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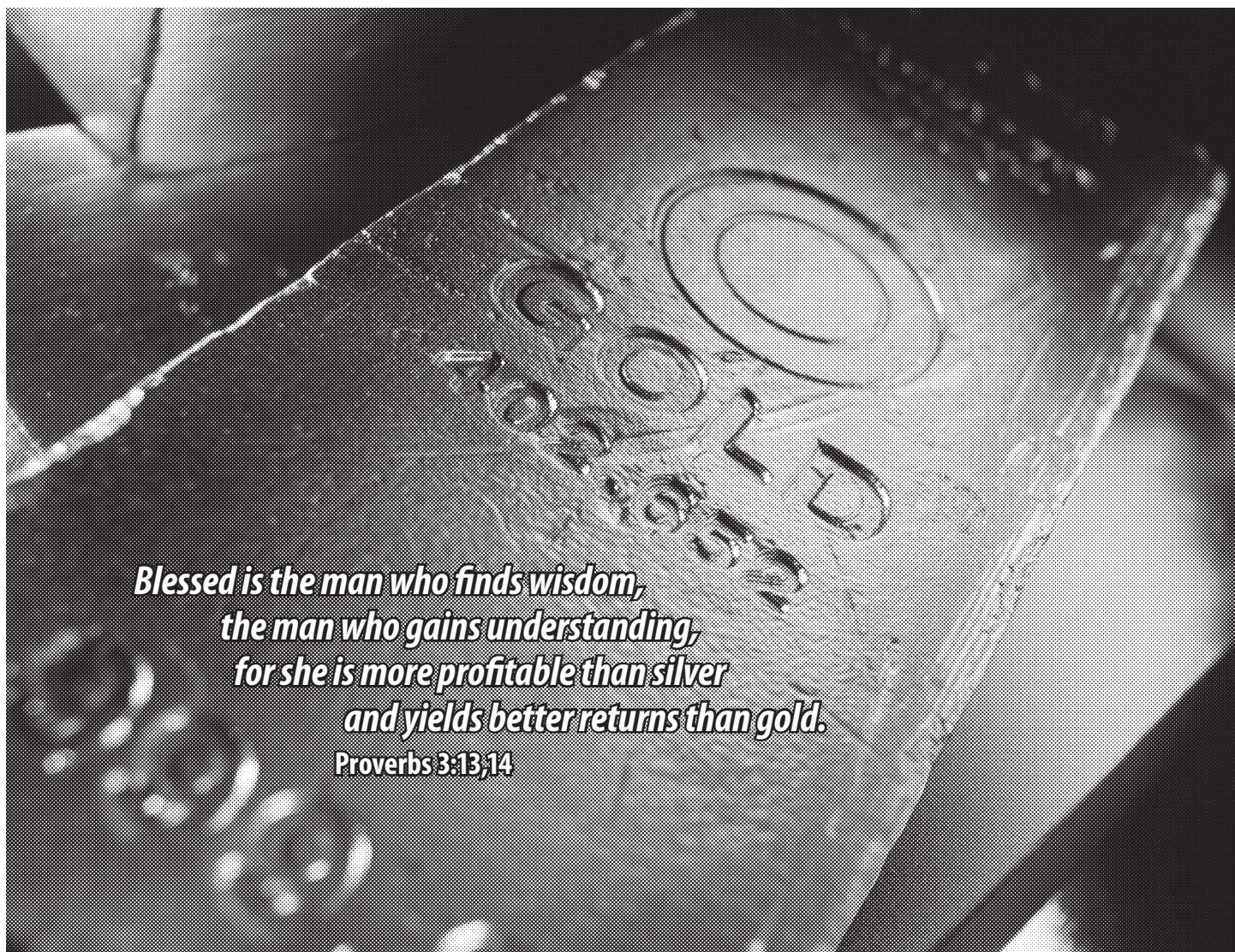
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*Blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
the man who gains understanding,
for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.*

Proverbs 3:13;14

We should never underestimate the value of example in evangelism. Sometimes, without realizing it, we may be having a great affect on people who we may feel are unreachable. Read the article/report from May Lee Rogers that begins on page 2 to be challenged with the importance of example.

Example Evangelism

Mary Lee Rogers

God moves in a mysterious way!
Our God is an Awesome God!
God is Good! Miracles Never
Cease! However you phrase it, we here
in Donetsk, Ukraine have witnessed a
“miracle”, seen a Saul turn to a Paul
situation and seen first hand God’s
mighty power. This past Sunday, October
30 at 4:00 PM Ganadi and Ludmilla
Shabanov (formerly Ahab and Jezebel!)
were baptized into Christ in the kitchen
at UBI!!!

Most of you who read this newsletter
know that I have written many times
about our “dear neighbours” that we
called Ahab and Jezebel and the incred-
ible problems we have had with them
in the UBI building.

It all started over 5 years ago when
a building was purchased for the school
at 50 Years of USSR (Communism) Street
#144. The building was made up of sev-
eral “apartments” (rooms that are about
12' x 15') and a “communal” bathroom
and kitchen that were in a falling down,
horrible state. All the rooms on the first
floor were purchased but two that were
owned by the Shabanovs. Renovations
were started on the first floor of the
part we owned and we started school
in August 2001 in our new building.
However, the Shabanovs were deter-
mined from day one to “drive us out”

and “shut us down” in their words!!

Every day we faced a new battle
with them. Would we be exposed to
her walking down the hall in just a
towel? Would we find feces smeared
all over the bathroom? Would we be
offered a deal from them to sell only
to be retracted the next day? Would
we endure the constant LOUD music
hour after hour? Would we find ALL
the burners on the stove on high after
burning that way all night so we would
have to pay more on our electricity bill?
Would we find every tap pouring out
hot water just to run up our water bill?
Or would this be the day for an all out
confrontation with them? Taking over
our kitchen and not allowing us to use
it, stealing the cabinet for our students
tea cups and then finally stealing all
the tea cups were just a FEW of their
constant antics!! Only God knew what
would happen each day. However, our
students continued as usual in their
behaviour of letting their Christian lights
shine by demonstrating genuine fellow-
ship and living Christianity daily. Jay
Don constantly reminded the students in
chapel we must behave in a Christ-like
manner to these people no matter what
they do. Singing, prayers and fellowship
continued as if the obnoxious couple
were not present.

But with that being said it was cer-
tainly a constant drain and strain on
all of us but especially Jay Don as he
was the one who now had to deal with
them personally.

One of the greatest joys of our “dear
neighbours” was turning up their radio
full blast all day. Our teachers would
leave the school with splitting head-
aches after trying to teach all day over
their music. The Central church, which
met at the school on Sundays, was also
continually plagued with their music at
every service.

