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On Sunday, May 11, the Beamsville Church of Christ appointed two new Elders and affirmed those who had been serving. Pictured are the elders with their wives – Ed and Rhonda Whittington, Mark and Marion McDonnell, Dave and Lynn MacKenzie, John and Gloria Roach, Donald and Dianne Perry, Don and Helen Whitfield.

Restoration One: History

Geoffrey Ellis

A recent visit to the Cane Ridge meeting house reminded me of our roots in history. The log structure was built in 1791 by Presbyterians near Paris, Kentucky. It was here in 1801 that Barton W. Stone was the host preacher for the largest camp meeting in the Second Great Awakening of American religious history. It was here in 1804 that Stone and five preaching brethren signed the *"Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery,"* launching one of several spontaneous efforts around the world that merged to produce "the restoration movement."

I was reminded that our Restoration is first about history. In fact, it is helpful to consider Restorationism as consisting of three elements: history, movement and principle. This initial article will consider "history."

It is important to remember that Christianity is uniquely a historical religion. Of the religions of the world, only Christianity understands that God is working in, through and by history – all of history. It is inadequate to say, "I want simply to be a New Testament Christian, but I am not interested in history." This idealistic viewpoint fails on three counts: the Old Testament is about history, the New Testament is about history and modern Christians must contend with two millennia of post-resurrection history. God not only created time and space but he fills them with his power and presence as he works for mankind's redemption.

Eden was synonymous with privileged communion between God and the family he created. Their ejection from Eden, because of their rebellion, did not mean their abandonment by God, however. Over time, a people was selected to receive God's special blessing. The unfolding of their earthly history became a template for the blessing that

God planned for all of mankind.

God centered his solution in his Son who entered history as wholly man – born as an infant, nurtured by godly parents, identifying with penitent Jews in his baptism and succumbing to man's evil at its most vicious stage.

"Salvation history" is salvation in history. The biblical exegete must consider the footprints of God in "the sands of time." The survival of Israel for over a millennium was by God's sustaining. Their experiences, within the regulations of God, formed a model to which the life of the New Israel, Christ's church, would become the antitype. The comprehension of God's will is possible only through a careful assessment of its historical context. The incarnation of Christ is the ultimate evidence of God's serious attention to human history.

God continues to work in human history. This is the significance of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at

Pentecost. With the advent of Christ, all subsequent history falls under the enabling of the Spirit who points mankind to Christ the Saviour. The Spirit fills our world as the generous presence of God. He makes possible the return to privileged communion with God lost earlier in Eden. God is at work supporting the advancement of his kingdom that will ultimately fill the world. "God works in all things for the good of those who love him" (Rom. 8:28). This does not mean that the developments of history are God's doing. From the beginning, God has respected the freedom of choice he granted to his creation. The division of the Roman Empire into two parts was man's doing, even though it contributed to a fracture of those claiming to be Christians, into an Eastern and Western church. God did not initiate monasticism, even though the movement served the preservation of the Text; and subsequently its mendicants provided the first "social services." God did not establish the German princedoms, although their competitions provided shelter for Reformation ideas to flourish. God did not bring about the Marxist movement in Russia in the early years of the 20th century and destroy it 70 years later. Yet the presence of the "Evangelical Christians" kept alive a hunger for the word of God that ultimately undermined the trumpeted atheism of the state. Today, God does not engage oppressive nations through guerilla movements as the "Liberation theologians" contend; yet among the Christians of the world is to be found fullest support for charity, peace and fairness for the disadvantaged.

As well, the Restorationism of the past 200 years is about real people in real time and real places. These servants strove to regain a purely

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Great Lakes Bible College and His Word

By Joe Woodford

Biblical faith and, through major endeavor, to gather all believers into a practicing, powerful, Scriptural unity. They were realistic in assessing the damaging effects of two millennia of human error and arrogance. They identified the apostasy of Biblical prediction. They sought to negate the mistakes made along the way by returning to the pristine truths of the Bible, centered in the New Testament. At the same time, they drew encouragement from those of earlier times who expressed the same determination to be simply Christians. And, as people also caught in the grip of history, they approached their task with elevated insight and sympathetic humility.

Because Restoration is history, it is not appropriate to assume a special dispensation from God for "our movement" and conclude that restoration is now complete. To deify Restoration is to fall in the same trap into which many movements have fallen. Neither is it appropriate, by identifying the limitations, inaccuracies and failings of our brethren in the 19th and 20th centuries, to denigrate Restorationism as a misdirected effort. We study "our" history not to enshrine the past, but to illumine the present, not to ridicule the past, but to temper the contemporary. Because the events in human history are always intrusive in spiritual matters, we study the Scriptures to gain a clear fix on truth. We study history in order that the "truth" we grasp is not wolf-like in sheep's clothing, i.e. the product of "our times" rather than the fruit of God in "our time."

Waterloo, ON

Another year has gone behind us; another year of academic successes; another year of sending out young men and women prepared and eager to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. Preaching salvation to the lost of the world, teaching the brethren the marvellous truths of the Bible and holding firm until the end, our students have become partakers with Christ in His wonderful mission.

How the strength and power of the Word of God imbues the hungry Christian. Thirsty souls are satisfied when the cool waters of Jesus' Word pours into them. These cooling waters of the Word abate the burn of separation from God, refreshes and renew the spirit and beget us unto eternal life. The pure manna from Heaven rises up each morning that we may collect and eat, strengthened for our day. The Word feeds us. Before we sleep at night we may dine on the meat of the Word provided by our Father.

Like Paul's ever-piercing thorn, we are stuck and pained as we venture far from our Saviour's care. Life itself has meaning only in respect to our relationship with God. We are born of the Spirit, individually begotten by choice of the Father in Heaven and summoned forth to join His Holy family to live forevermore. This is self-evident, a truism. Where God is, life is.

His Word assures us of inclusion in His glorious home. His Word convicts our souls and evicts sin. His Word became flesh and dwelt among us, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and that is what we preach, Jesus Christ and Him crucified. That is what our young people preach, Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

They do not study His Word as a simple post-secondary option but to train themselves as more effective and efficient soldiers for God's royal army, eager to take His message to the world, combating Satan and winning the battle. This is what the Word does for His students. II Tim 3:16 "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be complete, ready for every good work."

Conversely: Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge." Jesus said in Mark 12:24, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the scriptures, or the power of God?"

