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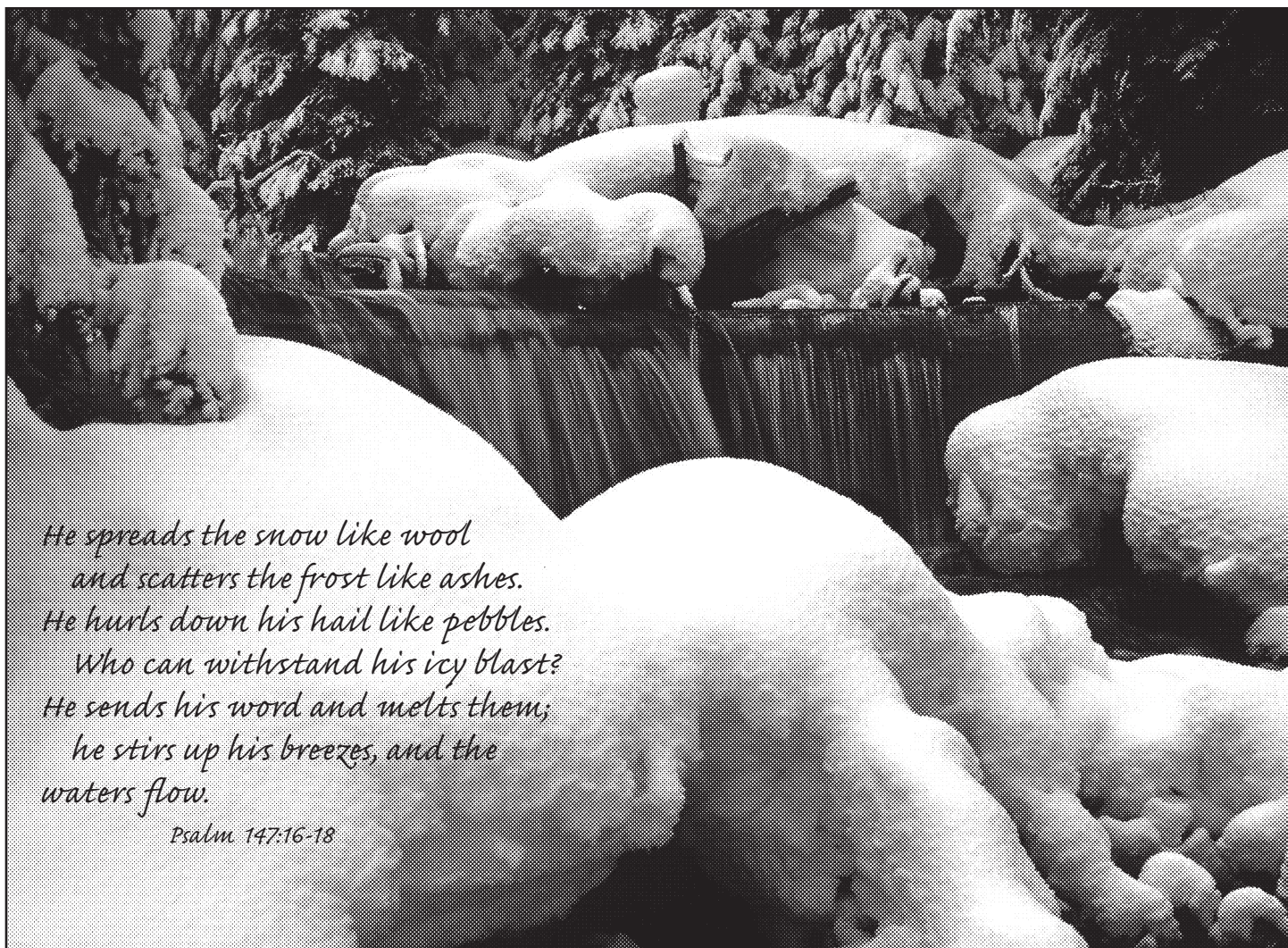
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*He spreads the snow like wool
and scatters the frost like ashes.
He hurls down his hail like pebbles.
Who can withstand his icy blast?
He sends his word and melts them;
he stirs up his breezes, and the
waters flow.*

Psalm 147:16-18

What does 2006 hold in store for each of us? Since we are not prophets with the ability to read the future, the only answer we can give is that time will tell. However, we can control the direction of our life by Resolving to... (See page 5).

Call to Share

by Frank McLure

(What begins as an obituary becomes, an edited version due to space, a personal testimony, in his own words, of a beloved brother who was a committed and inspirational Christian worker who loved to share the good news of salvation and kept searching for effective ways to teach and share the Word of God. His loving wife, Pat, suggests that the following article will tell the brotherhood why he was still "preaching to the chaplain, the nurses, and all who would listen as he spent the last few weeks of his life". His story is shared with the hope it will spur those who have forgotten what God told us to do: Preach the Word.)

Mclure, Francis (Frank) Joseph Neil of the Surrey, B.C. congregation went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 25, 2005. It was a long painful journey but he knew the end of the journey here was the beginning of a perfect eternity. He was born in Melita, Manitoba on September 29, 1929. His 'second birth' took place in Vancouver, BC in July, 1957. He leaves his loving wife of 44 years, Pat (Murray) 3 children, Neil (Cassandra), Stephen, and daughter, Suzanne (Mike) Pruett, three grandchildren, Manda Liver, Lani and Davis Pruett, along with many other relatives and friends.

"You can take the boy from the farm but you can't take the farm out of the boy." It was the fifties and I had a job on a dairy farm, in Abbotsford. We milked 50 cows by hand. Everything was done without machines back then.

It was in June that we put an ad in the Winnipeg Free Press paper asking for a man to help work in the hay fields. We finally got a man named Fred Bellerby. By this time it was July. Do you know how hot it gets forking hay in July? Well, Fred was a guy who liked to talk! Wouldn't you know it, he started talking about religion.!!! OH, NO! I've got to listen to this all day.

It was not long before Fred asked me if I was baptized. I said, "Yes". He asked when? I said, "Dad had me baptized at about two weeks old." "Oh, you were not baptized, you were sprinkled." What did he mean I was not baptized?

My Dad was a good man and he would not fool me. Now in the area where I grew up all of the churches sprinkled for baptism. I had never heard of such a thing as putting someone right under the water.

Fred bought me a small pocket Bible. I started to read it, no doubt about it. It stood right out; baptism is a burial in water. My first reaction was ANGER! Who was it that fooled all of these people? Or maybe all people were like me, they just had never heard that baptism was a burial in water. Wow! Do I have something to tell the people! Now, I had always believed in God and Jesus and I was not too bad a person. You know, "the I'm OK attitude." Then one day it HIT ME! I was NOT OK! I was a sinner! NO HOPE!! ALL HOPE GONE!! GONE!! Do you know that feeling? It is TERRIBLE!

About that time, Fred started to "feed" me tracts. Oh, if there was only a way to start over. AND THERE WAS!! It may sound selfish but I'd do any thing to have hope again. Then one of the tracts explained the purpose of baptism. THERE WAS A WAY TO START OVER. Just get into Jesus. I had to get into Jesus. It did not matter what it cost me. I asked Fred, "How do I get baptized?" He said to go to a certain church in Vancouver, and when the preacher says, "Does anyone need help? Then you walk to the front and tell him you want to be baptized."

It was an hour drive from Abbotsford to Vancouver for 11:00. I just made it and sat at the back. The invitation was given. NOTHING was going to stop me, as I felt completely lost. I would do anything to have hope. I walked to the front and sat down. The preacher asked, "How can we help?" I said, "I'd like to be baptized."

There was quite a commotion. Finally one of the men said there was no water in the baptistery. Later, I learned that this is quite common. What a shame on someone! I was told to come back at seven that night.

