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What Are Our Rights?

Edwin Broadus

Almost anyone brought up in North American culture has an inbred concept of “rights” that both citizens and governments believe should be respected and protected. Canada has its Charter of Rights and the United States its Bill of Rights, and courts in both countries are extending these rights to more and more groups of people. As a Christian I have no quarrel with the concept of rights as long as they are genuine, but I have difficulty with some contemporary applications.

Currently we are confronted with the issues of gay rights and gay marriage, and while it is not my purpose in this article to discuss these in particular, I want to look more generally at the basis of rights and at the philosophical and theological differences between the Christian view of rights and the secular view that is gaining ascendancy in our culture today. Calling something a right does not make it one in the eyes of God.

This concept of universal human rights is relatively new. A European king in the Middle Ages had “divine right,” while his subjects had few, if any rights. The concept of universal rights is a product of the Enlightenment and goes back to the English philosopher, John Locke (1632-1704). Locke believed all men have the right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of property.” You may recognize the similarity of this phrase to what Locke’s disciple, Thomas Jefferson, wrote in 1776 in the American Declaration of Independence, when he listed our “inalienable rights” as “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” (Happiness needs to be understood in the older sense of prosperity, as an enlargement on Locke’s concept of property.)

Why do we have rights? Some might answer, “Because the government legislates them,” but both Locke and Jefferson believed rights antedate government and find their legitimacy in “Nature, and Nature’s God” (Jefferson’s words). “Nature” refers to how things

are, and the implication is that we have rights because of the way our universe has been framed. Both Locke and Jefferson believed in God, but while Locke believed in the God of the Bible Jefferson was a Deist and so used the expression, “Nature’s God,” deliberately. But even Locke believed that one can learn enough about God from nature to know that we all have inalienable rights.

While this concept of rights is not based directly on Scripture (Jefferson and some of the others signers of the Declaration of Independence were not believers in the Bible), Protestants in England and America quickly found the

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concept to their liking. It not only aided them in their fight against the king and the established church, but it agreed with biblical principles: Since we are all created by God we are equal and have the same rights. Thus, whether Deist or Christian, people were able to agree that God is the source of our rights and, consequently, what rights we have stem from what God made us to be and the very nature of the universe in which we live.

But the concept of rights took a new and radical turn in the 20th century when self rather than God became dominant, a change abetted by the rise of psychology, anthropology, and some of the other social sciences. (We are using the word self rather than man deliberately, for self is defined by feelings and desires rather than reason and virtue.) When as human beings we live primarily in relationship to God as our Creator and Redeemer, we are concerned first of all with understanding and doing what is right. But self looks inward rather than to God and is by its very definition “selfish,” seeking personal gratification

We have a variety of expressions

that emphasize this predominant self-concern as opposed to God-concern. We want to “get in touch with our feelings,” “find ourselves,” and ultimately be able to say, as did Frank Sinatra, “I did it my way.” Living authentically and with commitment become ends within themselves, no matter what we are committed to. Recently, at our granddaughter’s sixth grade graduation, a teacher named twelve qualities that she said would be useful when these girls and boys moved on to higher grades. The last was faith. They were not told what to believe in, but only to believe. Content is apparently unimportant – just believe! This subtle dose of post-modern relativity for sixth graders fits in with current emphasis on what we feel rather than what we know.

If self, not God, stands at the center, rights flow not from the way God made us but from what we desire – from what makes us happy at the time. Numbers of people believe we each have the right to do as we please, as long as it doesn’t harm others (a limitation often defined very loosely). Moderns have coined the term lifestyle to describe this, and the implication is that one lifestyle is as valid as another and that we are each free to choose our own, no matter how bizarre, without any questions or criticisms from relatives, colleagues or society.

The Christian view of rights contrasts sharply with the prevailing secular view. But before we examine the Christian concept more closely, we need to note that the Bible is not big on personal rights. While it recognizes we have rights it reminds us that Christians have a higher priority. An example of this is found in 1 Corinthians 9:3ff, where Paul vigorously defends his apostolic rights to financial support and to marriage, but then says, “I have not used any of these rights” (v. 15). Why? He had a higher priority, and that was to win more people to Christ (v. 22). Undoubtedly, Paul’s model in this was Christ, who gave up his rights in heaven

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Leadership (#3) The Leadership of Jesus

Thayer Salisbury

Leadership should not be such a difficult subject for Christians. Since Jesus is our model, all we need to do is study Matthew 1 to John 21. If properly studied and practiced, those eighty-nine chapters will make us ideal leaders. But, since we do not have space to study eighty-nine chapters in this article, let us take a smaller slice.

One slice of pie will tell us the basic nature of the whole. One fairly chosen slice of the Gospels will tell us the basic nature of the leadership of Jesus. We will take our slice from Mark 9 and 10. You will need to have a Bible open to this passage in order to follow the teaching that follows.

A teacher like no other (9:2-13)

Of course we must remember that Jesus was a leader like no other, as the opening verses of Mark 9 remind us in dramatic fashion. Jesus is above and beyond all leaders. We can learn a lot from Moses. Elijah has some lessons for us as well. But there is no leader like Jesus.

We can never claim anything like the position of leadership that Jesus holds, but we can learn from his style of leadership.

I. Prayer (9:14-29)

The Christ-like leader must be a person of prayer. Jesus has previously given the apostles authority to cast out demons (3:13-15). They have been

successful in this ministry on earlier occasions (6:7-13). But this time they are failing. They ask him, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" The key is prayer (9:28-29).

We do not become leaders on our own. God enables his children to minister (Eph 4:7-13). Like King Saul, we often begin our work in a humble and self-effacing manner. But, over time, we forget the source of the power. We rely on ourselves. In such a prideful state of mind our defeat is inevitable.

There is no leader like Jesus

Prayer is many things to the Christian. Prayer, for the Christian leader, is the great admission of dependence. It is possible to lead without prayer, but it is not possible to be a Christ-like leader without frequent, fervent, submissive prayer.

II. Prepare replacements (9:30-31)

The Christ-like leader prepares others to take the leadership role. Jesus was constantly trying to get alone with his disciples so that he could teach them. As Robert Coleman has pointed out, "His concern was not with programs to reach the multitudes, but with men whom the multitudes would follow." Jesus took time to work with the twelve.

Too often we appear frightened by the prospect of having others around

who are training to take our place. Good leaders never resist the idea of training others for leadership. One of the first things Christ-like leaders will give attention to is the establishment of programs and procedures that will ensure a smooth transition to the next generation of leaders. This should not begin after the current leaders have "one foot in the grave." It needs to start immediately.

III. Service (30-37)

Christ-like leaders are servants. The Twelve could not understand this, but it was fundamental to Jesus' way of doing business. The Twelve argued about which of them was the greatest, while Jesus prepared for the cross. We do not have much trouble in churches of Christ with people claiming to be modern-day apostles. But we do have those who still act like the Twelve. In fact, most of us do it from time to time.

The proper Christian leader is a person who serves everyone (35). I once heard a Christian school principal tell the fifth grade students, "If any teacher, staff member, or for that matter any adult asks you to do something to help them, I expect you to do it." I think Jesus expects that attitude of church leaders. We are to be as that principal expected those children to be (36-37). We are to be ready to serve. If we are

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How Will They Know Us?

Wayne Turner



What reputation does your congregation have in the community? Is it known for having vibrant worship? Being spiritual? Having informative Bible classes? Good preaching? Compassionate benevolence? Excellent meals and fellowship activities? Effective evangelism? Being

Biblical? Is it known as sleepy or quiet? Passive? Inactive? How does our community see the church? What do you feel is best about the congregation? What is its real strength?

Sometimes, it can be helpful to find out how other people see us. We may not be communicating what we think we are. The poet, Robert Burns, once wrote about sitting in church and watching a louse crawl up on a very finely dressed woman. He observed that we all need the power to see ourselves as others actually see us.

At the same time, some church growth experts are suggesting that churches need to develop strategies that define and market themselves on the basis of either their strengths or on a deliberate decision to focus on a specific "religious target." We must admit that there is some wisdom to "playing to one's strength" and putting our best foot forward.

But is this what the church is about? Did God leave it open for us to decide what the church is to be and what direction it will take? Are we to reinvent each congregation as we define our purposes and goals? Or, should we see the church differently? Does God have a purpose and plan for the church, overall, and each congregation? What does He want the church to be and to be known for?

For example, Paul told the Ephesians that God's intent was that "through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known ...according to his eternal purpose..." (3:10) Jesus said that his purpose was to do the will of the Father and to bring honour and glory to Him. Similarly, Paul expresses our purpose when he tells us that we are to do everything for the glory of God.

So what is God's will for the church? What is to be our defining characteristic?

