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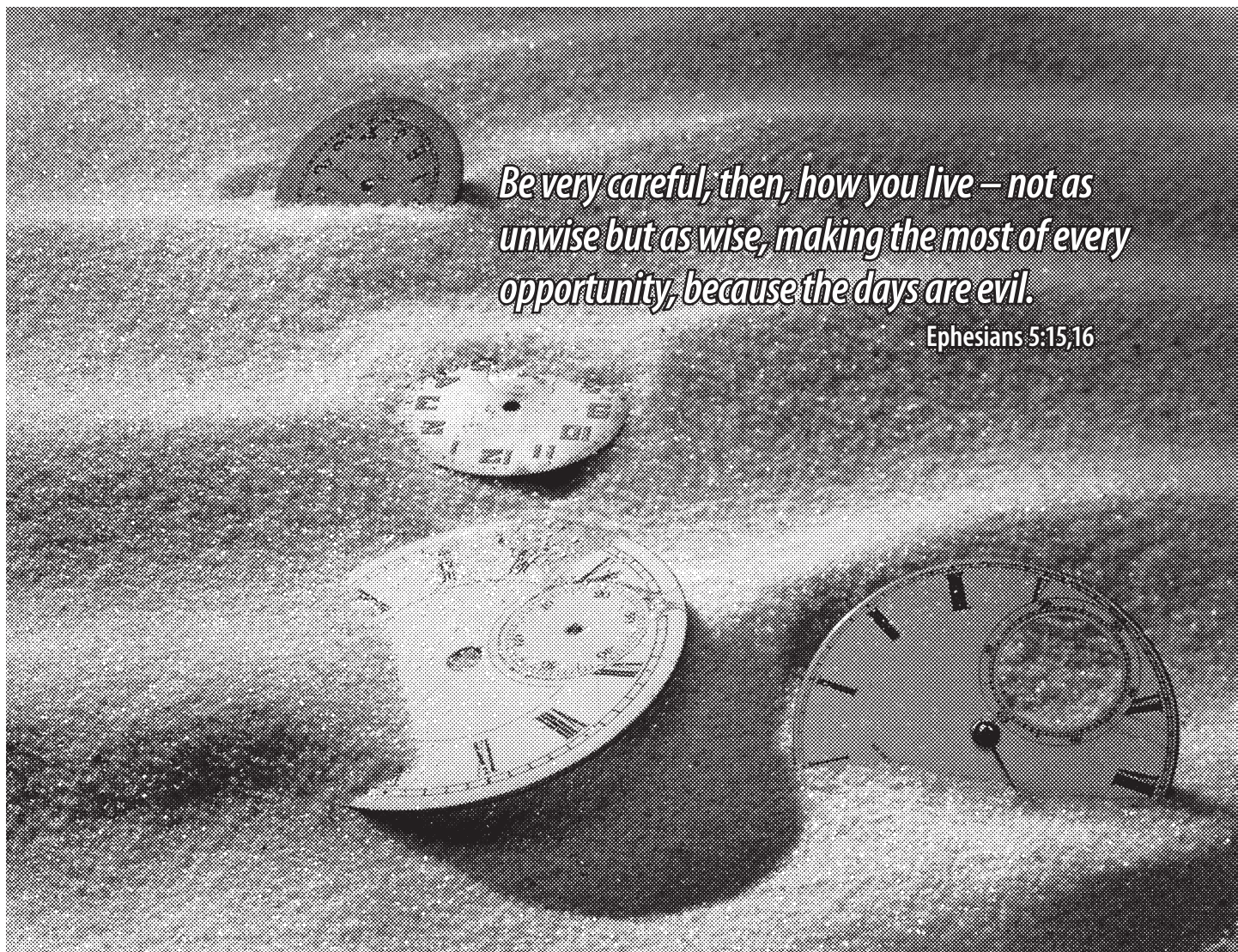
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Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15,16

According to Jesus, Christians are the "salt of the earth". This is a graphic term when one considers the many useful ways salt was/is used. Peter Morphy explores this tasteful subject beginning on page two.

NaCl

Peter Morphy

I was never very good in chemistry but I do remember that NaCl is Sodium Chloride, which are the two elements that make up table salt. Today salt is added to most foods to enhance flavor. At the same time we are cautioned about using too much salt as it restricts blood circulation in the veins and arteries, which increases blood pressure and can contribute to a stroke or other circulatory problems.

So just what did Jesus mean when He said, "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." (Matthew 5:13) I don't believe that Jesus implied that people would have a coronary after being around us. How was salt used in Bible times and how does this apply to Christians today?

(1) Salt is a Preserver of Food. Today we have the convenience of refrigeration and freezers in our home. It seems like they have been around forever. Imagine trying to keep beef or chicken fresh and edible without it. In the old days meat was packed in salt in order to keep it from quickly rotting.

God used the preserving analogy of salt when He spoke to Moses about the offering. "Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the Israelites present to the Lord I give to you and your sons and daughters as your regular share. It is an *everlasting covenant of salt* before the Lord for both you and your offspring." (Numbers 18:19)

Again we are reminded of the permanent royal line of King David, which was fulfilled in Christ. "Don't you know that the Lord, the God of Israel, has given the kingship of Israel to David and his descendants *forever by a covenant of salt?*" (2 Chronicles 13:5)

Today God is using His

people to preserve this world. If all the righteous men and women were gone, the world would soon end. Today, more than ever, we must take a stand for truth, morality, love and godliness or evil will prevail. We are agents who share and teach God's grace and mercy. God does not want any to perish, but for all to be saved. (2 Peter 3:9)

(2) Salt is a Purifier of Disease. Today we can quickly and effectively clean a wound with over-the-counter medication from the local pharmacy. If an injury does not heal, we refer to a family doctor for a prescription to help cure the sore. Salt also has a cleansing element. Even today some people rinse their mouth out at the first sign of a sore throat.

In earlier years, salt was a common way to disinfect a wound. When God reminds His people of His loving care, even from childbirth, He says, "On the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to make you clean, nor were you

rubbed with salt or wrapped in cloths." (Ezekiel 16:4)

When Elisha miraculously purified the polluted water he used salt as a symbol of the cleansing. "The men of the city said to Elisha, 'Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive.' 'Bring me a new bowl,' he said, 'and put salt in it.' So they brought it to him. Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, 'This is what the Lord says: I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.' And the water has remained wholesome to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken." (2 Kings 2:19-22)

When the Israelites were instructed to bring sacrifices, they were to be seasoned with salt. Perhaps this was another reminder of making the offering pure and making sure their hearts were also righteous. "Every grain offering you bring to the Lord must be made

without yeast, for you are not to burn any yeast or honey in an offering made to the Lord by fire. You may bring them to the Lord as an offering of the first fruits, but they are not to be offered on the altar as a pleasing aroma. Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings." (Leviticus 2:11-13)

We must be pure vessels in order for God to work through us. As we continually grow closer to God and walk in His way, we will crucify the worldly desires and bear the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5)

Jesus was called the great physician and was able to heal people physically, but also emotionally, socially, mentally, psychologically and most importantly spiritually. While the miraculous gift of

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Joseph and Nicodemus – (John 19:38-42)

Thayer Salisbury

Throughout the Gospel of John we are encouraged to reflect upon the reactions of different people to Jesus. It is profitable for us to engage in such reflection when we consider the actions of Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Together, these two formerly secret believers buried Jesus. What do we learn from this?

