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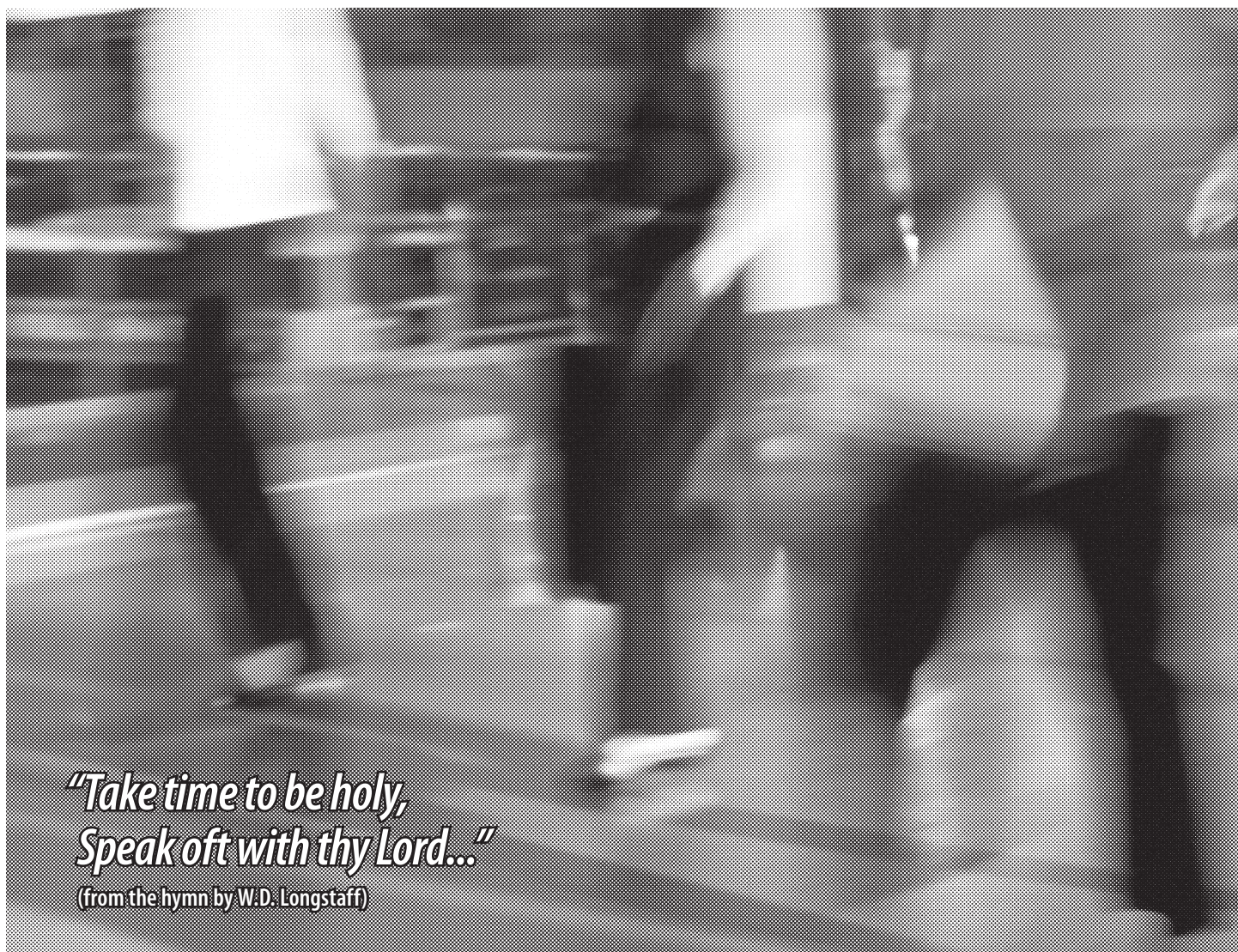
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*"Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with thy Lord..."*

(from the hymn by W.D. Longstaff)

Have you ever wondered about some of the decisions made by our legislators and what you can do, as a Christian, when you feel laws do not reflect your convictions? Read the article by Roy Bailey beginning on page 8 for some suggestions worthy of consideration.

What Shall We Teach Them?

Walter Hart

Parenting is a daunting task, a responsibility, a privilege. It is demanding of time, energy, and effort. Ideally, it is intentional. That is, we have a purpose in mind, an aim, something we hope to accomplish.

What kind of people do we want our children to be? What is our target in parenting? Once we decide that, then we can determine how to accomplish that goal. Targets are hit, goals are reached, by efforts made intentionally toward those targets. Goals are reached by steps taken toward those goals.

James Dobson years ago expressed the importance of intentionality: "If it is desirable that children be kind, appreciative and pleasant, those qualities must be taught – not hoped for. If we want to see honesty, truthfulness, and unselfishness in our offspring, then these characteristics should be the conscious objective of our early instructional process. If it is important to produce respectful, responsible young citizens, then we should set out to mold them accordingly" (Dare to Discipline, 20).

Parental Responsibilities

Where does God place the responsibility in the training of children? Squarely on the shoulders of the parents, with the father bearing ultimate responsibility! Yes, there will be many influences in the lives of our children: friends, peers, teachers, the media. It is easy to blame everyone else and everything else, but we need to make sure we are intentionally involved in the direction of our children's lives.

To fail to provide for our own is to deny the faith and to be worse than an unbeliever (1 Tim. 5:8). In the context

Paul is referring to a son or daughter providing for the welfare of a widowed mother. In the broader application it would certainly apply to parents providing for their children. I am sure we would agree that such provision must be more than physical; that emotional and spiritual needs must also be met. In Ephesians 6:4 Paul speaks to fathers as leaders in the family, as the source of domestic authority. When he speaks to fathers he is really speaking to both parents. He identifies first something not to do, something to be careful of: "...do not provoke your children to anger..." We find a similar statement in Colossians 3:21. If we, as parents, are not thoughtful and considerate in dealing with our children, we can cause them to grow up either bitter and resentful or discouraged and spiritless. How can we do this? By ridicule. By inconsistency. By making big deals out of little mistakes. By putting them in the double bind of never being able to please us. By not praising the good and expecting the bad.

Then Paul identifies what we are to be doing: "...but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." "Discipline" or "training" (NIV) is from *paideia*, a broad term which includes corrective discipline. "Instruction" (*nouthesia*) is literally "a putting in mind" and has to do with "training by word". Our job, as parents, is to train our children, by act and by word, to teach, admonish and correct as needed.

Modelling

Parents need to understand that they are Role Models for their children. Much of what we learn we learn through

observation of others, and parents are the primary role models. Children are natural imitators and much of what they learn will be through observing their parents in different situations. Fathers, for example, model how men are to treat wives/women. Mothers model how husbands are to be respected. Parents in everyday life model for their children integrity and honesty, conflict management, fairness and equality, communication skills, etc. Moral and spiritual values are learned by children through observing their parents in various life situations. Parents may "say" the right things or verbally "teach" the right things, but by their lives model a very different message. Children will tend to follow the model and not the words. They will eventually also lose respect for the parent who says one thing but lives another.

What Shall We Teach Them?

