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Serving in Swaziland, Africa



Pictured are two families serving in Manzini, Swaziland along with a Canadian mission team on short-term assignment,

May-July 2002. Back Row (L to R): Wes Kuryluk, St. Catharines, Ontario; Preston Salisbury, Manzini; Thayer Salisbury, teacher, Manzini Bible School; Kurt Platt, director, Manzini Bible School; Geoff Ellis, Waterloo, Ontario. Middle Row (L to R): Angie Bailey, Thessalon, Ontario; Heidi Halls, Beamsville, Ontario; Chery Salisbury, Manzini; Wendy Platt and daughter, Karen, Manzini. Front Row (L to R): Christie Platt, Mark Salisbury.

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Swaziland Mission Team 2002

Geoff Ellis

Three Ontario young people participated in a three-month period of service in Swaziland, Africa, May through July 2002. Angie Bailey, Thessalon, Heidi Halls, Beamsville, and Wes Kuryluk, St. Catharines were involved in a variety of services at Manzini Bible School and in surrounding communities. Geoff Ellis of Waterloo accompanied them in their activities for one-half of their stay.

The Kingdom of Swaziland is a country of approximately one million people on the northeast border of South Africa and bordering on Mozambique. There are some 24 Churches of Christ in Swaziland. Manzini Bible School was established in 1965 and currently has students attending from Zambia, Malawi, and Tanzania as well as Swaziland.

The team's weekly activities included teaching at the Tubungu Primary School (operated by Christians), visit-

ing and teaching at a home for the disabled, visits to the local hospital and the psychiatric hospital, leading the youth meetings of the Manzini Church of Christ, teaching Sunday Bible classes for children, and Wes preaching periodically for the churches.

The team was hosted for the duration of their stay at Manzini Bible School. Here they participated in several of the Bible classes, in nightly devotions with the students, in Wednesday campus work days with the students, in library assistance, and in general shared in the life of the school community. The team took a leading role in a one-day Bible teachers workshop in May, and Wes participated in the weekly leadership training class at the Manzini church. Periodically they visited rural congregations such as Nceka, Lushikishini and Hluti, as well as the nearby church at Matsapa.

Geoff Ellis taught two courses in the Bible School during his six weeks stay as well as coordinating the team. This responsibility was taken over by Thayer Salisbury for the second half of the team's stay. Brother Salisbury teaches at MBS, engages in outreach evangelism, and is engaged in developing curriculum for Bible schools with culture-sensitive materials for the African setting. His wife, Chery volunteers in the school library, teaches a ladies class on campus and children's classes at the Fairview church in Manzini. They have

four children, two in the U.S. and Preston and Mark at home.

Kurt Platt, a graduate of MBS and of South African Bible College, Benoni, South Africa, directs Manzini Bible School. He and his wife, Wendy have two children, Christie and Karen. The school is currently developing a macadamia nut tree plantation on its 200-acre property.

The Canadian team began preparing for their short-term mission in the fall of 2000 while students at Great Lakes Christian College. Graduating in 2001 they attended one or more classes at Great Lakes Bible College. The team was sponsored by the Grimsby Church of Christ where Jeff Cobb, evangelist and Linda Minter, treasurer serve as the home-base coordinators of the team. Team members personally earned most of their travel costs and were supported by congregations, friends and family for the balance of their expenses.

Kurt Platt wrote concerning the team, "God may grant me opportunity one day to personally meet the parents of these three young people. I would like to tell them to their faces what a fine job they have done in bringing up these young people and how I wish my children could be like 'the Canadians' when they grow up."

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The Sower and the Reaper May be Glad Together

Tim Johnson

Many of us have been involved in the beginning of new congregations in Canada. Some thriving churches began in the living rooms of faithful Christians. Evangelistic teams sent into communities established others. Often lone evangelists and their families took their stand in cities or towns and gave many years of work to carve out a church of Christ on new soil. Sadly, some groups began through the division of older churches.

Why do some churches charge ahead with progress, yet others advance slowly, at a snail's pace? While the answer to this question is complicated, Jesus offered a simple insight into sowing and reaping that can help us understand something of what's involved. It's found in John 4:35-38 just after his conversation with the woman at the well in Samaria.

As a large group of Samaritans made their way to meet Jesus after hearing the woman's excited comments about him, Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "...in this case the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not laboured; others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour."

The disciples hadn't spent any time in Samaria sowing the seed of the Kingdom. Yet, Jesus declared it "a field white for harvest." Others had sown there before them and now it was time for the disciples to reap a harvest they hadn't worked for. Who had done the sowing? Isaiah, Amos and Jeremiah had all worked in the area hundreds of years before. John the Baptist had been sowing nearby and the Samaritans had no doubt heard all about his message. Jesus Himself had been working close by and attracted huge crowds (Matt. 5:23-25). Sowing had been taking place for centuries. Now the harvest was ready and a new generation was about to gather it.

Perhaps Jesus stated these things because it would have been tempting for his disciples to become smug about this harvest, as if they alone had caused it. They needed to fall down on their knees and thank God for those who sacrificed before them, because if no sowing is done no harvest comes. Today, anytime a church is growing and making good progress, we need to be grateful for those who went before us sowing. They offered labour and sweat; they paid the bills, gave the land and built the buildings. While we must work hard today to ensure further progress, we must be grateful for past efforts that prepared the soil we

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work in now. In this way we appreciate each other as sowers and reapers – so that we can "rejoice together."

This helps us understand why some areas of Canada develop slowly. Little sowing has been done in many large communities; several provinces remain un-evangelized. Moving into these areas does not guarantee that new congregations will spring up quickly. It will take years, perhaps decades, for new soil to be developed. Wouldn't we expect similar time and hard work in order to develop a physical farm from raw land? If some of our ancestors were alive today, they would heartily agree. This shouldn't discourage us; we just need to understand what's involved. Sowing comes before a harvest. Thriving churches often have existed in communities for a long time – serving people, gaining some trust and respect, and getting the message out in various ways. Sowing will eventually develop the soil enough that the harvest comes – sometimes bountifully. When it does, who is responsible? The current preacher?

A few evangelistic members? An interesting new church program?

If we understand that many people are involved, perhaps many generations of Christians, and the talents of the whole church working together in love and faith (Eph. 4:15-16), and of course God Himself who grants the harvest, both sowers and reapers can rejoice together. God wants us to be involved in teamwork in His church, not competition between individual members. Methods of evangelism are not always the answers to growth. It's the entire body of Christ serving the Master with humility, using our unique abilities to address opportunities He gives us.

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EDITORIAL

Vision Canada

Wayne Turner



This past June, Christians from across Canada and the northern United States gathered in Edmonton, Alberta for the third "Vision Canada" seminar. In previous years, seminars were held in Waterloo, Ontario and Dauphin, Manitoba.

This year's program was planned and organized by the Edmonton congregation with the goal, as stated in the notebook, "to draw together, from across Canada, a representative group of people of churches of Christ that we might stimulate one another in evangelism and to bring each one to a greater awareness of the Master's command in Matthew 28:18-20." To clarify any possible misunderstandings of the nature or purpose of the seminar, the notebook stated that this did not "in any way constitute an official activity of Churches of Christ in Canada." No policies would be set, no decisions made, no organizations created. "Rather, the seminar is viewed as a free gathering of Christian people for the interchange of ideas, the encouragement of a national focus, and for the stimulation of friendly, independent action. Eric Limb, one of the Edmonton elders and seminar coordinator, wrote, "May this seminar, on growth through evangelism, stimulate each one of us to a greater effort in our objectives that Christ may have all dominion and power from shore to shore."

