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*Teach me your way, O Lord;  
lead me in a straight path...*

PSALM 27:11

With the interest in the Da Vinci Code and the misinformation it contains, we are happy to have an article from Stanley Helton of Western Christian College which gives a more Biblical view of Mary Magdalene. This interesting article begins on page 3.

# Restoration Three: Principle

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Restoration is about the principle that drives and defines. Because of this principle, Restoration as History has value and Restoration as Movement has relevance. The principle is: We will learn God's will and we will do it.

Jesus teaches us both to pray for and to pursue this goal – "Your [our Father's] will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:18b). Our doing the will of God is inextricably linked to the kingdom of heaven coming to earth (v. 18a). God rules the entire universe and only one creature – man, has the power to choose to obey his will or not. Nothing is more fundamental to man's relationship with God than obedience. Learning God's will and doing it is the means to man's ultimate advancement.

The principle is powerful because God's will is knowable. The God who made us communicates with us. Indeed, God knows how to communicate with his crowning creation. He has made his will known through communications with specific people over a 1,500 year period. The remarkable preservation of this communication over the subsequent 2,000 years, 1,400 of which preceded printing, bears evidence of their providential preservation. These writings are "able to make [us] wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 3:15b). These writings are "God-breathed," that is supernaturally inspired and are "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (vs. 16-17).

A vast cloud of pessimism has settled upon the postmodern world. Little is knowable, it is mused. From the excessive man-enthroning optimism of the modern age, where man's reason would accomplish all, times have moved on to the opposite extreme in which reason is suspect and intuitive, interior feelings are held as the only reliable source for knowing. The Grand Story of the Bible

with its concomitant conclusions and propositional declarations are reduced to "stories" whose only values are to be found in their resonance with our experiences. And once again God is dethroned! Nevertheless, the Word of God will outlive the age that has come upon us. It remains for those who "hallow the name of God" to learn God's will and do it.

The principle is dynamic because it is doable. There is a great emphasis in the Scriptures upon "doing." The thrust of the Bible is foreign to Reformation theology that views dimly man's capacity for good and holds that his faith must be inactive lest it impair God's grace. In the conclusion that Jesus reaches when teaching his disciples to pray – the heart of this article – he states, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matt. 16:11). Salvation is the result of the interweaving of God's and man's action. This is not a doing that earns salvation – "He saved us, not because of righteous things we have done" (Tit. 3:5a). Rather, our doing is the appropriate expression of salvation

received. It is found in "our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good" (Tit. 2:13b-14).

Finally, the principle is practical because it is workable. The principle, echoed in the goal, "restore New Testament Christianity," finds the locus of God's will in the crowning Scripture of the Bible – the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles and Revelation. The "binding/loosing" of heaven's authority, delivered by apostolic teaching – as helpfully discussed in the Gospel Herald's August editorial by Wayne Turner – not only supplies the normative doctrine, it supplies heavenly wisdom for an effective, functioning church. Truth is valued both because it is true and because it is potent for production. Contrast the wonder and wisdom of God's ways of doing things reflected in the early church with the human experimentation and arrogations that characterize subsequent church history. The patterns of productivity that emerge from God's counsel to the early congregations

are words "aptly spoken...like apples of gold in a setting of silver" (Prov. 25:11). Human efforts to implement Christianity over the centuries are not to be dismissed as unimportant or totally lacking in merit. They are filled with exemplary conduct, ingenious solutions, informing responses to perplexing challenges, as well as overflowing with astonishing aberrations. Yet for the serious Christian, there is only one reliable source for discovering God's will, God-breathed Scripture. To it we will return time and again, for God's standard is the refreshing spring of our might.

Restoration is history; it is movement; it is principle. We will be Restorationists chiefly because of the principle. Therefore, "Be very careful how [we] live... making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil...do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is" (Eph. 5:15-17).



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# Mary Magdalene

Stanley N. Helton, Western Christian College, Regina, SK

I wish the recent movie, *The Da Vinci Code*, based on Dan Brown's novel, motivated people to search their Bibles or even read some good sources on church history. Instead, many readers and viewers will uncritically accept the unreal historical background of the movie. As far as mystery and drama goes, *The Da Vinci Code* is a "good" movie: it is fast-paced, exciting and suspenseful; nevertheless, nearly every historical "truth" that underlies the movie's plot is fiction—the book is a work of fiction. The biggest fantasy of the movie (and book on which it rests) is that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, who was pregnant with his child at the time of the crucifixion. Later, according to Brown's fanciful reconstruction, Mary, and daughter Sarah, find refuge on the shores of Gaul (modern day France) and thus the bloodline of Jesus lived on through the Merovingian kings and survives even today. In the world of *The Da Vinci Code*, Mary Magdalene is the *Holy Grail*, the vessel containing the blood (line) of Jesus. Since *The Da Vinci Code* makes much of Mary Magdalene, it may be useful for us to separate fact from fiction regarding this female disciple of Jesus.

As important as Mary Magdalene is to Brown's novel, she gets very little space in the canonical gospels but a bit more in the non-canonical gospels from the second and third century. Her name shows up 13 times in the canonical gospels (while Peter's name occurs over 90 times). Several of the 13 occurrences are parallel passages or reveals different aspects of the same occasion, reducing the actual appearances to about four. Given this paucity of information on Mary, what is it we actually know?

We know that Mary came from Magdala, a fishing village on the shores of the Sea of Galilee at the south end of the Plain of Gennesaret. This is important for several reasons. 1. The designation Mary Magdalene distinguishes her from other Marys in the gospel story. She is certainly not to be identified with Mary of Bethany, as Bethany was near Jerusalem while Magdala was in Galilee.

The designation also supports that Mary was probably single; since were she married, she would have been called Mary, the wife of X, as is Joanna in Luke 8:3. Secondly, the city from which Mary came had a bad reputation among the Jews and later rabbis, thus, supporting the myth of that Mary was a woman of ill repute. Rabbis attributed the fall of the city to its licentiousness.

We know that seven demons had once tormented her and that Jesus exorcised them (Luke 8:2; see also Mark 16:9). The exact nature of the demonization is left undisclosed, but there is nothing to connect this torment with her supposed life of prostitution. Moreover, there is, I repeat, no evidence of any kind that Mary was ever a prostitute. Yet contrary to *The Da Vinci Code*, the belief that she was a prostitute was not an intentional attempt on the part of the institutional church to smear Mary's reputation lest her true secret – that she carried the child of Jesus – become public. Mary became a prostitute *inadvertently* when Pope Gregory the Great (ca. 540-604) identified Mary Magdalene with the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50. The "sinful" woman in Luke's story cannot be Mary Magdalene as she is introduced for the first time in the very next story (Luke 8:2) as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and supported him and his disciples. Interestingly, the confused identity between Mary Magdalene and the sinful woman gained currency in the Latin-speaking West but not in the Greek-speaking East.

Each of the gospel writers speak of Mary more or less depending on how she plays into the story that particular writer is telling. For example, Mark speaks of Mary being at the crucifixion (Mark 15:40), the tomb (15:47) and the empty tomb (16:1). Thus Mary becomes a continual witness of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Mary is accompanied by other women, but seems to be the leader or, at least, the one Mark wished to highlight the most. Mary, along with the other women encounter the "young man" at the tomb in Mark's narrative, who tells them to

tell Peter and the other about what they have witnessed. Matthew closely follows the details we find in Mark.