The power of a triumphant death

Their reaction reminds us of the power of a triumphant death. The death of a martyr often has a powerful effect on others. Martin Luther King, Jr. has had such an effect on many in recent years. 2 Maccabees 6 and 7 indicate that noble deaths emboldened the Jews to retain their faith when persecuted by the Greeks. All of the Gospels indicate that Jesus died in a way that had such an effect. Mark tells us that even a Roman Centurion was deeply moved by the manner in which Jesus died (Mk 15:39).

Clearly, his death had such an effect on these two men. At least temporarily they overcame their fear and acted boldly.

We must hold before our eyes, and before the eyes of others, the cross of Christ. The lifted up Christ had and has the power to draw people (Jn 12:32), and to bring out the best in those people. It is when we fail to keep the cross in the forefront of our thinking that we become timid, secret disciples.

The need to be open

Their reaction reminds us of the need to be open about our faith. There is nothing appealing about a half-hearted believer. As the Proverb says, "Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked" (Pr 25:26). We give way before the wicked because we think of God too

little, and of men too much. As another proverb states, "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe" (29:25).

We must realize that to enjoy the Christian life at all, we must live it openly, boldly. We must be willing to suffer the cross if we hope to wear the crown. As Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Lk 9:23). And again, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:27). And yet again, "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 10:32-33).

Half measures are fine in regard to things of no importance. But half measures are worse than useless when dealing with the important things of life. If you are going to wrestle a bear, wrestle hard. If you are going to run from a lion, you had better run fast. If you are not going to wrestle hard or run fast then you would be better off to leave the bear or the lion alone. Reluctant, half secret Christianity may only bring you a greater condemnation. Serve boldly, if you are going to serve at all.

The possibility of change

Some people feel that they are in their comfortable rut and that they cannot change. The reaction of Joseph and Nicodemus reminds us of the possibility of changing our ways. It is possible to serve the Lord, even after it seems too late. We can overcome years of bad spiritual habits, if we fix our eyes on the cross. And, as Jesus tells us in Matthew 20, there is a

value in the late coming to Christ (Mt 20:1-16). We can change and we should.

The danger of an emotional response

This story also reminds us of the danger of an isolated emotional response. I try not to high-pressure people to the Lord, because I have seen too many cases of the momentary reaction that never grows into a lasting, fruitful discipleship.

We never hear anything more of these men – in the NT or in other early Christian literature. Did they go on to become real disciples, or was this just the isolated reaction of a guilty conscience? We will never know.

Perhaps we are not supposed to know with regard to these two men. Rather we are to turn our thoughts to ourselves. Are we steady workers, or those who show rare flashes of boldness only to prove unreliable and unfruitful in the long run?

Conclusion

Our walk with the Lord is not all it should be. Many of us know this, but we despair of correcting the situation. If we will focus more often on the cross, we can break the grip of inertia that holds us.

We need to serve boldly, if we are going to serve at all. We can serve boldly, even if our past life has shown no sign of it. We do not need an emotional, one-time response but a steady focus on the cross.

We do not know what happened to these two men. It depends on whether they remembered what they saw from the foot of the cross, or whether they let their minds drift from it. The same is true for us. We must cast ourselves at the foot of the cross. We must boldly take our place with the crucified one.

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“A” or “The”

Wayne Turner



With apologies to the English teachers among us, most people find that fine points of grammar are as exciting and interesting as watching grass grow. They don't appreciate the technicalities. However, there are times when people really need to pay attention. One example is found in the distinction between definite and indefinite articles.

An article is a word preceding a noun that limits or modifies it – like “a”, “an” or “the”. There are two types of articles – definite and indefinite. “The” is a definite article. It defines or limits the noun. “Give me the book” identifies a single, specific book. “A” and “an” are indefinite. The request, “Give me a book” could be satisfied by any book.

The significance of this distinction can be seen in Jesus' statement, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6 - NIV). Had he used an indefinite article, Jesus would have said he was a way to God, implying that there were also other, valid ways to Him. Instead, Jesus used “the” which defines or limits the statement – He is the one and only way, truth and life. The second part of the verse supports this claim: no one can come to God but by means of Jesus.

Similarly, in the New Testament, the definite article is used predominantly with “church.” Very rarely does this noun appear without the definite article – “the church” not “a church.” In doing this, the New Testament defines or limits the discussion to one specific church – that church which Jesus built (Matthew 16:18) and purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28), the one body of Christ (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18, 24; Ephesians 4:4). It is through the church that the wisdom of God is made known and God is glorified (Ephesians 3:10,21).

In the Bible and in our world today, “church” (or the Greek word, ekklesia and its English equivalent: assembly) is used in more general ways. In Acts 19, the Greek word is used for both the crowd in the theatre as well as the legal assembly.

For centuries, the religious world has used the broader, indefinite concept of “church”. It can refer to a building, denomination or some other religious body or local group, some not even associated with “Christianity” (i.e. Church of Scientology, Buddhist Church, etc.). Most people are content with being members of “a church” without ever questioning or searching for “the church” described in the Bible. From time to time, leaders or members in these various religious bodies have recognized the difference between the human use and the Biblical use of the word. They have rejected

membership in “a church” to be part of “the church.” The “Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery” written by Barton W. Stone and his associates, by which they dissolved their “church” organization to sink into the one body of Christ, is an example.

This is one of the most basic principles of the Restoration Movement. How could anyone who knows the difference be content with being part of something other or less than “the church” in the New Testament? Jesus said, “Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.” (Matthew 15:13 – NIV). Yet, there seems to be an increasing number of church members who cannot see the difference between being part of “a church” and being in “the church” that Christ established. It may be that they have never been taught the difference, are not willing to see the difference, or, perhaps, they have been blinded from the truth by a very limited or imperfect demonstration of it in their own local assembly.

Our goal is not to “preach ourselves.” It is to preach Christ. How can we fully proclaim the message of Jesus' death for our sins without also telling people about the church he purchased with His blood? How can we teach the one body of Christ and the New Testament demand for unity while fellowshipping with (and thereby giving approval and support to) the division that characterizes the world of human churches? How can we exchange Christ's church for anything less?

Being committed to Christ also means being committed to His body, the one, undivided, non-denominated church of which He is founder and head. It means being committed to fellowship with Him as well as all others who are also committed to only being part of His body. May we have the vision to see and be nothing other than the Church.

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Lessons From Rebellion

Rebellion is a word that brings a mixture of thoughts and images to mind. In most cases, the word refers to something that is negative in nature. Rebellion against authority is likely the most common. Such is the rebellion recorded in Numbers 16, led by Korah, a Kohathite. He was joined by Dathan and Abiram who were Reubenites. Korah and his people were responsible for the care of the sanctuary. (Numbers 3:28)

Korah was not satisfied with this service and brought a charge against Moses and Aaron, saying that they had gone too far and had "set yourselves above the Lord's assembly." (16:3) He did this in the presence of 250 leaders of the Jews. In his attack he seemed to be taking the part of critic on behalf of all the people. Basically, the charge they were making against Moses and Aaron was that of pride.

