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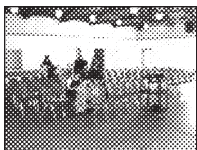
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Church Planting #6 – Startup Day

by Tim Johnson

Every congregation had a day on which it began. It might have been in someone's house, a rented building, or maybe a brand new church building has been built for the new group. The world's first congregation began in AD.33 in some central spot in Jerusalem. Plans had been laid before the beginning of the world, preparations took thousands of years, and it started with loud noise, rushing crowds and great preaching. The words have echoed down through history. My, don't we love to read and rejoice over the marvelous events of Acts 2.

You've planned, prayed and proceeded with all good intentions to plant a new congregation.



You've secured a place in which you will meet and stocked it with supplies. The planting team has been trained, they've practiced, you've discussed everything possible and now they are ready to roll. The day has come for your first assembly. Mark down the date, get out the camera, make note of the details, for this day will be remembered by many for years to come, perhaps even centuries.

The sending church has a big stake in the new congregation, so it might be considerate to have two startup days: one only for the sending church to have with the new congregation, and a second Sunday when you open the doors for the public. Startup is a day of rejoicing for everybody, but it hurts the sending church to see people head down the road to a new venture. Those good people won't see as much of you as they once did. Have a day with a little ceremony, some speeches, let the smiles light things up and tears

flow. It's much like parents seeing their son or daughter head off to university or a job in a new city. It's exciting, but it's emotionally draining for all. Have a time for this. In Edmonton we all met one last time together Sunday morning Sept. 3, 2006, and included a great sermon by a visiting preacher. Afterward everybody got in their cars and drove to the rented building the new congregation would use and had a kickoff meeting there, complete with speeches, singing and prayers. The elders of the sending church gave the new congregation their old, honored pulpit with an inscription fastened on its front. These things meant a lot to all involved. One great congregation was starting another. What a day! A bit of ceremony drives home the significance of what is taking place, and the new congregation will always remember the link with the old.

Then comes the real startup day. Ours was the next Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006. This is the startup that counts because you're inviting the public, as you will from that time forward. Here are some thoughts that will make the day effective for all concerned.

1. Have a practice run. On a date close to startup day, have a full meeting in the actual location you will use. Get a feel for the place and how things will be handled. This will help the actual day go smoothly, and calm jittery nerves. It's surprising how many small issues pop up during a practice

run at the real location: where will the Lord's supper be prepared? Where will the contribution be counted? How many chairs can be set up? Where will parents take upset children? What direction will the congregation face for the best lighting and sound? On and on it goes. Work things out before startup day.

2. Advertise the best you can. If you want guests to come, they have to know what's going on. You should have an adequate advertising budget just for startup day. Spend it on nice-quality advertising in the newspaper or direct unaddressed mail in the area around your meeting place. Hang up a few posters in grocery stores and public areas. These things can be costly, but much can be done with a few thousand dollars.

3. Is the paperwork ready? Along with a bulletin, what materials will you have displayed on startup day? Will you have a welcome tract? Consider a small welcome packet with several attractive tracts or pamphlets inside. Are you going to use attendance cards, or some sort of guest book arrangement? Every congregation has some sort of system to record guests, addresses, etc. What will you use and how will it be done? Don't design something too elaborate. What worked at the sending church may be too complicated for the smaller new congregation. Somebody needs to think these things out.

4. Handling communion and the collection. The larger the congregation the more complex things become during communion time and handling the collection. Keep it as simple as you can, but clear-cut for those involved. Who prepares the communion and sets it up? Who will preside and who will pass



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Christian Faith and the Problem of Evil

Edwin Broadus

One of the foremost reasons given for unbelief is what is sometimes called “the problem of evil.” No matter what our worldview may be, theistic or atheistic, we are challenged to understand and to explain why evil exists in the world. Unbelievers often ask believers, “If there is a God, why does evil exist?” Or, more to the point, “If there is a God, why doesn’t he do something about evil?”

The short answer to the first question—about why evil exists—is that human beings have free will. It is hard to believe that anyone asking this first question wants that freedom taken away, at least from the one making the inquiry. But free will cannot exist without the possibility of making wrong and sinful choices.

The second question—why doesn’t God do something about evil—is the one that we Christians need to be able to answer if we are going to defend our faith. Since God is all-powerful and all-knowing, what kind of God is he if he does not deal with evil? We expect human rulers and judges to deal with wrong to the extent that they know about it and are able to do something about it, and it is understandable that we would expect as much of God. As Abraham was bold enough to say to God, “Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Genesis 18:25).

The short answer to why God doesn’t do something about evil is that he is doing something about it. This is what the cross and final judgment are all about, and both stand at the heart of the Christian apologetic, for Christianity deals with the problem of evil in a way no other religion does. It recognizes evil for what it is, rather than trying to explain it away, and it also recognizes the extremes to which even God goes to defeat evil.

The night before he died, Jesus told his disciples that the Spirit would prove that the world is “wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment” (NRSV). The world is wrong about sin (evil), because it does not believe in Jesus. Those who believe in Jesus know that in

and through Jesus there is victory over sin. The world is wrong about righteousness, because Jesus has returned to the Father, vindicating Jesus and proving that men and women can be brought back into right relationship with God—a relationship that has been destroyed by sin. The world is wrong about judgment for, despite what the world thinks, a day is coming when sin and evil will be fully and finally dealt with. This has been

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made inevitable by the condemnation of the ruler of this world. (John 16:8-11), and it will be consummated when Jesus returns and judges the world.

Satan is the head of all the forces of evil, and evil is personified in him. To deal with evil God had to defeat Satan. Jesus assumed human form and came to this earth to die on the cross “so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives

were held in slavery by the fear of death” (Hebrews 2:14-15).

The cross, then, is the guarantee of the ultimate victory over sin. This victory will be made complete when Jesus returns. Christ is now in the process of bringing every enemy into subjection until the last enemy, death, is defeated. Thus, his victory over evil will be complete when the dead are raised (see 1 Corinthians 15:20-27). In the symbolism in the book of Revelation, the devil is thrown into the lake of fire and then the dead are judged following their resurrection (Revelation 19:10-14). With these events evil will be dealt with completely, and all that has been so wrong will be made right.

Without the cross and without the Judgment Day, there would be validity to the accusation that Satan and evil, rather than God and righteousness, are triumphant. But what Jesus accomplished on the cross and what he will accomplish when he comes again to judge the world will vindicate God completely and put the lie to the accusation of unbelievers that God is not dealing with evil.

However, God does this on his timetable, not ours. Christ came and died “in the fullness of time”—when the time was ripe. He will come again to raise the dead and to render final judgment when the time is ripe. Peter reminds us that what may seem to us to be a delay by God in keeping his promise is not because God is dragging his feet. It is because he is patient with us and wants to give us time to repent. Then Peter says emphatically, “The day of the Lord will come” (2 Peter 3:3-10).

The cross and final judgment, then, are God’s answer to the problem of evil. They need to be our answer to those who doubt or deny God’s existence because there is evil in the world, and they also need to be our own source of strength and encouragement when life seems unjust and when it seems that evil is triumphant, for they assure us of God’s total victory over sin.

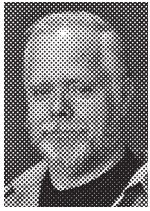
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The Golden Compass

Wayne Turner



Each year, the holiday season usually brings new entertainment offerings. Typically, these are heralded with widespread mass media advertising, film trailers and teasers. A new fantasy, scheduled to open December 7, is being anticipated in a totally different way. It has become the subject of a widespread email campaign. Rather than welcoming its arrival, these messages warn of its worldview and possible effect on children.