Luke tells us that Mary is among a large group of women who supported Jesus financially. Among this group are those like Mary who have been healed by the touch of Jesus. Luke specifically points out that Mary was one of those who told the apostles about the resurrection event, which they were unwilling to accept (Luke 24:10-11, as in Mark 16:9-11).

John introduces Mary Magdalene rather abruptly in 19:25. She is at the

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## Let's Be Reasonable

Wayne Turner



How do you feel if someone tells you to “be reasonable?” It implies that you are being irrational, emotional and unreasonable. You are not thinking clearly. We like to pride ourselves on our ability to think rationally, to process our thought and reach a reasonable conclusion.

The concept of New Testament Restoration is based on this process of reasoning. Generations of Christians have challenged people to follow the example of the Bereans who heard Paul’s message which explained and gave proof from the scriptures and who then searched the scriptures daily to verify that message – to see Paul spoke the truth. Once they had considered and evaluated his message, they believed. What Luke is describing here is the process of reason.

When we speak of reason, our minds think back to the ancient Greek philosophers who wrestled with such questions as the nature of knowledge, existence and reality. Great thinkers like Aristotle and Plato laid the foundation for much of Western thinking. Reason and logic have become important tools in the quest for knowledge and truth, in separating opinion and feeling from fact.

In recent years, there are some who have suggested that the thinking which shaped the Restoration Movement has been more influenced by men like John Locke and other British empiricists. Certainly we must acknowledge their contributions to so many aspects of the development of Western thought, especially in North America. But, is this what has shaped our view of the Bible and, more importantly, our understanding of what it teaches?

*THE VICTORY OF REASON: How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism and Western Success*, a recent book by Dr. Rodney Stark, Professor of Sociology at Baylor University, raises some significant ideas on the role of reason and logic in historical Christianity and what resulted. An essay based on this book appeared in the January 27, 2006 “National Post” newspaper.

Stark’s essay begins by noting that as European explorers encountered great civilizations in both Western and Eastern Hemispheres, they held a vast technological superiority over the rest of the world. These were “backward” by comparison with 15th century Europe.” He asks, “How had that happened?” He notes that only in Europe, alchemy had led to the development of chemistry. Europeans had “eyeglasses, chimneys, reliable clocks... and a system of music notation.” Stark considers other explanations, then concludes that Western dominance came as a result of the rise of capitalism, which “developed only in Europe.” He states that this came about, not as a result of the Protestant Reformation, as some have concluded, but rather the West’s “extraordinary faith in reason.”

Stark identifies his main conclusion as he states, “While the other world religions emphasized mystery and intuition, Christianity alone embraced reason and logic as the primary guides to religious truth.” Further, he noted that while Greek philosophy may have influenced this faith in reason, in ancient Greece, philosophy had little impact on religion which was shaped more by mystery cults, “in which ambiguity and logical contradictions were taken as hallmarks of sacred origins.” In contrast, in Christianity, from “early days, the Church fathers taught that reason was the supreme gift of God and the means to progressively increase understanding of Scripture and revelation.”

As examples, Stark notes some of the contributions that resulted from this reliance on reason: capitalism and commerce, the rise of science and technology, concepts of equality and the abolition of slavery. He notes that “Throughout all prior recorded history, slavery was universal...By the seventh century, Christianity had become the only major world religion to formulate specific theological opposition to slavery.”

Stark quotes Tertullian, 2nd century writer, “Reason is a thing of God, inasmuch as there is nothing which God the Maker of all has not provided, disposed, ordained by reason – nothing which He has not willed should be handled and understood by reason.”

Postmodernism has undermined these concepts of reason and truth in our culture. Many people do not realize the effect this has had, even on many conservative religious universities and schools. A recent article, “Evangelicals Disappointed by Level of Relativism and Postmodernism of Schools - Parents Urged to Check Out Theology of Supposed Christian Campuses” written by evangelical Dan Grubbs, states “Many colleges ... that once held conservative Christian doctrines as truth have migrated to more liberal schools of theological and philosophical thinking. Thinking that runs the gamut from relativism, open theism and even denying the bodily resurrection of Christ.” Grubbs then quotes John Leo, *U.S. News & World Report* columnist, who asked in *Professors who see no evil*, “Do parents know what they are paying for when they ship their sons and daughters off to Postmodern U? Probably not. But the notion that truth is simply a personal preference is often part of what they are buying.” Given the extent to which this thinking has permeated our society, should we be surprised to find that many people around us, even within our fellowship, have come to discount the importance of reason in spiritual matters?

The ability to reason from scripture and know truth is not the result of 17th century philosophers. Reason and truth existed centuries before, interwoven and demonstrated in the very pages of scripture. Through His word, God speaks to our hearts and minds, as we respond to Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. He has created us to share, in a limited way, His ability to reason, so we can know Him and understand His word and will for our lives.

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord.” (Isaiah 1:18)

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## Does It Matter?

*Editor's Note: I apologize for this page being absent over the last many months. I still solicit articles from any of you ladies who would like to share with our readers. If you have given a devotional talk or taught a Bible class that you would like to submit, please do so. I can use your help in continuing this page as a teaching tool for our sisters. lch*

Times, they are a-changing! How true this is. If we think back even five years, we can all come up with a number of things that have changed in the world, some good and some not so good. Modern technology has brought us many wonderful, time-saving items that have freed up time that used to be spent in what we considered mundane activities. But some technology has brought with it worries stemming from abuse, over-use and negative use. The computer, internet and the web, for example, have enabled us to communicate with friends and family thousands of miles away in an instant. We can purchase online just about anything we want or need. But, we know that there are people in the world who have taken this good thing and let it become a tool for abusing children, enticing adults to view pornography and fraud by some who steal credit card information.

Some change is going to happen just because of the nature of things. But not all changes are good. We have seen many changes in the church over the past few years, some of which have strengthened the brethren but some of which has caused division and unrest. As the lifestyles of the world have changed, it seems that so have those of the church. We are not being held accountable for our lifestyles and behavior any more. Many things are accepted today in the church that seem to be contrary to God's instructions.

When was the last time you heard a sermon that spoke against sin? When was the last time you even heard a behavior or lifestyle called a sin in a sermon? We have examples in the New Testament of the apostles speaking out against the sinful behavior of those in the churches (i.e. I Corinthians 5:1). They didn't mince words or skirt the issues. They loved the brethren enough to set them straight about the way they were living. Many sermons that are preached today seem to be presented to attract the crowds and to please the audience. But Christian living is more than that.

We need to really stop and examine our hearts to decide what really matters. Do we believe the Bible? Do we study God's Word in context or ignore certain scriptures like many of our denominational friends do in order to suit our desires? For example, we might enjoy listening to and singing with an instrument, but what does the Bible have to say about that?

As Christian mothers and wives, we have such a great opportunity to help our children get a good foundation in God's Word. But we cannot teach them if we haven't learned and studied for ourselves. We need to know the scriptures well enough to lead our children to the book, chapter and verse that substantiates what we are teaching them. We want them to grow up having their own faith, not just accepting ours until they're old enough to be away from us. Too many times, our young people are leaving the church once they are living on their own, possibly because they didn't get the foundation they needed.

We must look at things through the standards of the Bible and not the standards of the world or of our personal desires.