Jesus stated it in John 13:34, 35. It is emphasized when Jesus says that by this, "all men will know that you are my disciples." It is stressed by being repeated three times. "Love one another." In 1 John 4:7, John repeats this, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." How much clearer can it be? The defining quality that God wants for the church that identifies its reputation in the world is love. It isn't about worship, programs, activities or some particular emphasis that may be meaningful to us. Paul begins 1 Corinthians 13 by noting that it doesn't matter how spiritually gifted a person is, how much faith they have, how much they give or if they even give up their lives, without love, these things do not matter.

Earlier this year, a large denominational church in the U.S. made local headlines when a large number of members (over 150) were expelled. The reason? Those expelled were older members who had reservations about changes that were being made in public worship. Ultimately, the world will notice more the lack of love for the people who likely had helped create and build the church, than for any attempts to follow any fad. Yet, there are some members in congregations in our fellowship who have acted similarly. They may not have voted others out, but by imposing their own agendas for change, they have alienated and even driven away other members who have been the long-term foundation for those congregations. Where is the love? How can one be part of a congregation and enjoy fellowship knowing that by their actions, another part of that same congregation is hurting? In Romans 14:15, Paul wrote, "If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love." It would not be unreasonable to change the word "eat" to the word "do". The principle remains the same. Those who know God and His love do not act in such a way as to grieve others.

The great "love chapter" of the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13, is found in a letter to one of the most badly divided churches in the first century. Schisms had formed on the basis of who people were baptized by, what spiritual gifts they had (or did not have), whether they were rich or poor, or what their background was. The worship God seeks is from the whole congregation, together as one, so that "with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:6).

If we are going to be serious about restoring New Testament Christianity, we must make love our goal. This must be a love that transcends all social and cultural areas: language, race, gender and age. It must be such a love that demonstrates our common faith in Jesus Christ. It must show that the bonds in Christ are much more powerful than any differences in the flesh, and that all members of the body of Christ are valued and loved. The world will know we are Christians by our love.

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Competing According To The Rules

At the time that I am 'musing' the Olympic games are about half over. (Unfortunately Canada isn't doing great!) The games are about excellence in sport and a person or team doing the best they possibly can. One of the comments that have been made by commentators at the Olympics has been concerning those who are older in years and have been in previous Olympics. The comment is something like, "This person has a good level of maturity and so is better able to face the pressure." Truly, maturity is important in every aspect of life and particularly in spiritually.

Maturity is seen in such things as respect for authority. We live today in a time when many want to be free of any restraint or restriction, refusing to allow anyone to tell them what to do. It has almost become "acceptable" to some for teens to rebel because that is what teens do. However, there is a need for teens and everyone else to understand the need to recognize authority.

Paul develops this idea in Romans 13 when he speaks of the Christian's responsibility to "submit himself" (13:1) to the governing authorities. We can only imagine what it would be like to live in a country where there was no authority to govern such things as traffic flow. It is a matter of life and death to go onto the highways today with the laws that are in place! Can you imagine the chaos if everyone "did what was right in his own eyes"?

One of the marks against Christianity in the eyes of many today is the division that exists. Why is there division? It is over people's unwillingness to be "mature enough" to follow the teaching of God's Word. Jesus himself said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my

teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me" (John 14:23,24). Today many, even in the Lord's church, do not want to obey his teaching but seek to do that which will be popular.

Childishness, the opposite of maturity, shows itself in an unwillingness to submit to authority while seeking selfish wants or desires. It is true, however, that some who seek the popular (contemporary) approach to worship see this as the way to entice people to become involved in their local congregation. My question would be, "Does this honour the statement of Jesus that we must obey His words?" He said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

I believe one of the very challenging statements Jesus made is, "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evil doers!'" (Matthew 7:23, 24). It seems to me, that part of maturity is being willing to accept the word of God as truth in matters of faith and practice.

Developing maturity requires growth, be it mental, physical, or spiritual. The athletes that we spoke of at the beginning of this article have to spend hours in developing their physical strength and mental toughness. A person's mental conviction that he/she can compete and win is an essential quality to building a successful career in athletics.

The same may be said for developing spiritual maturity. We are familiar with Paul's statement in II Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." When this study is combined with sincere prayer (I Thessalonians 5:16-18) the Spirit of God will help him/her grow into spiritual maturity.

To experience growth one needs to escape the corruption of the world caused by evil desire (II Peter 1:4b). However, it is revealed through Jesus words that a person must fill the 'space in his life' with something positive. "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept and clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first" (Luke 11:24-26).

Peter encourages commitment to growth, as he understands this to be imperative to a productive Christian life. "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. "For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins" (II Peter 1:5-9). This seems like a good description of maturity as opposed to childishness.

You may never take part in the Olympics, but every day as a Christian you run a race. Take care how you run! Run according to the ruling authority, Jesus Christ, and with an eye toward spiritual growth.

I'm the Good Guy, He's Not

Drew Chapados

Pray also for kings and powers and princes, and for them that persecute and hate you, and for the enemies of the cross, that your fruit may be manifest among all men, that you may be perfect in him.' The Letter of Polycarp to the Philippians 4:12 (Polycarp was an early Christian bishop and believed to be a disciple of the apostle John.)

This week if you have been watching CNN, CBS, NBC or ABC or a number of other outlets you have been hearing the title a lot (or at least a similar message). The Democratic convention is all about Senator Kerry explaining why he is the good guy and President Bush is not. A month from now, at the Republican Convention, the same message will be attempted but in reverse: President Bush is the good guy and Senator Kerry is not. I really am not that concerned in this article with trying to figure out who is telling the truth (if either). This is what a country run by democracy gets every time there is a vote 'by the people'.

I am concerned, however, with the number of 'reverends and

clergy' who appear at both conventions and state the same message. I am not against Christians being involved in politics, but has our current political climate become more important than what Christians are actually told to do about those in authority (For comparison between Polycarp's instructions and Paul's

What happens when the spirit of politics enters the church?

see Romans 13:1-7, Titus 3:1,2, 1 Timothy 2:1-5). I mean, did Jerry Falwell continually pray for President Clinton? Does Al Sharpton present supplications daily to God for President Bush?

(Note the difference between for and about). Then the question would be appropriate to ask: do we? These men might, and I have no way of judging them properly, but Christians must remind themselves daily that we are citizens of a different country with a different goal in life.

This is where we get to the reason of the article. Politics is political and democracy breeds competition. As a Christian we are free to vote our conscience and then remember to pray for whoever wins. What happens when the spirit of politics enters the church? What happens when differences in the church come to the point that 'I'm the good guy and he/she is not' is our message? Or, we line up sides and have to promote our own and neglect the other? Simply put: we fall short of what God wants us to be. The church must always be a people who pray for each other, seek the other's good, and 'owes no one anything except love.' (Romans 13:8) May we always be the family of God and not a two-party system.

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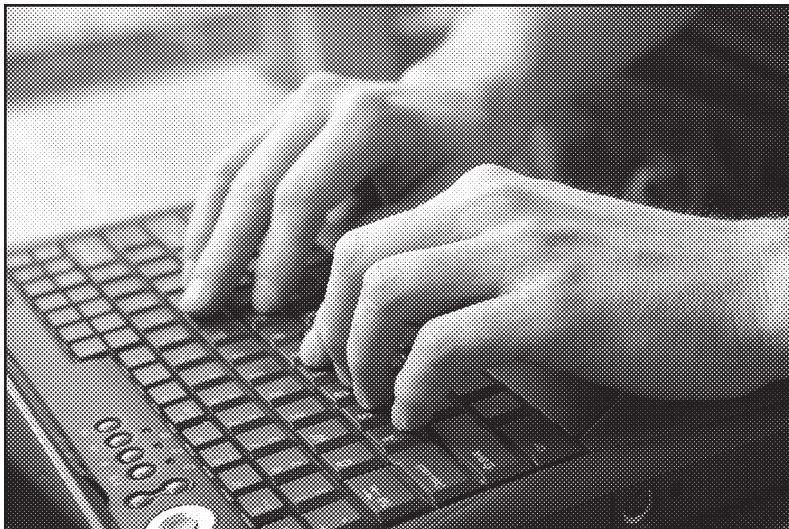
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Who's To Blame

Roger Lansdell

There was a manager of a minor league baseball team who was so disgusted with his centre fielder's performance that he ordered him to the dugout and he assumed the position himself. The first ball that came into centre field took a bad hop and hit the manager in the mouth. The next one was a high fly ball, which he lost in the glare of the sun...until it bounced off his forehead. The third was a hard line drive that he charged with outstretched arms; unfortunately, it flew between his hands and smacked his eye. Furious, he ran back to the dugout, grabbed the centre fielder by the uniform, and shouted "You idiot! You've got centre field so messed up that even I can't do a thing with it!"