One of the most encouraging aspects of the seminar was the broad geographical range covered by its participants - literally, from Moncton, New Brunswick to Nanaimo, British Columbia. As well, a wide diversity of age was represented, from young, new Christians to those who have served the Lord in Canada for many decades. Some of the speakers and workshop leaders are very well known across Canada, while others are just becoming known. In addition to those who are presently working in Canada (or have previously), the seminar also included some well-known brethren from the United

States: David Lane, Phillip Slate and Michael Tackett.

The seminar organizers obviously wanted the program to be as practical and relevant as possible. As a result, those attending were able to attend sessions that talked about evangelism through multi-media, friendship evangelism, multicultural evangelism, evangelism through small groups, youth ministry, rural evangelism as well as learning principles of church planting, training for ministry and setting goals for growth.

Both of the co-editors of the Gospel Herald were part of the seminar, along with some of our associate editors and some who have previously served in this capacity. As the seminar progressed, it became obvious that the encouragement and information presented during the various sessions needed to be made available to more Christians and congregations in Canada. The logical place for this to begin is through the Gospel Herald. For the next three issues, including this one, we hope to share "Vision Canada" with you.

It is not possible for us to share all of the material presented during the seminar. We cannot even include all the material from just one of the sessions. This is not our purpose. Rather, we hope to give our readers an appetizer, a little taste, in the hope that this will encourage further study and action. A notebook containing information from all the presentations was published for those attending the seminar and audiotapes are available of all of the sessions. (These can be ordered from the Edmonton congregation.)

Like Vision Canada, our goal is to encourage and challenge Christians across Canada to a renewed commitment to sharing the gospel of Christ. A nation of over thirty million souls lies around us, like a vast prairie wheat field. Many of these souls are lost. Unless those of us who know Christ get serious about evangelism and help mobilize other Christians to action, these people will die in their sins, never having heard the simple, Biblical message of salvation. May each one of us allow God to use us to enlarge His kingdom.

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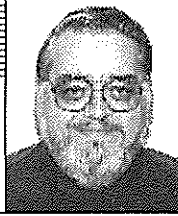
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Prayer And The Growing Church

At Vision Canada 2002 I had the privilege of leading three morning devotionals. The second one is the theme of this month's musings.

It has been said, "Prayer changes things". While that may be true it might be better to say, "Prayer changes people". One of the results of a regular prayer life is that it helps to focus attention on the real source of spiritual strength, which is the Spirit of God living within. People cannot really pray meaningfully without a strong faith in and a humble appreciation for God's rich spiritual blessings, which are enjoyed only in Christ Jesus.

Prayer played a very important part in the activities of the disciples between the ascension of Jesus and the beginning of the church on Pentecost. "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14). Later in the chapter as they are choosing a person to fill the place left by Judas, they prayed for God's guidance in the choice (Acts 1:23-26).

Once the church had begun on Pentecost prayer continued to be important to their church life. Think about the spiritual high the church was on in those early days. They had seen and experienced "that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel: In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people..." (Acts 2:16, 17). The church was enjoying this wonderful fellowship and was seeing, with their own eyes, the wonders of God. Notice in this exciting time, prayer was emphasized. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).

As the church grew, prayer contin-

ued to be important to their life together. In Acts 4, Peter and John were taken before the Sanhedrin and they were commanded to do no more preaching in the name of Jesus. Peter and John replied that they could not help but speak about the things they had seen and heard. When they returned to the waiting church and reported these events, the church prayed for boldness in facing persecution (Acts 4:23-31).

We see this prayer fulfilled in the persecution against Stephen, the first Christian to die for his faith. In Acts 7:59,60 Luke records, "While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he fell to his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep." Here the boldness of the early church is seen in this victorious death. For Stephen to die so heroically is worthy of note. However, the history of the early church would suggest he was only the first of many who showed this boldness God gave in answer to prayer.

The church prayed for deliverance of those in prison...perhaps with some reservation on occasion! In Acts 12, Peter is in prison and the church is gathered at the house of Mary, the mother of John, to pray for Peter. It would be reasonable to suppose that they are praying for Peter to be released. Peter comes and knocks on the door. The servant girl, Rhoda, is overjoyed when she recognizes his voice and, leaving him outside, runs to tell the gathered church that Peter is at the door. They tell her she is out of her mind. When Peter finally enters the house, they are astonished. (Perhaps we should be careful about judging them to harshly)

In reading the book of Acts there are other examples of prayer worthy of our attention. For example: Acts 16:25-34; 20:36-38; 21:5,6.

A good example of the kind of prayer needed in a growing church is seen in II Chronicles 20 in the account of Jehoshaphat. At this point the people of God are under attack from the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites. It was reported to Jehoshaphat that this vast army was coming to attack and he was alarmed. While this prayer was offered in a crisis, it would be good to not limit praying to times of crisis.

Notice that Jehoshaphat did not pray alone. He declares a fast for all Judah and "The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him" (vs. 5). This is made even more impressive in verse 13, "All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord". There was power in the coming together of Judah to share in Jehoshaphat's prayer.

Secondly, notice the conviction of the prayer. (Read this prayer in verses 6-12) The outstanding feature is the faith expressed in verse 9, "...and you will hear us and save us". This is a great prayer of faith with no hint of doubting of God's ability and willingness to save his people. It must have been a source of great encouragement for the people of Judah to hear their king pray with such faith.

Would not the individual members of the church benefit from times spent in prayer with other Christians? Those who are weaker in the faith would be encouraged by the faith expressed by those of stronger faith. It would be of help to the witness of the church to be known in the community as a praying church. The praying church will grow when those prayers are offered regularly and in faith.

The church will never be the power it can or should be in the world until we regain the realization that prayer is not simply a privilege but an absolute necessity for us individually and collectively.

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The 3Ms of Evangelism

Kevin Carson

INTRODUCTION

I. Matthew 28: 18-20

- A. We have our marching orders, our commission from our Lord.
- B. It is not a task that we 'complete.'
- C. Evangelism is a life-long way of life for Christians and the church.
 1. World-wide death rate is two people per second.
 2. World-wide birth rate is 4 people per second.
 3. World-wide increase of 76 million people per year.
 4. We don't succeed by completing the task of evangelism.
 5. We succeed by effectively evangelizing for our entire lives and preparing the next generation of Christians to do the same.

II. Three key factors in our success: Motivation, Message, Methods.

MOTIVATION

I. 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

- A. Motivation matters to God.
- B. Motivation determines whether we bring glory to God or not.

II. Improper Motivation

- A. To glorify yourself, prove yourself, glorify your congregation, etc.
- B. To prove our teachings are right and the denominations are wrong.

III. Imperfect Motivation

- A. Numerical growth for the congregation.
- B. To steal another one away from Satan.
- C. To bring more glory to God.

IV. Perfect Motivation

- A. Above all, we teach people out of a love for them.

