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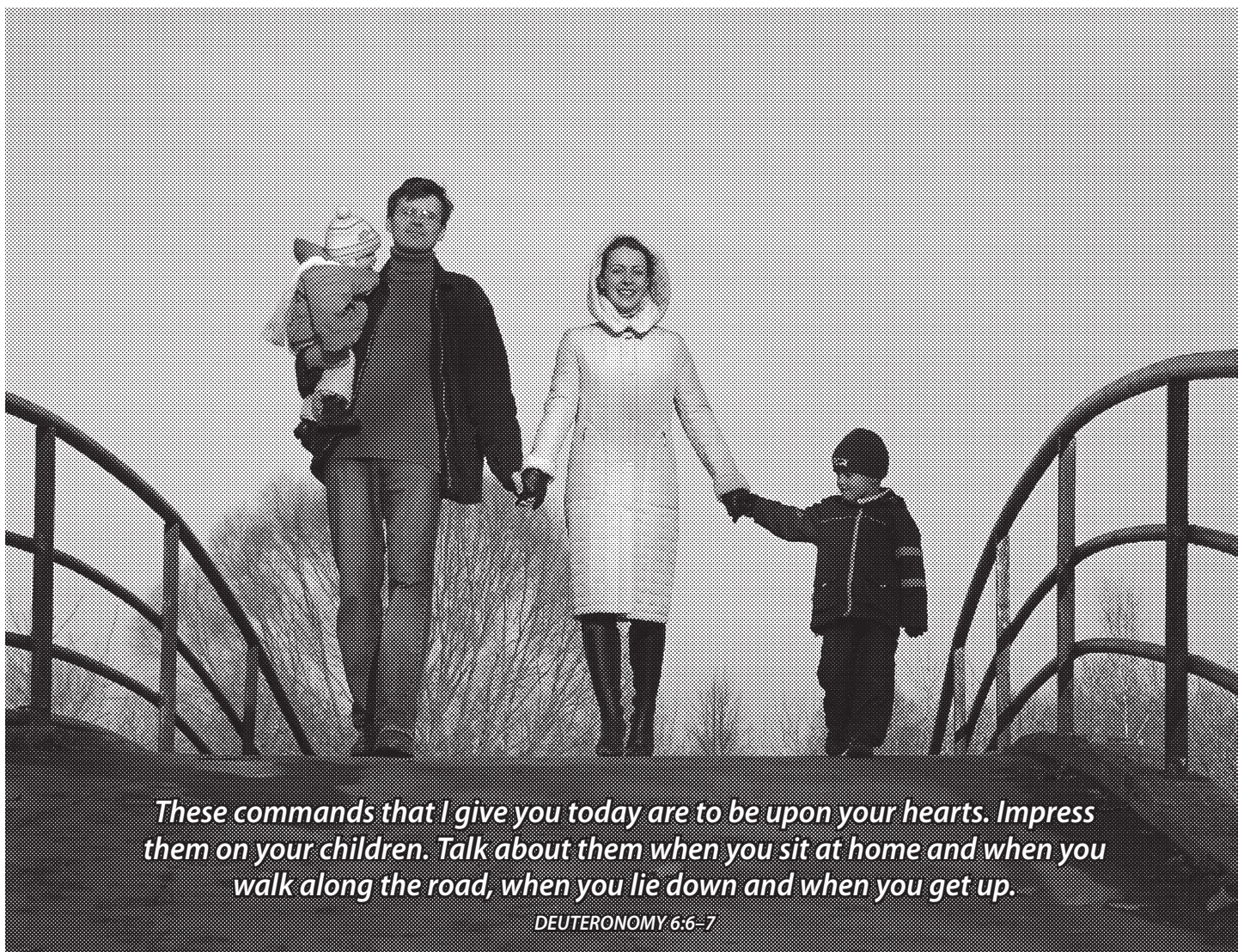
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*These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

"Whose idea is the church? Is its origin human or divine? Our answers determine how we live and how we practice Christianity." Thus begins an article on page 7, written by Edwin Broadus entitled, "Don't Sell the Church Short". His thoughts and conclusions are worthy of your reading.

# Definitive(!)—Descriptive(?)

Geoffrey Ellis

A defining moment for contemporary churches of Christ in North America—by “contemporary” I refer to the period of the last two centuries—occurred in 1857-1860. It issued forth from the small community of Brighton in Canada West (now Ontario).

In the midst of the ecclesiastical organizational experimentation then prevalent, David Oliphant Jr, editor, gained a glimpse of the all-sufficiency of the local congregation for accomplishing God’s mandated work. His influence became continental.

Oliphant began editing periodicals for these churches in British Canada as a 24 year-old in 1845 with *The Witness of Truth*. He followed in 1851 and for one year with *The Christian Mirror*, then the third, *The Christian Banner*, 1852-1858, and next with *The Banner of the Faith*, 1859-1863.

Oliphant was aware of the effort, begun in 1843 in Norval, Esquesing Township, to maintain a “co-operation” of the churches to send evangelists into the field. Generally in favour of this arrangement, he served for a time as its secretary and periodically as one of its evangelists.

He was also aware of the establishment in Cincinnati in 1849 of the American Christian Missionary

Society, an organization through which Christians could pursue foreign missions. This was an independent society, in our parlance, a parachurch organization. Oliphant studied this arrangement, and remained uneasily silent for some six or seven years. Finally, in 1857 he began to challenge the scheme in the pages *The Christian Banner*.

In the early months of 1857 he directed four statements to Charles L. Loos, corresponding secretary of the *American Christian Review*, a paper

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## ***What God has called the church to accomplish, he has made provisions for its achievement***

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that had begun in 1856 in Cincinnati. He concluded that the ACMS was not “in accord with the heavenly pattern.” Rather, the arrangement was linked with such non-Biblical terminology as “missionary, society, convention, delegates, board of managers, managing committee, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, domestic and foreign missions.” Loos made no reply.

