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Father, Forgive Them – PART 2

Cecil T. Bailey

After a day or two to relax and meditate on what we had experienced in Bethlehem, we were ready to head for Nazareth in Galilee. As we proceeded on our way, just a short distance north of Jerusalem we came to a village named Emmaus. Here we were told of a man who claimed to know Jesus well. Whereupon, we visited his house. He and his wife devoutly affirmed that Jesus, the Nazarene, had eaten at their house just a day or two after it was announced that he had risen, and before he returned to Galilee.

Instead of skirting Samaria, and proceeding to Galilee by way of the Jordan Valley, as was the custom for many Jews, we proceeded directly northward through Samaria. We were eager to see and taste the water of Jacob's well at the town of Sychar.

From the time we entered the province of Samaria, its residents treated us rather coldly, but not as harshly as we had anticipated. Even when we were children, we had always heard the Samaritans spoken against, and we deemed them to be quite inferior to ourselves. We were quite prepared, therefore, to be slighted, or even ignored by them. As a result we were quite unprepared for what happened next.

After we had excitedly drunk from Jacob's well at Sychar, we went into a small inn and asked for something to eat. Our order was brought to us graciously enough, but unsmilingly. However, when Judith asked the waiter if he had ever heard of a Nazarene called Jesus, his face lit up with a beautiful smile, and he ran out of the inn, calling, "Auntie, auntie, there is a lady here that wants to know about Jesus." We were all struck dumb!

In a short time, a pleasant-looking, middle-aged lady entered the inn and spoke to us quite cheerfully. "Do you want to know about Jesus?" she asked. When we answered affirmatively, she smiled more graciously than ever, and began: "About two years ago, as I was drawing water from our well, a young Jew asked me to give him a drink. She said that she had been surprised that

a Jewish man would even talk to her. After she had accommodated him with a drink from the well, he told her that he could give her what he called "living water" so that she would not be thirsty any more. "At first I thought he must be crazy, but he was so devout and innocent in his approach that he won my confidence. He proceeded to tell me things about my life that no stranger could possibly know. When I proposed to him that Mt. Gerizim should be as good a place to worship God as Mt. Zion, he angered me by saying that salvation was from the Jews, but immediately he said that it soon wouldn't matter where one worshiped, or who was worshipping Him. He said, "shortly even Gentiles will be worshipping our God, if they will worship Him in spirit and in truth."

"When his followers joined him, he seemed totally unashamed that he had been in conversation with me. When others from the town joined us, he continued to talk to them of spiritual things just as if they were Jews. Since then we have wondered if he could be the real Messiah for whom both Jews and Samaritans are looking."

We told the woman and her friends about what had happened to the Nazarene and about the two stories that were being circulated about him, namely, that his disciples stole his body from the tomb and then claimed that he had risen, or, what the woman Mary of Magdala and the two at Emmaus had insisted, that he had really risen from the dead. "If he has really risen from

the dead," they said, "Maybe he'll come back and visit us again."

The next day, as we continued northward through Samaria, our minds were more confused than ever. Both Jude and I were quite incensed that the Nazarene had suggested that God was about to open his arms to the Gentiles. As we proceeded to discount the very thought of such a thing happening, Esther and Judith seemed to think it would be wonderful. "Isn't that what our prophets have been telling us over and over again through the years", they asked? "God told Abraham that in him all nations of the earth would be blessed, didn't he? And Isaiah sponsored the idea over and over," they insisted. Jude and I soon realized that our wives were more in tune with our sacred Scriptures than we were. By the time we had reached the Sea of Galilee we had heard many, many stories of the Nazarene's power to perform miracles even to the raising of the dead. At Nazareth we learned that some were still very angry that he seemed to suggest that God was concerned for others as well as the Jews.³ His acceptance of Samaritans was most distasteful to the Jewish leaders in particular. Jude and I wondered how he would have reacted if he were obliged to live with the Gentiles every day as we were in Pontus.

When we eventually returned to Jerusalem, Jude and I were still unconvinced that this man was truly a man of God, but we were equally convinced that he was no ordinary scoundrel. We also had become aware that much of the antagonism toward him was prompted by our leaders' jealousy for his popularity with the masses. The almost savagery with which he attacked our leaders was very difficult for us to comprehend. However, their intense hatred of him seemed equally uncalled for as well.

Long hours were spent in our encampment discussing the unique character and strange behavior of the Nazarene. From what they had learned during these days of waiting, many were convinced that we ought not to have acted so hastily in condemning him to

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The Editors

death. As to whether he had been stolen from the tomb, or had actually risen from the dead, to most of us, it was still a debatable issue. The possibility that he had risen from the dead was particularly maddening to those Jews who were Sadducees. Jude and I and our wives are all from Pharisee families, so that aspect was not so bothersome to us.

Suddenly, the conflict among us took on a new dimension. The word was being spread that the risen Nazarene had returned to Jerusalem, and in the clear sight of some of his followers had ascended from the Mount of Olives in a cloud into the heavens. Moreover, Esther and Judith had inadvertently come in contact, on a visit into the city, with the now much-discussed Mary of Magdala. A small band of priests had gathered around her and were attempting to persuade her that she was only a woman, and a deluded one at that, and that she could expect severe persecution as long as she held fast to her delusions. Judith and Esther became quite annoyed at the severity with which these priests pursued their victim so they interposed and took her aside and gently asked her to tell them her whole story.

She confided to them the story of her life, and why the Nazarene was so dear to her. She was born into a well-to-do family on the south shore of the Lake of Galilee. Her parents lavished her with all she needed and more, she told them. Then when she was about seven years old she began to have serious emotional problems. A myriad of personalities vied for control of her daily life. Some of the spirits were viciously wicked, while others were less destructive. Soon other children were forbidden to play with her, and she was only allowed out in public in the custody of her parents.

When she reached young womanhood, although she was attractive physically, she was shunned by everyone and was desperately unhappy. One early

morning as she and her mother were walking along the seashore to avoid meeting people, they met the Nazarene teacher, and to the consternation of her mother, she began to berate him venomously. Strangely, he seemed quite unperturbed by her tirade, and spoke firmly to the spirit within her to vacate this lovely woman and to take all his companions with him.

"What a wonderful transformation!" she said. "Immediately, I was whole again. From that day on, I have been his faithful disciple. Now that he has returned to his heavenly Father, I shall miss him so much, but he promised me that he would not forsake me."

When Judith and Esther returned to our encampment they were so sure that this Nazarene was Israel's Messiah, and indeed, the hope for the whole world. Jude and I tried to caution them against such a conclusion, but they remained constant in their beliefs.

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) was drawing near, and we were all beginning to become excited about our return trip to Pontus; but that was not

to be soon, after all. That very morning a strange event occurred which totally interrupted our plans. Some followers of the Nazarene were again assembled in Jerusalem, when into their midst came a strange Presence like the rushing of a mighty wind. As quickly as we could, we all rushed to the room in the temple where this event was taking place. There we heard these Galileans speaking in all sorts of languages and dialects. A few cynics standing nearby suggested that these men must be drunk.

However, Peter, the "Big Fisherman", as he was later dubbed, spoke up and took complete control of the situation, saying that they were all completely sober because it was only nine in the morning. He insisted that this manifestation was a gift from God empowering them to speak in a multitude of tongues, and to perform limitless miracles.

