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Can we be the church of the New Testament? – 2

Roy Davison

Yes, if we obey the gospel of the New Testament.

On January 25, 2005 Elaine Solowey, a botanist at Ketura, Israel, planted three date seeds. The seeds were carefully prepared. After being soaked in warm water containing fertilizer to facilitate germination they were planted in three pots.

There was something remarkable about those date seeds. They were two thousand years old. They had been found thirty years earlier by archaeologist Ehud Netzer during excavations at Masada, a mountain-top fortress on the shore of the Dead Sea. Carbon dating revealed them to be 2000 years old, plus or minus fifty years.

No one expected them to grow. But in one of the pots, after five weeks, the ground was broken by the new sprout of a date tree. The first year, the tree grew to a height of 30 cm. A date tree in Israel produced a seed that was preserved for 2000 years. When given the right environment, it sprouted, and grew into a tree like the parent plant.

The gospel went forth from Jerusalem some 2000 years ago (Isaiah 2:3; Luke 24:47). It was proclaimed first by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. After His death and resurrection, it was proclaimed by His apostles and preserved in the New Testament.

This gospel seed has life-giving power. It sprouts and bears fruit when planted in good and noble hearts (Luke 8:15).

The word 'gospel' means 'good news'. What is the good news of the new covenant, and what does it mean to obey it? God sent His Son to become "the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9). Thus, to obey the gospel is to obey Christ, to heed His message of salvation.

After Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead He told His followers: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to

every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

You might be thinking, "Well, do not all churches preach the gospel?" Unfortunately, No! One of the most common departures from the new covenant among denominations is that they have changed the gospel.

This is nothing new. Even in the first century false teachers changed the gospel. Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia: "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:6-8).

The gospel may not be changed because it is from God. Paul continues: "But I make known to you, brethren, that

the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11, 12).

Thus, to be the church of the New Testament we must obey the gospel of the New Testament. The gospel is based on historical facts, things God has done for us in history. (John 3:16).

To obey the gospel we must believe in Christ.

When Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?," Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:15, 16). John the Baptist testified about Jesus: "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Thus, all of us stand condemned and are worthy of death. That is the bad news.

What is the good news? Jesus, as the Lamb of God, suffered the penalty for

our sins in our stead so we can be forgiven: "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him..." (Romans 5:8-10).

"And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:2). "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith" (Romans 3:4).

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Where Do We Belong? (PSALM 100)

Paul Birston

Polar bears live in the polar regions of the North. They're designed to live in the cold. Apparently their fur insulates so well they overheat above 10° C. Psalm 147:17 says that God "casts forth His ice as fragments" and asks "Who can stand before His cold?" Certainly polar bears can.

Across the ocean in Southern central China panda bears live in a warmer climate than their polar bear cousins. They eat different food, like bamboo shoots, and they look different. They don't belong in the polar regions, they belong in China.

Above you on a clear night, you can see another bear, "The Great Bear" constellation, Ursa Major ("ursa" is bear in Latin). This bear belongs in the sky. Job 9:9 says that God "is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south." He gave the stars their own places. The "Big Dipper" is part of the "The Great Bear." It is always there where it should be. It belongs in the sky.

God gave all His creatures their own places in Creation. Everything belongs somewhere. Sea shells belong at the sea. Meadow Larks have a place in meadows. Mountain lions belong in mountains. But people? Many people feel they don't belong anywhere. Many people long for a place to belong. Many people are restless and will travel far to search for a place to belong.

I once met a young man travelling. He was tired of the crowds where he lived and was moving across the country to another place. I asked if he knew anyone in the new place. He said, "No." Did he have a job? "No." Did he have a place to stay? "No." He was willing to leave the familiar and put up with uncertainty to find a place where he thought he could belong.

There are many voices out there in the world calling us to belong. We often hear the "C'mon on down" voice. "C'mon down to our blow-out sale." "C'mon on down and buy what

you want." "Upgrade." "Keep up in a world of materialism." Is this really where we belong?

Another voice says "Come on over and have fun." "C'mon on down to the Mardi Gras" ("Fat Tuesday" in French). The day before "Lent," a holiday when some people give up things, comes a call to indulge. Voices call to have fun and be entertained. "Come online and see things you shouldn't." "Come offshore and gamble." "Take a chance." "Live a little." Is this really where we belong?

Many other voices call out to us. They call for our attention, time and energy. But where do we ultimately belong?

Many people feel they don't belong anywhere.

There is another voice, a calm and assuring voice, that says to us, "Come before Him" (Psalm 100:2). Come before His presence.

Who is He? Psalm 100:1 says He's the LORD. He is Yahweh. He is the Existing One. He is the One who has always been. He is the maker of heaven and earth. He made the constellations, the Great Bear, Orion and Pleiades. Could He have made a place for us? Could this be where we belong, before Him?

This strong and confident voice says "Come" and "Know" in Psalm 100:3. Know "that the LORD Himself is God." He is God of Gods, Lord of Lords, Creator of heaven and earth. He is unlike other gods. He is not like the small voices of the world or Satan who shouts, wanting our attention and our lives. God can shout too. Joel 3:16 and Amos 1:2 say "The LORD roars from Zion." Now He deserves our attention. Though God can roar, He speaks to us most often through the calm and confident voice of His Spirit through the words of Scripture.

This calm and confident voice says, "Come and know what He is like." In verse five He says "the LORD is good, His lovingkindness is everlasting, His faithfulness to all generations." God

is good. His gracious steadfast love seeks and gives what is good for us. Can we entrust ourselves to belong to someone like this?

The voice says "Come" and know that "It is He who made us and not we ourselves!" "We are His," "We are His people" (100:2). Peter tells us that we are part of His royal household, a chosen race, a people for His possession (1 Peter 2:9). Our Heavenly Father owns the universe, the earth, and everything in it (Psalm 24:1). Don't we belong to Him and with Him?

Come and know that "We are the sheep of His pasture" (100:3). Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), the Chief Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (2 Peter 2:25). He laid down His life for us on the cross for our forgiveness, to cleanse His lambs. He wants us to repent so He may lead us into fellowship with our Father. When we are baptized, immersed into Him, we receive the Spirit of our Shepherd. Shepherds lead, sheep follow. Cattle are herded but sheep learn the voice of their shepherd and follow. Sheep flock together for protection and follow their shepherd in a group. Jesus leads us to "Come before Him."

What does it look like when God's people, the sheep of His pasture "come before Him"? Psalm 100 is a beautiful picture of joyful worship and service in His presence:

¹Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

²Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.

³Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

⁵For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations.

Is this not where we belong, before

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Getting the Bigger Picture

Wayne Turner



It was surprising to see a recent article and picture in a Winnipeg newspaper. A bridge had collapsed in Hyderabad, India. Ten were feared dead. Why was that surprising? Have you ever noticed that the deaths of tens or even hundreds of thousands of people in a tragedy in Africa or Asia receive a mere mention in North American news media? Even though a large part of the world's population lives on these continents, generally, we do not hear much. That the possible deaths of ten people India merited both an article and picture in a Canadian newspaper is very unusual.

It seems that many North Americans have isolated themselves from much of the rest of the world. Only the most extreme tragedies seem to gain any attention, and often, only well after their occurrence. For example, when did you first become aware of the "Lost Boys of Sudan?" In the late 1980's, some 26,000 Sudanese boys fled the violence of their homeland, walking about 1,500 kilometers to try to find safety. Many died during that brutal trek. Though the story began nearly twenty years ago, many North Americans are just becoming aware of it. What do we know of the ongoing wars and genocides in Central Africa that collectively are the deadliest since World War II? While AIDS has gained a higher profile in the media, does the fact that 95% of the sufferers live in developing countries affect how much attention North Americans give to the devastation of families, communities and whole continents?

One might conclude that although they profess to believe in the equal value of all human lives, North Americans do not see the lives of people in the rest of the world as having the same value as those here. Our media, while giving some coverage to the rest of the world, are certainly distracted by very insignificant trivialities. (We need only mention the ridiculous amount of attention given to Britney Spear's appearance on the MTV awards show in September.)