The Golden Compass, by New Line Cinema, is based on the first volume of *His Dark Materials* trilogy by English author Phillip Pullman. The series has been widely acclaimed and has received numerous awards, including the Carnegie Medal for Children's Literature. Over 15 millions books have been sold. The movie version stars Nicole Kidman and boasts a prestigious array of performers and personnel. However, it will not be another *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* nor even *Lord of the Rings* or *Harry Potter*.

An admitted atheist, Pullman has written a compelling story which draws on Milton's *Paradise Lost*. A 2003 article based on an interview with Pullman states that the books are premised on the idea that "there was once a war in Heaven and the wrong side won." At the time, Pullman was surprised at the relative lack of public opposition to his books compared to *Harry Potter*. "My books are about killing God."

To be more accurate, as far as God is concerned, Pullman is more agnostic. He doesn't believe that he sees God in the people and things around him. "But, if you go out into the vastness of space, well, I'm not so sure. On that level, I'm an agnostic." What he opposes is organized religion. (His use of terms like oblates, pope, bishops, Vatican council, etc. gives much the impression that his real issues are with Catholicism.) His dislike is evident in his storyline about a very independent twelve-year-old girl, Lyra, who lives in a world powerfully dominated by the Magisterium (the church), which opposes good in the world. However, Pullman states that he does not "disparage the religious impulse. I think the impulse is a critical part of the wonder and awe that human beings feel." ("The Shed where God Died," *Sidney Morning Herald*)

Bill Donohue of the Catholic League has stated that the movie has "dumbed down the worst elements in the books" because they "don't want to make Christians angry and they want to make money." His concern, echoed by the previously mentioned email, is that unsuspecting

parents, after viewing the movie, will be motivated to buy the books for their children who will then be influenced by the underlying anti-God message. (While this is certainly a very legitimate concern, we should note that these books are written for a teen to adult level.) Opponents of the movie, recognizing its ultimate potential for damage, are calling for a boycott. How should we respond?

Over the past several months, there have been other widely advertised films with anti-Christian themes. DVDs of *The Da Vinci Code* and *The Lost Tomb of Jesus* can now be found in the discount clearance bins of supermarkets and bookstores. While people needed to be aware of the potential dangers they posed, the reality was that they had little or no impact in changing people's thinking. Mark Moring, reviewer for *Christianity Today*, has observed that "*The Da Vinci Code*... opened the door for conversations with the culture at large." Though he dislikes the terms, he notes that some even called it an "evangelistic tool" and a "gift to the church." However, Moring observes that in 18 months, there has been a transition in thinking from seeking to use *The Da Vinci Code* as an opportunity to engage non-believers in discussion to simply decrying and boycotting *Golden Compass*. He's not sure why. Is it, perhaps, because the perceived target is our children?

We need to gain perspective on God's eternal sovereignty from Gamaliel, one of the greatest Jewish teachers of all time. When the apostles were being tried by the Sanhedrin, he offered some very wise advice to answer the question, "What is to be done about this message of Jesus Christ?" His response, simply, was to leave it alone. If it is from man, it will ultimately fail. If it is from God, we

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A Visit to Nova Scotia & New Brunswick

(an excellent place to visit, enjoy the marvel of God's creation and the warm fellowship of brethren in Christ)

What began with a phone call and invitation to preach in a Gospel Meeting in Halifax, became a very enjoyable and uplifting trip to visit with four congregations in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. When Wayne Taylor called about the meeting in Halifax, he also suggested we might be able to film a Key To The Kingdom programme while there for the meeting. This seemed like a good suggestion and discussions began as to who would be able to accompany me to do the filming. In a few days Wayne called back and suggested that perhaps, since we were going to travel all that way, we might like to visit with other congregations there while in the area. Again, this seemed to be a good suggestion. So a plan came together to allow us to visit with Halifax, and also Kentville, Mill Village and Moncton.

There were five of us who left Toronto on Friday, October 19, and drove, most of that day in heavy rain, which slowed our journey enough to put us into Halifax about 10:30 on Saturday night. On Sunday morning a three day meeting began on the theme, "Live Life To The Full." It was wonderful that morning to meet a new sister in Christ, who came to know of the Lord's Church through the Key To The Kingdom programme.

The meeting went well through Tuesday evening and we were all encouraged by the fellowship together with brethren in Christ. On Tuesday we filmed the first two of eight Key programmes we would film in the eight days in the Maritimes.

On Wednesday we travelled to the

beautiful fruit growing area of the Annapolis Valley, where the city of Kentville, near the Bay of Fundy, is located. We had the pleasure of meeting with the congregation that evening and presenting a lesson at the Bible study hour. The congregation there has a very active outreach programme to children in the area around the church building. Several of these children were at the meeting that evening. We filmed two more Key programmes in the Kentville building on Thursday.

SPECIAL NOTE: The minister and his wife at Kentville, Ray & Laurie Fisher, run Welcomhome, a Bed & Breakfast in Canning, near Kentville. They provided accommodation for the five of us in their beautiful B&B. I would suggest that if you want to visit a beautiful part of this country and be treated to great hospitality at a B & B. Check out the Fisher's place on their web site: www.welcomhome.ca.

Before leaving the area, we went to the Bay of Fundy and dipped our hands in the ocean. (We did enjoy doing some touristy things like visiting the harbour area boardwalk in Halifax, Peggy' Cove and the Bay of Fundy).

On Friday we drove to Mill Village and filmed two programmes in their building before going to enjoy a visit in the home of David Hallett, originally from St. Catharines, ON, who spent 30 years doing mission work at Alpha Bible College in India. He has been in Mill Village for 13 years since returning to Canada. On Saturday, David and Jack Mackey, another leader at Mill Village, took us on a tour of some interesting historical sites of the church in this area. We went to

West Gore where a congregation was formed in 1832. The church building was not built until 1856. Also, we visited the site (the building is still there, though changed and upgraded into a residence) of the Maritime Bible and Liturgy College, the first formal school of Christian higher education in the Maritimes. I understand that the late C.G. McPhee, who was born in Upper Nine Mile River, NS, was educated there.

On Sunday morning, I made a report on Key to the congregation during the Sunday School time and preached at the worship service. We enjoyed being with these folks in worship that morning and the visiting afterward. We then left to travel to Moncton, NB.

We were able to get to Moncton in good time and so we set up and filmed two more Key programmes there in the late afternoon. Roger Leger met us at the building and helped in the set up and filming. Afterward, we enjoyed a very quick supper that his wife, Ginette, had prepared for us before an evening worship service. The congregation does not usually meet on Sunday evening, but made a special effort to meet so we could share in worship and a fellowship time afterward. It was very enjoyable.

As has been the case in our other opportunities to take Key filming on the road, those of us who went East from Toronto feel very blessed by the fellowship of other brethren who love the Lord and want to serve Him faithfully. We appreciate the warm welcome received in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and will treasure the memories of worship, study, filming and fellowship that made the eight days there uplifting. We pray the brethren there were also blessed.

This is not a travel column, however, if you are planning to travel, I would suggest the Maritimes as a good destination. You will enjoy the beauty of the countryside and the warmth of the people, especially, your brethren in Christ who serve the Lord there.