They were not farmers. They didn't know you milk cows at the same time every morning and night without fail. We started to milk at 5:00 PM. What to do? Cannot do both. I was not going to go home without HOPE, I'd go crazy. I completely threw myself in the Lord's hands. I returned at 7 and was baptized into Christ by brother Earl Severson. This was in the little church of Christ building at 12th and Carolina in Vancouver.

I knew this would cost me my job and completely upset everything in my life. Sure enough in the morning the boss wanted to know where I had been. After a good talk, we both agreed I had best leave. This I did, on good terms.

I had a 3 year old son and the mother felt the same way. If I got "religion" I might as well leave and take the boy with me. In a couple of days, Neil, my son, and I were on the bus, going back to Manitoba. Dad had to know the wonderful truth I had found. My Mother had passed away when I was born.

Before we left for Manitoba, however, I registered with the government employment office in B.C. While in the mills, I had learned to operate a special machine and they had my name on file.

We arrived home and I told Dad the wonderful news. He said, he would have the Presbyterian minister come out and talk with us. GOOD! I would tell him the Wonderful News and he could tell all of his people. And then we were on our way to tell all of the world. But, it didn't work that way.

He first said it was in the Bible that they baptize babies. It didn't seem right to me because I had read that baptism was a burial in water. But who was I to argue with a PREACHER? He then proceeded to show me in the Bible where babies were baptized.

He first went to Lydia in Acts 16:13-15. He pointed out where it said, "she and her household were baptized" and said there were "probably" infants in her household. The word, "PROBABLY" hit me. Then he went to the jailor in Acts 16:32, 33. Using verse 32, "and to all his house" and he said, "This PROBABLY included infants" Again the

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word, PROBABLY stood out. I thought, "who am I to argue with a preacher?"

I went into my room and cried. I knew then I would have to get to know my Bible. As it was, I only knew that baptism was a burial in water but where in the Bible that was found? I did not know. But that day I promised myself I would learn my Bible.

By now I had decided we would stay in Manitoba and work on a farm. About the second week, however, a call came from a little sawmill in New Westminster, B.C. They wanted me to work for them. So back to B.C. we came and I stayed in the sawmills all the rest of my working days. Forty-five years.

I started attending church services regularly to learn my Bible so I could tell others the Good News. But I got discouraged and quit. Two weeks went by and two church brothers knocked on my door to encourage me to come back. They were Evan Severson and Larry Hoff. I went back and remained faithful. See what a little visit and encouragement can do?

That Sunday morning when I went forward to be baptized, there was a certain young lady in the congregation who was leaving for Toronto. Three years later she came back. She's for me! We married and raised three children and now we have three grandchildren. After 3 years I was beginning to understand the religious world better. It wasn't just baptism but many other teachings as well that didn't agree with the scriptures. I still had the burning desire to tell people of the Gospel of Jesus. So at night, I would place a tract under the windshield wipers or in the door handles of the cars. Remember this was in the late 50's and the church was really growing because of members who went everywhere preaching the Word. (Acts 8:4)

A group of 10-15 people would come up from the U.S. and for two weeks would knock doors, set up Bible studies and make new Christians. The Oakridge congregation, where we were members, had one

such a group come. HOW EXCITING!

The agreement was they came to your congregation and someone would go help them on the next campaign in the next city. I was asked if I would go? YES! I would be glad to go. I would learn how to bring people to The Lord! So off to Ottawa in 1968, on my first plane ride. After breakfast the first day, we were split into groups, taken downtown and given a stack of invitations to hand out. These invited people to come and hear the gospel preached. WAS I SCARED? YOU BET I WAS! By the end of the day I was enjoying it. The next morning was the same thing only a different group of workers. But this time we went to a residential part of the city. Here we were each given about six streets, to knock doors, give out invitations and ask for a Bible Study. WAS I SCARED? YOU BET I WAS! I forced myself. I felt like I was intruding into someone else's home. I knocked on the first door. The lady took the invitation and said, "Thanks". THAT WAS IT! And by the end of the day I was enjoying doing this. It seemed they were more scared of me than I was of them. BUT I wasn't scared any more!

It is still the same today. Most people are scared to talk about the Bible and about Jesus.

Now the plan was that I would come back to my home congregation and make personal workers of EVERY ONE in the congregation. Well, it may not have been God's plan for me, or I was a poor leader, because I could not stir up anyone to join me in soul winning. But my own fears were gone. I was going to win souls for My Lord.

Some time later Larry Hoff came to me and said, "Why don't you do correspondence studies?" When I understood what it was all about, I said, "That is for me!" There are many methods for winning souls, but this is the one that fits me the best.

I hand out little cards inviting people to take a FREE Bible Correspondence course. They sign up and when they finish, I take them a certificate and set up a Bible Study. It worked in the 70's and it still works today.

It is easy to baptize people. BUT it is hard to get them to come out to worship. They come to Jesus, but only so far, regardless of how well you teach them.

From my experience, I think one must first feel lost, REALLY LOST!!! One must be moved to cry out, "WHAT MUST I DO?" Then they will be thankful and want to tell others.

If you want to try Correspondence Courses for your own outreach, there are those who will help you get started. You will always have studies going on. Remember Proverbs 11:30 says, "He who wins souls is wise".

The Apostle Paul told Timothy in I Timothy 4: 16: "Take heed unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

So as Job said in Job 13:15, "though he slay me, yet will I believe." IT CANNOT BE OTHERWISE!!!

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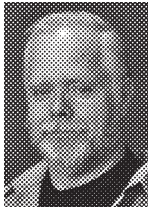
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The Onions of Egypt

Wayne Turner



After spending almost a year at the foot of Mount Sinai, fed with the manna of God and with the cloud of His presence over them, the Israelites set out for the Promised Land. A short time into their journey, the people started wailing for the fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic of the land where they had been cruelly enslaved. It is hard to understand how people could so quickly grow tired of the manna of God. However, we know that there seems to be something in human nature that reacts to what is felt to be “same old, same old” and seeks variety and/or novelty.

Two centuries ago, men like Thomas and Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone were beginning a journey from the slavery of human religious traditions and denominations to simple New Testament Christianity. Their hunger to restore the first-century church was fed by the manna of God’s word. Many like-minded people joined with them. The movement that resulted was characterized by a desire to study the Bible and follow its teaching as closely as humanly possible.

In 1838, Alexander Campbell wrote an article, “Disciples of Christ”, for the Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, edited by J. Newton Brown. He described the goals of the movement and its members. “By thus expressing the ideas communicated by the Holy Spirit in the terms and phrases learned from the apostles, and by avoiding the artificial and technical language of scholastic theology, they propose to restore a pure speech to the household of faith... They make a very marked difference between faith and opinion; between the testimony of God and the reasonings of men; the words of the Spirit and human inferences. Faith in the testimony of God and obedience to the commandments of Jesus, are the bond of union... The holy Scriptures of both Testaments they regard as containing revelations from God, and as all necessary to make the man of God perfect, and accomplished for every good word and work... (the scriptures) record the full development of the gospel by the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven, and the procedure of the apostles in setting up the church of Christ on earth...”

Campbell was not defining the creed of a new faith. Rather, he was describing people who were seeking to follow an ancient faith – one as old as the New Testament itself. At the heart of the movement was the conviction that Jesus, through the apostles and the Holy Spirit, had established and organized the church in the first century as he wished it. People could not, even should not, change what the Lord did. Religious division and apostasy were the inevitable results. Restoration, by definition, must return to the original teachings and practices of the inspired apostles.

Of the various religious bodies from which the restorers came, Campbell wrote, “They (the disciples) regard all the sects and parties of the Christian world as having, in greater or less degrees, departed from the simplicity of faith and manners of the first Christians, and as forming what the apostle Paul calls ‘the apostasy.’” Because of their extensive background and experience with the badly divided denominational world, Campbell and the other disciples knew that unity could not be accomplished apart from having scripture as the sole basis of faith and practice.