It is so easy to blame someone else for our problems and failures. However, when you really think about it all blame is a waste of time. No matter how much fault we find with another, and regardless of how much we blame someone, it will not change us. The only thing blaming someone does is to keep the focus off of ourselves while we look for external reasons to explain our unhappiness or frustration. We may succeed in making another feel guilty about something by blaming them, but we won't succeed in changing, growing, and moving away from whatever it is that is making us unhappy.

How often in our lives do we seek to blame others for our behaviour? How often has the burden of our failures been placed on others? It was because of my parents or my teachers or my friends. They led me astray. Motivational speaker Dr. Robert Anthony claims, "When you blame others, you give up your power to change." But we wouldn't need to change ourselves if it was someone else's fault, would we?

Almost everyone has played the blame game at some point in their life. Others are in triple overtime and have never stopped. Here's how it works. For every flaw we see around us or in ourselves, we usually search for someone to blame, hoping to exonerate ourselves by making sure that someone else besides ourselves is properly identified, held responsible, and maybe even punished. Blame game participants feel that those who fail or cause them to fail are unworthy of

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love or mercy, and deserve to be punished. They set themselves up as judge, jury, and dispenser of the punishment.

Very seldom do you hear someone say, "I sinned, it was my choice, nobody forced me, tempted me or enticed me, I did it because I wanted to." Rather most often you hear, "It wasn't my fault... it was his fault..."

her fault... their fault... my parents' fault... my wife's fault... the boss' fault... society's fault. The devil made me do it."

Yes... other people wrong us. Yes... the devil is a real and powerful force. Yes... it's hard to go against the crowd. Yes... life is full of tough decisions and sometimes making the moral one costs. Yes... everyone makes mistakes. Yes... others do need to change. But let's stop playing the blame game. No matter what words we use to excuse ourselves, we have said "yes" to whatever it is we have done and we have contributed in some fashion to the failures we experience. We may not have said "yes" to what has been done to us, but we say "yes" to whatever we do in response. Whenever we experience failure we are responsible for the ways in which we have contributed.

In these situations we need to take responsibility for ourselves and we must learn to let other people answer to God for their misdeeds and their failures. Individually we have enough to answer for on our own account. The fact is, we cannot be forgiven for what we have done nor will we experience success, happiness or fulfillment until we stop offering God excuses by blaming others.

C. S. Lewis once said, "Excuses and forgiveness are opposites. What can be excused does not need to be forgiven. And if we are not sure which is which, then it's probably something that needs to be forgiven. It's always better to ask for too much forgiveness than for too little, because the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the one that has not been confessed. When we blame others, we forfeit the forgiveness and renewal that is waiting for us in Christ."

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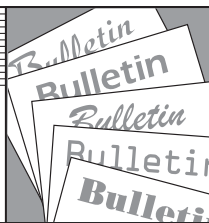
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FROM THE BULLETINS



The Everlasting Word

Clarence DeLoach, Jr

When Isaiah said, "but the word of our God shall stand", he used the Hebrew word yagum. The word means "to rise." It's the image of something being crushed, ground under the heels, but made to stand up again. So many of the things of this world are short-lived and forgotten. The "in thing" today is "out" tomorrow. The latest fad is soon forgotten.

The Bible is different. It's a book of antiquity, yet it lives. And though it has been crushed, persecuted, despised, and viciously attacked - it rises back up and STANDS!

Diocletian, in 303 A.D. sought to confiscate and destroy every copy of the Bible, and those who possessed them. The Roman Empire was bathed in blood. He thought that he had extinguished the Bible and to celebrate his supposed victory, he erected a column with the words - "The name Christian is extinguished." But, in less than ten years a complete turnaround occurred. Constantine succeeded him as Emperor and became friendly toward Christianity. Pagan symbols were replaced by the cross. Calls for copies of scripture went out across the land and several manuscripts were brought forth. THE WORD RISES AND STANDS!

Voltaire boasted in 1788, "One hundred years from my day there will not be a Bible in the earth except one that is looked upon by the curiosity seeker." What really happened 100 years after his prophecy? A first edition of Voltaire's work sold on the market in Paris for eleven cents, while on that very day the British Government paid the Czar

of Russia a half million dollars for the Codex Sinaiticus, a copy of the Word of God discovered by Tischendorf in a monastery on Mount Sinai. THE WORD OF GOD STANDS!

And, when Hume said, "I see the twilight of Christianity", he was confused. He could not tell sunrise from sunset! THE WORD OF GOD STANDS! Where are the Voltaires, the Humes, the Ingersols? Their works have long been forgotten. And, so will all those who dare vilify the Bible.

Let us continue to look at the Book! Build your faith, your life, your hope, upon the immutable, unbreakable, and unshakeable Word.

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"...but the word of our God shall stand forever..."
(Isaiah 40:8).

Paul Stopped the Truth from Being Told!

T. Pierce Brown

In Acts 16:16-18 there is a story of a girl who was telling the truth about Paul and his companions, and yet it grieved Paul. Is there any lesson that might have value for us in this story? We think there is.

Since the Bible does not reveal what her motive was in telling these truths, we must assume from what we know of the Devil that his purpose was to subvert the truth of the gospel. The people in the area knew that she had this spirit of divination. If Satan could get people to believe that the message of the apostles was the kind of message that was approved by persons like her and her masters, he would gain a great victory. We think Satan is using the same tactics today. We have an increasing number of men who claim to be preachers of the gospel who are encouraging us to

have fellowship with the false teachers in the religious world. Their reasoning seems to go something like this: "They are teaching the truth about Jesus being the Son of God and that salvation is found in following him, so we should join hands with them."

Paul's response to the situation should be ours. He refused to allow even the true testimony from a false teacher under the control of an evil spirit to hinder the saving message of the pure gospel of Christ. There is no place for compromise with the forces of Satan, even when they tell the truth. We might say, especially when they are telling the truth, for then the damage is likely to be far greater than if they were only dealing in lies that could easily be shown to be such. A partial truth is sometimes more dangerous than a total lie.

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NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: On July 18 the eldership ended after nine years of service. With Tim Johnson moving to Edmonton, Royal Maillet resigned, after the two thanked everyone and encouraged them to do well despite their resignation. The Saint John group joined them Sunday, July 25, and 36 enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship. Tom Johnson returned home after a 6-week mission trip to Tanzania, Africa, arranged through Harding University.

NOVA SCOTIA

Sydney: Sunday, July 4, Neil and Vivian Christians visited the Moncton congregation. They are members of the church from South Africa who have been in Sydney (Cape Breton) for about a year. He is a psychiatrist and they immigrated to Canada so he could work in Sydney's hospital. They have two children: Doug, who is now a member of the Bramalea, Ontario congregation, and a daughter, Andrea.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: Joe and Joanne Woodford from the Verdun congregation in Montreal recently placed membership. This fall the ladies plan to study the book, "Those Who Wait," by

Rosemary McKnight. The funeral of Cherrie Glew, Blanche Maddeaux's daughter, was held Wednesday, August 18, in Vineland.

Bramalea: Margaret and Glenn Ayala and their three children moved to the Grimsby area on July 30. Margaret was a charter member of the Bramalea congregation. 14 full-time and 9 part-time campers attended the Prime Timers camp at Camp Omagh this year. Henry Boland will teach next year. Jonathan Straker, home on furlough from Japan with his wife, Michiko, preached Sunday morning July 8. Derek Czeban will have completed his summer internship by the end of August. In the first nine weeks he visited 61 families in the congregation, and held Bible studies Monday, Thursday, and Saturday nights. Also, for the past 3 months he taught the adult class at Bayview, and spoke as their guest speaker August 8. Debbie Whittington accompanied Santiago Molina, Javier Cuarezma, and a group of Christians on a mission trip to Nicaragua. New members are Doug Christians, and Nestor and Lilian Garcia and their three sons from the Philippines.

Grimsby: New members are Mark and Becky Kennedy. Summer vacation Bible school was held August 3-8. The theme was "Heroes," sharing the stories of Queen Esther, Daniel, rooftop friends, Jesus serving and washing His disciples feet. On Barb Hanna's Honduras' mission trip, in eight days the team served approximately 600 patients and filled 300 prescriptions. To receive treatment, some of the patients walked five hours and sat on a plastic chair in the heat and rain for another five hours. The team shared the love of Jesus and distributed many Spanish Bibles. Jeff Cobb spoke to 30 highly energetic teenagers at Strawberry Point Christian Camp. Jeff Cobb has resigned as evangelist at Grimsby and is moving back to the US.

