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# Church Planting #2 – How Should Planting Be Done?

by Tim Johnson

What is the best way to plant a new congregation of the Lord's church? There has been a great deal of research done lately by people in the general religious world about this subject. Denominational preachers such as Rick Warren and William Beckham offer a bewildering array of books and materials. Some of our own brethren have produced helpful insights and research. One's view of the scriptures, Christ's authority and the existence of a New Testament pattern for the church colours what authors recommend. Obviously, concerts with instrumental bands may attract a lot of young people, but what ends up being planted won't be the Lord's church. What may work in denominational circles may not be scriptural and we must disregard it. However we plant new congregations, it must be done with respect for Biblical principles.

How, then, were churches planted in Biblical times? There seem to be at least three ways. First, we see evangelists going to communities and simply preaching the gospel. "And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them." (Acts 8:5) The seed was planted by preaching the word, and those who responded became the church. Second, a group of Christians would enter a community to live, work and evangelize over time. Perhaps the unknown origin of the church at Rome can illustrate this. Paul had never met the Christians there when he wrote to them (Rom.1:8-15), which begs the question: how did the church in Rome begin? We understand from Acts 2:9-11 that people from Rome were in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost and heard Peter preach the gospel. It's a reasonable assumption that many of them were baptized and, after returning to Rome, continued in the faith as a community of believers. Third,

churches were planted when Christians moved, for indirect reasons, to new communities and shared the gospel. In Acts 8:4 we see this kind of migration happening because of persecution. "Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word." Here preaching is "EVANGELIDZO," meaning "bringing the good tidings of" as noted in NASV's footnote. In other words, they shared it as best they could.

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Later, Aquila and Priscilla were forced from Rome and relocated to Corinth, and eventually moved on to Ephesus where they were left by Paul... The church took root in Ephesus with this evangelistic couple, and it flourished when Paul returned in Acts 19.

Is it to be understood that these three methods of planting new churches are the only Biblically approved techniques that we can utilize today? The only directive spoken by Jesus is for us to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). We may use similar methods as demonstrated by the early church, but we are not limited to those. We are free to decide how Christ's generic command is best carried out in today's Canada.

How have we planted new churches in our country in the past? Often lone evangelists went to communities and preached the good news, such as J.C. Bailey and others did on the Prairies. We've seen evangelists target a community and bring families of Christians to help a new congregation get on its feet. I'm reminded of Wesley Jones' hard work to do this in Barrie, Ont. Some churches seemed to spring up instantly when waves of people migrated west. Apparently this is how the Carman, MB

congregation first started as Christians moved into the area from Meaford, ON. Unplanned efforts have often taken place when a Christian family moved into a new community due to a job transfer. It is a very difficult task to plant a new congregation in such conditions. A person can easily be transferred out again and the planting work ends. Discouragement and compromise can easily hurt unprepared Christians who find themselves alone. However, some success can be secured over time under these conditions, such as the group that has developed in Saint John, NB today. God can use all sorts of circumstances to spread the gospel, but how can we go about the task with wisdom and deliberate planning?

Another consideration is how to go about reaching the many large, untouched communities across Canada that

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# How Not to Listen to a Sermon (Acts 6, 7, 13 and 14)

Paul Birston

Most everywhere you go today you can find people listening to what they like to hear on music players, cell phones, radios, TV's. Listening is a very popular activity yet not a highly acclaimed one. There are no prestigious awards for listening as there are for singing, speaking in a movie or coaching a sport. Yet good listening is an art that takes concentration, energy and patience. Some people seem to come by it naturally and listen to you as if you were the only person in the world. They make you feel special. Fortunately, we can all learn and practice good listening skills.

Listening has always been important to God. He wants His people to be good listeners: "everyone must be quick to hear" (James 1:19). He especially wants us to listen to His voice through His Word. A very common literal translation for "obey" in the Old Testament is "listen to My voice." In Hebrew and Greek the root word for obey is "hear."

In a gospel resistant and busy culture like ours, however, listening for God's voice in sermons is a low priority or non-priority for many who turn off regardless of how good the message is. But for people open to hearing God, Biblical preaching is one of the primary ways He has chosen to communicate with us. The preaching of the good news of His Son Jesus Christ has a special place in the heart of God. It is one of the principle avenues through which God draws people to Himself, makes them aware of His grace, and helps them grow in that grace: "God was well pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21b).

If you worship every Sunday morning, you'll hear about 52 sermons a year. If you worship Sunday morning and take part in Bible classes, Sunday morning, evening and midweek, and the occasional workshop or lecture-ship, you will likely hear well over 200 sermons and Bible classes a year. That's a lot of listening. How can we

listen better? Listening better, how can we enjoy God, His Word and His people more, becoming more like Jesus who was so in tune with the heart of His Father? In preparation for the second article in this two-part series on how to listen actively and effectively to sermons and Bible classes I thought it might be helpful to first look at some examples of how not to listen.

Consider the intense situations and responses before, during, after and between the sermons and Bible lessons of Stephen and Paul in Acts 6, 7, 13 and 14. Notice how people were listening or not listening to these powerful preachers and teachers who were clearly communicating the Word and will of God. By the way, Acts 7 and 13 form an incredibly rich summary of God's actions through much of the Old Testament and the good news of Jesus.

## Before

Before Stephen spoke his message to the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem, "some men ...rose up and argued with Stephen. But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. Then they

secretly induced men to say, 'We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God. And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes... They put forward false witnesses who said, 'This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law; for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us'" (Acts 6:9-14).

Notice that they argued with Stephen. When they could not cope with his wisdom they incited people to lie about Stephen's faith in God and stirred up others against him. From this we see several principles of how NOT to listen effectively to a sermon or Bible lesson: decide in advance to rest firmly on one's own ideas, pre-suppositions and assumptions about what God is doing. Disagree with the preacher. Lie about his faith. Spread gossip that will turn others against him. Writing off the preacher and his message before hearing him essentially says that one has nothing to learn from God or the one who serves him. These principles are severe. Hopefully they will not apply to us but perhaps

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## “Coming ‘Round the Mountain?”

Wayne Turner



How many clichés do we have for it—going in circles, being in a rut, chasing one’s tail, running the rat race, keeping the status quo, going nowhere fast? Human beings often find that after they have expended much time and energy, they actually have made little progress.

It’s an ancient problem. Sometime after receiving the law at Sinai, the Israelites wound up travelling around Mount Seir. God told them “You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn north.” (Deut. 2:3 NASB) Might we even imagine that if God had not intervened, they would still be going around the mountain today? How often do we find ourselves circling the same mountain, over and over again?

Many people are frustrated by the repetitive cycle of busyness in their lives—getting up, going to work, going home and going to bed so they can start it all over again the following day. Day after day after day, *ad nauseum*. After many years, what do they have to show for all their time, work and grief? Similarly, congregations may have kept themselves busy, week after week, with services, classes, fellowship activities, meetings, special projects, etc. yet find little progress for all their efforts. Commitment and a sense of responsibility may keep them going, but they long for the sense of meaning and purpose that characterized the early church.

What is the difference between being trapped in a boring, repetitive rat race and having a dynamic sense of ministry? In part, the answer is vision. Helen Keller said, “The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but has no vision.” What we mean by vision is more than simply knowing the task or work that needs to be done. Vision involves seeing beyond the task to the opportunities and possibilities offered by a greater future. Someone once said, “Vision without a task is only a dream. A task without a vision is but drudgery. But vision with a task is a dream fulfilled.”