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Lessons from Martha

I woke up that morning with a heaviness on my heart. I was experiencing a great deal of stress because of a variety of situations in my life. We had moved several months before into a beautiful Victorian house. While it was a great house, there was quite a bit of work that needed to be done—wallpaper to remove, walls and ceilings to be painted, floors to be cleaned, bathrooms to be remodeled. There was a fabulous wrap-around porch with spindles and a railing and a little corner gazebo. But, the floor had rotted and needed to be replaced.

It was summer when we moved, and we projected that the work would be finished in a month or two. Well, that was a dream, because now, more than five months later, we still weren't finished. I had made a list of things that needed to be done in order to finish with little check boxes beside each task so that we could see the progress.

Days and weeks passed with only little things being done. The three-car garage was still full of boxes that hadn't been unpacked because of the unfinished condition of the rooms. As the winter

months approached, it was a concern whether or not we would be able to get the garage cleared in order to park the cars inside.

If we could have afforded it, we would have hired someone to do the work for us. We had been able to do most of the interior painting ourselves, and we could put up the wallpaper border ourselves. But there was tile to install, a kitchen counter to replace and still the floor of the porch to construct. I kept being assured by my husband and son that the work would be finished.

I was tired of living in chaos. I still hadn't found some of my kitchen stuff. I had to go buy a new frying pan and electric mixer because I hadn't found the plug for the pan or the beaters for the mixer.

Normally it wouldn't have been a big deal. But you see, all of my children were going to be coming in a few weeks to spend Thanksgiving with us. How could I enjoy my time with them if the house was still in disrepair? If we worked hard every day, all day from now until then, we still wouldn't have everything done. And with work schedules to deal with, there was very little time to really work on things.

I was stressed, to say the least. I had done just about everything I could do, which made it all the more distressing. I felt like my hands were tied. I prayed every day that God would somehow help us do what we needed to do to get things done.

Then, on that morning, I went to Ladies' Bible Class. We were studying from the book *Crock Pot Living in a Pressure Cooker World* by Teddy Butler Copeland. The lessons so far had dealt with such things as what causes us stress; taking it easy in order not to wear out; what makes us feel under pressure; how we got to the point of stress; and the effect time has on our

stress. The lesson that morning was just what I needed. It was a story that I'd read many times and heard sermons on. But, perhaps because I wasn't at the same place in my life at those times, it didn't really hit home until that day.

The lesson was about Martha, as recorded in Luke 10. We know that Martha kept herself busy making things comfortable when Jesus came to visit while her sister, Mary, sat with Jesus. Martha was concerned with meeting the physical needs of Jesus and complained that she was getting no help in her preparations. Jesus rebuked her. It is possible that he rebuked her not as much for what she was doing as much as for her attitude. She seemed to be focused on the physical when she should have put the spiritual as the top priority. She was very hospitable in welcoming Jesus and his followers into her home. She obviously loved Jesus because she was working hard to make him feel welcome and meet His needs. But in so doing, she was putting the spiritual matters on the back burner.

As I reflected on this story, I began to realize that I had fallen into that same trap. I was beginning to have a bad attitude about my situation. Rather than see that I was blessed with a wonderful new house and that I was going to be blessed with having all of my children and grandchildren together for Thanksgiving, I was more concerned with getting the house ready. When I think back to the time that I've spent working on the house, I realize that I, too, have put the important things on the back burner. My attitude was causing me to have a negative feeling towards my family and circumstances, keeping me from having a grateful and loving attitude.

When my family is here, are they really going to care if all the walls have been painted or if there's still work to be done? Are they coming to see the house or to see us? The lesson I learned that day was that I need to put less importance on the physical things in my life and focus more on the spiritual. Having a beautiful physical house in which to live is far less important than living a spiritual life that will lead to an eternal home with God.

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Temptation or Opportunity for Growth

Righteousness is easy when we aren't being challenged. It is when we find ourselves tripping over our own personal stumbling blocks that we find ourselves wishing for the willpower to overcome. "Why did I have that second plate of food I didn't really need it and now I am so uncomfortable?" "How did I get sucked into another gossip session, it isn't right and I feel so negative afterwards." "Why did I just spend so much time on the internet, I seem to have forgotten my real priorities in life?" Temptation takes different forms for different people; we are tempted where we are weakest. One person can go to the mall and enjoy a day of shopping while for another it means financial ruin. Some enjoy getting together to visit with their friends, while for others the temptation to gossip is so strong they find it impossible to resist. The internet is a great resource for information and communication, but many find it impossible to resist the pornographic images found on the internet.

The good news is that we don't need to hang our heads in guilt or trust in our own willpower to find our way through temptation. We have access to God and His power. In God's presence temptations turn into opportunities for growth.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and

complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:2-4 NIV).

Temptation is always an opportunity for growth. True growth is possible when we bring God our weaknesses. We can take comfort from the fact that when we are being tempted God is right there with us.

Feeling tempted is not a sin. It is how we deal with those feelings that really count. Jesus, throughout his life on earth, was tempted over and over again, but through God's power he defeated the temptation. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way just as we are—yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15 NIV).

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Jesus has already been through all that we are experiencing, his teaching and example can be a great source of comfort and strength. We can be sure that he understands our weakness and temptation.

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." (1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV) God is ready to provide a way out, but are you ready to take it?

Confess your sins to God and ask for his help. Without his strength you not will be able to defeat temptation. Your spirit may be willing but your flesh is weak, but with God's strength you will defeat temptation.

Confess your sins to one who you trust and you will feel your burden get lighter. "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16 NIV). We don't like to let on that we are even tempted, let alone that we have ever fallen to sin. We choose to fight sin and temptation on our own and too often lose because we have ignored the help that both God and our brothers and sisters can provide.

An important family decided that they would hire a writer to record the history of their important family. They had many ancestors that were important government leaders, leaders in business and teachers at the most prestigious universities. They were hoping that this history would be a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They had one problem, how would they handle the two black sheep of the family, old Uncle Joe who was executed in the electric chair for murder and Pete who was hanged for rustling cattle. The author they hired

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assured them that he could handle the story with the greatest tact and put the best possible face on even these two black sheep. When they read the history that had been compiled they read that Peter died, "taking part in a public function when the platform gave way." As for Uncle Joe, "Joseph occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution. He was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock."

We are like that aren't we? We seek to put the best face on our worst failures hoping to keep them hidden. God knows and sooner or later those closest to us will find out. Too often people drown in their sin without ever reaching out to God or their fellow strugglers for help. We are all sinners saved, not by our works, but by God's grace. Be done with secrets. Confess your sins to God and to one another. Pray for each other because prayer works.

Run from temptation! Because our temptations are individual and

specific to us we will each need to develop our own individual strategy. If spending too much is a temptation avoid the mall. If alcohol is a problem then avoid places where it is served. If gossip is a problem seek to avoid those situations where you are most likely to gossip. If internet pornography is a problem put a programme on your computer that will not allow you to log on to those sites. Make yourself accountable to someone who you have confessed to, who can ask you how you are doing and help you develop a plan to avoid what tempts you most. Pray with that person and ask God for his strength. He will answer your prayers.