This bitterness finally turned to
blows one Sunday afternoon. The
Central congregation was about to meet
and the music was blaring. This time
the radio was plugged into the outlet
in the washroom area right across
the hall from where the church was
meeting. Natasha, our custodian and

nursery attendant who is a member
at Central went over and unplugged
the cord. Immediately the doors of
our “neighbours” burst open and they
plugged the radio back in and turned the
volume even higher. Natasha explained
the radio was on our side of the school
and that worship services were about
to begin and she unplugged the radio
again. As soon as she did this, Mr. and
Mrs. Shabanov just went out of control
and began beating her. An ambulance
was called and Natasha was taken to
the hospital where she remained for
nearly two months with a brain concus-
sion. This criminal action was reported
and we were told that we could finally
do something on a legal basis to them.
With the threat of the criminal charges
the Shabanovs went into hiding. This
all happened about two years ago.

Fast forward to a couple of months
ago when the Shabanovs returned to
their apartment. We were all horrified
that they were here again. However
they seemed a bit different. He was sick
and in and out of the hospital and she
was very quiet, causing no problems
and they both seemed very willing to
really sell their apartments this time.

All through the four and a half years
we have been in Ukraine, God has

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blessed us abundantly with your generous giving. Literally thousands of dollars have been given to the hospitals and to help the hurting orphans and widows by and through you. As we shared in the last letter this helped to bring a man named Vladimir into our lives. Vladimir is the owner and President of Our Home Ukraine. Jay Don and I met him at one of the orphanages. With the help of God, he helped us finalize a deal to finally and completely purchase the Shabanovs rooms. They were to move out November 1.

It is wonderful to see how the practice of pure religion can open hearts and open doors and this is what we were joyfully celebrating in the last newsletter.

But the REST OF THE STORY gets WAY BETTER!

On Friday, October 28, 2005, Mrs. Shabanov came to Natasha Maluga (our Assistant Administrator) and said she wanted to talk to Jay Don. He was busy at the moment so said in a few moments. In his mind he was thinking, "What does she want now? More money? To back out of the deal?" All kinds of scenarios were racing through his mind. As soon as he got through he called her into the office and they all sat down.

She started to cry and began to talk. She said, "Jay Don would you forgive us for all that we have done to you and the others at the school." We were shocked.

She said she was sorry for playing the music loud, for hurting people and for all the wrong things they had done. Jay Don was thinking, "What is this woman up to? Is she for real?"

She then explained that recently her husband was back in the hospital. He has a liver disease and was bleeding internally. The doctors had told her to go in and say her goodbyes as he was going to die. She said the only thing she knew to do was to try to pray. She said she didn't know how to pray but she remembered hearing our students pray, even though she resented it at the time. So she started using words and phrases that our students had used. She said she didn't want to lose her husband.

He started getting better and in the next few weeks they both began to talk about what had happened. They came to the conclusion that they now believe in God. She said, "Will you forgive us? We are not worthy."

Jay Don told her "None of us are worthy, we are just thankful that God will love and forgive us anyway". It

was very obvious that her countenance was not the haughty, arrogant, hateful woman that had been in the office many times before.

The Central congregation, which meets at the school, was in the process of having a meeting!!! (Gods providence???) They were to meet at 5 PM. She said, "If I come to the 5 o'clock meeting will they tell me to leave because we have been so bad?"

Jay Don told her, "Of course not, you are welcome to come."

She said again, "I am so sorry, can you forgive me for all the things I have done wrong against you all."

Jay Don said, "Yes, of course, I forgive you and God will forgive you if you confess and trust in Him."

Jay Don was still stunned and you could see the obvious shock all over Natasha's face. She has also been through many difficulties with this couple through the years including a personal law suit, which she won.

Mrs. Shabanov said, "I want to know what I need to do to become a Christian. My husband and I have talked it over and what ever we are supposed to do we want to do it."

Jay Don explained that what she was doing right now was a great first

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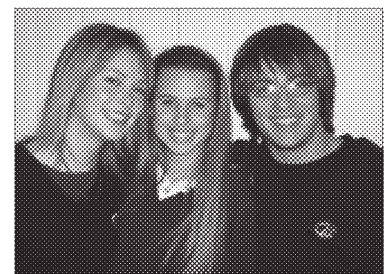
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The Militant Unchurched

Wayne Turner



The Hindu Equal Rights organization in the United Kingdom has taken issue with a Christmas stamp recently printed by the Royal Mail. Their press release states that the stamp depicts “an offensive painting of Hindus worshipping Jesus.” According to the group, the presence of tilaks (head markings) on the faces of the worshippers on the stamp identify them as Hindus. They claim that the Royal Mail, by creating the stamps, is supporting “right wing Christian groups” whose aim is the “destruction of indigenous cultures around the world and in particular, that of Hinduism and Hindu culture in India.” (The offending stamp is part of a series of six stamps which depict the Madonna and Child using European, Haitian, Italian, Indian, Native American and Aboriginal images.)

The tone of the statement is almost surprisingly militant. In part, at least in their view, it is due to anti-Hindu violence in North-eastern India, supposedly instigated by followers of these right-wing groups. “If they (these ‘Christian’ groups – WT) have their way, soon there won’t be any Hindus left to worship Hindu Deities, just like the fate of the indigenous Deities and philosophies of Africa and other continents.”

More than anything else, it appears that at the heart of this objection is a reaction to the many different religious groups that are attempting to convert Hindus. Around the world, there have been similar reactions to “proselytizing.” In some Muslim countries, there are very strict rules against it. In Sri Lanka, just before the tsunami, bills against attempts to convert people (by foreign “Christian” groups) were introduced into parliament by a militant Buddhist party, with imprisonment and fines for those who try to proselytize. The massive relief efforts by numerous religious groups have increased fears of proselytizing. Feelings become even stronger when evangelism is directed toward indigenous cultural groups. Christians are being told that they should dialogue with, not attempt to convert, Jewish people. Even in Canada, there are some who are saying that trying to convert others to one’s beliefs is arrogant, intolerant and morally wrong.

Since almost the earliest days of the church, there have been very strong, negative reactions to Christians preaching the Gospel. Jewish authorities in Jerusalem commanded and tried to intimidate the Apostles “not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.” (Acts 4:18) Later, these same authorities repeated this demand and had them flogged for disobedience. (5:28-40). Evangelistic efforts in cities like Thessalonica, Corinth and Ephesus resulted in strong negative public reactions. Sometimes local citizens rioted, believing their deities (and related cultures) were being threatened by the success of the church.

Jesus told His disciples that there would be pressures on them that could make them ashamed to acknowledge their faith in Him. He warned that He would be ashamed of such people, and would disown them before God as they had disowned Him

before men. In the book of Revelation, there is a very special attention given to those who maintained the testimony of their faith, even to the point of death. Jesus promised, “Be faithful to death, and I will give you a crown of life.” The courage and sacrifice of early Christians for their faith transformed the Greek word for “witness” (marturos) into our word for someone who dies for their faith – martyr.