Oliphant then directed his views to Benjamin Franklin, the editor of the ACR. Franklin agreed to an arrangement in which the writings of both would appear in their respective journals. In fact, Franklin addressed Oliphant’s arguments briefly in only four entries. Oliphant, on his part wrote incessantly on the subject—with eighteen articles from Nov. 1857 through Dec. 1859. A number of these articles found their way into the *Review*. Earl West in his acclaimed *Search for the Ancient Order* (Vol. 1) writes: “In the years 1858-59 Franklin conducted a discussion in the columns of the *American Christian Review* with D. Oliphant of Brighton, C.W. Oliphant edited a paper called *The Christian Banner*. In the years to come Franklin adopted many of the arguments of Oliphant and used them against the Society...” (197).

Franklin, one of the leading influences of the Restoration movement of his time, was an advocate for the ACMS in its early years. In the early 1860s, however, he began to change his views until he became a champion in favour of congregationally-centered mission work and an opponent of the society system. This stance came to define the conservative Disciples who were to be known as members of Churches of Christ in the 20th century. Oliphant in his time was certainly not the only one to promote the self-sufficiency of the local church. Yet his unrelenting attack on Franklin’s earlier view no doubt exerted a significant influence in Franklin’s change of heart. This was a defining moment for the movement.

In the Nov.-Dec. 1860 issue of *The Banner of the Faith*, Oliphant published a copy of his “Letter to brethren in Eramosa,” i.e. to Anderson, Kilgour, Royce, leading proponents of the Ontario “co-operation” in which he affirmed that he was not against “co-operative labor” but was for the “law of co-operative action.” He urged that the “precepts and examples in the ‘Sacred creed’” be honoured, while reiterating his opposition to “delegates, conventions, votes, resolutions, by-laws, boards, committees, salaries, memberships bought and sold, missions, missionaries,” etc. In the same issue he published a “General Epistle to Churches” from three leaders of the church in Athol,

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# The Path Beaten Hard

Carolyn McMillan and Shelley Jacobs

(Editor's note: We are happy to welcome the planned articles from Carolyn McMillan and Shelley Jacobs highlighting contributions of "western Canadian pioneers in the faith." Their articles will appear bi-monthly in the year ahead.)

**A**s this is the first article for our regular bi-monthly column in the Gospel Herald, we thought that we would begin by introducing ourselves and outlining the topics that we intend to cover in the upcoming year.

The title of the column, *The Path Beaten Hard*, is borrowed from Jerry Rushford. He describes the Christian journey as one that follows the path beaten hard by men and women of faith who have walked the path before us. We hope that our articles will be a tribute to the western Canadian pioneers in the faith, many of whom blazed trails for us to follow.

My name is Carolyn McMillan. I teach English, History and Communication at Western Christian College. From the time I was a little girl, I have loved to hear older people tell stories from the past. Since coming to Canada in 1968, I have been intrigued with the stories of the Church of Christ in Western Canada and have had the blessing of knowing many of the pioneers who laboured tirelessly to spread the gospel so that people I love could become Christians. In 2001, I took a class in Restoration History from Harding Graduate School taught by Dr. Keith Huey. Throughout the class, which mostly concerned the United States, I wondered how American Restoration History had impacted the church here in Western Canada. Consequently, I wrote a paper about that at the end of the class. My main

source of research was the Gospel Herald, and over a few weeks, I read the issues published in the first ten years (1936-46). What an inspiring activity this reading was! As I read, I kept thinking that our young people needed to hear this inspiring history! Indeed, all of us can be inspired by the work of the pioneer preachers and the work of the new Christians who

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***"Take from the altars  
of the past the fire, not the  
ashes."*** – Jean Jaures

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tried to make a difference in their communities. Their optimism, simple and sincere faith, openness to new ideas and desire to spread the good news needs to be kept alive in our churches today. It is my desire that through sharing some of the stories

that Shelley and I have collected, we can help to keep this spirit alive. In my opinion, we all need a healthy dose of pride in our heritage, so sit back, enjoy and pass these stories along to young people that you know!

My name is Shelley Jacobs. I am the Library Director at Western Christian College in Regina, Saskatchewan. My connections with Churches of Christ span back to the "early days" of Churches of Christ on the prairies. My father's parents, Lewis and Ollie Jacobs, were baptized by J.C. Bailey in 1927 at the first gospel meeting that he held in Saskatchewan, at London schoolhouse near Minton. My mother's parents, Bob and Nellie Tetreau, were baptized by Charles Petch at Horse Creek, Saskatchewan, in 1931. My parents, Floyd and Marion Jacobs, followed in their parents' footsteps and I, in turn, have followed theirs. I have been blessed with a rich heritage in Churches of Christ.

My earliest years were spent on a farm in Manitoba and our family worshiped at Manson, a small, rural congregation established by H.A. Rogers. The men of the congregation took turns preaching and conducting the service. That congregation had a wonderful family environment, and only as an adult did I discover that people who I had called "Aunt" and "Uncle" weren't really my aunts and uncles! When I look back upon that time in my life, I am thankful that I had exposure to the way things were "in the earlier days." It helps me understand the origins of our heritage.

Our family moved to Weyburn, Saskatchewan, in 1967 when my parents decided to leave the farm to work at Western Christian College (WCC). They wanted

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## Which Story?

Wayne Turner



How many times has a little child climbed onto an adult's lap with the words, "Tell me a story"? People of every age love stories. How else could you explain the careers of great storytellers like Mark Twain, Garrison Keillor, or even Canada's beloved Charlie Farquharson (Don Harron)? Stories have the power to reach our hearts or funny bones by connecting us with the experiences of others. That's why God uses the stories in the Bible and Jesus spoke in parables to teach us. And, this is why the Gospel, the story of Jesus, is the ultimate way God has told of His love for us.

Culturally, we are living in what has been called the postmodern age. Without getting into lengthy details, essentially, this means that there has been a change in how people come to know things—how they think and communicate. In part, it means they have moved from a rational, factual approach to knowledge and truth, to something more subjective and experiential. They have come to reject the "metanarratives" (the big story) which explain things in terms of universal truth in favor of "micronarratives" (small stories) which are based on individual and personal experience. For many postmoderns, the Bible is a metanarrative which is therefore to be questioned and discarded. Truth is relative. For some time, we have heard expressions like, "that may be true for you, but it isn't true for me."

