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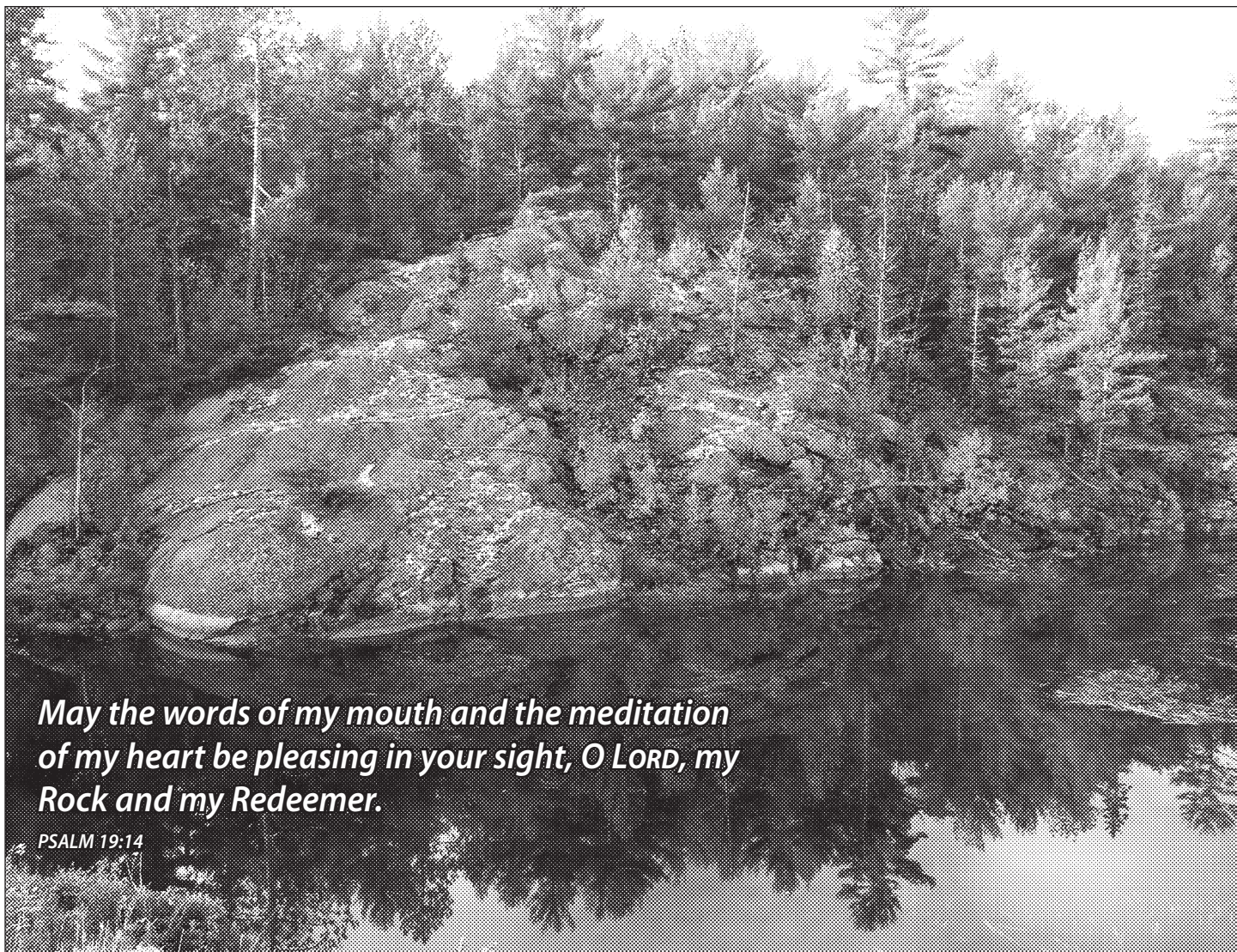
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*May the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my  
Rock and my Redeemer.*

PSALM 19:14

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It is always encouraging to see new congregations begin and grow. After several months of planning and preparation, the Edmonton congregation began a second congregation, Edmonton South, on September 3, 2006. See the story on page 14.



# The Application of Scripture

Thayer Salisbury

One of the most interesting, and at times frustrating, aspects of Bible study is the matter of deciding which scripture applies in which situation. Some, because they have not taken the time to study this matter, think that the Bible contradicts itself. The Bible does not contradict, we have just failed to realize that some passages have a narrow scope of application. We try to apply passages to situations to which they do not really apply. When we do so, someone else may respond with another scripture, one that points in the opposite direction or seems to contradict the first passage.

## Answering a Fool

The most obvious example of this problem occurs in Proverbs 26. In verse 4 we read, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself." The message is clear. If we attempt to answer a fool we will often end up looking foolish ourselves. But the next verse tells us, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes." Although it is often inadvisable to answer a fool according to his folly, because of what it might do to us, it is sometimes necessary to take the risk, lest the person's conceit grow even worse.

There are times when Proverbs 26:4 applies. There are times when Proverbs 26:5 applies. Wisdom is knowing which is which.

## Forgiveness of Sins

With regard to forgiveness of sins there is a similar need to understand which passage applies in which situation. First John 1:9 tells us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." But Peter told the people at Pentecost to "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). Why did Peter and John give different answers to the question of how sins are forgiven? Is there a contradiction here?

No, this is not a contradiction. Peter and John are addressing two different situations.

Peter is speaking to a group of people who are not yet Christians but who have admitted their sinfulness by verbally acknowledging their guilt in the death of Jesus. He is telling them how their faith in Jesus is to be put into action in order to bring about the forgiveness of their sins.

John is addressing people in a very different situation. He is writing to those who are already Christians. He is writing to people who are "walking in the light" but who do occasionally sin. His words do not apply to Christians who are making no attempt to live the godly life, nor to those who are not yet Christians.

There are many different answers that may need to be given to the person seeking forgiveness of sins, depending on the situation of the seeker. The person who does not yet know Jesus may be told "believe on the Lord Jesus" (Acts 16:31). The person who knows Jesus but who needs to put their faith into action should be given the answer that Peter gave (Acts 2:38). The Christian who is walking in the light needs to be answered as John taught in 1 John 1:9. The Christian who has sinned personally against another individual may be able to make things right privately (Matt 5:23-24), but the Christian whose sin has been more public or long standing may have to deal with their sin in a different manner (cf James 5:16; 1 Cor 5; 2 Thess 3).

## Rebukes and Discipline

When it comes to speaking to others about their sin, some Christians know only one or two passages. These they try to apply to every sin in every situation. This is not good.

Jesus tells Peter to forgive "seventy times seven" (Matt 18:22). Paul tells Titus to warn a certain kind of sinner only twice and then "have nothing more to do with him" (Titus 3:10).

Many Christians have taken the first of these passages, which was written about a private sin against an individual, and applied it to all sins, even sins that are destroying the church. No matter how many things are done that damage the church, they are tolerated. The slightest of apologies is considered sufficient, even in the absence of any evidence of repentance. This is a misapplication of scripture. Those working division in the body of Christ are not to be given 490 opportunities to accomplish their goal. 'Two warnings and out' is the scriptural rule in that case.

On the other hand, a few would misapply the Titus 3:10 standard to every sin, even sins of a private nature. That also is a terrible misapplication of scripture.