V. Quotes to consider

- A. "People need to know we don't teach them for church growth only, but above all, out of love for them."¹
- B. "Go for **their** sake, not for your ego or for the sake of numbers."
(Lambert)
- C. "If you don't love them stay at home until you do love them."
(Lambert)
- D. "The people must see in us that we teach them for their sake, not ours." Philippians 2: 5-8. (Lambert)
- E. "We must show that perfect knowledge does not save us but the grace of God." Ephesians 2:8. (Lambert)
- F. "To bet only on winners or on those who give you reason to believe they soon will be winners is pagan! To choose only those who cannot burden you is unlike Christ. To choose only those who can help you is to be an exploiter, a taker. The 'burden' of the weak is felt especially by ministers and other leaders who are trying to 'glorify God through the growth of a big church.' These leaders are usually the ones who think up the programs to make the church grow, they are the ones who try to involve everyone in these programs, and they're the ones who get mad when the weak ones won't get involved. Salaried ministers and public leaders have a special interest in seeing the church grow. Growth justifies their salaries and demonstrates their effectiveness. Personal identities are on the line. If the assembly doesn't grow, the leadership feels the pressure. But the church is not a stage on which the strong 'do their thing.' It isn't the minister's chariot on which he rides from glory to greater

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Central American Fund

Larry Penner

THE NEED

In July 2001, a group of 13 Christians left Toronto, Ontario on a mission trip to Izalco, El Salvador. Izalco is a very poor town of 55,000 people. The congregation has approximately 100 members. When we arrived we found the people to be extremely warm and loving. Despite their poverty, or perhaps because of it, the brethren displayed tremendous hospitality and a deep love for the Lord and His church. Our mission was to help improve the church building, supplying materials and labour.

While we were there we installed sixteen windows where there had been only openings. We built thirty-five benches (much needed seating for the growing congregation), and provided ceramic tile for the floor. We experienced incredible heat and humidity. We purchased five ceiling fans and after they were installed we realized that this was probably the best thing we did for them! We can't imagine how they bear this heat year round.

That week they had a special campaign, holding a gospel meeting each evening. On the Friday night there was a graduation for their Bible college graduates. As a result of the campaign, there were three baptisms on the Sunday morning! That was exciting to witness. Two other congregations took part and there were about three hundred people present.

We found that the people were loving, hard working, talented, and dedicated to the work of the Lord. The leadership is very strong. There are two elders, three deacons, and one wonderfully hard working evangelist named Julio Calisin. Julio works with two other congregations and has been effective in leading many souls to Christ. Julio receives no salary from the congregation and struggles to survive. With some financial assistance from their Canadian brothers and sisters, Julio and the brethren could more effectively continue the good work of the Lord.

WHO WE ARE

The mission group consisted of a mix of Christians from Southern Ontario, some younger and some older. Javier and Izabell Cuarezma, Ignatius D'Costa, Alfredo Guevara, Graham Nash, Heather Nash of Waterloo, Santiago Molina of Strathmore, Joe Sandassie of Hamilton, Marianne Holston of Tintern, Glen Robins, Cynthia Moore of Fenwick, Gord Azzoparde, Larry Penner of Guelph.

The Guelph congregation is managing this fund raising effort with the assistance of many of the group that went to El Salvador, and a few others who desire to help.

OUR OBJECTIVE

Before the week was through our lives had been changed, and we knew that we would not be able to return to the comforts of home without being reminded of these beautiful brethren living in such poor conditions. We realized that sending some financial

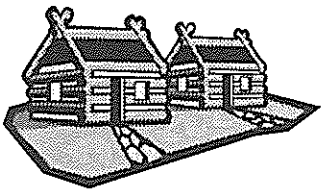
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Honesty, The Best Policy or an Unaffordable Luxury?

In a perfect world, upright people would never suffer at the hands of the wicked, and a liar would never have an advantage over someone who tells the truth. In a fallen world, however, it doesn't always work that way. That makes some folks wonder if honesty really is the best policy or just an unaffordable luxury. What is the payoff for trying to be honest and always telling the truth or resisting the temptation to cheat on homework, exams, taxes or friends? I wish I could assure you that honesty always proves to be the best policy, even in the short term, but that would be less than honest of me. We must take a long-term view in order for honesty to prove itself to be the best policy. Honesty doesn't win every battle in the here and now, but it will prevail far more than deception and falsehood. When we stand in the light of God's presence on the day of judgement truth will win its greatest victory.

Our culture has a serious problem with honesty. Well... I guess... the real problem today is with dishonesty. The news media has been filled with stories of corporate leaders who cooked their books, with the complete knowledge of their auditors, and have left their company, their employees, and their shareholders short while they walk away with their huge bonuses. We expect more of corporate leaders and, perhaps, we should expect more of ourselves. The following statistics were reported in a recent survey on truthfulness:

- 91% said they lie regularly – both at work and in their personal lives;
- 86% said they lie to their parents;
- 75% said they lie to their best friends;
- 73% said they lie to their siblings;
- 69% said they lie to their spouses;
- 50% feel free to call in sick when they are perfectly well.

We know that our government has lied to us; they have yet to admit that they have lied, but the evidence just keeps telling us that they have. Many feel justified in cheating on taxes that go to a government that has itself been caught in so many lies. Officials in many schools have been caught in lies in an effort to protect their jobs, the status quo, and their power base. We have already discussed the lack of honesty in the business community; we certainly cannot look there for an example of honesty. Unfortunately lack of honesty has also become a problem with some church leaders and their dishonesty works to discredit us all.

The Bible clearly teaches that honesty is not just the best policy, but the only policy for all who seek to please God. In Proverbs 6:16-19 three out of the seven items that are detestable to the Lord are directly related to dishonesty.

"There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him; haughty eyes, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers." The New Testament message is equally clear. "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in the image of its Creator." (Colossians 3:9)

Liars must have exceptionally good memories; they must remember what they have told each person in order to keep their stories straight. They must keep all those to whom they have lied apart so they can't compare the stories they have been told. Telling the truth is simpler and more practical; you never have to cover your trail and you can be open with everyone.

We are not released from our moral duty because some one has lied about us. It is still wrong to lie to a liar or to deceive a deceiver. When we seek to fight fire

with fire we better watch out or we might be the ones getting burned as we watch our personal integrity reduced to ashes.

Some use honesty as a baseball bat and bash others over the head with it. They excuse their meanness by saying they were only telling the truth. Their belief is that every truth must be spoken regardless of who gets hurt. I have seen that belief waver, however, when they were on the receiving end of some truth. I heard of a woman who referred to her sister-in-law's new house as a tacky little thing when asked what she thought of their new home. I heard of a man who referred to his brother's wife as a frumpy woman. I'm not entirely sure what frumpy means, but it wasn't taken as a compliment. Both defended their rude comments by saying they were just being honest.

So what do we do when someone asks a question that to answer honestly would be less than kind? What do we do if someone asks us how we like their new house when we don't? How are we to describe someone that we think is frumpy? If we can't find even one good thing to say about someone's house, then perhaps we are entirely too negative. I remember being shown someone's house as they were moving in. To say it wasn't much would be an insult to houses that actually weren't much. The odour was less than pleasant and the place was either rotting or falling apart and that was after considerable work had been done on it. I knew I would be asked how I liked it and was quickly looking for something positive that I could say. After helping to carry a dresser upstairs, I noticed how large the bedrooms were and that it didn't smell quite so bad upstairs. I commented on how nice it would be for them to have such large bedrooms. Some would say that I was less than honest by not revealing every truth I knew about their house, but they knew what their house was like and were apologizing profusely for it's condition. Those of us who were helping them move in were helping them to find the positive features in the only house they could afford. The same can be said of people. We all have both our good and our bad points, and if we can't find something good to comment on about people, then perhaps we are being less than honest with ourselves.

