphin, Man. Middle School grades were started in 1993, along with an additional year of college work. Now the vision of the Board and WCC Society is to evolve a program toward being able to offer four-year college degrees. A 15-member Development committee was formed in 2000 to do research and implementation. They recommended that the Board continue to promote both the high school and college programs, and the location be moved to Regina, where the campus of the Canadian Bible College will become available by fall of 2003. Pres. McMillan stated that the school is now strong financially, thanks to an endowment fund and the appreciation of the property in Dauphin. A total of 22 international students were enrolled this year.

**City Church (E. Van.):** Fred Liu was baptized at the Oakridge building on June 5th, as a dozen people from a Baptist congregation in Surrey came to witness it, among them a Baptist pastor and his wife. I spent some time reading passages about the meaning of baptism showing that baptism was more than symbolic, but a real union of the believer with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Fred and his wife, Jing, are Chinese immigrants who recently became Canadian citizens. God provided another Bible study immediately! One of the visitors was a young Japanese woman from Nakano in Tokyo who asked if I would teach her the Bible in her

language. I assured her I would, if she didn't mind my Japanese. When she returns to Tokyo, our brothers and sisters at one of the Tokyo congregations will be able to follow up and teach her even more (and in a lot better Japanese!). The first Sunday in June we had 32 at worship. A man named Henry who is coming to our service asked if we could give him a Bible, and was offered several on the spot. Members were encouraged to call him and invite him to their homes for a meal and fellowship. Later a Canadian lady called to ask if I could study the Bible with her on Thursdays. I asked the husband of a new couple to our classes: "What do you think about this?" (The story of Jesus.) He replied, "This is the first time I have ever heard about it--it's wonderful! I want to go home and read the stories again." Another Henry, who has lived almost 40 years in Canada, attended a get-together of some of his old high school pals. One of them told him that he had recently become a Christian. Henry was so excited to find that a friend in his 50's had become a Christian. It is wonderful that many of the people desiring studies are in their 40's and 50's. God is opening doors for teaching, sometimes in the most unusual ways. Isn't He doing the same thing right where you are? Our dream is to be a congregation that works in all parts of the city, with small groups operating wherever people are willing to gather to learn about the Lord.

Steve Hasbrouck

**Deep Cove:** The group of Christians formerly meeting on the North Shore that now worship in downtown Vancouver will be known in the future as the Mount Pleasant congregation. They are inaugurating a community service called "Mount Pleasant Christian Services". By calling a coordinator, anyone needing help in any one of 10 different ways will be put in touch with a Christian member who is able to provide them the service needed and hopefully establish a relationship which will lead to teaching opportunities. Dan Keeran is presenting this

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## HELP WANTED

Great Lakes Christian College requires a part-time cook for the 2002-2003 school year.

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Barb Lewis

**Typical Letters to Mission Printing** (Mission Printing is an organization in Arlington, Texas, started by long-time missionary and preacher Guy Caskey to print and distribute free teaching material to places all over the world who are unable to buy it. It is staffed entirely by volunteers, and sends out tons of free Bibles and literature, with requests multiplying each year.)

**From India:** "Greetings to you from a fellow member of the greatest and grandest Body on earth, the N. T. Church, the 'called out' of God. With your bag of gospel literature, the heart-moving and soul-stirring divine dynamic tools, we are motivated to 'fight the good fight of faith.' With it, 26 of our evangelists have studied and distributed very carefully, preaching the gospel to the lost, resulting in 487 baptisms in three months. We have formed 26 congregations in 26 villages. Yesterday I went into a village to edify the newly converted Christians, preaching in a meeting and the word fell on good ground, and 73 people were baptized."

**From Cameroon:** "I am very hilarious to inform you that I received your teaching materials. Thank you for your interest and devotedness in the word of God. If I have found favor in your sight, then prayerfully consider sending me more. Thank you for the Bibles and songbooks and other books that helped me convert Catholic church

goers... Four New Testament churches have been planted in Nyandong and 34 baptized."

**From Nigeria:** "I wish to extend my profound gratitude for your assistance in my evangelistic work... The last load you sent me contributed a lot in my work. Before all the books were gone, I was able to convert 120 souls to Christ."