## The Difficulty

The difficulty is not completely solved by noting that there are different instructions for different situations. Some matters do not always fit neatly into one category or the other. Is gossip a personal sin against an individual or a public sin that threatens to divide the church? It is not always easy to say. Is this person I am studying with a Christian, an unbeliever, or a disciple who needs to be taught the way of the Lord more perfectly? The answer is not always immediately clear. Is this the time to answer the fool, or is this the time to "refuse to speak in his hearing" (Prov 23:9)? That can be a very tough one.

The Bible gives instructions suitable for every situation (2 Tim 3:16-17); but diligence in study (2 Tim 2:15) and prayer (James 1:5) will be needed to find and apply the appropriate instruction at the proper time.

Toledo, OH

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# Has God Cast Israel Away

T. Pierce Brown

Just finished reading two long articles written by those who once claimed membership in the Lord's church that took the position that Romans 11:1 indicates that the physical nation of Israel is still to receive blessings as God's people, for not only does Paul deny in verse one that God has not cast away his people, he says in verse 26 that all Israel will be saved.

It is not enough to dismiss the remark with the statement that this is the same old false denominational premillennial argument (which it is) which has been disproved many times. Such statements may cause a person to accept or reject an argument or a doctrine on grounds that are prejudicial rather than scriptural. If an atheist, a liberal, a premillennialist or anyone else teaches a truth, we should accept it. Those whom we consider "giants in the faith" have the same responsibility to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" as anyone else, and to simply label a person or doctrine as premillennial or liberal has little bearing on the truthfulness or falseness of any position.

Note some things that should cast light on the subject when carefully considered. First, let us notice some passages, both in the Old Testament and New, which indicate that the physical state of Israel is no longer considered God's chosen people, or elect nation. In Matthew 21:42, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Is there any literal, physical nation that can be called "the kingdom of God?" When Daniel prophesied that the God of heaven was going to set up a kingdom (Daniel 2:44) that would never be destroyed, was he talking about some physical kingdom? Surely Jesus' words should forever remove any doubt about that. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." His new kingdom was a spiritual kingdom. There were some

standing there who would not taste of death until they saw it come with power (Mk. 9:1). When it came (Acts 2), he did not cast off his people, but gladly received them into it if they gladly received his word and accepted him as Lord (Acts 2:41).

So both the historical record and Paul answer the question with a resounding "No!" when the question is, "Has God cast away His people?" What is his reasoning? It is, "I am an Israelite. God has not cast me away. There is a remnant according to the election of grace." It seems evident that he is speaking of himself and all the other Jews who were saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). He did not say, "There will be a remnant comprising a national group after Christ comes back." He said that there was then a remnant, of which he was a part.

When Caiaphas prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, (John 11:51) it is evident that he did not die to preserve the physical, earthly nation of Israel. He died for all people of all

nations (v. 52), "not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." The Great Commission was to make disciples from all nations. The fact that God had rejected fleshly Israel as His kingdom, and set up a new kingdom did not mean that because a person was an Israelite, he was rejected. He could be a part of the new Kingdom, just as Paul and all other Jews who accepted the gospel were (Romans 11:27). Verse 23 makes it about as plain as it could be, "And they, also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again." All of Israel could be saved the same way Paul was saved, if they did not abide in unbelief, but he has not the remotest reference to receiving a whole nation as a nation. When Jesus said, "Make disciples of all nations" surely no one so misunderstands him as to assume that he was talking about converting a nation as such. He converted individuals from all nations and made them to be one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28). Then he spoke of that result as a select race, a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9).

When Jesus said in Mt. 23:38, "Your house is left unto you desolate" He was expressing the fact that the nation as such would no longer be recognized as God's chosen people. He would set up a new kingdom composed of all in every nation that would accept Him as King and Lord. He would make a new covenant with the House of Israel (Heb. 8:9) that would fulfill the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:31-34 that would include individuals from all nations.

This is why Paul said in Romans 2:28-29, "He is not a Jew who is one outwardly—but he is a Jew which is one inwardly." This is the same idea Paul had in mind in Romans 9:6-8 when he said, "They are not all Israel, which are of

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## Half a God

Wayne Turner



Considered by many to be their favorite hymn, *Amazing Grace* was written by John Newton. As captain of a slave ship, he knew what it was like to be a cruel, inhuman wretch. Despite the countless lives that had been ruined, even ended, by his actions, he was amazed to learn that God's grace offered complete forgiveness.

Grace is one of the most beloved and most misunderstood doctrines of the Bible. We agonize with Paul, "Wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death?"... only to answer with him confidently, "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." But from New Testament times, people have struggled to reconcile the inevitability of God's judgment for disobedience with the assurance of his forgiving grace.

One of the challenges in understanding grace is seen in how we perceive God in the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, God seems to some people to be strict and harsh. The stories of Adam and Eve, the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Nadab and Abihu and Uzzah are examples of what Paul calls the severity of God. It seems to be such a contrast to what we feel like we see in the New Testament.

Early Christians struggled with how to understand God. In the second century (A.D.) Marcion, influenced by the Greek philosopher Plato, saw the deity of the Old Testament as inferior—the source of evil—while the God of the New Testament was characterized by love and grace. (Plato developed the idea of a lesser deity, a "demiurge," who created the world.) Irenaeus referred to Marcion as "blaspheming shamelessly him who is proclaimed as God by the law and the prophets; calling him a maker of evils and a lover of wars..." To support his beliefs, Marcion produced one of the earliest canons of scripture. He only recognized some of Paul's letters and parts of Luke as true scripture. Marcion had little use for the Old Testament or the deity it revealed.

Marcionism ended around the fifth century. However, its influence lived on. Non-believers use similar arguments, citing the Old Testament actions of God as one of their main reasons for disbelief. There are some religious groups today who share Marcion's beliefs and even some who intentionally identify themselves as Marcionite in faith and practice.

Marcion's thinking is also being reincarnated in a more subtle way. This view doesn't stem from the same roots. It is not the result of the encroachment of pagan

philosophy into the church. As strange as it may sound, it seems more to be the result of an over emphasis on grace. It begins with something we all share—an appreciation of the overwhelming and amazing grace of God. It reasons that God is so loving and wonderful that he just cannot be what the Old Testament describes. The obvious conclusion, then, is that the Old Testament is devalued, if not even ignored. To those leaning to these views, grace is all there is. Those who believe in obeying scripture are labeled as legalists. There is no judgment or accountability for the Christian. It's all grace. But whether a view comes from ancient pagan philosophy or an overestimation of grace, the result is the same. The Old Testament, especially its portrayal of God's holiness, anger, jealousy and judgment, is discarded. Half a Bible leads to half a God.

Through the Old Testament, we come to know the righteousness and holiness of God—that sin, in all its forms, has terrible consequences. But we also see His many gracious acts, His love and forgiveness. Similarly, while the grace of God is entwined in the message of the New Testament, we are also confronted with His judgment. (Ananias and Sapphira, as well as eternal punishment in Hell, are examples.) Just as we come to know and fear God through the Old, we gain a greater appreciation for Him and the wonders of His love and grace in the New. Therefore, without understanding the Old Testament, we cannot really know and respond to God.

Grace is truly amazing. Perhaps Isaiah best shows where our appreciation of God's grace must begin. "The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary..."

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## One of THOSE Days

As we live life from day to day we often face times when the pressures come and life becomes hard. Things happen that bring difficult moments and days. For example, the death of a loved one, being “downsized” at work, a doctor’s report of bad health, marriage problems, fire or some natural disaster that destroys one’s house, being the victim of crime or being let down or disappointed by another. The list could go on. However, you understand the difficulty these and other such things cause daily. As a result of such things we may feel helpless, angry, fearful, shocked or humiliated. These things have a way of “rattling us” and taking away the clear focus that comes through trusting God. The writer of Psalm 46 would have us remember: “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging” (46: 1 - 3). When we read this passage on a good day, an “amen” is not difficult. However, when undergoing difficulty one is often challenged in this conviction.