In England in the late 1700’s, Robert Raikes was the owner and publisher of the *Gloucester Journal*. Originally, he became concerned about the need for prison reform. Then he noticed that the children from poor families were uneducated because they had to work in the factories every day. Sunday was their only day off. Many of these children used the day to get into trouble, which opened the door for them later to become involved in a life of crime. Raikes realized that something needed to be done for these children. Moved by Jesus’ command to “feed my lambs,” in 1780, he established a school that would meet on Sundays. He recruited four women to teach

the children to read using the Bible as a text. Within a relatively short time, his schools had a profound effect on the character of the children and crime in the community. From this simple vision, by 1831, 1.25 million children attended Sunday School in Great Britain. Raikes is credited as a pioneer of Sunday Schools.

When Jesus commissioned his disciples, he gave all of us both a task and a vision. The task is to preach the gospel, the vision to help build a global community of believers—to reach around the world, to include people of every nation, language, race and culture. How our perspective and attitudes change when we are caught up in the challenge of such a vision!

We also have been given the “task” of assembling together. The vision of this assembly is to build that community—to edify, to teach and admonish one another, to stir one another up to love and good works. There is a lot of difference between just parking on a seat out of a sense of duty and the vision of having assemblies that build community through encouragement.

Do you have a vision for your life as a Christian? Is there something you dream of doing for the Lord? Or do you simply see the rest of your life as a series of tasks you must do? Are you going somewhere, spiritually, or only running in circles around the mountain? Someone once observed, “we are limited, not by our abilities, but by our vision.”

Later this month (June 26-29), many Christians from across Canada will gather for Vision Canada 2007 at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario. This will be a time for us to encourage and challenge one another—to rekindle our vision for reaching Canada with Christ, for building vibrant, effective congregations, for being effective in our service to God. Hope to see you there!

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## Obligated, Eager and Not Ashamed

**B**ased on Romans 1:14-17 the above title is the theme for Vision Canada 2007 to be held on the campus of Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, June 26-29. A wonderful time of fellowship, study and challenge will be experienced by all who are able to attend. Let me share with you the programme that is planned for those days.

Activities will begin with registration at 2:00 PM on June 26 and end with lunch on Friday, June 29. Other than arriving, getting into rooms and supper on Tuesday, there will be singing to begin at 7 PM and the first Keynote theme address, "Obligated", at 7:30. **Geoffrey Ellis**, of Waterloo, Ontario, will be the speaker for this first session.

The Wednesday evening Keynote theme lesson, "Eager", will be presented by **Tim Johnson** of Edmonton, Alberta. On Thursday evening the Keynote theme presentation, "Not Ashamed", will be delivered by **Michael Mazzalongo** of Montreal, Quebec. We know all these theme lessons will be uplifting and challenging.

Each morning there will be a devotional, before breakfast, led by **Art Ford** of Beamsville, Ontario. This will be a great 7:15 AM start to our days of study and fellowship. The first class/seminar session of each day will be at 9:00 AM. Each class/seminar will be 45 minutes in length with a break of 30 minutes between each session.

Some of the "subject areas" to be developed at Vision Canada will focus on (a) individual responsibility and methods of sharing one's faith with others. (b) The challenge of working with congregations that have stopped growing, are facing internal conflict, have lost their vision for growth/evangelism and are, therefore, failing to plan for growth. (c) The need to remember who we are as a fellowship of believers, devoted to the mission of taking the message of salvation to our own city/area, to Canada and to the world while

being reminded of the worldly mindset that makes the task a challenge. (d) A reminder of the importance of truth, the need to evangelize Canada's First Nations people, the challenge of culture and the blessing of Christian education in fulfilling the Church's commission. (e) Outreach through teaching on marriage and family to strengthen the Church and impact the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

Following is a list of the speakers and their seminar lesson titles. A wonderful variety of subjects which will stimulate, challenge and encourage us to vision.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, following the Keynote lecture, there will be a short break followed by an open discussion session for those who would like to take part. Two of the topics for discussion will be, "Church Planting" and "Christian Education in Canada". We hope that many will be interested in taking part in these discussion sessions.

We look forward to seeing

many brethren at Vision Canada and know it will be a great week of fellowship and study. If you need accommodation and meals for the week, please let us know as soon as possible so a room can be reserved and meals planned. If you live in the area or if you are coming from out of Beamsville but will be staying with friends in the area but will plan to take all or some of your meals on campus, let us know that as well so meal arrangements can be completed for food purchases. (Contact information in the ad on the back page.)

Looking forward to seeing you in Beamsville, June 26-29, 2007.

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## A Heritage of Service

**M**y heritage of faith is also one of service. My parents and grandparents generation have been a wonderful example of service to me. They taught Sunday School with enthusiasm and joy and fulfilled their assignments in the worship assemblies with responsibility and spirituality. They visited the sick and shut-ins with warmth and generosity. The church building was cleaned, the grass cut and the flowers taken care of with responsibility.

When it was time for Vacation Bible School they quickly volunteered to teach or to help with a class. They brought cookies, prepared a snack for the children and cleaned up afterward. In the weeks leading up to Vacation Bible School they were out knocking on doors and inviting people to come to Vacation Bible School. Many took time away from work in order to serve at Vacation Bible School.

When spring came it was time to help at Bible Camp as the facilities were prepared for another year. I am both amazed and thankful for the many volunteers that will spend their precious Saturdays in the spring at camp getting things ready for another year. Our camps could not operate without these great servants. Then there are those who take a week of their holiday time to serve as teachers, cooks, counsellors, craft teachers, activity directors etc... at our camps. Without these important volunteers we could not offer the programs we do at the low cost that we do.

This is only a small part

of the service that I have witnessed in the past and continue to see today. I am thankful for all the good work that has been done, but also for this great example of service that I have been blessed to see and continue to see today.

I've read that 90% of the work of any congregation is done by 10% of members of that congregation. I am not sure if that is based on statistical analysis or a preacher's discouraging Monday morning rant. I suspect that there is some truth to it, but as to whether that exact statistic is true of each of our congregations, I could not say. In truth not everyone in my parents and grandparents generation was involved in the work of the church.

There were some bad examples! I was encouraged to follow the good examples. Today in every congregation there are those who choose not to serve. Let me encourage you with the experience of past generations, my own experience and more importantly from God's Word to serve.

Why should we serve?

- We are commanded by God to serve, we are to devote ourselves to doing what is good (Titus 3:8).

- There are good works that will go undone unless you get involved in serving.

- **When we are involved in the work of the church, we feel more a part of that group and will be less likely to go looking for another group.**

- Christ has served us and shown us an example of serving. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28 NIV)

- We have been served by others. Serve for the joy of it. One of the great benefits of being a preacher is visiting the old folks and to listening to them talk about their lives. They speak with joy about their experiences in serving others. They regret that their age and infirmities now hinder them from serving as they would like to. I have learned from my own personal experience what a joy it is to serve.

- Serve for the fellowship. I love serving together with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Working together also binds us together. Some of my closest friends are those I have worked with in our service to Jesus.

I often hear from those who are unsure of their abilities in serving and lack the confidence to just jump in and help or volunteer for service. I can identify with them and remember feeling that way when I was younger. I remember some who were older inviting me to come and help them when they had a particular job to do. Usually

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# Works For Me

*Don Hipwell*

Some teachers are more gifted than others and have no difficulty putting together complete lessons. Others of us may struggle in one area or another. Either we are not sure how to present the Bible story in an interesting way, or we have trouble coming up with relevant paper work or activities. Hopefully this report from Pat Cooper will benefit everyone.

Pat Cooper is a talented teacher and a kid magnet. She has taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and Kids for Christ in the Welland and Fenwick congregations for the past 16 years. She just finished teaching a pre-teen class and highly recommends a reproducible lesson book entitled Construction Zone published by Standard Publishing.