Satan’s agenda is to foster a climate on earth where any attempt at evangelism is seen as wrong. He wants unbelievers, those who are lost, to be angry and militant against those who try to share the message of salvation. He wants Christians to be reluctant, even afraid, to speak of Jesus Christ and His death, burial and resurrection.

We must keep in mind that there are times when consideration and good judgment are required – where it is inappropriate to force ourselves onto others, like the recent case of the airline pilot who used the plane’s public address system to take advantage of his captive audience. Both Jesus and Paul tell us that our message will be offensive to many – a stumbling block and an aroma of death. Our methods for sharing it, as far as is possible, should not be. As we hear so often at this time of year, our message is of God’s love that says, “Peace on earth, good will to men.” Jesus came, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

Historically, some people have referred to the church in its earthly phase as the “Church Militant.” This is due, in part, to its role in standing against the forces of sin and preaching the Gospel. As Christians, we need to remember we are not the only militants involved. There is also a “militant unchurched” in the world that will oppose and stand against any efforts to reach the lost. As they have since the beginning of the church, they will seek, through any means imaginable, including the threat of legal or social pressure and even violence, to intimidate Christians into silence. However, like the Apostles before the Sanhedrin, we must obey God, not men. To whom shall they go? Through Christ, we have the words of eternal life. We cannot be silent!

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Honouring Christ at Christmas

Christmas is coming, I can tell because the signs are all around me. The days are getting shorter, the temperature is dropping and there is a covering of that white stuff that tends to come at this time of year. Yet ... even without all those signs, I could tell that Christmas is coming because the television is constantly announcing how many shopping days there are left. Each evening after supper my wife (BonnieLee) settles into her chair and works at a feverish pace to complete the crafts that she will use as gifts or decorations this year. How could I not know that Christmas was coming?

Living in a remote northern community means that we shop more by the internet than we do by visiting the mall. While shopping on the internet has its own limitations there are definite advantages. I never need to find a parking spot and while I may be occasionally called to the computer to view something on the screen I am not following my wife through a series of malls grumbling and complaining all the way. Nothing can suck the joy out of Christmas quicker than a visit to the mall on a Saturday in December, especially if you are shopping with me.

So ... why do we do it? Why do we shop until we drop knowing that the joy of the season is quickly draining from our lives? Perhaps because we enjoy giving gifts, the shopping may be less than enjoyable but the gift giving is enjoyable. Jesus himself said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Each

Christmas is another reminder of how enjoyable it is to give gifts.

In the affluent world in which we live we often find ourselves trying to purchase gifts for people who don't really need anything and don't really want anything. Their closets are already filled with the latest fashions, one more sweater and they will not be able to shut the door. Their kitchen counters are already filled with small appliances that they don't often use, their home is already decorated to their tastes and they don't really want to change anything. What are we to do?

Somewhere along the way Christmas became commercialized, it became

less about the Light of Life coming into the world and more about hanging Christmas lights. More about trying to outdo one another in our gift giving than about celebrating the gift we have in Jesus. Less about families gathering together and just enjoying being together and more about, "what are we going to buy Aunt Sally when she has everything and she bought us that really nice gift last year." Nothing will suck the spirit out of Christmas like a few hours at a crowded shopping mall where perfectly sane people become raving lunatics as they search for uniquely wonderful presents for people that have everything. There just has to be a better way!

Thankfully, there is a better way. Families have shared with me how they have chosen to dramatically alter their gift exchanges each Christmas. Rather than purchase gifts for each other they collect all the money they would have used to purchase gifts for each other and use it in a way that will glorify their Saviour. Some families have

chosen to use their funds to provide Christmas (gifts, meals and treats) for a family that would not have had much of a celebration without this help. Other families have chosen to use their funds to support a charitable foundation or institution that does good work and is close to their hearts. Sometimes these gifts are given in memory of loved ones who have died in recent years as a memorial to them. One young man shared with me how he and his girlfriend had decided to use what money they had planned on spending on each other at Christmas to help children less fortunate than themselves. This young couple told me that they had a wonderful Christmas, the best ever. What a wonderful way for them to spend their first Christmas together and getting a relationship started on the proper foundation. Is there

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Kingdom Ethics and Creation Ethics

Thayer Salisbury

In a recent contribution to the Gospel Herald, Edwin Broadus raised the complex issue of the relationship of the Christian to the government. Although any attempt to deal with this issue in a brief space could be labelled oversimplification, his article was well balanced. There are a number of loose ends, however. These loose ends will not be fully 'tied up' in this article, but perhaps a suggestion can be made that will point us in a helpful direction.

Confusion among Christians on their relationship to the government is regrettable, although it may also be inevitable. It is a complex issue and the situation changes rapidly. Even within the New Testament we see different attitudes expressed toward the government, depending on the situation faced at the moment. The general rule, "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution" (1 Pet 2:13), does not apply in all cases. The government has a legitimate, God-given function (Rom 13:1-7), but, when a governing authority oversteps that role to insist on wrongdoing, that authority must be disobeyed. As Peter said elsewhere, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

The lines between proper submission to government and capitulation to a government gone wrong are not always easy to draw. This is especially true for Christians who do not have a well developed and biblically based understanding of the role of government in God's will. Many Christians (evangelical, ecumenical, or restorationist) seem to have developed their understanding of the role of government from the secular media rather than from the scriptures. They

then take that view of government and impose it on the scriptures (on those rare occasions when they read the scriptures).

This situation is regrettable because it weakens our witness before the world. When Christians do not seem to know what to expect of the government, and disagree with one another, even on very fundamental issues, with regard to the government, we appear to be a people without a plan – hardly the people to whom the issues of eternity can be entrusted. For many Christians this is the signal to give up, to cease saying anything regarding government. But, despite the world's condemnation of Christians when we do speak out, the world expects that Christians will have something to say. They expect some degree of moral conviction from us and they think even less of us when we say nothing than when we say things they do not like.

In his article, Brother Broadus speaks of two groups of "evangelicals" who believe that the government should be involved in enforcing biblical principles. Let me suggest to you that every Christian – including those most critical of the groups he names – believes that the government should enforce certain biblical principles. The disagreement is not over whether or not government should enforce some biblical principles, the disagreement is over which ones the government ought to be enforcing. In fact at times it seems that the leading critics of appealing to the government to enforce biblical standards are, on other issues, the leading advocates. Often it seems that the very people who are critical of Christians who want the government to stop pornography and abortion, are promoting government involvement in benevolence. Why is it right to insist that the government

provide health care, but unreasonable to insist that the government stop the killing of the unborn? Why is it right to insist that the government prevent slavery, and even hate speech, but unreasonable to insist that the government prevent prostitution?

It is tempting to review the history of the relationship between Christians and the government, but that would make this a VERY long article, and the benefits would not justify the length. No matter how we read the history of church-state relationship, world-wide or in North America, we are left with the same question, What can we rightfully expect of our government today? What biblical principles ought we to expect them to uphold and what biblical principles ought to be modelled within

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the church but not expected of those outside the church?