Many Christians, aware of the term postmodern, have found these ideas confusing and distasteful. For them, truth is simple and evident. It comes from the clear teaching of scripture. They accept it as universal (applies to everyone, equally) and eternal. However, without realizing it, many of us may have been subtly influenced to accept a more postmodern mindset. For example, how many church members spend time really studying their Bible? How many express their beliefs more in terms of what they think or how they feel rather than what scripture says? Is truth personal (postmodern) or objective and factual? Certainly, all truth must become personal. But ultimate truth comes from scripture.

In an article for Christianity Today, *Losing the Center*, John Koessler tells how postmodernism has encroached on preaching. He says, "In postmodern preaching, the center of gravity has shifted away from the text to the preacher's own experience and that of the audience." What he is saying is that expository preaching originates from, and explains, the Bible using stories and illustrations to help the hearer understand the meaning of the text. In postmodern preaching, a personal story or anecdote forms the core of the message with scripture only being used to support the story. "Biblical texts are strung throughout the sermon like the glittering bulbs on a Christmas tree, giving the impression that Scripture is prominently featured in the message." However, the postmodern sermon is more about the personal "truth" and connection that come from the story or anecdote than it is about scripture. By its very nature as story, postmodern preaching is very appealing and entertaining, if not even compelling. It may impart (or illustrate) some "truth." However, because the center of the message comes from the view and experience of the individual, it is only a "small story" which is neither universally true nor has the perspective

and authority of God's word. Postmodernism preaches a "different gospel" which is not the story of Christ.

Paul said, "... we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord." (2 Corinthians 4:5). He warned the Galatians not to accept any other or different story, from anyone, than the gospel that had been preached to them (1:8). He rejected anything that tampered with God's word, and sought only to set forth the truth plainly (2 Corinthians 4:2). Christ sent him to "preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power." (1 Corinthians 1:17) For Paul, preaching was always about telling the "big story." Nothing could be allowed to take away from it in any way. Even when he had the opportunity to tell his own story, he used it to tell the story of Jesus. The gospel of Jesus was his story, as it is also ours. As in the great song Blessed Assurance, we say, "This is my story..."

No matter where Paul went, or to whom he spoke, it was always to tell THE story. To Jews in the synagogue, Greeks in the marketplace, pagans outside their temples or Romans in the courts, Paul told the same story. Certainly, the different audiences needed him to adapt his approach, but he always told the same story—the "metanarrative" of Christianity—the story of Jesus. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul reminded his readers of that message (story) he preached to them, which they received and by which they were saved—the gospel.

Paul anticipated times when preaching THE story would not be popular. He told Timothy to "preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." (2 Timothy 4:2-4) People will be drawn more to their own stories and will abandon THE story of Jesus. Doesn't that sound like today?

For us, there is only one story to tell in our preaching. It is a story which moves, compels, convicts. It is the ultimate love story—the greatest, most amazing story ever told. May each of us truly say, "This is my story."

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## The Blur of Life

Linda Hammett

Does your life ever seem like a blur to you? When you are trying to remember something that happened only a few days ago, does it all seem to blend together in a muddled mess in your mind so that you can't remember the event much less when it happened?

We are living in an extremely fast-paced world. The 24-hour days that we have seem to be filled from beginning to end. We complain too often about not having enough hours in the day to do all there is to do.

Do you ever feel like you're running fast and getting nowhere? Do you feel like the hamster who runs his little legs as fast as he can turning that wheel, and all he's doing is going in circles?

Do you wish you were more organized, that your house was in order—your drawers, closets, cupboards? Do you wish you could always lay your hands on that object when you need it without having to hunt and hunt and hunt for it and eventually find it in a place where it shouldn't have been in the first place?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, then it's time for you to slow down! Time is such a precious thing that we take far too much for granted. We put off doing things because we think we have lots of time. We all know of instances where time ran out, and plans to accomplish things fell by the wayside because there was no time left.

Do you ever just get tired of doing and going and working? Does it ever seem that you don't have any time to yourself to rest, relax, contemplate, pray, commune with God? I fear that such is true in far too many of our lives. I don't believe that this is what God intended for us.

We know of several times during His life when Jesus took time from

His teachings and travels to go away by Himself to pray. Often He didn't even sleep but rather spent time in ardent prayer, communing with God. He even prayed so fervently before His crucifixion that He sweat, as it were, drops of blood.

It's interesting how, when our children are babies, we make sure that they have plenty of rest. Newborns sleep most of their days away. What do they have to be tired about? They haven't stood on their feet all day at a cash register or sat at a computer working hard or built a house or driven a truck. When they get to be toddlers, they still need naps, although not quite as much sleep as when they were babies. Of course, as toddlers, they are a little busier and get tired out. What makes us think that, as grown ups who spend a lot of physical and mental energy every day doing the things that need to be done, we don't also need time to rest?

Are we starting our children out on this road of the blurred life as well? I am amazed at how young parents are sending their children off to school nowadays. I had a hard time letting mine go to junior kindergarten when they were four; now, we have children going off to preschool or nursery school when they are only two or three years old! Unlike earlier times, they are actually being taught things at these schools, things that we used to learn in the first and second grades. Are children being deprived of some of their childhood? Who really cares if your child can write his name when he's three years old?

What about sports activities? When we lived in Canada, I was amazed to see little boys who were barely able to walk, donning ice skates and sliding onto the ice to play hockey! When they start that young, they often get so wrapped up in

it that it eventually consumes them as they grow older, and participation in and love of sports becomes the priority in their lives. They often can't play like a child normally would because of practice and games. These activities also can interfere with church activities and attendance from a very early age. Balance is a key in this area of life for the child and for the grown up.

As this year draws to a close, perhaps it would do us all good to just set aside a bit of time to reflect on the past few months and even the past year. Ask yourself if you have accomplished all that you had planned and hoped to do throughout the year. Ask yourself where you can improve on time management and focus as the next year is about to start. We've talked about New Years Resolutions before, and I think we'll all agree that making resolutions at the beginning of the year often doesn't work. It's really something we need to do periodically throughout the year.