He then told us about the Nazarene, that he was indeed the Messiah spoken of by our prophets, and that he was, in fact, a successor to both Moses and King David, and that God had proved it so by raising him from the dead. He concluded his bold remarks by accusing us of being guilty of his death. Yes, and how true it was! We had so vehemently cried, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" had we not? In grief-stricken agony we cried out to him, "What can we do?" He replied that if we would penitently obey God's command, and be baptized, all our sins would be wiped away. In my mind and in my heart I again heard that gracious cry from the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Indeed, we did not! And now we were fully pardoned. Moreover, as a dowry for our divine union with the Father, the Son and the Comforter, we received the "gift of the Holy Spirit."

We couldn't go home now, we must stay and learn more and more about our Savior from these, his divinely guided

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Not Guilty

Wayne Turner



After many long months, the latest episode of the Michael Jackson saga is over. Regardless of what we, or anyone else, may think about his innocence or guilt, the ten charges that could have led to nearly twenty years imprisonment have been laid to rest. After hearing the case, the jury came to the conclusion that there was either no basis for the charges against Jackson or that the prosecution had failed to prove the charges beyond a reasonable doubt. With the protection given by the U.S. Constitution from “double jeopardy” (being tried for the same crime more than once), Jackson will never have to face those charges again in a U.S. court of law.

It is not our purpose here to discuss Michael Jackson or his trial. Everyone has their own view of him, as a person, and their interpretation of the evidence and testimony that has been reported in the media. However, for the sake of argument, let’s assume that he did commit all of the offenses for which he was charged and tried. Further, we will assume that the outcome of the trial was the same: the jury declared him “Not guilty”. How would he respond to the members of that panel? How would he feel about them? What would he be willing to do for them or give them?

When we talk about restoring New Testament Christianity, many people think of following the forms and practices of the early church: baptism, Lord’s supper, congregational singing, church organization, etc. However, there is much more to restoration than these externals.

Several years ago, a friend obtained an old Model-A that had been sitting out in a farmer’s field. It was a worthless mess, completely rusted from front to back. He spent countless hours restoring the car until it looked exactly the same as when it originally came off the assembly line. Except for one thing. Under the hood, the engine was a useless block of rust. In one sense, the car was restored. This was only external. Without restoring what made it go, he didn’t have a vehicle. He only had an expensive lawn ornament.

It is much easier to restore the externals. However, to truly achieve restoration, we must also restore the heart, spirit, commitment, sacrifice, character and motivation of the first century church. Without the right “engine,” the “vehicle” will not go as God intended. Most of us have seen examples of those who have sought to restore the externals of New Testament Christianity but have missed reclaiming its motivating spirit.

Paul identifies that motivation in 2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV) when he states, “Christ’s love compels us...” (controls – NASV, constraineth – KJV) Literally, the Greek word he

used means, “to hold together, enclose, oppress.” According to Kittel’s, it can include transferred meanings like to be claimed, dominated, gripped, governed. The idea is that Paul is so totally bound up by Christ that it dominates his whole life and his response to God. Obviously, this is not a bad or negative thing, as one might suppose by some of these meanings. Rather it describes Paul’s (and our) response to God’s wonderful grace which, because of the cross, has washed, justified and sanctified us. Explaining justification, Paul said, “in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed.” It isn’t that we haven’t sinned. Romans 3:23 says we have all sinned and fallen short of God. Through the death of Jesus, the penalty for our sins was paid. God has taken this further by justifying us. Not merely declaring us “Not Guilty” – incredibly God declares us “Righteous!”

What would be a normal reaction to such an amazing gift? Would it not be to completely turn the control of our lives over to the love of God? Would we not say that Christ’s love compels us? This response is the motivation that impels restoration. Having been saved and justified, we want to give to God the best and most complete response that we can. We want to listen to and follow the teaching of scripture in every possible way. Instead of listening to our own voices, we want to hear nothing but the voice of God.

Some critics and detractors try to say that restoration and the desire to follow the pattern of scripture is legalism. Wrong. Our desire to conform in every way possible to the teaching of the New Testament is not a slavish legalism by which we try to earn salvation (or avoid condemnation). Rather, we cannot conceive of giving the one who redeemed us and who justifies us anything less than or different from what is taught or done in the Bible. Because of the cross, despite our sin, God declares us “Not Guilty!” What will we give Him in response?

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Forgiving as the Lord Forgave (Peacemakers – Sons of God)

Canadians have a worldwide reputation as “peacekeepers”. This is something in which we tend to take some justifiable pride. In a world full of tensions, hatred and wars, peacekeepers are much needed and provide a valuable service to their fellow men.

Christians, by contrast, are not only to function as peacekeepers but, more so, as peacemakers. Jesus, in his classic Sermon on the Mount, early in his ministry, pronounced a blessing on “peacemakers” stating that such “will be called sons of God” (Mt.5:9) and in the same lesson and chapter instructed the hearers to love and pray for their enemies “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven” (vs. 44,45). In both cases being considered as sons of God is tied to aspects of human relationships. How well do I relate to others? Do peace and love prevail in my relationships (Rom.12:18)?

There is a common saying, “Like father, like son”. Again, “A chip off of the old block”. Family resemblances are not just physical but usually include character traits. Thus, if we are truly children of God the likeness will show. Originally, God made man “in His own image, in the image of God he created him;” (Ge.1:27). The loss of that likeness was a great disappointment to God and he has taken exceptional measures over the centuries to restore it.

His son, the “Prince of Peace” (Isa.9:6) was sent to the earth to be “Emmanuel” which means “God with us” (Mt.1:23). At his arrival the angels sang “on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.” (Lk.2:14). His sacrifice provides for the forgive-

ness of our sins (peace with God); his example leads us to be loving, forgiving, peacemakers (peace with our fellow man) and our reconciliation with God and man provides us peace within – the peace that “transcends all understanding” (Phil.4:7) and secures for us an eternal relationship with our Father.

God, in his love for us and willingness to forgive us, has made it possible for us “to become children of God” (Jn.1:12), “and that is what we are” (I Jn.3:1). The sons of God are identified as being “led by the Spirit of God” (Rom.8:14) resulting in their becoming “blameless and pure children of God without fault . . . shining like stars in the universe” (Phil.2:14,15).

As sons grow up they often follow in their father’s footsteps vocationally or professionally. This often results in them working together and advertising their services as _____ and sons. In this very same way we, as children of God, are in the God and Sons Peacemaking Business working together to reconcile people with one another and with God.

Unfortunately, history and current experience, all too often, fail to show “peacemaking” or “love of enemies”, let alone of one another, as dominant characteristics of those presenting themselves as children of God. We seem not to be as involved in God’s business as our relationship to him should cause us to be. We continue to have relationship problems. Quarrels, selfishness, strife, jealousy, envy, divisions, estrangements and hurts are all too common.

A Buddhist college student, who lived in a “Christian home” for four years, wrote a letter to a Christian

friend who was trying to convert him. In it he explained why he could never consider such. He described the Buddhist home as peaceful and happy, – “no fussing, quarrelling, fighting or shouting” in contrast to the “confusion, quarrelling, yelling, nastiness and hypocrisy” he experienced in the “Christian home”. Where’s the PEACE.