Ice Lake: In late spring, Heather Turner, Ethel Newburn, and Enid Runnalls were baptized. On June 26 Norm Morrell was baptized. Ben Whittington, son of Ian and Wanda, was baptized on July 1, followed by Adam Meeker on July 4, and Howard and Aili MacDonald and Alex Witty on July 20. The congregation rejoices with these nine new babes in Christ.

Meaford: After almost 50 years, the Heathcote congregation decided it was no longer feasible to continue meeting on their own. They have decided to become a part of the Meaford fellowship.

Newmarket: In August Katie Pickard went to New York City to work with inner city children. August 15 Jonathan Straker spoke to the congregation about his work in Sendai Japan.

Omagh: Prayers are requested for the congregation's preacher, Brian Meneer, who is having a real struggle with surgery and chemotherapy for his cancer.

Owen Sound: Alannah Metheral was baptized on March 19. Kevin, Cathy, Ashley

and Linda Pickles have moved to Owen Sound. "Son Games 2004" was the theme of the recent VBS, which had an average attendance of 64 with 108 present for Family Night. Ladies' Renewal is scheduled for September 24-26. The theme is "Courage." Speakers are Beth Hibbard, Jackie Wall and Crystal Cook.

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): Joel Osborne spoke on August 15, reporting on the work with the Sendai mission. Steve Cordle has resigned as evangelist at Ontario Street.

Sudbury: Ed Klym began working as evangelist with the congregation on August 15. He and his wife, Elaine, have two children. Ed has recently completed schooling in Texas.

Toronto (Harding Avenue): A ladies' day was to be held September 10 with the theme, "The Gift of Hospitality - Matthew 25:40." Speakers were Shirley Straker, Deidre Etienne, and Vivian Desi-cabrine. Guests were to provide traditional dishes for a potluck dinner.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): The congregation is looking forward to the meeting of the Churches of Christ Historical Society on August 28, recognizing Strathmore's 80th anniversary. Geoff Ellis, a Strathmore native, is the featured speaker and will also be the speaker for Sunday, August 29. The young adults continue planning for the annual lectureship to be held on Sept. 24-26, on the theme "Fan into Flame the Gift of God". The congregation welcomed Joseph Lee from Ottawa.

Waterloo: Jamie Azzoparde will begin work in January with the congregation. He will plan and organize the university, college and career group (UCC). Jamie and his wife, Bianca, and their daughter, Hailey, have served the Brantford congregation for the last few years. On September 11, Bill Schwarz will begin a 12-week course on "Christian Caregiving." The course will focus on both the theology and practical skills of care giving, with special attention on how care giving communicates the gospel to others. Joy Crouch, who led Jackie Wall to Christ in Vienna 27 years ago and worked with Otis Gatewood, is visiting the congregation. She is still active in Europe, lives in Abilene, Texas, but goes in and out of Croatia to assist in a new work in the city of Rijeka, a university city with 35,000 students. Singspiration at Camp Omagh had about 180 in attendance this year. Javier and Isabel have moved to Vinewood Church of Christ in Detroit and were to have their opening day Spanish services on August 15. Great Lakes Bible College: Seven classes will be taught Tuesday through Thursday, with the expectation of 8 or 9 full-time students and a number of part-time students. The 25th annual Ontario Men's Retreat will be Sept. 17-18. The theme is "Doing the Work of God in a Nation of Many Cultures". The speaker will be Max Craddock.

Windsor: Vacation Bible school was conducted July 20-23 for senior kindergarten to grade 8.

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

ALBERTA

Edmonton: We rejoice at two recent baptisms, Charlotte Bolseng on July 10, and Rachael Jacques on August 4. Nicole Garneau has moved back to Edmonton after several years of study in London England. Chris Nichol has moved back to Edmonton from his missionary work in Lithuania. We welcome Nicole and Chris back home. Alberta Rocky Wilderness camp was a great success again this year. Many of our youth and some of the families from Edmonton attend this camp every year. This year, Jonathan Killeen from Edmonton received the senior boys "Camper of the Week" award. Jacquelyn Fluet from Edmonton received the junior girls "Camper of the Week" award. As a Christian and the church, our primary goal is to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the lost community around us. In Edmonton we currently have 18 one on one studies with non-Christians. We are looking forward to the arrival of Tim and Diana Johnson later this month. They will be taking some time to settle in here and to find a house. Tim will begin serving the church full time here in mid September.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Norm and Jen Weir expect to leave September 14 for a return trip to Fort Ware, BC. Norm has been asked to perform weddings for two First Nations couples on the September 18 and 19. They also plan to continue Bible studies with several that participated in group studies on their first trip back in June, and perhaps find others who are now ready for baptism. The Central Valley church is arranging a fund-raising dinner this month specifically for the housing project being built around the school compound in Haiti. Raymond Fillion is planning to make another trip there this month.

Burnaby: The elders have adopted a "split assembly" type of worship which is starting this month. There will be two devotional/communion periods, with the sermon and children's classes in between. This is a temporary "band-aid" for the overcrowding we have experienced in recent months. Garnet Andrews, who accompanied his daughter and others on a mission trip to Mexico in July, is

encouraging others to join the group when they make a return visit next year. Four homes were constructed for the very poor during this trip, but he believes that with additional help, much more could be achieved. Although the people have jobs, Garnet reports that wages for the field work most of them do is so minimal that their families can barely feed themselves, and some are living under tarps or cardboard makeshift shelters.

Delta: "Darren Williamson, minister with the church in Delta, BC for the last 5 years, moved to Portland, OR, last month in order to teach at Cascade College. He has almost completed his Ph.D. in Church History from Simon Frazer University, and when the opening for a professor of church history at Cascade presented itself, he applied and was granted the position. He began his duties at Cascade August 19. Darren and his family will be greatly missed in Delta. They are truly irreplaceable. We pray for them a long and very happy life with Cascade College. The Delta church is currently searching for a new minister." - submitted by Jim Hawkins

Oakridge: After a lapse of several years, the church re-established a Sunday evening service on July 18.. We meet at 6:30.

Surrey: At the end of July we celebrated the baptism of Tyler Prystupa, son of Al and Lisa. His Bible school teacher, Al Titineau, assisted Tyler in his new birth. Our Surrey church family is growing and we have plans to carry the gospel of Christ to the lost. We know that God's timing is always perfect. Again, we have seen this with the gift of several oak pews from Bev McClure and her sisters as the church in North Battleford, Saskatchewan was forced to close. The pews will be installed along with our present ones to allow more seating to accommodate the many members who have come to the Surrey church family. Cushions will be made for the pews with materials purchased from donations given, like those given in memory of sister Celia Beckett. Along with His blessings, God has given us many challenges and we must look to Him to guide us as we plan and work toward accomplishing our Goals. - submitted by Pat McLure

Vancouver Island: Two young men were baptized during the Spruston Road Camp for Teens in July. They were Trevor Smale, from Victoria and Kelly Billsten from Chilliwack. Tyler Prystupa, Briel Glazer, Carlin Holland, and Jasmine Robinson (who was visiting her cousin Carlin from Yellowknife) were baptized after returning to Chilliwack. Mike Parker, director of the Teen camp, said that he couldn't credit these decisions to any single lesson-"at best one could hope that the overall experience of Teen Week encouraged these and many other campers to take one more step in their journey with God, wherever they may be in that journey".

Vernon: Greg King, minister in Helena, MT, will be bringing his "Great Commission Workshop" to Vernon Oct. 15 - 17. A firm believer that "The Commission Is Our

Mission", Greg has been highly successful in teaching church members to revolutionize their view of Jesus' purpose for His church, and give them a formula for church growth. Make your plans now to attend this three-day workshop starting at 7 p.m. Friday evening. Situated at the northern tip of Okanagan Lake, Vernon has numerous motels to accommodate visitors. However, the church also has a number of families with room that they are happy to share with visitors. The address of the church is 4107 Pleasant Valley Road, Vernon, BC. V1T 4M1. Evangelist Murray Ververda is a former missionary to Papua New Guinea. You may obtain more information by calling 250-545-6892.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: Mark our youth rally, October 22-24, on your calendars. Michael Mazzalongo from Montreal is the guest speaker. Bruce Tetreau preached July 18 in Carman. Other men are encouraged to take a turn preaching there as they are without a preacher at the present time. Currently sermons are on the Corinthian church and what can be learned from it. These lessons are very practical as the church there faced many of the multi-cultural challenges that many of us face today.