The three Bible-based units of the book are:

- 1) Friend Zone—helping kids choose good friends and become a good friend.
- 2) Family Zone—helping kids deal with different home situations.
- 3) Faith Zone—helping kids to see how they fit into the church family.

The book uses different activities to get the students involved, such as skits, poster work, worksheets and more. One lesson the children really enjoyed was a skit about the Bureau of Lost and Found. It taught the students that people can not only be lost physically but spiritually as well and leading to the conclusion that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. As part of the lesson, Acts 4:12 was used: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Pat found this series of lessons worked well with ages 10 to 12. Besides the in-class work, it included activities that reached beyond the classroom. It included activities for the family and service to others.

This book is not a cure-all but gives good ideas. Pat found she had to adjust activities because of classroom facilities, the size of the class and the

knowledge of the students. It may, however, be used as a starting point for your imagination. It also requires preparation, as should all lessons. It is not a book you hand out to someone on Sunday morning and expect them to fill in. Materials need to be gathered, the classroom arranged and the lesson studied to make it work.

The authors are experienced teachers and librarians at the elementary and preschool level. They have also had experience teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School.

This book is one in a series and

only one of many reproducible lesson books on the market. It can be purchased from the Gospel Herald for \$19.99 (Canadian). Because it is reproducible, it can be used over and over again. If anyone has used similar material, I would be interested in hearing from you. Send it to donhipwell@aol.com.

Gloria Perry at the Gospel Herald Bookstore informs us that their Canadian supplier has four in stock at the moment; however, the US supplier says it is out of stock indefinitely, which may mean it is going out of print.

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## Owen Sound Ladies Renewal

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the work wasn't hard enough to require my being there but we had an opportunity to have a visit. I learned not only how to do the particular job we had been assigned but also how to work with people. I gained confidence and before long I was jumping in and volunteering for work as well. It was years later that I realized what those individuals had done for me. It would have been quicker for them to just do the job themselves, but they were also teaching me important lessons about serving and working with people. I thank God for these wise servants.

We often find ourselves sidelined by our belief that we do not have the ability necessary to complete the task at hand. God doesn't ask us about our ability. He asks us about our availability. God can give us the ability necessary to do the work He has given us to do; only we can provide the availability. There are some practical things that we can do to train ourselves in areas of service. We can take classes, read books and enrol in training programs. We can partner ourselves with those who have the talents and request that they teach us as we serve together.

Following the wonderful example of serving has provided me with great joy and close fellowship. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve and for the great example provided for me in my heritage of faith.

# THE PATH BEATEN HARD

Carolyn McMillan and Shelley Jacobs

## Pacifism in Canada, Part I THE BROADER CANADIAN CONTEXT

Shelley Jacobs

Pacifism in Canada stretches back to the eighteenth century, when religious groups of European origin came to this country in order to exercise religious freedom. These groups applied for and gained legal exemption from bearing arms, should Canada be called to war. In 1757, a Militia Bill enacted by the British government exempted Quakers, Mennonites and Moravians from bearing arms. In 1793, the first Parliament of Upper Canada exempted Quakers, Mennonites, and Tunkers from military service in return for a fine. The fine was protested and overruled much later in 1849. By the time of Confederation in 1867, a tradition of Christian pacifism was established in British North America, and the first military service act of Canada in 1868 gave exemption

to Quakers, Mennonites and Tunkers. In addition, any person who belonged to a denomination whose tenets of faith forbade the bearing of arms was exempt. The Dukhobors received exemption in 1898 and the Hutterites in 1899. These groups later came to be called historic peace churches. Each group had their own set of beliefs and their own way of life, but they shared one thing in common—they held millennial views of an idealistic society. Generally they remained separated from politics and society and thus were found in isolated pockets through out western Canada.

The Disciples of Christ in Ontario were also pacifistic. At a meeting in June 1853, it was decided that a discussion would take place in The Christian Banner in regard to application to the govern-

ment for legal exemption from bearing arms. In 1854, David Oliphant, Jr. gave his observation that the Disciples were almost unanimous in their opposition to participation in war. However, for a number of reasons, Oliphant was not in favor of the move to apply for legal exemption. First, as the Canadian population at large were supportive of war, the groups asking for exemption would be viewed as asking "favors" from the government, and would be viewed with scorn should war break out. Secondly, the government had already given exemption to any group whose religious doctrine forbade participation in war. Thus it would be inappropriate to ask for an additional "special privilege." Thirdly, Oliphant believed that Christ's business belongs to Christ's people, and politics belongs to politicians. However, Oliphant felt that the Disciples should apprise the government, on an individual basis, that they would not participate in war, should it break out. He reasoned that it was unfair to the government, who would be counting on men to fight, if they were not made aware that the Disciples were conscientious objectors.

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Prior to World War I, the Social Gospel emerged in Canada, and along with it, a social pacifism that was connected to social reform and was based on the idea of "peace, prosperity, progress." Once war broke out, pacifistic ideals were challenged and replaced with the attitude that the war was in fact a holy war, "the war to end all wars." Pacifistic voices were silenced by "militant Christian patriotism" and a minority of Canadians remained pacifist.

The historic peace churches, who lived somewhat separated from society, remained silent until the threat of conscription loomed before them. In 1917, the government passed legislation that made military service compulsory, except for those with exemption. In 1918, pacifistic groups who did not have signed legal agreements with the government were denied conscientious objector status. This included the Church of Christ (or Disciples), Pentecostal Assemblies, Plymouth Brethren and the International Bible Students Association. During the war, public resentment toward pacifistic groups broke out in the form of persecution and violence. They were publicly called "shirkers" and "slackers." The government responded by canceling the exemption for all new immigrants who belonged to historic peace churches, meaning that those whose ancestors were not covered under the original agreement were subject to military service. Soon thereafter, members of pacifistic groups were prevented from immigrating to Canada. The Quakers began to lobby for alternative service, which provided a means for conscientious objectors to serve the war effort in a way that did not compromise their religious convictions.

During World War II, a similar scenario took place. When war broke out, the mainstream Protestant churches, who had given lip service to pacifism between the wars, abandoned that stance when the war broke out. They saw the war as a necessary evil, and

the Christian duty to fight evil won over Christ's pacifistic teachings. However, the United Church was divided over the issue of war. In October 1939, sixty-eight United Church ministers promoted their pacifistic views by launching the Witness Against War campaign and lost their pulpits over the issue.

Once again, the Quakers took the initiative to organize the groups who maintained their pacifistic views by lobbying for alternative service for conscientious objectors. Not all Mennonites were exempt under the earlier legislation and they had to find ways to protect themselves from violating their religious convictions. In the 1940 regulations, a clause was included that required all conscientious objectors to belong to a denomination which held pacifism as a tenet of their faith. This meant that anyone belonging to a mainstream denomination could not declare conscientious objector status. This was

later revised so that anyone who was truly a conscientious objector could apply to the government for personal exemption from bearing arms, but this did not mean that it would be granted. Make work projects in out of the way places were created to keep conscientious objectors busy and out of sight. Later, due to lobbying efforts for more meaningful service, conscientious objectors were allowed perform other services, such as fire fighting, ambulance driving and serving in military hospitals. As in World War I, conscientious objectors were publicly persecuted. As a result, when the war ended, conscientious objectors were not discharged from either their prison sentences or their assigned duties of service until July 1946. The government feared public outcry, should conscientious objectors return home before the soldiers who had done military service.

Conscientious objectors in Canada suffered greatly during both world wars.

They were placed in prisons or work camps, and they endured persecution from the population at large. They paid a heavy price for remaining true to their Christian convictions.