Resolutions could be termed goals. We all need to have goals in life. But they need to be attainable, reasonable ones that we can achieve and aren't discouraged about before we even begin. If you need to slow down and focus the blur in your life, perhaps this is the time to do it. The older I get, the faster the time passes. I, for one, don't want to be one of those whose time runs out before I accomplish some of the things in life that I need to do.

Take time to slow down and focus on the purpose and joys of life.

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## #4 Makeover Mania: Generosity

The superficial world we live in suggests that making outward changes to our “look” through stylish clothes, a new hair style, cosmetic surgery or a greater use of make-up can, in the end, make us happy, confident and fulfilled people. Many who have taken this approach to life have not been able to find the happiness, confidence or fulfillment that they had expected. Those who did find happiness, confidence or fulfillment found that it didn’t last very long, which led to even more dramatic changes in their “look” as they sought to renew that good feeling. We find lasting happiness, confidence and fulfillment by getting to the heart of the matter and changing our hearts. Making over our generosity will lead to more happiness and fulfillment than we have the ability to imagine.

We live in a world of plenty! We have so much stuff that we have difficulty storing it all. While past generations needed only a hook on the back of the door to hang their “other suit of clothes” we have huge walk-in closets, but still can’t seem to find room to store all of our clothes. Our houses need to be larger than in the past because we need more room to store all of our things! Many have chosen to rent storage spaces for all that we cannot fit into our homes. We have freezers, refrigerators and pantries full of food and money available so when we don’t find anything we feel like eating at home we go out to eat. I wish that I could report that our abundance has brought us a greater sense of happiness. I wish that I could report that we have a greater sense of fulfillment today because of all that we have earned, but I cannot.

We have forgotten the words of Jesus, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35 NIV) True and lasting happiness will never be found in accumulating things. True and lasting

happiness is found in giving things away. True and lasting happiness is not the result of receiving words of encouragement, appreciation and love from others but in giving words of encouragement, appreciation and love to others.

Generosity is not something we do but is an attitude of the heart that will easily go beyond things and extend literally to every part of our hearts. We have been given much and as a result much is expected of us. “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” (Luke 12:48 NIV)

If the love of Christ lives in us we will respond to the needs of others with generosity. “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:16-18 NIV) Jesus, through His death on the cross, gave us an example of what love is and the Bible says that we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. Few of us will ever find ourselves in a position where we need to lay down our lives for our brothers, yet in the very next verse John puts the command to reach within each of us. If we have possessions (we do) and we see someone in need, we are to help them. If we don’t help the question is, “how can the love of God be in us?” In generosity we follow Jesus, example of love.

Real faith will always move us to act, when we see someone in need, kind words will not suffice. Faith and a generous spirit will move us to act. “What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or

sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:14-17 NIV)

It is truly a sad fact that in our modern world many experience real hunger. I find it so hard to believe that in our modern world people still starve to death. In Canada 1 in 5 children live with hunger; in a modern first world country 20% of its children live through each day wondering where their next meal will come from. We could debate the social causes of this childhood hunger and we could condemn the parents who allow their children to go hungry while they spend their limited funds on alcohol, drugs or gambling. I did that for too many years while not one single child got fed. The above passages are not teaching us to respond only in certain situations. Actually the above teaching is simple. When you see hungry people, children or otherwise, feed them.

Generosity goes beyond helping with physical needs but also extends to every aspect of our lives. I was taught an important lesson this past fall while vacationing in Myrtle Beach. We had just left a show and the parking lot was packed with people with one simple goal, getting out of the parking lot. What I witnessed was an important lesson in generosity. There was no honking, no angry words or people trying to push into the solid line-up of cars making its way to the single exit onto the highway, but each car in one line would let one car in as two lines would merge. This happened time after time as many lines merged into one and the parking lot was cleared in record time. I learned that generosity is not just in sharing our wealth with those who are less fortunate but in letting others in a solid line of traffic.

There is more joy in giving a compliment or word of encouragement than in receiving one. There is more joy in holding a door open for another than in having a door held open for ourselves. Joy is found in generosity. If you are not finding that kind of joy in your life why not look at making over your generosity. The opportunities are endless.

# Don't Sell the Church Short

Edwin Broadus

Whose idea is the church? Is its origin human or divine? Our answers determine how we live and how we practice Christianity. We are not surprised if those who reject the Deity of Christ or the inspiration of scripture see the church as a human development. But when believers view the church this way we doubt they have listened to what Jesus and scripture say about the church.

In his book, *Revolution*, George Barma wrote, "We should keep in mind that what we call 'church' is just one interpretation of how to develop and live a faith-centered life. We made it up." Barma is a generally thoughtful author, but we cannot buy into this pragmatic view, for the church is not something we dreamed up.

Ecclesiology (the doctrine of the church) is unpopular today. It seems remote to personalized forms of spirituality that appeal to people and encourage a "take-it-or-leave-it" attitude toward the church. But church is an important biblical theme, and we need to know how it relates to God's eternal purpose and affects the ordering of our lives, individually and collectively.

Jesus promised to build the church (Matthew 16:18), which speaks volumes about its importance in the mind of God. Paul links the church to God's eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:8-11), and in keeping with his purpose God's wisdom is made known "through the church." The point is not that the church should preach God's wisdom to the world, but that the church, because of what it is, exhibits that wisdom.

This is not because of the merit of those God adds to his church. The church displays God's wisdom because God puts in it those "he chose...before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless" and "predestined...to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will." These have "redemption through his blood, the forgiveness

of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace" (Ephesians 1:4-8).

Thus, the church is not our invention, but God's creation. We do not make it glorious, God does. When we realize what God made His church to be, we understand why the church is magnified as Christ's "body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way" (Ephesians 1:22-23).

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## ***The church is not our invention, but God's creation***

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This is a very high view of the church, but it is the biblical view. Historically, it is the view almost universally subscribed to within our own fellowship. Some things we didn't get right, but we understood the divine origin of the church and what God created it to be. We must not sacrifice this for utilitarian views that reduce the church to a convenient way to do God's business.