Christian wars (an oxymoron), religious divisions, personal estrangements, the whole spectrum of dysfunctional relationships, continue to characterize “Christianity” and may well be more dominant in the eyes of the beholder than any evidence of “peacemaking” or peaceful relationships (peacekeeping). The children of God are identified in his word as peacemakers, who love all men (even their enemies) and who forgive AS they have been forgiven.

There is a story going the rounds of a woman who, having been overheard by a police officer shouting impatient obscenities at fellow motorists, was taken to the police station. The officer later apologized to her explaining that he had concluded that she had stolen the car since her language and attitude were so inconsistent with the Christian slogan on the bumper sticker.

Then there is the challenge: If it were a crime to be a Christian (It is a crime to convert to Christ in a number of countries) would there be sufficient evidence to prove me guilty or would my life style enable the court to acquit me?

Some months ago, after reading a newspaper column, I scribbled the thoughts quoted below. Unfortunately, I did not take note of the author, name of the paper or its date. I quote it here with my apology for failing to credit the author or publication.

“We sometimes hear people speak of nominal Christians in contrast to the real thing. There may be a variety of ways of detecting which group an

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Set An Example For The Believers

5. Faith That Works

“**N**ow faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:1-2,6)

To have faith in God is to believe he exists, that he created by his words from what cannot be seen all that we see around us today. To believe in God is to believe his promises, it is to believe that God will reward those who seek him. “Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations.” Elton Trueblood

How does faith come to us. Are we hit by a lightning bolt from heaven and then we have it? Does it come to us in some miraculous way in which we have no control? Paul, when writing to the young preacher Timothy, spoke of Timothy’s faith development this way, “I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” (2 Timothy 1:5) Did Paul see faith as heritage to be passed on to one’s children like you would some family heirloom? No, but he understood that Timothy’s faith was at least in part credited to the godly influence and teaching of his mother and grandmother. In Romans 10, Paul says that faith comes from hearing the Word of God. Our faith is not based on what we don’t know, but rather on what we do know. We hear the gospel presented, or begin to learn about Jesus as we read the Bible, and our faith begins to grow. We begin to meet with others of like mind for worship, study

and fellowship and our faith continues to grow. We serve God, we put our faith into practice and we see it continue to grow. Even the difficulties that come our way will cause our faith to continue to grow as our faith is tested. “Consider it pure joy, my brothers whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything.” (James 1:2-4)

For our faith to be a positive example it must be seen. But how is faith seen? Our faith is seen in our actions. If we believe we will act on that belief and our actions will prove the existence of our faith (James 2:14-26). This faith, that can be seen in our good works, becomes a positive example to all around us. This brings up an important question, “Are we saved by grace through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9) or do we also need good works?” James 2:14-26 does not argue that good works are required for salvation, neither does James write that works are more important than faith. James writes that there are two kinds of faith, one that is seen in what we do and one that is dead because it never progresses beyond right thinking. Faith is more than a thought, more than a mental belief and a verbal acknowledgement that we believe in God, James notes that the demons believe in God, recognize his power and shudder because of it. Real faith, faith that pleases God moves from thought to action. To say that these actions earn our salvation or help us to qualify for our salvation serves only to cheapen grace. Jesus died on the cross to save us. There is nothing that any of us can do to pay for that or qualify for it. The works are simply a result of our faith and serve to illustrate our faith, they do not earn salvation.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

We are saved by grace through faith. This is not the result of human action this is a gift from God. We are not saved by the works we do, so we have no reason to be bragging to God and others about what we do. God created us with a need to work and he created the good work that we are to do. God expects us to be serving him not so that we might earn salvation. We don’t serve to be saved we serve because we are saved. We become a positive example when we act on our faith!

Here are a few suggestions as to how the actions that our faith produces can serve to be a positive example to others.

We will set a good example by participating in church activities: attending worship assemblies, participating in Bible Studies, taking part in fellowship opportunities and involving ourselves in the work of the church. The temptation, when we are young, is to see those activities and involvements as something that older people do, but it is important for all of us to be involved. I am especially encouraged to see those in their teens and twenties show an interest in teaching Sunday School. Their students will look up to them and follow their example.

We also set a good example by serving in our communities. There are many opportunities to serve in any and every community and we will set a good example by serving our community as we let our light shine for Jesus.

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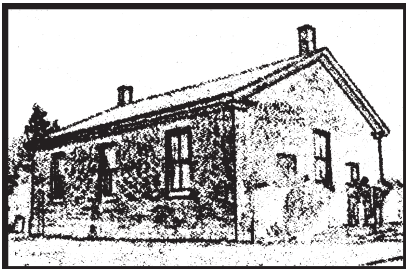
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A Model Prayer

Thayer Salisbury

Psalm 13

In trying to master any activity, it helps to have good models. Prayer is of great importance to us, but it is not an activity that we take to naturally. It is natural for the human spirit to seek to communicate with God. But our spirit is fallen, marred by sin. While we have enough of the image of God to seek him, we also have enough of the flesh or sinful nature to cause difficulties when we seek him. If we would learn to pray well, we need good models of prayer. Thankfully the scriptures provided such models.



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Psalm 13 is one such model. The first notable characteristic of this prayer is its simplicity. Jesus would later command that we keep our prayers simple and to the point (Matthew 7:7f), but here we have an example of simplicity in prayer.

Complaints

It may come as a shock to some, but this model prayer opens with a complaint.

“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?”

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me” (Psalm 13:1-2, ESV).

I remember a dear brother in Oklahoma who used to say, “We may complain to God, but we must never complain of God.” Perhaps we should not, but in truth we often do. The Bible is full of people (servants of God) who complained not only to God but of God.

We often wonder “How long?” It is a question that occurs in one form or another from the beginning of the Bible (Genesis 15:3ff) to the end (Revelation 6:10). God has his reasons for making his children wait. But the children cannot see those reasons, and they wonder about the delay. There is a kind of complaining that is sinful. We see that in the complaints of the Israelites as they come out of Egypt. But there is a kind of honest questioning that is welcomed by God. Sometimes the doubts are so strong as to be called complaints, or even accusations. It was probably wrong of Jeremiah to feel the way that he did in Jeremiah 20, but God does not rebuke him for honestly expressing his thought. Jeremiah says,

“O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me” (Jer 20:7, ESV).

We ought not to feel the way that we do, but this Psalm is telling us that when we feel frustrated, abandoned, or discouraged, there is no one better to talk to than the Lord. We can be honest with him about our complaints. We might as well be, since he knows what we are really thinking.

Requests

It is annoying to have someone bring a complaint with no clear request. It is always

good, when pointing out a problem, to try to have an idea ready as to what should be done about it. This Psalm does not just present God with a complaint, a request is also given.

“Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, ‘I have prevailed over him,’ lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken” (Psalm 13:3-4, ESV).

It is unfortunate that some prayers become nothing but wish lists. This is not as it should be. There should be praise and thanksgiving in our prayers, but there is a real place for requests as well. We should never be ashamed of making requests of God. Our requests show our dependence on him and our faith in his greatness. To fail to make requests demonstrates an unrealistic confidence in ourselves.

Express confidence

Having made our requests we should express confidence that the Lord will do what is truly best.

“But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me” (Psalm 13:5-6, ESV).