The response of Moses to this attack is instructive. "When Moses heard this he fell face down". (16:4) I am making the assumption that in this position he prayed to God though the text does not say this specifically. We do not know how long he stayed in this position, but then he says to Korah and his followers, "In the morning the Lord will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him." (16:5)

This would be carried out by each of the 250 leaders taking a censer and putting fire and incense in them before the Lord. The Lord would then choose the ones who were holy. Moses criticizes Korah for trying to take too much authority upon himself, saying that they had banded together not against him but against the Lord. (If Korah had a legitimate complaint his

way of presenting it was unacceptable) Dathan and Abiram also refused to recognize Moses' authority and accused him of leading them out of a land of milk and honey (forgot the problems of Egypt) into the wilderness to die.

The next day Korah and his people, 250 in all, along with Moses and Aaron were to take their censers and put in fire and incense. Moses had asked that the Lord not respect their offering as he had not wronged any of them in any way. When they took their censers and incense and put fire to it the people with Korah stood with Moses and Aaron before the tent of meeting. The glory of the Lord appeared to the entire assembly and the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." (16:21) This

was not the result that Korah would have expected.

We see something of the character of Moses and Aaron because they fell face down and pleaded on behalf of the assembly. Would God destroy them all for the sin of one man? While there were 250 gathered, Moses could see that Korah was at the centre and the one responsible.

God responded by telling Moses to speak to the congregation telling them to get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Moses says to the people, "This is how you will know that the Lord has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea..." (16:28) He then says that if these men die naturally then the Lord has not sent me. If the ground opens up and swallows them and all that belongs to them you will know that they have rejected the Lord. This is what happened!

The 250 censers were then hammered into a covering for the alter as a memorial that no outsider, who is not a descendant of Aaron, should come near and offer incense before the Lord lest he become like Korah and his companions.

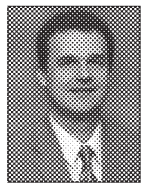
Unfortunately, the Israelite community did not learn from Korah's mistake. The

next day the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. God sent a plague upon the people and Aaron ran with his censer into the midst of the assembly, making atonement for them. The plague stopped but 14,700 died. The impact of Korah's rebellion is seen in the fact that even in view of God's judgment, the assembly also rebelled against God's authority bringing death to over 14,000.

A divisive person is always a threat to God's people. Paul in Titus 3:10,11 and Romans 16:17,18 speaks of this danger of division. In talking about those who cause problems among God's people, Jude speaks of Korah's rebellion in verse 11. Also in Hebrews 3:7ff, believers are encouraged to guard their hearts and not become hardened like those in the rebellion.

Learn two lessons from this rebellion: **1.** The power of the negative influence of even one person on the body of believers. **2.** The will of God will prevail.

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Graduating to Glory

By Brian Thompson

There's nothing more wonderful for any hardworking student than graduation day. After spending hours, days and years of study and research it's nice to be rewarded with a diploma that commends you for your efforts. Such was the case on May 8th as we watched our oldest son, Eric; receive his BA in Business Administration. He, along with many others, was congratulated before an audience of over 2000 people. Perhaps you remember the excitement and pomp of your own graduation. Pretty special, wasn't it! However, the next step for these students is to patiently look for a means of employment. For some finding a job comes easy, but not for everyone. It'll take some time but when it's finally realized then that day will be glorious.

As I was thinking about all of this I couldn't help but think of spiritual applications. As Christians we are living our lives as students, struggling hard at times to pass the tests of life. Some times we know the tests are coming but often we don't and they'll just pop up unexpectedly. We hope we're prepared as our faith and knowledge of God is challenged daily. We continue to study and share our knowledge with others. Our time as students is our lifetime. When it's time for us to graduate from this life there may be just our family present or in some cases, no one. However, it will be a wonderful experience because, in faith, we know that God is present and we'll

graduate into His glory.

Notice what Paul and Peter say about this:

• "But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all those who have loved His appearing." II Timothy 4:5-8

• "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire

to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better." Philippians 1:21-23

• "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself." Philippians 3:20-21

• "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory." I Peter 5:4

• "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison." II Corinthians 4:17

Let's all remember that we're students waiting for the glorious judgment day and what a day it will be!

Who's Responsible?

By Brian Thompson

It's cunning, enticing and catches you off guard. Out of nowhere it suddenly appears. You're trapped and no matter how hard you try you can't get rid of it. Wherever you go guess who pops up? It is the computer virus. Have you ever had a one? They're the most frustrating, time consuming agitation I know of. Recently we had nine viruses in our computer removed. Somebody must have a lot of time on their hands to spend it in an effort to frustrate others. Why do they do this? It must give them a sense of power knowing that they can control the time and lives of others. Or it might be the excitement of seeing if the authorities can discover who they are. Well, whoever they are we want them caught and severely punished. We want a punishment that will discourage them from ever doing it again. As much as I would like to put all the blame on those who put viruses on my computer I have to admit that I'm to blame some as well. You see I'm responsible for making sure that my anti-virus is updated at least once very

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week and every year I need to purchase the new Norton Anti-Virus. This is the best way to ensure my computer protection from my ever being affected by the virus again.

There are viruses out there that are even more frustrating than the ones in your computer. The mind behind them is even more cunning and enticing and it's amazing how suddenly he gets his viruses to appear and trap us. He usually does this when we're going through difficult times in our lives, times when we're most vulnerable. The mind behind these viruses is the devil. Once the devil is in your system he's hard to get rid of. Wherever you go, or whatever you think, guess who pops up and influences you? He's the one that produces viruses that interrupt, frustrate and influence our spiritual lives in a wrong way.

Notice what the Apostle Peter says about the devil in I Peter 5:8: "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." The mind behind the computer virus is much the same way. They prowl about seeking someone to consume. They wait for just the right moment to spread their deadly virus and then before you know it, you're infected. If the viruses are not removed then they'll eventually make the operation of your computer a real headache, so much so, that you won't want to use it anymore.

Getting rid of your viruses is no cheap undertaking unless, of course, you just throw your computer out, which I'm sure a number of people have done. But what a joy it is to have all your viruses removed and to know that everything with your computer is now okay. Even better than that, however, is to know that everything between you and God is okay, that all your sins are removed and that you can function with a clear conscience knowing that God is continually forgiving you of your sins. The Apostle James tells us in James 4:7-8 to "submit to God and resist the devil and he will flee from us. If we draw near to God then He will draw near to us." To this Peter adds, "resist the devil, firm in your faith..." In other words resist the devil by knowing what you believe and remain firm in it.

Each of us should make sure we don't get affected by any viruses. It's our responsibility.

What is Wrong?

T. Pierce Brown

The question, "What is wrong?" and the question, "How do we make it right?" are two different things. We often stop with trying to answer the first, for the second is harder to answer properly. What started our thinking on this article is a letter received yesterday bemoaning the terrible condition in which the Lord's church is in today, with a planned lecture program dealing with the problems of what is wrong in the church today.