Utilitarian views make the church a means to an end, while God has made it an end within itself. "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing of the water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:25-27). The church is not God's means of carrying out his redemptive enterprise. It is his redemptive enterprise, for Christ, who died for the church, will present it to himself as a radiant, holy and blameless church.

Thus we begin with what the church is. Too often, in today's jargon, people talk about "doing church" without understanding what the church actually is. If we don't get this right, no wonder we marginalize the church as a mere option or reinvent it in the image of contemporary culture.

Once we realize that the church is from God and that by God's grace He has called us and incorporated us

into it, we will value the church in our minds and lives and show confidence in what God is able to do in the church as His redemptive enterprise. Some practical conclusions flow from this understanding.

First, since God calls us and incorporates us into His church, involvement is not an option. Many have no church involvement because (they say) this doesn't meet their spiritual needs. They fail to comprehend what the church really is and what God's call demands of us.

Second, God, who gave the church, equips it to fulfill His purpose. Too often we think the church needs outside help. Some, as one writer put it, "turn to the state to enforce the values we can't seem to advance in our own churches." Others turn to parachurch organizations. This is not a blanket condemnation, for they do much good, but we sell the church short if we make them a replacement for it.

Finally, the church will ultimately be what God designs it to be—radiant, holy and blameless. If we focus on the human failures of those in the church, it seems pitiful and weak. But God does not fail, and His church will not fail. God has preserved it for more than two thousand years, and as Jesus promised, "The gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Burlington, ON

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Prince Edward County, G. Trumpour, H.T. Wood, and Geo. Werden. The congregation proposed sending an evangelist into the field with the help of other congregations. It encouraged other churches to do the same. For a time, at least, the idea of congregationally sponsored evangelism began to take hold.

Oliphant had a vital vision of the nature and function of the Lord's church on earth. As God's instrument for achieving his eternal purpose, the church as it was divinely ordered and equipped in the first century bore the marks of God's wisdom. This was a wisdom that accounted for the wonder of the rapid spread of the Gospel throughout the civilized world. Oliphant identified the debilitating effects upon the church resulting from the "orders" of the medieval church and the "societies" of the Protestant denominations. He objected to the church being merely the generator of funds for national associations which took on responsi-

bilities for local evangelism, foreign missions, youth work, women's work, children's Biblical education, etc. He developed the confidence that what God has called the church to accomplish, he has made provisions for its achievement. He saw that spiritual advancement in the church is directly linked to its service in God's work.

Yet, while Churches of Christ can be properly defined by its position on the competence of the congregations of Christ to fulfill his commission, the question remains, "Does this position in fact describe our action?"

As the 19th century closed and the rift between the "progressives" and the "loyalists" hardened, the newly published *Gospel Messenger* edited by H.M. Evans urged evangelists to take the field "dependent upon the people, not on a conference, convention, or board" to be supplied "loyal support for loyal preachers." By August 1895 Samuel Keffer responded to that encouragement. By May of next year, the *Messenger* reported that Keffer was "forced to retire from the field

on account of insufficient support." After 18 months in the field he had probably "not received \$150 in that time." It was one thing to champion a doctrinal position. It was another to practice it.

In our time, para-church organizations are again flourishing. "Ministries" incorporated by individuals are common. The view is spreading that the central role of the church is chiefly to "assemble," and that its influence upon the lost is to be achieved in the main through its "seeker sensitive" services. Appeals are growing for the church to fund a variety of "good works" that are linked with Christianity but are not central to the church's mandate. It is appropriate, once again, to reflect on Oliphant's vision of the "all-sufficiency" of the local church for reaching the entire world with the good news of redemption in Christ Jesus.

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their children to have a Christian education and made the necessary sacrifices in order to make it available to us. I lived on the Weyburn campus from 1967–1984, with the exception of a few short absences. During those years the school was the hub around which the churches in western Canada rotated. Many of the students who attended WCC were children of the first and second generation members of Churches of Christ on the prairies.

At the time, I didn't appreciate the value of those connections, but in recent years, I have come to appreciate them in new ways, and I recognize the richness of those ties with others and our past. In 2000, Carolyn and I attended a church history seminar with Jerry Rushford at the Western Christian College Lectureships. At the time, we were struck with the importance of the preservation our western Canadian history, as little of our history has been documented. This was reinforced in 2001, when we sat in Keith Huey's Restoration History course at WCC. As Carolyn has already mentioned, we feel that it is important for our young people to know and understand our stories as they are inspirational, and speak of the faith and commitment of the early pioneers in the faith. Our pioneers tirelessly worked to advance the cause of Christ, often with meagre resources and at great personal sacrifice.

Following is a short preview of articles we plan to include in the Gospel Herald over the next year:

Charles Petch is a name that is seldom heard in connection with western Canada, yet his contribution to the history of Churches of Christ in the west is significant. He came west at the urging of his brother-in-law, Russell Elford, to hold a protracted meeting in the

Horse Creek district of Saskatchewan around 1918. In 1927, he relocated to Winnipeg, Manitoba and lived in several locations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan before returning to Ontario in 1932. Petch established the Horse Creek congregation, which was one of the strongest congregations in Saskatchewan in the 1930s.

Wilfred Orr was the "quiet voice" in the history of Churches of Christ in western Canada. The Gospel Herald did not always include reports of when and where he traveled to preach, but he was there, and in his gentle way, he had just as much impact on the development of churches as did some of the more well-publicized preachers. When Lillian Torkelson shared with him her dream of a Bible School (the beginnings of Radville Christian College, later to become Western Christian College), he was behind the project enthusiastically and sacrificially! Stay tuned for this inspiring story!

World War II impacted Canada significantly. As a member of the British Commonwealth, Canada entered the

war in the fall of 1939. Arguments promoting pacifism received significant coverage in the Gospel Herald, and the majority of Canadians in the west chose to be conscientious objectors. The stories of our Canadian conscientious objectors have seldom been heard. These men are true heroes in the faith. They suffered hardship, persecution and imprisonment because they stood firm in their conviction that it is wrong for Christians to participate in war.