This article will not answer the question in detail. Instead it will merely suggest a line of examination that should prove fruitful to the diligent seeker of truth.

Creation Ethics & Kingdom Ethics

Let me suggest that Christians should not expect the government to force everyone to be a Christian; Christians should not expect the government to force non-Christians to live as Christians; but Christians should expect the government to uphold the most basic moral principles, the natural theology or creation ethics that God expects of everyone (whether his covenant people or not).

There are certain commands that are given to God's people by virtue of their standing as disciples or subjects of his kingdom. There are other principles that are expected of everyone by virtue of their status as created beings. Rushdoony, and others, who expect the whole world to live by the standards of the Mosaic law are wrong. That law was given to the Israelites on the basis of the relationship the Lord established with them in saving them from Egypt (Ex 20:2). We should not impose on non-Israelites what was given to Israelites. Nor should we expect of non-Christians the standards of behaviour given in the Sermon on the Mount. That sermon was given to disciples of Jesus (Mt 5:1). The disciples ought to model that behaviour before the world, not expect that behaviour of the world.

We should not expect of the world the behaviour of the Children of the Kingdom, but we should expect of the created the basic ethics of creation. There are basic principles that are clear to all (Rom 1). The role of government is not to legislate the Mosaic law nor the Sermon on the Mount, but it does have a role under God (Rom 13). Christians should call the government to that role.

While the full delineation of the two ethical standards is beyond the scope of this article, an example or two is certainly in order. The government needs some guidance as to what is included in its role as "the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer" (Rom 13:4).

Respect for Human Life

Genesis chapter 9 is not part of the Covenant that was nailed to the cross; it is not a part of the Mosaic covenant with the people delivered from Egypt. Genesis 9 is the story of a covenant with all of mankind. The promise given there to Noah is specifically said to apply to all humans through all of history, and, in that context it is stated, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image" (Gen 9:6).

Here is a fundamental principle which we ought to expect the government to uphold. Murderers should be punished. The governing authority is not to hold the sword in vain (Rom 13:4). While we should not expect them to insist on attendance at worship, tithing, or lending without expecting a return, we should expect them to insist on respect for human life.

This is perhaps the most fundamental failing of twenty-first century Western governments. While imposing a taxation system and a welfare system that forces all citizens to live by standards of generosity expected only of God's people in the Biblical record, most of these same governments have abandoned their responsibility to justly punish murder. If there is one issue on which Christians ought to vote as a block, it is this one. Any government that has abandoned its responsibility to punish those who take human life ought to be opposed by all Christians. This is the most fundamental responsibility of government, and rightfully serves as a litmus test for Christian voters when accessing candidates for office.

Respect for Nature

Christians may be wrong when they encourage the government to take over benevolent duties assigned by God to the family and the church, but surely they are not wrong when they insist that everyone be expected to show respect for the proper use

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of nature. "The earth is the Lord's" (Ps 24:1); it is not ours. We are to use it and to care for it (Gen 1:28; 2:15). We are neither to worship nature nor to abuse it. Nature is not our "mother." Nor is nature our own creation. It is God's by right of creation, and, while we have been given dominion over it, we are not to abuse it.

Abuse of nature comes in many forms. Cruelty to animals is an abuse of nature (Prov 12:10). Homosexuality is an abuse of nature (1 Cor 6:9; Rom 1:18-27). Avoidable environmental pollution is an abuse of nature. While the exact form of control that ought to be placed on these abuses is debatable, that they ought to be controlled is clear. The flagrant abuse of nature is not wrong only if we are disciples, such abuse is wrong because nature belongs to God, not to mankind. While it may not be possible to ask the government to totally forbid all activities which we deem to be an abuse of nature, we should not be

shy in rebuking any government that grants privileged status to those who are clearly abusing nature as created by God.

Only a Start

I have not attempted anything close to a full exploration of the limits of Creation Ethics. My goal has been only to make the reader aware of this approach to the problem. It is not a matter, as some would have us think, of either demanding that the government enforce all biblical teaching or leaving the government completely alone. There is another alternative. We can call on the government to uphold basic Creation Ethics without expecting the government to uphold Kingdom or Discipleship Ethics. One may recognize, with Wilberforce, that slavery is a denial of the image of God in our fellowman, and expect the government to stop the trade in human lives, without coming to the conclusion that government should

shut down the banking system for charging interest on loans (although interest was forbidden among God's people, Lev 25:36-37).

At times, Christians have failed to make any distinction between commands that the government ought to enforce and commands which ought only to be held binding on believers. At other times they made a distinction, but on no clear or logical basis. I believe that beings, and commands given to disciples (or subjects of the kingdom), will help us toward a more reasonable, consistent and defensible position in regard to the government. It is not always easy to sort these two kinds of commands, but an attempt ought to be made. Even done imperfectly, such an approach will be better than the false dilemma of either expecting the government to uphold a fully Christian moral standard or expecting the government to uphold no moral standard at all.

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step. He said she must first come to a belief in God and learn to trust him. Then she needed to learn that Jesus is her only possible salvation and she needs to repent of her sins, confess that Jesus is Lord and be baptized into his holy and precious name. She listened quietly, which was a change for her as well, and said that she would go to the hospital and tell her husband.

Before she left she said, "Jay Don, if we had sold our flat to you 5 years ago, we might not have ever come to this day in our lives. Perhaps God has used these trials on you and the wrong we have done for all these years to bring us to this point. Could this be possible?" Jay Don said of course that is possible. God works in some awesome ways which many times we do not understand. She then left and we were all in a state of SHOCK!!!

Jay Don asked Bogdon, one of our students, to study with them and help them learn the truth. Bogdon is an ex-Orthodox priest who had persecuted the church himself in Novagregorivka and Mezhevaya but who was now teaching the gospel to a former atheist who had persecuted the church in the building where she lived.

Sunday morning we attended the services at Central and the Shabanovs were there on the front row. After the services she got up before the congregation and in essence said this: "I want to thank all the church members and our American friends for this opportunity to sell our rooms and purchase a good flat. My husband is very sick and I come to ask for your forgiveness and to state my repentance for doing what I have done here. What we did was right in our way of thinking but now we know it was wrong. We were brought up under the Soviet system that refused to admit there was a God and to punish those who prayed and believed in God. It was the way we were trained and so we thought we were doing right when we played the music so loud. I am sorry to Jay Don and Mary Lee. I am sorry to the school and to this church. Let me explain to you why I am here. My husband has been sick for a long time and became so ill he had to be taken to the hospital. It is his liver. It

is diseased. In the hospital the nurses examined him and took off his clothing and brought it to me and said, "Take these clothes because your husband will never need them. He is dying. Go tell him goodbye."