One of the most useless questions most people ask is “why?” It seems that we feel if we can just be given a good reason for what happened it will be fine and our faith will not be tested. The greater need is for us to trust that God is in control even when it does not make sense to us.

Job is a great example of this kind of thinking. Consider his statement in Job 42:1-3: “Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.” He was right! Even in his struggles, Job understood God was in control. It is worthy of note that later in that chapter (verse 10) God gave wealth back to Job, but never did tell him why these things had happened in the first place!

Rather than asking why things happen that are difficult and test

our devotion to God, we need to ask, “What now?” One of the things accomplished by this question is that it turns the focus away from oneself to God. It helps us to remember that God loves us and that he is in control of the things that really count.

Solomon spoke of the need to trust God and remember his blessing in Proverbs 3:5, 6, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Matthew Henry, in his concise commentary, makes this statement in reference to Proverbs 3:5, 6, “We must trust in the Lord with all our hearts, believing he is able and wise to do what is best. Those who know themselves, find their own understandings a broken reed, which, if they lean upon, will fail. Do not design any thing but what is lawful, and beg God to direct thee in every case, though it may seem quite plain. In all our ways that prove pleasant, in which we gain our point, we must acknowledge God with thankfulness. In all our ways that prove uncomfortable, and that are hedged up with thorns, we must acknowledge him with submission. It is promised, He shall direct thy paths; so that thy way shall be safe and good, and happy at last.”

What Solomon is telling us is that we need to ask a couple of questions. First, what does God want me to learn from this experience? Second, what does God want me to do about it? The bottom line for us is that we, as Christians, are called out of the world to bring glory to God. The question one asks himself is “Whatever it is that happens to me, how can I use it to the glorify God in my life?”

One of the problems is that we may be given lies to explain the difficulties that

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## #4 Makeover Mania: Speech

What we hear come out of some mouths today is downright ugly. I have heard parents use language in anger at their children that at one time wouldn't even have been used in a men's locker room. Where is love and respect when we use language like that with those we love? The standards for language have been dropping rather dramatically over the years and one does not need to be that old to have witnessed the decline.

Few things can better illustrate the need for inner beauty than the words that come out of our mouths. Jesus said that what is in our heart will eventually come out of our mouths. "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:34-37 NIV)

To makeover our speech we must makeover our hearts. We need to ask Christ to help us purge the evil that we have allowed into our hearts over the years and we must carefully guard our hearts. What we allow into our hearts if not quickly purged will find its way into our speech.

Perhaps the greatest advice in learning to control what we say would be to think before we speak. Speaking before we think is a common problem. We have all done it at one time or another. Perhaps we were upset and in our emotion spoke without carefully considering our words and as soon as the words left our mouths we regretted their use. We apologized profusely

but the damage was still done and someone was hurt by our quick use of the tongue. Using the word THINK as an acronym we can come up with some good questions to ask ourselves before we speak.

Is it TRUE? "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful." (Proverbs 12:22 NIV) So many people have been hurt by the lies of others; many more have been hurt by the half-truths and gossip that so many enjoy spreading. Reputations have been destroyed and good work hindered because someone found in enjoyment in playing fast and loose with another's reputation. If your words are not true, please leave them unsaid.

Is it HELPFUL? Just because something is true doesn't mean it should be spoken, we must also ask if our words are helpful. Will our words help to build others up or are they more likely to tear another down? Will what we are going to say encourage those around us or will they tend to discourage those around us? I have never met anyone who found complaining helpful or encouraging, but we still do it don't we? We allow ourselves to get into a negative mindset where nothing suits us, our complaining makes us even more miserable and soon no one wants to be around us. Those who complain don't usually have it tougher than anyone else they have just chosen to see only the negative and slide deeper and deeper into their pit of despair. When we count our blessings, not just once a year on Thanksgiving, but each and every day, we can avoid this miserable pit of despair. We can also avoid providing those around us with a lot of discouragement.

Is it IMPORTANT? Have you ever found yourself so energized by a visit with someone that you could hardly

contain yourself? The type of visit were important things were spoken of, life changing things, things that stirred your heart and lifted your soul. Perhaps it was a Bible study where the truths of scripture began to jump off the page at you. Perhaps you were making plans for a project that would glorify God and serve others. Perhaps you were sharing the deep things of your heart. Before you speak, please ask yourself if what you are going to say is important.

Is it NECESSARY? There is so much that is said today that while true is not really necessary. If we left these words unsaid no one would miss them because they are unnecessary. If we refused to speak these words we wouldn't be speaking untruths of half truths because the words simply are unnecessary. We must ask ourselves before we even open our mouths, "are these words necessary?"

Is it KIND? My mother told me many times that if I didn't have anything nice to say than I should just keep quiet. If I had paid better attention to that advice I would have avoided hurting people with my words. Words are so powerful they have the ability to hurt and they have the ability to calm, sooth and heal. Gossip is hurtful as it attacks someone's character with little or no evidence that what is being said is actually the truth. Unkind criticism is hurtful as it seeks to destroy rather than build up. There is criticism that is kind, where the individual offering the criticism is vitally interested in what God is doing in our lives. With this criticism they bring helpful suggestions as to how we might improve and offer to work with us as we make the necessary improvements in our life or work. We must always ask ourselves if what we are going to say is kind.

Words are POWERFUL. They have the ability to encourage or discourage, to build up or to tear down. When we have the opportunity to say something we must "THINK" before we speak by asking ourselves these five questions: Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it important? Is it necessary? Is it kind? We must learn to think before we speak as we seek to makeover our speech.

# FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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## Where to Walk

**B**ill E. Smith tells about a doctor who was speaking to an audience of physicians and surgeons. He told about a young patient of his who was severely handicapped with little or no possibility of a normal life. This doctor was able to, through many operations and dedicated care, bring this child to the point where he could walk and live like a normal child his age.

After telling the story, he asked his audience a question. "Do you know where this boy, who had no hope of a decent life, is today?" There were guesses of teacher, doctor, preacher, lawyer, none of which were right. "No." said the doctor. "This man is in prison serving a life sentence for a brutal murder of an innocent person." He concluded by admitting that he and his team were able to make him walk but they failed to tell him where to walk.

When we, as mothers and grandmothers, see our little ones crawling and playing, we are usually excited about the prospect of them walking. We do all we can when they get to that right age to help them learn to put one foot in front of the other, keep their balance, and start walking. It's a happy time for everyone. The parents feel like everything is well and on track, and the child begins to feel a bit of independence in being able to go places alone without having to hold the parent's hand.

But physically walking isn't all there is to raising children. We do all we can from the time our children are born until they leave our care to make sure that they are physically cared for.

We try to feed them healthy, nourishing food so that they will grow into strong young people. We make them do their homework and study so that they can make good grades and learn well in school. We urge them to continue their education in institutions of higher learn-

ing so that they will be able to make a good living for their own families. We sign them up for extra-curricular activities such as sports teams, singing groups, drama clubs, etc. so that they will be well rounded and have good social skills.

Churches spend enormous amounts of money on buildings and media equipment as well as special programs to attract and keep members coming. All of this is well and good and is a part of growing up.