God has always meant what he said, and we all know of many instances

in the Bible where men and women decided to ignore his directions and do it their own way. Moses, for example, in Numbers 20:7-12, decided to go against God's instructions to speak to the rock for water and was banished from the promised land because of that. He was a good man, a strong leader and he loved God, but he followed his heart instead of God's instructions and suffered dire consequences as a result.

Some things that, for some, are in question in the church today are the need for baptism, repentance, confession; the use of instrumental music; being pure, kind, loving one another; and marriage, divorce and remarriage. Let's realize that these and many other truths are important to our salvation and should be examined thoroughly. We need to constantly search for the truth in God's Word and know how to live so that we can be lights to the world. Romans 12:1-2 is a most familiar passage, one that we should commit to memory. From reading these inspired words, we know that we must live a holy life of worship to God. We cannot do that if we allow ourselves to be influenced by the world to the point that we become like them – choose the lifestyles and habits of those who have not taken Jesus as their Saviour and King.

It does matter how we live, where we go, who we associate with and what we believe. Let's be diligent to seek the right and accept the truths that we find in God's Word.

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8:40 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Singing
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Snacks and Fellowship in the Basement

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12:40 - 12:50 p.m.	Singing and Introduction
12:50 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	Speaker: Bro. Webern Walcien Topic: <i>"What's Love Got to do with it? – Discipline and Suffering"</i>
1:25 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.	Lunch
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2:45 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Main Speaker: Bro. Leonard Amanatey Topic: <i>"What's Love Got to do with it? – Submission to God"</i>
3:20 p.m.	Singing/Prayer and Closing

### Sunday, September 24 2006

9:45 a.m.	Opening Prayer and Introduction
10:05 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Speaker: Bro. Albert Etienne Topic: <i>1 John</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Main Speaker: Bro. Leonard Amanatey Topic: <i>"What's Love Got to do with it? – Everything"</i>

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## #2 Makeover Mania: Forgiveness

The superficial world that we live in suggests that making outward changes can have a real and lasting effect on our life. Do changes in our outward appearance significantly change who we really are? Or do they just change the wrapper. To make significant changes we must get to the heart of the matter and the heart of the matter is a matter of the heart. Forgiveness or our lack of it illustrates for us the need for fundamental changes in our attitudes or a real change of heart an extreme spiritual makeover.

We have all seen lifelong friendships destroyed by a lack of forgiveness. Families are too often fractured by our refusal to forgive. Churches instead of being havens of peace become battlefields because forgiveness was seen as an option not a command. When relationships are destroyed is it the fault of the one who refused to forgive, or the one who committed the fault in the first place? I believe there is fault on both sides and we all need to be careful with our words and actions. Is the real solution everyone living so perfectly that forgiveness is not an issue? As long as we remain in the flesh, forgiveness will be a necessity.

We have made some general assumptions about forgiveness that make forgiveness difficult for us.

- We have linked forgiving and forgetting so strongly that when we believe that we cannot forget we do not make any effort to forgive. Forgiveness is a choice that we make to not hold a fault against someone. Forgetting may come afterward as the relationship mends (more about this later).

- Some have the idea that if they forgive someone for what they have done then that individual will not be held accountable. We have often heard people say that they cannot forgive because what another did was wrong and they can't let them get away with it. Our forgiveness and God's justice are not one and the same here. God may hold one accountable where we have forgiven and God may

forgive where we have chosen not to.

- Some believe that they can harm someone, or somehow make them pay, by not forgiving them. We need to leave the judgements like that to God! We must forgive for our own benefit, holding a grudge will destroy us.

The choice isn't simply to forgive or not to forgive the choice is to obey Christ or not to obey Him. "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15 NIV) How much clearer could Christ have put it for us? If we forgive we can trust that God will forgive our sins, but if we refuse to forgive the sins of others God will refuse to forgive our sins.

Do we really believe that we can go through life without someone offending us by their words or actions? Think of how many times you have inadvertently said or done something that has hurt another. Perhaps it wasn't inadvertent. Perhaps you struck at another out of your own pain. Unless we are perfect we are going to do and say things that cause others hurt or embarrassment. If we are not perfect how can we expect it of others? It is unrealistic to expect that we can go through our lives without anyone saying or doing something that might hurt us.

Without forgiveness we doom ourselves to a lonely existence. Sooner or later in every relationship there is something that requires forgiveness. Learning to forgive will help us to grow into the image of Christ and maintain good relationships.

Someone has just said or done something that has hurt you, the hurt is so deep that you can feel your anger rising. What should you do? How should you react? Try not to react immediately. If you say or do anything when you are that hurt or that angry you will probably regret what you said or did. Surely you have heard of that old adage about counting to 10 before speaking when you are hurt or angry. This writer can think of so many times when

he spoke or acted in haste and lived to regret it. In every one of those situations I know that if I had just counted to 10 I would have reigned myself in. Often I found myself regretting what I had said or done before I finished saying or doing it. Do not react immediately and you can avoid those kinds of regrets.

Pray! Ask God to help you to control your anger and heal your hurts. Pray for the one that has hurt you. It is difficult to be angry with someone that you are praying for. Ask God to help you to forgive and seek his wisdom in working out a solution to the issue.

Try not to make more out of the issue than is necessary. Try not to assign ulterior motives to the one that has hurt you. The hurt may have been unintentional. Give them the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise.

Go and speak to the one that has hurt you. Pray together as you seek to work out a solution. Do not go looking for a way to hurt them or punish them. Do not seek a public confrontation that will somehow embarrass them. Go in an effort to maintain your relationship with them or re-establish your relationship with them. Please be patient, depending on the issue or problem, this may require more than one visit.

Continue to pray for and think positively about the one you have had a problem with. If you allow yourself to think negatively about them you will find it difficult to renew your relationship with them.

Forgiveness is a choice not a feeling. We choose not to hold another responsible for the hurt they caused and put it behind us. When we think positively about them and seek to build more good times with them as we seek to continue or re-establish our relationship with them we will find that these good times displace the bad memories. As these bad memories become more distant they just might be forgotten.

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## CHOOSE TO BE A WINNER, PART I

# Encouragement to Participate

Eugene C. Perry

**P**ersonal experience and observation show that there are many losers and few winners, even among those who are frequent participants. Take for example raffles, sweepstakes, or even races and other athletic contests. The prizes go to only a few. There may be thousands of entrants, but there are very few winners, sometimes only one.

Like us, you likely receive an abundance of junk mail offering fabulous prizes in various forms of sweepstakes almost every day. We are encouraged to participate, often at little or no cost other than a postage stamp. Although it is claimed that there are winners, such seem to be very rare. The odds are discouraging. Why bother to enter?

Even in case of races and athletic contests, where formal entry requirements are met and much effort is spent in preparatory practise, the prize goes to the few. In each case, we must decide whether or not to participate, to make the necessary preparations and meet the other required conditions.

There is a race in which we cannot lose and each person is encouraged to make a decision to enter it, – a race in which all who complete the course are winners. The Christian life is frequently compared to a contest, a fight or a race, but there is a great difference. Unlike these other contests, in it, all are potential winners.

We face opportunities to make choices or decisions in many areas of life. Some are small and inconsequential whereas others are very important and have profound and far reaching consequences. These are decisions that no one else makes for us. There will be people and circumstances that encourage or discourage the right and beneficial decision, but in the final analysis, we must, personally, decide. If we make the wrong decision we can only blame ourselves. We, and likely others influenced by us, will pay the price in this life and the future life. In contrast, if we make the right decisions, we thank God for the benefits to ourselves and the many others who benefit. This is because God provides the blessings resulting from the right decisions. God is the prize-giver.