As we think about intentionality in our parenting – what we want to model what we want to teach – we need to remember that this teaching begins from day one. It is believed that one half of intellectual development at age 17 has occurred between conception and age 4! We need to be conscious that we are teaching our children continually, in one way or another.

(1) We need to teach our children respect for authority – the importance of obedience. We will model and we will actively teach respect for school teachers, policemen and laws and especially for God and His word.

Learning respect for authority begins with respect for parents (Ephesians

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Do We Hear Ourselves?

Thayer Salisbury

John 18:12-27

Throughout the Gospels we are presented with various people who react to Jesus in various ways. We are thereby encouraged to ask ourselves, "Which of these am I?"

Here, in John 18, as the life of Jesus draws toward its close, the pattern continues. We see various ways of talking and acting. John is not writing this just for our information. He is not just recording what happened in the interest of recording the facts. We are to ask ourselves, "Which of these ways is mine?"

Simple honesty

Jesus, in this passage as elsewhere, remains the model of simple honesty. He states the facts. He makes it plain that he has nothing to hide. He invites honest investigation of his teaching.

We would tend to expect that the world would honour such straightforwardness. It did not that night, and it does not always honour honesty now. We should not expect that we can follow our Master's example and yet escape his fate. There are those in the world who prefer the darkness of deceit to the light of plain honesty. Annas did not reward the honesty of Jesus, and the world will not always reward honesty today. We should be honest, but not for the sake of rewards.

Jesus commanded simple honesty. He said, "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil" (Mt 5:37). He models such honesty for us here. Each of us must continually examine our speech to see if we are keeping it simple and straightforward as Jesus did.

Deceitful speech

Annas is the model of deceitful speech.

He, his sons and his son-in-law, Caiaphas, seem to have profited from the selling of animals and the exchanging of money in the Temple courts. Jesus has interfered in this. This alone gives them a motive for wanting rid of Jesus.

This high-priestly crowd also has another motive. They are dependent on Rome for their position. Rome granted it to them in the belief that these men were capable of controlling the Jewish masses. There seems to be a fear that, if the Romans notice the popularity of Jesus, they will depose Annas and his relatives from their position of authority (Jn 11:48-50). Fear of losing their position seems to have been a prominent motive, but they will not admit their motives. Annas states neither a motive nor a

charge. He can state no charge, for he has none to state. Instead he hopes to get Jesus talking so that he may catch some stray word, take it out of context and use it against him.

Those with impure motives still make use of such verbal deceit. It is not only in the political world that we witness deceit filled speech. Jesus, with his completely pure motives, can be completely straightforward in his speech. To the degree our motives are impure, to that degree we find ourselves resorting to deceitful speech. We do it at home. We do it at work. We do it within the church.

Too often we treat sins of the tongue lightly. The Bible does not. Proverbs tells us, "There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers" (Pr 6:16-19). Dishonesty, and the sowing of discord, are listed as things the Lord hates. Paul tells Titus to take strong action against those who harm the church with their divisive talk. He says, "As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him (Titus 3:10).

We must remember the importance of words when evaluating our own speech. It is by word that God communicates his truth to mankind. It is through word that we are sanctified (Jn 17:17). Therefore, speech that devalues or corrupts the power of words is striking at the heart of Christianity. When we pollute the means of communication – by dishonesty, by

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Doing Right

Wayne Turner



Hypocrite is such an ugly word. The unchurched have often applied this label to churchgoers as their excuse for rejecting church. Sometimes, it has seemed a harsh, unfair judgment of the human inconsistencies and weaknesses of those trying to serve God. At other times, it was more deserved as outsiders observed the religious bickering and division, the seemingly insatiable push for money in many churches, the emotional control of cults, sexual or financial scandal or as individuals counterfeited Christianity, willingly contradicting their claim of faith with lives that were opposite. More recently, churches of virtually every variety have experienced an even greater loss of influence and credibility from allegations of sexual abuse and their failure to respond in appropriate ways.

Speaking of the handling of the money collected for the relief of Christians in need, Paul said, "We want to avoid criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men." (2 Corinthians 8:20,21 – NIV) There appear to be two related, but different concepts of right. The first is doing right in the eyes of God, which is identified in 1 John 3:7-10 as doing right as God is righteous. Its opposite is doing what is sinful. This is obedience to God's word, as sin is transgression of it. Obviously, no one can be righteous and disobey.

The second concept is doing what is right in the sight of men. While God knows even the secret things, men judge by appearances – thus we are to avoid the appearance of evil. It is possible to technically do something right – to obey the Bible – but do it in a way that appears wrong in the eyes of those around us. Several years ago, a congregation in the U.S. tried to practice what they believed to be Biblical discipline and publicly disfellowship a member. However, they did it in such a way that the person sued and won. The court ruled that the congregation in this case acted wrongly. The community must be able to see that we not only do right following the Bible, but we also conduct our activities in ways that the community respects as open and right. There are both Biblical and practical principles at stake.

In the past several years, much negative publicity has been given to numerous scandals of sexual abuse in many religious bodies, resulting in criminal and civil suits against religious leaders and churches. However, far worse than the damage to the churches involved, is the hurt these people have done to others, often innocent children who trusted their minister, priest or other religious worker. Some churches, blind-sided when allegations of misconduct arise, have frozen in uncertainty, questioning the truthfulness of the charges, defending the leader who committed the act and blaming the victim.

One insurance company executive has stated that the number of churches facing lawsuits involving sexual molestation is "an epidemic." In the U.S, 1 girl in 3 is sexually abused before she

is 18, 1 boy in 6! If it is shameful that such things go on in the world, how much worse is it when it goes on in the church? Unfortunately, churches of Christ have not been immune from this. In the past, there have been instances in both Eastern and Western Canada. Just a few weeks ago, a deacon in a U.S. congregation was arrested on 24 child pornography complaints because of pictures he took of young teenage girls from church, who were having a sleepover at his house. The fellowship of the saints should be one of the safest, most protective environments in the world. We must do everything possible to protect not only our own children, but also the children of our friends and neighbors who may entrust their children to us when they come to Bible School, VBS, camp, youth rally, or any other activities. Our communities must see that we are prepared to do right in every possible way – not only in obeying Biblical standards of morality and ethics, but also in taking steps to do everything possible to protect the children in our care. What can we do?

It is sad to say that the insurance industry, not the church, seems to have taken the lead in this. It is not surprising, since it is in the best interest of the insurers to see that every precaution is taken to avoid any such cases. Many, if not most, churches are totally unprepared and unequipped to face them. One tool that is available to help congregations get started is the "Reducing the Risk" kit (available for \$75 from Brokerforce Insurance in Toronto: www.brokerforce.ca). Several key steps are involved:

1. Screen all workers who have access to children – paid and volunteer. Ask for a criminal records check (now required for many types of employment), including the RCMP's vulnerable persons check.

2. Develop a written protocol that show what steps the congregation's leadership and workers will take to prevent children from being exposed to any risk (including how workers will be interviewed and screened, policies to prevent predators from having one on one access to children, how counseling will be

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Reflecting on the Old Rugged Cross

One of the most powerful hymns ever written is The Old Rugged Cross. It was written by George Bennard and is based on the scripture in reference to Jesus sacrifice. While there is concern, justifiably so, about the instrumental music question we must be careful not to lose sight of the purpose of our singing.