However, it is becoming clearer than ever that we are failing in the area of spiritual walking. Like the doctor who helped the child be able to walk, we are not showing them where to walk. As parents, are we guilty of letting the extracurricular activities of our children and even the educational demands keep them from attending church services and youth activities? Have we neglected to have Bible studies with our children, to pray with them and speak about God and the importance of Him in our life and theirs? By encouraging them to have social skills, have we neglected to tell them where they should go? Rather than walking to places with their friends from school, should we teach them to walk to teen events and bring their school friends along? When our children are ready for college, do we encourage them to attend a Christian school?

As churches, it seems that many of the worship services and activities are set up more as a time of entertainment than as a time of soul searching and worship of the heavenly Father. Are we teaching our children and others to walk in the shadow of the cross? Are we surrounding ourselves with people who will show us where to walk and not just how to walk?

If you look back in your life and

remember friends, acquaintances and even family members who were once faithful Christians, you will likely notice that many of them are no longer walking that walk. Many of them may have become successful in their business life and even have attained some lofty goals. But, what good is success here on earth if we haven't learned where to walk in order to reach our ultimate goal of heaven?

Those of you who have young children at home or who are grandmothers of young children, don't let any opportunity pass you by when you can encourage your youngsters to walk the straight and narrow path that leads to heaven. Our children are young for such a short time. The window of opportunity is short, and we must take advantage of whatever time we have to lead them. It is a bit scary to me when I think of my grandchildren, who are now all under the age of two, and what they have to face as they grow up. Life is not going to be easy for them, and like all of us, they will be faced with decisions all along the way. We must teach them from the time they are little where they should walk so that they will be better able to make right choices as they grow up.

Sometimes we might think it's too much trouble to get young ones ready for church, struggle with them through the service, read them a Bible story before bed, etc. But, in our heart of hearts, we must all surely know that the fruits of our labours will be seen in the godly lives that they will lead. Where are you walking?

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Israel, neither because they are the seed of Abraham are they all children. That is, they which are the children of the flesh are not the children of God." It would be hard to find language that would express more clearly the idea that physical Israel no longer would be counted as chosen people of God.

Because of Paul's continued emphasis on the fact that Israel was no longer an exclusive chosen people of God, it might have led a person to think that God had rejected all of them. So Paul emphatically points out that such a conclusion is invalid. All of Israel can be saved just like Paul and all Gentiles are saved. This is what Paul is saying in Rom. 11:25-26, "For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in; and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

There are at least two expressions in those verses that need our special attention. First, what is mean by "the fullness of the Gentiles be come in." It is assumed by many that it means, "until the full number of the Gentiles are saved who are going to be saved." Then it is assumed that the hardening of Israel will stop and all Israel as a nation will be saved. Why Israel would stop being hard hearted because all the Gentiles who were going to obey had obeyed is not made clear by anyone, but there are many other objections to this theory.

First, we can get an idea of what is meant by the "fullness of the Gentiles" by looking at the meaning of the Greek and Hebrew word in its every context. The word "fullness" is from the Greek, "pleroma" approximately equivalent to the Hebrew "melo." A careful student will note all the references, but we have space

for only a few. Note John 1:16, "Of his fullness we have all received." It has nothing to do with a certain number. Surely a close examination of Romans 11:12 will help cast light on it. He contrasts the fall of Israel with their fullness. Their fall results from their rejection of God. Their fullness results from their acceptance of God's will. When we receive His fullness (John 1:16) then the fullness has come in, either to Jew or Gentile. The fullness of the Israelites in verse 12 has nothing to do with "a full number of Israelites" (whatever that might mean). It has to do with the same thing that Paul speaks of in Ephesians 3:19, where he says, "To know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

No reference in either the Old Testament or the New indicates anything at all about a full number who might do something, but to the fact that when the gospel with all its fullness was preached to the Gentiles and they accepted it, the honest Israelite would see that both Jew and Gentile could

partake of the same blessings and be a part of the same olive tree (Rom. 11:17-24). This is the same manner in which all Israel or the entire world would be saved. Even those who believe that somehow God is going to save the nation do not conclude that "all Israel will be saved" means that every individual will be saved. But the simple truth is that "so" is an adverb of manner. If we should say, "This is the way all people will be saved: They must believe in the Lord Jesus as the Christ, turn away from their sins and have their sins removed in baptism for the remission of sins," surely no one would think we were saying that all people would be saved en masse. Everyone would know that the language simply means that all the people that are saved would be saved that way. Even the next verses bear that out, for they show the manner in which all will be saved who are saved, "even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: And this is my covenant unto them, When I shall take away their sins." The Deliverer is

Jesus, and the New Covenant has already come into effect, as we have seen from Jeremiah and Hebrews.

So we should be able to see that although God had promised the destruction of the physical nation of Israel, he has not cast away his people, for Paul was a Jew, a Hebrew of the Hebrews, and God did not cast him away. Nor did he cast away Peter or any other Jew who decided to follow Jesus. And when Paul says, "So all Israel shall be saved," it simply means "This is the way all Israel that is saved will be saved." This is the kind of language that is common to us, as when we say about the post office, "This is the way all people send letters." No one understands us to mean that all people send letters, but that all people who send letters send them that way.

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# Questions People Ask

Bill Craddock

In 1 John 2:2, and in other scriptures, Jesus is referred to as the “propitiation for our sins.” What does “propitiation” mean?

The English “propitiation” is from Latin, meaning “favorable, gracious, kind” or “render favorable.” The Latin form propitiatorium was employed to translate the Greek word, hilasterion, which is found 22 times in the Greek translation of the Old Testament. Hilasterion was used to translate the Hebrew term “covering” or “mercy seat,” which was the lid of the Ark of the Covenant where the sacrificial blood was placed for the atonement of the sins of the people.

This word was used by those who worshiped idols to indicate the sacrifice they brought to appease the anger of the gods. The one who brought the sacrifice hoped that the gods would look upon them with favor following the sacrifice. Idol gods were viewed as despising humans. The gods were always angry and the worshiper was trying to find a way to make the god happy so the god would give them blessings. Did you ever see a picture of an idol god that had a smile on its face?

The interesting thing is that the God of heaven does not hate humans, but loves them even while they are in their sins. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Our main interest in the use of propitiation is its use in the New Testament where it is mentioned four times (Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10). All these scriptures state that Christ is the “propitiation” for our sins. Let us notice some lessons taught.

The source of our propitiation is God himself. In contrast to the secular use of the word, God is the one

who provides the sacrifice. Here we find God providing the sacrifice for the sinner. The sinner owes the debt, but the one to whom the debt is owed is paying the price. That is like the company who holds the mortgage on your house making your monthly payment to itself for you.

Every scripture involving propitiation has to do with our sins, our separation from God because of our rebellion. Because of sin, men must suffer the wrath of God. God’s wrath is mentioned 585 times in the Old Testament. Likewise, the New Testament reminds us of the reality, severity and righteousness of God’s wrath. One such scripture is Hebrews 10:26-27, “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.”

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self is the sacrifice who willingly gave himself. His blood is the means by which our sins may be forgiven. The nature of his sacrifice is this: as an infinite being in the flesh, he bore the divine equivalent of finite man’s condemnation in hell for eternity. Therein is the possibility for our salvation. His sacrifice is sufficient to avert the wrath of God. Therefore, Jesus suffered that God might be just (Romans 3:25).

Jesus paid the price that we may be saved, but the benefits of his death are not extended without conditions. We must have faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the way of salvation. Being the propitiation for our sins, Jesus said that he who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16). Many people do not like that, but it is still true. They feel that if one is baptized they are trying to earn something that has already been given to them. Not so! When one is baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins, he is taking advantage of the blessing that God provided through His Son. Christ is the “price paid” for our sins.