Decisions we make in regard to vocation, location, companionships and relationships contribute to our not being losers in respect to the eternal prize. Basic to all of this, of course, is the decision to accept God's gift of salvation in Christ by deciding to obey the terms of the "good news". In doing this, we enter the race, we confess our faith in the divinity of Christ, we acknowledge Him as Lord and we commit ourselves to serve Him.

Having thus become a participant in this race, one must realize that faithfulness and fruitfulness are the expected results. This involves following a spiritual leader while living in a physical body in a material world and making appropriate decisions along the way. We are in the world but not of it. Jesus prayed for his followers saying, "they are still in the world... they are not of the world any more than I am not of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:11, 14, 15-17).

Loyalty to this Lord will mean decisions resulting in self-denial, hardship, sacrifice, service and growth into His likeness. We make those decisions because we love our Lord, but also, like Moses of old, because we look ahead to the "reward". "By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward" (Heb.11:24-26).

The decisions we face regarding resisting temptation, being steadfast in our labour for the Lord (1 Cor.15:58), a proper and permanent marriage, responsible parenting and loving and caring relationships with others – all of these should result from our first choice, to enter the "narrow way". Jesus encouraged this decision. He said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate, and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Mt.7:13,14),

An elderly African lady was dying. Friends and loved ones from the entire community had gathered to her home and were quietly comforting one another with prayers, handclasps and tears. Maude had been an inspiration to all who knew her, having raised five children, cared for her neighbours and steadily worked for her church. She would be gravely missed. A handful of her closest family stood now above her bed, whispering all the appropriate epitaphs, when Maude spoke up with her typical wit and wisdom, "Why's you cryin'? You know I ain't lookin' for the undertaker. I'm lookin' for the uppertaker."

How do we look at death or at the coming of the Lord? Do we have the undertaker or the uppertaker view of death? Are we among those like Paul who "desire to depart and be with Christ" (Phil.1:23); those who "have longed for his appearing" (2 Tim.4:8)? Do we welcome this event as Jehovah does, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps.116:15)?

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We must be careful that our treasure is not in the wrong place, if we would be winners. In one place it is secure while in the other it is insecure.

Note the contrasts. "Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling... For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life." (2 Cor.5:1,2,4). "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." (Rom.8:18).

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Rev.21:3,4)

How real is this better life? Would that we all had the confidence of G.C. Brewer who once said, "Someday you will read in the newspaper that G.C. Brewer is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now."

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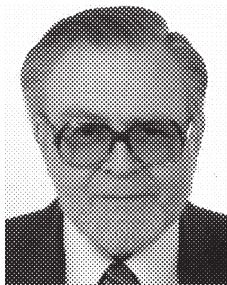
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(There will be questions and discussion during the last half of each session)



Roy Davison attended Radville Christian College in Saskatchewan for grades 9 through 12. After completing university he preached for the church in Sarnia, Ontario, before going to Utrecht, Holland, in 1963. The congregation at Ostend, Belgium, asked him to work with them in 1965.

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### ONTARIO

**Bramalea:** The congregation will participate in the CityReachers program, which has a mandate to place a New Testament in 101,000 homes and 14,000 apartments on September 8, 2006. Jonathan Knutson completed a fine job as summer intern with the congregation at the end of July.

**Brantford:** Morning speakers in July were Philip Brown, George Mansfield, Jamie Azzoparde and Wayne Whitfield. A ladies' get-together was planned for the ladies to spend the day together at

St. Jacobs on Tuesday, August 1.

**Fennell Avenue (Hamilton):** The annual meeting of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society was held at the church building on August 26. Featured speaker was Roy D. Merritt, evangelist, church planter and educator."

**Fenwick:** An "Olde Tyme Hymn Sing" was held on the church lawn on July 21.

**Grimsbey:** Vacation Bible School, entitled "Son Treasure Island," was held August 8-11.

**New Liskeard:** On July 30 Melissa Woodley was baptized into Christ.

**Scarborough (Toronto):** Phillip Brown has been hired by the congregation to serve as its new preacher. The congregation rejoiced with the birth of a new sister in Christ, Nneka Williams, who was baptized Wednesday evening, August 2. Jimmy Adjei, preacher in training, spoke to the congregation on August 6. A ladies' meeting is planned for every third Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The men's meeting will also meet every third Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

**St. Catharines:** The congregation hosted a VBS from July 25-28, which had an average of 42 children attend each day, with an average of 20 being from the local community, and not affiliated with the Lord's church. They were also

privileged to have a youth group from the Waterview church of Christ in Richardson, TX help with the VBS. They also helped with Wednesday night Bible class and the young men led our worship services on July 30. Marie Mackay was baptized on June 26.

**Stratford:** Larry and Marj Hoover celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 12.

**Sudbury:** On August 26, Bethel Bailey will celebrate his 84th milestone.

**Waterloo:** A yard sale to raise money for the Africa mission was held on August 19 on the church property. A tea/card making day in June raised over \$160 towards their Africa goals. A GLBC short course was conducted at Camp Omagh from August 28 - September 1 with Mike Mazzalongo. A men's retreat is scheduled at Camp Omagh from September 15-16, entitled, "Failing Forward," with Darren Douglas, as speaker.

**Windsor (West Side):** From August 18-20, a special unity event was planned for the churches of Christ in the Metropolitan Detroit area. On September 16, there will be a special morning ladies' event with Beth Hibbard, of Hamilton, speaking, with the theme: "My God and I."

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	Morning snack
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	<b>9:45</b>	Break out session
	<b>10:00</b>	Brunch
	<b>11:00</b>	Singing
	<b>11:15</b>	<b>Session 2- Darrin</b>
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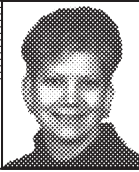
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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

### ALBERTA

**Edmonton:** Over 40 members of the congregation and their children spent a week at Alberta Rockies Wilderness Camp in mid-July. During the week, two of our teenagers, Zachary Jacques and Keaton Hoddinott, were baptized. We had a wonderful VBS the weekend of Aug. 11-13 with a lot of enthusiasm and great teaching. David Friesen, Edmonton's former preacher, returned for a few days raising funds for his upcoming work in Australia. Snezana Lepki is preparing to leave for China at the end of the month to teach English and spread the gospel through opportunities that arise out of that capacity. The new south Edmonton congregation is making final preparations for start up Sept. 10. - Tim Johnson

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Burnaby:** Joyce Ji, who has been attending our services since last November became a Christian the evening of July 26. After her baptism, she read a beautiful statement to those gathered for the occasion, telling how God has reached out to her, and the part that members here played in her decision. Kirk Ruch has started a series of midweek group sessions for new Christians and people interested in how to grow and mature in their basic Christian life. It is called "Growing Spiritual Roots: Finding the Heart of God and Walking in His Ways". He also hopes to start group sessions this month on "Front Lines: Learning How to Pray with People". "Our team (of 30) put in incredible dedication and performance, building our house in record time (in Zorrillo, Mexico). The total combined team (from Vancouver, WA, and Burnaby) built four houses and three outhouses, visited people in town and hosted a fiesta featuring crafts, games, family fun, etc. for all the children," - Garnet Andrews

**City Church (E. Vancouyver):** The Crosstown church of Christ in Tulsa, Ok, has decided to contribute to the support of Steve, Jr. and Christina Hasbrouck's efforts to work with his parents at City church. This congregation has a history of giving to missions, and had a

warm relationship with Steve's grandfather, Billy Smith, who was a missionary and educator in Japan and preached in Hawaii, Oklahoma, Maryland and Missouri. They also helped Steve's father in his missionary work in Japan for over 25 years, and in Canada the past 14 years, now extending their support to the third generation. The Hasbrouck family believes that God blesses those who love the lost and make a sincere effort to assist missions. They say that no matter what the contribution is - whether a letter of encouragement, a box of supplies, money, prayers, or advice - all of it counts for the building up of the Kingdom wherever there are missionaries.