SASKATCHEWAN

Gravelbourg: Members of the congregation celebrated the baptism of Garrett Mitchell on Friday evening, July 23. We have also just completed a very successful Vacation Bible School program. Attendance was up this year having between 40 and 50 children each day. We also used some of our "V.B.S. Alumni" as crew helpers and had another 7 teenagers experiencing the lessons from another angle. It was a great time of learning. On Friday we enjoyed a barbecue with the parents and siblings of the children who attended and then held a short program together. - Wendell Bailey

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Russia: "The church meeting in the city of Samara lost the building we had been renting for the last two years at the end of June. During the month of July we met in a park on three Sundays and on one Sunday we met in a children's club. We decided to meet there for only one time due to the location in the city. But the meetings in the park have been a blessing! It was refreshing to be in the open air under the trees and sunshine. There can be no more beautiful roof than the bright blue sky that is dotted with clouds of fluffy cotton. Our singing was good and it attracted the attention of those passing by. One Sunday a woman and a child came near, but not too close, staying at a safe distance, from the strange and smiling people meeting together. The next week she came closer, and we were able to talk with her. After the discussion she asked us if she could bring her entire family. Of course, we were delighted and we hope to see them at the meetings soon. This event made me wonder what God has to do to us and our churches to get our faith out of our buildings? Yes, please pray for this family and for the church here that we will follow the Lord in humble faith and obedience regardless of where His daily paths may take us. Faith in Christ is a great adventure! We had two new Christians added to the Samara church in July. Dennis, a young man of 25 and Liona, a young woman of 30, both obeyed our Lord. I am excited about them. They both had been studying for some months. Liona had come each summer to the English studies in the years past. Their faith and love are already being seen and felt in the fellowship of believers. Dennis has brought several people with him to the church. Some of them are now studying with me and I hope will one day be Christians as I look forward to their continuing growth in the love of Christ. During July Bill Hance from Lincoln, Nebraska,

conducted a month of English through the Bible classes. They were well attended by both the church and visitors. Bill is a faithful brother who has been helping Samara Christians for many years. We also received letters and calls from our brothers and sisters in Japan. After they read our last letter for June, they decided as a church to help the Samara church with a contribution to the building fund. It was a great surprise and a wonderful blessing to hear from others so far away and to know they have the love in their hearts for God's people even though most of them we may never meet in this physical life." – From a report by Mitch and Naomi Propst

N. Korea: Fort Worth, TX veterinarian Sid Allen and Bill Kidd, a retired biomedical technologist who lives in Dallas will leave DFW around Sept 25, spend a weekend in Seoul, and fly to Beijing to meet John Bailey, who will already be there as he ends a medical campaign in southern China where he has been doing cleft palates and general dentistry. The three will fly to NE China where they will meet their escorts and drive into North Korea across the Tumen River. Their destination is Rajin, a city about two hours south of the border. A new clinic is six

miles north of the city along the coast of the East Sea (Sea of Japan). This is the very NE tip of N.K. and is an economic trade zone that encourages foreign investments in the area just below Hun Chun, China. The clinic/orphanage/kindergarten was dedicated July 12, but not opened, as construction was behind schedule. The trio will help to be sure everything is in place when they arrive. Sid Allen will also be working with the goat farm adjacent to the clinic. John Bailey, who is always on the go since his retirement from dental practice, was in Panama in August doing medical missions. Bill Kidd travels all over the world helping clinics set up laboratories and training local personnel to use the equipment. He will probably stay all of October doing this for the clinic in N.K. – from a report by Sid Allen, an elder in the North Davis church in Arlington, TX.

Papua New Guinea: "Our visitors from Seattle and Tucson arrived safely and right on time in early August. They taught for two weeks at the Bible college here (Lae) before leaving for the Highlands of PNG on the 14th. Aaron Vann, from Seattle, taught Counselling classes. It was his first time away from North America. His father-in-law, Fred Burrows, has been coming to PNG three to four times a year for the past several years to teach a program he calls "Training Towards Maturity". On their first Sunday here, they went out to one of the nearby villages for worship where a handful of people met in spite of torrential rain." – Report from Velma Forman

Sendai, Japan Mission: Team Furlough: Please pray for Ben Berry, Joel Osborne, Crimsen Ruhnke, and Jonathan & Michiko Straker as they travel through Canada and the US from now to the end of October. They plan to report on their first two years in the Japanese work, and to raise funds for the next three-year mission. During their stay here, the Sendai congregation, including the new Christians, will follow-up on the 80+ Let's Start Talking readers. Should you wish to donate toward the team's furlough expenses, please contact the Sendai Mission Committee at Bramalea Church of Christ. – Report by Walter Straker

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not engaged in some form of humble service, we are not Christ-like leaders.

IV. Not jealous (38-41)

The Christ-like leader is not jealous. John was jealous. He did not want anyone performing signs unless that person traveled with Jesus and the Twelve. John would rather that demons have control of people's lives, than to have the credit for their release go outside his circle. Certainly, if the man casting out demons had been teaching falsely, or had been personally immoral, these would have been reasons for concern (Mt 7:15ff). But what we have here is not of that nature. There is no indication of a problem with the man's doctrine or his life. It does not even appear that John was aware of either. John tried to stop him simply because "he was not one of us" (38).

Jealousy is death to Christian leadership. If we are concerned about who gets the credit, nothing credit-worthy is likely to be accomplished.

V. Influence (42-50)

The Christ-like leader is concerned about his influence. Christ-like leaders do not excuse questionable conduct in their lives by saying, "It is not a sin." Certainly Christian leaders seek to rid their lives of sin. But they go further. The Christ-like leader avoids activities that might lead others into sin.

I grew up listening to Walter Cronkite give the news. The news always ended the same way. After his famous closing line he would light his pipe and begin to smoke. Many other people whom I admired also smoked. So I tried it, and I liked it. But I knew that smoking leads to cancer, and that it is bad stewardship. So I reasoned, I better not smoke until I am old. Once I reach seventy or so, it will not matter if I smoke because I will not have time to develop cancer. But what about my influence? Would I be leading others into sin? Jesus said, "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck" (42). We need Christian leaders who are deeply concerned about their influence.

VI. Courage in teaching (10:1-11)

The Christ-like leader shows courage when unpopular teaching must be given. We do not have to like everything we teach. I certainly do not like everything that I teach. I used to feel guilty about this. Then I noticed that Jesus did not seek this confrontation. He did not go out there wanting to give this unpopular teaching on divorce. The subject was forced upon him. When faced with the need to give unpopular teaching, he did not flinch. He did not evade. He faced the matter squarely and spoke the truth plainly.

There are many subjects we are avoiding. I do not say that we need to constantly bring up the most unpopular

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to take on human servant form and die for us (Philippians 2:5-11).

But while our rights should not have highest priority, they are real, and they flow, not from our desires and from what we may think at the moment will make us happy, but from God. The world does not exist by chance, and we are not here by chance. God created us and God redeems us. This means our rights flow from God's design, both in creation and redemption.

A text that provides a paradigm for applying the principles of creation to the subject of rights is found in Matthew 19:3-12. Some Pharisees asked Jesus whether a man had the right to divorce his wife "for any and every reason." Jesus did not say, "Do what will make you happy," but he pointed them to the beginning, to the way God made us, and to his plan when he instituted marriage: "The Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let not

By going back to God's design in creation we can find helpful insights into all sorts of contemporary questions - women's rights (both male and female are made in God's image), gay marriage (God made male and female, and the two become one flesh), animal rights (man has been placed over the rest of creation), attitude toward the environment (Adam was to take care of the garden), etc. How did the Creator make us at the beginning, before sin entered the world?

While creation defines the rights of all human beings, the Christian must also factor in redemption. We have been "bought at a price" and belong to Christ - a reality that both gives rights (according to Revelation 22:14, those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb "have the right to the tree of life") and affects priorities and how we exercise our rights (1 Corinthians 9:3ff).

Thus, true rights come from God. We are free to be and do all that God designed but have no rights to be and do anything else. To some this unduly restricts liberty, but it is no more restrictive than for a fish to have to live in water. A fish in the ocean is free to do all that God created it to do, even though it cannot fly like a bird or walk on land like a man. This right (and need) to live in harmony with what God made us to be is what the Bible calls freedom. Living contrary to God's design is what the Bible calls sin, and sin brings not freedom but bondage (John 8:32-34).

It is important to know why Christians reach different conclusions about rights than do non-Christians. First of all, as Christians we need to know that genuine rights flow from God and not from self. Otherwise, we may unwittingly succumb to the seductive and self-pleasing secular concept of rights - so seductive at times that some of its watchwords creep into Christian conversation and even into our sermons.

But we also need this understanding if we are ever going to engage in meaningful discussion with those who hold different views. Quoting Scripture to those who do not accept Scripture is not helpful. We need to know where these people and their ideas are coming from in order to challenge their presuppositions. While we do not want to force the Christian view on anyone, we want, if possible, to win men and women over through the persuasive power of God's truth.

But though others are never persuaded, in the kingdom we must stand for what is right. For the time being Christians may have lost the battle over issues like gay marriage, for about half the people already accept it, and as more and more older people die off, there will be a decided majority in favour. When this happens, politicians will vote for it, since they are in office by consent of the governed. But this does not change what is right, and thus Christians must never surrender to the values of the world around them.