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### ONTARIO

**Beamsville:** Harvey and Olive Parker expressed a special thank you for the lovely evening, cards and well wishes given them in celebration of their 60th anniversary. A Christmas parcel was recently sent to Ruth Zimmerman in Papua New Guinea. Craig and Jeri Ford's report encouraged the congregation to pray for the work they are engaged in. "One Step at a Time Through Grief" was held September 26.

**Bramalea:** Denzil Knights, formerly of Barbados, was baptized into Christ on October 15. He was a contact through Key to the Kingdom who studied the World Bible School course and a month of home Bible studies before being baptized. Roy and Rita Davison, missionaries from Belgium, recently visited and Roy gave a presentation Thursday, October 12, on "Living the Christian Life." Eighteen couples and several individuals attended the Marriage Seminar: "We Did; We Still Do" taught by Shaun and Joyce McDonnell on September 29 and 30. A "Vision Day" is planned for the congregation's leaders on November 25.

**Brantford:** Phil and Heather McGrath are now able to worship with the congregation. The ladies' class began a study of the book of Psalms. Guest speakers recently were George Mansfield, Wayne Whitfield, Glen Robins and Shawn LeBlanc.

**Fenwick:** The congregation again had a booth at the Welland Fair. Thirty-nine New Testaments, over 200 copies of the magazine House to House, more than 250 invitations to Kids for Christ, and about 1100

bracelets and literature was distributed. One Bible study was initiated. Thanks to Betty Bruggen for the Kids for Christ program on the first Friday of each month. A revival meeting with David Dunn in November was cancelled due to his poor health. Glen Robins is working with Don Hipwell for the congregation this year.

**Owen Sound:** Around 94 ladies attended the recent Ladies' Renewal Weekend in September. The congregation's eldest member, Amy Mothersell, passed away on October 12. Eleanor Fletcher, niece of the late John Whitfield, placed membership with the church. The Key to the Kingdom filming crew taped 3 programs in the Owen Sound church building on October 21.

**Sarnia:** Mike McCabe, former Great Lakes Bible College student, is recovering after a tractor trailer backed over him up to his hips. He has no broken bones but serious bruises.

**St. Catharines:** The congregation started the school season with 10 members of the "66 Club" in which each member must be able to recite the 66 books of the Bible in order. They also started a "Young in the Faith" group that meets every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. to strengthen faith and bonds of fellowship among newer Christians.

**Stoney Creek:** The congregation is conducting a "test drive" of an altered

Sunday schedule—worship at 10 a.m. with Bible classes following at 11:15 a.m. On September 30 a ladies' brunch featured fellowship and planning for monthly studies. It was decided to alternate a time of study and a time of service. The first session involving shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" was held October 18. Each week, until the holiday break in December the congregation is receiving "Orchard Offerings" of fresh fruit for more than 50 first and fourth grade students at Lake Avenue Public School.

**Sundridge:** In early August, Nathan Victoire (Kevin Preston's step son) was baptized by Kevin's father, Alex Preston. August 18-20 the congregation participated in its annual congregational camping trip to Restoule Provincial Park. The monthly ladies' classes resumed in September.

**Toronto (Scarborough):** Since September 2005 there have been 7 baptisms in the congregation - all young people in their teens. The congregation solicits prayers as they seek bigger accommodations to house the congregation.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.):** On October 14, Roy Davison presented an excellent seminar here on "Can We Be The Church of The New Testament?" The seminar, and his Sunday morning lesson were filmed and are available on DVD or VHS. Copies are available by contacting Strathmore. (If possible, a donation of \$10.00 as a donation to Roy's work in Belgium would be appreciated.) The Key To The Kingdom production crew travelled to Collingwood, Owen Sound and Meaford, October 21, 22 and filmed nine programs, three in each place. We would like to film in some other buildings as well to emphasize that the Churches of Christ are located in many different places. If you are interested, contact the Strathmore leadership.

**Waterloo:** Heidi Wall recently left for a 3-month stay in New Guinea to assist Ruth Zimmerman and Velma Forman. Ruth is a missionary in Lae, sponsored by the Beamsville church of Christ, who works with a preschool and children's ministry, and Velma Forman is a nurse. The congregation hosts a meal for their university, college and career group each Wednesday evening. Volunteers feed about 50 young people each week.

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

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** Raymond and Merle Fillion were due to return home from the mission school in Haiti at the end of October. A report of what they found, and were able to accomplish during their almost two month stay, will be in the December issue. Sixteen ladies and 10 children were present for the first ladies' morning class in September, several of whom were not Christians. A topical workbook called "Never Say Never! The Peter Principle", by Catherine G. Swift is being studied. With headings like "God Forbid-this should NEVER happen!" (on Peter's avowal, and our own self-confidence) and "My children will NEVER do that!", the class is proving of value to all ages and in all walks of life.

**Burnaby:** Twins Tim and Tyler Johnson were parted the last week of September when Tyler was sent to Uganda with a company to drill wells of water. Erol and Debra Dogan made a trip to Spokane, WA., in October to meet with their Israeli friend, Aziz, and his bride, at the home of her parents to learn more about the situation in Palestine and Israel. They are actively concerned because of their current plans to spend a year in Bethlehem working with the church there and in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. From Dieter & Donafaye Oltersdorf, who visited the Burnaby congregation a year ago, comes word that they worshipped with the saints in Ottawa on two Sundays. The occasion for their being in Canada's capitol was to attend the dedication by the Ottawa Civic Hospital of a quiet room in the new ER wing in honour of

Donafaye's sister, Joyce, a nurse who was murdered 10 years ago. She had worked in the ER department for many years. Two other of the hospital's nurses were also honoured. Two young people, Julia Ruch and Josh Hyslop made preparations for cold weather by collecting blankets to distribute to homeless people in Vancouver and Abbotsford.

**City Church (E. Vancouver):** Stephen Hasbrouck, Jr., has upgraded his web blog to "Blogger Beta", which, he says, is supposed to be great. He has added links that will be more useful to science oriented students, as well as some new links to those interested in theology and Christian philosophy. "All of the greatest themes and ideas in the world come from the Bible, and it is remarkable that people do not see just how much of a 'World Book' it really is. It is like the encyclopaedia of the soul, as well as the library of God," Stephen notes.

**Delta:** Ron Bailey and Gary and Barb Zorn from Calgary visited the Rogers and the school in Donetsk, Ukraine, in early October. The Delta church sent a special collection for Ron to take with him to use while he is there in whatever benevolent work he learned was most in need of it.

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He reported reasons for his choice to the congregation upon his return.

**Salmon Arm:** Montreal's Michael Mazzalongo addressed the topic of "Our Face in the Mirror: What Our Church Should Look Like" during Salmon Arms annual Lectureship in mid October. Just as people who look in the mirror forget what they look like when they walk away from it, churches can do the same thing. Are we really the church that Christ said

He bought with his blood on Calvary? How far away from that original image have we come? Michael discussed the original in order for those present to check out their own congregations. The meeting opened Friday evening with a discourse on the topic of "Regular Worship: Confidence to Draw Near to God". At an 8 a.m. men's breakfast on Saturday, Michael talked about "Goose Wisdom", and there was a luncheon for ladies at noon. An evening lecture was titled "Fishing Lessons". Sunday morning's meeting opened with a sermon on "Praise: A mark of God's People", followed by a class session when Michael looked at "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Christians". DVD's on "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Deacons" and "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Elders and Preachers" were offered for later use. A "Sing Fest" preceded the last lecture, which examined "Unlimited Growth: A New Testament Pattern for Church Growth".