Just as nations and cultures can become isolated, churches can too. Several months ago, a newspaper columnist visited several different religious groups in his city to see how they welcomed him as a visitor and what impression they gave him. Generally, he felt the churches seemed inwardly focused. This was apparent in how they treated visitors, in their worship services themselves and in their limited acknowledgement of what was happening in Canada, the rest of the world or even the community outside their doors. At the time of his visits, there were major events occurring of either national or international

significance. That these events were not mentioned, especially in the public prayers, raised the question of whether there was any real interest or concern for what was happening in the rest of the world.

Listen to the prayers in your home congregation or think about your own prayers. How local are they? Are they primarily focused on a small personal or geographic circle—family, congregation: those who are sick, congregational leaders, programs? What about the conflicts in Afghanistan, Iran, Palestine or other world hotspots? What about the refugees from Iraq, Darfur, Chad, the Congo or the places being threatened by terrorism? Or the areas of the world suffering from drought, famine, earthquake, weather or other disasters? The children in many parts of the world who are dying of starvation and disease? And what about all who have yet to hear the gospel, and brothers and sisters in Christ who are working to spread and practice the Gospel in difficult and dangerous situations overseas?

It is human nature for people to think in terms of "I/we" and "they." The further people are away from us geographically, culturally or ideologically the more "they" they are. The tension between the Jews and Samaritans in the New Testament world evidences this. Although they both believed in the Law of Moses and shared a parallel history and geography, the two groups were estranged from each other. Jesus used this animosity in the parable of the Good Samaritan to show that as far as God is concerned, loving one's neighbor includes the most hated "they's" as would also praying for and doing good to one's enemies. His parable of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates that a gulf of care in this life can become a different gulf in eternity.

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An Attitude of Gratitude

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:15

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.” Hebrews 12:28

We live in a thankless world! We don't often hear the please and thank you that our mothers tried to teach us when we were young. This thanklessness goes beyond just being impolite and has become an ingrained attitude of believing that we deserve all that we have and have a right to it so we don't have to thank you for it. We believe that others should be thanking but see no need to reciprocate.

Stress has become a major issue in our workplaces while discouragement has become a plague on our churches. We get stressed and discouraged not because of a big workload and high expectations but because of a lack of appreciation for our contribution, both in our places of work and worship. While we can never allow our motivation for serving to be the thanks we receive, do we not have a responsibility to show gratitude and appreciation to those whose service we benefit from?

Is it possible for us to be thankful while living in a thankless world? How can we encourage our world to become more thankful?

Be thankful. There is no magic formula to this, it is a discipline. We need to show appreciation even when we don't feel very thankful and to those we are seldom grateful for. You might find it best to begin this in your relationship with God, begin your prayers by thanking God for all that you have in your life. Please be specific. When we thank God in broad generalities for all our physical and spiritual blessings we are not taking the time to appreciate

the individual blessings that He has given us. As the song says “Count your many blessings, name them one by one.” We must spend more time thanking God for the blessings He has given us than we do asking Him for what we would yet like to have. If you find that you don't have the time each day to individually list your many blessings then please adjust your daily schedule because you are just too busy. When we list our individual blessings in this way we show our appreciation to God but we also recognize how much we have. This will help us to realize how blessed we are and how much God has already given us. When we do not show our appreciation to God we tend to think that He really should be doing more for us than He already has.

Is it necessary to give thanks at every meal? What about when you are in a crowded and rather noisy restaurant? I don't believe that we are going to choke to death on the food if we don't give thanks, but I believe it is a good practice to thank God for our meals. In our busy lives we don't have enough opportunities to thank God, so why overlook these opportunities? Through simple meal time thanksgiving we can be an example of being thankful. We have had many children visit us in our home in the north and stay for dinner; they willingly participated in our saying “Thank you Jesus for our food.” They enjoy it even more when we thank God for them. Thanking Jesus for our food and our many other blessings will set a more positive mood and conversation at our meal times as we focus on our blessings not our wants.

There is power in the simple thank you card and we don't use it near enough. We tend to put our complaints in writing but our thanks too often go unsaid or are buried in our greetings and other conversation. If you want to find a way to a happier more contented life, as well as a way of encouraging others, buy yourself a box of thank you cards and begin your own ministry. Why not set yourself a goal

of sending one card a week to a friend, family member or someone who is a part of your church family. Thank them for something they have done for you or for others. Thank them for being a positive example to you. Find something in them to appreciate and write it in the card, put a stamp on it and mail it off. Watch throughout the week for someone to send a thank you card. If you are observant and appreciative you will soon be sending more than one thank you card a week because you will find so many people to be thankful for. While I know this will be an encouragement to others, you will benefit more than they do as you recognize and appreciate the way God has blessed you with so many wonderful people in your life. This ministry of appreciation will expand as those who receive these thank you cards begin to show their appreciation by sending thank you cards to others. There is something about taking the time to express our appreciation in writing and mailing it that makes our thanks more real to both ourselves and the ones who receive it.

Be generous with what you have. A great way to show your thankfulness is to be generous with what God has given you. When we believe we have earned and even more importantly deserve all that we have we may find it difficult to be generous with what we have. However, if we believe that all we have is a result of God's generosity and the generosity of those around us we will truly be thankful. I realize that this may be a major attitude adjustment in your life, one that will require great effort, discipline and, perhaps, sacrifice. Believe me it is worth it in the end. The happiest, most contented people that I have ever met were also the most generous.

Please bow your head now and begin to thank God individually and specifically for your many blessings. Yes, it may take a while but it is worth the investment of time. Look around your house for some thank you cards, but if you can't find any don't wait until you can go to the store, get a paper and pen and thank someone in writing before you go to bed tonight. Set yourself a goal of one thank you note a week. But I know that before long you will greatly exceed your goal.

In this way you will develop your attitude of gratitude. I am thankful for all of you who will take the time to read this and act on my suggestions.

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Being Thankful

Thank you. Two simple words. Two of the first words that we teach our children when they're learning to talk. Two words that carry a lot of meaning, if said with the right meaning.

This is the month set aside in this country to observe what is called Thanksgiving Day. It's a shame that we have to designate one day of the year for this, when, in fact, we should be grateful and give thanks every day. Some look forward to it because they don't have to go to work or to school. Others see it as a day for family and friends to get together for a wonderful turkey dinner and time of reunion. How many of us, though, look at it as an opportunity to really focus on the blessings God has given us?

When I was a student at David Lipscomb, I was proud of the fact that I came from Canada. When others learned that I was a "foreigner", they were often intrigued and asked questions about my native country. I guess they thought we were very different in the north. One thing that amused me was the response I got when they learned that we celebrated Thanksgiving, not just at a different time than they did but at all. I remember the question being asked, "Oh, what do you have to be thankful for?" I was offended at first but then just answered their questions. I told them that we, too, had crops that were harvested and took time at the end of the season to give thanks for all the bounty of the land.

Having a grateful heart is often not easy. With the condition of the world today—wars, unrest, disease, wickedness—it may at times seem difficult to find things for which to be thankful. But it is something that we must do.

We first must be thankful to God. In

Psalm 92:1, the writer says, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High". I wonder sometimes if we really understand how blessed we are. It seems that our society today is getting more and more materialistic and greedy, always wanting more than we have and better than we have, no matter what it takes to get it. Perhaps we have been given too much and take it all for granted.

We've all heard it before, but it bears repeating. We need to always think about others who are not so fortunate as we are to live in a civilized, prosperous country. True, there are those in Canada who are in need, and we need to be aware of them. But for the most part, our circle of friends and family don't have to worry about where the next meal is going to come from or if they have warm clothes for the winter or a job to help support their families.