**Kiev, Ukraine:** Rick and Carol recently returned from their work in Tulsa and in Trinidad-Tobago. The Seminar itself was conducted in a modern lecture hall and was attended by more than 300 brothers who represented the 35 churches of Christ in Trinidad-Tobago, which collectively number some 3,000 members. All who attended the meetings said they were enormously blessed by the spiritual fellowship, the inspirational singing, and the valuable insights they received from their study of God's Word on the vital issues related to "Biblical Leadership". Besides teaching in the seminar Rick was invited to present a lesson on a weekly television program (produced locally by brethren in Trinidad) on the subject "How The Holy Spirit Helps Us Today". During their 8 day visit to Trinidad they were also privileged to serve the church in Arima in their regular Bible studies and preaching services. Carol met with the ladies in their Bible study.

**Swaziland:** "Thank you for your prayers! The young people and Geoff Ellis enjoyed a safe and pleasant trip, leaving Monday night, May 6 from Toronto and arriving in Manzini Bible College Wednesday evening, after six. This included a five hour trip by van from Johannesburg to Manzini. They were met by Kurt and Wendy Platt and Wendy's parents, Albert and Maureen Dewaal, and by Chris Burke, one of the preachers in Johannesburg. The young people have been overwhelmed by the beauty of the country, the rolling hills of the central plateau of southern Africa (5,000 feet elevation) and the mountains of Swaziland. We have been provided with excellent accommodation. We are in winter here. It was 6 degrees Celsius when we landed. Maureen is preparing our meals. Yesterday (Thursday) was a holiday and a good day for us to relax and rest. Last night, Wes Kuryluk and Geoff Ellis attended a Bible study in Manzini. This evening the local church, Fairview, will conduct a special welcome for them. Geoff's classes were to begin on May 10 as well as the various assignments for the young people."

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concept to each of the Lower Mainland congregations so that the coordinator is able to call on Christians willing to participate in whatever geographical area is most efficient.

**Delta:** Darren Williamson will be director of the Family Camp at Spruston Road August 2-5. Theme will be "Cultivating Faith in the Soil of Doubt". Darren was at the University of Toronto from June 17th-July 13th working on his dissertation for his doctorate in "Church History", and hoping to meet many of our brethren while in Eastern Canada.

**Maple Ridge:** Several girls who attended the Youth Rally at Camp Howdy continue to study the Bible each week with Jamie Brunner. In recent weeks, a number of people have visited the service held in the Comfort Inn on the west side of Maple Ridge.

**Oakridge:** Joyce Hooper, a member here since the building was built, returned from her six-month's stay in Hermasillo, Mexico, in May. She and her sister, Thelma Temple, who lives in Osoyoos, B.C., have been spending half of their time in this industrial city about 200 miles south of Nogales, N. M., doing volunteer work with poor children for the past several years.

**Vancouver:** Several families from the Vancouver area were able to attend the "Vision Canada 2002" seminar in Edmonton June 25-29th. Children and teens from this area will be attending Spruston Road Bible Camp this month. Junior Week runs from July 14-20th, and Teen week will be held 21-28th.

## MANITOBA

**Dauphin:** We are grateful for the support - financial and prayers in our plans for a mission trip to Estonia. Plans are being made to develop and promote a mid-August Vacation Bible School "Bug Safari". We plan to use this as an opportunity for service and outreach to the families in our community. Bernard and Carol Straker were the coordinators for the Sojourners who have come to help with odd jobs for awhile.

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# OBITUARIES

## Elvira May (Hodgkinson) Ormsby

On Friday May 31, 2002, the Meaford congregation lost one of its beloved older members when Elvira Ormsby succumbed to pancreatic cancer; and went home to be with her Lord after ninety years of life.

Elvira Hodgkinson was the eldest of five children born to George and Alvina (Elford) Hodgkinson. She was born on December 25, 1911, and was thrilled to tell that she shared her grandmother's birthday as well as her name - Elvira. It was also part of her story how her father always made sure that she had a birthday rather than letting it get lost in the business of Christmas. Her family continued to follow in this tradition throughout her entire life.