Today, knowing the Word of God seems more essential than ever. The DaVinci Code, the explosion of false faiths, evolution, secular humanism, Satan worship and even Christianity could only propagate in an environment ripe for their harvest. Is there no hope for us? Absolutely, there is hope, but that hope can only start on God's terms.

Read and study the Bible. From "In the beginning" to "Amen", the Word welcomes you to His beautiful world. Verse upon verse, chapter upon chapter, the Holy Spirit worked intimately with our forefathers to present to us the very thoughts of the living and eternal God. Challenge your life with deep Bible study. Enrich your soul with the knowledge of the Word. May the Lord bless our study. Continue to pray for unity and love. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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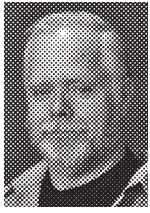
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Where We Stand

Wayne Turner



How do you see the Bible? Is it merely the story of the evolution of humanity's quest for a deity and religion? Or is it God's revelation of himself and His will? Is it the natural result of history and tradition or of the supernatural voice of God's Spirit? Does it speak with the authority of man or of God? Or is it the product of both the human and divine? If so, how do they interact, which of these voices is speaking and how can we know? What is binding? What can be changed or ignored?

To most of us, the answers to these questions are relatively basic and straightforward. Some of our readers might even find the questions themselves disturbing. The problem is that where we once assumed that everyone in the church shared the conviction that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative word of God and therefore the complete source of faith and practice, we can do so no longer. Recently, a preacher for a well-known congregation in the United States wrote, on his personal blog (like a public diary posted on the internet), of the "journey" that has occurred in his view of scripture. First, he saw the Bible as written by God and "perfect ... true ... and special in every way." In university, once exposed to the higher critical theories of how the various books came into existence, he moved to the "historical origins" view where the Bible came to look "very human." He now sees and reads it in what he calls "more of a sacramental way" which "mediates the presence of God in the midst of community." It is the "True Christian Story: still ongoing." He describes reading scripture now as like reading the first four acts of a play while the fifth act, the ongoing life of the church today, must be "faithfully improvised in the spirit of the first four." It has become a "magic book."

This is certainly a very romantic sounding approach. Yet, there are some troubling undertones. There is a big difference between seeing the Bible as a perfect revelation from God and seeing it as the basis of a modern improvisation (which could be very subjective). The previously mentioned preacher obviously does not feel the same constraints from scripture (and God). Is it surprising then, that because of what he has reportedly initiated, the congregation where he is has experienced division and many have left? This congregation is not alone. While most congregations around the brotherhood are still deeply rooted in the conviction of the inspiration and authority of scripture, there are some which have changed their views. They speak of having a "different" view of inspiration or scripture, of changed paradigms, needing a new hermeneutic, or of being "led" in a new direction. However they might describe the process or its result, the

reality is that they no longer see scripture as the final, definitive and authoritative source for the church today.

We should not be so naïve as to suggest that Scripture itself does not acknowledge both human and divine elements. Some books refer to other records (i.e. the book of Jashar – 2 Samuel 1:18; the annals of Solomon – 1 Kings 11:41; the annals of the kings of Israel – 1 Kings 14:19), Luke states that he has "carefully investigated" his account of Jesus and in 1 Corinthians 7:25, Paul says he is giving a personal judgment. We are able to see differences in the writing styles, vocabularies and even personalities of Biblical writers. Despite this, throughout the Bible, the reader is confronted with the concept of truth from God. Peter affirms Paul's writings as coming from revelation, including them as scripture and authoritative, with serious consequences for those who twist them. Paul asserted that the Lord had given him the words to teach and the authority to speak (and even discipline disobedience) as an apostle. He appealed to his readers not to go beyond what was written. Timothy was told to take what he heard from Paul and teach faithful men who would be able to teach others. Various parts of scripture have warnings not to add or take away. Jesus spoke severely to any who would take away even the smallest jot or tittle of the law. How would this not also apply to that which came from the same source, God's Spirit? At what point and by what authority could we presume to need something new and different?

The Restoration Movement was not fostered by people who were ignorant and uneducated. Alexander Campbell's academic training and scholarship is impressive even today. Alexander and his father, Thomas, along with people like Barton W. Stone, were very familiar with the various theories, interpretations and theologies of men. They were persuaded that these led, inevitably, to division. Their appeal was for believers to lay aside the things of

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men to dig deeply into the scriptures as the one sure way, from God and to God. And, they believed this was the only way to unity. The *Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery* stated, "We will, that the people henceforth take the Bible as the only sure guide to heaven; and as many as are offended with other books, which stand in competition with it, may cast them into the fire if they choose: for it is better to enter into life having one book, than having many to be cast into hell." Given the track record of division of those rejecting our past methods and approaches to restoration in favor of something new, we believe their fruit has been divisive. It has caused hurt to people, their consciences and to congregations. While their intentions may be sincere, we believe their efforts are misguided.

The church is being challenged from many directions today – generally we identify these as things like humanism, secularism, atheism and post-modernism. Through these portals come issues undermining the nature of marriage, the sanctity of life, even the nature and role of faith in life (or whether faith should even be an acceptable part of life in Canada). As the people of the Book, our defense is the words of scripture – intended to stand, changeless, forever. We are persuaded that these are the very words of God, delivered through men. They breathe with the very life God has given them through His Son, Jesus. The scriptures support and are supported by the church, the pillar and ground of God's truth. They teach, build, encourage, strengthen, convict, persuade as well as challenge, reprove, rebuke, uproot and correct. They speak with His authority. Positive and negative – the words are all from God, His plan and design for the church.

Restoration is the return to the faith and practice of the New Testament church, the body of Christ. He is the head of the body, its Savior and Lord. He sent the Spirit to reveal His word and to lead that church into all truth, all things pertaining to life and godliness. This is where we must stand.

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Thoughts From Psalm 119

Sometimes the power and instruction of Psalm 119 is lost in the trivial fact that it is the longest of the Psalms. The real value of the Psalm is the powerful challenge and teaching it gives for faithfulness to the commitment one has made to God. For example, as a Christian, consider verse 106. The writer here reminds his readers of the need to honour the commitment made to God by the believer. "I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws."

Today it seems that many do not take an oath (promise, commitment) that they may make very sincerely. It appears that it is a matter of one saying they will make the promise as long as it is not too demanding and does not require single-mindedness expressed in facing and overcoming opposition along the way.