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aspects of Christian doctrine and morals. But when difficult issues do come up, and they will, a Christ-like leader will courageously state the truth.

VII. Values children (13-16)

The Christ-like leader realizes the value of children. Many leaders are too busy to take time with little ones. This is such a common phenomenon that the disciples assume it will be true with Jesus. He has tried to avoid crowds (9:30f), so surely, they reason, he will not want to be bothered with children. Jesus is "indignant" when he realizes what they are doing (14). He wants children around.

Children are important to our ministries for at least two reasons.

First, the church will have a dim future if leaders neglect the children. That does not mean that the leaders themselves must organize every youth activity or that they must teach every Bible class. But the leaders, if they are Christ-like, will know what is going on in the youth activities and classes. They will take time to encourage the youth.

The reason given in the text, however, has nothing to do with the future, it is a present reality. Children are important because they remind us to accept the kingdom in simplicity and humility. What we learn from the children is at least as important as what they learn from us.

VIII. Commitment (17-31)

The Christ-like leader calls for uncompromising commitment. Jesus called on the rich young man to give up everything. Too many leaders today are in the business of watering down the demands, highlighting the benefits and hiding the consequences. Cheap grace is the only kind that is known in many churches today. The costly grace of Jesus is unfashionable. We need Christian leaders who will call for commitment.

Jesus did not just expect commitment from others, of course. The call to "sell all, give to the

poor, and follow me" is followed by another prediction of the Cross (32-34). It is much nicer to preach a prosperity gospel than to preach the costly grace of Jesus, because a preacher of prosperity has no difficulty defending his own comfortable lifestyle. Christ-like leaders will not only call on others to make a total commitment, they will show signs of that commitment in their own lives.

IX. Humble service (35-44)

Christ-like leaders are servants. This is a repeat of the leadership message contained in 9:30-37. It is a principle that bears repeating. It is the central principle of Christ-like leadership. It may not be the most difficult to notice, but it is the most difficult for us to practice.

Christian bookshops are full of books on leadership. Many, perhaps most, of these are modeled on principles learned from the business world, or the world of sports. Few of them completely ignore this central principle of Christian leadership. It is usually presented, but I

doubt that it is given the central place it should hold. There may be things that we can learn about leadership from football coaches and business tycoons, but the central lesson we learn from Jesus contradicts the way most of these men live. Jesus said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (42-45)

X. Activates people (46-52)

Our final principle is that the Christ-like leader engages people in active problem solving. Good leaders do not make people passive. Christ-like leaders lead people to be active.

Jesus had to heal Bartimaeus. There was no way that the man could heal himself. But Jesus made him come. Jesus made him state his request. Jesus did not allow Bartimaeus to be completely passive, even though he was completely unable to heal himself.

Too often we do things for people that they could and should do for themselves. Such an approach is not good for the leaders, who become overburdened. It is not good for the followers, who become increasingly passive. It does not properly honour our Lord, who made us all with potential and gave us all responsibilities.

Conclusion

I have read a lot of good books on leadership, but none that compare with the Bible. There are many good models of leadership, but none that compare with Jesus. We would do well to cultivate these characteristics of Christ-like leadership in our lives.

Regina, SK



Great Lakes Upcoming Events
Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 11	Alumni Golf Tournament in Tillsonburg
Sept. 7	Registration Day at Bible College, High School, and Preschool
Sept. 18	Partnership Dinner at GLCC
Oct. 2	Annual Corporation Meeting *note revised date
Oct. 15-17	Homecoming Weekend 2004
Nov. 1 - 5	Bible College Short Course <u>The Spiritual Disciplines</u> in Waterloo
Nov. 7 - 9	Great Lakes Lectureships <u>The Message of Acts in the 21st Century</u>
Nov. 20	GLBC Youth Rally: Michael Mazzalongo
Nov. 26-27	WAVES Winter Wonderland Craft Show

OBITUARIES

GARDNER, (Kathleen) Marie

Marie passed away suddenly at Woodstock General Hospital on Wednesday March 31, 2004. Her husband Harry whom she married June 28, 1947 sadly misses her. She was the loving mother of Allan & wife Cyndi, Morris, and Liz & husband Dean Barre. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Darryl, Matthew, Sarah, Stephen, Allie, and Nicky. Her precious daughter Kathleen predeceased her in 1964.

My mom was such a special woman. I admired so much her love and dedication to God. She didn't just attend church on Sundays; she lived the life daily. When she died she was a member of Brantford Church of Christ, but she has been a member of many other congregations of the Church. Brother Thomas Bailey baptized her on February 16, 1941.

My mom always had her door open to visitors. I have many memories as a child of people staying over during GLCC lectureships when we lived in Beamsville. She loved to invite people for dinner and opened her home right up to her last years.

She was a strong supporter of young people. Some of the girls who stayed at her house a few years ago still kept in touch with her with letters. She was very proud of the work Jamie Azzoparde was doing in Brantford with the youth. Jamie tells me that she would slip him money to treat them with pizza. And she really loved the little ones. She always had stickers or some neat toy in her purse to lend to a fussy child around her in church.

When in Beamsville she worked as a nurse's aide at Albright Manor. She used to take me to visit some of the residents. She spent a lot of time with one lady who has no family, and could be found in her room after work helping her do crosswords. She never tired of working for God. She was a lifetime member of WAVES and worked tirelessly for many years raising money for GLCC. I remember of lot of chicken a la king being cooked and many, many pies for the Waves caterings. With each congregation where she attended she would throw herself into whatever she could do. In Brantford she could always be found at the door greeting everyone with a great big smile and a warm heart.

My mom loved to laugh. She always seemed to find humour in things. I can remember so many times when she, Dean, and I would sit and laugh so hard. She really loved the world God made for us. She never failed to stop and look around at all God's creation and how beautiful it is. I could go on and on about my special mom and the things that she tried to teach me about life and God. How do you sum

up someone's life, someone that did so much and worked so hard? I am just so thankful that she chose to adopt me and that I had the privilege and blessing of being her daughter. Submitted by Liz Barre

Meakes, "Harry" Henry

Harry Meakes was born January 3, 1911, a son of James and Elsie (nee Butler) Meakes. Harry grew up on the family farm in the Lestock-Wishart area of Saskatchewan. Harry's parents were very devout, teaching their children to respect God and His Word.

In 1936 Robert Sinclair, who was living in Wishart area, founded the Gospel Herald. Harry became a subscriber and avid reader of this publication. In June of 1937, the Perryville congregation was holding a series of meetings with Bro. Lowell Davis as speaker. Harry attended a few times. According to Romans 6:3-6, Galatians 3:27, and other scriptures Harry became obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was happy to do this, including repentance by making changes in his lifestyle. For example, although he had been a heavy smoker for ten years, he quit abruptly.

In 1949, Henry was united in marriage to Margaret Perry, and the couple lived for some years on a farm north of Lestock. As well as living between Lestock and Wishart, Harry and Margaret have lived in Yorkton, SK and Medicine Hat, AB. Everywhere, Harry served the church in many capacities: doing janitor and secretarial work, providing transportation and taking public parts in the worship assemblies. Harry was also very devoted to his family.

In March 2004 Harry became a resident of the Central Park-Riverview Care Centre in Medicine Hat. He passed away July 9, 2004 at the age of 93. Harry is survived by his wife, Margaret, sons: Elvin "Al" (Linda) and Manfred (Myckee); grandchildren Ryan, Alayna (Jason), Ashley, Matthew, Andrew, Daniel, and April; great grandson Joel, brother David (Olga); and a daughter-in-law Anne (Garth) Maier. A son Douglas and brothers James, Arthur, and Frank predeceased Harry.

A memorial service was held in the Crescent Height's church building in Medicine Hat on July 14. Then the funeral service was held in Wishart, SK on July 16. Interment was in Round Plain Cemetery. On both occasions Jamie Lobert gave the lesson and several others paid tribute to Harry

Submitted by Margaret Meakes

Torkelson, Lillian M. "Miss T."

Lillian was born on October 24, 1910 and passed away on August 6, 2004, just a few months short of her 94th birthday.

The funeral was held on August 11 at the Church of Christ building in Weyburn, SK.

E. Daniel Wieb officiated with Lowell Peterson leading the congregation in song. Roland Olson, Clarke Storle, and Roger Peterson participated in the service.

The Church building was filled to capacity as was expected with more than 100 former students in attendance. Representatives of the Retired Teachers Assoc. of Saskatchewan were present and formed an honour guard. Interment took place in Beaubier, SK overlooking the original Torkelson homestead.