Stay tuned for Part II of this article, which will deal with pacifism in Churches of Christ during World War II.

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# Great Lakes Christian College



**Please join us for our  
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**Wednesday, June 13, 2007**  
7:00 p.m. **Baccalaureate Service<sup>1</sup>**

**Friday, June 15, 2007**  
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4:15 p.m. **Luncheon<sup>2</sup>**  
6:00 p.m. **Graduation Ceremony<sup>2</sup>**

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everyone should guard against resting on unexamined opinions instead of Scripture.

### During

During Stephen's message, "they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him... they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears" (Acts 7:54, 57). As Paul preached his powerful sermons in Pisidian Antioch, "the Jews saw the crowds... were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming" (Acts 13:54). Here we have more principles for how NOT to listen effectively during a sermon or Bible class: when the sermon or lesson is true and convicting, get mad about what is being heard and burn inwardly. Stop listening altogether. Build up arguments against the truth of what the sermon says. Instead of saying, "Amen," heckle the speaker. Be jealous.

Again, these are severe principles that hopefully will not apply to us. But anyone can risk the subtle danger of reacting against the convicting edge of God's Word. God has so formed our consciences that all but the hardest hearts should be sensitive to God's convictions that contain truth. If we truly believe we are secure in Christ and if there is no condemnation for us (Romans 8:1), we can profit from His refining fire. With spiritual maturity comes the ability to examine criticism for elements of truth and make the appropriate corrections.

### After and Between

What happens after and between Paul's and

Stephen's sermons and lessons is amazing. In their burning anger Stephen's listeners drove him out of Jerusalem and stoned him (Acts 7:57-60). On the "how not to listen" side after Paul's powerful sermon in Acts 13, "the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district" (Acts 13:50). Paul went on to preach in Iconium where afterwards, "the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren... the multitude of the city was divided" (Acts 14:2, 4). Paul's opponents from Antioch and

Iconium followed him to Lystra and "having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead" (Acts 14:19). Where many would give up, Paul got up, and went to Derbe and then right back to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch and kept on preaching the gospel and strengthening the disciples (Acts 14:20-23).

The principles we see here of how NOT to listen after and between sermons include: go political and embarrass the preacher and church by spreading ill will in the non-Christian community. Gossip and create distance between listeners and the preacher. Make the preacher's life miserable. Rob him of the joy of proclaiming the good news. Be jealous of the preacher's faith and devotion. Contradict the preacher at every turn. Be unfriendly. Criticize him in front of others. Try to get him fired. Create division among the leadership, turning elders, deacons and preachers against one another. Get mad at God and bring shame on His name and His church by being a bitter and bad example of the Christ-likeness God intends Christians to show the lost in His world. Finally, it appears Paul's opponents decided in advance not to be receptive to his message the next time they came to hear him.

In and around Acts 7 and 13 we have two powerful messages and people's positive and negative reactions to them. They teach us much about how to listen or not. Next time we'll focus on the positive side in "How to Listen to a Sermon."

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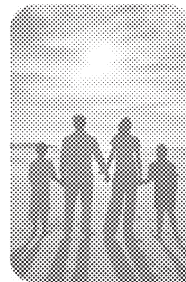
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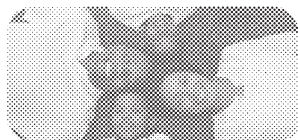
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## “Renewing the Christian Family” With Keynote Speaker Mr. Kevin Vance

“Renewing the Christian Family” is a theme that I am personally very excited about. The family is such a basic unit of relationships in our society, that the health and strength of a nation depends very heavily on the well-being of the family. This is the place where we continue to propagate the human race – it is where future engineers, nurses, soldiers and educators originate. But it is also where children are formed personally and spiritually – what they receive in their family will profoundly shape them for the rest of their lives.

In this series, I hope to bring inspiring and biblical lessons to help families be strong and have hope in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There are many challenges facing families today, but likewise many opportunities for healthy, godly families. The key to our effectiveness now and in the future is for us to base our family life on the Lord and his holy word. As the scriptures say, “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.” (Prov 3:5-6). Straight and level paths for our families are a good thing, but they only come from our submission to God and obedience to his word. Let us together consecrate ourselves afresh to the Lord and his delicious will for our lives.

The foundation of the family is the individual, and a healthy well-adjusted individual is able to have a profound influence on those around her. In the first lesson, we will explore the biblical foundation of personhood, the fact that our value as people comes from the Lord, especially our place in his created order and his love for us. I call this God-esteem, that our sense of worth comes not from our looks, our intelligence, our athleticism or our standing in society, but from God. Renewing the Christian Family begins by Renewing the Individual.

The second key to our theme is loyalty, a rapidly vanishing virtue but one that is central to the nature of God. Loyalty used to be intrinsic, an inner commitment based on the right thing to do and not on any external rewards. Today loyalty is extrinsic – we require “loyalty programs” such as Air Miles to motivate us by points and rewards to be faithful. How does such loyalty affect our commitment in marriage and family? We will explore the godly, intrinsic nature of loyalty through the story of Ruth, and its implications for marriage.

From here we move to the topic of Renewing the Christian Husband, based on the challenging text of Ephesians 5. Too often we as men (and I speak confessionally here!) take our wives for granted. The standard for Christian husbands is that of our leader, Jesus Christ, who loved the church and died for it. Only humble, sacrificial service to our wives is worthy of our Master, and our wives. So what does this look like in practical terms?

Of all the topics, I feel least qualified to address Renewing the Christian Wife. Here we will examine the cultural assumptions about gender differences, and then study the text of Ephesians 5 carefully to understand God’s intent for Christian wives. I am most intrigued by Paul’s analogy of the husband-wife relationship to Christ and the church. What does this mystery mean?

Finally, “God is the God of Second Chances.” The experience of family can bring tremendous joy and also incredible pain. When we decide to love someone, we make ourselves vulnerable. The hurt and destruction that may result can be devastating. Be it bankruptcy, an affair, the death of a child, or a pornography addiction, the heartache runs deep. But God is the God of Second Chances! The gospel is good news precisely because God gives hope to the despairing, he gives us a second chance and helps rebuild our lives. What does the ministry of reconciliation look like in the family?

I look forward to being with you!

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### NOVA SCOTIA

**Kentville:** Ron Moore reports: "The youth group would like to express a special thanks to all of those in both Ontario and Nova Scotia, as well as those in the U.S., who helped support us in our recent competition of the 'Lads to Leaders Bible Bowl' held in Nashville, Tennessee. The team of four - Alaina Moore, Steven Moore, Regis Irvine, and Calum Woodworth - competed against 15 other grade 11 and 12 groups. The subject was 1 and 2 Corinthians; the results: First Place! Well done, group."

### ONTARIO

**Beamsville:** Ed James passed away April 25. Ruth Zimmerman reports from Papua New Guinea that she enjoyed the Christmas package which arrived on April 2. Bill House celebrated his 80th birthday on May 20. On Sunday evening, May 30, the GLCC chorus sang for the congregation.

**Bramalea:** Enid Cornwall celebrated her 80th birthday on May 19. Rosena Morghan Acquah, Flo and Vince Hearn and Nyron Jitta were baptized into Christ. Marc Mattadeen and Fredua Kwarteng placed membership with the congregation, and Claire Suratos has returned to fellowship after suffering a stroke several months ago. Sam Genobaga saw 16 individuals baptized while he was in the Philippines to establish a new congregation. Since his return, three more have been baptized.

**Brantford:** A song service was hosted by the congregation on April 28, with George Mansfield. The theme was: "The Cross of Christ."