Jesus reminds us that living the Christian life requires focus and patient endurance. He speaks of this in Luke 9:57-62, "As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.' He said to another man, 'Follow me' But the man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.' Jesus replied, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'" Jesus is not trying to discourage anyone from following him, however, he knows that everyone needs to understand the cost involved in following him. In times of struggle

against the evil one it is easy to forget the commitment and look back at the things that were enjoyed in the days before acceptance of Jesus as Lord. Just like the Israelites, the Christian may long for the country (Egypt) that has been left behind.

To practice the pledge of Psalm 119:106, one must follow the teaching of Paul in Romans 12:1,2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." If living the Christian life was always simple and easy there would have been no need for Jesus or Paul to have said the things noted above. However, the reality is that affliction does come.

Therefore the Psalmist goes on in chapter 119 to say, "I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word" (verse 107). It is at the times of these suffering that one must remember the promises of God and also that God is faithful to fulfill his promises. "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised" (Hebrews 10:35,36).

Consider the message of verse 108, "Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws." If one would please the Lord he must come with praise on his lips. Of course, we understand this means more than simply "mouth service" if one is to be truly pleasing to God and wants to

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Friends

God created us as social beings. God created us with a need to associate with, and relate to, other people. Much of the happiness that we enjoy is a direct result of good relationships with others. It can also be said that much of the pain we experience is a direct result of problems or frustrations in our relationships. The friends we choose, those we spend time with, will have a significant impact on our lives. We must choose good friends and allow them to impact us in positive ways. Learning how to relate well to others is not learning how to manipulate others into doing what we want or need them to do. Learning how to relate well with others is learning how to be a friend. God's word, the Bible, has a great deal of wisdom on friendship especially in Proverbs.

We must learn the value of a good friend. A friend is someone who can be a source of comfort in good or bad times. "A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity." (Proverbs 17:17 NIV) "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24 NIV) A friend is someone that we turn to and trust to give good advice. "The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense." (Proverbs 27:9 NLT) A friend who can be trusted to be a source of good advice is certainly a blessing. Having friends who are dependable is not always easy, so consider some advice on the selection of friends.

We must learn that bad company corrupts good character (1 Corinthians 15:33). We don't want one who gossips as a friend because, "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much." (Proverbs 20:19 NIV) We do not want to associate with one who has a short fuse or we may find ourselves following his example. "Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared." (Proverbs 22:24-25 NIV)

Carousing with drunkards and gluttons will lead you to poverty. "My child, listen and be wise. Keep your heart on the right course. Do not carouse with drunkards and gluttons, for they are on their way to poverty." (Proverbs 23:19-21 NLT) On the positive side, choose friends who display wisdom; their wisdom might just rub off on us. "Whoever walks with the wise will become wise; whoever walks with fools will suffer harm." (Proverbs 13:20 NLT) Listening to the advice of our wise friends will provide us a great benefit. "The advice of the wise is like a life-giving fountain; those who accept it avoid the snares of death." (Proverbs 13:14 NLT) Having good friends will certainly bless our lives.

Maintaining good friendships is hard work, but worth every effort. Proverbs lists a number of things that will prove disruptive to good friendships. Forgetting the faults of our friends will preserve our relationships, while discussing those faults will destroy even close friendships. "Disregarding another person's faults preserves love; telling about them separates close friends." (Proverbs 17:9 NLT) Good friends seek to avoid arguments. "Beginning a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out." (Proverbs 17:14 NLT) We may think that being together all the time is good for a friendship, but we must take care not to wear out our welcome. "Don't visit your neighbours too often or you will wear out your welcome." (Proverbs 25:17) Bad jokes have destroyed many friendships so be careful. "Just as damaging as a mad man shooting a lethal weapon is someone who lies to a friend and then says, 'I was only joking.'" (Proverbs 26:18-19 NLT) Gossip will keep a dispute going so avoid it. "Fire goes out for lack of fuel and quarrels disappear when gossip stops." (Proverbs 26:20 NLT) When we get tired or grouchy we may get quarrelsome and destroy our relationships, we must be careful of our moods. "A quarrelsome person starts fights as

easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood." (Proverbs 26:21 NLT)

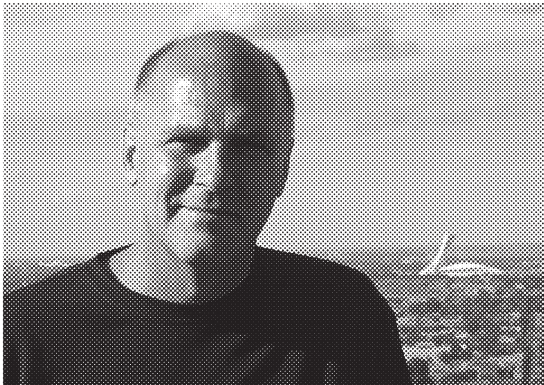
We must work hard to solve any problems that may come up in our friendships. We can begin by ensuring that we are at peace with the Lord. "When the ways of people please the Lord, he makes even their enemies live at peace with them." (Proverbs 16:7 NLT) When we keep our temper, regardless of the problem we stop problems before they can even begin. "A hothead starts fights; a cool-tempered person tries to stop them." (Proverbs 15:18 NLT) One who insists on quarrelling will always be having problems, but one who avoids a fight is honoured. "Avoiding a fight is a mark of honour, only fools insist on quarrelling." (Proverbs 20:3 NLT) We can stop quarrels before they begin by answering softly when we are tempted to raise our voice. "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger." (Proverbs 15:1 NLT) When we talk too much we will only get ourselves in trouble so we must learn when to turn off the flow. "Don't talk too much, for it fosters sin. Be sensible and turn off the flow!" (Proverbs 10:19 NLT) In relationships honesty is very important. An honest rebuke made in love will be appreciated. "He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favour than he who has a flattering tongue." (Proverbs 28:23 NIV) In the end, it is love that is all important. "Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all offences." (Proverbs 10:12 NLT)

Applying the wisdom of God that we have found in Proverbs can help us to be good friends and find good friends. Relationships are hard work, but relating well to others will bring such joy to our lives that the hard work will be more than worth it.

How do we find good friends? Why not begin by praying. Ask God to help you find good friends. Continue to pray for God's help in finding good friends. He may not answer your prayers immediately but persistence in prayer is very important. Work hard at being a good friend! It is not all about what others can or should do for you; think about what you have to share with others. Be outgoing. I know that may be hard for those of you who are shy, but sometimes all it takes is for someone to say the first hello and begin a conversation that leads to a great friendship. I pray that God will bless you with great friends.