Honesty is the best policy when combined with a love for God and those we share this world with.

BOOK REVIEWS

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Men of Character: The Apostles, Becoming Unified Through Diversity by Gene A. Getz, Broadman and Holman Publishers, Nashville, Tn. 219 pages, \$10.99 (U.S.)

This is a very interesting study of the apostles of our Lord. Here we read of "Peter: A Tough-Minded Businessman Who Became One of God's Greatest Servants", "Matthew: A First-Century Businessman Who Learned To Put God First" and "Paul: A Murderer Who Became a Missionary."

Each chapter includes a section on "Becoming God's Man Today" and "Principles to Live By." Many pertinent illustrations are given from events like "the Watergate Scandal." Baptism is mentioned but not according to its scriptural purpose.

Why One Way? by John MacArthur, W Publishing Group, 74 pages, \$ 9.99 (U.S.)

This is just a little book, but it packs a lot of power. We have reviewed a number of books by this prolific author.

He is a conservative evangelical. However, he sees many evangelicals departing from the faith. Some are saying that people of all faiths will be in heaven. They are trying to be relevant and fashionable.

He believes that evangelicalism has been "hijacked by legions of carnal spin-doctors, who are trying their best to convince the world that the church can be just as inclusive, pluralistic, and broad-minded as the most politically-correct worldling."

The author gives numerous Scriptures to establish his arguments. Our only criticism

has to do with his neglect of other Scriptures that show what is involved in full acceptance of the saving Gospel of our Lord.

"Modernism is now regarded as yesterday's way of thinking. The dominant worldview in secular and academic circles today is called postmodernism." This view has lost interest in the truth, saying that there is no such thing as absolute, objective, or universal truth. Bill Clinton is seen as representative of this view.

The author sees the Bible as the only answer to such false philosophies.

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ONTARIO

Ajax: Various themes for June have been: The Lord is Good, the Ministry of Jesus and the Church, God's Righteous Judgement, and Giving to the Needy. A Parent-Youth banquet to help celebrate another successful school year was organized for June 28 with a total of 13 in attendance.

Beamsville: The church held their annual picnic on Sunday, June 23 on the campus of Great Lakes Christian College. Luke Taylor will be going with a group from Calgary to minister in Mexico. Wednesday evening backyard Bible studies are being held at various members' homes throughout the summer. Sarah Beth Whitfield and Eric David Knutson are to be married on August 10. Don Smith held a meeting in Ohio. Art Ford attended Vision Canada 2002 seminar in Edmonton.

Bramalea: We welcome May Romphf, who moved here recently from Owen Sound. Daniel Whittington was married to Crystal Jensen on June 22 in Arkansas. Darryl Wood was married to Marilyn Eng on June 29 in Woodbridge. Netta Banks celebrates her 90th birthday on August 9. A come-and-go celebration will be held in Netta's honour at Janet Banks home on Sunday, August 11. Three of the members of the Sendai Mission team arrived safely in Japan on Tuesday, July 9. Jonathan Straker will follow at the end of the month. Neha Egbert, one of our teens, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, July 14. Some of our young men gave short talks as part of a devotional service on June 30. There were 20 full-time seniors at the Prime Timers camp session, July 9-12. Evert Huffard, will present several lessons related to Christianity and the Islam religion on Saturday P.M., August 31 and on Sunday September 1.

Brantford (North Park St.): A group of young people from Freed-Hardeman University worked with the congregation May 12-19. The brethren held a congregational meeting on June 2 with a potluck lunch following. The church held a picnic on June 23. The men had a devotional together on Monday, June 10 and the ladies had a "secret sister" salad supper on Tuesday, June 25. The Lowes family (Darren, Bridget, Clinton, Darrah and Noah) moved to Otterburn Park, Quebec in June.

Cornwall (Dover Rd.): Nellie Rudlin, mother of Allen Bojarski, was baptized in St. Catharines recently. Peter Bourgon was added to the Lord's church by baptism following his good confession. The ladies have started a bi-weekly ladies class. Louis Lacroix has taken on the responsibility of treasurer for the congregation. Jeremy Bojarski is still doing mission work in Brazil. (Thank you to all who have been supporting him with prayers and financial aid.) Two weddings have taken place; Jean Louis Lacroix and Lisa Marie Bourgon in March and Philip Beaulne and Shari Knapman in April. The church website is:

<http://home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/abojarski>.

Guelph: Tammy Penner and Michael John Nollert plan to be married on August 17.

Hamilton (Fennell Ave.): Guest speakers have been Paul Moore, Joe Sandassie, Harold Bruggen, Paul Dale, Dennis Schultz, Devon Bennett, Bill Schwartz and Jamie Azzoparde. Bob Hibbard continues to preach on occasion. A number of workers from the Mayfair Church, Huntsville, Alabama held a VBS July 20-25. The church rejoiced with Pat and Dan Pearson at the birth of their little girl, Mirielle Jamie Nichole. The congregation continues to search for a full-time evangelist.

Newmarket: Speakers in July were Elgin Whitfield, Walter Hart and Keith Thompson. In June a bridal shower was held for Amanda Brownlee and the ladies enjoyed dinner out at a restaurant.

North Bay: Please pray for Cecil Brock, Jerry's brother who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. Also, please pray for Johanna Klemm who is presently serving in Afghanistan with the UN. She is experiencing major problems and says it has become unsafe.

Owen Sound: Six from our congregation participated in the recent Bible Bowl in Bramalea. The church enjoyed their annual music night in June. Walter Straker, Dave Knutson and Walter Hart from GLBC recently spoke to the church here on the subject, "Where Have All the Preachers Gone?" Members from Meaford, Collingwood and Vandeleur were also present. On July 7, Larry Penner and Joe Sandassie made a presentation of their trip to El Salvador. Joe preached that morning on the subject of the Holy Spirit. Brian's dad, Bert Thompson is home recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. He is improving and getting stronger every day. Many thanks for all who prayed for him and for the calls, cards and emails. - Brian Thompson

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): An area-wide singing was held in St. Catharines on June 16. A lift (elevator) has been put in their building to make it accessible for those who are unable to go up and down stairs.

Stratford: A get-away weekend is planned for the second weekend of September. George

Mansfield spoke at Sarnia on June 30. George directed the week at Omagh Bible Camp for ages 8-10, July 21-27.

Tintern: The congregation hosted an area-wide singing on June 23. Veggie Tales Bible Day Camp was held July 1-5 for children ages 4-12. Megan Joy Smith and John David Hinds were married on Saturday, July 20. Bruce and Elaine Robinson and Don and Amy Halls enjoyed their time at Vision Canada 2002.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Darren Williamson, evangelist from Delta, BC, was guest speaker on June 23. Margaret Cargin, a long time member at Strathmore, has moved to live at the Grove Park Home in Barrie. Florence Gelley celebrated her 99th birthday on July 22. The Strathmore Family welcomed a new brother and sister, Nikolay & Olga and their daughter Elena Yagodin from Kazakhstan who arrived in Toronto on July 5. A good number of our young adults enjoyed the 20's weekend at Camp Omagh, July 5-7.