Paul wrote in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." If there is any hymn that should bring gratitude it would be The Old Rugged Cross.

Verse 1 speaks of the cross as an "emblem of suffering and shame". In Matthew 27:33, we are told the place of crucifixion was called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. Perhaps the hill resembled a skull but for sure it was a horrible place because crucifixions took place there. The Gospel writers do not stress the terrible details of a death by crucifixion. While acknowledging the shame of such a death they do not emphasize the details of the struggle accompanying such a death. Of course, as we reflect on the nature of the death, based on secular historical evidence, we give thanks that Jesus was willing to suffer such a death for our redemption.

The greater emphasis is on the accomplishment, for us, on the cross as Jesus delivers us from the curse of sin bringing us into a right relationship with God. In writing about Jesus death, Peter reminds us that he had committed no sin and even all the abuse he took, up to and including his crucifixion, was not returned against those who were guilty of these acts. Peter emphasizes that Jesus did this as an example for

us (I Peter 2: 21-23). Even though Jesus had no sin, he took our sins to the cross. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" (I Peter 2:24).

The hymn writer rightly recognizes that on the cross the "dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain". "It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: 'What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honour and put everything under his feet'. In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste of death for everyone" (Hebrews 2:5-9). This is He who is crowned with glory and reigning with the Father, his rightful place of honour. Coming to "seek and to save what was

lost" (Luke 19:10), he demonstrates the grace of God. Heaven's best to save the world's worst!

Sadly, many today will not accept this glorious saviour. That is not a surprise in view of the way he has been treated by mankind during and since his time here on earth. Since quite often God does not offer individuals what they want as incentives to faith and faithful service he is often rejected. He did not fit the "mould" that people had of a saviour so was rejected by them. Paul describes this problem in 1 Corinthians 1:18 and following, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

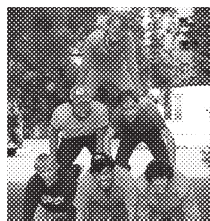
For the person who stumbles at the cross the following words of the hymn would be meaningless. "To the Old Rugged Cross I would ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then he'll call me some day to my home far away, Where his glory forever I'll share." In Philippians Paul speaks of our heavenly citizenship and our anticipation of reigning with Christ. Since Jesus is presently sitting at the right hand of

the Father we anticipate going to be with him for eternity. This is a reality because we believe in that cross. "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you shall stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!" (Philippians 3:20-4:1)

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People of the Screen? *By Paul Birston*

How many screens do you have in your life? If your life's anything like mine, screens are all around you in computers, televisions, cell phones, mp3 players, personal digital assistants, airports and microwave ovens. A taxi I rode in recently even had a satellite map screen showing exactly where we were travelling along the streets. In my house we have over ten different screens. I composed this article on one of them.

As a culture, we're becoming "people of the screen." A hundred years ago a screen was something that kept bugs out of your house or something you used to sift flour or sand and gravel. Today we do many things on electronic screens which go everywhere, including outer space. Much of what we read is now on screens. Books are laid out on screens before printing. What does this mean for you as young people of God who come from a long line of believers whom some have called "People of the Book"? "The Book," of course, is the Bible through which God speaks to us.

Long before the invention of screens, God spoke in "many ways" (Hebrews 1:1-2). In the beginning He spoke directly with people like Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham and Moses. He also spoke through visions and dreams. At Mount Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments, God's people were so afraid of His voice they asked Him not to speak to them directly "lest we die" (Exodus 20:18, 19; Deuteronomy 18:16). So God

said He would speak to them through prophets, many of whom wrote down His words for us to read today. Most importantly, God spoke to us through Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Gradually, God's Book took shape. Exodus 24:4 says that "Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD." Later, Joshua wrote "there on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses" (Joshua 8:32). Jeremiah 36 is an exciting account of the writing of a prophetic book. When God told His people to love Him with all their heart, soul and strength, He said they should teach these things to their children "when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise

up" (Deuteronomy 6:4-7), basically, throughout your whole day, at home, on the way to school or work, when you get back home. Today, electronic screens make it easier for us to have the Bible with us everywhere.

When Joshua succeeded Moses, God said, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it" (Joshua 1:8). Later, after exile in Babylon, God's Book brought His people back to Him. Ezra and others "read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading" (Nehemiah 8:8). As Jesus began His ministry, He stood in the synagogue in Nazareth and read prophecies from the book of Isaiah that He fulfilled (Luke 4:16-30). Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter and others added to God's Book which He uses to speak to us, encourage us and get us ready to serve (2 Timothy 3:14-17).

Muslims, also known by this title, called Christians and Jews "People of the Book." The Book defines who they are. In the ancient world of Jesus and Israel, many religions focused more on ecstatic experiences, sacrifices, signs, rituals, foods, drinks, tricks and illusions. The God who created the universe and came to earth in Jesus who died for our sins to bring us back to our Father in heaven chose to speak to us mainly through His Book. God works through His Book, along with His Spirit and His people, to reach us and lead us and transform us.

Today, we're in an information revolution. As we use more and more technology, how can people of the screen be people of the Book too? Thankfully, though information technology brings risks, it also brings opportunities. Just like when Johann Gutenberg invented moveable type for the printing press which eventually made copies of the

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Bible accessible to masses of people, the screens in our lives can give us greater access to God's Book.

Here are some examples. Small screens can help you carry God's Book with you. If you have an mp3 music player or an ipod you can get Bible software to download onto your player. Not only can you read the words of God on a mini-screen, you can listen to the whole Bible on your headphones. This could be great to do when you are travelling or waiting with time to spare. You can share inspiring verses with friends electronically and memorize your favourites.

Good Bible software or websites allow you to read the Bible in many different translations. If you have specific interests or words of verses you want to look up, Bible software lets you search for several words together (unlike concordances which only allow you to look up one word at a time). There are websites that give you access to helpful resources like maps and historical background for understanding the Book better. Some sites can help you find good

used Bibles and primary reference books at excellent prices. If you really get serious about using your screens as one tool among many to delve deeper into the Word, you may want to purchase an excellent program like "Accordance" that helps you access the original Bible languages and many primary study guides that you can take with you on a laptop computer or personal digital assistant. Many good reference books and lexicons are now available electronically.

Like computer and screen operations manuals, this article comes with a warning. The down side of the Internet is you can also find a lot of opinions and ideas that are not true and are not consistent with God's Word. Though they did not have the Internet, first-century Christians had plenty of misleading teachers too. We should be like the Bereans who "received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). As Paul said to the Thessalonians, we should "test everything, hold fast to that which is

good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

The number of screens and the proliferation of entertainment media, good and bad, will surely increase as we move further into the twenty-first century. They can affect us in positive and negative ways. It'll always be important to test everything. In whatever way you can, on screens or small paperbacks, take the Book with you. It gives you the words of life. Wherever you go, find ways to use your screens to help you grow as people of The Book. – Paul Birston

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God is calling me!



I'm thinking about where to go in Sept 2006. 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 and He will provide. 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..."