**Fenwick:** Scott Hipwell was baptized into Christ on April 15. Ralph and Joyce Perry have placed membership at Fenwick. A meeting on the theme, "Family Matters, was held May 4-6, with George Mansfield. A congregational retreat was held on Saturday, May 5. Worship on the lawn is planned for June 17, and an area hymn song on the lawn is scheduled for July 20.

**Grimmsby:** George Mansfield is the new minister for the congregation.

**Hamilton (Fennell Avenue):** Art Ford has been hired as the new minister for the congregation.

**Meaford:** Jim Ford celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

**Owen Sound:** During May 4-6 the church enjoyed a weekend retreat at Riverview Bible Camp. May Romphf moved back to Owen Sound and has renewed her membership with the church here. Betty Moore has come back to the Lord and has placed her membership with the church here. Ladies' Renewal Weekend this year is scheduled for September 21-23.

**St. Catharines:** An education ministry workshop with the themes: "How to Last in Ministry," and "Motivating Yourself for Ministry," was held May 26, 2007. Presenter was Gregory Smith of Walkerton.

**Stoney Creek:** The congregation held a roast beef dinner on April 21 to raise funds for David and Jane Mubvumbi, refugees from Zimbabwe.

**Stratford:** In September 2006 the congregation introduced a new agenda for its Wednesday evening service: First Wednesday - singing at the Anne Hathaway Senior's Residence in Stratford; second Wednesday - men and ladies hold separate meetings, and the men combine theirs with the monthly business meeting; third Wednesday - a fellowship evening; the fourth Wednesday - focus on prayer and sharing. On months with a fifth Sunday, the congregation learns new songs. The church is primarily a "commuting congregation" with members traveling up to 60 kilometres to attend. Shawn Leblanc and Curtis Thompson, from Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo, assist with the preaching by presenting a message one Sunday each month.

**Sudbury:** Ladies' Day was held on May 5, 2007, with about 55 women attending. The topic was, "Be Strong! Have Courage!" and the theme verse was Joshua 1:5-9. Speakers were Ina Smith, from St. Catharines, Elaine Klym, and Melissa Stringer.

**Thessalon:** Recently the congregation was blessed by three baptisms. Josh MacFarlane, Rick Klazinga and Dave Richie. On May 19-20, 2007, a homecoming was held to celebrate the 100th anniversary (1907-2007) of the Lord's church in and around the Thessalon area.

**Tintern:** Kelly Walker was baptized into Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 22. Thirty-four children (including 11 guests) were at the building for a "Spring Celebration" on May 4. Brian Cox visited on Sunday, May 6, and brought a word of encouragement from Neskantaga. The congregation's mission team plans to return to Neskantaga from August 4-11 to hold a vacation Bible school for children on the reserve. Please pray for the success of the congregation's "Bible Day Camp" on July 2-6.

**Toronto (combined congregations):** The International Ladies' Lectureship, hosted by women of several Toronto congregations,

is scheduled for August 11, 13 and 14. For information or to register, email Ruth Etienne at [ruth\\_coc\\_lil@yahoo.ca](mailto:ruth_coc_lil@yahoo.ca).

**Toronto (Scarborough):** Effective April 8, 2007, until further notice, the congregation's new place of worship is at St. Victor's Separate School, 20 Bernadine Street (corner of Ellesmere Road and Brimley Road).

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.):** Jose Rojas was baptized on April 22. Faith Wilson was baptized on May 9. Some funds have been received already from contributions on Key To The Kingdom Day, May 6, for which we are thankful. Congregations and individuals remembered the Key ministry in prayer that day and we hope they will continue to do so daily. May 19 filming for Key was done in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Tintern. We would like to film in other buildings in the coming months so contact us if we could come to your area. Questions about Key are welcome and Max is available to visit and speak for congregations. Vision Canada is coming up June 26 - 29 at Great Lakes Christian College. (See ad on the back page for details.)

**Waterloo:** Amy Hibbard was baptized by her father, Murray, in Lake Ontario near their home in Whitby on April 9. Great Lakes Bible College held its 2007 graduation and promotional dinner on Saturday, May 5, at The Delta Kitchener, with Don Rose, GLBC/GLCC president, as guest speaker.

**Windsor:** On April 29, Joe Woodford and Don Rose, guest speakers from Great Lakes Bible College, led the adult morning class and presented the morning sermon. Sunday evening service was cancelled on May 20, so members could attend a celebration of fellowship conducted by the Sunset church of Christ in Taylor, Michigan, with Jerry Taylor from Abilene Christian as the featured speaker. On Wednesday evenings during July and August, the congregation will hold a "Kid's Club" in addition to the regular adult class.

### QUEBEC

**MONTREAL (Verdun):** The Verdun congregation in Montreal has sold its building and purchased another property in order to meet its growing needs. The new property is about a mile from the former meeting place in an area called Ville-Émard. Beginning June 1st the Verdun congregation will be called the Ville-Émard Church of Christ. The new address is: Ville-Émard Church of Christ 6259 Monk Blvd. Montreal, QC H4E 3H8 514-765-8919 [www.villeemardchurchofchrist.org](http://www.villeemardchurchofchrist.org) There will be a different schedule for meeting times while the church makes the transition to the new building so please call in advance for information if you plan to visit. During the last week that the church met in Verdun, 4 people were baptized into Christ, Phillip and Suzy Rico, Brittany Dupras and her brother, C.J. Dupras.

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are a fair distance from our existing congregations. We tend to plant new churches close to where we exist for convenience and availability of those who can be part of it. Yet if we ignore more distant communities, we doom ourselves to being regional in nature.

I've been blessed to be a part of two church plantings in Canada. The first was intended to be a group effort with several families involved, but we ended up going alone. The second is a team effort with an initial group of 55 people. Both strategies have their merits, but I would strongly recommend the latter. To describe it briefly, an existing congregation carefully plans to begin a new work, thus "duplicating" itself in another community. What great progress we would make if every congregation managed to plan and carry out the duplication of itself!

How can this be done? Congregation "A" chooses a community in which they will begin congregation "B." Steps are first to be taken to evaluate the community and determine what methods

would work best. Then a team of people is created and trained who will either move there, or perhaps simply begin the new congregation because they live in the community already. Ideally, an evangelist should be enlisted to work with the team and develop a plan to evangelize the community. Advertising and a meeting place are arranged and a startup date chosen to officially begin congregation "B." Congregation "A" should continue to support and nurture "B" until they are mature enough to carry on themselves.

There are many advantages to this method. It involves careful preparation and thought instead of a haphazard approach. It involves good leadership and all sorts of people in creative ways, thus giving the new work great advantages toward success and permanence. It provides helpful security from the sending congregation, and a plan to keep the process going with future new works, such as congregation "B" planting "C."

In future articles we'll examine how to make wise plans, where new

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churches can be planted, how to create and train a team, and whether or not a congregation must be large before attempting to duplicate itself.

We can't leave the world's greatest work to chance, nor should we leave it to the "professionals" (this will be discussed in future articles). It's a work for all of us to do, and with God's wisdom and blessings we can do it well.

