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## After the New Congregation Begins

*Tim Johnson*

In the last article we looked at “startup day” for the new congregation—the fulfillment of your prayers, plans and hard work. It’s a day of rejoicing and excitement. Each new congregation only has one startup day. Now it’s over, and all else seems anti-climactic for a while. What now? It’s time to get to work with the purpose and life of the new church, such as evangelism, teaching and helping people. Just like older congregations, new churches face the same challenges of ongoing life. However, there are some peculiar concerns for the congregation that has just been planted. Let’s cover them in five categories: good relations, expectations, evaluation, delegation and motivation.

Good relations need to continue with the older congregation that helped to plant the new, and with all the other congregations in the area. Lots of things can happen that will threaten good relations. Rumors between groups sometimes start that cause anger and disgust. These can be corrected with good communication and trust. Resentment can fester if members of one group fail to support the activities of the other. Teaching the responsibility to “love the brotherhood” helps. Members need to be informed about events, and encouraged to support them. Additional members of the older group may turn up wishing to become members of the new. They are often motivated by excitement, convenience, or wishing to escape problems experienced in their congregation. Some investigation is wise, as well as a candid discussion to determine why they desire to leave one congregation to become part of the other. Notifying the elders of the older group is extremely important. You don’t want to drain other congregations of members and have everyone upset and on guard. Good relations with sister congregations is vital!

Expectations are easily disappointed, especially if everybody has their own. Preparation of the planting team should have created unity of purpose and mind, but people may nurse different expectations anyway. Some members may be impatient with the slowness of progress and demand improvement. Others may feel the new church should do things exactly as the older one did. Some people may be more aggressive with plans than others wish. Discussion and prayer can help to unify different expectations.

Evaluation should be done regularly. “How can we do things better?” Assemblies in a rented facility might need to be fine-tuned to make them function better. Evangelism strategies may need to be changed to make the congregation more effective in the community. Financial challenges and commitments need to be reviewed as the church develops. Evaluation of help offered by other congregations is important. For example, a large American congregation might offer a large team of young people to help with a VBS. They mean well, but can the new church handle a large number of young people? Is it possible to even have a VBS in the facility you rent? Not all offers fit. Evaluate first.

Delegation of work is smart. A church planting team has already taken on various tasks, but tasks change and multiply as the church grows. The evangelist can assume too much work, and members are

sometimes happy to leave it with him. It’s time to delegate these growing tasks. New leaders are spawned as people learn to handle responsibility. So tap shoulders and ask people to help out. Ideally, everybody should handle something.

Motivation is always needed in the church, but especially a new congregation. Once everything settles into comfortable patterns, some people will be content to simply cruise along and avoid inconvenience. We all need motivation to teach the lost, develop closer fellowship, sacrifice in many ways and reach new goals. Forward momentum doesn’t remain the same for long. It rises and falls. Providing quality teaching, pointing out the needs of the church, the community and giving personal attention to those who need encouragement can help to motivate the congregation to keep on striving to grow and develop in a way that glorifies Christ.

Is another new congregation in the long-range plans of the group that has just been planted? Why should it not? We don’t exist just to grow ever larger, we also exist to reproduce ourselves in new areas. Provide motivation for this too.

One additional caution needs to be pointed out as we close this article: be on guard for the devil’s attempts to handicap or kill the newly planted congregation. He doesn’t like what you’re doing and will try just about anything to put a stop to a good thing. You’ve worked too hard to let him do it. We’re warned in the New Testament to be on guard for those who cause “dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned” (Rom.16:17). Jesus plainly said, “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matt.7:15). It’s been my experience that a brand new congregation is often a magnet for troublemakers

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# Is What We See Really Who We See?

Ed Klym

**D**o we still see Jesus for “what” He is or do we see Jesus for “who” He is? – For nearly 2000 years many have looked at Jesus and called him a prophet, a great teacher or a miracle worker. Some have even voiced that Jesus is the greatest man that ever lived. So, what is wrong with these claims? Are they not true? Could we not stand and defend that Jesus is the greatest teacher who ever lived? Consider what Mark writes in his witness in the gospel about Jesus, “The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, ‘What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him’” (Mark 1:27). The gospel witnesses of Jesus more than demonstrate any and all of these claims of what Jesus is, “a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. ‘Good teacher,’ he asked” (Mark 10:17). However, something deeper is yet to be seen as we look at Jesus, “Do we see Jesus for ‘what’ He is or do we see Jesus for ‘who’ He is?”