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Canadian Churches of Christ and the Canadian Charter

By Roy H. Bailey

God's people have always lived under a Charter. That Charter is the Bible. Since creation men and women have had a Charter guiding us in how we should live. The difference between the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and God's Charter, is that God gave man responsibilities, not rights. He gave us the "do's and don'ts," as to how we ought to live with each other.

Christians believe in the supremacy of God. God's people know that there is no higher authority. The Ten Commandments was a code of law on how God wanted his people to live together. The prohibition on adultery is one example. I once saw a large billboard in the U.S.A. which read, "What Part of 'Thou Shalt Not' don't you understand? – signed GOD." That sign in Canada would be considered intolerant and narrow-minded.

God's first "institution" was marriage. He made marriage sacred and sex sacred within and limited to the institution of marriage.

Canada's Charter has been in the news almost every day. In order to understand the Canadian Charter, we should step back to the days leading up to 1982, when the Charter became law in Canada. There were some politicians in Canada that did not agree with the supremacy of God. They believed that God has no right to continue to have His code of behavior for Canadians. You will recall the often-quoted statement, "the Government has no business in the bedrooms of the nation."

If you believed that God ordained sex and marriage to be sacred, that statement ought to have set off alarm bells as to what was to come (It certainly frightened me, I could see where this was leading).

In 1982, one of the people who understood the dangers of the document, and who was reluctant to agree to it, was Allan Blakeney, the Premier of Saskatchewan at the time.

Mr. Blakeney, who I know quite well, as I had served as an MLA in the Saskatchewan Legislature prior to 1982, did not agree to the Charter becoming part of Canada's law. It was only after the promise that the Charter would contain the "Notwithstanding clause" that he reluctantly approved it. The "Notwithstanding clause" is a provision that allows the elected Members of Parliament or Members of the Legislative Assembly to nullify a ruling made by a court (unelected, appointed Judges) if they feel that the ruling does not serve the best interests of the Canadian people.

As a Member of Parliament for two terms, I along with others, were prepared to use this clause to overturn a Judge's decision (one man who could impose his will or morality on the rest of society) that pornography be allowed for artistic value. I might add that even though a majority of MPs may have disagreed with the judge's decision, there was little support from the other Parties in the House of Commons to consider the "Notwithstanding clause".

When I spoke out on moral issues in Parliament, the most common "cat-call" was, "Here's Roy...the radical, religious right." Those calls were meant to condemn my position, but I took it as a compliment. Every member of Christ's Church in Canada who takes the message to society will be labeled with similar slurs, but then, so were the apostles of Christ slammed. That didn't deter them from taking

God's Charter to the people. In fact, under Christ's direction, orders were to take the message which included a code of conduct to every nation or every ethnic group.

The first statement, or the preamble to the Canadian Charter is, "Whereas Canada is founded upon the principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law."

Let me ask this question: "If in 1982 when the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was adopted, we believed in the supremacy of God, why just twenty years later would unelected judges choose to give the term "marriage", a new meaning, outside of the parameters established by God?" A great many of the decisions of judges based on arguments from the Charter are in contradiction of God's word.

A recent court decision that made swinger clubs legal in Canada raises more questions. The Bible described similar behaviour as what was happening in Sodom and Gomorrah. Since 1982, The Supreme Court has struggled to redefine indecency. Instead of defining it in terms of community standards, they have redefined it to mean "if it doesn't cause harm to society then it's OK." Perhaps these judges should turn to God's Word where they would find numerous examples of what constitutes "decency". What do you think when you read such statements from the court rulings which say that as long as the activities are with consenting adults; they do not violate the Charter? Let me ask you, "Is God's

Charter ever considered?" The answer, of course, is no.

I am reminded of a well-known quote. "There is nothing good or bad but thinking makes it so" (A humanist theory).

Let's briefly look at the term, "Rule of Law." Christ used this kind of terminology and viewed the "Rule of Law" as simply the means that everyone, regardless of ethics, age,

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Sep 5: GLBC Fall Semester Commences

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Nov 5-7: Great Lakes Lectures

Dec 2: GLBC Youth Rally

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sex, etc., will be equally judged, under the law. Just as we have, unfortunately, witnessed judgment from courts that smear the Word of God, we also witness that today's "Rule of Law" is merely a statement only, with little bearing to the laws given to us by God.

It is not my intentions to list the many decisions that make mockery of what Christians believe. Rather, I will demonstrate what everyone can expect in the future. Most provinces have seen the actions taken by the Quasi-judicial appointed bodies named the "Humans Rights Commission." In two provinces, one of which is Saskatchewan, some scriptures came close to being classified as "hate literature." Those premiers who supported the "same-sex" ruling, publicly rejoiced in the decision of the courts while, at the same time, vowed that we, as citizens, would not see any repercussions. Well, here in Saskatchewan, as well as in some other provinces, the marriage counselors and Justice of the Peace who refused to perform same-sex marriages were dismissed from their positions.

I am reminded of a speech I made to a service club in 1986. In part of that presentation, I referred to some things that I believed would transpire in the future. Marriage would be destroyed and the family would suffer greatly. Would you believe that in a letter I wrote in 1982, I opposed the Canadian Charter? I am not an intellect, but I do know how legislation works. After 55 years in public life, with about 30 of those years in elected positions at the local, provincial and federal levels, I have seen it all. I have seen the consequences resulting from bad laws that were passed. During those years in public life, what kept me going was God's Charter, the Bible.

The Apostle Paul wasn't ashamed of the Word, so why should I be? As individual Christians and as congregations, we need to know and learn of the current conditions

that will limit our plan to fulfill our duties before God.

I was invited to speak to a group of people who were interested in the real purpose of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. After the meeting, a middle-aged man approached me and said, "I certainly have a better understanding. We all know where you stand on these key issues, but where does your church stand?" My response was, "Why don't you ask them?" A few weeks later, I was saddened to learn that he did inquire and was told, "We don't talk about those things." Why are churches reluctant to talk about the rulings of the courts when they make a mockery of the Scriptures?

Churches have been warned that if they speak out in defense of scripture that opposed the Charter their charitable Status (federal) could be suspended. Our buildings could be taxed (provincially). Some of these measures have already begun.

I have been in conversation with those who have been threatened by government agencies such as The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

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Why not right now take the "sword" and apply its use? (Rom. 13:4 and Eph. 6:17) With the "sword" by your side and ready to use, you may be insulted, but you can't lose.

We have an excellent program for our youth called, "Let's Start Talking." If we follow their plan, we would all be capable of taking God's Charter to the public.

During my two terms as a member of the Canadian Parliament, I sent out thousands of pamphlets that showed how some court decisions have put us on a slippery moral slope. In these difficult times, it will be difficult to retain the moral platitude, but it is not impossible. Remember: "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation", Proverbs 14:34.

If we are going to be "lifted up," we surely must not be ashamed of God's Charter. I know what the response of some will be, "Yes, but it's not worse than...!" That attitude is simply a "cop-out"; it is a weak excuse.

My greatest rewards in life are the individuals and the families who have come to obey Christ because of my publicly held positions and my message on the "Rule of Law" and telling them about the Supremacy of God. Paul wasn't ashamed of the Gospel; preachers need not be ashamed either. All Christians should fight the good fight to defend the faith. If we choose otherwise, we could lose elements that are important to our faith. There is no better time to defend our Charter (the Bible) than the present.