Nothing survives in a vacuum, we must replace negative behaviours with positive ones or we will be defeated in our battle against temptation. Many have found that physical exercise is a great way of defeating temptation. There is a discipline to it and the harnessing of our energy for something positive helps us to feel better about ourselves. Prayer is a great spiritual

discipline and help in defeating temptation. We often find it difficult to pray for long periods of time because we have learned to use generalizations in our prayers. We don't pray specifically for each individual that we know is sick or struggling, we pray for everyone together. Thus we seldom see our prayers answered, because all who are sick are not healed and all those struggling do not survive their struggles. We may need to develop our own prayer list as it is difficult to remember everyone. Reading the Bible is also a great help and we will constantly discover new things in our reading and study. Serving others in our church family and in our community is also a great use of our time and a great way of avoiding temptation. When you remove something from your life because of sin or temptation, add a positive behaviour and you will be blessed by it.

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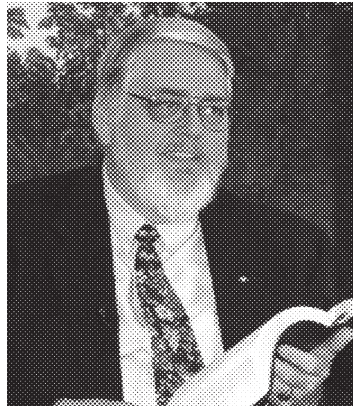
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5. Spotting guests. Have a couple of greeters at the door to welcome guests, make introductions, give them some written materials and help them find a seat. Guests will be more nervous than you will be; a little care at the door will make their visit encouraging. Ignored guests won't come back. Make sure everybody knows to introduce themselves to guests. If everybody does, won't it be a wonderful experience for guests?

6. Preach with consideration. The sermon needs to be directed towards guests. They will be present out of curiosity, genuine interest in the Truth or simply as a result of your advertising. Explain from the Scriptures what the church is, what it's founded upon and be considerate of these new people. Be wise with the first sermon they will hear from you. You want them to come back, so make it easy to understand. The gospel is simple.

7. Evaluate. When the day is over, take time to evaluate how things went. Some things were no doubt bungled, overlooked, or some need was not handled as it should. Discuss how these things can be improved so you'll be ready the following Sunday.

Startup day isn't everything; it's just the beginning. If you make it an effective beginning it will steer things properly from that day on. In Acts 2 the world's first congregation started off in an extremely encouraging way. This no doubt helped the church to grow quickly in the following months. Make sure you start well.

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cannot oppose it. Isn't it interesting that unbelievers sometimes can have more faith in our message than some believers do. If our message is from God, it cannot fail. Since Nietzsche's proclamation in 1872 that science had disproved the existence of God ("God is dead. And we have killed him.") Wave after wave of academics and popular writers have tried to convince us that the concepts of God and His church are irrelevant and dangerous. Over time, there has been a shift in Western culture from almost universal acceptance of the existence of God (although not necessarily obedience to Him) to a sense that belief is oppressive. However, each voice fades in time. God is still here.

We must be aware of those things in our culture which challenge our message, and be prepared to respond to them—to teach our children and our neighbours. We cannot shut ourselves off to our culture, nor should we. We need to engage those around us in open discussion—to show that there is a God, that following Him is different from involvement with the human religious institutions that have so blighted the course of human history, to show that the "god" and Magisterium of the movie and book

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are not the God and church of the Bible, to tell them of the God of creation and the cross.

Finally as Christians, we also need to use good judgment in what we watch and support financially, as individuals and families. Boycotts, as such, seem to have little impact on the moviemakers of Hollywood and tend to generate more awareness and curiosity in the general public. However, when it comes to entertainment, Christians should show discernment and good conscience. Although a book or movie may receive great acclaim for its creativity and craftsmanship, we need to be conscious that darker messages may underlie an imaginative narrative.



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ONTARIO

Beamsville: The FriendSpeak programme is being used with GLCC's international students to read the Bible and to practice conversational English. Women's Discussion Group meets Thursday evening. GLCC Alumni Homecoming was held October 19-21. Jon Straker spoke at the Sunday a.m. service.

Bramalea: Allen Garcia, grade 9, 14-year-old son of Nestor and Lilian, was baptized into Christ on October 14. Christian, Janet and Nathaniel Kpodjie of Ghana, recently placed membership. Pollyanna Schiavo, wife of Stephane, arrived from Brazil in October. Jon Straker was guest speaker for the congregation on October 28. Tyshan Thomas, son of Philip and Loraine, was baptized on November 4, 2007 by his father. The 2008 "Training for Service" will be held March 21, 2008, at Cawthra Park Secondary School with Jerry Tallman as the keynote speaker.

Brantford: The ladies' class is continuing its study on "Women of the Bible." The theme of the Saturday song service on November 24 was: "He Keeps Me Singing." The Wednesday evening Bible study is: "Angels." Areas of outreach include the city food bank, the congregation's clothing drive and mittens and scarves for the children of Central Public School.

Cambridge: Heather Cleary and Greg Whitfield were married on October 19. We wish Greg and Heather many blessings as they serve in a leadership role with the Cambridge church plant. The group has now met for almost a year every Sunday a.m., as well as in small

groups. Greg Whitfield and Paul Moore are the evangelists; Pat Alac has offered to serve as assistant minister. The church is giving the exact amount that Paul and Greg are getting paid. This means that they have monetary needs for renting and facility, outreach events and other projects. Greg says: "We pray that churches and individuals will buy the vision of this church plant and partner with us in the matter of giving. Lord, we pray that your Kingdom come and your will be done in the city of Cambridge."

Kenora: Past members, Terry and Linda Codling and Margaret Brown (Jeal), recently visited the congregation. Margaret and her late husband, Roger Jeal, returned to Kenora (Margaret's home town) as missionaries in 1969 and preached the gospel tirelessly, thereby establishing the church in Kenora. In October several members attended "Songfest" in Winnipeg. Earl Rattai and his wife also attended John Clayton's "Does God Exist" lecture in Carman, Manitoba. The congregation is compiling a history of the church in Kenora. If anyone has stories, dates or events to contribute, please email them to erattai@shaw.ca. Pre-1986 items would be most helpful.

Stratford: After 22 years of faithful attendance, encouragement and support, Joe and

Doris Kippax informed the congregation that, due to age and health issues, they plan to worship with the Waterloo congregation. Larry and Marj Hoover retired at the end of November from Canada Post. Larry has agreed to assist the Stratford church as a spiritual mentor, both for the congregation and possibly with a younger evangelist.

Toronto (Scarborough): The youth group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 5 p.m.

Toronto (Strathmore): George Funk of the Gospel Chariot Mission in South Africa spoke here on October 14. This ministry is very well planned and is accomplishing much good there. "I can" food collection has begun, under the leadership of Dexter Philip and the young adults, with the goal of collecting 1,000 items and making a congregational delivery to the food bank every three months. The long term goal is to get the congregations across the GTA to collect 5,000 items for donation every three months. A couples dinner on the theme of "Parenting" was enjoyed on November 24. Topics for discussion included Communication, Leadership, Discipline and Spirituality. Filming of Key To The Kingdom was planned for Fenwick, Grimsby and Fennell Ave in Hamilton on December 1. Recently, eight programmes were filmed in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. (See full report on page 5).

Waterloo: In October, George Funk of South Africa, presented his evangelistic outreach programme. He has a transport truck called "The Gospel Chariot" which is a traveling evangelistic centre. The group "Acapella" is to perform on February 16, 2008. Anyone wishing tickets needs to contact Waterloo ASAP. The congregation is collecting socks, mitts and hats for the children at Caederbrea School. Ladies' Bible study meets every Tuesday.

Windsor: The annual clothing giveaway was scheduled for December 6-8, 2007. Zehr's tapes are being collected to redeem for money to help families over the holidays.