**Delta:** Matt Waddell experienced a trip to Nicaragua this summer with a group of Harding University students who visited rural schools, taught local children about God, repaired and painted schools and offered various medical services.

**Maple Ridge:** Jolyn Guraccio, who attended Cascade College last semester, was hired for an internship with the Portland Urban Ministry Project to work in their summer program. A six-week plan for 120 disadvantaged children, the workers spent two weeks before it started with training on dealing with urban children: how to discipline, what to do if a child comes who is being abused, etc. Two more weeks at the conclusion will be used to debrief and work on the program. The interns were then taken to Camp Yamhill near Portland for a couple of days of R & R, as the PSMP can be stressful and emotionally exhausting. A student at ACU, Lesley Larson, had the experience of a foreign mission when she accompanied a group to Burkina Faso, Africa, to learn their language and work with missionaries in Dagara. One of

the poorest countries in the world, Burkina has a population of 13 million, with life expectancy of 48 years and less than 30% literacy. Fifty per cent are Muslim, 40% have indigenous beliefs such as animism, and 10% of those who profess Christianity are mainly Roman Catholic. The Lord's churches planted in 2002 have from two to 70 in attendance. The students were given 16 weeks of training with former missionaries now on staff at ACU before they left in mid-June for their six weeks of work.

**Nanaimo:** Grant Hannan submitted his resignation as full-time preacher, which took effect at the end of August. He and his family have served the church there for the past 11 years. Twenty or more ladies responded to the invitation to spend an evening and Saturday at the Spruston Road Bible Camp to take time for quiet reflection on God's great power, renew friendships and make new acquaintances in August. Patricia Williams gave three lessons on "Claiming God's Gift: Peace and Joy That Lasts".

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg:** The Youth Group served food at the Siloam Mission. Their scheduled time began 7:30 am on July 7. They stayed overnight and worked until 2:30 pm July 8. On July 23, Roy Merritt, a former elder of this congregation, presented the evening lesson. On July 25 Russ and Val Quirey gave an update of their mission work in Salvador, Brazil.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Weyburn:** Mike Peterson and a group from Perryton, Texas, came to help with our VBS July 10-14. Activities included: singing at Nursing and Convalescent homes, a service project at the Weyburn Youth Centre, service projects for members of the congregation and a closing program. Each day was rounded off with a congregational meal at the home of different members. The theme for the Kid's Classes was "The Miracles of Jesus" and the adult class was "Facing Every Day Christian Problems." One hundred twenty one students attended. The VBS was a success again this year. We had a float in the Weyburn parade on July 4th.

**Clearview Bible Camp:** There were camps for grades 2 - 12 over a 6 week period. Family Camp at Clearview was July 21 - 23 with Kevin Vance speaking.

**Gravelbourg:** Logan Williams, student at Western Christian College, is doing an internship with the Gravelbourg congregation. The 50th and 60th Anniversary Celebrations over summer included: Len & Thelma Johnson celebrated their 60th in Regina, July 2. Lloyd & Ruthanne Jacobs celebrated their 50th in Manson, July 15. Norm & Beulah Kemp celebrated their 50th in Bengough, August 5. Congratulations and best wishes to them all.

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**Russia:** EEM (Eastern European Mission) has placed Bibles and Biblical materials in all the public schools in the Barnaul, Tomsk and Novosibirsk Regions of Russia. The Region of Omsk has asked to be next. EEM's Biblical library is placed in each school in a Resource Center that is used weekly by every class, each student having a personal copy to study in class. The Biblical Library consists of 30 each of "age-appropriate" Bibles, books titled "A Newcomer's Guide to the Bible", with student study guides, sets of Biblical morality lessons and booklets detailing Biblical stories based on famous Russian Art items in the National Museum. These materials are accompanied by a video presentation. The Bible is also being integrated into classes on Art, History, Literature and Character, with the teachers being systematically trained on how to present the materials by EEM workers. There are 1,150 schools with 300,000 students in the Omsk Region. When these are supplied, the total number of Libraries placed in Russian schools will be 6,950 with over 1.4 million students. These four areas are roughly the geographical equivalent of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee combined. EEM began over 45 years ago of finding ways of getting the Bible through the Iron Curtain. Today, they are publishing and printing Bibles and materials in 20 languages throughout Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe. The Bammel church in Houston, TX, which oversees the EEM, asked for \$1,000,000 on August 27 to fund this new request. Three dollars provides material for one child, \$30 for 10 children, \$90 for a whole class and \$775 is the cost for a complete school.

**U.S.A.: RENEWAL:** A Northwest Evangelism Workshop from July 26-29 at the Everett (WA.) Events Center, featured such well-known speakers as Marvin Phillips, Joe Beam and Wade Hodges, Jerry Rushford, Elaine Denman, Aaron Walling, Ike Graul and Jeff Hicks.

In the belief that Christians in the Northwest need a time of refreshing and renewal in their commitment to carry the message of Christ to the world, a program was planned that reached out to all ages, including children and teens. Special seminars included one especially for young singles on Friday afternoon on the topic of "Four Myths About Being Single" by Jeff Hicks and a "Single Again" session on Thursday for those finding themselves in this category.

**The Philippines:** Dr. Mike O'Neal, president of Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City, made a visit to the Philippines July 20-23. He spoke at a Preacher's breakfast fellowship in Manila, then flew to Butuan City to visit Sunrise Christian College. Dr. O'Neal had extensive meetings with the school leadership and administrators before giving the address at the college's inaugural program, making Dr. Samuel Cariaga the new president. Dr. O'Neal also met with area preachers in Butuan and had some special sessions with SCC teachers. Three of the school's teacher's are graduates of OCC. Dr. O'Neal's short time in the Philippines inspired many people by his humble style of leadership and rich vision which is rooted in faith. - Salvador Cariaga (Editor's note: A school in California is involved in a school with

educational programs for preachers. Two of their graduates are now in the Philippines. Others are in Latvia, Africa and the Middle East. The school, which is called Institute Bibliog Del Slur California (IBSC), has had a four-year program for several years, but planning is now being done for a two-year program.)

**Ethiopia:** The Woodward Park church in Fresno, CA, recently received a picture of an elderly Ethiopian woman with her hand clapped over her mouth in amazement. She was watching water come out of a pipe and found it hard to believe! "I have been attending funerals for many hundreds of children who died because the only water they had to drink was from a contaminated pond. Thank God I am able to see this before I die," she said. The woman had waited for hours as the pump on a well was installed, and when she saw clear water coming through the pipe, was overcome with emotion and gratitude. The Woodward Park church sponsors the drilling of wells in Ethiopia, bringing clean water to thousands of people for the first time in their lives. The congregation has also opened several schools for blind children, as well as Preacher Training Schools.