Miss T., as she was so affectionately known, was born at Anamoose, North Dakota to Emil and Hulda Torkelson. The Torkelsons moved to Saskatchewan and homesteaded near Beaubier. Their arrival at the homestead was dismal indeed for a prairie fire had blackened the prairie and their land was dotted with rocks, which had to be hand picked before ploughing could begin. The family stayed with relatives until Emil, along with uncle Jens and a friend, J.C. Johnson, could get a house built.

Those early days were extremely difficult as they were for many hard working pioneer families. They were especially difficult for the Torkelsons as their barn burned after being struck by lightning, their granary and chicken coop were destroyed by wind and their home burned to the ground after the family had left the farm in 1924.

Lillian was 5½ years old when she started school near present day Ratcliffe, SK. where she received most of her elementary education. When she was but 8 years old, the flu epidemic hit Saskatchewan and Lillian along with her mother and two siblings became very ill. Her father did his very best to nurse them until the doctor arrived. Lillian was the most ill of the family but survive they did and from that time until just recently Lillian enjoyed very good health.

Her father died in 1919 and two years later her mother married Eddy Jacobson. The family left the farm and moved to Radville. During her 13th summer, Lillian's aunt had come to visit and invited Lillian to spend a year with her in North Dakota where she took her grade seven before moving back to Saskatchewan. The family moved to Radville in 1924 and this presented the opportunity for Lillian to go to high school. She proved to be an exceptional student and in 1928 received the Governor General's medal for academic excellence.

From grade four on, Lillian was interested in history, an interest that would remain with her the rest of her days. After high school, Miss Torkelson attended Regina Normal School. She began teaching the next year and taught in a number of one room schools and several smaller high schools. In 1943, she received the Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from the University of Manitoba.

From 1946 to 1957 she taught at Radville Christian College, a high school which she helped found. She was at first the only teacher and often served in numerous ways to keep the school open and operational. She moved with the school when it moved to Weyburn in 1957 and became Western Christian College. She taught on both the high school and college level until 1982 when at the age of 72, she finally left the classroom.

Lillian was a marvellous teacher. She believed that God wanted her in the classroom and taught with complete devotion to the task.

She was also a dedicated student. From her earliest years, she was an avid reader. She loved books and was a capable writer. She authored a number of histories and helped research others. She was instrumental in the founding of Radville Christian College and helping to start a magazine for Christian women, entitled Sister Triangle.

Lillian had complete faith in God. She was immersed in 1926 upon her confession of faith in Jesus the Christ. She was a dedicated and loyal member of the Church of Christ. She would never miss a service or a Bible class if she were at all able to be present. She believed in Christian Education and even in her retirement years after 52 years in the classroom, she kept in touch with her former students, mentored young teachers and was a source of encouragement to many.

Though she lived almost all of her life in South-eastern Saskatchewan, Miss T. was a world traveler. She had several very close personal friends who accompanied her on her journeys. She traveled extensively in Canada and the U.S.A. She visited the land of her ancestors in Norway and France, toured much of Europe and the Holy Land. She visited missionaries in Papua New Guinea and attended a world's fair in Australia. Her trips were never merely sightseeing trips. They were learning experiences. She learned the history and enjoyed the art and music of each area she visited. She understood Art History and even enjoyed opera and operettas when she had opportunity to attend such.

Besides her service to the Lord through the church, Lillian served her community. She was a member of the University Women's Club in Weyburn. She was an honorary life member of the Saskatchewan Superannuated Teachers Association both on the local and Provincial levels. She received numerous awards for her teaching and is regarded by many as a model teacher.

Her former students have recognized Miss T. in many ways, as has Western Christian College. The Church, along with her family will miss this wonderful Christian lady.

- E. D. Wieb.

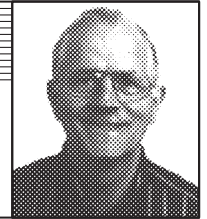
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***Mere Discipleship: Radical Christianity in a Rebellious World.* Lee C. Camp. Brazos Press, Grand Rapids, Mich. 208 pages. \$14.99**

Lee Camp, professor of Christian Ethics at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. has written what could be one of the most influential books one will read on becoming a disciple of Christ.

Mere Discipleship challenges, stretches, confronts, and encourages various aspects of our beliefs, thoughts, and actions as we follow Christ. At times you will want to set the book down because it hurts to think of our faith in the ways Camp suggest, while at the same time it gives us encouragement to be a follower of Christ.

Camp gives us a strong critic of Constantianian Christianity. For those who might be unfamiliar with Constantianian Christianity, it is when Christianity became a recognized religion under the Emperor Constantine in the year 312. Christianity, having been moved from an outlawed religion to a recognized faith, changed dramatically. Camp argues that this Constantianian Christianity has greatly influenced our beliefs and he calls into question various aspects that need to be questioned and/or changed about our walk with God.

The book has been divided into three parts: Reenvisioning Discipleship, What Disciples Believe and What Disciples Do. As these three parts are developed, we are forced to consider how we hear and respond to the call of Jesus to become a disciple/follower of Christ.

All leaders of churches need to read this book. It will help us to think critically and theologically about our methods and actions of forming our congregations to become more Christ-like.

- Reviewed by Nathan Pickard

The Story of Omagh Bible School, The Early Years, by Wilma Johnstone Moore, 63 large pages, many photographs. Cost: \$20.00 plus postage. It can be ordered from Omagh Bible School c/o Elaine Gray, 163 Wendover Drive, Hamilton, ON. L9C 5X6. The proceeds from the book will go to Camp Omagh.

Here is a book that will be treasured by a great many brothers and sisters in Christ! It contains the story of a Bible School and Christian Camp that has so many fantastic memories for so many Christians!

The book is dedicated to the school's founders, William and Mabel Johnstone, by their children Grace May, Mildred Glover, Ella Walker, Willis Johnstone, and Wilma Moore. Also to Alex and Bertha Stewart who were the first teachers. The Omagh church building is also mentioned. Those who attended the school in earlier days will remember the unusual structure of the church building where the speaker had to "look up" to the congregation.

So many people have been involved at the school that it is impossible to name them all. Here is an interesting quote: "The 1941 session would prove to have great significance for many people in years to come. Joe Cannon, Bruce Sweezie, and Murray Hammond were 'sent' to Bible School by Bro. Linn Whitelaw, as punishment for breaking a window at the Fern Avenue church building. Joe, being the 'ringleader' of a gang in Toronto, was rather mischievous. He was expelled his second day but due to gasoline rations, no one had enough gasoline to drive him home to Toronto. At the end of the week all three boys begged to stay another week. All three boys were baptized July 10, 1941."

Raymond Crumbliss was a great leader and was involved at the school over several years. He wrote a hilarious poem about the school that is worth the price of the book.

The school provided a great opportunity for learning the Word of God. But there were also times for recreation and entertainment. One picture shows the hay wagon pulled up to the house. The actors (?) came out of the window to perform on the wagon. Wilma writes, "There were several very well done numbers. A 'squawkette' of girls sang a song or two. One of them sang bass and well! The boys from the Fern Ave. church (including your reviewer) put on a minstrel show complete with band."

There are many pictures showing the different buildings that were erected over the years. Also pictured are the many recreational events, ladies in the kitchen, dinner time, swimming, ball games, etc. A wonderful event was the opening of the new Johnstone Hall with Joe Cannon as the speaker.

No doubt many will want their own copy of this fantastic book. Every congregation will be blessed by having a copy that all members can read.

Cleaning House? Moving? Wait a Minute!! Hold On!!

Collector seeks older photos, newspapers, magazines, postcards, other paper goods. Any topic. pre-1950 preferred
Some books, small furniture and older medical items/toys considered.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; (June – August) Sun. service 10 am, (Sept – May) Children's Bible Classes 9:30 & 11:15, Worship 9 & 10:45, Wed. 6:45 p.m. Small Groups (Fri – Mon, eve.) Phone (403) 272-2111; E-mail: info@calgarycfc.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St. T4V 1A2 Sun. 10:30 am. Wed. 7:00 pm 780-672-1220 (off).

EDMONTON: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9. (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 class at the building & CARE groups in homes. Dave Friesen, ev 460-4258. Elders: Henri Bouchard, Vern Hibbard, David Hotchkiss, Walter Hreczuch, C.Eric Limb, Peter Ross. www.edmontonchurchofchrist.org, email: church5@telus.net.

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

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): #5 – 2580 Cedar Park Place V2S 6B2; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at address above, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052; email: normjen@shaw.ca; website: http://www.members.shaw.ca/allanjan/cvccoc/

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

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

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6J4; Al McCutcheon, sec. (604) 792-0046

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

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

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

KAMLOOPS: 1295 Monashee Court; Sun. 10:00; Tues. 7:00; PO Box 2129, V2B 7K5; Dane Bengard, ev. (250) 377-3386

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St., Kelowna BC, V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship, Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-764-4313, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. 7:00 meeting in homes, please phone for time and place; Grant Hannan, min. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish, sec. 758-6929; cell phone 729-1833.