Elvira was an amazing Christian lady. She was one who was quiet and unassuming, yet she had tremendous influence. She was loved, admired, and respected by all who knew her. Her example of faith and steadfastness spoke volumes. This is particularly commendable when it is realized that Elvira was no stranger to adversity and tragedy. At the age of twelve, Elvira experienced the deaths of a grandmother, her mother, and an infant sibling. This brought tremendous responsibility to her as a good deal of the care for her younger brother and sisters fell on her shoulders. Later, her father would remarry; and four more children would be born into the family. She became an additional "mom", as well as older sister, to them as well. Still further tragedy would be faced after Elvira married and had her own children. An infant son, Larry, died a few days after he was born; and a daughter, Audrey, also died at the age of thirteen. In spite of all this, Elvira maintained her faith in God; and trusted in Him for strength to go on. Later God blessed Elvira by bringing a young boy, Ivan Brown, to live with Elvira and her husband, Lorne, and remained until he himself married and had a family. Elvira was further blessed with a loving "daughter-in-law" and "grandchildren" who dearly loved "Aunt Elvira". Sadly, Elvira also experienced Ivan's passing.

In June of 1934, Elvira married Lorne Ormsby. For several years they farmed in the Vandaleur area until they retired. Some time after Lorne suffered a stroke, they moved to an apartment in Meaford. Lorne passed away on December 8, 1980, after forty-six happy years together.

Besides being a woman with faith and

conviction, Elvira will be remembered for several other things such as her friendliness. She loved people; and was always ready to welcome them and make them a part of her extended family. She especially enjoyed children; and was thrilled to have them around her. She reveled in the noise a confusion of a family Christmas at the home of one of her relatives. Elvira was one who exhibited gratitude. She greatly appreciated the love, thoughtfulness, and kindness shown her by others. She was not one to complain; and was most co-operative. When the time came that she needed more regular care, it was Elvira herself who said it was time for her to go a nursing home.

Elvira was very capable in home skills; and used her ability to help and serve others. While able, she was a 4-H leader; and also a life member of the Women's Institute. Elvira also had an appreciation for beauty. She was especially fond of nature and sunsets; and they would often be reflected in her paintings which was one of her hobbies.

Elvira is survived by three sisters, Margaret Ormsby, Betty Whitfield, and Dorothy Quigley, two brothers, Ken and Glen (Georgina), and a sister-in-law, Lillian Hodgkinson. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, friends, and other extended family, especially her family in Christ.

As a tribute to Elvira and a celebration of praise and thanksgiving to God for her life, family and friends gathered at the Meaford church building for Elvira's funeral on June 3. Catherine (Ormsby) Watson, a grand niece of Elvira, gave a loving tribute on behalf of the family that typified the love and esteem with which Elvira was held. Randy Morrill

## Robert Edward (Ted) Murray

On May 3, 2002, Ted Murray was mercifully released from the pain and indignity that he had endured for some time as he battled with lung disease.

Ted was born in Toronto, Ontario on July 25, 1934. He was

the older of two boys born to Alex and Robina Murray. He was predeceased by his brother, Hugh, a number of years ago. Ted was raised on a farm in Collingwood, Ontario. Throughout elementary and secondary schools Ted enjoyed a measure of success in both academics and athletics. He was a Boy Scout and achieved the level of Queen's Scout. In 1950, at the age of 16, Ted, then a scout leader, took his troop to the World Jamboree in Ottawa. For many years he continued to be involved with the Boy Scouts of Canada serving for a number of years as a district commissioner. In 1971, Ted joined the International Joint Commission where he worked tirelessly on lake ecology around all of the Great Lakes.

In his career in education, Ted served as a teacher, vice-principal, and principal. Ted's first teaching post was at a rural school in Duncan, Ontario where he taught from 1955 to 1957. In 1957/58 he attended Toronto Teachers' College after which he returned to serve in every elementary school in Collingwood. He also served as a supply principal at several schools in the area. Retiring in June of 1989, Ted left behind a legacy of hard work, fairness, service, and dedication. He greatly enriched the lives of

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those with whom he came in contact. Following retirement, he pursued two of his passions, gardening and woodworking. These brought him much satisfaction until his health problems interfered.

In July 1960 Ted married Lois Kentner with whom he shared almost forty-two years. He is survived by three sons, James (Lori), John (Laura), and Paul (Patti), seven grandchildren and numerous other relatives, friends, and colleagues.

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for Ted's life and God's graciousness towards him was held at the Meaford church building on May 7.