We are always quick to give thanks when we get through a crisis or when bad times come our way. We pray for God to guide us and help us through the difficulties, but do we ever stop and thank God for the daily blessings that he has given us? Things like the intricate blossoms on a tree, the colorful rainbow that shows up after a rain, the gorgeous sunrise and sunset, raindrops falling from the petals of a beautiful flower, the blessing of taste buds that help us enjoy the food that we eat, the ability to smell the lovely fragrances in the world. Are we grateful for our eyesight, the wonderful blessing of touch that allows us to feel the soft skin of our newborn grandchild or the touch of our husband's hand in ours? Are we thankful for the nerves in our body that tell us when something is wrong, even though unpleasant? Are we thankful for our tear ducts that

allow us to cry away the hurts and the joys that come our way? Do we rejoice in the fact that we can hear—beautiful music, a baby's cry, a bird chirping, the laughter of a child, a siren that warns us of impending danger?

We can see that there are many small things we all enjoy, that God has given us, that we most likely take for granted. If we are to be a truly grateful people, we must take the time to thank Him daily for these blessings. And we must teach our children as well. When we teach them to say Thank You, we must teach an attitude of thankfulness, not just those two simple words. When we start teaching them, it's usually just to get them in the habit of saying "please" and "thank you". But at some point we must instill in them the true meaning of being thankful and not taking things for granted.

So, as you prepare your wonderful turkey dinner this month, don't forget all the fixings—cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, salads, vegetables, etc.. This year, though, why not include in your celebration with family and friends a special time to share with each other how God has blessed you this year and how you've seen Him work in your life. Give everyone around your table the opportunity to share.

Most important, when the day is ended and we move on with life, maybe we should make an effort to set aside time every day of the year for thanksgiving so that we will become a more thankful people.

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Propitiation is 'appeasement', that which makes peace.

The Son of Man came "to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). A ransom is the price of a life, a payment made to free someone. "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:5, 6).

Christ's death for us and His resurrection are the foundation facts of the gospel. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:1-3). The gospel "is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). To obey the gospel we must believe in Christ.

To obey the gospel we must repent.

"Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14, 15). To repent is to be sorry for our sins and to determine to turn away from sin and dedicate our lives to God. Shortly before His ascension Jesus told His apostles: "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46, 47).

To obey the gospel we must confess our faith in Christ.

"But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:8-10). Of unbelievers, Paul goes on to say: "But they have not all obeyed the gospel" (Romans 10:16).

Thus, to obey the gospel we must repent and believe in our heart that Jesus is the Christ and that God raised Him from the dead. We must confess this faith with our mouth. This may seem to be a small thing, but many Christians through the ages have been killed because they confessed their faith in Christ. Paul wrote to Timothy: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12).

To obey the gospel we must be baptized.

Jesus commanded: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

Few denominations obey this simple command. Jesus places faith and baptism before salvation. Churches that practice infant baptism place baptism before faith. They do not obey the gospel. Churches that teach salvation by 'faith only' place salvation before baptism. They do not obey the gospel. Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved."

Baptism in the New Testament is by immersion. John baptized in Enon "because there was much water there" (John 3:23). "Both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him," they then "came up out of the water" (Acts 8:38, 39). These two passages demonstrate that baptism is by immersion. The Greek word translated 'baptize' (baptizw) means 'to immerse'. Churches that baptize some other way, are not obeying the gospel.

When Peter was asked on Pentecost, "What shall we do?" he replied: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). To obey the gospel we must be baptized for the remission of sins. Churches that do not baptize for the remission of sins are not obeying the gospel.

When we obey this gospel-command and are baptized on the basis of faith and repentance, we are born again spiri-

tually. Paul explained to the Christians at Rome: "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3, 4). Jesus told Nicodemus: "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Peter explains the rebirth thus: "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever... Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you" (1 Peter 1:22, 23, 25).

When Jesus comes again He will punish the disobedient: "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8).

"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17).

We can be the church of the New Testament if we obey the gospel of the New Testament. Jesus died for our sins and rose the third day. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He bore our sins in His own body on the cross. We sin and deserve to die. But God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us and make amends for our sins. We obey this good news by believing in Christ, repenting of our sins, confessing Christ and being baptized for the remission of our sins to be born again of water and the Spirit, that we might rise to walk in newness of life.

Can we be the church of the New Testament? Certainly, if we keep the covenant, and obey the gospel of the New Testament.

Alken, Belgium

THE PATH BEATEN HARD

Carolyn McMillan and Shelley Jacobs

Work Among the First Nations People on Lake Winnipeg in the 1920s and 1930s

Carolyn McMillan

Several years ago, I had occasion to read early issues of the Gospel Herald. I noticed regular reports titled "Our Indian Road" that began in 1936 and continued until January 1940. I have found information prior to 1936, but have discovered very little about what happened to this work after January 1940. If anyone reading this issue can direct me to more information, I would be happy to receive it.
~ Carolyn McMillan

This story is about Henry Charles Trindle, a First Nations man who lived and preached on the Peguis Reserve, about 100 miles north of Winnipeg. Walter Eatough reported in the May 1928 issue of *The Christian Monthly Review* that the church in Winnipeg had been connected with Trindle's work for at least 15 years, which would place the beginning of the story about 1913. Trindle relates the beginning of his story in the March 1938 *Gospel Herald*. He was visiting in Winnipeg and was on his way to church services one Sunday morning, when he took a street that he had never traveled. He noticed a sign on a building that said "Church of Christ," and he had read that name in the Bible, so he decided to wait until people started arriving. He was warmly welcomed and was surprised that the minister did not wear a long robe and a clerical collar (Trindle implies that he came from an Anglican background). Several people asked him to come to their home after worship. He went to one home and learned "more perfectly about God." A Brother Hudson is credited with urging Trindle to leave secular work and take the gospel message back to his people. It is likely that he was the one who took Trindle home that day. Walter Eatough reports in the October 1926 issue of *The Christian Monthly Review* about a later visit of Trindle to the church in Winnipeg. He says that Trindle is "a full blood Indian who has read the New Testament for himself and found the Scriptural terms of pardon and the Church which Christ builds. He has met with great difficulties in his efforts to establish the Lord's work among his people, including a month in jail on a false charge, in order to deter him. His reward is

progress of the work, a good Bible School, and the Lord's Table spread every first day of the week." Eatough relates that the chief of Trindle's Saulteaux tribe of Swampee Cree is also a brother.

The churches in Winnipeg and Carman took a special interest in this work and helped when they were able. From October 1926 until March 1927, the Winnipeg church investigated the work of H.C. Trindle and were sufficiently satisfied with his doctrinal soundness and sincerity that they endorsed and supported his work "as a teacher and preacher of the Churches of Christ."

Trindle's work was primarily on the Fisher River and Peguis Indian Reserves on the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Brother Albert Prince joined him in this work. Prince was the great grandson of Chief Peguis of the Saulteaux tribe, who was one of the first of his race to "embrace Christianity." The reports note that work took place on five reserves in the lakes area. Trindle and his wife held services every week in their home in the northern part of the Peguis Reserve at Dallas, MB and Mrs. Trindle conducted Sunday school classes. Albert Prince conducted services at his home on the southern part of the reserve, and eventually money came from Canadian churches to build a house that was large enough to hold a crowd for the services there.

The Trindles traveled by boat in summer to other areas of Lake Winnipeg to begin new works. There are reports of as many as 200 gathering for some of their church services. At one point, early in his work, Trindle sold muskrat hides to buy a small boat to carry out this mission. Later, the churches bought him a mission boat that was apparently larger and able to travel safely in open water. As Trindle became older, he was not able to walk long distances, so the churches bought him a horse and buggy to travel from one preaching point to another. Trindle and his wife worked tirelessly and selflessly in this work. During the 20s and 30s, conditions on the reserves were quite desperate, but they did what they could, with the help of the Canadian churches, to provide for the people. Clothing was sent regularly for distribution. At Christmas, groceries and

gifts were sent so they could serve a meal for the community and give gifts to the children. The Trindles report serving 200 people at one of the celebrations.