UNITED STATES

Kalamazoo, Michigan: Dean Clutter passed away on October 29. He formerly preached in Ottawa, Ontario, in upstate New York and in the Detroit area.

Newark, New York: The congregation invites everyone to join with them as they celebrate its 50th anniversary January 19-20, 2008.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Director of Development

Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo is seeking to fill the position of Director of Development. The primary function of this position is to serve as the lead fund-raiser and student recruiter for the Bible College. This is a full-time position that requires someone who is willing to travel and who is an effective speaker, both in a public setting as well as one-on-one. A background in fundraising or recruitment is also an asset. If you would like more information about this position or want to submit your resume, please contact:

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ALBERTA

Camrose: Dot Graham, sister to Ted Archbold, was recently baptized into Christ. Two one-on-one studies are being held.

South Edmonton: The congregation had its first anniversary on Sunday Sept. 9. This coincided with our first gospel meeting that same weekend with Brian Garnett of Camp Wood, Texas, speaking. It was also the occasion for our first annual special collection, raising \$2300, for a new congregation we want to plan and activate in the future. Our ladies began a new women's class in a rented room at a local mall and are inviting people personally and through advertising. The men planned the next steps of the congregations work (2008) at a planning meeting at the end of October. We beg your prayers for God's help and wisdom. By the way, are you planning a new congregation somewhere? – Tim Johnson

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): The traditional MuMu (feast) at the Wedler Farm in Chilliwack on Sept 8, raised \$3,000 in donated funds to help pay for Velma Forman's next trip home in August, 2008. Around 75 people showed up to see what a whole roast pig not only looked like, but tasted like, and also enjoy traditional PNG vegetables and salads to go with it. Norm and Jen Weir and partners John and Willodene Wedler's spirits were dampened during their summer trip to Fort Ware and Tsay Key by the death of their friend, Ken Troendle, in Tsay Key, as they drove into town. As requested by Ken a year ago, Norm performed the funeral service, which they described as very

personal, with each mourner taking an active part in covering the grave with flowers and dirt. Ken was a man whose good understanding of scripture amazed them from time to time. Those that meet together to worship on Sundays say that they will miss his continual encouragement: to do better, to continue to worship together and to love and serve the Lord. Raymond Fillion, founder of the school compound in Haiti, is realizing plans to make the school self-sufficient and break the cycle of poverty for families in that area. Together with their capable Haitian supervisor and director of the school, Monique, four new programs have been introduced. To the evangelistic and hygiene program started in 2000, a fish-raising venture was added in Oct. 2006, and has been very successful. This August, with the help of nine ladies, a sewing workshop was started to make school uniforms for children from three to seven years old. Other villages are making inquiries. The mission now has 27 female and two buck goats. It is hoped to eventually raise a number of goat herds to generate money and to teach animal husbandry. Each child will be loaned a small goat to care for as their own, but which will actually belong to the mission. A program called the "Micro-credit program", which started in Bangladesh in 1976, has been extremely successful in helping the poor start their own business ventures. Monique went to a training seminar in August and by October, 20 families were earning a living from their own businesses. She and four others had formed a small bank to loan them \$100.00 US to give them a start. Their goal is to have 100 families enrolled by the end of the year. Every Saturday each must repay \$1 back, with a penalty if they do not meet their commitment. So far, none has missed a single payment. Within a few years it is possible that most will be out of poverty.

Burnaby: Two of our young people, Mallory de la Rambelje and Brent Clark, were baptized at the morning service on Sept. 30. Mallory is the daughter of Glenn & Cathy de la Rambelje, and Brent is the son of Guyle and Kim Clark. Tchaka Kimwemwe has started an alternate assembly at our building on Sunday afternoons. "We will be using

different languages, depending on the nationality of the people who come to celebrate with us. The full service will include partaking of the Lord's Supper, hearing the word of God, praising Him and giving of our means, as well," brother Kimwemwe explained. He reports that 18 adults and 12 children are meeting with the hope that God will bring more in the near future, and that the concept will grow beyond Burnaby. Another alternate language opportunity in our building is a midweek Bible study taught by Bong Soo Rim in Korean for two hours on Tuesday evenings. Two new Korean ladies have joined a Tuesday morning Bible class taught by Yvonne Beckett in her home in Coquitlam. Joung Sook, a Christian for several years, helps with the language barrier. Because of its simplicity and approach with an explanation of God, a study of the World Bible School material is being considered.

City Church (Vancouver): The long city-wide strike of civil servants finally came to an end in mid-October, and the congregation was able to return to the Trout Lake Community Centre for worship on Oct. 21 for the first time since early July, when the threat of a strike kept us at home and then the actual strike closed the facility to us. Former missionary to Japan, Dean Bixler, who now preaches for the Pacific Grove congregation in Monterey, CA, was able to renew old friendships here during a visit to Vancouver in October.

Delta: We were pleased to meet Kathy Mashinter who is now worshipping with us. Kathy was transferred here from Waterloo, ON, with Sun Life in September. An old-fashioned "pounding" was given to fill Kathy's bare cupboard, when she was able to move into her apartment on Nov. 1.

Oakridge: Rosa Sanchez and Jason Switzer were baptized into Christ on September 16. The church purchased 24 NIV Bibles for use in the congregation, and five special editions for the Youth class. A new projector is making our slide presentations much more efficient allowing members and visitors to see as well as hear the sermons and items of interest that need to be remembered.

100 Mile House: Brandon Burfoot

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Missionary Nurse to PNG

Every third Christmas has special meaning to the nine-member Forman family, most of who live in B.C. This is the one which will find missionary nurse Velma home to celebrate it with them! The years in between find her in tropical Papua New Guinea trying to explain what snow is to the natives, with just a touch of home-sickness when she finds a moment to think about it.

Born in 1951, and born again in the waters of baptism in 1959, Velma's early years were spent in Regina, Sask. Her faithful Christian parents saw to it that their children (seven in all) were introduced to Jesus as toddlers, learned Bible stories and memorized scriptures as preschoolers, and grew up with faith in Christ as the central focus of their childhood. Late in 1959 the family moved to Vancouver Island to begin a new chapter in their lives. By the time Velma had reached adulthood, they had lived in several areas of the interior of B.C., experiencing a number of different lifestyles which stood her in good stead when she was transplanted to one of the "farthest islands" later in life.

Velma started to school at age 5, and completed high school in Prince George in 1976. The following year she graduated as an LPN from the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, spending the next four years in Pediatrics for the Prince George Regional Hospital. In 1981, she returned to CNC and completed her RN program by March of 1983. That fall, she moved to Abbotsford to take up a full time Pediatric nursing position at the MSA General Hospital, where she stayed until leaving for PNG 10 years later.

Velma says that middle age arrived on her doorstep in the late eighties with her mind pondering the question, "Does the Lord have something more to accomplish with my life?" Gradually, her career as a nurse had become less challenging, and she began to wonder if she should consider

going to university or explore some other field. Hints, (or promptings from the Holy Spirit?), came from family and friends: her sister and her husband, on arriving back from a short term mission trip to Malawi, excitedly spoke about the needs and opportunities for a nurse in the area they had visited. Her uncle and aunt, Allan and Edna Bell, related the story of their time in Northern Rhodesia and asked if she had ever considered working in a mission setting overseas; friends from Victoria, Joan Mann and Wendy Lauterbach, reported on their work in Zambia and the many needs there when they visited the ladies' class in Abbotsford.