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# MISSION NEWS

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**Philippines:** A Philippine Medical and Dental Mission is planned for January 11-13, 2007. Medical volunteers are needed for this effort that will treat thousands of patients in and around Butuan City. BANDS (Body and Soul) is the main US sponsor of this mission under the leadership of Dr. John Bailey of Texas (jcb2of3@sbcglobal.net) This is in partnership with Sunrise Christian college who will let the mission transform the campus into a mercy hospital for three days. Dr. Samuel Cariaga, president of SCC, will lead the local volunteer doctors and nurses. They need medical personnel and medical supplies. International Mission Coordinator PO Box 413, Cebu City, Philippines 6000 <http://www.philippinechurchesofchrist.org/sunrise/facilities.htm>

**Indian Floods:** In spite of the predictions of Hindu astrologists that there would be a light monsoon season last year, all 28 States and 7 Union Territories in India were flooded. This year's monsoons followed

the same pattern, with the Southeastern parts of India where our brethren are most prevalent, especially hard hit. Hundreds of Christians in East and West Gadawari, Krishna and Guntar have had the huts they call home swept away, along with all of their worldly possessions. The disaster is as devastating as last year's Tsunami, according to a report from Ron Clayton, who returned to India in September. As help for some who lost all by the tidal wave have not even been met as yet, he is appealing to individuals and churches to meet this new need for funds. Cheques may be sent to India Missions Church of Christ, PO Box 1448, Hamilton, AL. 35570 USA.

**Indian Seminar for Women:** Karen Clayton, who sponsored a successful Seminar to teach the wives of preachers and elders how to become more useful in helping their husbands in their jobs and the church a year ago, has planned another for mid-November. She hopes to have a second in January in an entirely different location in the state, and eventually several throughout various parts of India. This is the "Wives of Spiritual Leaders" seminar for the wives of preachers, elders and deacons. Her goal is to encourage the women to realize their place in maturing the church. She wants to help them understand that without them, no man could qualify as an elder or

deacon—and without elders and deacons, the local church could not mature properly. As it is impossible to have all the women of any given congregation attend at one time, she started by inviting only the wives of those who are preachers, elders or deacons, but encourages them to go back to their congregations and teach the ladies what they have learned.

**Papua New Guinea:** Since Joe and Rosa Belle Cannon arrived in P.N.G. in 1971, the church of Christ has reached out to the community by offering health care to those in need. Initially, Rosa Belle opened a "back door" clinic at their home and served hundreds of people needing first aid and basic medications. By 1979 many other believers were involved in serving the sick, and a small aid post was built behind the church building nearby. During this same period the Coles had settled in the Waria Valley and Ruth provided nursing care for this isolated district in Oro Province for the 11 years they were there. From 1979 to 1991 Janet Cope and others served through the One Mile Clinic, continuing the work Rosa Belle had started by providing first aid, treating skin diseases, malaria and assisting the ill in accessing local health services. The early nineties saw a change in government regulations and urban aid posts had to be supervised by registered nurses. In the meantime Janet had relocated to Canada,

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and the clinic was closed. The Papua New Guineans sent out a plea for help. Could someone come to their assistance? Although Velma Forman, from Chilliwack, B. C., thought she was heading to Zambia after her studies were completed at Mission 1000 in Memphis, TN., in 1992, the Lord had other plans. Director Joe Cannon encouraged her to answer the plea from Papua New Guinea, where she was warmly welcomed to Lae in May 1993. She (along with the P.N.G. believers) has served since then at One Mile Clinic, reaching out to the urban poor in Lae and isolated villagers in many areas of Papua New Guinea. Frequently these places are reached only by plane and long hikes over mountains and rough terrain. "We desire to serve the whole person, providing preventative and curative primary health care so that individuals can enjoy spiritual, physical, mental and emotional health while here and rejoice in eternity with Jesus! Please come with us as we visit some of our patients, brothers, sisters and friends," is Velma's invitation to view the new website found at [www.onemileclinic.org](http://www.onemileclinic.org).

**Japan (Sendai):** \*Jon, Michiko and Hijiri Straker arrived in Ontario on October 17 and planned to stay until November 5. He planned to preach and give a report on Sunday, October 29, in Bramalea, and have a Sendai presentation for the GLBC lectureship. \*Debi Hobelman and Erica Towell are studying with 12 LST readers from the summer. Debi and Erica have now celebrated their 3-month anniversary since coming to Sendai. In her report, Debi says they feel blessed by the times of worship with the congregation; their constant contact with non-Christians in the church and other places; their growing ability to express themselves in Japanese; their growth as teammates; and the opportunities they have to share their faith. \*Dwight and Josephine Albright, former missionaries to Japan, recently visited Japan to encourage the Christians there. \*Hachinohe's Annual Weekend Bible Study. Paul Mawatari, Debi Hobelman, Erica Towell and Ben Berry participated in this event. Eight church members, three LST readers, and one other church member from Moriko also attended the study, which was followed by an English barbeque.

\*Youth Activity. This monthly activity took place in Tomobe in September, with the theme: "Your Word is a Lamp for My Feet."

\*Focus of worship in September was 2 Corinthians 1-7. Osamu Suzuki, new Christian, participated in leading this study.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Rumiko Suzuki, who has moved back home with her non-Christian parents, and would appreciate prayers.
- Yujin Nakano, new Christian in Tokyo.
- LST readers as they continue to study the Bible.
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## New Congregation in Edmonton, AB

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The Edmonton church of Christ reached capacity in its north-side building several years ago. Rather than becoming larger, which would necessitate a new building at some other location, the church decided that the Kingdom would be better served by planning a second congregation in another area of the city. Tim Johnson, after 28 years of planting and nurturing the church in Moncton NB, was invited to move to Edmonton to spearhead the new project. About 50 Christians and their families volunteered to become a team that would prepare to form the new congregation. The elders have provided

wise direction and guidance, and the entire church made many sacrifices to accomplish their goal of establishing the new church. Preparations and training took place over the period of a year.

After some extensive advertising, the South Edmonton church of Christ had it's first Sunday meeting on September 10 with 62 people present. Of these, 16 were adult guests from the community. Sunday activities are held in Southwood Community Centre, a 150-seat rented facility. (See accompanying picture) Bible classes are held in various areas of the building for the first hour beginning at 10 am. A full assembly for worship takes place at 11 am. The new congregation also meets in several private homes on Wednesday evenings using a CARE group format: worship, in-depth Bible study and fellowship. At this time there are two CARE groups, with a third planned as things continue to grow.

It is the hope of both Edmonton congregations that the new work will be an encouragement to our Canadian brotherhood all across the country, and that God will receive glory. We are depending on His blessings and wisdom for success in our work, therefore, we beg you for your prayers.

Tim Johnson

*Max's Musings... continued from page 5*

are coming to us. Even those who may desire to help us may give poor advice which is based on falsehood. Such is the case of those who came to comfort Job during his trials and appear to have only made the burden heavier. God's reaction to them is strong. "After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, 'I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has'" (Job 42:7).

Some of the "lies" that are told for example may be, **1.** "If we really love God and are faithful in service to him then only good things will come our way." Not so! One only has to read Hebrews 11 to see that some of God's greatest servants have suffered big time because of their faith. **2.** "We are in control of whatever happens to us." While it is true that we have some control, it is also true that everyone faces difficulties that are not of their making and, therefore, they cannot control. These are only two of many lies told by well meaning but misinformed comforters.