Although several people from the churches in Winnipeg and Carman were closely connected with the Trindles and others in this work, Charles Petch and Walter Eatough seemed to be the most active. Eatough reported Trindle's work to the church papers and was Trindle's Winnipeg contact. Petch held a number of well-attended gospel meetings at various reserves. There was good support from the churches in Ontario, and Trindle was even sent to report on his work to the churches there in 1928, visiting such churches as Toronto (Strathmore Blvd. and Bathurst St. are specifically mentioned), Tintern, Hamilton, Selkirk, Jordan, St. Catharines, Stouffville and Pine Orchard. It is evident that this work generated a great deal of excitement in churches of Christ across Ontario and the prairies. A list of donors was published regularly in *The Christian Monthly Review*. Individuals, churches and even Sunday School classes contributed as they were able. Occasionally a note was published from one of the donors expressing excitement for the work being done. "Bro. T. W. Bailey, Thessalon, ON, May 28, 1928: writes to say they had just sent \$10 to 'Our Indian Road' and 'we are setting apart the contribution of the third Lord's Day of the month for missions. I would like to see more mission work done in Canada. Talk it up.'"

Eventually, there was some work around Fairford, Manitoba, west of Lake Winnipeg. This came about because visitors from Fairford visited Trindle and urged him to come and visit them. *The Gospel Herald* tells about a man from the Fairford Reserve who Walter Eatough baptized about 1917, indicating that the work there began quite early. This man remained faithful until his death in 1937. *The Gospel Herald* reports that a Brother E. Sinclair came to Winnipeg to give the leaders of the church in Winnipeg some insight into the work in Fairford. There is also mention of a meeting on the Lake St. Martin Reserve on May 7, 1939 with 200 in attendance. A January 1940 entry (the last report in the *Gospel Herald*) states there was a thriving work going on in that area. Brother Sumner carried on the work at Lake St. Martin's Reserve. Two adjoining reserves, Fairford and Little Saskatchewan, had joint services at the home of a Mrs. Cook, which was between the two reserves, and there were full houses all the time. A Brother James

Thompson reported this; it is likely that he was one of the leaders.

In the spring of 1938, Trindle became ill and never fully regained his health. He gave much thought in the following months to who would carry on this work. It seems there were at least a couple of preachers doing some of the work at this time. Trindle arranged for John Cochrane, "his first convert to primitive Christianity" to carry on the work on the Fisher River Reserve. Albert E. Prince would carry on the work on the Peguis Reserve. Later the Winnipeg Church arranged for men, likely Sinclair, Sumner and Thompson, to continue the work on Lake St. Martin. Henry Trindle died on November 18, 1938 at the age of 74 years. In January 1940, the *Gospel Herald* reports that the work was progressing well, but no reports were made after that time. The *Winnipeg church minutes* report from May 12, 1941 that Brother Eatough and Brother Pennock had interviewed some of the brethren from the reserve. As a result, Brother Pennock would make a visit to the reserve and Brother Prince would accompany him while he was there.

What eventually happened to this work may never be known. We do know that a very significant work took place among the First Nations people north of Winnipeg at quite



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Regina, SK

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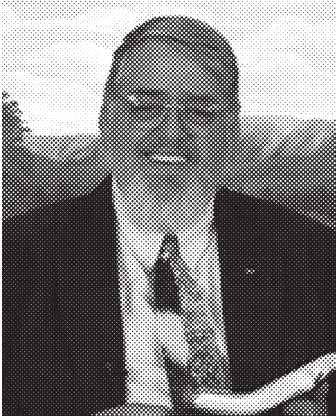
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ONTARIO

Barrie: A ladies' day entitled, "Working in God's Garden—Blooming Where You are Planted," is scheduled for October 13. Speakers are Marilyn dela Cruz, Darlene Lee, and Marg Sandiford.

Beamsville: On September 5 the congregation hosted a welcome back event for the Great Lakes students. On September 8 the congregation sponsored an Alzheimer coffee break, hosted by Marg Dearing. The annual Great Lakes Christian College/ Bible College partnership dinner was held September 29 at GLCC. The honourees were the WAVES and congregational supporters of GLBC.

Bramalea: Jerry Tallman conducted an inspiring and encouraging evangelism seminar entitled "His Eternal Plan," from September 15-19, 2007. The congregation's small group ministry began in September. A special contribution was collected on Sunday, October 16, for World Bible School's "Impact Sunday."

Brantford: Ladies' class resumed on September 9. The congregation held a successful clothing giveaway to the community on September 15. Thanks to Grimsby, Waterloo and Fennell Avenue for sending some clothes for this event. The ladies are meeting once a month to study "women of the Bible." Speakers in September were Mark Kennedy, Wayne Whitfield, Glen Robbins, Shawn LeBlanc and Ralph Perry. The congregation made a donation to assist the breakfast program for the local schools in Brantford.

Fenwick: A neighbourhood

barbeque, held on August 25, was well attended with nine from the community joining the congregation. "Kids for Christ" began again on September 7. The theme this year is, "Yes, Lord, Yes!" The congregation hosted The Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society meeting on August 25. Walter Straker spoke for the congregation on August 26. A booth at the Niagara Regional Exhibition was used to promote the "Kids for Christ" program. The congregation is looking forward to hearing Randy Todd of Grove City, Ohio, present a series of lessons from November 11-14.

Kenora: The congregation has begun holding what it calls "satellite services" in the nearby town of Dryden on a semi-regular basis. They meet at the Holiday Inn Express at 3:30 Sunday afternoons once in each calendar month. The first service was held in August with 23 in attendance. The handful of Christians in Dryden usually make the trip to Kenora to attend services, so Kenora members thought it fitting to reciprocate. Being a tourist town on beautiful Lake of the Woods, Kenora has many brethren who visit each summer. This is very uplifting and valuable to a small congregation such as Kenora.

Niagara Falls: A youth rally entitled, "Shepherd, Warrior, Survivor – the Life of

David," was held September 28-30, 2007, for grades 7 and up.

Owen Sound: The 2007 Ladies' Renewal is scheduled for September 21-23 on the topic: "Freedom in Christ." Speakers will be Faith Thompson, Kathy Russell and Sharon Osborne.

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): The congregation would like to announce that Jeremiah Cisco is its new full-time minister. The members are looking forward to working with Jeremiah, his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Patsy. Jeremiah, who is originally from Liberia, West Africa, worked for three congregations in the United States. He states: "There was something about the way this church advertised what it was looking for that attracted me. They have a vision for the future and that really impressed me. I'm still trying to get to know the people in the congregation and I'm looking forward to meeting the people in the community."

Stoney Creek: The congregation held two very special events the weekend of September 22-23, 2007: a Saturday a.m. lesson entitled, "God's Guidance of the Believer," and a Sunday a.m. lesson: "Our Man in Heaven: Jesus in the Epistle of the Hebrews." Saturday evening a dinner was held at GLCC to celebrate the 40th anniversary of International Bible Correspondence School, and to honour Richard and Betty Kruse, who head up the programme.

Stratford: Gordon and Reta Young now worship with this congregation. Larry and Marj Hoover will soon retire from Canada Post after 18 years of service delivering rural mail. The congregation has been praying for over a year on direction on hiring a part- or full-time evangelist. Recently two teams of men began in-depth investigations into God's requirements for an evangelist, and the congregation's abilities to support an evangelist, both spiritually and financially, as a team member working with them.

Toronto (Scarborough): The congregation is accepting donations on behalf of the Jamaica School of Preaching and the churches of Christ in Jamaica for onward transmission to help with the hurricane relief efforts there. The congregation rejoiced in the baptism of Tashay Mignott and Karen Bernard on August 19, 2007, and of Lester Bennett and Larnelle Myrie (Devon Bennett's dad and nephew) on September 29.

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STONEY CREEK

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Hamilton, Ontario

The Stoney Creek Church of Christ is prayerfully searching for a full-time minister. The congregation of 50 members is self-supporting, progressive and eager to further the will of God. Our minister must possess in-depth Biblical knowledge and life application skills, be an excellent communicator, and relate well to people of all ages and backgrounds.