About the same time, Velma picked up a tract in the Burnaby church building



Velma Forman

which told of a program being offered in Memphis which was geared towards working or retired people interested in using their practical skills to assist missionaries on the field. The "Mission 1000" tract gathered dust in her desk for a couple of years as she pondered her options.

The year was 1991 and the questions were still unanswered, but she was becoming increasingly more convicted that her nursing skills could be used by the Lord in a developing country, possibly Africa. With that in mind she started communicating with people in Zambia. Then, without really thinking that anything would come of it, Velma also sent a request for more information to the Highland Street church in Memphis regarding "Mission 1000". Shortly after the answer arrived, she found herself on her way to enrol in the three-

month "paramissionary" program. This became the turning point in her life.

Velma recalls that those in training were constantly challenged to deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer, study, fasting and fellowship in order to determine His will for their lives. "With Joe and Rosabelle Cannon directing and teaching daily, Larry McKenzie's classes on prayers, and other current and former missionaries also lecturing, we quickly became inspired to follow our calling," Velma explained, as she began to excitedly look forward to being a part of a group providing care for orphaned infants at Namwianga.

As often happens in life, doors were closed while others opened. She learned that it was not an opportune time for a new recruit to arrive in Zambia, but began to hear with increasing frequency, "You're needed in Lae." Those who had already served were encouraging: Pearl Orr, Nansi Lifsey, Janet Cope and others attending the Mission Forum in 1992, related that 80% of healthcare throughout the country comes through church-run programs and clinics, but our small clinic had been closed.

The need was still there to serve the urban poor in the settlements on the outskirts of Lae. Initially Velma's answer was an emphatic "NO" because she had no experience in primary health care. However, every barrier she put up was dismantled before she left Memphis that November! A long term visa to work in PNG was approved by January (within two weeks of applying), confirming that this was the area in which the Lord would have her serve. By the end of May 1993, she had arrived in Lae, warmly welcomed by the Lifseys and local brothers and sisters in Christ.

Located north of Australia, P.N.G. comprises the eastern half of New Guinea and 600 other neighbouring islands. Since 1972, when Joe & Rosabelle Cannon started the first congregation in the capitol city of Lae, the church has spread to at least 13 of the 20 provinces, with the work of the missionaries mainly focused on health and education.

"My first impression of PNG was that I had entered a stage set at Universal Studios and that if I kept walking, I would eventually come out the other side of the set into 'reality' again," Velma remembers. "This sense of unreality lasted for a year or two, depending on what new situations I met up with. I was homesick but kept

busy and spent most of my time with the Lifseys (long time missionaries in Lae) or with the wives of Melanesian Bible College students. Frustrated by the amount of mould and dust, I learned from the women how to keep house in this country so different from my own," she says.

When she looks back over the past 14 years, Velma marvels at how God has lead and provided. From the start, her home congregation, the Central Valley church in Abbotsford, B.C., has sponsored the clinic work. She has served thousands of outpatients annually and traveled to numerous isolated villages to provide primary health care. These trips may be made by small plane to places without proper landing strips, by boat in crocodile-infested waters or hours by foot over rugged mountain terrain. Many have come to Christ, their lives changed as they were saved from the ravages of both sickness and sin. She works in partnership with Christians locally, and from Canada, USA, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand come the support of prayer and finances. Numerous visitors arrive to teach, encourage and help with maintenance work.

Velma also partners with the PNG government. She has been able to receive medications and supplies from their Medical Stores since 2003 and functions within the provincial health system. The opportunities to share her faith are numerous as PNG is considered a Christian country. Yet, animism and sorcery are still prevalent, which means many challenges remain as well. There is also a "payback and compensation" system of administering justice which would only make sense to anyone who has lived here, as it must be experienced it be understood. Velma claims that most of the experiences she has had sound more hair-raising in the telling than they were at the time. However, this was not true of a first-hand situation in which she found herself in 1998.

Four workers from the clinic had been taken by small plane and then helicopter into an extremely remote village on the border of the province to spend two weeks doing clinics and classes. They felt safe, as they were hosted by a family who had completed the four-year

program at MBC. A domestic dispute came up between a couple who had come for medicine that afternoon. When the wife accused her husband of stealing the money in her bag to gamble it away, he became so angry that he hit her across the upper abdomen with a chunk of firewood. "We had examined the wife and found that she had a very enlarged spleen, which must have ruptured. She collapsed, and when her husband realized that he had likely fatally injured his wife, he ran off into the jungle. Her family found her shortly afterward, dead, by the cooking fire. The brothers of the man were responsible for finding him and bringing him back to face the wife's family, who were from another tribe on the other side of the mountain. This happened on a Thursday afternoon and everyone in the village panicked. They told us that her tribe would come and burn their village down, along with their gardens and coffee trees, as well as kill some people in retaliation," Velma related, "The village we were in had absolutely no contact (radio, telephone, or otherwise) with the 'outside' world and we were warned to stay inside, while the local people got busy burying anything of value in the bush to save it from being burned.

It was very tense, but nothing happened until Saturday night just at dusk when we heard shouts and crying coming from the mountain trail. Everyone had contributed everything they could spare (money in our case) to give to the wife's family. The local 'big men' went to meet them to let them know that no resistance would be offered, but cautioned that if they killed anyone or destroyed anything, these acts would be counted as compensation. This seemed to defuse the situation somewhat, as those who had come committed only a few token acts of destruction. The village set about providing food and housing so that the grieving relatives might spend the night. When the husband was found and brought back the next day, his brothers hurriedly assembled a party to take him to the nearest police station (likely a four-day walk), so that he wouldn't be killed in retaliation for his wife's death. We were still to stay inside and not to look at him or his family as we were told this would bring shame to them! As you can imagine, we really didn't sleep much from about Thursday night on, so it was with a sense of relief that we watched the helicopter arrive right on time Monday morning!"

Velma hopes to continue to serve in PNG as long as she has the strength (perhaps another ten years?). "Although PNG is blessed by many natural resources, poverty is still rampant. HIV/AIDS is becoming increasingly more common with the resulting decimation of families and the work force. We pray that PNG will not go down the same road that so many countries in Africa have trod, but the trend doesn't look promising. However, as GOD enables, we will continue to offer hope and help to those in need in this 'Land of the Unexpected,'" she promises.

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Can we be the church of the New Testament? – 4

Roy Davison

Yes, if church leadership complies with the New Testament.

“Christ is head of the church” (Ephesians 5:23). To be the church of the New Testament, we must be led by Christ. “Speaking the truth in love,” we must “grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:15, 16).

The head directs the body. It is not enough to have Christ as figurehead, He must be our real Head. He must be the captain. We must submit to His authority. We can be the church of the New Testament if our congregation is directed by Christ.

We must be led by the one Shepherd. Jesus said, referring to Gentiles, “Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:16). “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27).

To be the church of the New Testament we must follow Christ and obey His voice. “He who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers” (John 10:2-5).

Christ leads us via His apostles and prophets who were inspired by the Holy Spirit in the first century to put the new covenant into written form. Paul explains this at the end of his letter to the Romans. “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began—but now

made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith” (Romans 16:25, 26). Thus, God commanded the apostles to make the gospel known to all nations through prophetic Scriptures.

Before He died, Jesus told His apostles: “He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me” (Luke 10:16).

The first-century apostles and prophets, together with Christ, are the foundation of the new-covenant church, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:20).

A foundation is laid only once.

Our apostles and prophets today are the apostles and prophets of the first-century church (Revelation 21:14). Now we “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3), we continue “steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine” (Acts 2:42).