I went to see him and he was very sick. He had begun bleeding internally and the doctors said he would not recover and for me to make preparations to take his dead body away from the hospital. I did not want my husband to die. I had never prayed because I had never known about God but I recalled the UBI students in the kitchen praying. So I began saying the words they used. I began praying constantly. Then I went back to see my husband and he was awake. I told him I was praying and he looked at me and asked, how can you do this since you never prayed? I told him I was praying as the students of the school prayed. He seemed surprised that I would begin praying and that I would know how to pray. Then he became worse and I began praying harder. Even though the doctors said he would die, soon he began to improve and I continued praying. Through these months I have continued praying and I also knew I must do more. I knew I must become a Christian and so I come today to do this. I want to repent and be immersed and become a member of this congregation. I want my husband to live and die as a Christian. I am telling you I am very sorry for how I acted. I repent of that life. Now my husband has few words to say."

Her confession was close to twenty minutes and she rarely stopped crying.

Mr. Shabanov was sitting down and because of his physical weakness could not stand. His talk was just above a whisper. (Such a contrast to the way we have heard him yell in the past!) He agreed with his wife's words and then added this very touching remark, "We have acted contrary to the way our grandparents acted. They were believers. We did not follow in their steps. I am sorry for the trouble we have caused you and ask your forgiveness."

The crowd of 60+ sat in stunned silence. Tears were rolling down the cheeks of most and leery hearts became tender. We then went into the kitchen where the Shabanovs confessed their faith in Christ. A portable baptistry had been filled with water and we then witnessed Mr. and Mrs. Shabanov be buried into Christ. Both came up out of the water with HUGE smiles. A scene that will be in my memory until the day I die. Jay Don and I were overcome with tears and joy. What a sight to behold, one only that our God could have provided.

The joy of that day will remain in the hearts of those present for eternity. I wonder who enjoyed the greatest joy? We know that God and the angels were rejoicing in heaven, but there was also a joy shared by those of us on earth. There was joy in the congregation that this couple had turned from bitterness and persecution to seek forgiveness and fellowship. There was joy in my and Jay Don's heart to see persevering had its fruits. There was joy in the hearts of all those who have known the struggle that has existed over this situation and now rejoice that the struggle is completed with the salvation of two precious souls. And of course there is the joy of the Shabanovs admitting there is a God and submitting to his will.

And we pray with all our hearts, there is a true joy in the hearts of all those who read this story.

I hope you don't mind that the entire newsletter was devoted to this awesome story. Our experiences for the month pale in comparison to this mighty work of God.

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ONTARIO

Beamsville: Art and Val Fleming celebrated their 55th anniversary on October 7. John and Lorene Smiley were honoured for their Christian service at the Great Lakes Christian College and Great Lakes Bible College Partnership dinner on November 5. Mike Mazzalongo was guest speaker for the congregation on November 9 on the topic: "The Matrix Conspiracy," especially geared to young people.

Bramalea: The congregation's Ghanaian brethren conducted the worship services on Sunday, October 16, with Tony Bonsu, speaking. On December 11, the Caribbean Islands' brethren are scheduled to lead the service, with Don Williams preaching.

Brantford: Steve and Phyllis May held a fall meeting for the congregation from November 4 - 6. Other recent morning worship speakers were Shawn LeBlanc on October 30, George Mansfield on November 13, and Wayne Whitfield on November 20. A ladies' breakfast was held Saturday, November 5, with Phyllis May as guest speaker. 124 lbs. of baby food were collected during the food share programme in September.

Fenwick: Mike Mazzalongo held a series of meetings from November 10-13 on the topic: "Amazing Grace."

Grimshy: The ladies began a scrap booking class Monday, September 26. The ladies' study group began a study of the book:

"Women of Influence," on October 20.

Newmarket: On October 15, thanksgiving baskets were given to those in need. Also in October, Art Ford was a guest speaker for the congregation.

Niagara Falls: The congregation hosted a spiritual workshop from November 4-6. The theme was "Survivor Series: How to Use the Bible to Survive Everyday Living," with Paul and Patsy Shero from Southgate Church of Christ, San Angelo, Texas.

Thessalon: Another time of rejoicing was November 16 at the baptism of Laurel Klazinga.

Tintern: Dave Hurley was baptized into Christ on October 15. A variety of new activities for children from elementary through high school are planned, including a weekly teen activity night and separate twice-monthly activities for pre-teens and younger children. The congregation has begun providing Wednesday night dinners at the building before Bible study as a service especially for families with young children. The members have found these dinners to be a great time of fellowship, too.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): The CRTCC has renewed the certification of Key To The Kingdom as a Canadian production.

This certification is good until November 15, 2006. Janette Martin, formerly from Montreal, was welcomed to the Strathmore Family.

Waterloo: Elizabeth Zai, who studied with Bill Schwarz, was baptized in October. On October 25, the ladies Bible class studied: "Lord, show me how to take control of my mind." On Saturday, October 29, the ladies planned to meet for scrap booking activities and a quilting class. From October 31-November 4 a GLBC short course, "Writing Skills," was offered. \$314 was collected last quarter to help the congregation's four Chinese orphans. The total amount collected for hurricane Katrina relief was \$3,082.

Windsor: On November 8, Nancy Murphy was baptized. On October 17, the "Keenagers" met to look at the message of the 7 signs in the gospel of John. On November 20, Ron White, from Healing Hands International, was scheduled to give a presentation about their organization's work. The congregation's annual clothing giveaway was scheduled for November 25 and 26.

QUEBEC

Verdun: In October the congregation organized an outreach programme directed toward neighbourhood children. A ministry entitled "Coco and Friends" uses puppets to tell stories about Coco, the little street kid who learns all kinds of lessons through adventures with friends who hang around his street. These include: obeying parents, being kind and trusting God. There is also a special "Mystery Spot" in which Roger Samur performs special magic tricks designed to teach biblical ideas. Roger and his wife, Diane, direct this programme. Up to 50 visitors have been involved and the church follows up by visiting those parents who enrolled their children. On December 4, the Verdun congregation will celebrate its 20th anniversary with special guests from supporting congregations, and representatives from other Quebec congregations, participating in the programme. Copies of the newly printed "History of Quebec Churches of Christ" will also be distributed.

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Central Valley (Abbotsford): (Some INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS our 2-couple team to Ft. Ware and Tsay Key, B.C. noted this time around, as reported by Jen Weir): "This being the fourth time in the two villages, we found that the folks had much more 'face recognition' of us. I'm speaking of those we have not had much involvement with so far – folks we just meet at the store or walking around. They said, 'Oh, I've seen you before... when did you come, how long will you be here, what are you doing?' Personally, I think it is because they see white faces that always change – the nurses, the social workers, the court people, the ecologists, so they are just so many faces. Now that we have been there 4 times, they recognize us as folks that come from time to time, not just some who come and are never seen again. Others, with whom we have had some involvement, are now starting to say, 'Oh! I'm so glad you have come again! It is so good to see you! How long will you be here? When will you come again?' Norm Weir and John Wedler did a lot of physical work this time and that gives them an 'in' with those who may initially not be interested in spiritual things. It put them with young fellows who worked with them. They had to start by organizing the warehouse so that tools and parts needed could be found. Then they showed them how to do plumbing repairs and take care of electrical needs, which put them into homes that we might never get into otherwise. John also did as much work on cars as he had the time with parts garnered from a car "graveyard". When asked why they did this without pay, the guys answered 'because we are Christians'."