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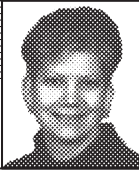
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): A traditional Mumu (feast) to raise funds for Velma Forman's next trip home a year from this last month was held at the Wedler Farm in Chilliwack on Sept 8. Festivities included a whole pig roast, chicken, corn on the cob, salads, vegetables cooked Papua New Guinea style and desserts. A few "market" tables with items to purchase were also set up. Admission was by donation.

Burnaby: We hosted an evening of singing and fellowship with friends from other churches in the area on Sept. 15. The latest edition of our photo directory is ready for release. For new members, these are a big help in getting to know the congregation. Our 9-unit course called "Roots", was begun last month with midweek studies for new Christians and for pre-Christians who want to know more about the basics of the Bible and faith in God. "On the Front Lines"

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Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): The congregation rejoiced with Nathan Brown, son of Ed & Cheryl, at his baptism into Christ recently. His father serves as a deacon at Strathmore. The fall sessions of the Ladies and Men's classes have begun, with the ladies studying Romans and the men, 1 Corinthians. Also, the Mission Sewing Club has begun with weekly meetings where the ladies are sewing items for sending to various mission points. Plans are in place for Max to preach in a meeting in Halifax October 21-23. He is also scheduled to visit and speak at Kentville, Mill Village and Moncton that week. A "film crew" is going along and they plan to film some Key To The Kingdom programmes in each of those locations.

Waterloo: David Dunn has listed his short-term goals for the congregation as he begins work with it: 1. To undertake preliminary analysis profiles of both the community and the church to help decide on our evangelism strategy; 2. To visit with all the ministry team

the weekly session for Christians learning to pray for and with people, also began a new series.

Oakridge: The six children of Celia Cirilo arrived from the Philippines in July and August, giving us another boost in attendance. Tyler Johnson, who had returned from six months in Africa, gave an interesting and informative report of his work there, complete with pictures. A new sound system has been installed that is more satisfactory than any tried in previous years. Joyce Hooper donated a copy of the "B.C. Church History Book" that was completed this summer by John Dale of Portland in collaboration with Larry Hoff of the Delta congregation, both former members at Oakridge.

Salmon Arm: The 50-Year celebration in July was the most successful event ever planned for this congregation, with 175 people here for the Sunday morning service and pot luck luncheon which followed. Lectures based on the growth of individuals in the Bible were in line with the progress in the church over the years. Well over 100 were present for each service, including many who had former ties with the growth of the congregation. The well-planned program and serving of several excellent meals was executed with a minimum of cost.

Vernon: A swimming meet to raise money for the Kidney Foundation and Judy Ellis, in particular, was held in August. Sister Ellis, who lives in Kelowna, is scheduled for a kidney and pancreas transplant in Vancouver. Her husband, Darryl, a cancer survivor, has

leaders and survey the church members about their ideals and hopes for evangelism; and 3. With the evangelism ministry team, to develop a 5-year plan for church evangelism. The annual men's retreat was held from September 14-15 at Camp Omagh. The congregation plans to participate in a community breakfast club being conducted at Cedarbrae Public School beginning in October. The 2007 Great Lakes Bible College lecture series, entitled, "Renewing the Christian Family," is scheduled for Friday, November 2 through Sunday, November 4, 2007.

Windsor: The congregation rejoices with Jonathan Borre, who was baptized August 22 for the forgiveness of his sins. Appreciation was expressed to all who contributed to the summer "Westside Kid's Club." A Ladies' Inspiration Day was held on September 8 at the Livonia Church of Christ in Livonia, Michigan. A hymn sing and pie night was held at the building on September 9. Ray Miller, of Arizona—a former preacher in Windsor—is hosting a meeting on "The Church" for the congregation from October 28-30. The

been swimming for Cancer Research for the eight past years, but made a special effort this year to raise funds for the Kidney Foundation to help his wife. The first year, he swam the entire length of the Okanagan Lake, 90 miles, in five days. Wayne Muirhead, also from Kelowna, drives a speedboat beside him as he swims. The church is also continuing to fill 10 grocery hampers each month in connection with the NeighbourLink organization. World Vision started NeighbourLink in 1990 to help Canadian churches connect to their community. Neighbourlink enables volunteers to help others in real and practical ways. More than 30 networks are active across the country, representing approximately 400 churches and thousands of volunteers from a wide variety of denominations and traditions. It helps build relationships with their neighbours by providing a forum for local churches and agencies to share what they are doing in the community; equipping churches with the tools and training to assess them and develop an effective network, with each church choosing how it will participate based on its vision, gifts, and ministries; and connecting neighbours in need with church volunteers, ministry projects and agencies. It helps churches establish a centralized database and telephone resource centre to assess people's needs and refer them to the appropriate people or project. In addition to food hampers, volunteers may be called on to help families with a move, take them to appointments, do home repairs and give other practical aid.

congregation is collecting clothing for the 2007 giveaway and will collect items until Sunday, November 11. They are trying to fill 50 baskets with everyday items for their community giveaway guests.

QUEBEC

Montreal (Verdun): In the last quarter five people were baptized and two placed membership with the congregation. In June the congregation organized a men's retreat for churches in Quebec, with Jean Grenier, missionary from northern Quebec, speaking. Men came from over 400 miles away to attend. This was its first retreat and first opportunity to have fellowship with brethren outside the congregation. Paul and William Mazzalongo, sons of Michael and Lise, have moved to Montreal and joined in the work there, along with daughter, Émilie, and son-in-law, Hal Gatewood. Mazzalongo's gross income has dropped by almost \$12,000 yearly and not been recovered, so the congregation would appreciate continued assistance from supporters.

MISSION NEWS

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ECUADOR: As a result of the random unprovoked shooting of 24-year-old Daniel Stinson as he was awakened from sleep in his tent, his life and that of his family was radically changed for the whole month of July. The young man from Texas was shot a week after his arrival to do mission work for three months. His father, Eddie, was interrupted from a tour of duty in Tanzania, and his mother, Marilyn, a psychiatric consultant, had to cancel a mission trip to Maine. After finally reaching Daniel eight days later, it was necessary to spend another week in Quito before they were able to bring him back to the hospital in Arlington, TX. Further examination revealed part of his colon needed to be amputated, which required his hospital stay to be extended through the remainder of the month. He was released with numerous appendages which will be necessary for several months to come, but his parents and relatives rejoice that his life has been spared. He believes, along with them, that God will use his ordeal for a special purpose in the future..

MEXICO: Because of their interest in continuing with mission work when they can no longer travel to India, Ron and Karen Clayton from Hamilton, AL., have been going to Cordoba to work with one of four small congregations in that city. With tensions between the U. S. and Mexican governments high, they had to skip last year, but were able to return this June. They found that attendance at the Colonia Arias Lopez church had dramatically increased since their last visit, with numbers in the 80's for the morning worship services, and 60 to 70 for one later in the day. When the church was started, 26 met in a home. They realized that in order to grow, they had to buy property, which they managed to do. Now they are running out of space in this building, and need either to put on an addition or build a second floor onto it. Ron preached nine times while there, and Karen taught classes for the ladies three times. The couple had 10,000 copies of "How to Become a Christian" printed in Spanish, and purchased 20 plastic chairs, two fans and a water cooler for the church

building. They also bought Bible filmstrips which were left with the preacher, Gregorio Ramirez, to use and distribute to other preachers in need of these tools and would use them. An arrangement was made with this congregation for the Claytons to work with them any time they are able to return. Other churches they have helped since 2000 are in the cities of Puebla and Oaxaca.

INDIA: Many parts of Andhra Pradesh have been hit with hurricanes that have cause terrible flooding. Many members of the church have lost everything they have. The India Missions team with headquarters in Hamilton, AL, has no funds available to help them at this time. Cheques marked for India Missions may be mailed to the Westhill church of Christ, PO Box 766 in Cleburne, TX. 76033, or the Hamilton Church of Christ, box 1448, Hamilton, AL 35570.

SUDAN: Dr. Michael J. Smith, a Physicians Assistant, has been in Sudan since early May with a large group of Christians from the U. S., Ghana, Zambia, and Sudan. They are serving in a Red Cross camp that is home to 30,000 displaced refugees from Darfur. The group is ministering both physically and spiritually to these people who lost everything during the long war. Dr. Smith expects to return to his home in Carlsbad, NM, in mid-September where he lives with his wife, Susan, and one of two Sudanese brothers they adopted. He has been in Sudan a number of times.