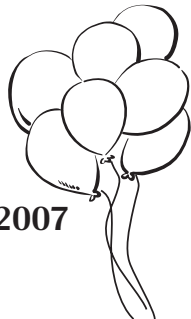
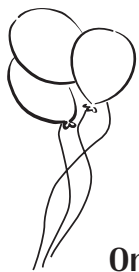
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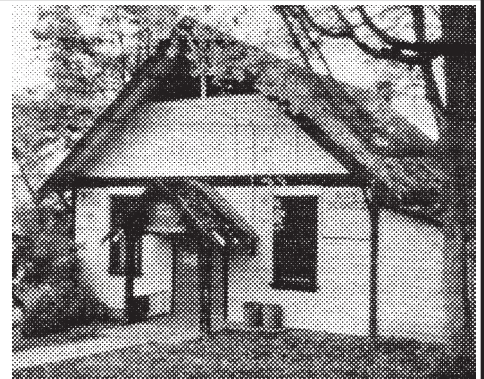


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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** In April, the driver of a new Mazda recently acquired for Velma Forman's use at the clinic in Lae had a terrifying experience. As he started to leave the Health Center after dropping off slides, he was surrounded by six men who put a knife to his ribs and drug him out of the car. Twelve days later, the police recovered the Mazda, when they interrupted an armed hold-up. Although it was hardly recognizable as the same car, the clinic rejoiced that the much-needed vehicle was recovered. Velma's first reaction was that it was not her car! The Mazda had undergone a remarkable transformation in the 12 days it had been away. The licence plates had been changed, the rear bumper removed, a local container company's sticker instead of the clinic's put on, and seat and truck box covers were gone, as well as the radio. Tinted glass had been added, along with numerous dents and scratches. As the "rascals" still had the keys to the post office box and car, Velma took it to the automotive repair shop to have a new ignition installed and to get a quote for the repairs and replacement of the missing spare tire, jack and tools. Speck, the driver, who is Velma's right-hand man, is off on a two month "stress" leave as a result of his ordeal.

**UGANDA:** This summer, a team from Calgary is going on a mission trip to Uganda in order to construct an elementary school and assist in setting up a micro-credit business. They will be partnering with an NGO called "Fields of Life", which has set up over 50 schools, clinics and agricultural reserves. For more, see [www.fieldsofflife.com](http://www.fieldsofflife.com).

**SUDAN:** Three Sudanese preachers trained in one of the three Ethiopian preacher schools have returned to the towns of Nasir and Malakal in Eastern Sudan and have established congregations. Others will follow soon. A few have been resettled in Western countries.

**ETHIOPIA:** A new kindergarten school in Jimma is scheduled to open this month. The building, which will be used to serve as both school and church auditorium, has been completed, and construction of a director's home and other needed buildings begun. The opening of this kindergarten means that more than 350 children will be learning about God every day. Recently, a parent who became a Christian, told the story of his conversion. As the family started to eat one evening, his son in kindergarten announced that they must not eat until they had first thanked God

for their food. The father was touched, and he decided to find out about the church which had taught his son to pray. Now the family are faithful members. As of the end of March, a total of 170 wells furnishing water to over 700,000 people have been drilled, and another contract for 30 more signed with the government. These will provide for another 100,000 when completed.

**MEXICO:** Every morning, the church of about 150 members in the very poor town of Jorillo, feeds 100 children with food provided by a congregation in Alabama. After building homes for several families, a group of young people led by Garnet Andrews of the Burnaby, BC congregation, has decided to construct a school for these children when they make the trek down the first week of July. His daughter, Courtney, told of the need at the "Northern Light" Youth Rally at Western Christian College in March. As a result, people from Red Deer, AB, Weyburn, SK, Victoria, BC and three congregations in Vancouver are planning to participate. After choosing a name, "True North Helping Hands Society" was officially organized with some 50 people involved. Garnet and Roy Kunkle of the Pheasant Run congregation in Vancouver, WA, made a trip in March to arrange to have the cement foundations poured for three classrooms and materials ordered, so everything is ready for construction when the group arrives. (Each of those going pays his own way as far as San Diego, with a bus taking them from there. Zorillo is near the city of Encinada). The school will be furnished with desks and playground equipment from the Emanuel Foundation in Calgary, which were located by Patti Kunkle. She plans to carry them to Zorillo in a truck. Recognizing the

project as a humanitarian effort, the B.C. government has contributed \$12,000. Remainder of the \$40,000 budget is being given by individuals and churches.

**JAPAN (Sendai):** Although the team's original 5-year commitment concludes in August, all the team members are committed, if it is God's will, to return to Japan in the future. Interim plans are as follows: **Ben Berry** will remain in Sendai until October, return to the US to report on the Sendai work for two months, and then attend ACU Graduate School of Theology to complete a 2-year Masters in Missions degree. **Joel Osborne** will come back to North America for a short furlough, and then return to Asia. Over the next year he will study about the Asian mindset (in a Singapore university), attend language school in Sapporo, and intern with a Thailand church about church planting in Asia. **Crimsen Ruhnke** has been in the US this past year reporting and "re-creating." Lord willing, she will return to Sendai in September for the final year of her 5-year commitment before making further plans. **Jonathan and Michiko Straker** were recently informed that, due to lack of funding, Harding University would not be able to employ them as 1-year missionaries in residence. So they are currently working on funding and visa requirements to attend ACU (now instead of fall 2008 as previously planned) where Jon will study for a Masters in Missions degree. **Thank you from Crimsen Ruhnke:** "To the ladies at the Training for Service meeting. It was wonderful to be with you all and have the opportunity to share with you from my experiences. I was deeply humbled by your generosity. As I am only partially supported right now, the

over \$400 you collected was a great help. I was also greatly encouraged by your warm responses. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of the work in Japan and other parts of the world. May God pour out His blessing upon the church in Ontario. May you continue to shine God's love brightly. Thank you!" **Upcoming events: FriendsCamp**, the concluding event for LST readers, workers and the Sendai congregation, will be held from July 27-29, 2007. This event will be followed by **Asia Mission Forum** in Bali, Indonesia, from August 4-8, 2007. The theme is: "If My People, Who are Called by My Name..." - reflecting on the character of missionaries as the people of God in the Asian community. **Prayer requests:** LST readers - several of whom appear close to obeying the gospel; Sendai church, in the upcoming transitions of the team members; Erica Towell and Debi Hobelman, as they complete their internship terms in August. For further information or to receive reports, contact: Joel Osborne at [joelosborne4@yahoo.com](mailto:joelosborne4@yahoo.com); Jon and Michiko Straker at [jstrake@yahoo.com](mailto:jstrake@yahoo.com) or their website <http://www.strakerhouse.com/mission-reports>; **Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton ON L6T 3Y2, [bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca](mailto:bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca)**

## Full-Time Evangelist Position

The **Lloydminster Church of Christ** is seeking a full-time evangelist to work with a diverse congregation of 40-50 people with many young children. Lloydminster is a growing community of approximately 24,000 people, located on the border between the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and approximately halfway between the cities of Saskatoon and Edmonton on the Yellowhead Highway.

The congregation is seeking an evangelist with experience in sharing God's word through preaching, teaching, home studies and visitation. Applicants should:

- Have some full-time experience as an evangelist.
- Have demonstrated abilities in working with young people.
- Be evangelistic and growth oriented.
- Have a deep love and respect for the Word and for fellowship.

The position is open July 1, 2007.

Please address your inquiries or send your resume to:

Mr. Lee Patmore, Chair, Selection Committee  
Church of Christ, P.O. Box 88  
Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada T9V 0X9  
Phone: (306) 825-2505 • Email: [patmores@sasktel.net](mailto:patmores@sasktel.net)

# 1957

*Radville Christian College moved from Radville, SK,  
to the air force facility located at North Weyburn, SK.  
The name of the school was then changed to  
Western Christian College.*

*Barbeque and devotional at  
"The Rock" on Friday night  
Dinner, auction and  
concert on Saturday night  
Tours and reminiscing  
throughout the weekend  
with Vince Anderson, Ernest Andreas,  
Clinton Brazle, David Lidbury,  
Roger Peterson, Kevin Vance,  
Dan Wieb and others...*



## Celebrate in Weyburn



### July 27-29, 2007



*Registration fee for the weekend - \$25  
Children 12 & under - free*

*For more information and to  
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# 1967

*The present facility located at 1115 - 1st Ave. N., Weyburn, SK  
was completed and dedicated to the service of the Lord.  
It is the meeting place for members of the  
Church of Christ in this area.*

# OBITUARIES

## Culley, Verna Ilene

Verna Culley passed on from this life to her eternal reward on March 25, 2007 in her 82nd year after a difficult battle with cancer. Verna leaves behind to mourn her passing her husband Wallace, daughter Valerie Dietz (husband Norm), and sister Velda Gardiner, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many friends. She was pre-deceased by her first husband Irvin Romph, her daughter Elaine McDonald and son Wayne Romph.