Waterloo: Spanish language classes during the month of July were conducted in preparation for those making the mission trip to Costa Rica, July 22-31. The summer education program this year is continuing, "Climbing Faith Mountain". Geoff Ellis returned from Swaziland. Geoff and Doreen Ellis and Bill and Cheryl Schwarz went to Edmonton for Vision Canada 2002. Following this, Doreen and Geoff went to the West coast and enjoyed a cruise up the Alaskan coastline provided for them by the Board of Trustees (and Friends) in appreciation for their work with the Bible College over the past 6+ years.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: We rejoice with Jureen LeBlanc who was baptized into Christ on Sunday night, June 9. A large group of people were in attendance, including some non-Christian members of her family. Jureen is Shawn LeBlanc's mother. Shawn had the joy of baptizing her. Tim and Diana Johnson flew to Edmonton for Vision Canada 2002. The teenagers have been meeting Sunday nights (every two weeks) for a special class. They also enjoyed an overnight camping trip at Fundy National Park. Worship attendance has been terrific lately with a full building most Sundays. The ladies enjoyed a special ladies class at the Nelson home in Saint John, on Saturday, June 1.

NEW YORK

Buffalo, North Buffalo: Jess Seifert and A.J. DiTullio were married on Saturday, June 22. Bill Elrod, who had been a member for many years, passed away on June 5 in Tennessee. The church picnic is planned for August 17. Dave and Amy Cornfield, (former preacher) were back visiting on July 4. An open house in their honour was enjoyed.



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

ALBERTA

Calgary: The Pine Lake Men's Retreat was held May 31-June 2. Scott MacKenzie spoke on the theme "Survivor". A teacher appreciation tea was held on June 2. The annual church picnic was held on June 9. A 98th birthday party was held for Edith Wise on June 14. High School Camp ran from June 30-July 6. 'English as a second language' classes are being offered as a community outreach program. There will be a conversation club, one-on-one tutoring and ESL Bible Studies. Lunch break is being set aside as time for prayer. Anyone can bring their lunch to the church building, enjoy fellowship and spend time together in prayer. Vacation Bible school was held July 15-July 17.

Edmonton: The congregation is rejoicing at the baptism of Young Kim on July 11, 2002. Young will be going home to Korea in 2 weeks and will become part of the Lord's church in his hometown. The church will miss the Chia family as they move back to Vancouver. Ray and Alex Bouchard have moved back to Edmonton and we are enjoying their fellowship again. Edmonton hosted Vision Canada 2002 June 25-28. There were over 30 congregations from across Canada represented at the seminar. Thank you again to all who came and to the speakers who made this seminar a success. The week following the seminar David Lane gave a series of gospel lessons that were motivational and encouraging. The Edmonton congregation, in conjunction with 24 teens and 5 adults from Waterview congregation in Dallas, Texas, held a VBS July 4-7. Activities that week included a canvas of the neighbourhood, a neighbourhood BBQ, and free service jobs such as yard work and fence painting for those who needed help in the community. The teens offered a free car wash. Waterview and Edmonton teens then toured Jasper for two days. The week was a great success and was encouraging to all. Rolland Bouchard will become the evangelist at the Lloydminster congregation beginning on August 1. Men from Edmonton will no longer be traveling to help with the

preaching there. We have enjoyed being able to serve the Lloydminster congregation in this way. We pray for God to bless Rolland and the church there.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford: On July 3, the Central Valley church signed a lease on a new meeting place. It is in the Cedar Place Shopping Centre just off South Fraser Way in Clearbrook. It is in the basement portion of the building, having its own entrance door, as well as a kitchen and 5 classrooms. There will be space for a permanent library and classrooms without having to "move out" each week. As it is very difficult in Abbotsford to find something suitable for a small congregation, the Central Valley church feels their prayers have been answered. The address is #005 - 2580 Cedar Park Place, Abbotsford. \$7,300.00 has been raised for a furlough home for Velma Forman, B. C. nurse who has been working in Papua New Guinea for the past nine years. Velma expects to leave PNG on Sept. 8, arriving in Vancouver on Sept. 12. She is finalizing her itinerary, which will include a circuit of B. C. congregations, as well as a trip to Nashville, Memphis, and possibly Dallas. We welcomed back Russ, Cassandra and Brayden Hall who have returned from the Fraser Valley, and are meeting with us again.

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Cassandra and Brayden Hall who have returned from the Fraser Valley, and are meeting with us again.

Burnaby: Joel Ruch, oldest son of Kirk and Lori, was married to Jessica Sargent of Stark, Vermont, in Abilene on July 5. The couple met at ACU where both graduated in May with degrees in the field of Missions. A reception here for the newly-weds is planned for this month. The 6th-to-8th grade class has been busy delivering fruit baskets to the sick. They also gave hand-painted pots of pansies to each mother on Mother's Day and an assortment of homemade cookies to the dads on Father's Day. John Clelland, who is teaching them to put their thoughts of others into action, teaches the class. Kirk and Lori Ruch, who have worked with the Burnaby congregation for 13 years, were honoured with a special tea on June 9 in celebration of their upcoming 25th wedding anniversary. (When a tree made colourful with Canadian bills appeared on a wagon and was presented to the family, Kirk had to re-consider some words in his morning sermon in which he had mentioned, "money doesn't grow on trees".) The children of Harvey and Betty Wood are holding a special family and close friends celebration in honour of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

City Church, E. Vancouver: Steve Hasbrouck's address at Vision Canada 2002 covering some of the trials faced by overseas missionaries served to make his audience aware of the plight with which they are faced when sponsoring churches are either late

with their support or withdraw it altogether. Tim Johnson, pioneer preacher in Moncton, N. B. for 27 years, said he felt Steve's lecture alone was worth their long trip out. Tim presented a lecture on "The Sower and the Reaper May Be Glad Together", and also a practical class on the "Principles of Church Planting". He is the son of David and Evelyn Johnson, who established a congregation on Lulu Island 45 years ago, and baptized several of those who are still part of the Oakridge church.

Deep Cove: The group formerly meeting in Deep Cove now meets in downtown Vancouver and is officially known as the MAIN STREET congregation rather than the name reported in the July issue. They have inaugurated an outreach program called "Christian Community Services" to provide help with personal and social needs for all age groups. The areas they hope to cover with the help of sister congregations includes "Personal Coaching", "Employment and Training Information", "Business Development Consulting", "Tutoring", "Mentoring", "Reading", "Creative Writing", "Creative Art", "Youth Activities", "Seniors' Activities", "Transportation", "Child Care", "Emergency Assistance", "House Cleaning", "Lawn Care", and an "Organization Referral Service" for any need the CCS is unable to supply. Office hours will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with services offered by appointment only. Dan and Jenny Keeran are building a list of potential helpers.

Delta: The congregation hosted a Chinese picnic at the home of Jim and Carolyn

Hawkins in June to honour the 15 or so people of that nationality who are worshipping regularly with them. Larry Hoff, Willowdene Wedler (Central Valley), Evan Severson, Regina, and Arden Waite (Vanc. Is. or?) celebrated their 50-year anniversary as Christians on July 15. They were all baptized at the same time by Norman Hoffman (Larry's uncle), in the ocean off Crofton beach. Watching the proceedings were two killer whales swimming just a few yards away who claimed squatters' rights as they had been there all

week.