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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

Note: Many congregations held annual meetings during January and February.

Beamsville: The congregation is in the process of selecting elders and deacons. Jeff and Suanne Whitfield have arrived safely in Perth, Australia, and Jeff is settling into his work there.

Bramalea: The congregation held a clothing exchange on January 15. Eighteen young people attended the Meaford youth rally on the weekend of February 17-19. 107 individuals attended a "Family Forum" which was held Sunday, February 12, to share ideas on

how to work more effectively for the Lord in Brampton. Thirty-eight junior kindergarten to grade 8 children attended the Valentine party held Sunday afternoon, February 12.

Brantford: A clothing giveaway was held Saturday, January 28. The congregation held its monthly end-of-the-month song service on January 29. The ladies are studying the book of Psalms the 3rd Monday of each month.

Fenwick: Once more the congregation entered the community Christmas parade and distributed New Testaments and other printed material along the parade route and at the park following the parade. New Years was celebrated with a social time and devotional at the building, and the members enjoyed a social gathering in January celebrating the Chinese New Year. Both were used as an opportunity to invite friends and neighbours.

West Hamilton: On February 2, Kevin and Nancy Cleary moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. Kevin is a student in a 2-year program at the East Tennessee School of Preaching; Nancy is taking ladies' classes.

Kingston: Richard Maddeaux reported that the congregation had five Key to the Kingdom visitors at a recent service.

Meaford: Thank you to Bramalea, Sault Ste. Marie, Ottawa, Toronto, Owen Sound, Ice Lake, London, Walkerton, Waterloo and Great Lakes Christian College for supporting our Youth Rally. On a very stormy weekend we had over

one hundred enthusiastic young people. Patrick Mead presented excellent lessons.

Newmarket: The elders and leadership teams had a day of dreaming and planning.

Tintern: Jillian Godden was baptized into Christ on November 28, 2005. Natashe Wuilleme was baptized on January 11, 2006.

Toronto (Strathmore): The congregation welcomed Hayden James, husband of Marva, to the congregation. Jean Volcy, who was instrumental in starting a congregation in his home town of Fonds Parisien, in Haiti, is speaking, via tape, on a weekly radio program in Haiti. There is another station that will begin to broadcast these programs as well in the near future. The radio time, an hour each week, is free. A "Day in support of the Key To The Kingdom Ministry" is being planned for May 7, 2006 (see page 15).

Waterloo: The "Brother's Keeper" program has been started again, with each man gaining a new prayer partner.

Westside (Windsor): Heath Gough was baptized into Christ on January 26. Beginning Saturday, March 25, the congregation plans to host a free meal at the building at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of sharing their blessings with those of the community who are not so blessed. On March 17 and 18, members will deliver invitations to neighbourhoods around the building that could benefit from this event.

Attention: Young married couples & those interested in marriage.

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*"How to Remain One When The Problem(s)
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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

ALBERTA

Calgary: The Calgary Church of Christ is celebrating 100 years in existence the weekend of June 2-4, 2006. It will be a reunion weekend; a time to renew friendships, celebrate our history, honouring God and recalling many of those who have been part of the Calgary church throughout 100 years of service. If you are a former member of the Calgary Church of Christ please plan to join us. Members of sister congregations who are interested in coming as a representative of your congregation are invited. Please help in notifying all former members of the Calgary Church of Christ you might be

in contact with by helping us get updated addresses and renew contact.

Edmonton: The teens went to the Missoula Youth Rally February 17-20. Jim An and Anthony (Anlin) Wen were recently baptized. Joel Wickham of Melbourne, Australia and Alfredo Perez have placed membership with the congregation. The church plant group continues to meet and make plans for the upcoming church plant.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Central Valley (Abbotsford): It has been a year since Norm and Jen Weir expanded their ministry in British Columbia to what they call "ministry-at-large", meaning that they are traveling to small groups of Christians meeting in communities throughout the Province who need to be visited and encouraged. Some of these congregations have not had full-time workers for several years. In the case of three of them, it has been necessary to sell their buildings and return to meeting in homes because they could no longer afford to keep them up. It is troubling to many in the Province as they see the efforts of past generations slowly fade away. However, if these small pockets of Christians receive encouragement, fellowship and teaching, they will be strengthened and grow in their spiritual lives, which helps to

lessen their feeling of being so isolated. This past year, the Weirs have met with brethren in Kamloops, North Bend, 100 Mile House and Prince George. They have been encouraged by those who have come to them expressing support and appreciation as the importance of the work they are doing is recognized. Some have expressed a desire to go with them on some of their trips. Norm also continues to preach for the Central Valley church on the Sundays he is here, takes care of the correspondence work, promotes outreach in Abbotsford and conducts private studies. The Weirs are still in need of replacing the support that was lost near the end of 2005. The ladies are preparing to host their fourth Annual Ladies' Retreat March 31-April 1, with the theme of "Spring Cleaning" to inspire and rejuvenate those who attend.

Burnaby: The Missions Ministry designated February as "Missions Emphasis Month". All children's classes had special presentations about mission work, and the sermons for adults dealt with that subject. Ron Roberts, missionary to Chile from Vancouver, WA, was guest speaker on Feb. 12. Erol Dogan presented a DVD of his trip to Israel this month. Kirk Ruch participated in the Annual Men's Rally in Saskatoon, SK March 8-10, titling his subject on the motto

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"LET US RISE UP AND BUILD"

(encouragement from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah)

Dates & Times:

Friday, April 14 - 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 15 - 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 16 - 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Main Guest Speakers:

Michael Mazzalongo from Montreal, Quebec (evangelist and church planter in Verdun, PQ)

Hillard Story from Springfield, Missouri (Elder at Sunset Church of Christ, a church responsible for planting two new congregations in the past five years)

Special Dinners:

Ladies' Luncheon: Saturday, April 15, noon.
Guest Speaker: Alma Story (Springfield, MO)

Men's Dinner: Saturday, April 15, 4 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Rolland Bouchard (Lloydminster, AB)