Verna will be sadly missed by her church family in Sarnia, as she was known as someone who knew how to be kind to others. Verna was especially gifted in the area of hospitality, having opened her homes to many people and offering a home to many others who needed a place to live. Having been baptized into Jesus Christ in 1984 she remained a dedicated Christian and member of the Sarnia Church of Christ.

While being saddened at the thought of having to say goodbye to a dear child of God in this life we rejoice that she has simply gone on to be with Jesus and at the great resurrection day will share in the eternal

joy of being present with God.

The funeral was conducted by the writer and at her request songs were sung by Bonnie Schurr and Bill Friley. Truly we understand that, because of her life and death as a Christian, Verna's best days are still to come.

— Drew Chapados

## Ostrosser, Kenneth Burwell

Kenneth Burwell Ostrosser was born in North Pelham on September 1, 1918, and passed away on April 18, 2007, at the Welland County General Hospital. Ken would have been 89 this September. He is survived by his beloved wife, Zeta, to whom he had been married for 63 years.

Ken will be missed by his children - Merla Kimber and her husband Len; David Ostrosser and his wife Susan; Ron Ostrosser and his wife Myrna. He was the proud grandfather of Kelly and Bruce Greenlaw, Craig and Tivie Kimber, Ryan Kimber, Heather and Adam Moyer, and Steve Ostrosser. He was great-grandfather to Sam and Ryan.

Ken enjoyed gardening and was able to do it until a heart attack slowed him down in 2002. He held many jobs in his lifetime but may be remembered most as the maintenance supervisor at Extencicare Nursing Home in St. Catharines. His family recalled

how Ken felt he had been blessed in many ways during his life and how he gave thanks to God for those blessings often.

— Don Hipwell

## Tallman, Clarence Gordon

Clarence Gordon Tallman, in his 98th year, passed away on April 29, 2007, in Toronto. He had been a member of the Bayview Ave. Church of Christ since its beginning in 1940. Born at Smithville, he spent his first nineteen years in Meaford, moving to Toronto in 1929. An able and productive worker, Gordon advanced through two companies to take a position with the federal government in quality control in 1942, working in this capacity until his retirement in 1975. Gordon's passing is mourned by his sister, Evelyn Greer of Louisville, KY. Excerpts from her tribute to her brother follow:

Gordon was born on March 13, 1910, in Smithville, Ontario, to Arza and Ethel Tallman, a brother for Nora, Lem, and Amy. Gordon was a normal little boy, 6-1/2 years older than I.

By the end of 1926, Nora, Lem, and Amy had married and lived elsewhere. Gordon, in February of 1929, moved to Toronto and got a job. Gordon had a wonderful disposition, always so pleasant, caring, always doing for

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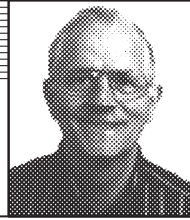
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# BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to  
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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald)  
email:bookreviews@gospelherald.org



*Seeking A Life That Counts,  
Finding True Happiness,  
A Study of Ecclesiastes,*  
by **G. Scott Gleaves**,  
*Gospel Advocate, Nashville, TN.*  
Paper. 128 pages, \$11.50 cdn.

The author confesses that he was not prepared to minister to people who faced some of the most difficult challenges in life. Although he was well educated (B.A. M.A. PhD) he felt overwhelmed by these challenges.

He was somewhat surprised when he found many of the answers he was seeking in a neglected Old Testament book, namely Ecclesiastes. Like many today, the author of Ecclesiastes felt that he was going nowhere in life. "Vanity of vanities. All is vanity" were his words.

Another man, formerly a believer, had been drinking alcohol to excess. One day his life was changed as he started reading this Old Testament book. Ecclesiastes presents "reflective wisdom" which causes the reader to carefully consider the destiny toward which he is moving. What a difference such thought can make in our lives! The journey of faith can help us overcome the difficulties that surround our lives.

We can begin to make sense out of life. A truly joyful life can be achieved by one who will follow the guidelines given in this Old Testament book. But it must be interpreted through the greater and fuller guidelines given in the New Testament.

*Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Exploring the Historic Deity and  
Personality of Christ,*  
by **Kyle Butt and Eric Joneu**,  
*Apologetics Press, Montgomery, AB*  
\$11.50 cdn.

As Christians we believe that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God and our

Saviour. But are we able to share that faith with others?

This excellent book gives us the answer to this vital question. It gives evidence that Jesus was an historical figure, fulfilled prophecies made hundreds of years before He lived, worked miracles and was resurrected from the grave after his death. The reader must answer the question that was posed to His listeners 2,000 years ago: "What do you think about the Christ: Whose Son is He?"

There is abundant evidence that Jesus was a real historical figure. Even those who deny His divinity cannot but accept His historical reality. Many non-Christian writers recognize the reality of the existence of Jesus and His impact upon history. How can anyone do otherwise when our dating system is based on His coming into the world?

The Old Testament has a great abundance of prophecies (many in great detail) that were fulfilled in the birth, life and death of our Lord. Also, there are excellent charts that illustrate the many miracles that our Lord performed.

The glorious resurrection of Jesus is also presented as one of the greatest proofs of His divinity. Attacks on this great truth are answered in a most convincing way. The reader is encouraged to respond to the Lord's commands in faith and obedience.

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others, thoughtful and always seemed to say the right thing at the right time. In 1935, Gordon married a wonderful girl, Tencie Miller. They had no children, so spoiled the nieces and nephews.

My children asked me to express for them how wonderful Gordon and Tencie were, and how much they loved them. They did so much for so many, and after Tencie died in 1998, Gordon continued to do wonderful things. Gordon was a great son, brother, uncle and husband. I want to thank the Lord for the many years He gave him. He often expressed his thanks to the Lord for his long life and mine.

Since Tencie's death, Gordon and I have kept the phones busy between Louisville and Toronto, talking to each other from 1-7 times a week. I was pleased to have a few minutes of conversation with him a week ago Thursday. Gordon has gone to a better place, and we will miss him, but he will never be forgotten.

The children and descendents of Lemuel Tallman and Amy Stevenson join in honouring the memory of beloved uncle. Services were conducted at the Humphrey Funeral Home by Geoffrey Ellis and David Knutson. Interment was at the York Cemetery.

— Geoffrey Ellis

## Full Time Ministry Position

**Tintern Church of Christ** is a congregation of 160 + with elders, deacons, well established ministries and a fulltime involvement minister. The Tintern family consists of a blend of all ages (including 60 children). Tintern is located one hour from Toronto and Buffalo in the Niagara Peninsula.

The Tintern Church of Christ is looking for a second minister who is a family oriented individual with good personal and relational skills. The successful candidate will have a passion for the Scriptures and demonstrated abilities in preaching and teaching.