Randy Morritt

#### **Doreen (Perks) Doran**

Doreen Perks was born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan on August 5, 1913. She was one of nine children born to Walter and Laura Perks. At the age of twelve, Doreen and family moved to the Meaford area and established a farm homestead at Cape Rich.

In 1938 she married Richard (Dick) Doran. Doreen and Dick shared thirty-one years together farming in the Meaford area. Sons Walter, Robert, Edward, David, Douglas, and daughters, Laura and Barbara would be born to this union.

Following Richard's death, in 1969, Doreen continued to run the family farming operation. She will be remembered as a quiet, private person who was always there to listen to others' problems and concerns and also to do whatever she could to help. She was blessed with an uncanny ability to handle stress; and was seldom known to speak a harsh word. She had an appreciation for the beauties of nature; and enjoyed simple pleasures. She particularly liked music and would entertain herself by playing the piano. She found special comfort and encouragement in the scriptures; which she read regularly.

Besides her children and their partners, Doreen is survived by 19 grandchildren and several great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by one brother, David Perks, and one sister, Melba Beare.

A celebration of praise, thanksgiving, and remembrance of Doreen's life was conducted from the Meaford church building on May 21.

Randy Morritt

#### **Norma Carole (Smith) Risk**

On May 23, 2002 the family and friends of Carole Risk were stunned by her untimely and unexpected passing. She had been

struggling with cancer; but, to the best of everyone's knowledge, was expected to recover. However, the loving Father knew best; and called her home.

Carole Smith was born in Meaford, Ontario on November 15, 1938. She was one of three children born to Norman and Elsie (Gibbons) Smith. Carole lived most all of her life in Meaford, except for the short time in Collingwood. After Carole and her family returned to Meaford, they moved into their present house not far from the Smith family homestead.

On May 21, 1958 Carole married Mervin Risk. They celebrated their forty-fourth anniversary just two days prior to Carole's passing. One son, Dennis (Dee), and two daughters, Kim (John) Turner, and Penny (Jeff) Muysson were born to the happy couple. Family time was important to Carole; their home was a place of welcome to family and friends. She dearly loved her family; and was devoted to them. She was always one on whom they could depend. She was ready and willing to do anything she could to help. Even when she was sick, Carole wanted to be caring for her family rather than being cared for by them. She was not comfortable with being the centre of attention.

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Carole was known and loved for her positive and optimistic outlook on life. Seldom did she complain; and never did she have anything bad to say about anyone. She possessed a wonderful sense of humour; and enjoyed a good joke and playing pranks. She was also a very sensitive person; and had a soft spot for the hurts of others – both people and animals. She loved nature. Birds and flowers were her passion. Probably the reason Carole was so drawn to them was that they brought her in contact with her God – whom she loved deeply and served with reverent faith. Carole will also be remembered as one who enjoyed simple pleasures. She particularly enjoyed singing, walking by the lake, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Besides her husband, Mervin, and their children, Carole is survived by her father, Norman Smith, four grandchildren, Ariel and Zachary Risk and Connor and Olivia Muysson, her brother, Mervyn (Eleanor), and her sister, Donna (Wilbur) and numerous nieces and nephews.

As an indication of the love and esteem with which Carole was held, an overflow crowd filled the Meaford church building for a time of thanksgiving and praise to God and a celebration of Carole's life on Saturday, May 25.

Randy Morritt

## Grove Park Home Expands

The ceremonial sod turning on May 4, 2002, marked the beginning of a \$13 million project that will more than double the current 54,000 sq. ft. living space of the Grove Park Home for Seniors located in Barrie, Ontario. The addition will be a three story structure providing for an additional 81 beds and will also involve major renovation to 24,000 sq. ft. of the present facility.

The expansion will include 50 new long-term-care beds, and 31 beds that will be moved from the current building during a retrofit, which will convert that space into several uses including 14 retirement suites. Once complete the project will enhance or add a number of services including a worship centre, café, wellness centre, expanded adult day program area, family dining room, hair salon, library, gardens and an expanded area for a nursery school.

The project also includes the Grove Park Home Centre for Excellence, which includes a classroom that will be used to train staff, provide a teaching centre for high school and college students, and host our community support programs.

What better place to learn about the affects of aging than inside a facility like this?