Even with these ideals stated clearly, it was not long before some people in the Restoration Movement grew discontent and wanted to return to some of the practices of the religious world they had left. For example, in some congregations musical instruments were added to worship. In 1851, Alexander Campbell referred to the denominational churches where these were used as “having all the world in them” and those wanting the change as those whose “animal nature flags under the oppression of church service.” According to him, such a desire was comparable to a person who tried to improve pure, refreshing, natural water by adding alcohol to it. It was the carnal and unspiritual desire of those who have “no real devotion or spirituality in them.” Campbell concluded that to spiritually minded Christians, instrumental music was like the jangling of a cowbell at a symphony concert. It is apparent that to him, the issue was comparable to Israel rejecting the pure manna of God to return to the onions and slavery of Egypt.

Over one hundred and fifty years later, little seems to have changed in the movement as it exists today. There are many who are still committed to the results and principles of restoration. The masthead of the Gospel Herald proclaims, “For the promotion of New Testament Christianity.” Our purpose is not to be a “quasi-official” publication of the churches of Christ. Our role is to be a voice, in Canada, for

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Be It Resolved

As you are reading this article we are at the beginning of 2006. It seems impossible that another year has flown by; however, we say that every year!! This means, of course, that each of us is one year older than last January, that the day of our death is one year closer and that the day we stand before our eternal judge, Jesus Christ, is one year closer. Paul reminded the people of Corinth, and us, of the fact that being here means we are not enjoying the fullness of being in the presence of God, the hope of every Christian (2 Corinthians 5:1-10).

These words are a comfort to the Christian as Paul speaks of the promise of the future with God and rest from the struggle against sin that is always around us. However, even the Christian must remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:31-34, 41, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory... He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world... Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'" Even the person who has at one time named the beautiful name of Jesus and has been born into the kingdom through faith, repentance, confession and baptism, can find himself on the left side. The Christian life of "denying self and taking up the cross to follow Jesus" must be lived daily to be among the blessed.

Therefore, it is a good time for review and resolve. "How well did I use 2005?" "Did I improve my relationship with God?" "Did I draw nearer to God in 2005?"

In writing to Christians, James speaks of the need to draw near to God for strength and blessing. James 4:4b-10, "Anyone who chooses to be a friend of

the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." Clearly James reminds his readers of the problem of sin that crouches at the feet of mankind, even of Christians. One must put himself into the control of God by learning of his will and obeying it.

Can it be possible that Christians today have forgotten the importance of "living in the Word"? Many make a resolution at the beginning of the year to read the Bible through in the year ahead. This is an excellent and useful exercise. However, it is one thing to read the Bible, it is something else to meditate on it and make it the very foundation of one's life. David reminds us in Psalm 119:9-11, 14-16 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word." Consider the impact of "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you... I rejoice in following your statutes as one enjoys riches." Reading alone will not make this kind of commitment happen! One must make a conscious effort to know and walk in the statutes of God.

What about my relationship with my fellow man? As a Christian, known to be one by neighbours, friends and fellow

workers, have I been a positive influence in true discipleship? In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus reminds Christians of their duty to be a positive influence, bringing glory to God in the process. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

It is easy to become self centered in modern day Canada and feel that one has no obligation to anyone but self. The advertising world keeps reminding that one "needs and deserves" whatever one wants to bring individual happiness. We have just passed through the season of the year when, like no other time, this message is pressed. Yet, the message of Jesus is that Christians have an obligation to their fellow man to model before them the joyful, serving and blessed life of discipleship – modeling Jesus for the entire world to see. Sadly, many Christians tend to fall into the pattern of the world that does not even know their neighbours much less feel any responsibility to influence them into godly living.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that in 2006 we will move on in seeking to be

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following articles were submitted by Brian Thompson who serves with the Owen Sound Church of Christ. Brian and I have been friends and brothers for more than 35 years, thanks for sharing these with us Brian. BMC

Have You Ever Wondered?

By Brian Thompson

As Christians our whole life is centered on Jesus Christ. Through Him we experienced both a physical and spiritual birth. Daily He hears our every prayer and intercedes on our behalf before our heavenly Father. He is our everything. Yet, have you ever wondered ...

- What colour His eyes were and how tall and strong He was?
- As a carpenter's son did He build anything?
- Did He have a job before He began His ministry at 30 years of age?
- Did He have a good singing voice? Was He a tenor, bass or baritone?
- What colour was His hair? Was it curly or straight or did He have a receding hairline? Was He bald like Elisha the prophet? (II Kings 2:23)
- What was His childhood like? Did He have a lot of friends growing up? Was He ever bullied or made fun of as a child?
- What were His favourite color, food, sport and season of the year?
- Did He have any hobbies, interests like fishing or hiking, etc.?
- Did His family celebrate His birthday?
- What day was He born, baptized and what day did He die?
- What happened to His

father, Joseph, for he wasn't at the cross with His mother, Mary?

I'm sure you have other questions about Jesus besides those above but the Bible doesn't give us much information about Jesus' private life. Instead we find more about His mission in life, what kind of person He was and how others viewed Him. In Isaiah 53 we find that Jesus...

- Had no stately form or majesty that we should look on Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.
- Was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and like

one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

- Had been stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- Was pierced through for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we were healed.
- Knew that the Lord God caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.
- Was oppressed, afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth.
- Had a grave assigned with wicked men.

The Gospel of John tells us a lot about what kind of person He was. And the signs, which He did, were written that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that in believing we might have life in His name (20:30-31). John says there were also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, he supposed that even the world itself would not be able to contain the books which could be written (21:25).

What God didn't tell us about His Son isn't important but what He did tell us is. What impact does our life have on the world? Will the world believe in Christ because of you and me? God, help us to always be Christ-like.

Making Your Life Count

By Brian Thompson

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

-Abraham Lincoln-

When trying to discourage someone from making bad decisions in their life we're often told by them to mind our own business. "After all", they say, "It's my life, and I'll do what I want with it." Yet it's hard to keep quiet when you know they're throwing

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their life away by filling it with futile things that have no worthwhile purpose or direction.

In giving each of us a life God expects us to make it count, that is, take advantage of life itself by having a proper respect for it and an understanding that our life is important and valuable not only to ourselves but to others and most importantly to God. Don't let your life be filled with emptiness but rather usefulness. It's troublesome and so sad to hear that some despairing soul has ended his life in some suicidal fashion. We wished we could have been there to discourage them from doing that. If only we could have helped and guided them to view their life in a more positive way. When we remember our past mistakes we can't bring back those wasted years and start them over again but we can start today with an attitude that will cause tomorrow to look back with pride, pleasant memories and a sense of achievement.

Being rich, smart, good looking and having white teeth isn't what life is all about. God wants our life to be lived for Him and for others. To live our lives by doing good things out of

a sense of joy and purpose is what counts. Jesus tells us in Acts 20:35 that in life it is more blessed to give than to receive. He goes on to say in Luke 12:22-23 that life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. In other words we're not here just to make money to feed and clothe ourselves. Paul, when talking to the Corinthian church, says that to live is Christ, and to die is gain... to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for their sake (Phil.1:21-24). He said these words while in prison. Wow, was he ever focused!

What is your life all about? Jesus encourages us to put matters pertaining to His Kingdom and His righteousness first in our life. Life is about prioritizing. What's most important in my life? What does God want me to do today? What can I do for others? According to Matt.6:33 when we live this way then God will take care of our concerns and legitimate needs in life. He knows what these are (Matt.6:32). Did Jesus have any such concerns in life? No doubt He had more than we know. Apart from not having a pillow to sleep on or often a place to stay (Matt.8:20) Jesus knew that He would

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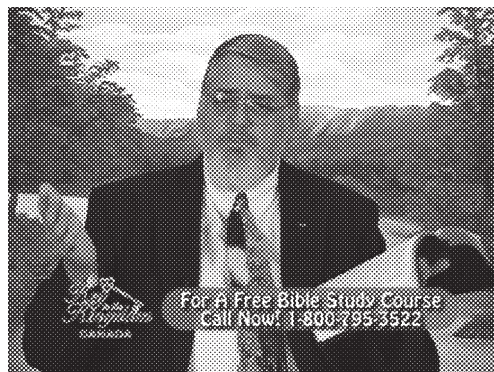
soon die a horrific death for the world even though He was innocent and deserved better. Tons of anxiety and loads of pressure, yet He managed to keep focused in life and made life more meaningful for others by taking one day at a time and making the most of it with God (Matt.6:34). He's our leader, our example of one who valued life – ours.