Burnaby: Although he teaches

in Pidgin, Jab Mesa, Headmaster of the Polynesian Bible School in Lae, PNG, promised to use plain English when he spoke at the Burnaby building Sunday evening, Nov. 6. Both he and Velma Forman attended the PNG Mission Forum in Little Rock the last weekend in October, but returned in time to share some of their experiences with friends here.

City Church (E. Vanc): "We were thrilled to begin another round of classes in our satellite school in October. This term we are teaching the Gospel of John through the videotapes purchased from Sunset International Bible Institute. We started with five students, one possibly taking the course for full credit. **What If?** With the possibility of a pandemic from bird flu and with the ravages this year from tsunamis to hurricanes to earthquakes, what if the population of the world is greatly diminished? Will we be happy that there are fewer people on the earth to use its resources? Will we be sad as we watch the pictures on TV? Or will we wring our hands because we didn't trust God more to help us shine His light in dark places of the world before many of those people died? We need more workers and we need the heart to love the souls of men and women even though they are not God's people yet. We've spent enough time

being armchair managers of God's work. It's time for us to get even busier teaching the lost and dying about our great Saviour's love for all people. And if you aren't sure what to do, please pray. Powerful prayer will change our world, not the power of men." – Part of a report from Steve Hasbrouck

Nanaimo: Several improvements have been made to our building this fall. Wayne Peckett completed a moveable wall, Paul Williams painted others, and Jim Sharanowski installed a new water heater. Special collections were taken for the relief of both hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Upon learning that Travis and Aicia Sass in Salvador, Brazil, have only half of their needed support, consideration was given as to whether or not our aid can be increased. We are having two Ladies' classes each week, one at the church building on Tuesday mornings, and the other in a home on Thursday evenings for those who work. Tegan Evans was baptized October 30.

Vancouver (Oakridge): A Memorial Service to honour Sister Jean Strachan, who died at her home on Oct. 16, was held here on Oct. 29. She had been cared for by her daughter, Beth, for several years preceding her death at the age of 94. She was a faithful member of this congregation for many years. On Nov. 6, our building was also used for a similar service to remember Frank McLure, whose soul took flight to its heavenly home on Oct. 25.

Victoria (Shelbourne St): Dr. Eddie Parrish and his wife, Judy, presented a seminar on family life on Oct. 14-15. Dr. Parrish, who teaches at ACU, specializes in marriage/family issues and spiritual life. A Fall Family Workshop for all ages, the Parrishes emphasized how our faith can be strengthened as we develop our friendships, dating and marriage relationships, and for those critical relationships that are developed following the death of a mate. Ryan Ruch was in charge of a Men's Retreat at the Spruston Road Bible Camp Oct. 28-30. The theme concerned giving men a basic sense of how to handle physical conflicts. A Bible study Young Adults has been on the subject of "Spirituality—Old Sage or New Life?" "Reel Faith" was shown at the home of Mikaela Rich. Peter and Chelsey Roberts from Regina spent the weekend of Nov. 11-13 with us to consider becoming a part of our work here.

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MISSION NEWS

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Haiti: The Summer and Fall report from the "Partners for Haiti Society" notes that five students finished grade nine for the first time! In order to pass their grade a difficult Department of Education final exam had to be written. As a result of their all passing it, the school is now considered to be a "good school". Monique, capable overseer of the compound, is responsible for this recommendation. This fall, 477 students registered for the mission school. New uniforms (mandatory in Haiti) were purchased for half of them. (It is hoped there will be money enough for new ones for the others next year.) Final count at the two Satellite schools is not known, but 125 to 150 were expected. Weekly visitation to the surrounding villages continues. One day five ladies visited 17 homes, walking back to their own after dark! All 20 families from the "Pappy Ray Village" (so called to honour its founder, Raymond Fillion) attend the church services on Sunday. Continuation of the building of the other 10 houses planned was started this fall. Rice has been distributed to 27 families since April 2004. Due to the terrible famine in the area, a decision to add 30 more families to that program was made, but at the time there were not any donors to help buy more. A few weeks ago, 97 families came for rice. At this time it is not possible to give rice to that many on a regular basis. Cost for the 27 families is \$3,948 (US). Flour to feed 250 to 300 children four days a week comes to \$4,320 (US) in a year. One donor is furnishing \$3,000 (Can) for that program. The mission is experiencing a good crop of corn due to irrigation, whereas most of the area has had a poor crop because of the lack of rain. The address for Canadians who are able to help this beautiful country so beset with danger and famine that visitors were warned not to go there this year is: Raymond Fillion, 102-2410 Emerson Street, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 3J3; U S address: P. O. Box 1116, Sumas, WA. 98295-1116. Tax receipts for both countries are available.

Ethiopia: When John Ed Clark, elder in the Woodward Park Church in Fresno, CA. who oversees the Ethiopian and Ugandan work in Africa, arrived in Addis on Oct. 7, the airport terminal was strangely empty. There were no people, not even anyone to meet him. He went out a front door finding no one there either, so he stood by the curb and waited. Finally he saw a familiar face approaching. A man named Alemaychu had been allowed by the police to come through a barrier to get him. Two other brethren were waiting in the parking lot. For the next two hours,

Brother Clark was told about the turmoil in their country since the ruling party rejected the results of the May election. They advised him to leave as soon as possible. With plans to go to Uganda, he attempted to go there, but found there were no flights. Even if he had been able to get there, he would not have been able to fly to the States. After five days in the Addis compound spent learning that the political strife was not affecting any of the work of the church in the country, he was obliged to come back home. The five schools for the deaf were all in session with record enrolments, as well as the two kindergartens. Preaching schools in Santarrea, Jajura and Nekemte were all in session. A man converted through the World Bible School was attending the Nekemte School from the city of Dire Dawa, which is in the heartland of the radical Muslim movement. He reported that a Bible study group has been meeting in his home, and he has been trying to get others to take the WBS lessons. Even though Curt King, the well driller, had to postpone his October return, the water well crew was busy installing pumps on completed boreholes. The latest news concerning the situation in Ethiopia may be found on the AllAfrica.com Ethiopia or Ethiomedia.com websites.