Kamloops: Diana Borean was baptized in June. She and her husband, Jason, daughter Veronica and son Gideon are a blessed addition to our congregation, which lost three members the same month. Daryl and Kristine Bell, and son, Micah, are currently living in 100 Mile House, where they are hoping to start a congregation. A farewell luncheon to say "Happy Birthday" and goodbye to Marie MacLeod was held on June 23. She was moving to Vernon, B.C., where she is attending pharmaceutical school. Another newcomer to our congregation is Debbi Davis, who is bringing along her grandsons, Cory and Tyler Niemann. Murray Ververda left on July 7 for a month's visit to Papua New Guinea, where he formerly spent two years doing mission work. A Vacation Bible school will be held daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Aug. 12-16. Games, crafts, songs, snacks, Bible stories and more are being offered to teach and entertain the children. In addition to our worship service at 10:30 on Sundays, we also have classes in "Weigh Down", "Raising Kids God's Way", "Complete Disciple" and "Revelation". Our preacher, Dane Bengard, is currently conducting 10 studies a week. He also started studying Spanish in July in preparation for a trip to Cuba in Feb. 2003.

Maple Ridge: The Maple Ridge church has not changed its name or meeting place, but if you are planning a visit, please note that the Quality Inn is now a Best Western. We held our first Vacation Bible School July 3-6 for children from Grades 2 through 6.

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Dauphin: On May 30 a Regina Church plant meeting was held. The agenda was to discuss the dream, the issues involved, begin planning and to pray together. On June 5 was a church family BBQ that included the college students. The WCC Luncheon/Fundraiser was held on June 9. Dr. John Bailey and John McMillan spoke. A student farewell appreciation was held on June 19 and high school graduation was held on June 15. Bill & Wendy Ulrich shared the challenges and dimensions that they face in poverty stricken Zambia through a lesson and presentation on June 16. The pioneer clubs have come to an end and with great success. Classes were full with great attendance and a desire on the children's part to learn more about God. June 21-23 was the Back to Basics Men's retreat at Horse Creek. Lynn Anderson was guest speaker. June 28-30 was the Men's weekend at the Clearview camp. July 12-14 was the young adult's weekend.

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Barb Lewis

Donetsk, Ukraine: Twenty-one students were honored in a three-hour graduation ceremony this spring and received their diplomas. From this group of graduates, many will be going to work in places like Lviv (Western Ukraine), Sevastopol (Crimea), Mariupol, Torres, Artomsk, Donetsk, St. Petersburg and all over our area of Ukraine. Two of these cities do not presently have congregations in them, but these graduates will be changing that. We had 56 at our Monday evening class dealing with the origin of the New Testament church, the pattern that was adhered to from prophecy, and man-made religions. Several representatives of various religious organizations were present. Most questions centered around the assertion from scripture that the New Testament church would find its origin in Jerusalem as opposed to New York, Mecca, Rome or other cities. There was also concern about the assertions made in scripture against new and man-centered authority and writings claiming to be inspired like scripture. The tapes of these lessons are being bought (at cost to us) as fast as Jay Don can make them. Doug and Marge Reeves who were visiting suggested that we will need to check on getting a machine that can do many more tapes in a shorter time. Chris Swinford is doing the teaching in these evening classes.

Papua New Guinea: Ruth Zimmerman arrived in Toronto on July 21 to begin a six-month furlough from her work in Chimbu. Several took part in a short-term mission effort near the Solomon Islands, where a small number of Christians had asked for help. Rose Cobb and Boro Tata, preacher, from Lae, Mata Ischip, graduate and teacher from the Melanesian Bible College, John Kerenga from North Goroka, and Jason Moriarty from Madang made the trip by boat, vehicle and walk to a small village at the point of Bouganville Island. They conducted meetings to encourage the Christians during the day, and had outreach preaching attended by an average of 80 to 90 people in the evenings. Eric and Ann McCallum brought money from the Glenrothes congregation in Scotland to distribute as they saw fit

during their visit to PNG in June. Part of it was used to buy equipment for a kindergarten school.

Thailand: The church in Chiang Mai hosted the 40th Annual Mission Forum last year with such outstanding speakers as John Willis, Paul Faulkner and Carl Brecheen. Christians meeting near the base of the Doi Suthep Mountain are now known as the Chung Doi church of Christ which means "foothills". After baptizing six, they were soon averaging 35 to 40 on Sundays. An older congregation in Baw Gaew has also grown. One of the members, a man named Bai, reads the Bible to his wife at 5 a.m. while she makes up desserts that he takes out to sell. In the afternoon, his wife reads to him while he repairs fishing nets. One of their sons serves as the preacher. He had to move in with them after flooding swept away his ducks and destroyed his lime and papaya trees. He has a wife in poor health and two children.

Ethiopia: Roger Walker, who has led the ministry to the Sudanese people in Ethiopia for the past five years, had his resident card taken from him when he went to renew it. He was told that he had to return to Uganda where he was born, but from which he fled many years ago. Relatives in that country tell him he will face a long prison sentence, if not death, if he is forced to return to that country, so are urging him to seek asylum elsewhere if denied refugee status in Ethiopia. He is very important to the Sudanese work, as he is a well-trained preacher and teacher, so prayers are asked for a resolution to this problem which will allow him to remain in Ethiopia.

South America: A Christian businessman several years ago pointed out that churches need to re-think the way they do missions in the same way that American companies are re-thinking how they work overseas. He said that industry is moving away from hiring Americans to head up their operations, and opting to use qualified internationals. He believes that churches need to support nationals to do many of the jobs now being done by missionaries. Dr. Gary Sorrels has helped recruit, train, and place 18 teams comprised of 186 people in South American

capitals. He has learned through the president of the Baxter Institute in Honduras that a group of Latin American evangelists are eager to form mission teams from the graduating classes to take the gospel to areas of South and Central America. Although from different countries with differing cultural backgrounds, they all speak Spanish, and have a first-class Biblical education after 5 years at Baxter. A group of 10 men and women are planning to enter Bogota, Columbia, in January of 2003, where North American missionaries have strong reservations about going at this time.

Curitiba, Brazil: A full-time preacher training school is expected to open this month or next, according to missionary Alan Nally. Jerry and Gail Heiderich, with son Kristofer, will return to this work after a year in the U. S.

Buenos Aires, Argentina: Jay and Cathy Abels, who have served in this capital city since 1978, have recently returned to the States. Glen and Kathy Henton, who worked here from 1980 to '91, are, with their daughter, Emily, rejoining this work.

Mexico: Ron and Karen Clayton went to two cities south of Mexico City to hold Vacation Bible Schools and conduct meetings during the month of July. They have asked for help in printing the tract, "How To Become A Christian", for filmstrip projectors and strips, Spanish Bibles, and stackable plastic chairs for use in two congregations in Oaxaca.

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assistance their way could further our work there.

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our dream to reach some of them if we are able.