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Historically we have been “a people of the Book.” When Louis and Bess Cochran, a generation ago, wrote a semi-historical account of the Restoration Movement, they entitled it, “Captives of the Word.” Here in Canada, when Daniel Wier reported in 1832 the beginning of what is now the Beamsville Church of Christ, he called the new work “a church upon the New Testament alone,” and when the congregation in 1982 celebrated its 150th anniversary these words were used as the title of its written history.

Happily, this understanding of the intrinsic importance of adhering to God’s written word continues to prevail within our fellowship. However, it is also generally recognized that significant changes have taken place in how numbers of us interpret the Scripture. According to two recent histories of our movement, this change took place primarily in the 1980s. Richard Hughes, in *Reviving the Ancient Faith*, calls what happened a “hermeneutical crisis” involving a reevaluation of how the Bible ought to be understood and (in what I would describe as a parody of the general consensus of the past – EB) a move away from viewing the Bible “as a blueprint or scientific manual offering rational guidelines for reconstructing the primitive church” to looking at both the Bible and the Christian faith in “subjective and relational ways” (pp. 365-366). David Edwin Harrell, Jr., in *The Churches of Christ in the 20th Century*, accepts Thomas Olbricht’s appraisal in 1989 that there had been a “paradigm” shift from a primary concern about the biblical pattern for the church” to how to have “a more meaningful relationship with God and the members of his body”

(pp. 202-203). These two concerns are not necessarily mutually exclusive, but the primary emphasis had definitely changed. In the past, religious people were more likely to ask, “Which church is the right one?” Now they want to know, “Am I in the right relationship with God?”

There are several apparent reasons for this shift of emphasis. (1) It reflects the cultural change all around us. Western culture has moved from modernity, with its Enlightenment emphasis on rationalism, to post-modernity, which is much more subjective. (2) Within our own fellowship we have reacted to all-too-frequent divisions in what was originally intended as a unity movement and have pondered whether some of our past approaches to Scripture were misguided. (3) A major division in the mid-20th century cost those of us self-identified as “mainstream” much of our more conservative element.

Consequences of changes in how we look at the Bible have been mixed. Increased subjectivism devalues the actual meaning of Scripture in favor of our own feelings about what the Bible is saying. Once some naively believed biblical interpretation is unnecessary, for “it says what it means and means what it says.” Today some think there are many equally valid interpretations, since words mean different things to different people and so they ignore original intent and context in favor of an often *ad hoc* subjective interpretation. Needless to say, a religious community will soon lose its distinctive biblical moorings with this approach.

But our fellowship has also benefited from raising hermeneutical questions, for we have been challenged to approach Scripture more humbly and more carefully. Humility should result from the realization that arrival at truth is not as easy as we sometimes think. Early in life I wondered why *others* did not see the Bible alike, or at least like I saw it. While there is much I don’t like about post-modernism, it alerts me to my own biases, cultural and otherwise, that can keep me from arriving at truth. This doesn’t mean that we have to spend our lives spiritually adrift without ever finding an anchor of truth, but it should alert us to the possibility that we might be wrong

and should keep us humbly searching for truth as long as we live. Such openness is the only way in which we can continue being “people of the Book,” for otherwise we become people of our own traditions or our own prejudices.

A second benefit has been a more careful look at what Scripture is all about. In short, there has been a heightened realization that the entire Bible has to be interpreted with Jesus Christ at the center. A valid criticism of past approaches is a tendency to view the Bible as primarily a collection of facts, all of equal value, at least as they pertain to the church and Christian living. This has sometimes been reflected in the view that all commands of God are of equal importance, despite the fact that Jesus himself said some commandments are “greater” than others (see Matthew 12:7; 22:37-40).

The Bible itself makes Jesus central to correct interpretation. Paul said that there was a veil over the minds of the Jewish people of his day – a veil taken away “only in Christ” (2 Corinthians 3:13-16). They did not realize that Christ is “the end of the law,” i.e. its very purpose and objective (Romans 10:4). New Testament writers interpreted the Old Testament christologically, so much so that we are sometimes amazed at some of the scriptures in which they found a reference to Jesus Christ. As far as “facts” in scripture are concerned, Paul said those of “first importance” include the death, burial, resurrection and post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, for these stand at the very heart of the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-8). Without putting Jesus at the center, we end up subjectively exalting one command over another, majoring in minors and possibly even missing out on what Christianity is really all about.

The verdict is still out about how we will ultimately be affected as a group of people by the “hermeneutical crisis” of a quarter century ago. At worst, we will lose our identity and sink into the sea of pietism that envelops much of the evangelical world. At best, we will reaffirm and renew our allegiance to scripture with a sharper focus on Jesus Christ and what it means to follow him.

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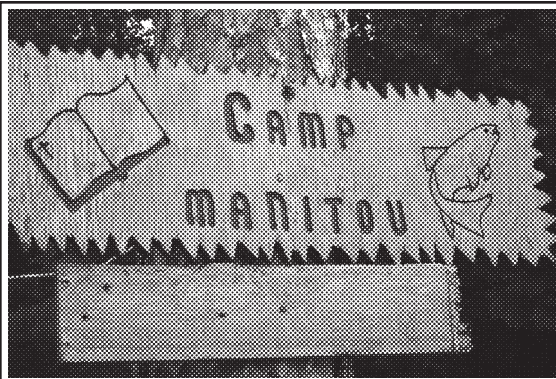
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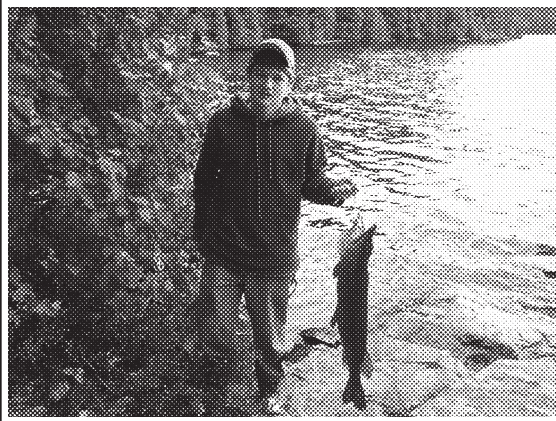
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ONTARIO

Beamsville: Great Lakes Christian Preschool celebrated its 10th birthday on June 3. The congregation was scheduled to host the area wide worship fellowship on June 11. Funds are still needed to help purchase an upgraded van with a wheelchair lift for Alvin Cramp. The vehicle will cost \$27,000. Please earmark your cheque "wheelchair."