Israel: Erol and Deborah Dogan, from Surrey, B. C., returned home from Jerusalem on Nov. 17, after spending three months in Israel. In addition to teaching in private studies, they were able to observe several traditional Jewish holidays while there. In mid-October, people from all over the world came specifically to attend Netivvah, the Jerusalem congregation, and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles or the Festival of Booths. They included people from the U.S., Finland, Holland, Poland, Japan, Korea, Estonia and Canada. A holiday rich in tradition and meaning, it begins on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Tishri, and lasts seven days. It is one of the three pilgrimage festivals Jews were expected to make to Jerusalem in ancient times. (All are associated with the Jews' escape from Egypt and their journey to Canaan, which is now Israel). This festival has both religious

and agricultural connotations. Many Jews build small booths or huts with roofs of palm fronds as a reminder of the huts the Israelites lived in after the Exodus from Egypt when they wandered in the wilderness. Observant Jews eat and sleep in these booths throughout the festival. It is also called the Feast of Ingathering, reflecting the agricultural significance of the holiday. In ancient Israel, during the fall harvest farmers would live in booths on the edges of their fields while they completed the harvest. Today this is remembered by using fresh and artificial fruits to decorate the booths inside.

Papua New Guinea: The PNG Mission Forum hosted by the Pleasant Valley church in Little Rock, AR. on Oct. 28-29, featured reports from a number of current ministries. The speakers included Jason and Sheryl Moriarty (Calgary), Velma Forman (Abbotsford, B. C.), Rose Cobb, (TX), Jab Mesa (Headmaster of Melanesian Bible College), Fred and Sandy Burrows, Andy and Catherine Scott (Scotland), and recent visitors and future missionaries. Joe Cannon, who, with his wife, Rosabelle, originally started the mission work in this island, gave a talk on "Interview and Stories". Jab Mesa told about the future plans for the college in Lae, and Andy Masters, with Wayne Simpson of Memphis, compared the work in Africa with that in PNG. "Prayer in Missions" was the theme of a talk by Larry McKenzie from the Memphis Highland Street church. The theme of "Partners Together" was continued by the Pleasant Valley church over Sunday.

Cambodia: In order to find a house to rent and a place to start a branch school of the Sunset International Bible Institute, John Sproul, left for Cambodia a few weeks ahead of his family. He returned on Nov. 4 to visit his mother in Seattle, and take his wife, Autumn, and their children, John, Jr., 15, Jakin, 13, and Sophia, 4, back with him in mid-November. John will serve as director of the branch school in Phnom Penh, the capital city, until a permanent director is found. The congregation in Batesville, AR., is working with the SIBI to establish the new school. The Sprouls are being sponsored by the Stockton, CA., Central congregation, where they have been preparing for their move for the past six months.

India: Ron and Karen Clayton, in their "India Notes" state that it takes \$4000 per day to fund all 18 of their ministries. Ron states that, as of the end of September, 1,293 Indian denominational preachers have been baptized this year through the work of our Indian brethren. Ron also reports: "We are witnessing an average of 630 souls a day becoming Christian through our teams' efforts." Praise God!

Japan (Sendai): * Joel Osborne was recently in North America to visit relatives and to enjoy some much needed R&R. *Paul and Mitsuyo Mawatari visited Ontario from October 25 to November 11, and gave short reports at several congregations as well as at Great Lakes Christian

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lectureship. Paul also spoke at Bramalea on Sunday, October 30. They have now returned to the US to continue raising personal support and speaking about their plans to build the Zao International Christian High School in Japan. They will return to Japan at the end of November. * Jonathan and Michiko Straker taught several classes on "Intercultural Marriage" at the World Mission Workshop at Harding University in Arkansas. Jon also gave the keynote commitment address on the concluding Saturday night. Five hundred young people responded to commit their lives to doing mission work somewhere in the world. *Ben Berry, Crimsen Ruhnke, Jon Straker, and Joel Osborne participated in a church-planting seminar in Japan in early November. On November 12 and 13, they were the guest singers on three occasions at an outreach programme sponsored by a Tokyo congregation. On November 14, they participated in the annual Japanese Leaders' Conference at Ibaraki. Special Prayer of Thanksgiving: Brother and Sister Hosoi, who continue to grieve over the death of their daughter, Megumi, have recently begun attending services again. 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.

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1	Thursday	Ezekiel	40-41	II Peter	3
2	Friday	Ezekiel	42-44	I John	1
3	Saturday	Ezekiel	45-46	I John	2
4	Sunday	Ezekiel	47-48	I John	3
5	Monday	Daniel	1-2	I John	4
6	Tuesday	Daniel	3-4	I John	5
7	Wednesday	Daniel	5-7	II John	all
8	Thursday	Daniel	8-10	III John	all
9	Friday	Daniel	11-12	Jude	all
10	Saturday	Hosea	1-4	Revelation	1
11	Sunday	Hosea	5-8	Revelation	2
12	Monday	Hosea	9-11	Revelation	3
13	Tuesday	Hosea	12-14	Revelation	4
14	Wednesday	Joel	all	Revelation	5
15	Thursday	Amos	1-3	Revelation	6
16	Friday	Amos	4-6	Revelation	7
17	Saturday	Amos	7-9	Revelation	8
18	Sunday	Obadiah	all	Revelation	9
19	Monday	Jonah	all	Revelation	10
20	Tuesday	Micah	1-3	Revelation	11
21	Wednesday	Micah	4-5	Revelation	12
22	Thursday	Micah	6-7	Revelation	13
23	Friday	Nahum	all	Revelation	14
24	Saturday	Habakkuk	all	Revelation	15
25	Sunday	Zepheniah	all	Revelation	16
26	Monday	Haggai	all	Revelation	17
27	Tuesday	Zechariah	1-4	Revelation	18
28	Wednesday	Zechariah	5-8	Revelation	19
29	Thursday	Zechariah	9-12	Revelation	20
30	Friday	Zechariah	13-14	Revelation	21
31	Saturday	Malachi	all	Revelation	22

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Mighty in the Scriptures

Brian Thompson

“Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man (a learned man), came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he was speaking and teaching the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue.” Acts 18:24-26

In evaluating the work of the church perhaps you've heard someone comment that all the church ever does is have Bible study, Sunday morning, Sunday evening and mid-week. Unfortunately, some people look at Bible study as a time when teachers have the opportunity to share their knowledge to those who are ignorant, a time for them to elevate themselves at the expense of others in sharing insights. If that is so, then God will judge those teachers strictly (James 3:1).

Bible study is intended to help individuals become more Christ-like. As it is impossible for us to work properly without consuming food so it's equally impossible for us to make decisions in life unless we eagerly consume His word (Psalms 34:8). The New Testament Church thrived on Bible study. For them it was a time when they would discuss the Old Testament scriptures and prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah and the redemption of Israel. It was something that Apollos was good at as he is referred to as one who was mighty in the Scriptures (Old Testament). Being a student of the Old Testament scriptures enabled him to powerfully refute the Jews in public. He was able, from his knowledge of the Scriptures, to demonstrate that Jesus was the Christ (Acts 18:28). The purpose of Bible study is not for Christians to store up knowledge like clutter in the attic but to retain it in order to share it as Apollos did when opportunities presented themselves.