This is an attitude demonstrated continuously in scripture, especially by Jesus in his acceptance of the Father’s will (Matthew 26:42). Only with this attitude of confidence in God’s decision will we be ready to receive his blessings when they come.

Psalm 13 is “a model” not “the model.” We are not always to pray exactly like this. There is no one pattern of prayer that fits all occasions. But as a model for times of distress, one could hardly do better than this simple procedure: bring your complaint, make your request, and express confidence in God.

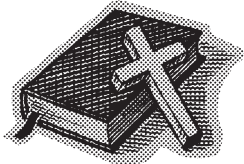
We have much more reason to have confidence than David, or any of the Psalmists. They had experiences of God’s blessing, but they did not know the full extent of his love as we should know it. We can add one thing to this model that was not available for them. We can approach God in the name of Jesus, knowing that he who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will graciously give us all things (Rom 8:32).

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MICHIGAN

Plymouth (Detroit): Brother Royce Dickinson, preacher for the Plymouth congregation and teacher at Rochester College, died June 4 from injuries suffered in a horrific motorcycle accident on May 30. His wife, Terri, and three boys, Mark, Ryan and Grant, survive him. His brother, Ed, an elder in the Detroit metroplex and a member of Rochester College board of Directors, was injured in the same accident.

NOVA SCOTIA

Kentville: Vacation Bible School will run this year from July 11-14 with the theme: "The Market Place 33 AD," going back in time to the days after Jesus' death. Various Christians around Nova Scotia, as well as a youth group from the Downtown congregation in Searcy, Arkansas, will help the congregation in this effort. Also helping set up and canvass is a team

The Collingwood Church of Christ

is seeking a full-time evangelist. Collingwood is nestled between the escarpment and the southern shore of Georgian Bay and sits half way between Owen Sound and Barrie. The church is seeking an evangelist who will work with the aging congregation here to help grow and strengthen the Lord's church.

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of adults from the Silver Springs, Maryland, congregation. On the evenings of July 10-14, Dr. Albert Lemmons will present a seminar on the topic of "Faith." The congregation's website is www.welcomehome.ca.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: Great Lakes Christian College baccalaureate services were held June 15 at GLCC. Michael Mazzalongo's lessons on "Unlimited Church Growth" emphasized five general areas of ministry from Acts 2: Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Service, and Worship.

Bramalea: Apple Cahulogan, who moved to Canada from the Philippines, recently placed membership with the congregation. The summer quarter's classes from grades 1, through those to the age of 90, will meet together to study the parables of Jesus. The young people met for a fellowship on May 28. Brethren from Bramalea, Rexdale, and the International Church of Christ Western Region, met on May 28 for ongoing dialogue. The next meeting is scheduled for the morning of August 6 from 10-12 at the Bramalea building. Several World Bible School correspondence students and community members attended the congregation's second "Bring-a-Friend" Sunday, which was held June 5.

Brantford: A men's study and fellowship was held Sunday, May 15. Ladies held a study and fellowship Monday, May 30. A congregational meeting was held May 14 at the church building.

Ice Lake: The formal opening of the congregation's new facility was celebrated with a dinner on Saturday evening, June 4, and special service on Sunday, June 5.

Meaford: Recent preacher exchanges were Gregory Smith and family and Max and Cleth Craddock, while Randy and Lois Morrirt were at Vandeleur and Strathmore in Toronto. The Meaford "Good Food Box" programme is operating out of the congregation's community room on the third Wednesday of each month. A men's fellowship breakfast was held on April 16, and a family breakfast was planned for May 29. On May 1, a celebration and potluck commemorated 50 years of service for the Heathcote church, which is now part of the Meaford congregation. The annual ladies' day was held May 7 with Wilma Smith from Beamsville as guest speaker on the topic: "The Ideal Woman." "Living Sacrifices" was the theme for the annual Georgia Bay Fellowship on June 4, with Brian Cox as featured speaker. An area-wide "Young at Heart" fellowship was planned for June 28, with the Owen Sound congregation planning the event. They were saddened recently by the deaths of five of their ladies: Karen Carey (April 13), Grace Elford (May 22), Ina Bennetts (May 23), Martha Whitfield (May 29) and Ila Ellis (June 16).

Newmarket: Our worship service has changed from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for July and August. Wednesday evenings in July and August we are meeting in people's homes and supporting our community by getting

involved in the community. Sunday evening we still meet at 6:30 p.m.

Owen Sound: Kaitlyn Moore was baptized on May 15 by her father, Glen. On May 27-29 the congregation enjoyed a church family retreat at Riverview Bible Camp. Some of the congregation's women attended the ladies' day in Meaford. Vacation Bible School this summer is planned for July 25-28, with the theme: Kingdom of the Son. Curtis Thompson plans to attend Great Lakes Bible College this fall.

Thessalon: April Bailey was baptized April 10. We had a great Northern Ladies' Day on April 30 with Beth Hibbard as speaker (ladies from Sault Ste Marie, MI and ON, as well as the Sudbury and Thessalon church and community attended). A gospel meeting is planned with Max Craddock Sept. 22-25

Toronto (Harding Avenue): A gospel meeting was held June 10-12 with Leonard Amanatey from Lachine, Montreal, PQ, as the speaker. The theme for the meeting was "Building the Church."

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): On May 29 Randy Morrirt from Meaford and Max had a pulpit exchange. Both enjoyed the exchange as did the congregations. Recent baptisms were Mary Rojas and Charles MacDonald. Marlia MacDonald asked for prayers that she would be stronger in her Christian life. Suzette Burge, from Trinidad, and Matthew Tubman from Hamilton, placed membership at Strathmore. Jean and Marie Volcy had a very positive mission trip to Haiti. (More details in the Herald next month). Production on Key To The Kingdom continues and the number of calls for the Bible course continue at good summertime levels.

Waterloo: The ladies' class year-end dinner was held May 24 at the Crossroads Restaurant in Elmira. The widows' fellowship group and BBQ were scheduled for May 28. The congregation welcomed Wes Kuryluk as the congregation's summer intern. Wes is a senior at Harding University in Arkansas, where he is studying Bible and biblical languages. The summer vacation Bible school - "Mission Impossible" - began June 26. Money is being collected for the China Mission. Just \$20 a month provides tuition for a child to attend school, food, clothes, medical expenses, and toiletries.

Windsor: Elaine Zong was baptized on May 17. Drew Chappados and family have begun their 8th year of ministry with the Windsor congregation. The congregation's "Monday Night for the Master" lessons will focus on visitation, card writing, and making phone calls, with the hope that they will lead to Bible studies with non-members and new Christians. Wednesday night adult class continues to look at Paul's teaching concerning the goal for each Christian to be spiritual. Small groups are studying evangelism, focusing on the method Jesus used in fulfilling the purpose for which God sent Him. The congregation plans to deliver various items to the Paediatric Unit at Hotel Dieu Hospital, including teen books and magazines, crib toys and baby walking toys.