Other assets include:

- A commitment to children's, youth, family and seniors ministries
- An evangelistic orientation
- The ability to work co-operatively with the established ministry team
- Ability to turn ideas into action plans and programs

Interested applicants should apply to [tinterncofc@gmail.com](mailto:tinterncofc@gmail.com)

Tintern Church of Christ  
4539 Spring Creek Road  
Vineland, ON LOR 2C0 905-562-6311

Attn: Search Committee

Applications must be received by July 15, 2007

# DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. Listings are \$9.00 per year and changes are \$4.50 each. The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

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## PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

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

**CAMROSE:** 4901-42 St. T4V 1A2 Sunday morning Bible Study 10:15; Sunday morning services 10:45; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm; 780-672-1220 (off) or Dennis Lindstrand (780)672-4978

**EDMONTON NORTH:** 13015 - 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9; Office (780) 455-1049; Fax 454-9545;  
Sun. 9:30am Bible classes; 10:30am Worship;  
Wed. 7:00pm Bible Study CARE Groups at the building and in various homes (phone for locations); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Vern Hibbard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelist: Garth Johnson  
Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org  
E-mail: church5@telus.net

**EDMONTON SOUTH:** Southwood Community Centre, 1880 - 37 St in Millwoods area; (Mailing address: 6320 - 12 Ave, Edmonton AB T6L 2G2). Sunday classes 10:00 AM; assembly 11:00 AM. Wed. 7:00; PM CARE groups in homes; phone for locations; Tim Johnson, ev. (780) 461-0323; Peter Ross, contact (780) 468-9272; E-mail: timoutwest2004@yahoo.ca

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

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

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

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley):** #5 – 2580 Cedar Park Place V2S 6B2; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at address above, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052; email: normjen@shaw.ca;  
website: http://allann.dyndns.org/cvcc

**BURNABY (Greater Vancouver):** 7485 Salsbury Ave. V5E 3A5; 9:45 & 11:15; Sunday School 10:30 (Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations.) Kirk Ruch, ev.: Kirk@SBChurch.ca ; Mike Parker, youth: FishFreaks@SBChurch.ca ; office: welcome@SBChurch.ca (604-522-7721) Website: www.SBChurch.ca.

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

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

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

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

**DELTA:** Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7; (604) 943-0515 (off)

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

**NANAIMO:** 1720 Meredith Rd., Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjpeckett@shaw.ca

**NORTH BEND:** North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

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

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

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

**SURREY (Greater Vancouver):** 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev., 604-594-1796.

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

**VANCOUVER (Oakridge):** 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 11, 6  
Spanish Bible study Friday 6:30;  
Milton Diaz, ev., 604-432-1749 (res.).  
website: www.churchofchristoakridge.com

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

**VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):** Mail: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 1600 Charlton Rd., V9E 2C8 Phone for place and time. K. Hannan, 250-474-6149 or D. Morton, 250-479-8480; e-mail SICCC@shaw.ca

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

**BRANDON:** 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10:30; Midweek; call for location (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

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

**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

**MANSON:** Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085.

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE:** Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817.

**WINNIPEG (Central):** 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10 worship, 11:15 Bible School, Wed. 7; Office: (204) 475-6462 Fax: (413) 677-6165 web site: http://www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261- 9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 chad@winnipegchurch.ca

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

**MONCTON:** 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 866-1458; Royal Maillet (506) 532-2956; other contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 382-9409

**SAINT JOHN:** Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 5 Devonayer Court, Rothesay E2E 6E2; Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802.

## NEW YORK STATE

**BUFFALO (Linwood):** 2523 Main St., 14214; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 832-7171.

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303. Off(716)285-6534, Home (716) 886-2871. Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius. e-mail BROCNFCC@adelphia.com

**SARDINIA:** Rt. 39, (1 mile west of Rt. 16), Sun. 10 & 11, Wed. 7 PM, mailing address: PO Box 186, Sardinia, NY, 14134, Glen Mueller, ev., (716)-496-5143, Cell (716)-560-6304, gemsar@adelphia.net

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**HALIFAX:** 48 Convoey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Midweek, check for day and place; ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

**KENTVILLE:** 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Elders: Kevin Irvine, Jack Bearden; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, ev; (902) 582-3457; email: rcfisherofmen@yahoo.com

**SHUBENACADIE:** Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd.; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 6:30; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, (902) 758-2633.

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**AJAX (Serving Durham Region):** Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd., Ajax, ON, 905-683-2477 (off); (mailing address: 290 Harwood Ave. S., PO Box 21018, Ajax, ON, L1S 2J1); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; call for mid-week information; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; 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; bramaleaocfc@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.bramaleaocfc.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@coqeco.ca or churchofchrist@coqeco.ca; Jeremy Bojarski, youth minister. Phone (613) 933-8445; Mark Duperron, treas. Phone: (613) 932-3701; Church mailing address: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, K6J 1W1; website: http://home.coqeco.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: Joel Lock (705) 282-8531 R.R. #1, Site 2, Box 3, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0.

**KENORA:** 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Earl Rattai, ev., 548-2245.

**KINGSTON:** 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11, 7:30; Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: church02@bellnet.ca; Richard Maddeaux, ev., Gordon Gibson, ev.

**KITCHENER SOUTH:** Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room) 200 King St. W.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Mailing address: Kitchener Church of Christ, P.O. Box 25040, SDM Hiway Centre Postal Outlet, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A5; Hugh Pither 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.

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**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. 9:45, 11:00, 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).

**REXDALE:** Meets Sunday for SS 9:30, worship 10:30 at 1485 Albion Road, Etobicoke, corner of Albion and Kipling. mail goes to Derrick Grant, 29 Revelstoke Place, brampton On L6R 3G3, phone 416-628-9620 (D. Grant) or 416-656-9309 (Rupert Comrie)

**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.

**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: dhunn@sympatico.ca

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

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**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

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**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:** 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON L0R 2C0; Worship at 9: 45a.m. with classes to folw; Sunday pm call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev. (905) 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):** Madison Academy Building, 700 Progress Drive.; Sun. 9:45a.m.; 11:00a.m. (Mailing Address: PO Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr., Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7) Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Devon Bennett ev. 905-686-2486, cell: 416-209-2529, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca. →

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**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

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

**MONTREAL (South-Central - English/French/ Spanish):** 6259 Monk Blvd. Ville-Émard, Montreal, QC H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the Monk Subway Station) (514) 765-8919; Simultaneous Translation: Sun.10, 11, Wed. 7; website: www.villeemardchurchofchrist.org Michael Mazzalongo, ev. 514-766-4911 email: mazzalongo@videotron.ca 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, 66L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

**QUEBEC CITY:** 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noël); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste- Foy, G1V 4A8; →

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## PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

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

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

**MOOSE JAW:** 901 James Street, Moose Jaw SK. S6H 3H5, (306) 693-4064 (off) mjccoc@sasktel.net HYPERLINK http://moosejaw.o-coc.com Sept - May Sundays 10, 11; Wednesday Kids Classes 7:15; Adult Class 7:30; June - Aug Sunday 10:30 Worship; Wed - 7:30 Adult Class; Darin Ashby, ev

**PRINCE ALBERT:** Church of Christ, c/o Box 721, Station Main, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5S2. For meeting times and location phone: (306) 764-6187 – Bob Jenkins, (306) 763-6205 – R. Hugo

**RADVILLE:** in private Residence at (810 Mann Ave.); Richard Thue, sec., Box 532, SOC 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

**REGINA:** Glen Elm, 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; Fax 757-5727; Please call for times

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

**SWIFT CURRENT:** Church of Christ, Box 1103, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-773-9043; (call for location of meetings).

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

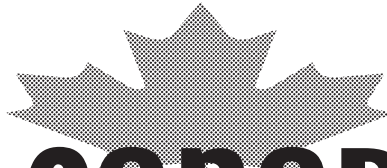
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