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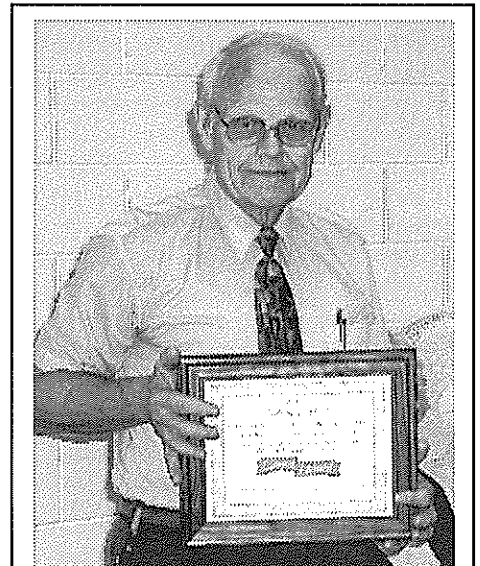
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 - A. Our 'distinctiveness'? Is the 'church' the gospel?

"We can't be quite so doctrinaire and start at the places we have traditionally wanted to. Selling our distinctiveness is not evangelism. Instead, evangelism is demonstrating the difference Christ makes in turning aimless lives into purposeful lives."^[3]
 - B. Our personal story? Kevin Graham Ford in *Jesus for a New Generation* promotes the embodied apologetic. Milton Jones in *Christ - No More, No Less: How to be a Christian in a post-modern world* warns us to be careful. "The embodied apologetic has a weakness. What happens when Christians, who once seemed to be 'authentic' become, through familiarity or failure, 'hypocritical'?"
 - C. 1 Cor. 1: 22-25. In our postmodern world, as in the first century and every century since, our message should center on the person of Jesus Christ. If we are using a modernist, logic, scientific method to prove doctrine this no longer connects. To the postmodernist there are many methods of coming to know. People in their 20's and 30's base truth on an experience, a movie, an ancient text. "Spirituality is in, knowledge is out. Angels are big, but not God. Angels are nondenominational. They make few demands but exist to serve. God comes with too much baggage."⁴

May 1-2, Calgary, Alberta hosted a "Spirituality Fair." 10,000 churches or spiritual groups world-wide have been identified with 4 new ones a day.
 - D. 2 Cor. 5: 14-15. Our message to people needs to be who Christ is and what he has done for them. This will prompt a response of appreciative, joyful, submissive love. Wanting to be in Christ's church, wanting to worship him as he wants to be worshipped, wanting to live a sanctified life, etc, will naturally follow.
 - E. Avoid placing the cart (church) before the horse (Christ), a horse only, or a cart only. Keep the cart hitched to the horse.

METHODS

- I. Varying methods for varying fields. Example: Let's Start Talking was effective in Estonia, not in Lithuania. Avoid "selling" our method or blindly transplanting someone else's.
- II. Use varying methods, 'points of contact' in each field, because different people will connect with different methods depending on their readiness, personality, interests, background. Examples: Webpage, small group Bible study in homes, sports night, marriage enrichment group, benevolence outreach.
- III. "Approach people with love and service, and they will turn to us to learn and change."⁵
- IV. "Church growth research shows that there is a high growth rate when the church responds to the needs of the people. Needs created by change, loss, loneliness, and fear of death cry for guidance" (Lambert). Isn't this what our Lord did? He met people's needs, proving his credibility and gaining their trust, then he taught them when they were ready to listen. Matthew 4: 23-25.
- V. "In our daily lives...we should show such love and joy that others want to know why. When we tell them Jesus makes us different we confess Christ. When we tell them what they must do to share in this life, we evangelize!" (Lambert).

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Vision Canada 2002

The Vision Canada 2002 program was well developed and the lessons, seminars, special papers, and classes were filled with useful material.

Keynote addresses included:

Jesus Really is the Saviour of the World -
Dan Wieb,

Open Your Eyes and Look -
Michael Tackett,

Could This be the Christ? -
Greg King,

To Do the Will of God -
David Lane,

The Master and His Plan -
Scott Laird.

There were seminars on Multi Media, Friendship Evangelism, Multicultural Evangelism, Evangelism in Small Groups, Evangelism through a Youth Group, and Rural Evangelism.

This just gives a hint of the excellent materials and presentations that were a part of the program. You can get a full listing of the program from the church at Edmonton. Also, the sessions were all taped and are available, along with a printed manual containing expanded outlines of the presentations, from the church in Edmonton.

Contact them regarding the complete list of lessons, price and shipping cost.

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Could This Be The Christ?

Greg King

In the classic encounter between Jesus and the woman from Sychar, we see her posing the most important and relevant question that humanity has ever heard, "Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:29)

Those who have never fully comprehended the identity of the Christ need to seriously consider the question and its impact on their lives. Even those who are believers in Jesus need to re-examine the unfathomable depths of who Jesus is. (See Ephesians 1:17; Philippians 3:10; Colossians 2:20) It is a daunting task to attempt to explain in one lesson the full spectrum of all the aspects of Jesus. Let us examine at least a small portion of who Jesus is.

Who Jesus is, depends on your vision of yourself.

To those confident in their own righteousness, Jesus is a meddler. (Luke 18:9-14) The self-righteous Pharisee didn't impress Jesus with his religious performance and self-analysis. "I'm not like THOSE sinners" and then gives a catalog of their sins. "I'm more respectable than that, God! You're lucky to have me." Jesus is a meddler to those who exalt themselves.

To the rich, he's unreasonable. (Matthew 19:16-22) This could be called the account of the New Testament Yuppie Baby Boomer. He's well dressed in the Italian suit, owns a balanced portfolio of mutual funds, and is escorted in a chauffeured limousine chariot, complete with white Arabians, a cellular phone

and a palm pilot. He asks Jesus the question that all of us should ask, but probably know better, "Teacher, what good things must I DO?" "Keep the commandments!" "All these things I have kept, what do I still lack?"

He waits in anticipation for Jesus' answer. Pen in hand, waiting to write in his day-timer the requirements. He wants to know the break-even point. How much do I need to invest to be certain of my return? "Go sell everything and give it to the poor, then come back and we'll talk," Jesus responds. Money wasn't this man's problem, self-sufficiency was. It wasn't the big bucks; it was the big head – and Jesus saw right through him.

To the religious traditionalist, he's a threat. (Matthew 15: 1-14) If you are a religious traditionalist, Jesus is not interested in your religious piety and your cold, heartless formalism. He says you are a hypocrite, and Jesus is a serious threat to your hypocrisy.

To those thirsty for a new life, he's living water. (John 4: 4-26) The neighbours whispered behind her back as she walked down the streets of her hometown. She's one of THOSE women. Her face is weathered because of the type of life she's been living. One night stands sprinkled aimlessly on a desert of broken relationships and shattered dreams. She was thirsty for water that would quench her thirst. Jesus is that living water for those who hunger and thirst for a new life. (John 4:14)

Who Jesus is depends on your vision of the present.

Isn't it amazing how easily we forget things and lose our focus? The Hebrew Christians were ready to abandon their faith and needed to be encouraged to endure in spite of discouragement. The entire book of Hebrews is designed to refocus believers on the supremacy of Christ.