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

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Central Valley (Abbotsford): Due to the death of a fellow worker's parent in Czechoslovakia, John Wedler couldn't be spared from his machine shop, which meant that he and Willodene had to forego the trip to the two First Nations villages last month. Raymond and Merle Fillion, who had planned to visit the work in Haiti but felt it unwise to go there at this time because of increasing civil unrest, accompanied Norm and Jen Weir to Tsay Key and Ft. Ware, B. C. A larger "Keymobile" had been purchased for their 1600-mile round-trip, relieving the cramped living conditions of the first one. With dual wheels on the back, they found it much more stable on the 500 miles of logging roads to be covered. On this trip the goal was to knock on all the doors of those whom Norm has been corresponding with, some 60 contacts, with which they arranged as many Bible studies as there was time. They also did some counselling, and conducted a mini Vacation Bible School with lessons, activities, and refreshments prepared before they left. Also added was a small TV and VCR for showings of Christian-type children's videos. As this Keymobile has an awning, it was possible to set up the TV outside, throw blankets on the ground, and watch the kids enjoy the shows. About 40 enjoyed a second field trip for the "God Made It All Perfect" children's class - a family camp-out on the Vedder River over the June 10 weekend. Planned by class teachers, Curtis and Corinne Freeman, events included star gazing, a Saturday morning walk along the river followed by games, free family time in the afternoon, and a Saturday night campfire sing. A church service was conducted Sunday morning, with lunch provided by CV members served afterward.

Burnaby: Justin Andrews was baptized by his grandfather, Ray Mansell, the evening of May 15. This month, 12 members and friends of this congregation joined a team of 90 others travelling to Zorrillo, Baja, CA, 125 miles south of Tijuana, to participate in the building of four homes for church families living there. They camped near Zorrillo, while making use of the building materials paid for by Canadian and US Christians in the Northwest. Several of our

members met on June 4 to discuss ways and means of reaching out to the disadvantaged in the immediate neighbourhood of the building. A committee was appointed to present their plans to the elders for evaluation. Kirk Ruch has been showing a video series on "Bringing Up Boys" in private homes. A Spanish family who arrived this spring from Brazil and are living in the neighbourhood have been attending the services. Kevin Vance, new president of Western Christian College, was our guest speaker for the morning assembly on June 12. Kevin has been involved in various kinds of ministry, from being a youth director to a new church plant in Regina, as well as his work with the school in recent years.

City Church (E. Vanc.): Jenna and Owen Dudley, daughter and son of Rex and Jo Ann Dudley, were baptized into Christ at the Oakridge building. The Dudleys, who live in Lynden, WA., have been part of the new church plant in Vancouver since the first meeting at the Trout Lake Community Centre in May of 2001. Katy Hall, who was baptized at Oakridge by Steve Hasbrouck several years ago, and her three children, are worshipping with us. Steve also performed the wedding ceremony for Katy and her husband, Elvin, who is in Iraq with the Halliburton Company, but expects to return to Vancouver this month. Their son, Kyrie, who has already become a Christian, is helping with the Lord's Table and scripture readings. The addition of this family is a big plus for the small number making up City church. After his lecture at Pepperdine, Steve flew to Nashville, TN, where he spoke with a number of area congregations about his work in Vancouver, including the Laurel congregation in Knoxville which is supporting Simon Hui in China. Simon, who worshipped with both the Delta and Surrey congregations, has been teaching English in a school in Zhuhai (near Hong Kong), since January. He invites his students to come to his home twice a week to study the Bible, which, he says, they are eager to do. He returned to Vancouver at the end of May to sell their home in preparation for moving his family to China in early August when his oldest son finishes exams. Steve and Simon worked together teaching English to immigrants from the time Simon and his family first arrived in Vancouver five years ago. The Laurel church has been a long-time supporter of work in China.

Maple Ridge: David Jewell of the Nanaimo congregation and Tom Bailey of our congregation have been preaching for us while we carry on our search for a new permanent preacher. Three of our college students who returned from ACU and Cascade College at the end of May have been with us through the summer.

Vancouver Island: The mother of two Thai girls who are studying on Vancouver Island was baptized by Ming Paul after being taught the Gospel during a visit here. When she learned that they were trying to find a swimming pool for the immersion, Rejina insisted that

she wanted to be baptized in Nanoose Bay. Although there was no wind, it was a cold day for the guests from Thailand. (The sea water stays almost constant, winter or summer, so the wind makes a huge difference in how cold the water feels.) Two other couples were present to witness the baptism. Rejina is eager to meet with other Christians in Hatyai, where she lives in southern Thailand. If you know of a church of Christ in that area who can welcome Rejina into their fellowship, please get in touch with Ming Paul at mingpaul@uniserve.com.

Vernon: Our web page, which we have been running for almost two years, has had over 1000 hits during this time. Kirk Ruch, preacher for the S. Burnaby congregation, was instrumental in helping with it. We have had 12 baptisms since Murray and Naomi Ververda began working with the congregation in November of 2000. The number of people who have moved from attendees to a deeper level of contact (coming to a service two to four times a month) is between 70 and 80, with our attendance varying from 45 to 65. A part of this comes from having people move into the area and connecting, or re-connecting, with the church. Five "Action Groups" take responsibility for the areas of worship, fellowship, evangelism, discipleship and ministry under the guidance of our three elders and two deacons. We also have four "Life Groups" who are helping people put timeless truth into daily life as they develop closer connections with God and each other.

MANITOBA

Carman: The third Manitoba Women's Rest & Renewal Weekend was held on May 27-29, 2005 in the Shalom Centre of the

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is seeking a full-time evangelist and his family to join our families in serving God and this community. Of primary concern to us is a love for the word of God and a reverence for the authority of the scriptures. We are looking for a friendly, hospitable teacher who will work with our eldership towards the spread of the gospel.

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Santiago & Marlon Molina, along with a group of Canadian brothers, will be in Diriamba, Nicaragua from July 25 to August 3, to continue the work started last year in the construction of a church building there.

The building is two stories high and the first floor is about 75% completed. Our goal this year is to complete the ground floor with tiles on the floor, plaster and paint on the walls and make and install doors and windows. Also, the roof needs to be completed. There is a great deal of work to do, but without your support we can't finish the job. Please help if you can.

You can contact Santiago or the elders at the Strathmore Blvd. congregation, or the elders at the Waterloo Congregation who are helping in this work. For more information visit us at: www.iglesiadecristo.ca, then click on "eventos especiales" and then on mission trip. If possible, we need to hear from you by July 20 if you can help with purchase of materials for this work.

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MISSION NEWS

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Mexico: Twelve people from the Burnaby, BC, church joined some 90 others from Portland, OR., to travel to Zorrillo, (125 miles south of Tijuana) to build homes for four church families in early July. All the team members financed their own travel and accommodation, as well as raising the money needed to supply the building materials used. A number of churches and universities in the States are providing similar life-changing experiences for young people, as they see first-hand the extreme poverty in which many Mexican families live and experience a different culture. As a letter to the INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL from a student taking the "Advanced Level for Romans" course explained, "I have learned to respect and reason with my colleagues, as well as the communities I deal with. Instead of condemning them, I have learned to put myself in their shoes, and find out why they behave as they do."

Haiti: The increasing violence in this country has even spread to central small towns that were heretofore considered "safe". Monique, the capable administrator left in charge of the school compound near Dufailly, reported last month that bandits have attacked homes there and in the next village, even killing several. On June 10, eight men and women were kidnapped in Port-au Prince, where many policemen have been killed. The US recently sent 40 trucks and other equipment for use of the police force. Although the mission compound has been safe so far, everybody lives in fear. Many more are coming to ask for food, so the mission was advised to continue to bake bread during July and August in order to feed as many as possible. A new website was inaugurated this year, with frequent updates on the situation: <http://www.PartnersforHaiti.org/>.