It's true that knowledge makes arrogant (puffs up) and love edifies

(builds up) but this scripture in I Corinthians 8:1 isn't suggesting that we discourage Bible study because it makes one arrogant. Arrogance develops because of an attitude problem within the student. People tend to pride themselves before others when they think they know a lot more than most. Therefore they walk around parading their intellect and feeling more justified than the rest. Sounds like many of the Jewish leaders in Paul's day, doesn't it?

The more knowledge we obtain the bolder we'll be in declaring Christ to a lost and dying world. Notice that Apollos was able to powerfully refute the Jews (likely the Jewish leaders and teachers) proving that Jesus was the Christ by using the scriptures. (Acts 18:28).

May we, like Solomon, ask God for wisdom for the right reasons and then look for it through private study and by attending every study opportunity the church offers.

Owen Sound, ON

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any less joy in the hearts and homes of individuals and families that chose this alternative to the traditional Christmas celebrations?

We live in a culture that values political correctness and it is no longer politically correct to mention Christ at Christmastime. We no longer hear of Christmas Concerts in our children's schools, instead we hear of the seasonal activities being planned. If we take Christ out of our Christmas we are left with at the best a nice family activity at the end of December, and at worst a celebration in honour of greed. There is no place that I have discovered in the Bible that commands that we celebrate Christmas, but neither have I discovered any passage that commands that we not celebrate Christmas. I know that the New Testament says that the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is the most important point, but I also know that it was important that Jesus come into the world just as each of us did and live just as each of us are. I know

of no hard evidence that would indicate that Jesus was born on December 25th, but neither do I know of any conclusive evidence that would prove that He wasn't born on December 25th.

We are to honour God with each and every day of our lives and with each and everything that we do. Throughout the holiday season there are so many opportunities to do good, so many opportunities to generously share what we have. What will you do to keep Christ in your Christmas? How will you honour God with all that He has blessed you with? Please be sure that your Christmas is more about giving than receiving and more about sharing than hoarding possessions for your own personal use.

I pray that God will bless you with the warmth of His love as you generously share what He has blessed you with this Christmas.

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OBITUARIES

Ashby, George Henry

George was born on August 15, 1911, at McTaggart, Saskatchewan. He left his earthly home on October 5, 2005. His funeral service was held on Thursday, October 13, 2005, in the Bengough Community Hall (George's request). The writer of this obituary kept a 15 year promise to George and officiated, paying tribute to a hall full of George's friends from miles around. George had named the three hymns for his service and they were professionally led by Wendell Bailey who is serving the Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, church as their minister.

George married a devout Christian woman, Isabell Start, from the nearby community of Harptree. To this union three children were born: Shirley (August 2, 1947), David (March 8, 1953), and Lynette (November 3, 1955).

George lost Isabell to cancer in 1997.

He later married Dorothy Ames. Dorothy passed away in 1998.

It was a true honour to conduct the service for this kind, gentle, godly man. George became obedient to Christ in 1931. For more than two decades, George led a small band of Christians – meeting in homes and a country school before a building was erected in Bengough.

George was in himself the only sermon that many in the community saw. George lived a life of his 3“R”s. “Responsibility” as a Christian, a father and to his church and community. He served on countless community boards – “letting his light shine by his good works”.

The second “R” was in George’s “Respect” for his church, his family, his community. I never ever heard this gentle man say one negative thing about another person.

The third “R” was George’s forte and that was “Reverence”. He revered God’s word. He lived by God’s word.

He has kept the faith and no one

would doubt he will be rewarded with his “crown of righteousness”.

Roy Bailey

Strachan, Jean Barbara (Robertson)

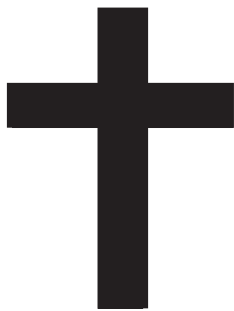
Jean Barbara passed away at home on October 16, 2005, at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 50 years, James Godfrey (Goff) on August 1, 1989, and five of their six children.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Barbara Elizabeth (Beth), who has been her mothers caretaker for the past several years. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Jean will be greatly missed by her family and friends. A memorial service was held on October 29 at the Oakridge church of Christ, where she had been a member for many years. Steve Hasbrouck and Milton Diaz officiated. In lieu of flowers, Beth asked that donations be made to the Heart Fund or the donor’s choice of a charity.

Provided by Barbara Lewis

God is calling me!



I’m thinking about where to go next year? College or University; tech school or work. What should I study? What do I want to do with the rest of my life? Maybe the question is, “*What does God want me to do for the rest of my life?*” I know He has a plan for me. I’m going to follow Him.

- Doing anything else would really leave me feeling like something is missing.
- I could never be afraid of the future, because He is always beside me.

Romans 8:29-30 “...Whom He knew, He also called...”



Come and talk to us. Joe Woodford

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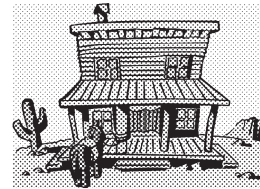
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BURKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence, R.R. #2, POA 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

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

CORNWALL: Gladstone Public School, 825 McConnell Ave; Sun. 10,11; Wed 7:30; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825; Fax (613) 933-2464; Emails: abojarski@cogeco.ca or churchofchrist@cogeco.ca; Jeremy Bojarski, youth minister. Phone (613) 933-8445; Mark Duperron, treas. Phone: (613) 932-3701; Church mailing address: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, K6J 1W1; website: http://home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/index.html

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. Worship 9:45, Sun evening – 1 small group at building, 6 pm, during week – small groups; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); other contact (905) 945-8668

GUELPH: The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10, 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) 789-7697, 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.

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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 Morrill; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meafordcofc@bmts.com..

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.

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OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road, Milton, L9T 2X8; 10, 11, Thur. 7; Office Hours - Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (905)875-2939, Steve Corbett,(416)999-1006, website: http://omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., RR # 3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0, Brian Meneer, ev. (905)383-5259.

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 Lansdowne 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; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Call for midweek date and place; Wil Maddeaux, 519-637-0741.

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: dhunn@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, P0A 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, P0A 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

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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, P0P 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: wsidcofc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidecofc.

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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; 514-637-7604; Leonard Amanatye, 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.verduncofc.org French: Sun 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105; email: rogerssaumur@sympatico.ca

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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.

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

KENOSEE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: PO Box 184, S0C 2S0, Sun. 10; Mid-week call: Brent Olson, ev., 306-577-2477 or contact Cam Husband, 306-739-2882

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Rolland 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: Church of Christ, c/o Box 721, Station Main, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5S2. For meeting times and location phone: (306) 764-6187 – Bob Jenkins, (306) 763-6205 – R. Hugo

RADVILLE: in private Residence at (810 Mann Ave.); Richard Thue, sec., Box 532, S0C 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 Krosgaard 373-3651; Location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: stooncofc@sasktel.net

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

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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