Lies create unrealistic expectations that shake the faith of some believers and cause them to turn from serving God. In fact, we need to remember that all of us will from time to time face "one of THOSE days" but God will give us strength to overcome and persevere. Believe God. His promises are dependable.

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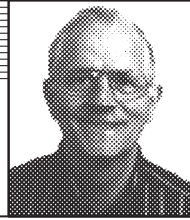
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## **Why Does God Allow Suffering** by Dr. Brad Burke, Victor, 157 pages, \$10.99 (Cdn)

This is one of an outstanding series "An M.D. Examines". We hope to review all of them.

Dr. Brian C. Stiller, President of Tyndale University College and Seminary gives this book his highest recommendation. He says, "It is a life-giving word that works its transformation beyond the healing of a broken bone or deteriorating organ. Mind, body and soul receive healing medicine from the hands of Brad Burke. He offers good remedies for searching souls."

The issues discussed in this book are of the greatest importance. John Stott wrote, "The fact of suffering undoubtedly constitutes the single greatest challenge to the Christian faith."

The author writes "The story of Job alone completely annihilates the popular-life theology." Some Word-Faith teachers actually teach that God is the biggest failure in the Bible! The apostles and other Christians had to endure great suffering because of their

faith. Passages like 2 Corinthians 6:4-6,9-10 and 1 Peter 4:12-14 completely refute this false teaching.

Best-selling author and painter Joni Eareckson Tada said to Larry King, "I think suffering is God's way of sometimes waking us up out of our spiritual slumber with an ice-cold splash in the face and getting us seriously to consider his claims, who He is and where we're going."

The wrong answers to this great problem are given serious consideration. Consider this significant quote: "If you believe that the only reason God allows us to suffer is to work some immediate good out of the adversity, then your life will remain an endless cycle of unanswerable questions."

We conclude with this quote "God supplies all our needs, not necessarily our wants. ...But God has great expectations. He created us to manifest his glory by asking that we give back to him in a self-sacrificing manner what he originally gave to us: our talents, desires, our entire life so that we would give to him in

return the praise that is so rightfully due his blessed name."

## **Preaching Parables To Postmoderns by** **Brian C. Stiller, Fortress Press,** **200 pages, \$22.99 Cdn**

This is the very best book on the Parables of Jesus that this reviewer has ever seen. It received the Word Guild 2006 writing award for Best Biblical Studies Book.

Timothy George, Beeson Divinity School, Stamford University, Executive Editor, Christianity Today, writes, "Here is a book on the New Testament parables that is both faithful to the biblical texture of these ancient stories and sensitive to the world in which they must be proclaimed today. A timely gift for preachers and evangelical storytellers everywhere."

This is not only the best book I have ever seen on the parables; it is the best book I have seen lately on any subject. To top it all off the author is a Canadian and is President of Tyndale University College and Seminary in Toronto. (I took a number of classes there several years ago and was involved in some lively discussions)

This book will prove very helpful to those preaching and teaching on the parables. In fact, it could spark a revival of preaching on these most instructive scriptures.

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**Windsor:** On Wednesday evenings the congregation is looking at a DVD series, "Searching the Truth," put out by World Video Bible School, as an aid in sharing the good news with their neighbours. On October 29, David Fleer of Rochester College presented the morning lesson and led the adult Bible class. The congregation's annual clothing giveaway is planned for December 1 and 2. A 2-day men's retreat is planned for the spring. A couples' day is also being planned for a Saturday in March.

### QUEBEC

**Verdun:** This summer 17 people were added to the Verdun church—three by baptism: Olive Halsey and Monika and Céline Kalenda. Most are people arriving from countries around the world - Congo, Honduras, Brazil, Argentina, etc. The oldest person (age 84) to ever respond to the gospel in Mike Mazzalongo's ministry was baptized. The congregation continues to reach out using media through the website and online Bible studies. The group in China via Skype is asking to be taught. Prayers were answered concerning funds for the expansion of the church's building. Mature Christians willing to move to Verdun, work with the church and help plant other congregations, are invited. A men's retreat was held from June 2-3—the first men's retreat organized by the church in a decade. Several non Christians attended.

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# OBITUARIES

## Gardner, Sally Jo

Sally Jo Gardner was born to Ernest Claude and Beulah Atkinson on November 16, 1935 in San Antonio, TX. She departed this life for eternity with Christ on October 5, 2006.

Sally grew up in Pleasanton, TX, where she graduated from High School with honors and was a member of the Band and the Honor Society. She attended College at Abilene Christian College where she met the man soon to become the love of her life, Jerry Gardner. To her, he was larger than life. To him, she was the cutest and most vivacious girl he had ever met. To them, they were meant to be together for life. They married on September 5, 1954 and enjoyed 52 amazing and adventurous years together—an adventure that would take them to two countries, four states and twenty-three communities.

In the early years, Sally worked outside the home to help make ends meet; and she always worked inside the home from the moment she awoke until she laid her head down at night in order to provide a rich life for her family. She cooked, cleaned, taught her children about God, educated them about the world, sewed the family's clothes, cut their hair including her own, kissed their bruises, challenged their weaknesses, loved her husband, made every holiday, birthday and anniversary a memorable and fun event with little or no financial resources.

In 1966, when Jerry began full time preaching ministry, Sally became a full partner in the ministry. She opened her heart and home to serve whomever needed serving, no strings attached. She took care of the elderly and sick, the homeless and hurting, vagabonds and vagrants, alcoholics and abused people. She taught children's Bible classes, Ladies' Bible classes, Ladies' retreats and personal Bible studies, bringing people to Jesus.

An English Major in College, she was uniquely aware of the value of using proper grammar when speaking publicly. She continually helped Jerry sharpen and hone his grammatical skills so his communication of the Word of God could be most effective.

Sally had a huge heart for children and took literally dozens of children who needed a mother's love into her heart and home in order to fulfill their needs. She was severely dyslexic, but had learned to overcome it at a young age. She put her skills in overcoming this handicap to work by devoting hundreds of hours to helping children overcome their problem of dyslexia. She was an avid reader and instilled the love for reading into her children at an early age by reading many classic literary works aloud to them. She did

the same for each of her grandchildren. She had an amazing ability to read aloud in such a way the stories would come alive from the pages of the book.

Sally was also a poet, a Master Gardener, a stained glass artisan and for a time, a hospital chaplain. She also has always loved animals. Her pets have included a lizard, a pair of Jack Rabbits, a sheep named Lamb Chops, a pair of geese, a donkey, a burro, a raccoon, an assortment of birds and fish, as well as a long line of dogs and cats. In fact, people have commented that if there was such a thing as reincarnation, they would like to come back as one of Sally's dogs. They were just that special.

Life was never especially easy for Sally. She was born with deformed and crippled feet. She was sickly as a child. She had a headache nearly every day of her life. She suffered terribly from arthritis. In recent years she dislocated her shoulder. She also endured other health inconveniences along the way. And then discovered she had cancer. Through the chemo and radiation and all the side effects, she still never complained. If you asked her how she was, "Oh, I am fine." And she said it with a smile so that you believed her. No matter what happened to her in this life, she bore up under it with grace and poise.

It is difficult to say where Sally's home was. She and Jerry moved often, searching for small churches in need, building them up,

then moving to another. In spite of a woman's natural need to nest, Sally always cheerfully pulled up roots to follow Jerry and God's leading in their ministry. Her earthly home was wherever Jerry was, but what she really looked forward to was her heavenly home, to which she has now gone, never to have to move or build or remodel again.