And in the end, it wasn't how many years Jesus lived in this life that counted. It was the life He lived in those few years that made all the difference in/for the world.



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The LORD is My Portion (Lamentations 3:24)

Paul Birston

In recent months, millions of people in America and Asia have lost loved ones, homes, jobs and health, virtually everything we consider basic to life. Here in Canada in recent years many people have suffered significant losses due to ice storms and tornadoes. These losses can impact the spiritual, psychological, social and physical dimensions of people's lives in deep and lasting ways.

Jeremiah was a faithful man who suffered great losses. He worked approximately 600 years before Jesus came and following about 1,400 years of God's interaction with Israel after His promise and covenant of faith with Abraham. His career of about forty-five years as a prophet had many disappointments. Despite his powerful preaching of the word of the LORD, which was like a hammer and a fire to him (Jeremiah 23:29), he saw his listeners commit spiritual adultery. Jehoiakim cut up and burned up Jeremiah's writings without fear (36:23-24). Royal officials cast him into a cistern where he sank in the mud (38:1-6-13). Nebuchadnezzar carried the people of God into exile in Babylon. Jeremiah saw Jerusalem desolate, like a "crown... fallen from our head," with foxes prowling in it (Lamentations 5:16,18). Jeremiah's losses affected the formal religious, inner spiritual, professional and personal dimensions of his life.

In the aftermath of his affliction, wandering, wormwood and bitterness, Jeremiah's humble soul recalls that the Lord's steadfast love (Hebrew: *hesed*) never ceases and His mercies never end (Lamentations 3:22). In fact, "They are new every morning"; God's faithfulness is great (3:23). Against the smoking background of destruction, Jeremiah recalls that he does not find his lot or portion in life through property, success or fame, but in the Lord. He makes this profound statement, "The LORD is my portion." The Lord is the portion cut out for him; the Lord is his possession as the Lord possesses him.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that Jeremiah came from Anathoth, a city of the Levites just north of Jerusalem.

The land was an important inheritance from God's promise to Israel. The Levites, however, had no tribal portion (share, part or inheritance) of land like the other tribes of Israel, apart from cities, but they did have close access to God. It was a Levite who entered His holy of holies once per year. Jeremiah recalled the privileges of his own prophetic ministry and access to God. Because the Lord is his portion, Jeremiah says, "Therefore I have hope in Him" (Lamentations 3:24).

The apostle Paul's life has some striking parallels to Jeremiah's that reinforce the reality of God's special gift

Relying on the Lord as our portion can relieve us of excessive anxieties.

of Himself to His people. Paul suffered great losses to gain Christ his Lord. He was from Benjamin, the tribe which included Anathoth, Jeremiah's home. He gave up his prestige in Judaism as a Pharisee to suffer ridicule, lashes from his own people, stoning, and the loss of all things for Jesus (Philippians 3:7-8). Yet, responding to God's call brought him God's righteousness, peace and life (3:7-16; 4:4-9-13). For Paul, "to live is Christ" (1:21). For Paul, like Jeremiah, the Lord was his portion. In prosperity or humble means he could "do all things through Him who strengthens me" (4:13).

As part of His goal of redeeming us, God put Jeremiah and Paul into service and sustained them through many trials and losses. He showed them His steadfast love and mercy. The Lord was their portion, their inheritance. The ultimate demonstration of the value God places on people is the offering of His most priceless treasure for our forgiveness: the life, body and blood of His Son Jesus. Jeremiah had a part in the history of redemption leading up to the good news (gospel) of Jesus' death for our sins and His resurrection. Paul had a part in the days flowing from it.

There have been many mornings since the destruction of Jerusalem in Jeremiah's time in the early sixth

century ca. 586 B.C. and again shortly after Paul's time in A.D. 70. Jeremiah would want us to understand that the Lord's steadfast love and mercies have been new on every one of those mornings. They are new every morning of our lives today.

God calls us all to enter into His presence and accept His righteousness and peace and along with them the sufferings of Christ in His service. We believe the call of God is for all Christians to be active as part of His royal priesthood. He is asking us to be part of His agenda of redemption. The Lord, our portion, sustains us as we work with Him in His cause. Perhaps by God's grace most of us may not lose our homes and jobs to disasters. Yet, we certainly live in times when the untimely losses of others around us provide opportunities to show them the love of God in Christ Jesus, to show them that the Lord can be their portion. It can help new Christians know the depth of God's love and grace and to bond with Him as the best thing in their lives. It can help them survive spiritual growing pains.

Personally, relying on the Lord as our portion can relieve us of excessive anxieties from the search for approval of others on one hand and the pain of rejection on the other. It helps us bear our own disappointments and losses. As Jeremiah and Paul relied upon God as their portion when they faced disappointments from the people of God, we too can find encouragement in Him to go on when things in the church don't seem to be what they should. In our attempts to reach out, we will have disappointments like Jeremiah and Paul. We may not see the fruits of our labours. We may be tempted to retreat into the softness of worldly portions. Jeremiah and Paul would encourage us to hold on to the Lord as our portion and therefore to draw our hope from him. And when we experience success, we need to remember the source of every good gift and give Him the glory. "The Lord is my portion says my soul, Therefore I have hope in Him."

Winnipeg, MB

Train Yourself in Godliness

By Walter Hart

Sometimes Elaine and I want to go for a walk, but the sidewalks in our area have quite a bit of ice on them or it is raining heavily. That is when we head for RIM Park. RIM Park is a City of Waterloo recreation complex. It is amazing. There are indoor soccer fields, multiple basketball courts, and multiple ice surfaces. So that is where so much of Waterloo's money is going! In addition to RIM Park there is the Waterloo Rec Complex with its wonderful swimming pool and hockey rink, plus other indoor and outdoor rinks and recreation areas.

To say the least, our society has much to do with physical fitness. We are bombarded daily with messages having to do with our physical health. I am especially conscious of that now, as for the first time in my life I am reading the labels looking for "fat" content and "cholesterol" levels in what I eat. Coffee at Tim Horton's is not so good, I have found, without the two shots of cream!

My health practices are not just my business

Physical fitness has its place. Good health practices should be one goal we have as Christians. After all, our bodies do not really belong to us. People are prone to say, "It's my body and I can do what I want with it." The Christian cannot say that. "...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19). I have been bought by the blood of the Lamb and what I do with my body is not just my business, but God's business.

So physical fitness and good health practices should be a concern of God's people. But there is a limit to such.

Attention to more than the physical

"Train yourself in godliness ("to be godly" NIV), for while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:7b-8). "Train" is from the Greek word *gumnazo* from which we get "gym" and has the sense of "to exercise".

The exercise Paul is asking for is "in godliness" or "to be godly" (NIV). The exercise is to be of a spiritual character. "Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit" (Phillips).

Godliness is the practice of true religion. To be godly begins with respect or reverence for God. Godliness "is active obedience that springs from a reverent awe of God... The godly among us are those people whose reverent worship of God flows into obedience through the week" (Hughes).

Physical training is needed to promote the vigour of our bodies; spiritual training is needed to gain and maintain spiritual fitness.

Training in godliness

Training in godliness begins with a good diet – healthy teaching from God's Word. Training in godliness involves prayer – Bible study – meditation – putting to death the deeds of the old man – developing the graces of the new man. Diet is a vital part of healthy living physically and spiritually.