The Minton Bible School, which was held in 1931, holds an important place in the history of Churches of Christ in Saskatchewan. This Bible School was the first of many Bible Schools to be held in the province, and led to the establishment of Radville Christian College, which later became Western Christian College. This past year marks the 75th anniversary of the Minton Bible School and a Meeting in Minton was held this past summer to commemorate this anniversary. Thus, it is timely to remember the beginnings of the Bible School movement in Saskatchewan.

In the early years of the Gospel Herald, there was a regular column called "Our Indian Road" which reported on the work of a Brother Trindle and others among the lakes of Manitoba. We would like to review the work through the early issues of the Gospel Herald and do some sleuthing to find out more about this. Can you help us? Do you know anything about this early work?

We would also like you to share your stories with us. There are many noteworthy things that happened "before our time" that we may not know about. Please feel free to contact us if you have anything that you think would be of interest to the readers of the Gospel Herald.

We look forward to sharing with you in the months ahead.

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### ONTARIO

**Beamsville:** The congregation is looking for members who will host GLCC students in their homes for good wholesome fellowship. The workshop on prayer planned with Jim and Caroline Hawkins was cancelled because of their involvement in an accident on the way to the airport.

**Bramalea:** Rita and Roy Davison, missionaries to Belgium, visited in October and Roy spoke to the Thursday evening Bible class on "Evangelism." On October 29—the congregation's "International Day" – Jonathan Straker reported on the Sendai, Japan, work. The Ghanaian brethren from Bramalea and Harding encouraged the congregation through

the singing of several Ghanaian hymns. On November 4, Andrea Muirhead, LST Canada director, trained nine individuals from three congregations in FriendSpeak. Walter and Shirley celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 22.

**Brantford:** On November 5, a congregational planning meeting and pot luck was scheduled. A clothing giveaway was planned for November 18. On November 25, a hymn sing: "Keeping Eternity in our Hearts" and a fellowship night was held.

**Meaford:** On November 25, an open house was held at the Meaford church for Clyde and Wilma Lansdell's 50th anniversary.

**Toronto (Scarborough):** The congregation was scheduled to begin meeting at a new location on November 12. The new address is: Madison Academy, 700 Progress Avenue, Scarborough ON M1H 2Z7.

**Toronto (Strathmore):** At the time this news is being gathered, the CRTC has not given Key To The Kingdom a new Canadian Certification "C" number. We do expect to receive the new number soon. No new programs can be broadcast until the new number is given but Vision and The Christian Channel are carrying repeat programs for now. Santiago Molina recently returned from the XXII Encounter of Spanish brethren in Lima, Peru. He was also involved in some evangelistic meetings while in Central America that resulted in 13 baptisms and several restorations. Bonifacio and Lily Padillia and their daughters, Michelle, Mari Stella and Ruth were welcomed to Strathmore from the Philippines.

**Tintern:** On November 19, the family of Barry and Jean Hannah hosted a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for them at the Tintern church.

**Waterloo:** On Saturday, November 11, the annual skating party was held at Albert McCormick Arena, followed by a potluck supper and devotional. Shawn LeBlanc's new wife, Chieh, was scheduled to arrive on November 28.

**Windsor:** Angele Hebert (85 years old) was baptized into Christ on Sunday, October 22. The congregation is excited at these other recent baptisms: Sara Wessel, Mike Tremblay, Kim Murphy and Tiffany Murphy, and they ask for prayers for these new Christians.

### QUEBEC

**Verdun – French (Roger Samur):** Three souls were added to the congregation in September: Sabrina Steward, daughter of Chantal Gagnon, was baptized and Hal and Smilie Gatewood, daughter of Mike and Lise) placed membership. Roger Samur will do the "Fluppy" program again this year – a programme that teaches good morals to the children. Also, Coco and his friends worked just a little too well so the congregation doesn't have any more room for children and are looking for a bigger room. The September activity was apple picking and those helping included seven visitors.

### UNITED STATES

**Niagara Falls, NY:** Saturday, September 30, a ladies' day was held at LaSalle Church of Christ in Niagara Falls.

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

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** That indomitable foursome, Norm and Jen Weir, John and Willodene Wedler made a special trip to the First Nations villages of Fort Ware and Tsay Key in Northeastern B.C. in November. The principle reason for their going at this dangerous season of the year was because a man in Tsay Keh, for whom Norm performed his wedding ceremony in 2005, is not expected to live until July when the next trip was to take place. They drove to Prince George, transferred all of their food, sleeping bags and numerous gifts for the First Nations people to Ernie Ziemer's crew cab truck for the rest of the trip. They stayed in Tsay Keh in what is called the Multiplex, making the one-hour drive to Fort Ware to visit and distribute the gifts each day. Gift items included children's books, baby blankets and throws for the new moms, along with some articles (such as Bibles) that they simply place in the store for those who want them to pick up. The Weirs hear and speak to some in both Fort Ware and Tsey Key almost every week. They learned that the ex-wash-house Norm and John completed converting in October is now a residence (small as it is) to a young married couple. The small group, meeting to worship on Sundays, had been praying that this particular couple would get it, since the band counsel makes the final decision. The Weirs also went to 100 Mile House in early November where a woman named Ethel had recently been baptized.

**Burnaby:** Grace Shin, who has been attending Bible study in Burnaby for the past several months was baptized on Friday, Oct. 22. As well as coming on Sunday mornings with her son, Shone, Grace has been involved in a Korean women's Bible study taught by Yvonne Beckett and Joung Joung Sook, the McClure's Wednesday evening meeting and the Roots group taught by Kirk Ruch.

**Delta:** Ron Bailey gave a report of his trip with Gary and Barb Zorn from

Calgary to visit the Rogers in Donetsk, Ukraine. In a picture presentation, he explained how he distributed the \$2200 that was sent with him by the Delta church, using it to buy quilts, furniture and medical equipment for several of the various hospitals that they visited. He also told of the amazement of the Ukrainian people when his group cleaned out a dirty school stairwell and painted it, dug up a garden for a single mother and other menial tasks wherever they saw the need. Jim and Carolyn Hawkins were on their way to the Seattle Airport to catch a flight to Buffalo, NY, when their car was involved in a four-car pile-up. They were going to Beamsville, ON, where Jim had been scheduled to conduct a Prayer Workshop. Thanks to seatbelts, they were not seriously injured, and the Beamsville church immediately arranged to postpone the workshop to a later date.