Thailand: Sean Todd, original member of the three-couple team which has been working in Chaing Mai for over 10 years, along with Young Lee, has been at the World Bible Translation Center in Ft. Worth, TX., for the past two months to finish the translation of the entire Old Testament into "Easy-to-Read" Thai language. Since ancient times, Thai people have addressed their kings with a

totally different language known as "Kingly". Other translators of the Thai Bible used it because of the reference to Jesus as a "king", which made the ordinary Thai people unable to read it, since most do not understand the special language. The new version will give the people the entire Bible in their own tongue when it is printed for distribution by the Center. Some 700 Christians attended a nationwide camp on the Cha-am Gulf of Thailand in May, which was coordinated by a congregation in Bangkok. Taking 11 teenage orphans with them, 40 from the Chiang Mai churches gave them their first look at the ocean as they learned about fellowship and heard lessons from God's word.

Ukraine (Donetsk): "You are the Light of the World" was the theme Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers chose for their 2005 graduation class. They made the room special for the eight boys and two girls finishing the courses offered by the Sunset Extension school by decorating small trees with lights and placing a white floral centerpiece with candle on the pulpit. Gene and Marilee Cash from the Vancouver, WA., church and Don and Kay Koontz, from Seattle, spent 25 days with the Rogers in Donetsk. Two of the Sundays they were there, they were taken to three different congregations, since all are so different. Jay Don preached at all three one Sunday and had a different sermon for each place. The parents of Lily, the little girl who received the heart transplant a year ago, both wanted to be baptized the last Sunday that the two couples had in Donetsk. They agreed to go to Budyonivsky (where the family had been attending church for several months) and from there to Prolatarsky where there is a baptistery. Lily climbed up on the steps to watch. This story had come full circle: first, the Rogers' landlord had introduced them to a family with a child who desperately needed a pacemaker to survive. Their plea for help, so that they could help her have successful surgery, brought quick response. The operation was successful, and students at UBI taught the grateful parents the Gospel. Lily was saved physically - her parents were saved spiritually!!! - (Mary Lee Rogers May report)

Japan (Sendai): Please pray for: **1) Makoto and Kiyomi Hosoi**, one of the most stable and servant-hearted couples in the Sendai congregation, who are grieving deeply for their 15-year-old daughter, Megumi, who was killed May 22 by a drunk driver who fell asleep at the wheel. Megumi had just entered high school and was on an early morning walk-a-thon with about 500 other students. (After their first daughter

passed away shortly after birth, the Hosois appropriately named their second daughter, Megumi, which means "grace.") Over 500 people attended the funeral, as Megumi and her family are loved by so many. Please pray for Makoto (father), Kiyomi (mother) and Ryo (son), as well as the Sendai church family and the mission team.

2) The 18 LST teams scheduled to work in Japan this summer, which have now begun their work, that many will be encouraged to study the Bible and follow Christ. Sendai's first LST sessions began June 1, with the next sessions scheduled to begin June 16.

3) The York Choir tour impact and the hundreds of Japanese who heard the outstanding performances of the Choir. Several people have asked to either study English or the Bible in various cities.

4) Estranged church members and Bible study contacts.

5) Kumiko Usami-san, Tomobe Christian, who has aggressive breast cancer. To receive information or reports, contact Bramalea Church of Christ - 905-792-2297, or bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca; Joel Osborne - joelosborne@yahoo.com; Jonathan and Michiko Straker - jstrake@yahoo.com; or the Sendai website - www.sendaimissions.com. - Walter Straker

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1	Friday	II Chronicles 17-18	II Corinthians 10	
2	Saturday	II Chronicles 19-20	II Corinthians 11:1-15	
3	Sunday	II Chronicles 21-22	II Corinthians 11:16-33	
4	Monday	II Chronicles 23-24	II Corinthians 12	
5	Tuesday	II Chronicles 25-27	II Corinthians 13	
6	Wednesday	II Chronicles 28-29	Mark 1:1-22	
7	Thursday	II Chronicles 30-31	Mark 1:23-45	
8	Friday	II Chronicles 32-33	Mark 2	
9	Saturday	II Chronicles 34-36	Mark 3:1-19	
10	Sunday	Psalms 77-78	Mark 3:20-35	
11	Monday	Psalms 79-80	Mark 4:1-20	
12	Tuesday	Psalms 81-83	Mark 4:21-41	
13	Wednesday	Psalms 84-86	Mark 5:1-20	
14	Thursday	Psalms 87-88	Mark 5:21-43	
15	Friday	Psalms 89-90	Mark 6:1-29	
16	Saturday	Psalms 91-93	Mark 6:30-56	
17	Sunday	Psalms 94-96	Mark 7:1-13	
18	Monday	Psalms 97-99	Mark 7:14-37	
19	Tuesday	Psalms 100-102	Mark 8	
20	Wednesday	Psalms 103-104	Mark 9:1-29	
21	Thursday	Psalms 105-106	Mark 9:30-50	
22	Friday	Psalms 107-109	Mark 10:1-31	
23	Saturday	Psalms 110-112	Mark 10:32-52	
24	Sunday	Psalms 113-115	Mark 11:1-18	
25	Monday	Ezra 1-2	Mark 11:19-33	
26	Tuesday	Ezra 3-5	Mark 12:1-27	
27	Wednesday	Ezra 6-8	Mark 12:28-44	
28	Thursday	Ezra 9-10	Mark 13:1-20	
29	Friday	Nehemiah 1-3	Mark 13:21-27	
30	Saturday	Nehemiah 4-6	Mark 14:1-26	
31	Sunday	Nehemiah 7-9	Mark 14:27-53	

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individual or even a congregation belong in but this is a test which should properly be applied by God and by each of us to ourselves personally. This is true because the determination factors, although they should be observed in actions and attitudes, are found deep in the heart. It would seem that a forgiving heart might be the ultimate determinant as to whether a disciple of Jesus is for real or not. Have we mastered this aspect of following the one who forgave us?" Would we pass this test?

The problem is identified as a heart problem. Why do we not relate to one another in peace? Are we tender hearted towards God and man? When we cause problems are we sorry? Do we care?

Loving, peacemaking, forgiving can only be effective if they result from a genuine, tender, caring heart.

Here is another anonymous thought provoking quote: "Forgiveness is a door. It's the way to peace and joy. But it's a small door and can't be entered without stooping or kneeling. And

sometimes it is very hard to find."

I conclude this series, fully aware of the fact that much more could be written in a much better way. It has been my humble effort to address a widespread problem and a very vital aspect of our lives as disciples of Jesus. It is an area in which each of us needs to do intensive, deep-hearted self-examination. As mentioned in the beginning, it is all too easy to deceive ourselves in this matter and thus fail others, ourselves and God.

He who forgives another accomplishes much:

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God. Without it, God will not forgive us (Mt.6:15; 18:35).

We should not delay our forgiveness. There is an urgency, the same day. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent' forgive him" (Lk.17:3,4).