Some were at that time trying to live on "spiritual junk food" – "profane myths and old wives' tales" – and Paul was concerned. No wonder there is so much sickness in our land when we think about what people are feeding on today, mentally, morally and spiritually! Paul urges Timothy to pay attention to diet, to be "nourished on the words of the faith and of sound teaching".

There is some value to bodily exercise but it only develops part of a person, and produces results which last for a limited time, for the body passes away. Physical health concerns the here and now; godliness concerns the here and now but also reaches far beyond it. The person with the powerful abs is still going to die. Good physical health practices will help us enjoy this life, but we will still eventually die. Spiritual health, on the other hand, not only blesses us in this life but also prepares us for the life to come.

One can be in a way physically "healthy" but anti-social, guilt ridden, with serious home and work problems. Godliness, on the other hand, is valuable in every way, "for all things" (NIV) or "in all directions" (Moffatt). "Training in godliness... develops the whole man in body, mind and spirit, and its results affect not only time, but eternity as well" (Barclay).

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Reminder: To be published in the following month's Gospel Herald, each congregation's information should be sent to Walter Straker before the third last Tuesday of the month. Please clearly mark the email or the envelope: "NewsEast."

ONTARIO

Ajax: Vandals trashed the Sunday school portion of the congregation's church building on Friday, December 2. They broke the sheet rock, wrote graffiti on the walls, and created enough mess that the members were unable to meet there the following Sunday.

Beamsville: The ladies of the congregation met for a discussion group on November 17 on the topic: "Those Who Waited." The WAVES presented the 2006 Winter Wonderland (a fundraiser for GLCC) on Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26. Great Lakes Christian College presented a drama production: "My Son is Crazy... But Promising" on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10. The WAVES served dinner prior to the play on Saturday night. A Come and Go Golden Anniversary Tea, Honouring David and Anne Lewis, was held

on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the church building.

Bramalea: On November 18 the congregation hosted the GLCC Chorus at a dinner, followed by their choral presentation. A "Gentlemen's Breakfast" was held Saturday, November 19, with 20 men present. After breakfast, Rick Burrows, Tony Lourenco, Donald Williams, and Lee Wood gave short talks.

Brantford: The congregation hosted its second clothing giveaway on November 19.

Fenwick: Michael Mazzalongo held a very successful meeting in November. A high attendance of 77 was recorded on the final evening. The topic of "Amazing Grace" was encouraging and challenging. For audio or video copies, contact Gary Gilbert at garyg@vaxxine.com.

Grimsbey: Contributions for "Shoebbox Gifts" were gathered in November. A community holiday dinner was planned for Saturday, December 17. The congregation planned its annual benevolent fund holiday hamper drive for Saturday, December 17.

Newmarket: As an outreach, the congregation had a barbecue for the Newmarket Youth Centre in September. In December, food baskets were given out to needy persons, as well as gifts for young mothers on their own. Several members visited shut-ins and sang for them. Craig Ford spoke about the work in New Guinea.

Owen Sound: The congregation rejoiced on November 20 in the baptism of Andy Russell by his father, Dan. That same day the worship service was aired throughout the community on the local radio station, CFOS and responses

have been received. On November 27 the church hosted a "Bring a Friend Sunday." On December 18 the church conducted services at the Lee Manor Nursing Home in Owen Sound.

Tintern: Jillian Godden was baptized into Christ on November 28

Toronto (Scarborough): On December 9-11 the congregation hosted a gospel concert at the YMCA Scarborough. The concert featured singing groups from New York.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Max and Cledith Craddock began their 19th year with the Strathmore congregation on November 20. Many of the ladies have been meeting on Thursdays to make clothing and blankets to go to orphans in China through the China Agape Foundation, Peachtree City, Georgia. Keon and Juliet Kiani and their children, Cyrus and Nathan, were welcomed to Strathmore from the ICOC in Toronto. Key To The Kingdom continues to go well with between 75 and 100 contacts being made monthly. The brethren in Campbell River BC have gotten the program on their local community cable channel at 6:30 PM each Tuesday.

Waterloo: Ladies' class met on November 29 to discuss the lesson: "Lord, move me into the purpose for which I was created." The ladies also held a brunch on December 3, to which each woman was encouraged to invite a friend. Jamie Azzoparde, from Waterloo, and Richard Maddeaux, from Kingston, delivered great messages at the GLCC lectureship high school chapel time.

Windsor: Small groups have begun a new series on the life of David. Ron White, from Healing Hands International, gave a presentation concerning their work. On November 22, a session was held on "Dealing with Alzheimers." The congregation's annual clothing giveaway was scheduled for November 25 and 26.

QUEBEC

Verdun: The Verdun congregation celebrated its 20th anniversary on Sunday, December 4, in a service led by Michael Mazzalongo and Roger Samur, who presently serve the church as evangelists. The programme included tributes from former minister, Chris Blackwell. There were also historical displays, distribution of a new book on the history of the church in Quebec and a buffet luncheon. The congregation also made a special collection to pay off the building's mortgage. Many former members were present, including several from the original Bible study group. The congregation started in Mike and Lise Mazzalongo's living room in the summer of 1985, received its provincial charter on December 2, 1985, and purchased its present meeting place in 1987.



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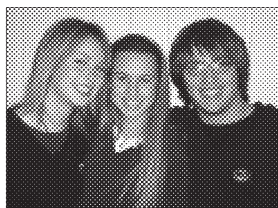
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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

City Church (E. Vanc): City Church of Christ has worked with many families over the last five years and has watched as people move or even fall back into the world. "We live in difficult times, but times have always been difficult for those who love the Lord. We are reminded that thorny weeds often choke out the life of newer Christians and sometimes they have a stranglehold on older Christians, as well. Some families leave because of the difficulty of making a living here in Vancouver. Elvin and Katie Hall and three children moved to Houston, TX, for jobs waiting there at the end of November.

Again, our numbers dropped down at the loss of a family, but the work we have to do has not changed. We continue to try to train and encourage everyone to be faithful to the Lord, to serve others and to trust God," Steve noted. He has written a textbook for ESL students to teach them conversations like those people might have over a cup of coffee. They are finding it practical and very helpful. He is currently working on a second book which will be introduced in the spring. Steve is also using two books by Graham McKay on the history of many of the hymns in our hymn books. Graham researched the stories behind the hymns and collected them as material for daily devotionals. Steve plans to add his first book to the required material for students, since they introduce real people who, through various life events, found God or a closer relationship with Him. He believes these will help the students to know more about how Christians react to life events and to see Christianity as THE answer to their problems. The book, which is called, "A Hymn a Day With Graham McKay", is

an excellent little gem to place on a coffee table for visitors to read, and also to put in a doctor's or dentist's office, or even the waiting room at a mechanic's repair shop. Brother McKay may be contacted at: <mckay4fish@aol.com>.

Delta: Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers returned from Donetsk, Ukraine, in late November, and were with the church to report on their work during both the Bible class and worship service on Dec. 4. Jay Don preached for our congregation for 20 years before becoming dean of the Donetsk Bible Institute, an extension of Sunset International Bible Institute. They have witnessed the extreme poverty and poor conditions in many hospitals, and been instrumental in bringing improvements to several through the funds sent to them by Canadian and American churches and individuals. Their pictures in a Power Point presentation, as well as a DVD, vividly portray the plight of those who must work or receive treatment in these institutions.

Nanaimo: The evening Ladies' class sponsored a "Day Camp" for children from 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 3. Medical missionary Velma Forman presented a talk with a slide presentation the evening of Nov. 21. Supplies which included milk jug tops, London Drug photo albums, and Canadian

Tire money for purchasing bicycle pumps, etc., were collected to add to a container being prepared for shipment to Zambia by the Victoria church at the end of this month. The "ACTS" class which began in November will have deepened an understanding of God's will and provided effective methods of sharing the faith by the time it concludes at the end of this month. Students have become well-acquainted with some 80 scriptures and received in-depth teaching about discipleship, the Holy Spirit and how to refute some of the prevalent false doctrines. By matching what was given by members, the church was able to send \$2500 to the hurricane relief fund.