Brantford: On Sunday, May 28, the congregation had its end-of-the-month song service, followed by snacks. The ladies participated in an outreach opportunity by choosing the name of a child in the North and purchasing a gift for his/her upcoming birthday.

Bramalea: On Sunday, April 28, Irina Berdnikova donated flowers to the young women's Sunday a.m. Bible class and demonstrated how to put together a floral arrangement. An organization called "City Reachers, Brampton" plans to place a custom "Brampton Our City: God's Word New Testament," in 101,000 homes and 14,000 apartments in September 2006.

Fenwick: A ladies' event entitled "Celebration of Sisterhood" was held on Saturday, May 27, with lessons, singing and a noon meal, visiting and sharing.

Grimsby: On Sunday, May 28, the congregation heard a presentation by the Great Lakes Christian College Chorus. The "GLCC Spring Gala" at the Beacon Harbourside

Restaurant, was scheduled for June 9. Tickets were \$30/plate. During June the evening services were held at various church buildings in the area.

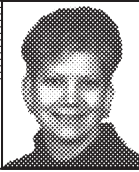
Huntsville: On May 28, 2006, the congregation witnessed the baptism of Joan Acheson into Christ, by Ken Skinner. Joan is from Barrie.

Toronto (Scarborough): The congregation hosted its 2nd annual Grand Gospel Concert on June 16-18, with the theme: "Celebrating Jesus."

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): The congregation welcomed Joseph and Ruby Thomas and their sons, Rahul and Rohan to the congregation. They live in Ajax and a Thursday evening Bible study has been begun in their home involving brethren from the Ajax congregation and Strathmore. It is being used as a time of edification and as an outreach ministry. Funds that have been received from congregations and brethren, outside the Strathmore congregation, toward the special appeal for Key To The Kingdom has reached \$19,554.76. This support has gone a long way toward clearing the deficit of about \$47,000.00 (this figure includes the cost of production equipment for doing the program at the Strathmore building) experienced in 2005. Thank you to all who have given.

Waterloo: The Great Lakes Christian College Chorus made a presentation for the congregation on Sunday evening, May 28. A Spring Tea celebration was held on May 27 to celebrate Sally Vance's 65th birthday. Congratulations to Bill Schwarz, who was given the Dr. Kevin Smith award for excellence in research by the Society of Pastoral Counselling in Ottawa. Bill is the lead researcher on a book to be entitled: "The Helping Relationship." The GLBC short course, taught by Michael Mazzalongo, is scheduled at Camp Omagh from August 28-September 1.

West Side (Windsor): The ladies' got together on June 3 to hear Candace Cain, from Rochester College, present some lessons. A ladies' morning is also planned for September 16, with Beth Hibbard, of Hamilton, presenting.



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

ALBERTA

Edmonton: The congregation is preparing itself to send 45 people into South Edmonton to begin a brand new congregation in early September. Training continues and a lease has been signed with a community centre to house the new congregation's Sunday meetings. People are also being trained to take over roles that will be left when the new congregation starts. A group of adults and teenagers will travel to Medicine Hat for a week in early July to help the church with their VBS. Kevin & Catherine Carson are travelling to Cambodia in July to help teach the gospel from the "Ship of Life" with missionary Bill McDonough. Cliff Turner will be heading to Lithuania to encourage the brethren. We are anticipating the arrival of Garth Johnson and family in mid-July. Garth will be returning to Edmonton to function as our youth minister. The church is still searching for an evangelist to replace Tim Johnson, who will become the new south-side congregation's preacher. We were very pleased to welcome Gerry Bibaud back into our fellowship on Sunday June 11. We are grateful for these good things and beg your prayers for God's blessings in our efforts. - Tim Johnson

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Central Valley (Abbotsford): Some 40 families and individuals from several congregations enjoyed a family camp-out at the Vedder River on June 16-17. Activities included a guest amateur star gazer to direct a "Show and Tell" about God's Sky. On Saturday morning, teams of three or four people participated in a paper "flying-machine"-making-and-flying contest. A worship

service was conducted Sunday morning, followed by lunch together before vacate time. After meeting with the Prince George church on July 2, John and Willodene Wedler and Norm and Jen Weir again headed for Tsay Key and Ft. Ware, breaking up the 10-hour trip over the logging road to make it a little more bearable with an overnight stay by the roadside. (More repairs had to be done to the "Keymobile" to keep out as much dust as possible before they left Abbotsford.) John and Norm completed the building make-over started last fall and worked on in April and again conducted Bible studies and Sunday services. The ladies had a mini-VBS for children in both places, took care of the cooking and studied with some of the women as they had opportunities. More Bibles and children's Bible story books were delivered.

Creston: Twenty-one were present when Norm and Jen Weir, from Abbotsford, met with the church at the home of Dave and Diane Pypers in Creston on June 4. A family with four boys makes a four hour round trip drive which includes a half hour ferry ride - to meet with the group at least once a month. Matriarch Mathilde Pypers continues to encourage the work among the First Nations people and the Fillion's work in Haiti, as well as the Christians who continue to meet in Creston.

City Church (E. Vancouver): We heard stories during and after World War II about our soldiers discovering pockets of Christians in some of the towns they occupied—people who had read the Bible and based their worship of God on what they had learned about the early churches. The same thing is happening today and recently, a similar discovery was made in Vancouver by Steve Hasbrouck, Sr. At the invitation of a Chinese woman he had met previously, he went to their small apartment where he met her husband, John and daughter, Nancy. Lucy apologized because she couldn't get others to come, but assured him she would keep trying. On the wall Steve saw a large printed sheet in Chinese, recognizing it as having to do with the Bible. When he asked John if he were a Christian, he said that he was and used to preach in the far western town of Urumuchi in a house church. Steve asked Lucy to explain the basics of their beliefs. She went over to the chart and began to re-tell the beauty of the creation in the Garden, the fall of man, how Jesus came to take away our sins and give us an abundant life now and eternal life with Him. As she tried to explain the chart, Steve helped her with the English because he could read much of it since the Chinese characters are almost the same as the Japanese he knows. "I could have wept with joy as I watched a family unfold their faith that they had held to so strongly in a predominantly Islamic part of China. The chart was worn and the edges were wrinkled. You could tell this chart had been put up and taken down many times, probably as the house church moved from one place to the next," Steve said. He began a study of Acts and they were overjoyed because Acts is full of house churches and the powerful working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men and women of the First Century. "Lucy and John may have left China for safety, because of the work they had been doing for Christ in Urumuchi. He was a businessman in China; he is a labourer here in Vancouver. They don't have much. As they shared an orange sliced into several sections and some inexpensive tea, I felt I was back with the early Christians, sharing what they had with each other. The family is hungry to know as much of the Bible as they can add to their present knowledge. I learned that