**Mexico:** For some time, states near Mexico, like Texas and California, have been organizing groups (usually students and young people) to target a Mexican town where there is already a church of Christ to provide help in whatever way is most needed. While some concentrate on building homes for desperately poor families, improving buildings and grounds, or providing teachers and preachers for vacation Bible schools and gospel meetings, all attain rapport with the townspeople. Now people as far away as Canada are also choosing Mexico. On July 21, a group of 21 left Tyler, TX, to go to Benito Juarez in Southern Mexico with three goals in mind: to sponsor a Vacation Bible School in the mornings, do work projects on the church building in the afternoons and conduct a gospel meeting in the evenings. All of this during 40C degree heat, not only during the round trip, but each day they were in the city working in a building without air-conditioning. The group also canvassed adjacent neighbourhoods to set up personal Bible studies and met parents as they brought their

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children to the VBS. A couple who teach Spanish in Tyler's public schools prepared them for their trip by having an early class on Wednesday evenings to teach them the Spanish language. Benito Juarez is located almost at the southern tip of the western coast of Mexico. The town was named for a Mexican president, who was a national hero when he died in 1872. The airport in Mexico City also bears his name. His most famous quote was the observation that "War" is not a word: it is an acronym for 'wasting another's resources'. In light of the conflict in the Middle East, it sounds like he gave a very accurate description of it.

**Correction:** The toll free number for World Bible School was wrong in the July issue. The correct number is: 1-877-393-021

**Scotland (Dundee); Greetings in Christ from Scotland:** Alastair Ferrie (from the Beamsville bulletin): "We now have more Bible studies with the lost in progress than every before. This makes 16 who are being studied with in the hope of encouraging them to become Christians. There are also 7 members of the church being studied with weekly to strengthen and guide them."

**Japan (Sendai): Summer 2006 LST sessions** in both Sendai and Hachinohe have now concluded. Both congregations have several readers with whom they will continue to study. **Asian Workshop, Cambodia; travels to Chiang Mai, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia.** After the workshop, in Chiang Mai the team spent time with disabled children and youth, sang and prayed with some elderly leper people, spent time in university outreach, cell activities and participated in worship services. **Debi Hobelman and Erica Towell, Sendai interns,** were unable to accompany the team to the Asian Workshop. The LST team, FriendsCamp team and mission team all left the country within a few days of each other. But the girls said God blessed them - with together time, time to study Japanese, an opportunity to help Judith Alexander in Ibaraki as she prepared for a church retreat, time to spend with readers in small groups and time to enjoy the rich fellowship with the Sendai congregation after each Sunday's worship. They also had the opportunity to spend a weekend at Hachinohe with Steve and Debbie Carrell. Debi says: "We've been busy; He's seen to that! (But) He has really provided for and protected us." (Debi) Please keep them in your prayers as they serve the Sendai congregation this year. **Eryn Halstead, LST worker,** stated that she appreciated getting to know the Japanese people and seeing how gracious and friendly they were. She also enjoyed learning about their ancient culture and understanding that its history and tradition were part of their daily lives. Debut CD: The team spent several hours in May making a CD of about 19 songs. Once everything's finished, would you like one? **Prayer Requests: -Sendai team and interns and Sendai and Hachinohe congregations** as they follow up with the LST readers. - **LST readers** as they continue to study the Bible.

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Great Lakes Christian College, Great Lakes Bible College and the Great Lakes Preschool are excited about the appointment of Don Rose as the new President

of the schools. I am honoured to introduce Don to our constituency and highlight his life journey up to the present.

Just like so many of us, Don began to learn about God and Jesus from his Grandmother. Don describes her as, "a strong woman of faith" and that she first taught him Bible verses and instilled in Don a wonder of all God has created. In Grade 9, God led Don to meet a friend who invited him to worship. That year, Don attended a Youth Rally in Meaford. That rally, like all the rest before and after, was a time of awakening and fellowship with other young people. As a result of his friendship with the young man and the Youth Rally, Don decided to attend Great Lakes Christian College. I have heard Don share his heartfelt appreciation for those who provided financial assistance so he could attend our school. It is at Great Lakes that Don continued to ask questions and explore his faith. After much thought and prayer Don chose to accept Christ as his Saviour and was baptized.

After this life-changing event Don continued to thrive in the Great Lakes community. Although Don is the first to admit he was banned from any athletic activities for fear that he might injure other players or himself, Don did become very involved in other extracurricular activities. He threw himself into all aspects of school including Student Council President. I

can remember working at Camp Omagh the summer after Don graduated and hearing his quotes all week including hilarious songs that were a mix of creative lyrics and brutally off key music. I always wondered who this "Don" person was and how he had impacted so many!

Following his graduation from Great Lakes, Don attended the University of Waterloo where he earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Honours English. It was time for God to introduce Don to his true love and he met her while in Waterloo. Corrie was also new to Christianity and is so thankful to Doreen Ellis who met with Corrie over many breakfasts to share with her God's love and plan for her. Early in 1993 Corrie accepted Jesus and was baptized. That fall Geoff Ellis married Don and Corrie. The Rose family set down roots and began to grow in Waterloo.

Don has been actively involved in young people's lives since his teen years. He has an ability to connect with teenagers in a meaningful and loving

way that leaves them changed for the better. It has been my pleasure to teach with Don for six years. I have watched as he brings Literature and the Bible alive for students and inspires them to connect their lives with Christ. It is his gift of bringing new life and fresh ideas that is so appealing for our staff and faculty. He is an encouraging man who is able to coax out the best in those around him.

This only begins to describe Don Rose. He has alternated preaching responsibilities with Ralph Perry at the Port Colborne Church of Christ. He is a loving husband and father to Micah (7 years old), Emily (5 years old) and they are expecting a boy in September. He has taught at Great Lakes for 9 years and has volunteered at Omagh Bible Camp since 1989. He has taught at his home church, the Tintern Church of Christ, in a variety of classes and enjoys hosting the annual Rose Oscar Party.

I would encourage you to get to know Don. He is a fun and hard working man who loves to meet new people. When

I asked him what he wanted us to know about him he said the following:

*"I have always viewed Great Lakes as a ministry and seek to serve God in all I do. I have the blessing now of working with the Bible College, which is growing and with the Preschool which is thriving. I am indebted to those who have gone before me and particularly appreciate the time Art Ford has both given to the schools over the years and to me during this transition time. It is truly a gift to know that in my labour I am never alone; I am keenly aware of the support I receive from God, our employees, our volunteers, our donors, our alumni, our students and their families. What a blessing, indeed, it is to be a part of this wide, yet spiritually connected family!"*

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cross along with the mother of Jesus and Mary, the wife of Clopas. John does not tell us that Mary observed the burial of Jesus but does have a significant role for her in the resurrection account. In this account (20:11-18), the only account in the NT to refer to her merely as "Mary," she encounters the risen Lord whom she confuses for the gardener. When she recognizes Jesus, she calls out "Rabboni." To which Jesus responds, "Don't cling to me since I have yet to ascend to my Father." Jesus instructs her to go tell his disciples to whom she announces, "I have seen the Lord." So for all of the gospels Mary becomes the first "evangelist" to share the good news of the resurrection; the third century church leader Hippolytus calls her the "apostle to the apostles."