Salmon Arm: Scott Roberts and his wife, Cindy, and their son, Michael, began work with the church here on Nov. 10. Scott is the youngest son of Bert and Marg Roberts, moving here from Brandon, Man. A feeling of anticipation among our members and a desire to grow in numbers, as well as in the knowledge of God's word, is evident. The ladies met for a Saturday brunch to fellowship and welcome Cindy. At the same time, our "Hearts and Hands" group discussed the many areas in which women can be involved in the work of the church. Among them were: Care for Seniors, Cards to those who need encouragement, greetings, etc.,

Taking care of Coffee Breaks for fellowship between worship and study time at the Sunday service, Preparing Communion, Fellowship Activities and Community Outreach. Planning is in progress for a 50th Anniversary Reunion of the church in Salmon Arm in July of 2007.

Surrey: Cindy Boyd was baptized on October 2. Daniel and Shannen Susetyo, children of Jacob and Kim Susetyo, were baptized in Indonesia in November, where the family is on an extended furlough.

Vancouver (Oakridge): Christine Li was baptized on Dec. 4. She and her husband and daughter have been attending the services for the past several months. She has also participated in ESL studies with Steve Hasbrouck during the week. Oakridge sent \$500 to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and another \$800 for the relief of those ravaged by the one that hit San Salvador later, where many Christians lost their homes. Joyce Hooper and her sister, Thelma Temple of Osoosos, left after Christmas with a truck loaded with

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MISSION NEWS

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Haiti: After a silence of five weeks, Monique, the lady in charge of the mission school in Central Haiti, called on Dec. 1, to report. Her husband, who preached for the church until he became ill, had to have a leg amputated because of diabetes infection. Then, while on a bus to Port O' Prince to buy supplies for the school, Monique's money was stolen when it was stopped and held up by thieves.

India: (Note: This time it is in India that God has been changing lives and spreading his Word in unusual ways! These two stories come from the November India Newsletter.) In September, an Indian preacher and American missionary went to Suryapet in Andhra Pradesh to conduct classes for preachers and hold meetings. The first was attended by about 250 people, but one man in the crowd stood out because he was black. His name was "Wisdom" and he was from near Lagos, Nigeria's capital. He explained that he had come to India to "do mission work". He listened attentively to the sermon, and came to another meeting a few nights later. He was encouraged to continue to study with the Indian brethren while he was in the country. This he did, and, after hearing a sermon by another American missionary, decided he was ready to be baptized for the remission of his sins. The translator accompanied Wisdom by train to Bombay to return to Nigeria. A congregation near his home was contacted to help this new Christian grow in his faith, and his new mission work will be to reach his own people. An Indian preacher named Shankar, who earns his living as an electrician, plumber and carpenter, had a truck driver friend named H. Devadas, who was married with

three children. When this man was found to be HIV positive, the people in his village cast the family out. (HIV and AIDS patients are usually treated worse than outcasts in India.) A Christian, learning of their plight, has helped them with food, shelter, medicine and money. Because of this, Shankar was able to have several studies with them. After the sixth lesson, Devadas and five members of his family were baptized.

Ethiopia: Well driller Curt King, returned to Ethiopia Nov. 23, and resumed drilling wells the following week. A new 500-seat auditorium for the church in Addis Ababa is being built on the deaf school compound. Two houses which are being used for staff offices as well as classrooms will become part of the new structure. Both have been remodeled. The deaf ministry will occupy most of the upper house classrooms, including a large activity room added to the back of the house. Cost of this project is \$250,000, of which \$150,000 had been donated or committed before the end of 2005.

Cambodia: John and Autumn Sproul, with their three children, arrived in Phnom Penh in November, in order for John to head a branch school of the Sunset International Bible Institute until someone else is found. Their ultimate goal is Siem Reap, the fastest growing city in Cambodia and a popular tourist centre because it is in the vicinity of Angkor Watt, which was considered one of the seven Wonders of the World. The Sprouls are being sponsored by the Stockton, CA. Central congregation.

Japan, Sebndai: *Paul and Mitsuyo Mawatari are now back in Japan but plan to return to North America in 2006 to raise funds for Zao International Christian High School. Please pray for God's guidance as they put together a Japanese board of directors, find a sponsoring congregation and raise funds for the school - both in Japan and North America. *Ibaraki Preachers' meeting. Ben Berry reported that the November conference focused on Japanese churches having a vision for growth and the

need to begin moving from being a group who always receives to being a people who actively give. *Hachinohe. Ben, Joel, Jon, Osamu, Yuko and Rumiko hosted a soup supper and games night recently in Hachinohe. Joel Osborne reports: "There were 14 of us - 6 from Sendai, 4 from Hachinohe, and 4 Hachinohe LST non-Christians. I'd say a pretty good turnout - 40% of the church and almost 10% of the LST readers! We played games and Jon's table sat and talked for a long time. I heard a reader ask Rumiko and Yuko if they were Christians, how and why they became Christians, their families' reaction to that, etc. It was GREAT!" *Reproducible Ministries. Jon Straker reports: "One of the greatest challenges we face is that of engaging in reproducible ministries. Until Japanese Christians gain a vision for spreading the kingdom without foreign help, our time here has only partly succeeded... Please pray for us as we move from the frontlines of evangelism to a more equipping-oriented ministry." *Crimsen Ruhnke devotes a large portion of her time to the Children's Ministry. She is also studying with some of the women. However, when Megumi Hosoi was killed in May, Crimsen's role changed some, as she spent many hours comforting the Hoisois. In the process, she became acquainted with several of their friends. "God has deepened those relationships and even opened the door for me and the Hoisois to share our faith. It is still a long road ahead and we ask for your prayers." *Jon and Michiko Straker's baby is due this month. Please ask God's blessing on them in the baby's birth and in their life as a new family. *Your continued remembrance of the team, both through prayers and financial support, is deeply appreciated. Please make plans to continue supporting them in 2006. Thanks. 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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restoring (and maintaining) the standard of scripture as the basis and authority for the church. We are encouraged and thrilled that so many are willing to stand with us in this. We are saddened that there are a few who have rejected the idea of a New Testament authority and pattern, and have sought to change the worship, teaching and organization of the church. Whether it is adding instruments of music to worship, rejecting the nature and necessity of baptism for salvation and fellowship, or accepting the "senior pastor" organization of the denominations, they may have a "restoration heritage" but are abandoning what the restoration accomplished. They prefer the ingenuity of human wisdom and innovation over the principles of scripture. While rejecting the pattern of the New Testament church, they follow the patterns of mega-church pastors, seeking to be like the denominations. They want to return to the onions of Egypt.

It is neither our desire nor intent to police the brotherhood. However, neither should we be passive and silent as friends and brethren are led back into slavery to human religion. We believe that unity can only be reached by holding fast to the principles and pattern of New Testament Christianity. As we begin this new year, we encourage all who are willing to take out their Bibles and humbly seek the way of God. All other ways can only lead to more division. We will not return to Egypt – the onions aren't that good.

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school supplies, socks, underclothing, sweaters, etc. for the street children in Hermadillo, Mexico. This year they have added materials to their supplies, which will go to a home for handicapped children where the girls are being taught how to sew while the boys learn simple woodworking, so that both may eventually be able to earn their own living. They will talk to children in schools who question why they have been taught English since Grade One by explaining to them how important it is for them to know this language for many job possibilities today. Also, while there, the two will take sweaters and treats to people who live in caves up in the mountains because they are too poor to be able to afford housing in the city. Joyce and Thelma have been making this trip yearly for the past 10 years.