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apostles. What a glorious experience it was! Local citizens of Judea, and we pilgrims from so many provinces in the Roman Empire, learned to share and share alike all our worldly goods. The burden fell heaviest on the local disciples, but they cheerfully shared all they had. One of our greatest benefactors was a devout man from Cyprus, who sold all his possessions there, and returned with help for us all. Our leaders, the apostles, called him Son of Exhortation.⁴ He became a real pillar in the church.

After one full year in Jerusalem drinking in all we could at the apostles' feet, we felt compelled to return to our children and other family members back in Pontus. No sooner were we back home than word came to us that a fearful persecution had beset the saints in Jerusalem and Judea. A fanatical young Pharisee, from Tarsus in Cilicia, who had earlier spent many years in Jerusalem studying the Law under the guidance of the wise and judicious Gamaliel, had reappeared in Jerusalem, intent, it seems, on gaining a seat as one of the 22 lawyers in the prestigious Sanhedrin, and was prepared to gain the favor of this body, even the Sadducees, whom he, as a devout Pharisee, despised, by eliminating the Nazarene's followers from the face of the earth. Men, women and children were being put to death at his behest. One of our most promising followers of the Christ was stoned by a mob egged on by the Sanhedrin, and they laid their garments at the feet of this violent young Pharisee.

Strangely, although the church was being decimated by the venom of this young Pharisee from Tarsus, some, even from among the priests, were accepting the Way.

Then the strangest news reached our ears. This Paul, the young Pharisee from Tarsus, was on his way to the City of Damascus to seize, and bring before the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem, any followers of the Nazarene that would not recant their faith, for due punishment when suddenly at the gate of Damascus he came face to face, in a blinding light, with the Nazarene he

so thoroughly hated. Surely no greater transformation has ever taken place in the history of mankind!

Within a short time, he was preaching and risking his life in defense of the faith that he had so ardently sought to destroy. Moreover, the Messiah commissioned him to be the "Apostle to the Nations", and he set about to fulfill his mandate with even greater fire and determination than that with which he had sought to destroy the followers of the Christ. Perhaps, by God's grace this now beloved enemy will be able to visit us in Pontus someday.

Even throughout the days of severe persecution, the church had continued to grow. But now that its number one enemy had been won to the faith, with the era of peace that would surely ensue, the growth of the Kingdom of Christ would be accelerated.

And now, as Judith and I sit in the twilight hours under our shade tree and recall those wonderful weeks we spent in the Holy City many years ago, our minds invariably settle on that visit we paid to the awful scene of our Lord's crucifixion. Sometimes, as darkness falls, we imagine that we can hear once again our Savior's gracious plea, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." He knew the great truth that God is ever ready to forgive penitent believers. And He loved us so much he gladly died that we might live. Thank you, Father, so much, that we have come to know Him.

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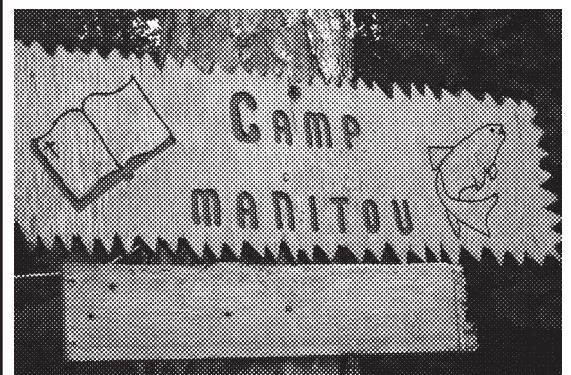
³ In his first talk at Nazareth he told the assembly that God sent Elijah to live with a Gentile widow, and that Elisha had healed a Gentile Syrian captain of his leprosy.

⁴ In the New Testament he is called Barnabas, and he later worked closely with the converted Paul.

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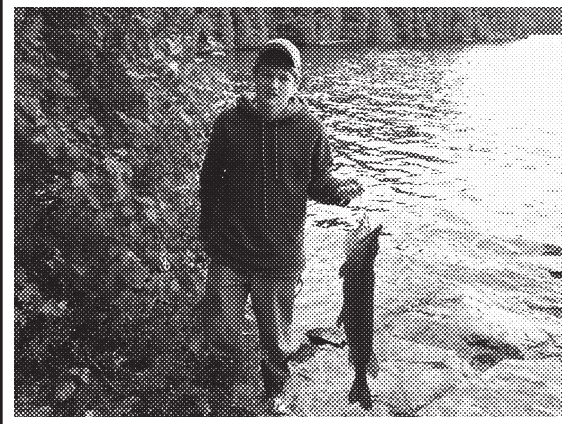
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OBITUARIES

Whitfield, Martha (nee Robertson)

Martha was born at Ice Lake on Manitoulin Island on February 5, 1915. She passed from this life on May 29, 2005. Her husband, Clarence, predeceased her on December 30, 1995.

She was Mother to Wilma (Clyde) Lansdell, Norris (Julie) Whitfield, Myra (Richard) Tallman, Phyllis (Steve) May, Ray (Berniece) Whitfield, Rhonda (Ed) Whittington. She was grandmother to seventeen grandchildren and great-grandmother to twenty-two great grandchildren. She has one surviving sister, Sue Prior, from Manitoulin Island who was able to attend her funeral. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Robertson from Manitoulin Island and Betty Whitfield from Meaford, and one brother-in-law, Mervyn Whitfield from Sault Ste. Marie.

Mother passed from this life in her room, which she loved, at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre. Not only did she love her room there, she loved the staff who works there. That they returned that love was evident to her family in the care

that she was given on a daily basis and we, her family, are thankful for that.

Mother celebrated her 90th birthday in February of this year and was deeply gratified that sixty-five of her immediate family gathered on October 9, 2004 to celebrate her 90th year with her before the snow came. Two dear granddaughters and their family were not able to attend but the rest of her family was there. She was also honoured on her birthday by approximately one hundred and fifty of her friends from her church and her community and she loved every minute of it. Meaford was truly her community.

Mother had many interests that made her declining years pleasant for her. She loved to do jigsaw puzzles, she loved to play Scrabble (and usually won), she was an avid Blue Jay fan and she loved to read.

Her funeral service was conducted from the Meaford Church of Christ on May 31 and, with the exception of a tribute paid to her by her daughter Myra, was conducted by her grandchildren. She lived a full life and was anxious to go on home, thus, we her family are at peace. - Wilma Lansdell

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Winkler Bible Camp. This year's theme was "More Precious Than Rubies." Thirty-nine women attended, representing churches from Winnipeg, Dauphin, and Carman. The main presentation was a DVD on "Extravagant Love" by Carrie Gurley of the Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, TX. Weekend fun highlights included Friday evening's Fondue Fun Night and Saturday afternoon's "head to toe" spas, shopping and social tea excursions in Morden and Winkler. It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship. We are pleased to have Dale & Kathy Elford working full time with the church now. They have been here since May 1. Cory Taylor capably served as primary pulpit minister (with the help of several others) from January 1 until Dale's arrival. He will be joining the group going on the Mexico Mission Trip in July. - Don Jenkins

Winnipeg: Plans and preparations continue for the Mission Trip to Mexico in July. The men were invited to attend a Men's Retreat at Clearview Christian Camp June 3-5. The ladies were invited to attend a Ladies Rest and Renewal Weekend May 27-29. May 13-14 a Kid's Rally was held here for grades 1 - 6 students. We hosted a camp work day at Clearview Christian Camp on May 28. Erica Hannah and Kendra Bell were added to the Lord's family through baptism.