We can be the church of the New Testament if we are led by Christ. He leads through His apostles and prophets who were inspired to put the new covenant in writing.

For edification Christ has also given evangelists, elders, teachers and deacons to build up and serve the church. “He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11, 12). The Philippian letter is addressed, “To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons” (Philippians 1:1).

Unscriptural leadership is one of the most distinguishing marks of counterfeit churches. They have offices and leadership positions which are not found in the New Testament. To be the church of the New Testament, we may only have leaders who are designated

in the New Testament and who meet the New Testament qualifications.

Executive leadership under the new covenant resides in the local congregation. Central leadership is supplied by Christ from heaven. The next level of leadership is the local congregation. Regional, national or international forms of leadership are foreign to the New Testament. All congregations that participate in such forms of leadership are not new-covenant churches, but are in rebellion to the leadership of Christ.

Elders provide leadership.

According to the New Testament, local congregations are led by a group of older men called ‘elders’ (Greek: πρεσβυτερος). They are also called ‘shepherds’ (Greek: ποιμην – the word ‘pastor’ also comes from this) and ‘overseers’ (Greek: επισκοπος – The word ‘bishop’ also comes from this). A careful comparison of the various passages shows that these are all names for the same group of leaders in the local congregation. In Titus 1:5 we find elders and in verse 7, bishops. In Acts 20:17 we find elders and in verse 28, overseers and shepherds. In 1 Peter 5:1, we find elders and in verse 2, shepherds and overseers.

These men must meet strict qualifications. Paul wrote to Titus: “For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict” (Titus 1:5-9; see also 1 Timothy 3:2-7).

The task of the elders is to “take care of the church of God” (1 Timothy 3:5);

“to shepherd the church of God” (Acts 20:28); to “shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers” (1 Peter 5:2).

New and small congregations, without men who are qualified to be elders, are led by the men of the congregation. At Antioch, where no mention is made of elders, we read “the brethren... determined” (Acts 15:1-3). Women are excluded from leadership since they are not permitted to have authority over men in the church (1 Timothy 2:12).

In most false churches, one person functions as head of the local congregation, or the group is led in some other unscriptural way.

We can be the church of the New Testament if our elders are appointed and provide leadership in compliance with the New Testament.

Deacons serve.

The word ‘deacon’ is a transliteration of the Greek word *διακονος* which means ‘servant’. The context indicates whether it refers to a servant in general or to a servant appointed by the church. Deacons serve in the local congregation under the oversight of the elders. In the church at Jerusalem, seven men were appointed to take care of the daily assistance given to needy widows (Acts 6:1-4).

Appointed servants must meet specific qualifications: “Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless...” “Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12, 13).

The wives of elders and deacons must also meet qualifications: “Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things” (1 Timothy 3:11).

To be the church of the New Testament, the servants in the local congregation must be appointed and must serve according to the New Testament.

Evangelists (also called preachers) proclaim the gospel.

The task of an evangelist is to “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2), to “give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine” (1 Timothy 4:13).

In the New Testament, the words ‘evangelist’ and ‘preacher’ refer to the same task. An ‘evangelist’ is one who preaches good news. A ‘preacher’ is one who proclaims a message in public.

In the New Testament, a preacher is not the leader of a local congrega-

tion. The common practice of calling a preacher a ‘pastor’ is contrary to the New Testament. Only elders are ‘pastors’ (shepherds) in the New Testament. Churches which are led by the “pastor system” where a preacher is the head of a congregation, are not New Testament churches. This also applies to churches that are led by a priest, since the new covenant does not have a separate priest class; all Christians are priests (1 Peter 2:9). The use of distinctive clothing and religious titles, such as reverend and father, is specifically forbidden by Jesus (Luke 20:46; Matthew 23:8-11).

We can be the church of the New Testament if our evangelists preach and serve in compliance with the New Testament.

Teachers give instruction in the word.

For edification, Christ also gave teachers to His church (Ephesians 4:11). Whereas ‘to preach’ is to proclaim in public, the word ‘teach’ refers to the transfer of knowledge. Both elders and preachers must be able to teach. But a teacher does not have to be an elder or a preacher. Teachers are important in the church. To be the church of the New Testament, we need teachers who give instruction in the doctrine of Christ.

Women give instruction to women (Titus 2:3-5) and to children (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14, 15) but do not teach or lead men in the church (1 Timothy 2:12).

Can we be the church of the New Testament? Certainly, if our leadership complies with the New Testament: if we are guided by Christ through the Scriptures, if our congregations are led and served by qualified elders and deacons, and if our preachers and teachers faithfully proclaim and teach the New Testament of Christ.

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OBITUARIES

Burgoin, Charles Donald

November 5, 1911 – October 16, 2007

Donald was born in Tallington, England, and came to Canada with his parents when he was a child. They lived in various parts of Hamilton. While working at E.D. Smith's in Winona, he met Mary Leech. After a lengthy courtship they were married on August 8, 1942, beginning a marriage of 65 years. Gloria and Ted are the beloved children of the Burgoin family. Three grandsons, Adam, Stephen and David also mourn Donald's passing.

Donald was a self-employed grower florist in Stoney Creek. In the middle of winter his greenhouses were bursting with the sights and smells of spring. For many years he sold flowers in the Hamilton Market and to local florists. In his retirement he loved gardening and woodworking, and volunteered in the wood shop at the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre.

Donald was a founding member of the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ and lifelong member of the congregation, having served as a deacon of the congregation. He especially loved singing, and right until his final illness could be heard humming his favourite old hymns of faith.

Many present and former members of the Fennell Avenue congregation remember fondly the annual corn roasts that the Burgoins hosted at their home.

– Art Ford

Roche, Janet (nee Book)

The church that meets on Ontario Street in St. Catharines, is saddened to report the passing of Janet Roche on October 9, 2007. Our sadness is tempered by her release from tremendous pain and suffering. We are even more comforted by reason of God's grace and Janet's strong faith. So in her memorial service we celebrated her life and victory in Jesus in her 66th year.

She leaves to mourn her husband Wayne. She was the mother of Shirley and David Wilcox, Michael and Amy

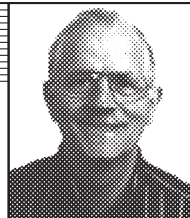
Roche, and Kathleen and Richard Ross. Grandmother of Erin and step grandmother to Ripley, Ashley and Ellen. Dear daughter of Irene Book (and the late Frank). Sister of Marilyn and Dale Fyke, John and Betty Book, Jim and Dianne Book, Ellen Plait, and Randy and Perlita Book. Sister-in-law of Joyce Roche and of course all the family of God who meet together at Ontario Street in St. Catharines, plus a large number of friends who knew her.

Janet, for many years, was an active teacher. The kids loved her. Over the years she was instrumental in leading many to study the Word of God and accompany her to services. While housekeeping may not have been her number one interest, making a home certainly was. To visit Wayne and Janet was to feel at home.

We mourn her passing and we sympathize with Wayne. In his great loss we are comforted by memories of her and the assurance of her ultimate salvation. A memorial was held at the church building lead by Murray Smith and Jeremiah Cisco.

BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to **Keith Thompson**, Editor, 348 Dixon Blvd., Newmarket, ON L3Y 5C4 (Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald) email:bookreviews@gospelherald.org



Jesus Our Righteousness by William M. Worthey, Published by the Author at Chester, Virginia, \$10.00 (U.S.)