Victoria (Shelbourne St.): December 4th was designated as "Fellowship Sunday" to encourage each member to invite someone he/she didn't know well to their home for a meal or coffee and dessert. Those who didn't find Sunday convenient were asked to plan their fellowship for Friday or Saturday. In addition to getting to know each other better, the personal time was to encourage people to be intentional about helping one another in their walk with Jesus. Our preacher, Martin Moore, and his wife, Denise, who celebrated American Thanksgiving with their daughters in Colorado, took the book "C. S. Lewis for The Third Millennium" by Peter Kreeft, along to read after realizing that Lewis' death was on Nov. 22nd 42 years ago. Kreeft's book is an extended study of Lewis' arguments for objective moral standards as found in his most prophetic book: "The Abolition of Man". "It may be that Lewis' defense of the objective reality of the moral law will be his greatest legacy as we move deeper into this third millennium," Martin observed.

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Facing the Accuser

Noel Walker

Nobody likes a tattletale. Maybe you have a brother or a sister who always seems to know what you've done. They never fail to tell your parents and get you in trouble.

In Genesis 37 we read about Joseph and his eleven brothers. Now Joseph is famous for his coat of many colours but he was also famous for being a tattletale. In verse 2 we read, "Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them." (Gen. 37:2) Joseph was also his father's favourite son and he didn't do himself any favours with the way he rubbed his brother's noses in it. In the end it nearly got him killed!

In Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire we meet Rita Skeeter, reporter for the Daily Prophet. She too is a tattletale. She seems nice, always glowing, shakes your hand warmly. She seems compassionate enough; but when she gets the goods on you, 'Wham!' She will make a mockery of you!

In this movie, Rita represents the omnipresent force of untruth. She deliberately complicates situations, stirring up trouble. She falsely spreads untrue stories about Harry and others while taking quotes, which she is fully aware, are not accurate. Betrayal, deceit, trickery and unfaithfulness; these are the signs of a tattletale.

The Devil is a lot like this too. In Revelation 12:10 he is called "the accuser of our brothers" and in Zechariah chapter 3 we see why. Here, the prophet Zechariah is describing a vision of a priest named Joshua, standing before the angel of the Lord; and Satan is there heckling him.

Joshua's clothes are filthy, not the clothes a priest would wear in front of a holy angel, and certainly not what one would wear when working before Almighty God. He stunk! His turban is ruined and incomplete. The way Joshua appears he is completely unable to serve God and Satan knew it. He had pointed out all that Joshua

wasn't; all his short comings, all of his inadequacies.

Finally God says in verse 2, "Back off Satan! Is this man not a tool for my purposes?" (my paraphrase) Then Joshua was given a turban and on that turban was a plate with the inscription 'Holy to the LORD'. This was a turban of a priest, perfect and complete. Joshua was restored and in verse 7 Joshua is told, "If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these [angels] standing here." (Zec. 3:7) Joshua is restored to God's service and is given the same access to God that angels have!

Satan is still an accuser today. Like a prosecuting attorney he has been watching you; keeping a list of all the things that you have done. He has been preparing a case against you and at the end of all time you will stand before God and will have to answer for all the things that you have done. It will be he who brings your case before God. "Your honour, this dirt bag doesn't deserve mercy! He lied..... He lusted.....He cheated...." "She stole.... She hated.... She even failed to show compassion."

Satan will bring the whole case before God and then you will be called to defend yourself. Without Jesus, you will stand alone before God and will have to give an account for what you have done. You will have to explain everything. Excuses won't work; this is the Almighty God you are talking to! He has seen it all and knows all and there is nothing you can say to make these sins go away.

This is where having Jesus as a friend will make an eternal difference. If you are a Christian, it is Jesus who will be your defence attorney. He will

present your case. He will stand beside you and speak in your defence. His words will be simple. "Holy Father. My client is guilty but the price is already paid. The defence rests."

That's it! You will walk free into an everlasting beautiful life in Heaven and these sins will die, in that courtroom. You will be free! With Jesus as your saviour you will be cleared of all charges and will pass on to an eternal life.

Sir Lionel Luckhoo is a man with a unique distinction. In addition to being knighted twice by Queen Elizabeth, he is the most successful defence attorney who ever lived. According to the Guinness Book of World records, Sir Lionel has successfully defended against 245 consecutive murder charges. As a defence lawyer over a career spanning more than 30 years, he has made a remarkable reputation by meticulously picking apart 245 prosecution cases, finding in each, some way of getting his client off without conviction.

Sir Lionel Luckhoo was also an atheist, until a friend challenged him to use his vast knowledge of law and his considerable intelligence to consider the evidence in favour of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. He took up the challenge and after carefully reviewing historical facts, scriptural records, and other eyewitness accounts he came to the conclusion that "the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt!"

If the greatest defence attorney who ever lived could not imagine standing alone before God trying to defend himself, why should you? Lionel Luckhoo will not be responding to the accuser when he appears before the throne of God. He doesn't have to, and neither do you.

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OBITUARIES

Samuel, Lily Ingrid

The brief, inspiring life of Lily Samuel was celebrated in a service on November 5, 2005, with a focus on the truth of Ecclesiastes 7:1, "...the day of death is better than the day of birth." It is often impossible to understand why people pass from this life when young. However, for the Christian, there is the realization that death is the step that takes one into rest from labour and the cares and struggles of life in the physical body.

Lily (Ramcharitar) was born on September 18, 1968, in San Fernando, Trinidad, the daughter of Kaso and Chan Ramcharitar. She passed away, following a brief illness, on November 2, 2005. Lily came to Canada in 1987 and was a faithful member of the Harding Ave. Church of Christ in Toronto.

The loving, caring and devoted wife of Dave Samuel, she leaves him and her children, Alexandria Rebecca and Justin Tyler Samuel to mourn her passing. She also leaves her parents, Kaso and Chan, brother, Jason and sister, Lystra. She was the beloved aunt of Alesha, Oksana, Brianna, Jonathon and Amanda. The eldest grand-daughter of Deokie and the late Ramdeen Satram.

Lily was a wonderful example for her co-workers as she lived her Christian life daily before them. Many words of praise for her life were expressed by those who knew her as a friend, co-worker, neighbour and, especially, by her Church family. She will be greatly missed for the blessing she was to those who knew her. Those who were touched by her Christian life will long remember and benefit from her commitment to Christ.

May God bless all the family as they continue to find healing and strength in the blessings of God.

Max Craddock

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Godliness promotes mental health and social welfare as it promotes proper attitudes: Love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control (Gal. 5:22,23). Godliness will point us toward forgiveness, helpfulness and concern for others. Godliness provides for spiritual welfare, release from guilt, forgiveness of sin, a right relationship with God and purpose in living.

The best of both worlds

Godliness is beneficial for both the present life and the life to come. The best of both worlds! The present life is to be lived to the fullest, with joy and purpose. The life to come is ours in hope.

We need a sense of proportion here! How sad that so many spend so much time and energy promoting physical well-being and yet at the same time neglect moral and social and spiritual health. We see the result of this neglect in our society. While we have access to the best in physical and health care and live longer physically, we are overwhelmed with all manner of social, moral and spiritual problems.

So we do need to watch the fat and cholesterol intake and to find the time for exercise, but by all means we must take care to exercise ourselves in godliness – respect for God and obedience to His Word.

Waterloo, ON

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the blessing that God wants us to be in the world. We will not be held back by failures in the past or by successes, for that matter. We will forget and move on toward the mark of God's high calling (Philippians 3:13, 14). In this year we will take to heart the words of James who reminds us, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22-25). By being hearers who remember, meditate on and apply the word of God to life, we will be diligent in walking humbly with God. Every day will find us in reading and study of the Bible and in prayer, asking God to help us learn and apply every truth to our personal walk.

This must be done with a sense of urgency since entering another year does not mean we will see it end. Whatever we plan to do in learning and walking the Christian pathway, must be done today. As Paul reminds us, "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15, 16). With God's help, make 2006 a year to remember by serving him faithfully, drawing nearer to him personally and by so doing, influence others to do the same.