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World Bible School: "Can you reach tomorrow today? YES, in this significant sense!! You touch the future when you teach children and young people. And now that can be accomplished through an exciting development in Bible correspondence. In March, the WBS announced the official launch of a series for children!... The revolutionary concept of children's correspondence opens up a world of new students and potentials. While the "Make it a Million" theme for 2005 reflected a commitment to reach more people, this year's is "Reaching Tomorrow Today", which broadens its generational outreach to include children - ages eight and up - to prepare them for regular WBS by laying an early foundation of Old and New Testament stories. It will be life-shaping because (1) it will be an experience like no other available to them, (2) it will impress

them in their most receptive years and (3) it will put them in touch with a caring Christian friend. These may come from our own youth! Nothing strengthens faith like sharing it and by giving our young people a chance to become teachers in their homes, Bible classes, or youth events, they will become the WBS wave of the future." (Note: To receive a sample or more information, write to World Bible School, PO Box 2169, Cedar Park, TX 78630, or call toll free 877-391-0211.)

Zambia (Lusaka): Mission Printing in Arlington, TX., recently received a letter from a man who had been elected chairman of the Prison Ministry Coordinating Committee of all nine of the churches of Christ in Lusaka. He said that Lusaka has three large prisons which take in 1,000 or more inmates per facility. Evangelists from the churches have been preaching in each and have baptized approximately 200 inmates. "You can see how much we have appreciated your ministry in the past and how much we are in need of it now," he wrote. (Mission Printing sends out hundreds of tracts, booklets and Bible study helps each week free of charge to every place and/or person that requests them. They may be contacted at 2707 Medlin Dr.,

Arlington, TX 76015, or by e-mail: missionprinting@gmail.com.)

Ethiopia: The construction of a new Level 2 Preacher Training facility has been completed. Designed to give deeper training to teachers and leaders in the church, it will double the number of men able to take the courses. In addition to dorm rooms for students, it houses a kitchen, dining room, bathroom and guest room for visiting preachers and teachers. A half-basement serves as storage of supplies, as it is important to purchase food for the year during the harvest time as prices double or triple a few months later. Two capable builders in the Addis Ababa congregation led this project and kept costs down to a minimum.

Burma: Few people are aware of the cruelty and murder taking place in Burma near the Thai border. The Burmese army is taking over land that has belonged to Karen and Shan hill tribes for 1,000 years, forcing people from their homes. In refugee camps along parts of the Thai border are 140,000 displaced people. They are existing in deplorable living conditions and there is great suffering. Recently 15 Christians from Chiang Mai spent five days at a youth center a mile from the Burmese border, trying to help those who had been sold into sex slavery and/or were drug addicts. Amazed at the kindness and politeness of these troubled youth, they brought them a message of hope by telling them that there is a Creator

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Ukraine (Donetsk): Due to a delay in Munich, Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers arrived in Donetsk just three days before the graduation of 10 students from the Ukrainian Bible Institute. Theme for this fifth exercise they have experienced was "Growing in Christ", with Tim Burrow, missionary in Mariupole, giving the main address. Over 100 crowded into the room for the ceremony that the Rogers always decorate beautifully to give the students special memories to take with them as they leave. They made a return trip to the States and Canada on June 11 for a month of visiting newborn grandchildren and awaiting the birth of a fourth as they raise more funds for the Ukrainian work.

Papua New Guinea: Craig, Jeri and Hannah Ford are now settling in. Craig writes: "We plan to stay in the home of Les and Loopie Williams while they are on furlough. During these few months we will be able to secure a place of our own." Please keep them in your prayers.

Sendai Japan:

***Let's Start Talking.** 71 readers had registered as of late May for this summer's LST session in Sendai, as well as 31 people in Hachinohe.

***Erica Towell and Debi Hobelman**, girl friends of Ben Berry and Joel Osborne, have been approved by the team's sponsoring congregation in York, Nebraska and the Sendai church, to serve as interns. They are now in the process of fund raising for this work. Their goal is to arrive in Sendai on June 27, 2006 to begin a year's internship.

***CD Recording:** Joel Osborne reports that, in response to numerous requests, the team plans to record a CD of 20 songs to take to the Asia Mission Forum and later to distribute in Japan and North America.

*Upcoming Events:

- **June 5-7** – Nationwide Preachers' Meeting in Iwaki with the theme: "Healed by Grace."

Prayer requests:

- The LST workers, readers, Sendai team and congregation as they work with the readers, both in Sendai and in Hachinohe.
- Eryn Halstead's 6-week internship with the team.
- The fund raising efforts of Erica Towell and Debi Hobelman.

Thanks to all who so faithfully support the Sendai work. We praise God for you.

For further information – or to receive reports, contact:

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

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they don't believe in central organizations, fancy trappings or whatever, but just want to share their faith with others. A group meets in their apartment on Sunday mornings for worship. The joy of Acts, the joy of Restoration Christians who met in homes, was once again present in our little group. The world has learned of the terrible power that can be unleashed by small groups of terrorists situated in very little places, but who can move on a moment's notice to do their evil. What would happen if small groups of Christians, believing in the power of Almighty God, were moving about the world, ready to unleash the power of the gospel at a moment's notice? Remember God's words to Zerubbabel: "Then he said to me, This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says

the LORD of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6 ESV) The Church will be built by God's Spirit and His Spirit knows how to build churches!"—Report from Steve Hasbrouck, Sr.

Delta: Matt Waddell left May 31 with a group of Harding students and members of the Highway church in Searcy to work in Jinotega, Nicaragua, until July 8. The group repaired and painted rural schools, taught local children about God and offered various medical services while there.

Oakridge: Graham McKay, the author of two books on the stories behind some of the great hymns we sing each Sunday, preached for us on June 4. Brother McKay's book, "A Hymn A Day with Graham McKay", is being used by Steve Hasbrouck to teach songs and Bible stories to his students in our facilities four days a week. Graham and his wife, Esheron, first served for ten years in Hawaii, then four years in Japan teaching at Ibaraki Christian College north of Tokyo, as well as several places in the U. S. They were in Vancouver to help the Hasbroucks with the work at City church.