In the envelope with the invitation was a church bulletin listing the attendance records for Sunday morning worship, Bible classes, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. The Sunday Bible class attendance was about one third of the Sunday morning worship. The Sunday evening worship was about one fourth of the Sunday morning. The Wednesday evening was between one third and one fourth the size of the Sunday morning attendance. From what we have been able to observe all across the nation, this is not far from the usual in almost every congregation.

In our minds came the question: Does the church that is hosting a lecture program which is presuming to give some answers to the problem of what is wrong in the Lord's church have the answer? Is there any apostasy evident when far fewer than half the members of any given congregation care enough about Bible study to stay for class, or come back for more in the evening or on Wednesday? Does that congregation (or the rest of the "sound" congregations) recognize that as apostasy? What about the congregation where you preach or worship?

Is the problem in the fact that the teachers in the Bible classes are not able to teach the Bible in such a way that it has any interest or relevance to those who are there? If someone taught the class with the ability and spirituality of the apostle Paul, would it increase much in size?

Perhaps the problem is in the pulpit. Is it possible that the preacher is more concerned about pointing out the evils we need to avoid than he is in presenting

lessons that increase the appreciation of and love for Christ? Is it possible that we have been so concerned with properly presenting the plan of salvation, proper acts of worship, the proper organization of the church and other important doctrinal points that we have failed to inspire and motivate people to let the life of Christ be manifest in our mortal flesh (2 Corinthians 4:11)?

We do not find in the early church any specific program emphasizing "a drive for attendance." We do not find any program emphasizing the need for increasing our budget so we can build a more magnificent building. This does not imply that we should not be interested in attendance, or even in having a more adequate building. It does suggest that if/as/when we do the kind of preaching and living that was done by the early apostles and Christians that the attendance and building needs will almost automatically be taken care of. Is it possible that our apostasy from the emphasis and practice of the items approved and practiced in the early church has caused the apostasy that is so troubling to those who think of ourselves as being in the "sound" and "conservative" congregations?

We confess that we do not know how to solve the problem except by trying to preach, write and live in such a way that will both inform those who listen and read, and try to motivate them to do the same thing. We are convinced that people are not motivated simply by learning rules about what should and should not be done, although we certainly need to know the rules and obey them. This may be what our "liberal" brethren think they have discovered when they try to tell us that the New Testament is not a book of rules, but simply "love letters" giving us some general principles. They are terribly wrong, but it may be possible that they were led in that direction by the evident failure of those of us who think of ourselves as sound and conservative who failed to present Christ in such a way as to impel the kind of love and obedience that characterized Paul.

Cookeville, TN

“Transformed into His Likeness”

Edwin Broadus

Glorifying God is why we are on earth, and essential to realizing this goal is transformation into the Lord’s likeness. This change is inside out, “by the renewing of (our) mind” (Romans 12:2). It demands maturity, defined as “attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13). Nothing glorifies God more than our becoming like his Son – not somewhat like Christ, but like him in every way by attaining to “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” We are to do as he did (1 Peter 2:21) and to think as he thought (Philippians 2:5). This is impossible without divine help because of “the weakness of the flesh.” It is not a do-it-yourself project but is the work of God’s Spirit.

Paul illustrates the Spirit’s work by Moses’ fellowship with God (2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Exodus 4:29-35). When with the Lord he was transformed by the Lord’s glory, and when he returned to the people his face shone so brightly he had to cover it. Paul’s says “the Lord is the Spirit” and by contemplating his glory we are “transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory.” By being with the Spirit we are changed as Moses was by being with the Lord.

This is part of a larger discussion of the difference between the old and new covenants. The old was “engraved in letters on stone” (v. 7), while the new is “written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God...on tablets of human hearts” (v. 3). This difference is critical, for “the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life” (v. 6). The letter kills because we cannot live up to it. God promised with the new covenant, “I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts” (Hebrews 8:8-12). The new is “better” than the old because God provides

adequate power to deal with sin. It is not merely a better set of laws to be kept by our own power, for if this is all it is we will fail.

Paul expands on this in Romans 7-8. The terrible reality is that often, on my own, “I do what I do not want to do” (7:20). This describes not only the drug addict or compulsive thief. How often have I thought, “I don’t know why I said that”? How often do I act in ways unplanned that I later regret? The problem and solution is further elucidated at the end of chapter 7 and the beginning of 8 when Paul identifies various “laws” that affect us. The Geek original is difficult to translate adequately into English, but we can approximate it with “rule,” which incorporates both “law” and “control.” Paul names the “rule of sin” that controls us, the “rule of my mind” that desires doing right, and the “rule of the Spirit” that frees me from the “rule of sin.” We are under the Spirit’s rule when we live accord-

ing to the Spirit (8:4) and he lives in us (8:9). Then the Spirit empowers us to do what we cannot do alone.

Our challenge is to let the Spirit work in us. There is much I don’t know about how the Spirit works, for he is like the wind that blows where it pleases and we hear only the sound (John 3:8). But experience and scripture tell me the Spirit does not deal with our sin if we remain passive. “By the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body” (Romans 8:13), which affirms our active role while the Spirit works. Richard Foster describes this role in *Celebration of Discipline* as placing ourselves where the Spirit changes us. Moses had to enter the Lord’s presence to be changed. We must enter the presence of the Spirit.

For Paul, in 2 Corinthians 3-4, transformation begins with exposure to “the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God,” for then God makes “his light shine in

our hearts to give us the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (4:4, 6). Paul did not preach himself but “Jesus Christ as Lord” (4:5) to transform hearers into the Lord’s likeness and not his. When we accept the good news about the glory of Christ, the Spirit writes on (transforms) our hearts (3:3). Change involves not only the preacher and the listener but also the Spirit. We place ourselves where the Spirit can change us through confrontation with this good news about Christ, whether through listening to the message, reading it, or meditating upon it.

Effectual change also occurs in baptism and the Lord’s supper. These are not mere symbols but are means of change. Even we who stress baptism’s importance often emphasize our action rather than God’s, but the manner of our baptism underlines our passivity – we

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are baptized by another person, and more importantly we are baptized by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13). God changes us by putting us into Christ and into his body (Galatians 3:27; 1 Corinthians 12:13) and by raising us to new life (Romans 6:4-5). We are born again (John 3:3-6) and become new creatures.

We are also changed by the Lord's supper, for we meet at the Lord's table and eat with him. By faith we share in the body and blood of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:14-22). When families eat together, they become better families. When we eat the Lord's supper at his table, we are transformed, for if wrongful participation leaves us "weak and sick" (1 Corinthians 11:30), right participation makes us better.

Other openings to the presence of the Spirit are praise and prayer. These become routine unless participation is heartfelt and genuine, which is likely what Jesus meant by worshiping "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Praise can become ritual rather than a focus

on God and his presence in our lives. Prayer can degenerate into a personal wish list rather than deep communion with God bringing us into harmony with him so we can truthfully say, "Not my will, but yours be done." But praise and prayer can place us where the Spirit transforms us – something many marvelously experience.