Christ is God's divine spokesman in "These Last Days" and as such we need to fix our eyes on him (Hebrews 1:1-3; 12:1-3). In the past God had spoken through the prophets. Today, he speaks through his Son. What are the qualifications of the Son verses human prophets? Jesus is: **a)** Heir of all things, Matthew 11:27. **b)** Creator, Colossians 1:15, 16. **c)** Radiance of God's glory, Revelation 21:23. **d)** Exact representation of his nature, John 1:14, 18; 14:9; Colossians 2:9. **e)** Sustainer of the universe, Colossians 1:17. **f)** The one who provides purification for sins, John 1:29; Matthew 1:21. **g)** He is the king presently seated with God in Heaven, Ephesians 1:19-22. No prophet ever came close to qualifying in even one of these qualifications.

Who Jesus is, depends on your vision of the future.

The last days of the first century were difficult days for the church. She was facing harsh times and severe persecution. Most of the apostles by this time were dead. One remained, but even he was exiled to Patmos. The church needed a new vision of Jesus to hold on to. John was given that vision in Revelation 5:5-14 where he sees the Lamb that was slain (Jesus) who is worthy to open the scroll and it's seven seals.

What John learned and what the church needed then and still needs today, is to learn that the Lamb that was slain lives! When we behold the Lamb that was slain, three things will

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happen; 1) we will stay calm when we face death. John's readers were facing death even as they heard these words read to them. Christians are the only people in the world that can legitimately laugh at funerals. Not that we don't grieve, but we don't grieve like those who have no hope. Jesus took the sting of death for us (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). Because of the Lamb, death is powerless over Christians. 2) We will have confidence in the face of judgment. We should fear God but not judgment. Christians do not fear judgment because they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:13-17). Why do Christians live with guilt, terror, and anxiety? Because Satan wants to constantly attack our confidence in Christ. In doing so he hopes to steal the Christians joy, effectiveness, desire for prayer, and zeal for service. The Lamb's blood can cure any disease Satan can inflict, and can erase any sin. "What can wash away my sin? NOTHING, but the blood of Jesus! What can make me whole again? NOTHING but the blood of Jesus!" 3) We will have courage in the face of evil. What pushes us? What motivates us in a world so filled with evil to take the stand we take, to preach the truth we preach, to live the lives we live, to stay pure and honest. What makes us want to go into the entire world and tell people about Christ? It is the conviction that the one who should have sent us to hell took the fury of hell on our behalf. Evil may appear to rule the day, but one day all the evil doers will face the wrath of the Lamb (Revelation 6:15-17).

Every anti God, anti Christ kingdom that has ever risen has fallen or will fall. Why? Because the Lamb is risen and evil cannot intimidate those who keep their eyes on the Lamb! Therefore, we will go into the parts of town where other people are afraid to go and show them the Lamb. We will hold the hands of people that other people are afraid to touch because the Lamb is risen! We will go into the parts of the world where other people don't want to live because the Lamb is risen! When they strike us on the cheek, we'll turn the other. When they persecute us, we will pray for them. When they curse us, we will bless. We have seen the Lamb...and he is risen!

Someday we who are saved will be part of a chorus made up of people from every tongue and tribe, every class and caste, every nation and nationally, and we will all focus on the Lamb and sing the same song (Revelation 7:9-14). These are all those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb!

The church never will reach a time when we have looked at Jesus enough. When he is lifted up from the earth he will draw all men to himself. He's the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the bright and morning star, the light of the world. He's our mediator, our priest, and our atonement, our advocate, our Lord and Saviour. He's the resurrection and the life. He who was dead and is alive forever more and who holds the keys of death and Hades. He's the true vine, the living water, and the bread of life. He's Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Immanuel, God with us. He's the judge of all mankind, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee, the Son of Abraham, the Son of David, and the Son of God.

Could this be the Christ? You can bet you life on it!

Helena, Montana

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CONCLUSIONS

- I. Motivation, Message and Method are like the three sides of an equilateral triangle.
All are equally important.
- II. The field, the work, the harvest, the glory, it all belongs to the Lord.
- III. We are not to all flock to the field with the rich soil and the bountiful returns. Jesus said to go into all the world, including the fields that have more weeds, require more work, and produce less 'impressive' numbers. Everyone needs the gospel.
- IV. In the past 30 minutes of this lesson, 3600 people died world-wide. Had someone shared the gospel with them? 7200 people were born. Will we get to them with the gospel?
- V. In the words of Dr. Lambert from Harding: "Be faithful, be honest, be friendly, be humble, be compassionate, be prayerful, be kind, be diligent, and above all be Christ-like."

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You will work with a youth ministry committee appointed by the elders. Primary duties are teaching, mentoring and leading in service and activities with our teens and college-age young adults. Assisting in the public worship assembly with a focus on song leading is also an important part of this ministry.

The youth minister must be a dedicated Christian with formal training in Bible or youth ministry preferably with a bachelor's degree or currently working on a degree. You must be able to demonstrate from current activities or previous experience the ability to work with teens.

Send your resume including personal references to the Youth Committee, 217 Osborne Street South, Winnipeg, MB R3L 1Z4 or email to: central@winnipegchurch.ca

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

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17 & 18 50th Anniversary Celebration of Great Lakes Christian College

September

21 2:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Great Lakes
5:30 p.m. Partnership Dinner at Great Lakes

October

18 - 20 Homecoming 2002 - Great Lakes Christian College

November

3 - 5 Great Lakes Lectures

Send items for calendar listing to: maxc@strathmorecofc.ca

You and your family are invited to a 50th Birthday Party

August 17

10 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

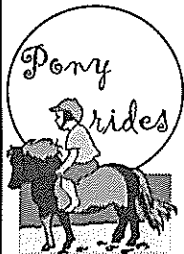
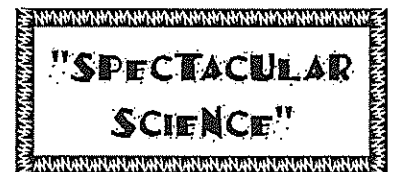
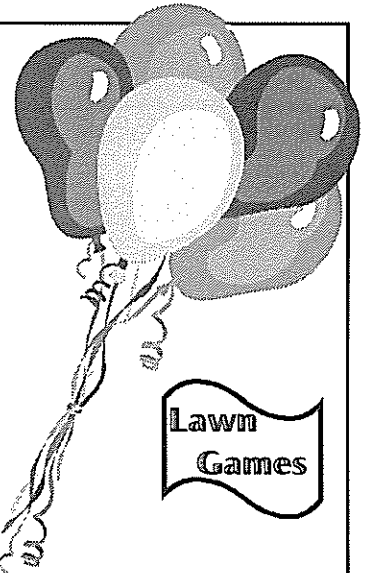


World famous

**Burlington Teen Tour
Band**

Attractions:

- 9-hole mini-putt
- Crafters and Artisans
 - All-day entertainment
 - Face painting
- Hair braiding
- Clowns
- Antique motors display
- 3 p.m. Ceremony celebrating 50 years
- Evening: Live entertainment by the "Jukebox Junkies"



Classic Cars



AND to a time of worship on Sunday

August 18

9:00 a.m.

Sunday the 18th - 9 a.m. will begin with a continental breakfast, followed by an open-air celebration of praise to God. Men of the Great Lakes community and featured guest speaker, Don Smith, will lead guests gathered from the Beamsville community and guests from afar in worship based on our theme -

"Building Foundations of Faith".

at Great Lakes Christian College

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