Surrey: Over a dozen students who were attending the Tambir National High School, were robbed of their homes, families, livestock and their school as a result of the horrendous Leyte mudslide, have agreed to become students at the Sunrise Christian College in the Philippines. Dr. John Bailey met many of the students when he visited the area and collaborated with the BANDS Ministry to provide funding to construct a temporary residence for them. (He plans to return later this year to conduct a dental mission.) At a cost of \$150 per student, they are being provided with food, clothing, matriculation, tuition, books, uniforms, transportation, insurance and \$40 a month for personal expenses. A number of these have already been "adopted" by people in the States and other countries, but several others still lack sponsors. "Partners for Christian Education", which has had decades of experience worldwide, is overseeing this effort to rehabilitate the students, all of whom have lost a father, mother, or both, as well as their younger siblings. John Gardner of Oklahoma City, OK., serves as president of the organization. His address is John@pfce.org <mailto:John@pfce.org>.

SASKATCHEWAN

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Note a key word in verse 108, "willing". One cannot please God by coming to him in worship with an attitude of being forced to do so. There needs to be a spirit of joy and thanksgiving expressed by the worshipper. Again, the Psalmist gives some insight into this spirit when he writes in 122:1, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" I love the truth of the song that says, "Burdens are lifted at Calvary". I also think it would be true to sing, "Burdens are lifted at worship"! While we may be reminded at times during worship services that we are not perfect and sin and fall short of the will of God, we should take heart in the fact that God's grace is lavished on us through his son and as long as we are repentant and striving to walk in the master's steps, God is faithful and just to forgive us.

Opportunities to worship and fellowship with those who share in faith and commitment to Christ should be precious and highly sought after. Therefore, the Hebrew writer says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24,25).

We need this fellowship because of what the Psalmist says in 119:110, "The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts." Those who serve the god of this world will try to turn the Christian from the path of righteousness by putting temptations in the way. One must be aware of the cunning of the evil one and know that he will never give up the effort to turn the believer off the path. However, humble commitment to the way of God will bring deliverance through the power of the Holy Spirit living within. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy

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To accomplish the task of leaving the influence of evil to walk with God involves what the psalmist says in verse 111, “Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.” It is a matter of making the word of God the very centerpiece of your direction for life. In a song the Statler Brothers sing, they refer to the Bible as a “rulebook”. It seems more proper to me to see the Bible as a “roadmap” that gives clear direction for one’s life journey from here to eternity with God.

The psalmist understood the importance of the word of God in the life of those who would love God and be the people of his family. Don’t ever forget the truth found in verses 9-16, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. With

my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.” The knowledge of the word of God, if truly hidden in the heart of an individual, will help one to keep his way pure. May we hold confidently to the word of God and live it daily in our life and thereby, keep our way pure and our relationship with God strong. May it be for us and our family as Joshua stated, “But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15). Hopefully, the family of Joshua remained committed to this commitment. Hopefully, our families will also join us and stay firm with us in such a commitment.

It will serve well for us to end this article by remembering that success depends on one putting the things of God into practice. Again in Psalm 119 we are reminded, “My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end” (verse 112). It is easy to make a resolution to keep the decrees of God but it is another thing to remember that every day as one lives in this sin-filled world where many do not take Christianity as a 24/7 kind of lifestyle.

James speaks strongly about the truth of needing to take seriously the word of God and living it, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does” (James 1:22-25).

Thank you David, for reminding us of these things in Psalm 119.



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Mission News – Extra

(There are still brethren in the world who are putting their life on the line because of serving God. We need to continue to pray for our brethren around the world who are experiencing physical danger because of their faith.)

Libya: Evangelist Gunned Down After Dropping His Colleague Home: An evangelist was shot dead by Muslim extremists in the outskirts of

Benghazi town. Brother Ali Hussein was the preacher at the Ak'kanin Church of Christ and the coordinator of Community Evangelism involving the church and the community surrounding Benghazi, Libya. News of brother Hussein's death Sunday, night plunged the church into a state of mourning and anger at the murder. Our brothers and sisters in Libya called on the government to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and ensure that the culprits are brought to justice. Brother Hussein was attacked at the Pipeline area of the city about 10 kilometres from Benghazi town, moments after he had dropped brother Nadim at home, who had earlier preached at the Masul Church of Christ. The body was found outside his car in an open field, a few hundred meters from the road. Residents said the shooting took place at around 9 pm. Brother Hussein leaves behind a widow and three children. Fear has gripped

Christians in Libya following a series of deaths which are mainly targeting Christians. (From the website of the Aksaray Church of Christ, Aksaray, Istanbul, Turkey)

Israel (Jerusalem): The following is from brother Joseph Shulam: Dear brothers and friends, I am still alive! P.T.L. Today I had another attempt on my life. Two nights ago Marcia heard somebody changing a tire in the parking area below my house at about 3:30 a.m. She did not think much of it. This morning, as I was driving to town early, my left wheel bracket came apart. The wheel bracket was opened on purpose and the pin that is holding the knot was taken out. The fellow at the garage said that a thing like this could not happen by accident – someone tampered with it. The Lord protected me as this happened at a low speed near a traffic light. Had I been driving faster down the hill - you would have had to send flowers to my funeral. Keep me in your prayers!

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OBITUARIES

Start, Irma Grace (O'Neal)

Irma Grace O'Neal was born October 21, 1911, on a farm near Cascade, Nebraska. She completed her earthly journey at Bengough, Saskatchewan, on May 21, 2006.

Irma was a toddler when she journeyed with her parents, Ross and Edna O'Neal, by team and wagon to claim a family homestead in the Peace River country of Alberta. Irma's youth was spent in the Peace River area, along with her siblings, Jessie, Beulah, Norma, James and Blanche.

In 1932 circumstances led Irma and other members of her family to Harptree, Saskatchewan, where she met Wilfred Start. She and Wilfred were married April 5, 1934. They farmed the Start homestead in Harptree, where they reared six children. They sold the farm in 1973 and moved to the nearby town of Bengough. Wilfred died in 1991 and with the support of church, neighbours and family she was able to remain in her home where she enjoyed her garden and many other interests.