In all of this, change is the work of the Spirit. There is no merit in what we do, for we are but entering into the presence of the Lord. This understanding is vital, lest we think sheer will-power or strenuous effort alone bring change. Some change may occur, but by ourselves we will never attain full spiritual maturity. Finally, we need patience while the Spirit works. We are "a work in progress" and will be until we die. Paul was an older man when he said, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect" – a reference to knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection and fellowship of his sufferings, and becoming like him in

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his death (Philippians 3:10-12). Give the Spirit time to do his work.

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NEW YORK

Sardinia: An entire family was baptized into Christ on March 5: the Regnet family – Roger and Diane (grandfather and grandmother), their son, Roger II and his wife, Josette, and their children, Jorden (age 14) and Kristi (age 11). On March 12 an ex-gang member cyclist turned preacher from the Lewiston, Pennsylvania, Church of Christ told the congregation his conversion story. His sermon focused on "The 7 Cs of the Gospel" from the book of Romans. A recent Sunday of attendance of thirty two included sixteen visitors. Glen Mueller is preparing Bible lessons to present in April to the Fenwick Church of Christ.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: Don Rose has been chosen to be the next president (the 7th) of Great Lakes Christian College. The congregation is in the process of appointing new deacons and elders. A "come and go" tea was held at the church fellowship hall on March 18 to honour Olwen Belton for her 80th birthday. Don Whitfield spoke February 26 on "Leprosy: Biblical Times and Now." The 2006 GLCC Youth Rally is planned for April 21-23 on the theme: "Life is Simple: Eat, Sleep, Glorify God!" with Richard Maddeaux of Kingston Ontario as guest speaker. "Deeper Still," a Rochester, Michigan, singing group, and "Men of Acts," a drama group from Waterloo, Ontario, were also to make presentations.

Bramalea: The congregation rejoiced recently in three new births: Caleb McDonnell, on February 9, baptized by his father, Shaun; Josh Hunter, on March 4, baptized by his father, Kevin; and Kwame Williams, on March 11, baptized by his father, Donald. Those placing membership recently were: 1) Isabel Loranca-Clough and her daughter, Adriana Garcia; and 2) Romando, Halley, Lucy and Lemuel Pinto. On March 5, the congregation added several to its leadership: one

new elder (Tony Bonsu) and six new deacons (Carlos Campbell, Bill Currie, Laurence Dos Santos, Nestor Garcia, Philip Thomas and Donald Williams). That same day a "Family Full Attendance" Sunday was held with a record attendance of 183 members and visitors.

Brantford: Ladies class is studying "A Walk through the Psalms." Items are being collected for a gift basket. Guest speakers in February were George Mansfield, Wayne Whitfield and Shawn LeBlanc. Also, a baby bag was to be presented to the worker from the pregnancy centre that spoke to the ladies in March.

Guelph: On February 26, Philip Brown ended his contract with the congregation. He exhorted the congregation to "walk good," a phrase from Jamaica, which means to walk in a careful and worthy manner.

Toronto (Harding Avenue): The congregation hosted a young adult lectureship on Saturday, March 11, with the theme of "Unity and Its Divisions," from I Corinthians 12:2-31. Speakers from various congregations presented lessons.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Loida Corpuz, Aurelia Belino, Gina Amin, Irene Sugui and Joy Fradela have recently joined the Strathmore Family. These young ladies come from Hong Kong or the Philippines and here they made contact with a young lady, Retchie Serquina, and after study with them she was baptized on March 18. Production of Key To The

Kingdom continues on schedule and the number of responses has been up. (See the ad on page 15 for A Day in Support of Key To The Kingdom.)

Kingston: On February 9 Barbara Bailey was baptized into Christ. Richard Maddeaux spoke at the Ottawa lectureship on the weekend of February 10.

Meaford: The congregation thanked Bramalea, Great Lakes Christian College, Ice Lake, London, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Sault St. Marie, Toronto, Walkerton and Waterloo for supporting its youth rally. On a very stormy weekend over 100 enthusiastic young people attended the rally and Patrick Mead presented excellent lessons to them.

Newmarket: The congregation plans to host the 2006 "Training for Service" gathering at Cawthra Park Secondary School on Friday, April 14. The theme is: "Cruciformity: The Church in the Image of Jesus." Featured speakers are Stephen Johnson, an assistant professor of Preaching and Worship in Abilene, Texas, and Noel Walker, who works with the Tintern, Ontario, Church of Christ.

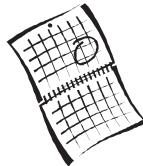
St. Catharines: On Friday, March 24 the congregation planned a congregational "Revival Sing," entitled "O Come, Let us Sing to the Lord." They hoped to pack the building.

Sarnia (West Side): Joe Karb presented the morning lesson on February 19 in Drew's absence. The congregation planned to host a meal at the building on March 25 for the less fortunate in the neighbourhood.

Waterloo: "Becoming One," a marriage seminar with Bob Rigdon, was planned for March 24-26, 2006. Abilene Christian University honoured Geoffrey Ellis on the weekend of February 19 as one of the recipients of its "Change the World Award" in celebration of ACU's Centennial. These 100 recipients were chosen from more than 88,000 alumni and former students. The 2006 GLBC Graduation/Promotional dinner is planned for April 29 at The Delta Kitchener, in Kitchener, Ontario.

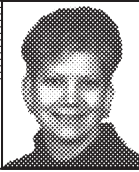
QUEBEC

Verdun: Several new features have been added to the congregation's online outreach. The website www.bibletalk.ca, which offers Bible Multimedia, has added "Bibletalk Mobile," which allows visitors to download materials to their cell phones, and "Bibletalk Podcast" by which they can download materials from the iTunes store for free. Also, the Bibletalk site is now featured on an interactive site specifically aimed at China. www.Sinolia.com is a "Let's Start Talking" type website that promotes cultural exchange between Chinese citizens and the West. The congregation's goal is to preach and reach people with the gospel 24 hours a day on 365 days per year.



Great Lakes Upcoming Events Mark your Calendars!

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| Apr. 22-23 | Christian College Youth Rally
"Eat, Sleep, Glorify God" |
| Apr. 29 | Bible College Graduation
& Promotional Dinner
Location: Delta Kitchener |
| May 9 | Community Service Day
(Previously Workathon) |
| May 25 | Christian College: Speech Arts Night |
| Jun. 14 | Christian College Baccalaureate |
| Jun. 16 | Commencement & Graduation |
| Aug. 28-1 | Bible College Short Course
"Practicum in Ministry Training"
(5 days at Omagh in Milton) |
| Sept 23 | Partnership Dinner |
| Nov. 5-7 | Great Lakes Lectures |



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

ALBERTA

Calgary: Some 25 families participated in an "Active Parenting Workshop" conducted by Kevin Vance, president of Western Christian College, in mid-January. He addressed "Parenting Styles", and "Connecting with Your Kids" Saturday evening, and dealt with three subjects Sunday evening: "Skills for Parenting", "Discipline", and "Parenting Through the Teen Years". Led by the Merryvale congregation's minister, Troy Hodgson, along with Jackie Lewis and Malcolm McMillan, 60 people are now meeting in small groups in preparation for the start of a new congregation in S.E. Calgary in September. Kelly and Robin Carter, have been invited to work with the church in Troy's place upon completion of Kelly's PHD in Allen, TX. in June. In collaboration with other Calgary churches of Christ, Rick Atchley, minister of the Richland Hills congregation in Ft. Worth, TX. gave a special series of lessons Mar. 17-19 that he called "Together In Christ".