This, then, is all that we know about Mary Magdalene from the biblical record. Embellishing the biblical record regarding Mary Magdalene began to happen very early in the history of the church. What follows is a quick catalogue of where Mary Magdalene is mentioned among the non-canonical witnesses. These works will generally be unfamiliar to most Christians which creates a real danger of *The Da Vinci Code*. Since most Christians will not have read these works (nor know how to access them for that matter), they will be lost as to how to answer their neighbors regarding the claims made by

Dan Brown's characters. (Many of the texts mentioned below are accessible in English translation at <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com>).

A second century work *Epistula Apostolorum* mentions Mary Magdalene in much the same way as the canonical gospels. In this document, the apostles refuse to accept her testimony about the resurrection; they will only believe when they see Jesus themselves. The *Epistula Apostolorum* is an anti-Gnostic document. Gnosticism was an early form of heretical Christianity that pitted the "bad" God of the Old Testament against the "good" God of Jesus and the New Testament. This dualism was central to the Gnostic who saw all physical reality as evil while accepting that only the spiritual can be good. Christians today could learn a great deal from the Gnostics as New Age impulses are simply recycled Gnosticism. Anyway, the Gnostics found Mary Magdalene useful in their critique of what would become known as orthodox Christianity.

Among the Gnostic texts, the important references to Mary Magdalene occurs in the *Gospel of Peter* (2nd cent.); the *Gospel of Thomas* (ca. 200); *Secret Gospel of Mark* (2nd cent.); *Pistis Sophia* (3rd cent.); the *Sophia of Jesus Christ*; *The Dialogue of the Saviour*; *Gospel of Philip* (late 3rd cent.).

The composite of Mary that develops in the Gnostic tradition looks like this: The *Gospel of Peter* reports that Mary came to the tomb but she did not weep at the burial of Jesus for fear of the Jews. Determined to mourn, she came to the empty tomb where she heard the resurrection news from a young man in shining robes, but she and the other women with her fled in fear.

The *Gospel of Thomas*, however, moves far beyond the biblical record regarding a supposed competition between Mary Magdalene and Peter. In the final saying, Peter says, "Let Mary leave us, for women are not worthy of the Life." To which Jesus responds, "I myself shall lead her to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males" (*Gos. Thom.* 114). Readers of *The Da Vinci Code* will note that this actually works against Brown's attempt to recover the "sacred feminine" in religion. In the

*Gospel of Mary*, Mary shares a secret revelation she has received from the Lord in a vision. Both Andrew and Peter reject the vision but a certain Levi defends Mary as one made worthy by the Lord as Jesus loved her more than he did the other disciples.

Mary becomes a primary questioner of Jesus in the *Pistis Sophia*. Thirty-nine of the sixty-four questions to Jesus come from her. Mary confesses her persistence, "I will not tire of asking you. Do not be angry with me for questioning everything." To which Jesus replies, "Question whatever you wish" (*Pistis Sophia* 139). Mary is given a high profile in the *Pistis Sophia* as "blessed, she whose heart is more directed to the kingdom of heaven than all her brothers, excellent, blessed beyond all women, beautiful in speech, the pleroma (fullness) of all pleromas," etc. Besides attesting to her now traditional role at the resurrection, the *Pistis Sophia* also develops a competition between her and Peter. The *Dialogue of the Savior* notes that Mary is one of three disciples specially chosen to receive special teaching but she is more significant than either Matthew or Thomas since "she spoke as a woman who knew the All."

In the late 3rd century *Gospel of Peter*, Mary is the "companion" of the Lord and described as one who walked with him. Again Christ is said to have loved her more than all the rest which is demonstrated by Jesus often kissing Mary. The other disciples were offended by the lavish attention Jesus gave to Mary. For this, the Lord rebuked them with a parable (*Gos. Phil.* 63-64). The 4th cent. *Acts of Philip* features a woman by the name of Mariamne that seems to be the same character as the developing Mary legend. She is with Jesus when he divides the world into missionary zones and then travels with Philip.

In summary, the extra-canonical sources paint a picture of Mary Magdalene that begins with the canonical gospels. From here, however, the Mary legend grows: Jesus loves her more than the other disciples and so she became a fit recipient of special revelation. However, what is missing from this more fanciful literature is

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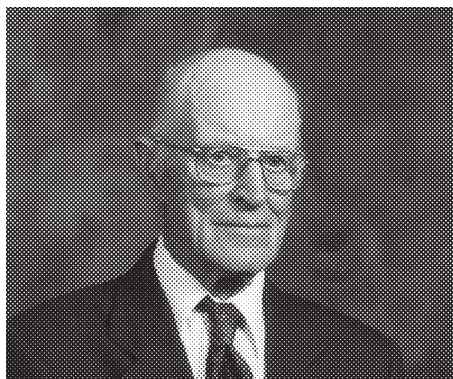
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# OBITUARIES

## Jacobs, Manley



On July 14, 2006, Manley Jacobs, formerly of Elkhorn, MB, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, at the Foyer d' Youville, Gravelbourg, at the age of 97 years. The Funeral Service was held on Saturday, July 22, 2006, in the Elkhorn Elks Hall with Wendell Bailey officiating. The singing was directed by Robert Orr. The opening prayer was led by Marvin Bandura. Scripture reading was given by Luc Huyghebaert. Many treasured remembrances and tributes were given in the eulogy, presented by his sons Alvin and Allan Jacobs. The interment followed in the Elkhorn Cemetery.

Manley Leonard Jacobs was born February 3, 1909, at Summit, South Dakota. He moved to Canada with his parents, Lewis and Allie (Mickelson) Jacobs, and brothers Clarence and Earl. They first arrived at Webster, SK, then moved to Colgate, before the family finally moved and took a homestead in the Gladmar district near Minton, SK. Manley had nine brothers and sisters. During those early years, at a gospel

meeting Manley was baptized into Jesus Christ and began a long life of service to the Lord. He assisted at Bible schools in Minton, Radville, Horse Creek and Peeble Hill and shared the gospel in many small communities in southern SK. It was at one of those meetings that he met Grace Smith and they were married on June 15, 1938.

They bought a farm in the Horse Creek district south of McCord, SK and there raised their family of five children and one nephew. In 1950, they decided to purchase a farm in the Archie district, nine miles north of Elkhorn, MB.. Their family was blessed with two more daughters Maxine and Yvonne.

Manley was a farmer, a hunter, a trapper and loved curling in bonspiels. Manley encouraged the establishment and assisted in the beginning of Radville Bible School and later Western Christian College at Weyburn. He supported the schools financially and physically and served on the Board of Directors for many years. He also served the church at Manson in many capacities: as a preacher, teacher and elder. He also enjoyed helping in the community in any way he could.

They sold the home half section and moved into Elkhorn for about ten years. Manley farmed until the death of his beloved wife, Grace. They were married for 64 years. He then moved into a home in Virden, MB for approximately a year and then to Gravelbourg to be near his daughter, Maxine. Manley enjoyed the Church of Christ in Gravelbourg. He loved singing, bible study and spending time in prayer. He enjoyed the Foyer d'Youville and the staff who took care of him. He also enjoyed his scooter rides around town and the hospitable people. He liked his visits with Stan and Maxine

at the farm at Shamrock.