RAPHA INTERNATIONAL: A container full of medical supplies, 145 children's school desks, hospital bed sheets, clothing, shoes, and a fishing boat, left Rapha's warehouse the first week of June, and has been received in Jinotega, Nicaragua. Missionparacristo was a partner in getting this project on its way. Another container to Zambia was shipped in August, even as one was being filled to go to North Korea. A young Sudanese man is working as warehouse manager of the RAPHA warehouse in Fort Worth, TX. He came to the U.S. as one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan". His mother & father had been killed as they were fleeing Muslim armies from the north. He ended up in a camp in Kenya from which he was given refugee status by the U.S. He is about 6'6" tall and speaks English well. In addition to his job, he is enrolled in Tarrant County College with the intention of becoming a doctor.

JAPAN (Sendai): Crimsen Ruhnke's mother, Shelley Wheeler, who had surgery for ovarian cancer and is undergoing 6 months of intensive chemotherapy. Currently, Crimsen will remain in the US

to care for her mother. Debi Hobelman, one-year intern, has remained in Sendai to teach in an English kindergarten. Erica Towell, the other one-year intern for a year, has returned to the US and is looking for employment. Ben Berry and Joel Osborne plan to be in North America from October through January to report on the Sendai work and their future plans. Joel and Ben's schedules include being at Bramalea from October 13-17. Ben will then head for the US. Joel will attend the Great Lakes Christian College Homecoming from October 19-21, and then report to other Canadian cities personally or in other ways. After Ben leaves Canada he plans, Lord willing, to attend Abilene Christian University to obtain a 2-year masters in missions degree. Jon, Michiko and Hijiri Straker are working on US requirements for Michiko's visa. When those are completed, they will move to Abilene, so Jon can attend Abilene Christian University to work on a master's degree in missions. (One requirement for Michiko's admission to the US is that Jon can support her above the \$25,000 US poverty level!) Please continue to encourage – through prayers and continued financial support – the spreading of the gospel in this difficult country. Also, please continue to pray for Sendai's new Christians; for LST readers as they continue to study the Bible; and for the Sendai congregation as it adjusts to working without help from the missionaries.

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You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3: 26-28. This was the spirit of the third International Ladies Lectureship (I.L.L.) which took place in Toronto in August. The purpose of the I.L.L. is to bring Christian women together to study God's Word, fellowship, and grow. The International Ladies' Lectureships (I.L.L.) began in 2003 in Trinidad, WI, where sisters had the idea, motivation, diligence and dedication to bring this marvellous idea to fruition. The first I.L.L. in Trinidad in 2003 was a great success and motivated those present to keep this dream alive

of Harding Church of Christ in Toronto took on the responsibility of being the coordinator for I.L.L. Canada 2007.

In the beginning of 2006 the troops were rallied and sisters from Harding, Strathmore and Bayview Churches of Christ committed to being a part of the planning committee for I.L.L. Canada. There was to be a lot of work ahead and this tremendous project was being executed by a handful of ladies, but all praise be to God that despite all the challenges and road blocks faced by the committee, I.L.L. Canada came together very nicely in the end. The theme for the meeting was "A Beautiful Life" based in 1 Thessalonians 2:12, which proved to be especially apropos and encouraging for the ladies in attendance.

Part of the exceptional-ity of the lectureship can be attributed to the roster of speakers who were present. The speakers included Brenda Snow of the United States who spoke on the topic "Contents of a Beautiful Life" and led a workshop

topic "Teen's Perspective of a Beautiful Life" and led a workshop entitled "A Beautiful Life in Christ vs. Life Without Christ"; Tula Nisbett of Nevis who spoke on the topic "A Beautiful Life Without Boundaries" and led a workshop entitled "Secret to a Beautiful Life"; Chan Kissun-Ali of Trinidad & Tobago who spoke on the topic "Metamorphosis of a Beautiful Life"; Delores Mitchell of the



Some of the ladies from Barbados



Some of the African ladies in their traditional wear.

and persist in the endeavour to keep on meeting as sisters in Christ. These lectureships take place on a biennial basis, at a different international venue each time. The 2005 lectureship took place in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and was also a great success. At the St. Vincent lectureship all those in attendance were especially blessed with messages from very effective speakers. It was at that time that it was confirmed that the 2007 I.L.L. would be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It was with both excitement and apprehension that the Canadian ladies took on this project as it looked like a very daunting task at the time and up until that point there had been very little Canadian participation and attendance in the lectureships. It was with great courage that Sister Chan Ramcharitar



Trinidadian Chorus

entitled "Wherein Lies a Beautiful Life"; Mariam Starks of the United States who spoke on the topic "Anchors in a Beautiful Life" and led a workshop entitled "Woman's Role in the Church/A Beautiful Life"; Rosina Adu of Ghana who spoke on the topic "Characteristics of a Beautiful Life"; Pat Knutson of Canada who led a workshop entitled "Realization of a Beautiful Life"; Sandra Clark of the United States who spoke on the

United States who spoke on the topic "A Beautiful Life in a Wicked World" and led a workshop entitled "Source and Nature of a Beautiful Life"; and Ruth Etienne of Canada who spoke on the topic "A Beautiful Life in Christ".

The congregational singing was absolutely superb and the excellent work of the song leaders is to be commended for that. The song leaders included: Debbie Klemm of Canada, Joyce Samuel of Canada, Althea Branker of Canada, Kiba Perez of the United States, and Crystal Bonas of Trinidad & Tobago.

Also, not to be overlooked would be the excellent MCs that we had for the event: Christine Koehler of Canada, Brenda Snow of the United States, and Chan Kissun-Ali of Trinidad & Tobago. We were extremely fortunate to have singing groups from several different countries share their talents. These countries included: Ghana, Barbados, Bermuda, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada (Waterloo) and Jamaica.

It is my prayer that many Canadian sisters will be able to make plans to attend the next I.L.L. that will be held in Trinidad & Tobago in 2009 so that we can all enjoy this special blessing together.

Toronto, ON

Surprised by God

Richard Kruse

God surprised Moses through a burning bush. Living as a refugee from Egypt, Moses tended the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, in Midian. Using a burning bush that did not burn up, God called Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Going back to Egypt was definitely not something Moses desired, even though God promised to be with him. After many excuses, perhaps because he was humble, or because he had killed an Egyptian years before, Moses finally obeyed.

God surprised Pharaoh, who had repeatedly hardened his heart against the revealed will of God. Filled with pride and self-will, Pharaoh confidently rejected Moses and the request to let the Israelites leave Egypt. After all, Pharaoh was to become a god when he died, his priests and magicians could duplicate some of the plagues brought on through Moses; eight plagues were announced, came and eventually left. The plagues, though natural occurrences in the sacred Nile Valley, revealed the superior power of God over the Egyptian gods because they were announced beforehand, and because of the intensity of the plague and area covered. However, the ninth and tenth plagues were not announced. About midnight the Egyptians received a bitter surprise from God, resulting in the shocked Pharaoh commanding the Israelites to leave Egypt.

God surprised the Israelites, who were trapped between the Egyptian army and the sea. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. God's rescue of the people would have been beyond their wildest dream! The Israelites were just beginning to learn that their God was not like any other god—even the gods of the Egyptians.

God surprised Moses when Moses struck the rock, failing to obey God's command to speak to the rock. Moses, who at first declined God's call because of an inferiority

complex, was becoming ready to exalt himself. "Because you did not trust in me enough to honour me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I gave them" (Numbers 20:12).

God surprised Balaam, who was noted for his great powers of oratory, by the words from the mouth of a donkey. Balaam was riding along, out of harmony with God's will for his life. The supposed mighty spiritual leader had less spiritual discernment than the donkey, which saw the angel blocking the way ahead. Balak, hoping to be able to defeat the Israelites, offered to pay Balaam to curse God's people. Even though Balaam was willing to curse them, he could only offer blessings.