This fine book was sent to me by Enid Cornwall of Bramalea. Her assistance is much appreciated. It will help the reader in understanding how Christ becomes our righteousness. As Paul so powerfully argues, we cannot be justified by the law, but only through the righteousness of our Lord and Savior.

Islam is seen as "nothing more than another law system without a Saviour." Other world religions share this same descriptions. The author explains how we can receive the forgiveness of sins through the righteousness of God.

Numerous powerful illustrations are used throughout the book. The true

nature of saving faith is set forth and clearly illustrated. The views of many very influential men like Luther and Calvin are evaluated in the light of Scripture.

This book will greatly stimulate the reader and give him (or her) a greater appreciation for the wonderful salvation that is available to all people.

Turning Toward Joy by David Jeremiah, Victor, 246 pages, paper, \$13.99 (Cdn.)

Here is one of the most uplifting books I have seen in a long time. I enjoyed it so much because I have often preached on "Causes of Joy" from Philippians and consider it one of my favourite sermons. Also, it reflects the beauty of John Newton's great hymn

"Amazing Grace."

Joy can also be found in facing adversity. Charles Colson, the famed Watergate conspirator, concluded his book "Loving God" with this analogy: "My lowest days as a Christian (and there were low ones—seven months of them in prison, to be exact) have been more fulfilling and rewarding than all the days in the White House." Paul said that he took pleasure in adversity for Christ's sake."

Adversity can actually provoke growth in our lives. Numerous scriptures are cited that prove this point. Adversity purifies our motives and prepares us to see life and death in perspective. We gain courage to endure pain. Paul is an outstanding example of this. Also the example of Winston Churchill during the dark days of World War II is very inspirational. But far greater is the example of our Wonderful Saviour in giving Himself on that terrible cross.

Are you discouraged with your life, your job or anything else? Then, by all means, send for this book today!

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was baptized by Stan Weir (Norm's brother) on Aug. 5, in the beautiful caribou waters of Horse Lake. Witnessing his surrender to the Lord were his family, cousins, Judy Weir and others who were using the lake for recreation purposes. Brandon's parents are Ron and Carol Burfoot, who, when they are able, worship with Stan and Judy in their home, one of the places Norm and Jen go with their "Christian Ministry at Large" effort to encourage.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg (Central): The prayer sisters held a luncheon on November 24. The devotional was "God's chosen people" based on Colossians 3:1-17.

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina (Glen Elm): Stan Helton, Academic Dean at Western Christian College led a Leadership Workshop October 13.

Weyburn: Daniel Mulrooney, from Red Deer, AB, was the speaker at the weekend meeting on November 23-25. The topic for the weekend was "What Really Matters". The children packed up Operation Christmas boxes on October 24. The boxes were filled with donations such as soap, toothbrushes, small toys, hard wrapped candy, mittens and socks. VBS update: There were a total of 127 different students. The youth group from the Central church in Topeka, Kansas is planning to be with us in July to assist us with the VBS in 2008.

SPECIAL NOTE: An outbreak of Dengue Fever is at epidemic proportions in India and Southeast Asia. Bill McDonough, International Director of "Partners in Progress", has issued an appeal to churches and Christians everywhere to pray for the children, who seem to be most at risk. A 10-year-old girl in the school and food programme in Cambodia was too far gone to be saved before it was realized she was sick. The 24-year-old secretary for Ron Clayton's work in India died in October, leaving behind a husband and six-month old baby. The fever, unlike malaria, is carried by mosquitoes that bite in the daytime.—Ed.

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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 Salisbury 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 Cook 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, marwayn@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 Murray, 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 Ververda, 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 SICOC@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: wwyves@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 BROCNFC@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 Beard; (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 website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; bramaleacofc@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.bramaleacofc.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: 51B, Ontario Street, Sun. 9:15 am to 12:00 includes 2 children Classes, Tues 6:30; Mailing Address: c/o Hubert Lawrence, ev, RR# 2 1036 North Pickering Lake Road, Burks Falls, Ontario, POA 1C0; 705-382-9775 (off); 705-382-1414 (res) E-mail: Hubert@churchesofchrist.ca; web site: www.churchesofchrist.ca.

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

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

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

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

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

HAMILTON (North): YMCA building, 79e 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. 11N); 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 Maddeux, ev., Gordon Gibson, ev.

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room) 200 King St. W.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Mailing address: Kitchener Church of Christ, P.O. Box 25040, SDM Hiway Centre Postal Outlet, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A5; Hugh Pitcher 519-699-5263 or Julian Smith 519-742-8626.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-8088

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpuddle Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S. Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building. Sun: 9:45 a.m. Exhortation; 10:05 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; contact Gordon Worrall (519)434-1981

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Les Cramp; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502(off); e-mail-pickardnathan@hotmail.com

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30, Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail: davidrlock@acncanada.net; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road West, Milton,L9T 2X8; 10, 11, Thur. 7; Steve Corbett,(416)999-1006, website: http://omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., RR # 3, Campbellville, LOP 1B0.

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.); www.churchofchrist.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 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.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; 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 Maddeux, 519-637-0741.

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Joe Woodford, ev.; (519)-339-1161 (off); www.sarniachurchofchrist.ca

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; 705-942-9283.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd, P6B 1N4 (705)949-4988 Sun 9:40A, 10:40A, call for PM time, Wed 7PM Elders: C. Whitfield (705)253-6153 L. Hotchkiss (705)759-0649

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

SOUTH RIVER: Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, church bldg. (705) 386-2551.

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Wkdy evenings call for time and place; Darrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 643-7853 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec. email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St.,N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545;

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933,

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 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; (807) 577-2213 (off.).

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 follow; 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, call: 416-209-2529, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca. Phillip Brown ev. 905-231-9304, cell 905-409-9160; e-mail: phillkare@gmail.com. website: www.Scarborough.churchofchrist.com

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Aikins Wiredu, sec., 905-791-0694; contact, Kaso Ramcharitar, 416-652-7266; Twi service available.

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy (416) 267-6820; Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, (416) 751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., PO Box 1196, 450 Countess Street S, Durham ON N0G 1R0. Phone 519-369-1731. Gordon Dennis, 240 Elgin St. N., Box 274, Mount Forest, N0G 2L0; (519) 323-2424

WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun, 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; Jamie Azzoparde, 519-578-8553 (res), e-mail: azzoparde@gmail.com

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson st.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON N0G 2S0; email- gregory@gregorycnsmith.com

WEST MANITOULIN: Meets in homes, call ahead; Sun. 10:30. Mailing address: 10787 Hwy 540, R.R.1, Gore Bay, POP 1H0. Contact Bill Baker 705-282-2095 or Dieter Nollert 705-282-2908

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 3713 Shinglecreek Crt., Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; email: widedecoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidecoco.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 6:30 p.m. "Phoebe" women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; 387-6163 (off.); Fredeick Feruzi, ev. e-mail: feruzikj@hotmail.com

MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 598-5 th Avenue, Lachine; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 Westmount Station, H3Z 2T1; 514-637-7604; Leonard Amanatey, ev; email: churchofchristmontreal@hotmail.com; website: www.greatermontrealchurchofchrist.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, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste- Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Beaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240; office 418-651-3664; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, Box 507, S0H 1X0; Wendell Bailey, ev (306) 648-3435; Edna Johnson, sec.; Gerry Bell and Stan Bell, elders.

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

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

MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw SK. S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off); mjccoc@sasktel.net; http://mjchurchofchrist.blogspot.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

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