In his memoirs, Manley wrote that he had lived a happy life, and was blessed with a wonderful wife. He was a dedicated, hardworking, generous and honest man. He was a peacemaker who always tried to make things right and was frustrated when he couldn't. He was gracious, always thankful, loved to tell stories and had a great sense of humour. Friends will always remember his warm smile and love for visiting. His greatest joy was his family and spoke highly of them every time he could. He never missed a chance to tell each one how much he loved them. He was a loved and respected father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and neighbour. Manley looked forward to going to his heavenly home. His long, eventful and faithful life will always be dearly remembered.

Manley leaves to mourn sons: Gordon (Joan) of Thunder Bay, ON, Ralph (Ruth) of Barnwell, AB., Jim of Port Coquitlan, BC, Allan (Jeannette) of Medicine Hat, AB., Alvan (Pat) of Vernon, BC, Ronald (Elsie) of Stoughton, SK. and Allan Tribe, daughters: Maxine (Stanley) Bell of Gravelbourg, SK. and Yvonne (Hugh) Campbell of Saskatoon, SK.; grandchildren: Teresa, Charlotte (Dion), Marcel, Dawn, Teera, Todd (Tanya), Tanya (Trevor), Travis (Melissa), Michael (Jennifer), Lisa, Leanne, Monica (Roy), Melissa (Robert), Stephen, Noella, Terry, Carla (Steve), Lisa (Steve), Jeff (Jennifer), Shana, Josey, Desiree; 19 great grandchildren: brothers Gilbert of Elkhorn, MB, Allan (Betty) of Burnaby, BC and Floyd (Marian) of Dauphin, MB, and one sister Evelyn Bowdrea of Florida, also many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

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that Jesus ever intended to build the church around Mary, though the conflict between Mary and Peter in the Gnostic materials may speak of the tension within the early church between orthodoxy and heresy. Again, there is absolutely no evidence in any source, canonical or otherwise, that would even faintly suggest that it had been Jesus' intent to entrust the mission of the church to

her – not even in the Gospel of Mary!

What is also missing is that Jesus was ever married to Mary. Brown's contention that the word *companion* meant *wife* in the Aramaic original of the Gospel of Philip is wrong on two counts. The Gospel of Philip is in Coptic, not Aramaic and the word "companion" is a Greek loanword, *koinonos*, "to hold or have in common." The word certainly means companion, not spouse. In the

end, there is simply NO EVIDENCE from any source, canonical *or extra-biblical* that any such relationship ever existed. Nada. Nil. Zero.

My purpose has been to set before the readers both the canonical and non-canonical source materials related to Mary Magdalene with the hopes that we, believers in Jesus, can talk more intelligently with our friends about issues *The Da Vinci Code* might raise.

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office (519) 759-6630

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

**BURKS FALLS:** Seniors Building above library on  
Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence,  
R.R. #2, P0A 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

**COLLINGWOOD:** 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11;  
Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9Y 3V5;  
(705) 444-0010 (office); Randy Morrirt, ev (h)  
705-445-0924.

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

**FENWICK:** 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30;  
Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661;  
email <DonHipwell@AOL.com>

**GRIMSBY:** 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit;  
Sun. Worship 9:45, Sun evening - 1 small group  
at building, 6 pm, during week - small groups; Box  
181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off);  
other contact (905) 945-8668

**GUELPH:** The Evergreen Senior Center,  
683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon;  
Wed. 7:30 (phone for location);  
c/o 25 Keys Crescent, N1G 5J7;  
David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

**HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD:** 554 Helmer  
Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 10:30;  
Wed. 7:30; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556,  
New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0 (705)647-5488  
or Mike Tinney PO Box 702, Haileybury ON P0J 1K0  
(705)672-9241

**HAMILTON:** 321 East 27th Street (at Fennell),  
L8V 3G8 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00  
p.m., (905) 385-5775(off); Mike McCabe, ev.,  
(905) 574-3022(h), mike\_p\_m@yahoo.com;  
Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174

**HAMILTON (North):** YMCA building,  
79 James St. S.; Sun. 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, 7:30; Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: church02@bellnet.ca; Richard Maddeaux, 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, Tolpiddle 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 Maddeaux, 519-637-0741.

**ST. THOMAS (Southside):** 15 Hepburn Avenue, N5R 4J4, (519) 633-4180 Contact: David Langeman. Please call for times. email: dlangeman@rogers.com

**SARNIA:** 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; David H. Dunn, ev.; (519) 542-4108 (res); (519)-339-1161 (off); email: dhduinn@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 (705)949-4988 Sun 9:40A, 10:40A, call for PM time, Wed 7PM Elders: C. Whitfield (705)253-6153 L. Hotchkiss (705)759-0649

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

**SMITHVILLE:** 246 Station St. L0R 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

**SOUTH RIVER:** Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, 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 L0R 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, NOC 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, 240 Elgin St. N., Box 274, Mount Forest, NOG 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 NOG 2S0; email- gregory@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: wsidcoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidcoc.

## 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.verduncoc.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-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Beaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240; office 418-651-3664; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

## PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**BENGOUGH:** E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

**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.

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

**LLOYDMINSTER:** 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Rolland Bouchard, ev.; (780) 875-4056; email: lloydccoc@telus.net

**MOOSE JAW:** 901 James 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, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

**REGINA:** Glen Elm, 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5272; Please call for times

**SASKATOON:** Sunday, coffee & fellowship 9:30, Worship 10:00, 7; Phone for summer schedule; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev, 343-7884; Outreach: Bernard Krogsgaard 373-3651; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: stooncofcoffice@sasktel.net

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

**WEYBURN:** 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Scott Wade, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); (306) 848-2032 (res).

**YORKTON:** 550 Parkway Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 11:00; contact Garth Ennis (306) 728-3369.

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# Great Lakes Lectures 2006

## *“Evangelism and the Life of the Church”*

<b>Sunday, November 5th</b>			
6:00 pm		Welcome Address: Don Rose Congregational Singing	
7:00 pm	Keynote Address	“Jesus: In No Other Name!” Patrick Mead: Rochester Hills	
		<b>Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup></b>
9:30 am	Chapel	“Do You Know My Jesus?” Mike Mazzalongo: Verdun	“Personal Testimony” Wei Dong Hu: China and Verdun
10:30 am	Classes	Men’s: “God’s Plan Of Redemption” Ken Craig: Alabama Ladies: “Evangelism For Women” Joanne Howe: Nashville	Men’s: Ken Craig Ladies: Joanne Howe
11:30 am	Plenary Session	“Importance Of Church Planting” Patrick Mead: Rochester Hills	“Youth Evangelism” Don English: Johnstown, NY
12:15 pm	Lunch	<b>GLCC Presentation</b> Caley Cramp and Sandy McBay	<b>Zambia Mission</b> Roy Merritt
2:00 pm	Classes	Men’s: Ken Craig Ladies: Joanne Howe	Men’s: Ken Craig Ladies: Joanne Howe
3:00 pm	Plenary Session	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Church Planting	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Youth Evangelism
5:00 pm	Supper	“Vision Canada 2007” Max Craddock	“Gospel Herald” Ralph Perry
7:00 pm	Keynote Address	“Love: The Driving Force” Dan Degarmo: Chillicothe, Ohio	“A Welcoming Church: Giving Love Legs” Al Meakes: Plymouth, Mich.

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