She was an active member of churches of Christ in both Harptree and Bengough. In both the community and the church she was known for her Biblical knowledge. Irma was a lover of books (something that was a luxury in her youth) and a fountain of knowledge in regard to animals and plants and also Western Canadian history. She was a lover of nature, as was evident in the poetry she composed.

Irma is survived by a sister, Blanche Goodchild; a sister-in-law, Pauline Frost; a brother-in-law, Gilbert Jacobs; and her six children: Leona (Gordon) Fleming,

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Elaine (Walter) Hart, Harold (Evelyn) Start, Donn (Magdalena Briola) Start, Dolores Fleet and Joyce (Lyle) Jacobson. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bruce Tetreau officiated at the funeral service in Bengough on May 26, 2006, with Wilfred Olson serving as song leader. Interment was at

Clearview Cemetery in Harptree.

(It is of interest that Wilfred and Irma were subscribers to the Gospel Herald from the magazine's beginning in 1936 and so possessed a complete collection.) - Walter Hart

Papineau, Peter (Jock)

On March 29, 2006 after a long battle with Hepatitis C, Jock Papineau was carried home to be with God. Everyone who gathered at the funeral home remembered a man who loved life. Jock had lived a very rich life on this earth and lived in such a way to enjoy an even richer life in eternity with God.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 9 years Joyce (nee Whitfield) Daughters, Joann and Donna as well as sons, Pete, Bobby and Johnny. One brother, Richard and one sister Madelaine. He leaves behind many grandchildren as well. Jock was predeceased by his first wife, Simone.

Jock was a lover of all sports but his particular specialty was baseball where he managed the winning Canadian Men's senior champions on 6 different occasions. He had great interest in young people both in sports and in church. He always enjoyed seeing a young person take part in either preaching or presiding at the Lord's Supper. Jock was baptized in 1996 by Bob Liles.

He loved to study the Bible and he loved the people at the West Side Church in Windsor deeply. He will be sadly missed by his church family but we rest in the hope of the resurrection made sure to us by Jesus. The funeral was conducted by the writer and special memories were shared by his son, Pete. - Drew Chapados

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CALGARY: (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Derek Chambers, ev..

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; Sunday Service 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM
Children's Classes 10:15 -11:00 and 11:15 - 12:00
Adult Bible Class 11:15-12:00 Wed. 6:45 p.m.
Small Groups (Fri – Mon, eve.)
Phone (403) 272-2111;
E-mail: info@calgarycofc.com

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

EDMONTON: 13015 - 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9.
(780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545;
Sun. 9:30am Worship, 11:00am Bible Classes;
Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study; CARE Groups at the
building and in various homes.
Evangelist: Tim Johnson, 461-0323.
Elders: Henri Bouchard, Vern Hibbard,
Walter Hreczuch, Peter Ross;
Website: www.edmontonchurchofchrist.org;
E-mail: church5@telus.net.

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8;
Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev.
(403) 328-0855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ,
655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7;
Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or
(403) 527-7311 (off)

RED DEER: 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2Y8; Sun. 10, 11,
(evening – call for information); John Smith, ev.
(403) 347-3986

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): #5 – 2580 Cedar
Park Place V2S 6B2; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at
address above. Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670
(off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052;
email: normjen@shaw.ca;
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BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury
Ave. V5E 3A5; 9:45 & 11:15; Sunday School 10:30
(Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times &
locations); Kirk Ruch, ev.: Kirk@SBChurch.ca ;
Mike Parker, youth: FishFreaks@SBChurch.ca ;
office: welcome@SBChurch.ca (604-522-7721)
Website: www.SBChurch.ca.

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road, V9W 1P4;
(250) 923-5233.

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg, Br 24,
corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11,
7:00 p.m. at #102-8075 Mary Street at John
Forman's house. Phone # 604-792-7806;
Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

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

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

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd &
Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45;

Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO
Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7: (604) 943-0515 (off)

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St., Kelowna BC, V1Y 2X1;
Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Worship, Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-860-4354
and cell: 250-469-2161, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell
212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008,
marwayn@hotmail.com;
Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445,
edward_windmill@telus.net

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., Sun. 10:00, 11:00,
Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for
times and place. Grant Hannan Min. Office 758-9412
Cell, 729-1893; Wayne Peckett, Sec., 758-6985.

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall;
Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC VOK 1C0; 867-9420.

PRINCE GEORGE: 9465 Old Summit Lake Road,
V2K 5S8, 250-962-6978

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.;
PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sun. 4-5 pm, 3-4 pm;
Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off),
624-5834 (res)

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00;
Call for times and locations of other meetings;
(250) 832-3828 or (250) 804-2672; Box 51,
V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murrey,
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Scott Roberts, ev.

SURREY: (Greater Vancouver):15042 92nd Ave.,
V3R 5V7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev.,
594-1796.

VANCOUVER (City Church): Trout Lake Community
Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive; Worship service
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; (Mailing address:
6669 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6P 4X1)
Stephen C. Hasbrouck, Sr., ev.; Ph: 604-263-3470

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6;
English services: Sun. 10, 11, 6
(Spanish Bible Class Fri. 6:30);
Wed. 7:30; Spanish services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30;
Milton Diaz, ev., 432-1749 (res.).
website: www.churchofchristoakridge.com

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1;
Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververder, ev., (250) 545-5256
(res); 545-6892 (off).

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5;
Sun. 9:00 traditional service;
10:30 contemporary service; midweek in homes;
(250) 592-4914 (off); contact Mr. Martin Moore;
email: secretary@shelbournestreet.com
website: www.shelbournestreet.com

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ): Mail:
South Island Church of Christ, c/o 1600 Charlton
Rd., V9E 2C8 Phone for place and time. K. Hannan,
250-474-6149 or D. Morton, 250-479-8480; e-mail
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BRANDON: 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10:30;
Midweek; call for location (204) 728-0957;
Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7:30;
Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder),
745-3226; Dale Eiford, ev. 745 6969 (office)

DAUPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address:
Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 2T9; Sun. worship 10:00;
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MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box
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(204) 722-2085.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald McCutcheon,
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WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4;
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Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9;
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email: rcfisherofmen@yahoo.com

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3613 Indian Rd.; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 6:30;
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BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on
Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297;
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Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev (905) 455-5796 (res);
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CORNWALL: Gladstone Public School,
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Church mailing address: 1702 Dover Road,
Cornwall, K6J 1W1; website:
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(705)672-9241

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L8V 3G8 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00
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Joe Sandassie, (905) 389-0714,
286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./
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