Edmonton: We were overjoyed to see Anthony Wen and Jim An obey the gospel in February. Those returning to the faith were Gordon Lebel and Alfredo Perez. Members also encouraged Joel Wickam, a student from Melbourne, Australia, to become more active. A CARE group workshop was held on Sat., Jan. 28, with Scott Laird (Great Falls, Montana). The church has 12 CARE groups meeting on Wednesdays in homes throughout Edmonton. Workshops are held several times a year to keep us on track. A Harding Spring Break campaign group of 13 students held a youth rally Sat., March 11. They remained for the rest of the week doing works of service and helping the new congregation team distribute 700 announcements in preparation for the start of the church in Sept. The church plant team has roughly 50 people and meet twice a month for training, organization and prayer. We beg the prayers of brethren all across Canada for this new effort, for little can be done without God's blessings. The Edmonton church is also preparing for Alberta Spring Fellowship, April 14-16. You are invited for 3 days of great fellowship and encouragement from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, entitled "Let Us Rise Up and Build!" Speakers are Mike Mazzalongo

(Montreal) and Hillard Story (Springfield, MO), both involved in new congregation efforts. Bless us with your participation. - Tim Johnson

BRITISH COLUMBIA

as reported by Barbara Lewis

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Central Valley Christians assembled at the home of Curtis & Corinne Freeman on Feb. 16 to use their hot tub for the baptism of Marilyn Griffiths. She became acquainted with Marie Hopes at Abbotsford's Wal-Mart where both work, and, along with other co-workers, started attending the Ladies Bible Class last fall at her invitation. Within a few weeks, three were coming regularly. A personal Bible study convinced Marilyn she wanted to become a child of God and how to do it. A small group of Messianic Jews requested that they be allowed to meet in the Central Valley facilities, starting on Saturday, March 4. Their Rabbi, along with his wife, had been attending our Sunday assemblies for several months. He has invited Norm to do some New Testament teaching to the group, and one of the first topics he suggested was baptism!

Burnaby: We welcomed a Congolese family of six to Burnaby the last week of February. Rey Ylaya coordinated efforts to help the newcomers with clothes and household items. He also spoke at the evening service on Mar. 12 in Kirk Ruch's absence. Two of our young people were off on mission tours during their March spring break. Julia Ruch headed to the African continent for the second year in a row, working in S. Africa. Courtney Andrews went to Chiang Mai, Thailand. On the Sunday they were there, they had the interesting experience of visiting hill tribes in the mountains.

Delta: We were thrilled to witness the baptism of Lorna Wang in February. After making her confession before the congregation during Sunday morning's worship service, she was baptized by Jim Hawkins in a hot tub at the residence of Bruce Tobiason. Lorna's husband, Michael Huang, who works in China, was able to be here for the occasion. Leo, their son, and many of her fellow Chinese students and friends were also present as she was welcomed into the Lord's body and fellowship of the Delta church.

Nanaimo: After a month of study and praying by the congregation, two elders and three deacons were appointed to lead and serve on Feb. 19. Paul Williams, who has been in charge of Finance and Administration, and Wayne Peckett, who has directed Maintenance, were made elders. Both will have the oversight of Spiritual Development in the church. Deacons appointed were Richard Harding, Larry Wetten, and Martin Pakosz, to head Youth Ministry and Education, Worship, Evangelism and Missions, and Benevolence and Outreach, respectively. It is hoped that others who may be interested in serving in these capacities will be found in the future.

Maple Ridge: Henry Kriete began a new

series in March for the Maple Ridge church called, "A DEEPER REALITY". With the popularity of so many reality shows these days, Henry added God's twist to the genre. Printed cards aroused curiosity by asking the question: "What if you found out you weren't just watching a reality show, but were actually in one and didn't even know it?" His sermons explored the fact that beyond physical reality is a deeper, more permanent reality--a spiritual reality. This means that the true goal in life is not merely survival, but soul survival! Starting with "Survivor", each Sunday message used the theme of a specific reality show as a starting point. Lessons include "The Amazing Race", "Extreme Makeover" and "Fear Factor". More details can be found on a new web site at www.mapleridgechurch.com. We were able to greet a large number of visitors at the initial service, which was very encouraging.

Vernon: Children of members of the church worked to raise enough money to pay for the construction of one and a half more houses in the "village" that is growing up around the school compound in Dufailly, Haiti. They raised \$1600 by collecting bottles and cans, thanks to the help of adult church members and friends. Because two church families didn't have cans, they donated \$200.00, but the remainder was raised by children in grades 3 to 7 who started in September of 2004 and worked diligently until June of 2005. Needless to say, the congregation was proud of their achievement, and a family in Haiti will be especially grateful! Vernon ladies used a Saturday to have a four-hour work bee for ripping, sewing and rolling bandages to send to Velma Forman in Papua New Guinea. They hope to fill a large duffel bag for Murrey Vervada, a former missionary, to take with him in July when he visits PNG for a month.

MANITOBA

Carman: The fourth "Rest and Renewal" Weekend for Manitoba Women of the churches of Christ will be on the weekend of May 26 - May 28. This year's theme is "Treasures in Earthen Vessels".

Winnipeg: The WCC Chorus performed Saturday, March 25. "It Couldn't Just Happen" is the theme of the kids' rally to be held April 28 and 29. Teens and young adults plan to attend the 14th annual Interfaith Model Seder at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. The Model Seder experience features an overview of the traditions, customs, prayers, songs and foods of Passover.

SASKATCHEWAN

Gravelbourg: "Members of the congregation at Gravelbourg, along with family and friends, met together on Wednesday evening, February 15 to witness and celebrate the baptism of Marylynne Parsons. At one time Marylynne was the "lay minister" for the local United Church. Her journey of faith has been encouraging to all of us." - Wendell Bailey

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Philippines: LEYTE SLIDE: Another horrendous tragedy shocked the world early in the new year when a huge mountain of mud completely covered a village in Leyte in February, burying a school with 250 children in classes. Salvador Cariaga, Philippino preacher, visited the Malaysian and Taiwanese teams working tirelessly to rescue survivors. He reported that nearby communities were helping each other. Other provinces came in with volunteers and tons of supplies, as relief workers from other countries brought disaster experts and hi-tech equipment. Americans diverted their anti-terrorist troops, and immersed themselves in saving lives and ferrying supplies. Their ship was transformed into a hospital, and helicopters worked day and night. Over 3000 more troops joined the rescue relief, and eventually, rebuilding efforts. The churches of Christ in the Philippines also poured out their support. "MARCH for Christ" pulled together resources and

manpower to send to Leyte. A five-month-old church in Kinamlutan, Butuan City, gave 300 pesos in a special offering. Ben Basaya, a local church leader, was apologetic about the amount of their help, but for such a young and poor church, they gave beyond their means. The Agrarian Reform Office in Leyte allowed use of their maps and facilities. After his second trip, Brother Cariaga wrote that people were cramped like sardines in school classrooms (literally) and sleeping on the floor or the ground. He had taken materials for 20 beds, and was able to donate over 100 more later. He met orphans who lost everything, and offered them full scholarships to study at Sunrise Christian College in Butuan City in June, hoping that some will respond positively after the shock of losing their parents and homes has worn off. He expected to do more medical missions with his brother, Dr. Sam Cariaga. Counselling for the orphans and other survivors was also a concern. Chito Cusi, president of "MARCH for Christ", solicited the help of local ministers and trained counselors to assist with this important need. Although food was plentiful, relocating and rebuilding the community will take time, and on-going help is needed. Salvador Cariaga may be contacted at cariaga@yahoo.com or Chito Cusi at ipcusi@yahoo.com.