To see people for “who” they are means we first must see beyond “what” they are. Far too often we are ready to identify ourselves by “what” we are. For instance, I am a minister, someone else identifies himself or herself as a teacher, another as an accountant, still another says, “I’m a nurse or a police officer.” Well, I think you can see where I am coming from. Seeing someone just as a nurse or a teacher is to see that person only for what they are. Yet the type of nurse, teacher or even police officer we become is reflected in “who” we are. In short, the core values, which shape our self and identity, are reflected by “who” we are. It would be hard for a police officer to show compassion to a troubled teen if this police officer had no sense of compassion within him or her self. Jesus assures us that we can believe “who” He is, because it is seen in “what” He does: “Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. But if I do it, even though you do not believe me (who I am), believe the miracles (what I do), that you

may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father” (John 10:37-38).

In the gospel of Jesus as witnessed by Mark he opens a window that reveals to us more than “what” Jesus is, and challenges us in our own journey to discover “who” Jesus is. It begins with Jesus in a boat with His disciples; the disciples who are terrified by the

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impending storm look and find Jesus asleep at the stern. Making their way to Him they call, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown” (Mark 4:38)? Their only concern in the moment was what they could see – their boat at the bottom of the sea. Yet as strong as their fear was in what they did know, a greater fear consumes them in the presence of the one “who” they did not know. “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” (Mark 4:41) Simply looking to Jesus for “what” He is will inhibit us from seeing “who” he is.

This section closes with Jesus’ heartbreaking visit to his hometown of

Nazareth (Mark 6). There in Nazareth many could not see beyond “what” Jesus was, “Isn’t this the carpenter” (Mark 6:3)? How often do we fail to see someone for “who” they are because of “what” they are - he is a lawyer, she works for Revenue Canada. But if we look deeper to this picture of “who” Jesus is, we also discover that Jesus had no problem with those who saw him for “what” He was. This is the very reason Jairus and the woman came seeking him (Mark 5:21ff). Welcoming those into His presence for “what” He is, Jesus also blesses those who come to see him for “who” He is, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering” (Mark 5:34).

This again is why I think with a heavy heart, Jesus proclaims to His kinfolk at Nazareth, “Only in His home town, among His relatives and in His own house is a prophet without honour” (Mark 6:4). Jesus’ heart was heavy with grief that day in Nazareth because even among those He knew and loved they could not see Jesus for “who” He is—“The Holy One of God”

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## Religious Violence

Wayne Turner



It was one of those stories from the world of religion that just makes you cringe, if not even cry. It's one of those stories that give religion a very bad name. It was published on January 18, 2008, in the Wall Street Journal. And it's not what you might be expecting.

The story was about Karolyn Caskey, a 71-year-old woman who, for almost 50 years, had been a member of Allen Baptist Church in Michigan. She is a former Sunday School teacher and gave regularly out of her pension. In 2005, she was one of 12 members still attending when the church hired its new minister. During its lean years, she paid the electricity bill and even mowed the lawn on occasion, despite having had both knees and hips replaced. That isn't the story.

The story is about the Sunday morning Mrs. Caskey came to church and was taken to jail in handcuffs by a state trooper and an officer from the sheriff's department. The county prosecutor dismissed the charge. Later, she returned to church only to be rearrested and taken to jail where she posted bail and was released. (The minister's sermon that morning was about "infidels in the pew.") Again, the prosecutor dropped the charges. He instructed law enforcement officers not to arrest her again unless she was causing a disturbance.

So, what could Mrs. Caskey possibly have done to warrant such treatment? One might expect it was something horribly wrong. But a neighbor described her as one of the nicest, kindest people she knew. As one of the few long-term members, Mrs. Caskey was familiar with the church's bylaws. All she had done was to ask the new minister to appoint a board to govern the church, according to their bylaws, and had subsequently continued to remind him of this need. He took this as a challenge to his authority, ultimately notifying her by letter that she had been removed from membership in the church. She was arrested for going to church. And the minister was the person who called the police.

We live in a world familiar with religious violence. Ordinarily, this refers to the clashes between totally different faith groups or even the sectarian violence that happens within a particular group. Yet, we also hear of people like Mrs. Caskey who are the victims of authoritarian church leaders or overaggressive church members (See Donald Enroth's book *Churches that Abuse*). This is not to question the Biblical responsibility for discipline within the church. The New Testament gives very specific instructions about this. What is important for

us to consider, however, is how we treat people, even when we may disagree with them.

Recently, a church member from the Southern U.S. began engaging a Canadian contact in a series of Internet discussions and Bible studies. The church member became frustrated, displaying an attitude that came across as impatient, judgmental and harsh—that it was a waste of time trying to study with her, virtually guaranteeing that the contact would no longer be willing either.