Teen Luncheon: Friday, April 14, noon.
Guest Speaker: Rolland Bouchard

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The South Pacific: "The purpose of missions is not to evangelize the world. The purpose of missions is to plant the church where it doesn't exist so it can evangelize its world. Missions are like scaffolding that is used to erect a building. They are just temporary to lend support until the structure can stand on its own. Then they are pulled away and moved to another location wherever needed. "Evangelizing the world is like a relay race. In areas where there is no church, missionaries run the first lap. Then they should hand off to the local believers to finish the race. Just like Paul, and just like us, they don't have to be superstars – only obedient; they don't make the seed and they don't make it grow – they just plant and water. Like the babes in Corinth, if they can hold their own bottle, the Holy Spirit can take over from there. There are far too few Christian missionaries to evangelize the world. There are too few missionaries to even plant the church among every one of the thousands of people groups that have no witness. But if we will plant the church as quickly as possible where we can, and if we teach them to teach others how to teach others, then we can reach the world for Christ and fulfill our commission. "While working and living in Vanuatu we talked with the brethren in the South Pacific Island region on the need for an English speaking Bible Training School in the islands which would more nearly accommodate their cultures, partially due to the fact that English is their second language. The Fiji Islands were shown to be the best suited for such a Bible Training School. In 2001, when we left Vanuatu to return to the USA for needed medical treatment, it was felt that the timing was not right to start the school then. We have spent the last four years working secular jobs (I as a custom cabinet builder, and my wife, Kathy, as a bank teller) and involved with the programs of the local church. However, after our recent trip back to the South Pacific and discussion with brethren in Fiji, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Australia and American Samoa, we feel that not only is there still a definite need for such a Bible Training School but that the Lord is opening up doors showing us that the time is ripe. We are prepared to sell-out and leave our

families (this includes five grandchildren!) once again because we believe in this opportunity. This is where we need your urgent prayers and, if possible, financial fellowship. We hope to be in place in Fiji just after the middle of the year, if at all possible! If you would allow us to come and talk to your congregation for a one-time gift, we would be so grateful. I feel that the brethren would be motivated by the opportunities and enriched by the presentation." – Tobey Huff (NOTE: The Huffs may be reached by email at <huff@joplin.com>, or by mail: 4835 S. Jackson, Joplin MO 64804; Ph/Fax: 417 206-0264 or Mobile 417 540-0642.)

Peru: Ming Paul Lee and his wife, Suwanna, (Vancouver Island) returned from a trip to Peru last month. They described it as unique, amazing and rich in history. They found that in addition to the fact that the dollar goes further and purchases more, the people are polite, colourful, and warm, making it a pleasure to shop or talk with them. There is also a feeling that one is safe on the streets, Ming Paul noted. They left behind 600 enrolment cards for WBS courses by postal or email in both English and Spanish.

YEAR-END SUMMARIES

International Bible Correspondence

School: Over 10,000 courses were sent to countries on four continents and the Caribbean:

3 in the Americas; 5 in Asia; 8 in Europe; 17 African nations; and 5 Caribbean islands. Each month an average of 12,000 multiple choice questions were graded by Blanche Maddeaux, plus 601 discussion questions which were read and assessed by Richard Kruse, along with 25 places to locate on a map in the Bible Geography Course. The names of students who made a commitment of faith and requested baptism were sent from Toronto to missionaries to follow up on in all of these countries. Five tracts for Muslims were revised, and two new ones written. Studies in Luke and the discussion questions for Luke/Mark and I John were revised, as well as the Bible Concordance. A study of the book of James was completed.

RAPHA International: To Thailand, India and Indonesia were sent funds, medical and food containers and personnel. Hundreds who lost their homes were assisted. Several church buildings were rebuilt, and a hospital re-opened. Hands-on assistance was given by several medical professionals, including Dr. John Bailey, (a board member), who made several trips to Nias to work in dental medical relief. He taught and preached as time allowed, and surveyed much of the island to identify and classify the most pressing needs. Nias received even greater damage by an 8.7 earthquake three months later, with over 2,000 people killed and thousands more left homeless. RAPHA immediately sent \$10,000 in cash to buy food locally, and shipped 2,000,000 servings of soup from a firm in Lubbock, TX. These provisions were distributed by three missionaries working with 49 churches on the island. Although not usually aiding inside the U. S., when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit, Rapa sent trailer loads of relief items, medical supplies, linens, food, cleaning supplies and haz-mat suits to Biloxi, MS, and three towns in Louisiana, as well as to the area round Jasper, TX. A group of four doctors, two nurses and an EMT specialist helped treat the injured. A tree specialist was employed to remove trees from rooftops. Financial help to churches in Guatemala whose members had damage from Hurricane Stan also came from RAPHA funds.

Partners in Progress: In an effort to inform people of the challenges of Asia where 63% of the world's population live, PIP displayed an Asian pavilion at the Global Mission Forum in Arlington, TX. Most of the Asian countries were represented, along with an ox cart, ceremonial umbrellas, paintings and posters. More than 150 university students came to the Student Centre in Cambodia to study with 30 American and European teachers in a three-

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month course. Also in Cambodia, 16 fresh water wells drilled in 2005 provided water to some 20,000 people. Health Care clinics conducted in 8 villages found over 800 malnourished children who are being aided in a nutritional project. Many children who never have any clothing until their first year in school were provided with clothes. The Mekong River project to give health care to numerous towns and villages along its 200-mile stretch is nearing completion. In Indonesia, native Christians who said that numerous church buildings destroyed by the March earthquake were furnished with materials to replace them. In looking at what would be of the most lasting benefit to the Island of Nias, sites to build 12 schools were chosen in locations where there were churches of Christ, and construction started. Several have been completed, and new desks and chairs provided, as well as school uniforms, back packs, notebooks, etc. for the students.

Sendai, Japan:

***Crimsen Ruhnke & Joel Osborne** traveled to Hitachi for a weekend youth activity in mid-January. Sendai will host these young people in March.

***Guys' Night Out** is focusing on the theme: "Jungle Fever," studying the story of Joseph and using the jungle as a metaphor for the world and ways to deal with "jungle fever."

***Young Adult Camp.** "What Our Hearts are Searching For" was the theme of the third YA Camp, which was held February 24-26. This was designed to be a time of renewal and inspiration for young Japanese Christians, and a time where non-Christians will be drawn by the love of Christ and convicted by the Holy Spirit.

***Visitors:**

- **Erica Towell and Deborah Hobelman** (girl friends of Ben Berry and Joel Osborne) visited Sendai from York, Nebraska, in January. The young women met church members and people in the neighbourhood, attended the Bn'B class, Jon's coffee shop, and the Watage group, and made further plans for their year-long internship beginning in June.
- **Walter and Shirley Straker** were in Sendai for 10 days in January to visit Jonathan and Michiko, and to welcome their newest grandson, Hijiri Gideon. They also had an opportunity to visit several of the Sendai church members in their homes, to attend the team's weekly meeting, meet Joel and Ben's girl friends, attend two Sunday services and the Olive Branch Coffee Shop.
- **Dr. Jackie Halstead**, chairman of Abilene Christian University's Marriage and Family Therapy Department, was in Sendai in February doing a week of counselling and team dynamics work. She has done all their psychological testing, counselling and team dynamics work since 2000.

***The Delaware Decision - and Opportunity.** Ben Berry, along with six members of the staff of Watage (a group to assist people with social withdrawal), will be in Dover, Delaware (sister city with Sendai) from February 27 to March 8. Their purpose is to research new techniques and ideas. Ben has been asked to help with this project as part-time translator and transportation coordinator.

Your continued remembrance of the team through prayers & 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.

Please help the Sendai team in God's work to make

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Joel Osborne and Jonathan Straker are still in need of support for the mission work in Sendai, Japan. If you would like to find out more about this work and how you can help, you can check out their website at www.sendaimissions.com or contact the

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of the S. Burnaby church, "Walking in God's Love – and Giving it Away". His focus was on developing New Testament-style faith with a view toward living God's generosity in our everyday lives. The plans Kirk has for 2006 include re-starting "Roots", a midweek class for learning the basics of how to follow Jesus for new or pre-Christians; a "Front Lines" prayer ministry; and developing help for people who have encountered spiritual abuse, but want to recover a healthy relationship with God, which will be called "New Wells".