About one third of the funding will come from the province once the beds are occupied. Another \$1.2 million will be raised through our capital campaign and the remaining money will come from reserves and operations. The Board of Directors at Grove Park Home have been good fiscal managers and the Home has benefited from strong community support over the years.

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**Grove Park Home**

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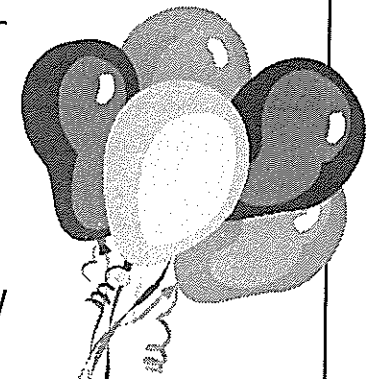
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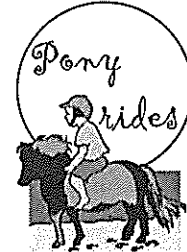
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What I did not do is let those poor choices keep me from asking for God's help.

Many fall away from God for eternity because, after making a bad choice, they do not return in repentance to make it right. God is always waiting for us to return to Him. It is hard, when we make mistakes, to know that we have disappointed some people we care about. Sometimes they loose their trust in us and sometimes we are not given a second chance. This makes us feel as if there's no sense in trying anymore. Well, God always gives us another chance. As long as we are still breathing we can make a fresh start - we must keep trying. Sometimes tough decisions must be made for us to make right a past decision we have made. When this happens we need God's help and we need to have faith that God will help. We need to be reminded of what Paul writes in Rom 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose".

A few months ago I walked out of a movie, not to go to the bathroom or buy food but to ask for a refund. This time I didn't allow garbage to fill my mind. It has taken me a long time and a lot of determination but what a good feeling to know that I am able to choose right and please God. We all need to try our best. Take time to think about your choices and never think it is too late to choose right. Rule sin - don't let it rule you. And remember that you can always move forward but you can never turn back time.

(Editor's Note: Jamie and Bianca Azzoparde work with the church in Brantford Ontario where Jamie preaches and leads their youth program. BMC)

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## SASKATOON CHURCH BUILDING DAMAGED

High winds in late May damaged the roof of the church building at 134 Cardinal Crescent in the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The building was damaged when a portion of the steel roof was torn off by the winds. The following day the winds struck again, lifting another section of the roof and folding it back over itself.

This was bad enough! However, while workers were repairing the roof, a fire was accidentally ignited which quickly spread to involve the entire roof area. There were 26 firefighters from four engine companies along with two aerial units called to battle the blaze. Sections of the roof had to be cut open to get to the hot spots and extinguish the smouldering insulation. The inside of the building suffered smoke and water damage as a result of the blaze.

According to Bob Parker, the extensive damage to the roof will leave the inside of the building open to further water damage. The repairs, which were to have taken 3 weeks to complete, will take much longer. Damage is estimated at \$130,000.00.

The only good news in this story is that there were no injuries resulting from the wind or fire.

## NEWS RELEASE

Western Christian College, located in Dauphin, MB., has hired Deanna Cook, formerly of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, as High School Principal for the new school year. Deanna is an alumnus of Western Christian College. After graduation, Deanna went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts and her Bachelor of Education degrees from the University of Regina. Deanna has been teaching high school since 1998 and is presently teaching at W.C.C. Her parents are John & Ruth Cook of Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

Western Christian College's new Vice Principal will be Ryan Brennan, formerly of Regina, Saskatchewan. Ryan attended Luther College High School in Regina. He received his Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Regina in 1995. Ryan has taught at A. E. Peacock Collegiate in Moose Jaw, Sk. He and his wife, Deanna have taught at Western Christian College since moving to Dauphin in 2000. They have a baby daughter named Emma.