Haiti: With the inauguration of a new government, the violence in Haiti has almost stopped. A representative of President Preval, a senator, and two aspiring senators, attended the closing session on Sunday morning of a week-long evangelistic campaign held by the Dufailly mission in February. One of these was a woman, with whom our director, Monique, became instant friends. Three were baptized, and the attendance record broken when nearly 400 people were present on Saturday evening. The meetings each evening through the week had been attended by people from nine villages in the surrounding area, with some visitors from up to nine hours away coming to stay at the mission for two or three days. This year's theme was Eph.5:14. "Wake up, O sleepers, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you".

Australia: The congregation of the church of Christ meeting in Deboran, Southern Australia, runs what they call an "OP SHOP". The "Op" is short for "opportunity", which is what this shop is all about. It is similar to a Salvation Army store, though on a much smaller scale. Members helped to collect all kinds of things that can be resold at a very modest price. (The project covers the rental for the building the church meets in.) According to their preacher, Andy Ezis, the idea is to oper-

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.

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



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Ethiopia: The United Nations controls where International Refugees will go to live. Toward the end of 2005, Roger Walker and his family in Addis Ababa were advised they were being relocated to the States. In January, they arrived in Sioux Falls, S. D.—from beautiful Ethiopian summer days, to the bitter cold of the Northern Plains! Roger, who was a WBS student before he learned that it was part of the work of the Lord’s church, was baptized in Addis Ababa, and immediately started to study with his neighbours. Most of them were Sudanese refugees, and baptisms were celebrated weekly, the beginning of the Kabena church. Five Sudanese congregations were started in the town of Gambella and various refugee camps. The School of Preaching in Nekemte taught 32 of these to be able to return to their homeland to preach the gospel when they were able to go back to Sudan. However, like Roger, some were classed as International Refugees, and sent to Australia, Canada, Europe and the U. S. Upon his arrival, Roger contacted the church, and arranged for a ride to the services. He talked to some Nigerian neighbours who wanted to go to worship also, and already has a number of Sudanese families studying with him. Although his work is missed in Ethiopia, it is obvious Roger has brought the gospel back to America with him!

Japan (Sendai): *The Bn’B Bible class sessions have 9 people in attendance each week and are studying the parables of Jesus relating to the Kingdom of God.***The Olive Branch Coffee Shop** meets twice a week to encourage discussion between Christians and non-Christians. Bn’B students are often among the attendees.***Reassessment.** The team felt this testing, done by Dr. Jackie Halstead of ACU, was beneficial. Among suggestions made was how team members could improve in their work together; in their communication with each other; and in dealing effectively with church/team issues.***Young Adult Camp** was attended by 30 individuals from Sendai and other congregations. The team was encouraged by the fact that another congregation volunteered to host next year’s camp. ****Offering,**” the team’s **singing group** was scheduled to sing twice in March: at a ski resort in Yamagata (where they held their team retreat), and at the Watage family concert.***Wang Shi**, a Christian Chinese PhD student, is worshipping with the Sendai congregation. ***Joel and Amanda Lock** visited Sendai early in March. They were recently teaching English in China but planned to return to Canada on March 12 for the birth of their baby. ***LST 2006:** York College plans to send six workers to Sendai and four to Hachinohe for this summer’s sessions.

***Ibaraki junior and senior high school teens** were scheduled to be in Sendai from March 24-29 for a spring break event. *Your continued remembrance of the team through prayers & financial support is deeply appreciated. Please make plans to continue supporting them in 2006. Thanks.*

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healing is not the same as it was in the New Testament, God can work through His people to bring healing to hearts, spirits and souls.

(3) Salt is a Payment for Work. There was a time when workers were given salt as a part of their pay. The old expression, "He is not worth his salt" meant that the worker did not deserve or earn his money. Our word "salary" comes from the Latin word *salarium* which means salt money.

God has entrusted His work to us. Jesus said that the evidence that He was from God is that He completed the work given to Him. "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given Me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent Me." (John 5:36)

Are we laboring to fulfill God's will for our lives or do we work for our own agenda, pleasures and satisfaction?

Paul said, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

(4) Salt is a Provoker of Taste. Today most food comes prepared with salt already in the seasoning. Then the cook adds some salt as it is being prepared. In case that is not enough, we put a saltshaker on the table so we can add more. Salt does bring out the flavor, sometimes even creating a flavor. Thousands of years ago, Job said, "Is tasteless food eaten without salt, or is there flavor in the white of an egg?" (Job 6:6) So salting your eggs is Biblical!

We are to be salty in our relationships. The words we use have a great influence (saltiness) to those around us. Paul said, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6) Are we encouraging, positive, helpful

and loving toward others? Do people enjoy being around us and feel blessed because of our relationship? We need to reflect the kindness and love of God toward others.

(5) Salt is a Promoter of Thirst. The commercial says that we can't eat just one. One of the reasons why it is hard to put the chips away is the excessive seasoning, especially salt. Salted potato chips (and popcorn) create so much saliva that when the first one is gone, our mouth is filled with water and our taste buds are just beginning to get stimulated. We want to eat more. Eventually we will need to get something to drink to help wash the chips down. This is why the movie theaters serve salted popcorn and oversized drinks (which also triples the price of the movie).

What kind of influence do we have on others? When people have been close to us do they crave spiritual food? For those who are spiritually thirsty, Jesus is the only solution. "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'" John 4:13-14

Again Jesus reminds us of the craving in our soul. "On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified." (John 7:37-39)

We may have opportunities to talk with family and friends about the desires of the human heart, the spiritual hunger in our souls and how Jesus has filled and fulfilled our lives. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

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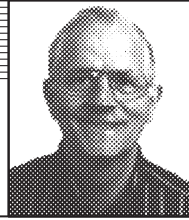


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God's Outrageous Claims by Lee Strobel, Zondervan, 268 pages, \$17.99 (Cdn.)

Lee Strobel was educated at Yale School, was the award winning legal editor of the Chicago Tribune and a spiritual sceptic until 1981. He wrote the Gold Medallion-winning books, The Case for Christ, The Case for Faith, and The Case for a Creator.

Bill Hybels, noted evangelical preacher says "Lee not only writes in a compelling manner about God's claims, he lives them out courageously in his own life." D. James Kennedy, another noted evangelical preacher, writes "Here are practical workaday helps on the kinds of moral problems faced by believers as well as non-believers. The language is strictly uncomplicated, person-to person...a compassionate book."