Sally was preceded in death by her father and mother, Ernest Claude and Beulah Atkinson, and two sisters, Bobbi Jean Pirtle and Evelyn Oates. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Gardner; one brother, Ernest Ted Atkinson of California; two children, Laurie Bailey and her husband Stuart of Tishomingo, OK, and Jeff Gardner and his wife Susie of Newalla, OK; five grandchildren, Joshua Bailey and his wife Doreen of Michigan, Amanda Baldrige and her husband Tyson of Tishomingo, OK, Matthew Gardner and his wife Jennifer of Mississippi, Charles Bokis IV and his wife Claudia of Moore, OK, Christopher Bokis and his wife Jessica of North Carolina; five great grandchildren, William Martin and Grace Gardner of Mississippi, Melissa Bailey of Michigan, Tabitha Baldrige of Tishomingo, OK, and Cameron Bokis of North Carolina; two dogs, Keri-Lynn and Sadie-Bell; three cats, Simon, Dusty and Jenks; as well as an enormous spiritual family and host of friends.

She has been a blessing to us all and we look forward to our grand reunion in heaven.

Jeff Gardner

## Grant, Ruth Marion

Ruth Marion Grant, 81, of Bark River, MI, died Friday, August 11, 2006, at the Christian Park Health Care Center in Escanaba, MI.

She was born on October 9, 1924, in Grimsby, ON, and was the daughter of Thomas Alexander and Pauline Emily (Cox) Fisher. On September 6, 1943, she married Leslie William Grant, in Hamilton, ON.

In January of 1946, Ruth and Les relocated to Abilene, Texas, so Les could attend school to become a preacher. He has faithfully served in that role for 60 years. Ruth's spiritual strength was also seen in preparing her son, David, to become a preacher in the Lord's Church.

She was very involved in the development of the television program "Let the Bible Speak." Thirty years ago, she began traveling with her husband to raise funds for the television production. Many times Ruth drove Les to the taping of the show when he was not strong enough to make the trip on his own. Her support and encouragement of the ministry never wavered.

Ruth also had an interest in ceramics and from 1974 to 1976 she owned and operated "Ruth's Plastercraft" in Escanaba.

She was very proud of her family and especially enjoyed spending time with her

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Ruth is survived by: husband, Leslie; daughter, Cindy (David) Albaugh, Bark River, MI, sons, David (Bonnie) Grant, Hark River, MI, Tom Grant, Escanaba; MI, grandchildren, Grant (Becky) Albaugh, Tiffany (Jesse) Huff, Erik (Tiffany) Albaugh, Travis (Brittany) Albaugh, Lesley (Luke) Wert, Sarah (Eric) Minthom, Ashley Grant; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Ruth Marion Grant was held on August 15, with her son David Grant officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages gifts be made to support the television ministry, "Let the Bible Speak." Donations may be sent to PO Box 751, Escanaba, MI, USA, 49829.

David Grant

### Lampman, Gertrude Mae

Gertrude Mae Lampman passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on September 28, 2006. She was in her 97th year. Gertrude was born in Gainsborough Township on October 31, 1909 to Efferson and Faith Lambert. She graduated as a registered nurse in 1931 and was employed at the old Welland Hospital and later at Sunset Haven. She retired in 1974. She lived in Fenwick until she and her husband, Gerald, moved to Portal Village in Port Colborne 3 years ago.

She was the beloved wife of Gerald Lampman and the late Merrill Rinker (1975). Loving mother of Les Rinker of Sault Ste. Marie, Evelyn Wilson of London, An Bartlett of Welland and Don Rinker (Bonnie) of Welland. Dear mother-in-law of Jinny Rinker of North Pelham and stepmother of David and Helen Lampman also of North Pelham. She was also loved by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Survived by her sister Beulah Sims of Priddis, AB, Lloyd McPherson (Mildred) of Dunnville, and predeceased by brothers Clifford, Jack, Bill and sister Jean. Dear sister-in-law of Jean McPherson of Fenwick and Colin Graham of St. Catharines. Survived by several nieces, nephews and their families. Predeceased by her grandsons Merrill Lowe (1977), David Rinker (2003), and sons-in-law John Wilson (2002) and Larry Bartlett (2006).

The funeral service was conducted on October 2. Don Hipwell officiated and Chris Moore led those attending in singing three of Gertrude's favourite hymns. Great-grandson, Justin Bartlett, paid tribute to Gertrude by reading some of his memories of years past and commenting on the impact she had on

his life. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Ridgeville.

Gertrude was a faithful member of the Church of Christ meeting at Fenwick. She was dedicated to her family and to the church family. Her home was always open for guests. She especially liked children and taught Sunday school for several years. She helped send children to Camp Omagh and assisted young families in various ways. She attended ladies' classes and enjoyed quilting. When age and health prevented her from attending worship regularly, she still wanted to know how everyone was and what was happening within the church family. She read every bulletin and asked for news of everyone who visited. She was a dear sister who was greatly concerned about other people. Her children could not recall her ever speaking badly about another person.

Gertrude was ready to go home. Following a stroke, she often questioned why she was still here. She loved her Lord and she looked forward to being with Him. She was a wonderful influence on many in the community and within the church. She will be missed by those whose lives she touched in Fenwick.

Don Hipwell

### Mothersell, Amelia (Amy) Lauretta

After a sweet smile to those attending her Amy Mothersell (nee Legate) bowed her head and passed away peacefully at Summit Place in Owen Sound, ON on October 12, 2006. She was in her 96th year. Amy was born in Bentinck Township in Ontario on February 17, 1911. She was the middle child in a family of seven.

Many years ago, in faith obedience, Amy was baptized into Christ by the late John

Whitfield in Meaford, ON. Throughout her life she maintained strong Christian values and principles. She was an active member of the Owen Sound Church of Christ for many years. However, due to poor health, she was unable to attend worship services in the latter years of her life. Amy loved to have the scriptures read to her and thoroughly enjoyed reading her Gospel Herald each month.

Amy was never concerned about dying. When her daughter expressed concern about her possibly dying in her apartment alone she stated, "Whether I die in my apartment alone or in a room full of twenty people I still die alone for nobody else is going with me."

For twenty years Amy visited and cared for residents from three different nursing homes and she was most disturbed to hear that some of them would not any family come to visit them.

Having a great sense of humour, Amy brought much joy to a lot of people. She will be sadly missed by many and especially her church family here.

Amy was predeceased by her husband Ira "Bud" Mothersell; and is survived by her son Mervyn and his wife Jan of Kitchener; daughter Julia "Birtie" (Mrs. William Core) of Sarnia; by granddaughters Shannon and her husband Bill Baarschers and Tracy and her husband Yvon Perron; and by her great grandchildren Leith Perron, Alana and Dustin Baarschers. Amy was also predeceased by her three brothers George, William and Howard and by her three sisters Florence, Pearl and Fernetta.

This writer conducted the funeral service on October 16, 2006.

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**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  
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**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)

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**DAUPHIN:** 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address: Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 2T9; Sun. worship 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; (204) 638-6321 (off), Fax: 638-0872; Randy Foss, ev., email: wwyes@hotmail.com

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

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

**BARRIE:** 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Shawn Redding, ev. (705) 792-5024 Home; (705) 718-6876 Cell. sdredding89@rogers.com

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

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

**BRANTFORD:** 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Roy Cox, 519-449-3239 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: 702 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.

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**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, Tolpudde 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: davidrlock@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: dhdund@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 Amanatay, 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.verdunchurchofchrist.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 757-5727; Please call for times

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

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

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

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

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