City Church (E. Vans): "Last year we were blessed to have a Bible class every Friday night in the home of a family I met in the daytime English Bible classes. Last summer they moved to Burnaby for school purposes and the Friday night Bible class ended. On the second floor of that apartment building where we had the Bible class lived a family who had been in Japan for ten years. Last fall the wife started attending the daytime English Bible classes. The two families have decided to buy a large house together in Steveston, just south of Richmond. Leo, the gentleman who had been in Japan, came to me and asked, "Steve-san, when we move to our new home in February, would you teach us a Bible class?" The family we

taught before and this family are inviting their friends. Extending our outreach to immigrants in the Richmond-Steveston area is exciting. Our rent at the Community Centre has been increased to \$80 per Sunday for the use of a room for only two hours. With only ten to fifteen of us on any given Sunday, some students, some with little income, it is a stretch for us to pay the rent. We have petitioned the board that manages the Centre, asking for some relief on the rent since we have been there for five years. The reality of working in the inner-city is the lack of a facility to work from, which means that we must rent, borrow and beg in order to find space for the work we are doing. The next time you are in your church building, take a moment to thank God for the wonderful facility He has given you. Then, go to work!" – Steve Hasbrouck

Delta: An article written by Jim and Carolyn Hawkins for the LEAVEN magazine published by Pepperdine University may be read on Jim's website at www.growthresources.org/article_6.htm <http://www.growthresources.org/article_6.htm> . Based on 1 John, it is titled "Ministering In Love." The ladies honoured their Chinese friends last month by celebrating their New year with a Chinese Pot Luck.

Nanaimo: Jerry and Matthew Luskey were welcomed following their move here from Alberta. A Clothing Exchange for the community, as well as the church family, was held at the end of January in the church basement. It was planned by the Benevolence Outreach Ministry. "Elder Appointment Feedback" forms were turned in and appraised last month, along with lessons concerning the eldership given in both the adult Bible class and sermons.

Oakridge: Relatives of Maude Simpson and people from the Guyanese community honoured her on Jan. 22 as she celebrated her 105th birthday. A bouquet of flowers and a card were sent to Sister Simpson on behalf of this congregation, where she was a member for so many years. Milton Diaz worded a prayer for the occasion, and one other Oakridge family was invited.

Victoria: Lunch was provided for the Annual General Meeting of the Spruston Road Bible Camp held here on Feb. 11. With help from other congregations and/or individuals, a container of children's clothing, blankets, sheets, toys, and other supplies was shipped to Zambia in mid-February. Items such as diapers and Vaseline which were donated by Victoria Drug Stores, as well as leftovers from our clothing exchange were included.

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Because of the scourge of AIDS, orphans in this country outnumber the rest of the population. The Shelbourne Street congregation has made sending help to this nation a priority for such a number of years that those packing the container on Feb. 11 had it "down to a science", according to observers.

SASKATCHEWAN

Kenose Lake: The Ladies Winter Retreat was held Feb. 17-19. The weekend's theme was "God's Masterpiece" with Carol Straker as guest speaker.

Regina (North West): The congregation hosted an "Active Parenting Workshop" Feb. 3-5. This was led by Kevin Vance. It was used as an opportunity to reach out into the surrounding community. The annual "Love Luncheon" was held February 12th. This is a time when members of the congregation show appreciation to one another verbally and with cards and notes. This is a real heart warming time and great encouragement to the congregation. Some in the congregation continue to volunteer their time at "Souls Harbor". Meals are served to those in need. It is also an opportunity to spread God's Word.

Saskatoon: March 10 & 11 the annual men's rally will be held. Guest speaker, Kirk Ruch, will speak on "Walking in Love... And Giving It Away"

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he is a stranger in the sinful world. He also understands that his future would be hopeless except for what Jesus was willing to do in redeeming him to God. One of the problems in this life is in becoming so comfortable with its pleasures that the fact of its brevity is forgotten. As Peter reminds the reader, "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires that war against your soul" (I Peter 2:11).

For the believer the chorus sums it up well. "So I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross, and exchange it some day for a crown". Clinging to the cross means living in obedience to the will of God. May this hymn encourage us to live so we can say with Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8).

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done, and how complaints/accusations will be reported and handled). Some policies suggested include two adults with each group of children and a six month wait before new members are allowed to work with children.

3. Conduct regular training workshops to teach workers what abuse is, what its symptoms are, how to avoid risk and what abuse issues churches need to be aware of.

Some may see this as unnecessary fuss and bother. There are two questions we need to consider. First, should we find our congregations involved in a lawsuit involving molestation, what will we be able to tell the jury we did to protect the children in our care? The fact is, in 80% of child molestation cases, the abuser is known and often trusted by the victim. The failure to take any action to protect our children will most likely be seen as negligence in a court of law. Second, what are we willing to do to show our communities we will protect their children? Will those around us believe that we have done right? "Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody." (Romans 12:7 - NIV).

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OBITUARIES



Elford, Helen & Ed

The family of Helen and Ed Elford are saddened by the deaths of their parents as the result of a traffic accident on Saturday January 28, 2006.

They shared many wonderful times together and were inseparable during their 65 years together. They have lived in various communities including, Horse Creek, SK, Willen, MB, Moosomin, SK, and finally to Moose Jaw where they came to be closer to Helen's parents and their brothers and sisters.

They are predeceased by their parents: Laura and Mervyn Goodwin, Russell and Annie Elford, and infant son Larry; Ed's brothers George and Cliff and his sisters Ruby and Pansy.

Ed and Helen are survived by their loving children: Dale (Kathy), Lloyd (Ruthanne), Manson, Sharon (Mandry), Regina; Calvin (Mary), Estevan, Neita (Nestor), Regina, Cheryl (Ian), Balgonie, and Russell (Melissa), Edmonton, nineteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Helen's immediate family: Evelyn Aasen, Coronach, Muriel Jacobs, Vernon, BC; Gordon (Mildred) Goodwin, Weyburn, and Irene (Cal) Young, Moose Jaw. Ed's immediate family: Chet, California; Edna (Arnold) Knutson, Glentworth; Eva McCutchen, Portage la Prairie; Ada McBride, Moose Jaw and Melvin (Sandra) Jacobs, Estevan; and many nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Service was held on Thursday February 2, 2006. Ron Hegdahl officiated. Memorials to the Church of Christ, 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, S6H 3H5, or to a charity of choice, would be appreciated. In living memory of Ed and Helen, trees will be planted in Wakamow Valley by W.J. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

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6:1-4). In the divine arrangement of the home, children are to be subject to their parents – to obey their parents. This is ordained by God. “This is right” – “this is your acceptable duty in the Lord” “this pleases the Lord”(NIV) (Colossians 3:20). The good order of the family, of the community, the good order of society in general, depend upon it! Disobedience to parents is a sign of serious problems in a society (Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:2).

The welfare of the child depends upon learning to obey. This is the key to finding our place at school, at work, with the law of the land and with the Lord. “...that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:3). Here is the importance of teaching obedience and respect in the home!