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# A Unique People – A Unique Mission

Ray Lee Overton

In 1 Peter 2:9, 10, we read: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." In this passage, Peter is addressing the "new" people of God: "new" in contrast to those who had been the people of God under the "old" covenant. This "new" people were made up of all those who had been "called by the gospel" (2 Thess. 2:13, 14) "out of darkness, into His marvellous light." He was talking about the "church" into which God has "gathered all things into one, in Christ." (Eph. 1:10, 22, 23)

Among other things, Peter said of this "new" people is that this new body was a "peculiar people", that is a "unique people", a "one of a kind people". But, not only do God's children make up a "peculiar people", they also have a "peculiar mission". This is a mission that is theirs

and theirs alone. No other body of people could fulfill this mission if it would; and none other would if it could. Only the church, made up of those who have been "called out of darkness into His marvellous light", can fulfill the purpose of God to preach the gospel in the entire world and to every creature, and to bring those who respond to this divine call to spiritual maturity.

It is nothing less than tragic to see the modern church leaving the divine purpose of saving souls and bringing them to spiritual maturity, to dabble in lesser things. The civil government of mankind is an area of human obligation, and all political districts have a distinct responsibility to provide just and effective government. The health, social and physical well being of human beings is of grave consequence to all mankind. We thank God for the schools, health-care institutions, governmental institutions, etc., which are designed to provide these things for the peoples of the world. However, there is but one institution whose duty and responsibility it is to

lead all men to eternal life in Christ Jesus; and that unique institution is the church of our Lord, which He purchased with His own blood, and over which He alone is Head.

The church can help build strong homes through the proper teaching of the word. But God has not assigned to the church the work that is meant for the home. The work of the church has to do with the word of God and saving souls. The church can help build good schools through training good Christians who become teachers; but God has not assigned the church the work of the school. Let the church do its God-assigned job of working with the word in preaching, teaching and discipline: converting souls and equipping them for eternal life. This is the greatest purpose ever given to a people. To leave this for any other purpose, no matter how grand, is to turn from our proper task and to be occupied with lesser things.

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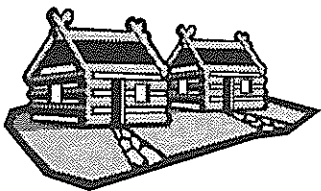
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**CALGARY** (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun, 10, 11, 6, Wed, 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Derek Chambers, cv.

**CALGARY**: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N.E., T2A 2S8; Sun, 10:15, worship at 9:00 and 11:15, Wed, 7, Small Groups (Fri - Mon, eve.) Phone: (403) 272-2111; E-mail: info@calgarycfc.com

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**EDMONTON**: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9; (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun, 11, 9:30; Wed, 7:00; Dave Friesen, 460-4258 cv, C. Eric Limb, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, David Hotchkiss, elders.

**FORT McMURRAY**: Father Beauregard School, 255 Athabasca Ave; Abasand; Sun, 10-noon; Box 5094, T9H 3G2; Billy McMillan, cv, (780) 790-0109.

**LETHBRIDGE**: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun, 10, 11, 7, Wed, 7:00; Mike Gray, cv, (403) 328-0855.

**MEDICINE HAT**: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V3; Sun, 10, 11, 6, Wed, 7, Jim Goud (403) 529-1996

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

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**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, cv, (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052.

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

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

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

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

**BEAMSVILLE**: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun, 9:30, 10:30, 6, Wed, 7:00; Don Smith, cv, (905) 563-7655 (off), e-mail: <don993@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, cv, (905) 789-1632 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

**BRANTFORD**: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun, 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed, 7; contact Roy Cox (519) 449-3239; office (519) 759-6630; Jamie Azzopardo, cv, (519) 770-4814 (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-LORD); 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, POA 1C0, (705) 382-2026

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

**CORNWALL**: 1702 Dover Rd., K6J 1W1; Sun, 10, 11, Wed, 7; Allen Bojarski, cv, Phone (613) 933-1825, fax: 933-1879, Email: abojarski@cogeco.ca, Website: <http://members.home.net/abojariski/abojariski.html>

**CORNWALL**: 205 Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun, 10, 11 plus home Bible studies; Wed, 7; Box 42, K6L1 5R9, Ann Heichkiss, sec. (613) 932-5053; bldg. (613) 933-4999.

**FENWICK**: 765 Welland Ave., Sun 9:45, 11, 7; Wed 7:30, PO Box 416, L0S 1C0, (905) 892-5661; email <Donlipwell@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

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

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

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

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

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

**ST. THOMAS (Southside):** 15 Hepburn Avenue, N5R 4J4, (519) 633-4180 Contact: David Langeman Please call for times

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