**Nanaimo:** Under the oversight of the elders, Dan Morris is heading an Advisory Committee to determine our requirements for a fulltime worker. Also, a monthly devotional and prayer session in regard to this is being conducted. In November, we had a mini-workshop regarding worship for the men of the congregation to give them pointers on praying, teaching, leading the song service, making announcements, etc.

**Oakridge:** "Elizabeth Wehrplotz came to us from Brazil to study English. Since her arrival, Elizabeth has faithfully attended our fellowship. She also asked many questions, as well as relating to us how the church in Brazil does things. We thought Elizabeth was already a follower of Jesus Christ through baptism.

But, what a wonderful surprise she gave us on Oct. 15 when she announced during our potluck lunch that she wanted to be baptized. She stated that two very important questions had been answered and that she was ready to be baptized. Well, what can I say? Our mandate is "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We better be ready! However, I did explain to Elizabeth some things, and she insisted she wanted to be baptized. We had a wonderful moment watching as she went into the water and came out of it. Elizabeth Wehrplotz, welcome to God's family! God bless you and may He use you mightily in His church."—Milton Diaz

**Salmon Arm:** "You don't catch fish unless you go fishing," Mike Mazzalongo pointed out the obvious, as he continued his series of lessons at the Salmon Arm lectureship in October. "There is always the element of "going," whether it is looking for fish or for men. You have to forget your comfort zone and go where they are. Each Christian has a line to drop in the water, which God expects us to use. His lessons were excellent and reminded all of the need to be active in reaching out with the message of salvation.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Weyburn, SK:** Western Christian College Alumni will be having a bake table at the local farmer's market once a month in October, November and December in order to raise funds. The women's service club of Western Christian College have been busy fundraising to provide support for students and to buy "extras" to make life more comfortable for the resident students. A fair bit of their fundraising is done at the lectureship at the pie sale and Fall Fair.

**Gravelbourg, SK:** This summer saw yet another successful V.B.S. program completed with regular attendance of 60 students. Paulette Bouvier was baptized in August. Construction on our building addition began mid-September. The new addition will provide us with a new auditorium with a seating capacity of 140 people and a new foyer. We will also have a new fellowship hall (converted from the old auditorium) and new classroom space. The congregation here has graciously provided the volunteer labour to make this happen. Construction is under the oversight of contractor Winston Bailey of Weyburn, Saskatchewan. We pray that God will be glorified as our enlarged area will allow us to reach out once again to our community. In November John Clayton will be here to present his "Does God Exist" program.

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# MISSION NEWS

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**Ukraine (Donetsk):** After a two-month absence of a newsletter from the Rogers, it was learned that Mary Lee had broken a thumb, and has only recently had the cast off so that she could type. She is still going to therapy to get it up to par again. She wrote that they have had a beautiful "Indian Summer" in Ukraine, but they call it "Babushka", a word meaning "Grandmother". The Grandmother of summer??—nice thought!

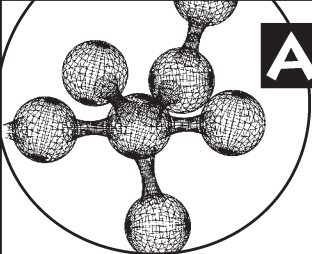
**Action Report:** "The same gospel that introduced me to Jesus also introduced me to urgency," wrote John Reese, the new leader for the World Bible School. Half of the world's population today is under the age of 25. In the most responsive and strategic countries, there are 959 million in that age group! This is why the WBS called October 29 "WBS Impact Sunday", asking that churches help reach these young people in 15

different nations TODAY! Jimmie Lovell started the WBS in Torrance, CA, over 30 years ago. Tex Williams, Austin, TX, has been the visionary leader for the past 20 years. He brought it along from two full time office workers to the present 14. In 2005, the US became the second largest nation for new enrollees after Nigeria, and the new material for children was launched. In 1997, there were students in 71 countries. In 1998, the number of students doubled, and 17 new countries were added to the list. In 1999, Internet teachers joined the team. Bible "chat" classes were offered as well. Then a website was launched for new students in 2000. The following year, new courses were added: "Is the Bible Text Reliable?", "What Is the Purpose of My Life?" and "Lord, Teach Us to Pray". 2002 saw a Spanish website started, and a video released in Chinese characters. In 2003, an internet website for teachers (Internet.webschool.net) was made available, and the next year, a database for follow-up teachers. A "Main" site was released last year with the slogan "Make it a Million". By May of this year, 25 countries had registered Internet teachers, with 262 baptism requests in 191 countries! Churches have been planted

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**Zambia:** "We collected the French family at the end of June for a five week stay: Albert and Marianne, their son, Daniel, and his wife, Stella. Albert and Dan spent their days fixing all sorts of farm equipment. They welded new gates and were even invited to neighbours to fix their electrical and mechanical problems. We wondered if they would ever get their hands clean! Stella, who is a horse trainer, spent many hours training our horses. More importantly, she introduced the children to the horses. One of our girls, Stephanie, was the first to be up and riding. They are no longer afraid of them. Marianne spent most of her days tied to the kitchen. She helped to prepare a zillion cookies and meals for the medical team that came. "Steve and Joan Mann, our friends from Victoria, B.C., arrived at the beginning of September. They spent four weeks in Zambia, including a week on the farm." – Portion of a report from Sue Calder

**Japan (Sendai): New Ministries:**

- Cell group—Sendai's first ever—recently met to study "Seeking God."
- Meeting of the Needles, with Michiko Straker, meets in her home with women who like to sew.

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**Prayer requests:** 1) **Hosoi family**, who lost their daughter last year. It was Megumi's birthday in October. 2) **LST readers, team and congregation.**

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# What Ever Happened to the Church?