God surprised the people of Jericho. The walls of Jericho provided a new challenge for the Israelites. The king and fighting men of Jericho were undoubtedly prepared for an attack.

Rather than attacking, the Israelites simply carried the ark and walked around the city for six days. Then after they

walked around the city seven times on the seventh day, God brought down the walls at the shout of the Israelites.

God surprised those who they put their trust in sacred things. During the days of Eli, the Israelites put their trust in the ark to give them victory. God let them be defeated and the ark be taken by the Philistines. Years later, during the days of Jeremiah, the false prophets said Jerusalem would be spared from Nebuchadnezzar's attack, simply because the temple was located there.

God surprised Elijah and the widow. During the days of King Ahab, Elijah declared, "there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word" (1 Kings 17:1). God directed Elijah to go to Sidon, where he tested the widow's faith by requesting her to take the last bit of meal and oil and give it to him for food. The jar of flour and jug of oil were not used up until the rains returned.

God surprised Job and friends, as well as some of the psalmists, who thought that simply by being morally good, they would be blessed and free from hardships. It is true that God promised to bless those who obeyed his commandments. Sometimes the blessings are material while other times the blessings are "spiritual".

Being surprised by God, whom they attempted to understand, is a thread that is woven throughout the history of Israel. Miracles are not common in the Old Testament and not all of the surprises are miraculous. The miracles usually occurred at the very important periods of history when the power of God was especially needed, for example to deliver them from Egyptian bondage, to give them the Land of Canaan, or to preserve the true faith against Baal worship, which threatened the very existence of worship of God in Israel.

Is it surprising to you that at the centre of the Christian faith is revealed the shocking truth that God wants us, desires us

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Carrying The Cross of Christ

Nathan Pickard

Our movement, Churches of Christ, have been shaped by different voices, but one voice stands out, Alexander Campbell. Campbell has very much shaped our movement in theology and practice, which has been beneficial in some areas while also unfavorable in other areas. Campbell can be thanked for helping our movement regain the importance of baptism and the weekly practice of the Lord's Supper as well as our strong conviction that the word of God needs to always be present before us guiding our doctrine and teachings. Though Campbell has done much for our movement in these areas I have to wonder if something was lost or forgotten in his zeal for discovering and restoring the ancient gospel: the relationship between the cross and our ethics.

In the late 1800s as baptism became a focal point of many discussions in our movement there was great stress put upon the proper mode (immersion of adults) and the basic purpose (remission of past sins). Unfortunately what is missing in nearly all of the discussions on baptism from what I can see is the relationship baptism has to how we are to live our lives, and more specifically, the way baptized Christians are to live in light of the cross of Christ. On account of this one historical scholar within our movement has noted that there was a greater emphasis on whether or not people were baptized correctly and what was forgotten was how people are to follow Jesus (C. Leonard Allen, *Things Unseen* [Leafwood Press, 2004], 37).

In Matthew 16 Jesus says that those

who want to be his disciples must pick up their cross and follow him. Are these words to be taken literally or is Jesus calling our lives to be shaped by what the cross stands for?

Campbell believed that these words were to be taken literally and that no one should have to carry the cross. Writing in response to an individual's teaching that Christians need to take up their crosses and follow Christ, Campbell writes, "There is no cross under our government. In other words there is no persecution in our country, or anywhere in Protestant Christendom against Christ or Christianity. Hence no man in these United States has to carry a cross for Christ's sake" (Alexander Campbell, "Opinionisms – No. 1," *Millennial Harbinger*, 5th series, 2 [August 1859], 437; see also Allen, *Things Unseen*, 38).

Campbell is wrong in taking these words of Jesus literally. Instead these words of Jesus are calling us to live our lives by what the cross stands for. The cross stands for many things, two of which are serving and dying. As the cross shows us what it means to serve we discover that our individual desires and our self-serving behavior is nullified. The cross shows us that it is not me, the individual that matters, but the other. The cross is Jesus' way of serving the world while dying for the sake of creation. He died so that the world could have life. Thus in Matthew 16 we have the words of Jesus that call us to the same fate as Jesus, not to be literally crucified, but to serve and die for the sake of the world.

Churches Must Serve & Die

As we are called to carry the cross of Christ we are also called to be servants. We don't simply need to focus all our energies and time on getting our doctrine right; we need to focus some time on serving people. Throughout the life of Jesus as recorded in the gospels we see Jesus being present with the people and serving the people. How many of our churches make time to be present with the neighborhoods surrounding our church properties? How many of our churches make the time to serve these people either by picking up garbage on the street or raking people's lawns in the fall? It seems that churches spend more time gathering together at the building or homes for Bible study than they do serving people. There has to be time for both!

As churches live a servant filled life they also need to die. We need to die to our love of money. We need to die to our love of numbers on Sunday morning. We need to die to our own agendas and our own interpretations of scriptures. We need to die and in the midst of our deaths we will find life once again.

Jesus has not given us an option of whether or not we wish to carry our crosses; he tells us that if we wish to be his disciples we will carry the cross of Christ. The question we must now ask is whether or not we want to carry the cross. Do we want to serve and die for the sake of the world? Certainly a tough question that must be answered if we are to remain the church of Christ.

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and chooses us? The surprise of this truth will energize our lives! Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last" (John 15:16). How can we discover afresh the surprise of faith, the shock of being chosen, wanted, and desired by God? Not for what we are capable of doing, but simply for who we are.

Surprises await when we start remembering the moments of being wanted and invited by God. It might not be a dramatic moment. It might have been a simple word of thanks, or encouragement, or

affirmation, spoken unexpectedly to us.

Surprises await when we remember times when we desired God to be glorified in our lives; when God provided the way of escape from a difficult situation; when our enemies surprisingly spoke well of us; when we received an unexpected blessing.

Surprises await when we remind ourselves that the church is not a religious club. We are not a group of individuals who have invited each other because we share an interest or agree on things. We are together simply because God wants us, God has invited us, and God

has called us as his friends to be friends with each other.

Some are surprised that the Christian community is not a place of instant happiness, instant comfort or instant solutions. This community, because it is rooted in Christ, is where we learn to be community; we learn forgiveness, we learn to forgive, we learn to be friends.

God surprised the Israelites, calling them out of Egypt to be a blessing. God has surprises for the Christian community, calling them together to be a blessing in this present age.

Toronto, ON

Thoughts From an Historic Tour

Max Craddock

I am “musing” while reclining in a Lazy Boy chair at my brother’s house in Virginia Beach, VA. He is a retired US Navy Officer and my enjoyable holiday here has involved a good bit of touring around this historic location, site of several military installations. We “went aboard” Oceana Naval Air Station, where T.J. was stationed for part of his career. Here we saw the history of Naval flight in the many airplanes which were on display from the many different eras of Naval history.

At Naval Station Norfolk, we saw several Naval vessels in port for servicing, re-stocking, etc. These included aircraft carriers, amphibious assault ships, supply ships, a cruiser, a destroyer and two submarines. At the Naval Amphibious Base Littleneck, we saw several helicopters of past and present service. Great improvements have been made in their versatility.

Finally, we visited Fort Munroe, an Army base, where an early “moat surrounded fort” is preserved that dates back to the days of the War Between the States, the Civil War. We were able to drive through an entrance in the wall into the old fort enclosure and see many of the structures that were built at that time and where some history was chronicled. This history includes a visit there by President Abraham Lincoln who was involved in planning an attack on nearby Norfolk. Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, was also held captive at this fort for some time before his release on bail. Another of the interesting things about this fort is that it was always occupied by the Northern forces even though it is located in the South.

In a more modern concern, I saw the preparations that have been made to raise shields at the gates into many of these bases to prevent any “storming of the base” by terrorists

or other enemies of the nation. These additions have been made since 9/11.

Two things that stood out to me as we made these tours were the emphasis on the history of these forces in the United States and the importance of being prepared for future challenges and events. The sound of FA-18s and helicopters flying overhead spoke of the training of pilots for any future needs.