(2) We need to teach our children the dignity and value of work and the place and use of money. Work needs to be seen as a blessing, not a punishment. Our children need to know that we get out of life what we put into it. No one “owes” us a living. Laziness has consequences (cf. Proverbs 24:30-34). We don't want to be leeches on society. We want to “do our own work and earn our own living” (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12). It is a sacred duty to do a good job (Colossians 3:23-24). We therefore expect children to share in home duties, to have reasonable responsibilities at home. Our children need to have funds to use, to save, to spend, to be responsible for. An allowance at first. Work at home. Then they need to earn some to see the value of money. We appreciate what we have worked for and earned. “Deliberate deprivation” is a need in our society. To be given too much is harmful rather than helpful.

(3) We need to teach our children respect for nature and a concern for the right use and care of property. Key here is a sense of stewardship. We have dominion, but under God (Genesis 1:26; Psalms 50:10,11). How well do your children care for their toys, room, clothes, books? Are they being respectful or destructive? Left to them, will the world be one extensive garbage dump? Will they be throw-downers, walk-passers, or picker-uppers? Do they have

an understanding of the need to take care of their bodies, their health, with attention to diet and proper rest (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)? Of course, our example (modelling) has a tremendous impact in all these areas!

(4) Children need to be taught respect for others and the rights of others. There needs to be an understanding of the golden rule as a regulation for all of life (Matthew 7:12). Our children need to be socialized; trained to be concerned for and respectful of the property and rights of others.

(5) We need to aim for our children to develop social consciousness, enabling them to live in harmony with others. This will involve such simple yet vital concepts as that some actions are acceptable in one place but not in another (Jumping is okay on the grass or sidewalk but not on the bed or ches-terfield. Running and yelling is okay in the playground but not in the house, in the church building, or in the shopping centre). Talking is a real problem to be addressed: there are places to talk and times to be quiet, but children need to be taught that (adults should help here, but some are poor examples). There needs to be teaching about taking turns, about sharing, about table manners. In a society where there is far too much rudeness and ill manners there needs to be training in the general treatment of others, language use and courtesy.

“Some parents don't like their children.” That is sad but understandable. Children who are not socialized are not a joy to anyone. To enjoy them – train them!

(6) We need to teach our children to accept responsibility for their actions. They need to see that there are consequences tied to their behaviour – good and bad.

We are ultimately accountable for our actions (Romans 14:12). We want to be protective but not too protective, not always “bailing them out”, letting them sometimes feel the sting of failure or wrong-doing. We want to help when needed but not squelch individual responsibility.

(7) We want to teach them of God, His Son, His Word, right and wrong. This may be last in this present list, but we know it is really first and should

underlie all else. To do this we need to be reading, talking and living the Word of God (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

We Are Not Alone

It is obvious that we have not come even close to all that conscientious parents will want to teach their children. When we think about intentional parenting we are reminded of how daunting a task has been given mothers and fathers! But caring parents are not alone. They wisely enlist the help and influence of others who care and who have common values. They take full advantage of positive teachers and role models in the larger family circle, in the church, in the school and in the community. Since they live "in the Lord" they look to the guidance of God's Word, the inner strength that comes from the Spirit and the power of prayer.

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deceitful speech, or even by pointless meaningless speech – we are erecting a hindrance to the communication of the Gospel.

When we catch ourselves speaking deceitfully, we must stop. When we hear such talk from our fellow Christians, we must rebuke it. We might be right on all kinds of doctrinal issues, but if we fail to rebuke gossip and other deceitful speech; still worse, if we engage in it, we are identifying with Annas and Caiaphas rather than with Jesus.

Cowardly speech

Then there is Peter. Like many of us, Peter can be brave if given a chance to do things his own way (v 10), but when asked to wait and watch, his courage is gone. Peter could face the crowd armed to arrest Jesus, but a slave girl defeats him. He fears the jeer of a girl more than the swords of the soldiers.

Poor Peter, if only he had stayed outside in the cold, but he wanted to

be on the inside and wanted to warm himself by the world's fire. How often we are defeated by such a wish! I do not deny that it is nice if the world recognizes and accepts us. There have been times in history when it was so, and it was very convenient and helpful when it happened. But when we seek a seat by the world's fire, we will be burnt. To desire the world's blessing is to give the world blackmail power over our message. Of course the world will smile on parts of the message, will allow and even encourage us to speak on some issues; but half the Gospel is no gospel at all. A little omission here, a strategic half-truth there, and pretty soon we have played ourselves right into Satan's hands.

I think that it was Barclay who said that it was the real Peter that promised that he would never deny Christ, and the real Peter that drew his sword in the garden. Yes, it was. It was one of the real Peters. But there were two natures striving for supremacy within Peter, just as there are two natures within each of us. Fear will bring out

one. Faith will strengthen the other. Let us feed our faith with regular Bible study, Christian fellowship, prayer and worship, so that when we face those challenging moments – and they will come, although we should not seek them – we will have the faith to speak honestly.

Conclusion

Am I a faithful disciple of Jesus, a cowardly Peter, or a deceitful Annas? This is a solemn question.

According to Matthew's account, one of them told Peter, "Your speech betrays you" (Mt 26:73). Well, our speech betrays us. It matters not where we would like to be listed - we would all claim to be with Christ, but our speech betrays us. We may claim to be of Christ, but if we are not learning to talk as he talked, and especially if we are denying him with our talk or engaging in talk that is underhanded, we are not with him. Let us examine our speech.

Toledo, Ohio

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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; contact, Ian Whittington, 705-377-4019; PO Box 3, Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0.

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

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: church02@bellnet.ca; Richard Maddeux, ev., Gordon Gibson, ev.

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

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

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpuddle Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S. Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building. Sun: 9:45 a.m. Exhortation; 10:05 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; contact Gordon Worrall (519)434-1981

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Les Cramp; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502(off); e-mail-pickardnathan@hotmail.com

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

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

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road West, Milton,L9T 2X8; 10, 11, Thur. 7; Steve Corbett,(416)999-1006, website: /omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., RR # 3, Campbellville, LOP 1B0.

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.); www.churchofchrist.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:15, 10:30, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@bmts.com

PETERBOROUGH: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; The Board Room., Parkway Place Mall Landsdowne St.W.; Sunday: 10 & 10:45 Mid-Week Study contact Peter McPherson at 705-742-5349.

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: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; WebSite: www.stcatharinescofc.ca

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Call for midweek date and place; Wil Maddeux, 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

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Aikins Wiredu, sec., 416-242-8731; contact, Kaso Ramcharitar, 416-652-7266

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; Jamie Azzoparde, 519-578-8553 (res), e-mail: azzoparde@gmail.com

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

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

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

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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 Amanatey, ev; email <churchofchristmontreal@hotmail.com>; website: www.churchofchristmontreal.com.

MONTREAL (Verdun - English/French): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; English: Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Mazzalongo, ev. 514-766-4911; email: Mazzalongo@videotron.ca; website: www.verdunccoc.org French: Sun 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105; email: rogersaumur@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-Noël); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste- Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Beaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240; office 418-651-3664; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

KENOSE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: PO Box 184, SOC 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, SOC 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

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

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

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

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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