Don Smith

The Bible tells us that God's church is eternal. Even before Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." (Mtt.16:18) Daniel wrote, "...the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed. It will itself endure forever." (Dan.2:24) God said, "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant... I will put my sanctuary among them forever." (Ezk.37:26)

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**Church at Rome (Romans):** the gospel is for the salvation of all. Chp.1

- baptism is uniting with Christ. Chp.6
- living with the indwelling Spirit. Chp.8

**Church at Corinth (Corinthians):** Lord's Supper that honours Christ. Chp.11

- spiritual gifts honouring God and serving others. Chp.12

**Churches in Galatia (Galatians):** death, burial and resurrection of Christ is the only gospel. Chp.1

- our freedom to demonstrate Christ living in us. Chp.5

**Church at Ephesus (Ephesians):** all spiritual blessings in Christ. Chps. 1-3

- how we are to live because of all spiritual blessings in Christ. Chps.4-6

**Church at Philippi (Philippians):** worry about nothing, pray about everything. Chp. 4

(And all the other spiritual truths we read to the churches: Colossae (Colossians), Thessalonica (Thessalonians), Crete (Titus), Jerusalem (Hebrews), Phoenicia, Cyprus, Syrian Antioch, (James), Pontus, Cappadocia, Asia, Bythinia (Peter), John and Jude.)

Do Any of the Churches We Read in the Bible Exist Today???

What Happened to All the Churches?

The churches listed in Revelation give us some clues. Specifically, the church at Sardis. (Rev.3:1-6)

It is interesting to note that Jesus tells John that He is the author of the letters to the churches, and the entire book of Revelation. (Rev.1:17-20) Of course, Jesus "is" the word. (Jhn.1)

Jesus tells the church at Sardis that they have a reputation of being alive, but they were actually dead. (3:1) So Jesus does what He usually does... tells them how to have renewal, revival and re-birth. However, He is very forthright.

**Wake Up! (3:2)**

This is a loud call. Sleepless vigilance. Always at the ready. Each member of the church embracing Christ and "being" the church. "The spiritual growth of most people is not ruined by great catastrophes or fatal errors, but by the repetition of slowly destructive little things." (Ernest Dimmet)

**Strengthen what remains. (3:2)**

A good question to ask is, "Do I always have to be strengthened or will I allow God to use me to strengthen others?" D.L. Moody once commented, "There are many christians who talk cream but live skim milk."

**Remember what you have received and heard. (3:3)**

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**Obey. (3:3)**

Jesus did not write to this church to tickle their fancy. He was trying to keep them alive.

Doctor says to his patient, "You will die if you don't do exactly what I tell you!" Patient says to his doctor, "Doc, you may not have the best bedside manners in the world but you definitely have my attention!"

**Repent. (3:3)**

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# OBITUARIES

## Simpson, Maud

At 105, Maud Simpson's tired body made its way to higher realms on Saturday, October 28. Many of the same friends and family who attended the celebration of Maud's 100th birthday five years ago paid their final tribute to this faithful Christian at a service at the Oakridge Church of Christ building, where she was a faithful member for so many years, on November 3.

Born in a village in the lake district of British Guyana on Jan. 21, 1901, Maude went to the capital city of Georgetown for schooling at Smith Congregational School. She lived for over 10 years at the manse of the rector of Smith's Congregational church, which was named for John Smith, a minister who was imprisoned for teaching Christianity to ex-slaves. She lived with other students on the top floor of the home of the English pastor, Hawley Brant and all of them ate together at the family table. This provided her with the experience of multiculturalism as a student. Mr. Brant introduced his composition called "Song of Guyana's Children" to them. It became the universally accepted school song for all of British Guyana. She loved to sing this song any time the Guyanese community met, and it was sung at her service on November 3.

Maud was a qualified registered nurse and midwife. She raised funds to establish the Nurses' Association's women's hostel for students coming from upcountry, and continued her nursing career after her marriage to Walton Simpson. In 1960, the

couple immigrated to Montreal, eventually coming to Vancouver.

She was a witty conversationalist with a strong personality. A good cook of Guyanese dishes, she attributed her long life to a balanced diet of fruits, vegetables, herbs (many of which she cultivated in her own garden) and fish. She was active throughout her nineties, and up until her 104th birthday, becoming the matriarch of the West Indian community. Above all, she was ardently religious, being familiar with the scriptures, hymns and psalms, and applying them to current circumstances without hesitation. As Milton Diaz commented, "She could preach powerful sermons!"

British Guyana and British Columbia were both Crown Colonies of Great Britain when Maud Victoria Alleyne was born. She was named after the reigning Queen who had 38 years earlier honoured Guyanan-born Sir James Douglas, the first Governor and accredited with being the Founding Father of British Columbia. Maud was born at a little known village in the lake district of Guyana. This exceptional country gave rise to several exceptional people, James Douglas and Maud Simpson being among them.

Maud lived the first 59 years of her life in Guyana, and the last 46 years in Canada. She was a dual citizen, a multicultural personality, a global citizen, a seasoned world traveler with a tenacity for seeking knowledge and leading her family, always faithful to her Christian upbringing. A passionate "church worker", she never forgot people or colleagues who were role models in either the church or the nursing profession. Her husband, Walton, was a purser on the Sproston's Boat and Lorry services.

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Living conditions in the 1920's to 40's were very difficult, without even the most basic of household conveniences. Food had to be produced entirely on site, and Maud continued to feel that it was socially important to be self-sufficient in gardening and diet. She frequently advised people about nurturing healthy living and eating habits, usually pointing out the value of herbs and fish. When she couldn't sleep, she would go to the kitchen to bake bread. While living at the Arbutus Seniors' Home in Surrey, one morning the staff found her busily at work in the kitchen at 2 a.m. A frantic supervisor told her that she could not do that in a seniors' home, as she might burn it down. Her response was that he was not even born yet when she started making her own bread 80 years ago, and she had never burned down any place yet, even when cooking on a kerosene stove!

She is remembered as an example of wisdom, excellence in all she did, frugality, thrift, self-sufficiency, unpretentious living and faithfulness to the Lord. She is mourned by her daughters, Rosaline and Kathleen, two grandchildren, her niece, Victoria Richardson, and a number of other relatives, as well as many friends.

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