This reminded me of our need to value these same two things in the Lord’s Church. Our history goes back to Pentecost and the first presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are part of that body of people (the church/kingdom of God) that trace their history back to that day. Our continuing task is to make sure we follow the pattern for being the people of God. Call it restorationism or holding the line or any other like slogan you might prefer, the challenge for us is to stay faithful to the pattern revealed in God’s Word.

Also, while we do not know when the end is coming, we do know that our task is to make known the “manifest wisdom of God” to the world. (Ephesians 3:10). “Christendom” in general is not going to take the pure message of Christ to the world. We must never lose sight of the fact the Jesus is looking to us to complete our main task, the sharing of the Good News to the world.

Let us daily thank God for the privilege of being His people and doing His work.

Toronto, ON

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Him, worshipping Him? Our place in the universe that Yahweh made for us is with Him, worshipping Him. Notice that He is calling all nations. We can worship Him anywhere in the world, our place is not limited to one land. In evangelism, telling the good news, we encourage others to “come before Him.” The gates into His kingdom are a meeting place where we gather with each other as His church to share what matters in life. His courts are where God’s people gather before him to worship.

The voice calls us to “serve the LORD with gladness,” not just in formal worship but with our whole lives. In Acts 9:39 we learn how Dorcas served by making coats and garments for others. Lending to the poor serves God’s purposes. Proverbs 19:17 says, “One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.” James says that pure religion is to visit orphans and widows (James 1:27). Wherever we are: together in worship, in the market place, at recreation, with people we meet at work or play we are with Him, our whole lives are acts of worship to Him.

The calm and strong voice in this Psalm calls us to shout, to serve, to come, to know, to enter, to give thanks. It is also a Psalm of thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for. We are thankful for our place in His presence. We have a place to belong. We belong with him. God has made us and called us his own. God has prepared a place for us. He sent Jesus to bring us back before him. He is coming again to claim us. In Psalm 100 we can hear Yahweh calling us to come to Him. We are His. We belong with Him.

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In Exodus 19:5 and Deuteronomy 10:15, the Israelites were told of their favored status before God as His chosen people. In both passages, they were also reminded that this was not to the exclusion of everyone else. All nations belong to Him. Deuteronomy 10:4 says, "To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it." Exodus 19:5, "the whole earth is mine." Psalm 47 describes God as the "great King over all the earth." He "reigns over the nations" (v. 8) and "the kings of the earth belong to God." (v. 9) In Ezekiel 18:4 God declares that "every living soul belongs to me." John 3:16 identifies the breadth of God's love and concern for all humanity: He "so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son." The only "we" is our common humanity with everyone else. "Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free..." (Colossians 3:11) Understanding God's love and care for every person should bring us to a concern for every person.

This is why Paul urges "that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone." (1 Timothy 2:1) He adds "kings and all those in authority" because of their influence on the peacefulness of our community (v. 2), but only after instructing us to pray for everyone. Wouldn't this include Caesar in Rome, the High Priest in Jerusalem, as well as the slaves working in the fields? The Jews, Samaritans, Romans, Greeks, barbarians as well as Christians? Those who suffered in the Jerusalem famine or later in the eruption of Vesuvius?

God sees all humanity. He is not only concerned with "us here" but with all, everywhere. As He asks in Jeremiah 23:23, "Am I only a God nearby ... and not a God far away?" We need to see the bigger picture, through God's eyes, of the world He loves. At the very least, we should be concerned about them, and pray for their safety, security and salvation.

OBITUARIES

Hannah, Edith 1910 - 2007

Edith (McCutcheon) Hannah went home to be with her Lord on Friday, September 7, 2007 at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

She was predeceased by her husband Charlie in 1993, as well as parents Robert and Elmera McCutcheon and siblings Lyle and Sheldon McCutcheon and Verna Collier all of Manitoba. Loving mother of Verna Mae (John) Wallace of Bancroft, Barry (Jean) Hannah of Beamsville, Eileen (Ellis) Moore of St. Anns, Clark (Barb) Hannah of Beamsville, Mary (John) Colyn of Tintern and Ruth (Charles) James of Surrey, B.C. Lovingly remembered by her 21 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Edith and Charlie moved from Manitoba in 1937 and raised their family in Tintern, Ontario where Charlie owned and operated Hannah's Garage beginning in 1940 and continued as the local mechanic for almost 30 years. Soon afterwards they were invited to meetings at the church of Christ and, pleased with the more in depth Bible lessons there, they were both baptized into Christ in November 1941. This marked a new beginning with new priorities in their lives. More recently Edith has been a member of the Fenwick church of Christ. She was also a member of the WAVES of Great Lakes Christian College.

She had spent the last 7 years of her life at the home of her daughter and son in law Mary and John Colyn and her children visited daily helping with her care. She kept busy knitting, quilting and crocheting quilts and afghans and was examining crochet patterns during her week. Edith had planned to produce beautiful doilies for her beloved family.

She enjoyed the daily visits by the wonderful "Home Care (Red Cross)" ladies who came with their sunny dispositions and loving help. Family and friends are most thankful for her 97 years of kindness and love for others. Her well-read books were continually shared and her determination, positive disposition and righteous life brought joy to our hearts.

The family received friends at the

VINELAND CHAPEL of the TALLMAN FUNERAL HOMES, 3277 King St. on Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The Funeral Service was held at the building of the Beamsville Church of Christ, 4900 John St. on Tuesday, September 11 at 1 p.m. Eugene Perry of the Tintern congregation, David Dunn of Waterloo, Clark Hannah of Beamsville and Don Hipwell of Fenwick had parts in the service as did grand-son-in-law Brad Boland of Niagara Falls who led some of her favourite hymns. Interment followed at Vineland Cemetery. Memorial donations to Great Lakes Christian College or West Lincoln Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family. Adapted from submission by family.

Thompson, Barbara

Filled with the mixed emotions of mourning another loss and a celebration of a victory won, the church on Ontario St. In St. Catharines marked the passing of Barbara Thompson on August 24, 2007, a lifetime member of the Body of Christ. Barbara had become a Christian quite early in life and remained a faithful servant over the years.

She was predeceased by her husband Harold in 2006. She is survived by three sisters and a number of nieces, nephews and extended family, and, of course, her spiritual sisters and brothers.

Barbara was the head secretary in a local legal office. (Reid-McNaughton). She had just retired, having served in her work for forty six years. Barb, as we all knew her, was a faithful Christian, the only one of her family. We miss her very much.

The last few weeks of her life were a frustrating time for her. She was quite aware of her situation (cancer) and longed to be with the Lord. Her only complaint was, the whole process was taking too long.

Barb was a very active member of the WAVES. At the time of her decease she was the President of the St. Catharines group. She and her late husband always welcomed visitors, especially the WAVES group for an annual dinner. Now, we believe she has left us for a better place. Her faith at the end was a marvellous example for those who spent time visiting her.

Her funeral was conducted by Don Whitfield and Jeremiah Cisco, assisting Murray Smith.

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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.

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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 Convoy 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; PO 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 website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

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

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Roy Cox, 519-449-3239 office (519) 759-6630

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

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

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9V 3V5; (705) 444-0010 (office); Randy Morrirt, ev (h) 705-445-0924.

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

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

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

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

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

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street (at Fennell) L8V 3G8 (Mt. Hamilton) Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00 p.m. (905) 385-5775 (off); Art Ford, ev., (905) 296-1560 (h), artf@hurchofchristhamilton.com; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174; www.churchofchristhamilton.com

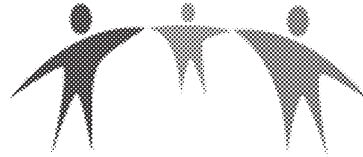
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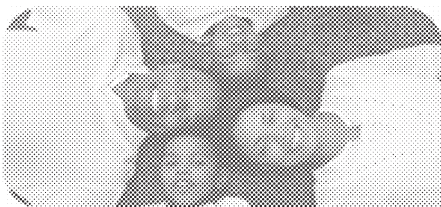


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