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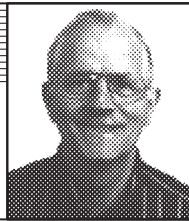
Candidates will be expected to live and work with a small group of students (one counsellor for every six students) in various settings, such as; classroom, tours, sports, and other program activities. If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you today!

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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald)
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Just Like Us. 15 Biblical Stories with Take-Away Messages You Can Use in Your Life, Jossey-Bass, 222 pages, \$21.95 (U.S.)

This extremely helpful book was compiled by three scholarly writers: Frank Minirith, M.D., Don Hawkins, D.Min. and Roy Vogel, Ph.D. They ask "Were people in the Bible really like you and me? We may wonder if it's even possible when we read about individuals such as Paul, Peter, Martha, David and Elijah; they seem ten feet tall, spiritually speaking. We assume they didn't have major problems, or we think that the strength they had for overcoming life's trials was far beyond what is available to us today. Yet an examination of these individuals' lives reveals a different story. Every giant of biblical days had an Achilles' heel, just like us.

Evangelical authors such as Warren W. Wiersbe, Gene Getz and Woodrow Kroll give this book high rating. The writers discuss fifteen of the Bible's best known men and women. These include Gideon (An Ordinary Man with an Extraordinary Purpose), Moses (A Man of Ups and Downs), Naomi (Battling Adversity and

Bitterness), David (Defeating Life's Giants), Daniel (A Mentally Healthy Man) and Paul (Insane, Obsessive, or Genius?)

The authors are strong believers in the Lord and His inspired Word and at the same time are extremely well educated. They point out the value in relating to these Bible characters. (They are not Batman, Supermen or Wonder Woman, but human beings like us) We can learn from them. We can use the same power they experienced. We can learn to live day by day in dependence on him (Colossians 2:6,7.)

So, You Want To Be Like Christ, Eight Essentials to Get You There, by Charles Swindoll, W Publishing Group, Thomas Nelson, 192 pages, \$24.99.

Here is another wonderful book by the prolific author, Charles Swindoll. Like "Ol Man River" he just keeps rolling along. Recently we reviewed his great book, "Getting Through the Tough Stuff." Now he has given us another tremendous book. In it he gives us eight essential disciplines for living the Christian life. These disciplines

will cause our relationship with Christ to flourish as in a beautiful orchard of fruit.

The author quotes the great words of Paul to Timothy, "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness" (1 Timothy 4:7). The word "discipline" reminds the author of "those gruelling days in boot camp that he endured after joining the U.S. Marine Corps."

He urges us to compare ourselves to Christ instead of to others. Keep Jesus as your standard. All other human examples are driven by a survival instinct, an internal compulsion to preserve and nurture self. Only Christ modeled godly selflessness throughout His entire life. While others seek to preserve their own lives, He came to lay His down.

Many great thoughts are presented on the theme of prayer. He quotes another who says, "It's not a question of changing God's mind or exercising some magical influence or spell." We must make prayer a priority in our lives.

A very frank discussion is presented regarding the problem of lust. This is one of the greatest challenges faced by men. To deal with this problem he presents "Five Steps to Living Above the Flesh."

Do you think you are sacrificing a lot for the Lord? Consider the sacrifice of five young Christian men who were murdered by Auca Indians in the Ecuadorian jungle. That story coupled with this book can change your life.

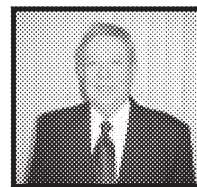
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CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; (June – August) Sun. service 10 am, (Sept – May) Children's Bible Classes 9:30 & 11:15; Worship 9 & 10:45; Wed. 6:45 p.m. Small Groups (Fri – Mon, eve.) Phone (403) 272-2111; E-mail: info@calgarycocf.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St. T4V 1A2 Sun. 10:30 am. Thurs. 7:00 pm 780-672-1220 (off); Elders: Bob Watts, 780-672-3671; and Dennis Lindstrand, 780-672-4978.

EDMONTON: 13015 - 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9. (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30am, 11:00am; Wed. 7:00pm CARE Groups at the building and in various homes. Evangelists: David Friesen, 460-4258 and Tim Johnson, 461-0323. Elders: Henri Bouchard, Vern Hibbard, Walter Hreczuch, Peter Ross; www.edmontonchurchofchrist.org, e-mail: 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)

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BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; 9:45 & 11:15; Sunday School 10:30 (Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations.) Kirk Ruch, ev. Kirk@SBChurch.ca ; Mike Parker, youth: FishFreaks@SBChurch.ca ; office: welcome@SBChurch.ca (604-522-7721) Website: www.SBChurch.ca.

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CRESTON: Box 866, Creston, BC, V0B 1G0. Phone: 250-428-5937 or 250-428-4376.

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

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7: (604) 943-0515 (off)

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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, marwayne@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

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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.

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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: wvyes@hotmail.com

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BURKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6:7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence, R.R. #2, POA 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9Y 3V5; (705) 444-0010 (office); Don MacMullin, ev.

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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>

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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 Azzoparde, 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, 7; Wed. 7:00 p.m., (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. 9:30 and 10:30 (Please phone for Sun. p.m. and midweek information); P.O. Box 78041 Westcliffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100.

HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:30, c/o Dave Preston, (705) 789-7897, 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: kingstoncofc@aol.com; Richard Maddeux, ev., Gordon Gibsdon, ev.

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, Tolpuddle Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S. Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building. Sun: 9:45 a.m. Exhortation; 10:05 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; contact Gordon Worrall (519)434-1981

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

MISSISSAUGA: Living Waters Christian Fellowship. Rody and Nancy Ostli; 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: davidrlock@canacana.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 Meneer, 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. 9:15, 10:30, 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; 935-9581 (off.); Email: cofc@mergetel.com; WebSite: churchofchrist.n3.net

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: dhdudd@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;

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, 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 <ebailey@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; Elders: Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy (416) 267-6820; Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev. (416) 751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.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, N0G 2L0; (519) 323-2424

WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun, 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; Javier Cuarezma, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res); Bill Schwarz, ev. (519) 885-2938 (res).

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson st.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON N0G 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 Cr., Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; email: wsidcoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidcoc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 6:30 p.m. "Phoebe" women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; 387-6163 (off.); Fredeick Feruzi, ev. e-mail: feruzikj@hotmail.com

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; 514-637-7604; Leonard Amanatey, ev; email <churchofchristmontreal@hotmail.com>; website: www.churchofchristmontreal.com.

MONTREAL (Verdun - English/French): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; English: Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Mazzalongo, ev. 514-766-4911; email: Mazzalongo@videotron.ca; website: www.verduccoc.org French: Sun 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105; email: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Vertheuil, 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, SOC 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, Box 507, SOH 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, SOH 2T0; (306) 478-2516.

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

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

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (306) 763-2218. Contact Bob Jenkins, 616-6187

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

REGINA: Glen Elm, 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Please call for times

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

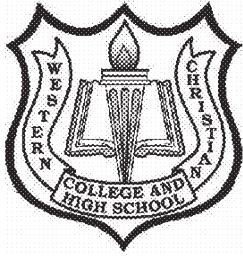
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