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

PRINCE GEORGE: 4337 Ewen Dr.; Mailing Address: PO Box 2437, V2N 2S6; Sun. 10; For more information contact Grahame Somerville 562-6708, Leo Selzer 964-9102 or Office (250) 562-0502.

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sun. 4-5 pm, 3-4 pm; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

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

SURREY: (Greater Vancouver):15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev., 594-1796.

Vancouver (City Church): Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive, Worship 4:30 to 6:15 p.m., Bible Study 6:30 p.m.(mailing address, 483 East 51st Ave, Vancouver, V5X 1C8), Stephen C. Hasbrouck, Sr. ev., (604) 263-3470

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

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

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9:00 traditional service; 10:30 contemporary service; midweek in homes; (250) 592-4914 (off); contact Mr. Martin Moore; website: www.churchadmin@sscoc.bc.ca

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

DAUPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address: Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 2T9; Sun. worship 9:00 & 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; (204) 638-6321 (off), Fax: 638-0872; Randy Foss, ev., email: wyyes@hotmail.com

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, ROM 1J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085.

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

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10 worship, 11:15 Bible School, Wed. 7; Office: (204) 475-6462 Fax: (413) 677-6165 web site: http://www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261- 9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 chad@winnipegchurch.ca

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MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 852-0919; Royal Maillet (506) 532-2956; other contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 525-9628

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

NEW YORK STATE

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

NIAGARA FALLS: 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303. Off(716)285-6534, Home (716) 886-2871. Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius. e-mail BROCNFCC@juno.com

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave., 14223; Sun. 10,11,7; Wed. 7:30.

SARDINIA: Rt. 39, (1 mile west of Rt. 16), Sun. 10 & 11, Wed. 7 PM, mailing address: PO Box 186, Sardinia, NY, 14134, Glen Mueller, ev., (716)-496-5143, Cell (716)-560-6304, gemsar@adelphia.net

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 9, 11; (867) 873-3875. Elders: Doug Ashby, Craig Robinson, Randy Straker; Steve McMillan, min.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Midweek, check for day and place; ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

DARTMOUTH: 19 Killikee Gate, Dartmouth, NS, B3B 1A7; Neil Prokop (902) 463-3629/430-9543cell, neilprokop@hotmail.com. Please call for Sunday worship times and midweek information

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

SHUBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd.; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 6:30; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, (902) 758-2633.

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); Malcolm Porter, (905) 688 3346 res,

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Mac Flemming Paints); Sun. 9:30, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail <r.sharvey@sympatico.ca> or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm small groups in various places (small group in library at building) (Visitors welcome); Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: don093@sympatico.ca

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

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

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; office (519) 759-6630; Jamie Azzopardi, ev. (519) 770-4814 (res)

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other 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, P0A 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9V 3V5; (705) 444-0010 (office); Don MacMullin, ev.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun. 10,11; Wed 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825; Fax: (613) 933-2464; Emails: churchofchrist@cocego.ca or abojarski@cocego.ca; Website: http://home.cocego.ca/~abojarski/abojarski

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email <DonHipwell@AOL.com>

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

GUELPH: The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10:30, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 25 Keys Crescent, N1G 5J7; David Azzopardi, sec. (519) 821-9179.

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0 (705)647-5488 or Mike Tinney PO Box 702, Haileybury ON P0J 1K0 (705)672-9241

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; (905) 385-5775(off); Mike McCabe, ev., (905) 574-3022(h), mike_p_m@yahoo.com; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174

HAMILTON (North): YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun.10, 11 Wed. 7; Joe Sandassie, (905) 389-0714, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

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

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

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

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr. P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Ken Skinner 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1-1/4 mile S. of Hwy 540; classes 9:45, worship 11:00, Sun; Les Cramp ev; 705-282-0974; PO Box 3, Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0.

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Earl Rattai, ev., 548-2245.

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7: (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: kingstoncfc@aol.com; Preacher: Richard Maddeaux Associate Preacher: Gordon Gibson

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room) 200 King St. W.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Mailing address: Kitchener Church of Christ, P.O. Box 25040, SDM Hiway Centre Postal Outlet, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A5; Hugh Pitcher 519-699-5263 or Julian Smith 519-742-8626.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-8088

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpiddle 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/>

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

MISSISSAUGA: Living Waters Christian Fellowship. Rudy and Nancy Ostil; 2305 S Millway, Unit 108, Mississauga ON L5L 3P8; Bible study and prayer every Thursday 7:30 pm.; Lord's supper offered on Sundays - call for time; 905-608-2508; cell - 647-887-7794.

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502(off); e-mail: pickardnathan@hotmail.com

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

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail: daviddrock@acncanada.net; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; 7 pm at church building; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; Bryan Mener, ev. (905) 383-5259; 875-2939 (off).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.); www.churchofchrist.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519)376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: <oscoc@bmts.com>

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room., Parkway Place Mall Landsdowne St.W. Sunday: 10 & 10:45 Mid-Week Study contact Peter McPherson at 705-742-5349 or Fred at 705-741-4031.

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

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

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

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): 5 Great Western St. (Unit 2); Sun. 9, 10,11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 1231/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 Midweek meeting in homes. Call for location. (519)782-4902.

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

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; David H. Dunn, ev.; (519) 542-4108 (res); (519)-339-1161 (off); email: dhdunn@sympatico.ca

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; 705-942-9283.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 9:30, 10:50; call for Sun. pm time; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev.; (705) 256-1977 (off/res), <r.s.lansdell@sympatico.ca>; Rob Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612, <rwhitfield@sympatico.ca>.

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

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

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

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Wkdy evenings call for time and place; Darrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 643-7853 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec. email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545; Paul Dale (519) 273-9063 email: pauldale.dale@sympatico.ca

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

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

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Guy Stopard, ev. 705-842-3340; Eric White, RR 2, POR 1L0 (705) 842-6533.

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

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

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

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

TORONTO (Scarborough): Scarborough Y.M.C.A., 230 Town Centre Court; Sun. 9 a.m., 10 a.m.; (Mailing Address: PO Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr., Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7); Devon Bennett, ev., 905-686-2486, cell: 416-522-6237, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca

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

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy (416) 267-6820, Elders; Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail <mxcc@strathmorecfc.ca>; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev, website: www.strathmorecfc.ca

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, 240 Elgin St. N., Box 274, Mount Forest, NOG 2L0; (519) 323-2424

WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun, 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; Javier Cuarezma, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res); Bill Schwarz, ev. (519) 571-1047 (res).

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson st.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON NOG 2S0; email- gregory@gregorycnsmith.com

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; 11, 10, Wed 6:30 pm, call 905-732-2465 for alternate locations; David Steward, 834-5652; Harold Bruggen, ev. 732-2465

WEST MANITOULIN: Meets in homes, call ahead; Sun. 10:30. Mailing address: 10787 Hwy 540, R.R.1, Gore Bay, POP 1H0. Contact Bill Baker 705-282-2095 or Dieter Nollert 705-282-2908

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 3713 Shinglecreek Crt., Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; email: wsidecoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidecoc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

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MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 598-5 th Avenue, Lachine; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 Westmount Station, H3Z 2T1; (514) 606 8777.

MONTREAL (Verdun - English/French): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; English: Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Mazzalongo, ev. (514) 694-0994; email: Mazzalongo@videotron.ca French: Sun 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105; email: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca Sylvain Arseneault, ev. 450-973-9880; <woody_preacher2@hotmail.com>

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Beaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240; office 418-651-3664; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

ESTEVA: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res.

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, Box 507, S0H 1X0; Wendell Bailey, ev (306) 648-3435; Marvin Bandura, Sec. 648-3629

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

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Rolland Bouchard, ev.; (780) 875-4056; email: lloydccc@telus.net

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); (306) 693-4064 (off.).

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

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (306) 763-2218. Contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187

RADVILLE: in private Residence at (810 Mann Ave.); Richard Thue, sec., Box 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

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

SASKATOON: Sunday, coffee & fellowship 9:30; Worship 10, Wed. 7; Phone for summer schedule; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev. 343-7884; Outreach: Bernard Krogsgaard 373-3651; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: stoncofcoffice@sasktel.net

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-773-9043.

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Box 454, S0G 5A0; Sun. 10; Mid-week call; Brent Olson, minister, 306-577-4992 or contact Cam Husband, 306-538-4585.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Scott Wade, ev. (306) 842-6424 (off); (306) 848-2032 (res).

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

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