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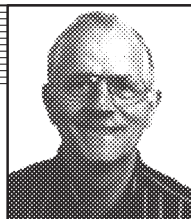
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God in the Alley: Being and Seeing Jesus in a Broken World, Greg Paul, Colorado Springs, CO: Water Brook Press, 2004. 132 pages. \$14.99. Reviewed by Nathan Pickard

Greg Paul has written a book that will open eyes to see how God is working on the streets of Toronto. Written so that it will draw you into the lives of crazies, sexually and physically abused people, whores and rejects. In the words of Eugene Peterson, it "sounds as if they stepped out from the pages of the Bible."

This book centers on the theme of being and seeing Jesus in a broken world. One is challenged to be Christ to people we encounter as well as to see Christ working in and amongst them already. In the words of Greg Paul, "My capacity to be the presence of Christ in the world is dependent upon my willingness to see his presence also" (pg. 21).

As you read you will be inspired at the work Greg Paul and Sanctuary (the organization of which he is founder and director) is doing. At the same time the reader will be forced to look at his or her own ministries and either be content with what God is doing through us and our churches or we will feel a sense of craving that we can be doing something more.

An excellent book that is a must read for all ages. One will not be disappointed!

Alone With God, The Power and Passion of Prayer, by John MacArthur Jr., Victor, 187 pages, \$18.99 (Cdn).

John MacArthur is a conservative, evangelical writer. We have reviewed other books of his in the past. This book is a revision of a previous one "Jesus Pattern of Prayer."

He writes "For Christians prayer is like breathing. You don't have to think to breathe because the atmosphere exerts pressure on your lungs and forces you to breathe. That's why it is more difficult to hold your breath than it is to breathe. Similarly, when you're born into the family of God, you enter into a spiritual atmosphere wherein God's presence and grace exert pressure, or influence, on your life."

"The early church learned that lesson and carried on Christ's commitment to continual, unceasing prayer."

The three thousand baptized on Pentecost continued in the same way.

We agree with the author that the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples could more

accurately be called "The Disciples Prayer" rather than "The Lord's Prayer." Also we agree that this prayer demands obedience and does not agree with the "faith-only" position.

In spite of this the subject of baptism is not even mentioned in this book! However Christians are encouraged to confess their sins to one another and pray for one another.

A "Personal and Group" Study is also included.

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got To Get Out of the Boat, John Ortberg, Zondervan Publishing House, 228 pages, \$16:99 (Cdn).

Lee Strobel, author of *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for Faith* writes "This book is pure Ortberg – insightful and profound, winsome and funny, motivating and challenging. John does through this book what he does for me as a friend: lovingly but persistently prods me to keep growing!"

He describes the story of Peter walking on the water as "One of greatest pictures of extreme discipleship in Scripture." We have to learn to get out of the boat before we can walk on water. He describes your boat as whatever you are tempted to trust in, especially when life gets a little stormy.

The greatest hitters (in baseball) fail two times out of three. But if you don't step up to the plate you will never know the glory of hitting a home run.

The best-selling chair in America (possibly Canada too) is La-Z-boy. I enjoy sitting in mine and watching T.V. Usually I fall asleep before the program has been on for fifteen minutes. The author describes the disciples as "Couch potatoes in their La-Z-Boys." He suggests that millions of people in churches today could be called "Pew Potatoes." But Jesus wants them to get out of the pew and into action

Again the author says "Water-Walking brings a deeper connection with God." Peter had to get out of the boat and come to the Lord. Jesus is still looking for people to get out of the boat and come to Him.

A Study of Acts 1-12 by G. Scott Gleaves, 126 pages \$8.99 (U.S.) Gospel Advocate, Nashville, Tn.

There was a time when many sermons and classes were given on the book of Acts. Perhaps it was overdone, but brethren generally saw

the need for such teaching. We saw the need for talking about the plan of salvation and the church. But many have almost forsaken such messages to deal with other matters that are considered more pressing. However this new book shows us how we can deal with Acts in a way that is both scriptural and relevant.

Dr. F. Furman, former editor of the Gospel Advocate says that this book makes "a significant and beneficial contribution to preachers, teachers and Bible readers in this excellent book." We agree 100% with Dr. Kearley. Also, can we recognize that our recent neglect of Acts, particularly the "Conversion Accounts" is partly responsible for our lack of many conversions? The early Christians had "a Passionate Faith" and were "Fanatics for Christ." Could we ever be accused of such enthusiasm?

The Jesus Proposal: A Theological Framework for Maintaining the Unity of the Body of Christ, by Rubel Shelly and John O. York, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Leafwood Publishers, 2003, 219 pages. Reviewed by Edwin Broadus.

Rubel Shelly and John O. York share preaching responsibilities for the Woodmont Hills church in Nashville, Tennessee. Shelly is a well-known preacher and writer, and York is a professor of New Testament at Lipscomb University in Nashville. This material was originally presented in sermon series at Woodmont Hills and takes seriously the biblical mandate for unity. The authors recognize that Christianity at large and churches stemming from the Restoration Movement in particular have failed to fulfill this mandate, and they view the paradigm shift in Western culture from Modernity to Postmodernity as an enhanced opportunity to achieve unity. Without buying into the undesirable features of Postmodernity (relativism, etc.), Christians can benefit from this cultural shift by emphasizing what the authors call "relational unity" rather than "institutional unity," which stresses theological agreement, church structure, and denominational loyalty.

Two of the ten chapters are devoted to defining "the Jesus Proposal," which affirms that acceptance by God is based on our relationship with him rather than our affiliation with a particular group. This proposal calls Christians to "model personal faith in Jesus in Christian communities that display unity in the midst of diversity" (p. 83). While the authors stress the importance of "a commitment to and pursuit of doctrinal purity within the revealed will of God in Holy Scripture" (p. 93), they believe there can be diverse views about almost anything except the Deity of Jesus Christ and that there can be unity of all churches that accept Jesus as God's Son, even though practices among these churches vary greatly. While they do not say as much, this differs little from what is

currently practiced by many Evangelical denominations that accept one another as Christian and from what an evangelist like Billy Graham has practiced in conjunction with his Crusades.

It is here that many of us will have difficulty, for whereas Shelly and York define the church as "a Bible-believing fellowship which affirms Jesus as the Son of God who died and was raised to atone for human sin and who gives eternal life to those who are in him" (p. 148), many of us also believe that the church, by definition, is comprised by God of immersed believers in Jesus as God's Son. While we leave judgment of the unimmersed to God, our understanding of God's word precludes viewing them as members of Christ's body. To their credit, the authors recognize that such questions about baptism are obstacles to full acceptance of their "Jesus proposal."

Nevertheless, the book has several strengths. It provides a needed stimulus to taking seriously the divine mandate to Christian unity - something heirs of the Restoration Movement talk about but rarely confront in a meaningful way. One important contribution of the authors to this end is the reminder that not all differences among believers are salvation or fellowship issues. The book also challenges us to practice Christianity in ways relevant to the Postmodern generation. They see Postmodernity, which is open to the supra rational and which values relationship, as more akin to the First Century worldview that was Modernity, which bowed to science and accepted only the data gained through the five senses. Their insights into these cultural changes and the opportunities they afford Christians are enough to make The Jesus Proposal valuable reading.

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AJAX (Serving Durham Region): 290 Harwood Ave. S, PO Box 21018, Ajax ON L1S 2J1; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Call for mid-week information; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477 (off); Malcolm Porter, (905) 668 3346 res.

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: <churchofchrist.aurora@rogers.com> or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.).

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

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; bramaleacfc@bellnet.ca. Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev (905) 789-1632 (res).

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

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other mid-week classes; 519-758-5673 (75-U-LORD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

BURKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence, R.R. #2, 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.

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.



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