There are 13 chapters each one dealing with an "Outrageous Claim". All of these claims point out the great benefits to be found in these great claims. The first claim is that "There's Freedom in Forgiving Your Enemies." Here he shows that Jesus requires us to forgive our enemies and this in turn will enable us to be forgiven by God. Some might say that only Jesus could do that.

But what about Stephen who prayed for his enemies as they were stoning him to death?

He next shows we can overcome the "Simmering Sorrow Over wrongs in your past." How many have sorrow instead of joy in their lives because they cannot forgive themselves? So many do not realize the vast forgiveness that is offered by a loving Father. Here he also shows how we can seek forgiveness from those we have hurt.

We could fill up the entire issue of this Herald in commenting further. So we will simply list some of the other chapter headings; all of which can be correctly listed as "Outrageous Claims": "You Can Survive the Rat Race Without Becoming a Rat", "You Can Make a Difference That Will Last for Eternity", "God Can Give You Power as Power Is Needed." "A Dose of Doubt May Strengthen Your Faith." "God's Rules on Sex Can Liberate Us." "Heaven Is More Than Wishful Thinking." "Jesus Is the Only Path to God." "Playing It Safe Is the Most Dangerous Way to Live."

The only thing that is regrettable about this book is its ignoring of the act of baptism. (see Acts 2:38)

The Serpentine Road by David William Hallet, 75 large pages, \$10.00 (Cdn. or U.S.) Available from the author at 3460 Indian Road, Shubenacodie Nova Scotia, B0N 2H0.

David Hallet is one of the most dedicated Christians I have ever known. The Introduction is by another dedicated individual, Walter Hart. Walter tells how David had to leave school to help his family financially. At age nineteen he joined the Canadian navy. He served well as a cook. There he met Tom Moore who lead him to Christ. Later he read in the Gospel Herald that J.C.Bailey was going to India and wanted others to go too. Once in Northern India he learned that the Baileys were moving to the south. But the Don Perry family arrived and the work continued.

All of the travelling and the challenging circumstances posed many problems. The book contains many examples of God working through all of this and many people being led to salvation. It will encourage us to continue to serve the Lord whatever problems we have to face.

This is a book everyone should read.

Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Lives by Charles R. Swindoll. W Publishing Group, 251 pages, \$28.50 (Cdn)

Recently we reviewed another book from this author and wondered if it would be his last. We are very glad it wasn't. Again, like Ole Man River, Swindoll just keeps rolling along. Two of our readers recently commented that your reviewer was like that too!

There are numerous lessons to be learned from the so-called "Minor Characters of the Bible". Often these lessons go unlearned because we are not familiar with the characters.

Esau is described as "The Son Who Couldn't Win." He illustrates the danger of playing favorites with your children or grandchildren. In writing about Samuel this great character is seen as illustrating the importance of obedience.

Some men like Abraham set us wonderful examples of faith which is seen in his willingness to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Isaac sets an example of faith in his willingness to be offered. We see a great difference from that of King Saul who played the fool.

Other stories with great lessons include: "Abigail : The woman who saved her husband's neck." "Absalom: the Rebel Prince Charming." "Rehoboam: The Reckless Phony". "Jabez: The Unknown Who Became Well Known". "Naaman: The Officer Whose Leprosy Was Cleansed." "Uzziah: The Leader Who Became A Loser." Other characters are given similar lessons. You will find it hard to put the book down.

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OBITUARIES

Farnden, Flora Belle (Mitchell)

The life of Flora Farnden, who died at the age of 91 years on Feb. 14, was celebrated at a service in a memorial chapel in Vancouver the following Sunday. Sister Farnden had been a member of the Oakridge congregation since she and her family moved to Vancouver over 40 years ago. Milton Diaz officiated at the service, which was opened by a prayer by a nephew, Dan Sawyer. Flora's son, Peter, gave the eulogy, recalling how their lives were always centered around the church and its activities. Three grandsons present each paid a tribute to their grandmother, and her son-in-law, Roger Wecker, gave several organ renditions to round out the service.

Sister Farnden was born in Huxley, AB., on Dec. 8, 1914, the second child of Peter and Elizabeth Mitchell. She was predeceased by a brother, who died of food poisoning at the age of 12 after attending a picnic; her husband, Art, an elder in the Oakridge church at the time of his sudden death in 1969; and a niece,

Beverly Schriver, in 1996. She is survived by a daughter, Daphne Wecker, and her husband, Roger, of Surrey; a son, Peter, and his wife, Vesna, of Edmonton; one sister, Elizabeth Sawyer, and husband Ray, in Nanaimo; four grandchildren: Keith and Laura Wecker, and Nicholas and Zachary Farnden; and three nephews: Larry Sawyer (Bonnie), Nanaimo, David Sawyer (Beverly), Laredo, TX, and Dan Sawyer (Sue) of Grant's Pass, OR.

Since her father felt that he no longer had an heir to whom to leave his farm after her brother's death, the family moved to Richmond, B. C. when Flora was about 12 years old. She was baptized in her teens, along with some 22 others, by H. A. Rogers, who came to hold a meeting in the basement of the home of a family who established the church in the Vancouver suburb. She graduated from Richmond Secondary School, and went on to the University of British Columbia to become a teacher. It was while teaching in Powell River that she met Art Farnden, who was working in a bank there. After his induction into the Air Force during WW II, she went to Montreal where he was stationed to marry him in 1942. She was the only

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woman at their wedding! Eventually they were moved to Toronto. When the war was over, they returned to Powell River, where their two children were born. The family moved to Burnaby in the late 1950's, where Art was associated with a Credit Union until his death. Flora had suffered from extremely painful arthritis for many years and was eventually forced to move to a nursing home. Donations were made to the Arthritis Foundation in lieu of floral offerings.

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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. 9:30, 10:30; 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; 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: http://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: dhdunn@sympatico.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St.,N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545;

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Aikins Wiredu, sec., 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- greogry@gregorycsmith.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: wsiddecoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/vsidecoc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

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

MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 598-5 th Avenue, Lachine; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 Westmount Station, H3Z 2T1; 514-637-7604; Leonard Amanatey, ev; email <churchofchristmontreal@hotmail.com>; website: www.churchofchristmontreal.com.

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

MONTREAL (Spanish): 7378 rue Lajeunesse, Rm.#101, Montreal, QC H2R 2H8; Sunday 10, 11; Héctor Méndez info (514)948-0917; e-mail: 303012@gosympatico.ca; Roberto Herrera info (514)328-1467; e-mail: robertoro38@hotmail.com

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-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.

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; Wendell Bailey, ev (306) 648-3435; Edna Johnson, sec.; Gerry Bell and Stan Bell, elders.

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

KENOSEE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: PO Box 184, 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 Street, Moose Jaw SK. S6H 3H5, (306) 693-4064 (off) mjccoc@sasktel.net HYPERLINK http://moosejaw.o-coc.com Sept - May Sundays 10, 11; Wednesday Kids Classes 7:15; Adult Class 7:30; June - Aug Sunday 10:30
Worship; Wed - 7:30 Adult Class; Darin Ashby, ev

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 Kraagdaard 373-3651; location & mail, 133 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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