How many people have we met with stories similar to this or to Mrs. Caskey's—people who have been abused and victimized by churches or individuals claiming to be Christians? Romans 12:18 says, "As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Paul told Timothy, "The Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth..." (2 Timothy 2:24,25). He told the Colossians to always be gracious in their speech (4:6). Even in difficult and even distasteful situations, we should be people of compassion and love.

Religious violence isn't just about using bombs, guns and stones; it is also about how we behave toward other people. How can we deal with anyone badly in the name of Jesus? We have a hard enough time with the way people react to what the Bible teaches without alienating them by harsh, judgmental, insensitive words. Called to be salt and light, we want the world to see the reason for the hope that is within us. "But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander" (1 Peter 3: 15-16).

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## The Key To The Kingdom Ministry

We continue to be thankful for the opportunities presented to us at Strathmore in the production of Key To The Kingdom. During 2007, there was an average of 78 requests a month for the World Bible School course. (August was the lowest month and April and September the highest.) While we are never satisfied with the number of requests received, we are thankful for each one received. Several have gone on to study and have become Christians as a result of these requests. Several others continue to study and visit with congregations across the country because they have heard of the Lord's Church through the programme.

Some changes have been made which make the process of getting the CRTC certification needed for the programme a bit easier. We have changed the theme song and singing group to a group of singers, listed as the "Strathmore Singers". Using a U.S. singing group was one of the things questioned each year in getting the certification. We hope to use the singers to add to the programme by having some singing to support and emphasize the message from time to time.

Two items we want to develop this year are: **1)** An advertising leaflet that can be used by congregations and individuals to advertise the programme in their local area. The brochure will provide information about the programme and will also have a page that can be used by the local congregation to advertise their services etc. **2)** We are working on developing a series of DVDs with Bible teaching that can be sent to people in remote areas and areas where there is no congregation who contact us for the course, to

help them grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's will. It would be wonderful if we had people in every area of the country to go and personally do this teaching, but that does not seem to be possible at this point in time.

Filming in 2007 saw us in several different locations in Ontario and also we made a trip to the Maritimes where we filmed in Halifax, Kentville, Mill Village in Nova Scotia and at Moncton in New Brunswick. (This trip came as a result of and invitation from the Halifax congregation to preach in a meeting there. As the plans developed it was suggested that we might use the time to film in Halifax and at the other congregations which were in easy driving distance while we were in the area). We want to continue

filming outside of Toronto during 2008 as we feel this helps to show that the church is located in different places, not just Toronto. If you would like us to come your way to film, please contact us and we will try to work out a time.

### Key To The Kingdom Day

Again this year, we are asking congregations and individuals across the country to join us in remembering the work of Key To The Kingdom on Key Day, May 4, 2008, the first Sunday of May. Please remember this work, every day, and especially on May 4, in your prayers and, if possible, with a special collection to help meet the financial requirements of this outreach. With your help we hope to meet the expenses for 2008 and clear the deficit we have had for the last couple of years, resulting from the purchase of the equipment to do the production of the programme ourselves rather than using a studio. Key ended the year with a deficit (\$1,796.68) in the regular fund, plus the deficit for the purchase of the production equipment that is still outstanding, leaving a total deficit of (\$30,264.23). (Note: The equipment deficit is two years old. To have

done the production in a studio for those two years would have cost close to \$100,000.00.)

(See the ad and financial statement on page concerning Key To The Kingdom Day on page 15). If you have any questions about the programme, please contact us at Strathmore Church of Christ, 346 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 1N3. Phone: 416-461-7406. E-mail maxc@strathmorecofc.ca.

The support of individuals during 2007 increased by \$2,876.00, while congregational contributions were down by \$8,256.00. We received \$1,370.00 in special donations given in memory of family or friends who had passed away. We appreciate these donations and suggest that this might be an option for others as well. (See the ad on page 14 re memorial donations.)

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## Are They Listening?

Betty Bruggen

For many years now I have observed children in our worship services. It became more apparent to me that we were losing the interest of our children by not encouraging them to be a part of our worship. Decades ago children sat in the pew and did not move, counting the dots on the floor for amusement. We have come a long way in realizing that children do need some attention and encouragement to sit still during worship. From a young age, however, many parents brought toys and colouring books to entertain and keep children quiet during worship. This, for each family, must be a parental decision. I noticed, though, that most children get bored with their "church toys" very quickly and look for other ways to amuse themselves.

I began to think of scripture references that applied to children and Proverbs 22:6 came right to mind. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." To me this conveys the idea to develop good habits and teach knowledge. Children, these days, are challenged in our world so much earlier than they used to be. At one time children went to school to learn the ABC's. Now if a child does not know his numbers, colours and some letters by the time he reaches school age he

is "behind". In the computer age, it is hard to challenge children with a paper and pencil. I began to think about ideas and thoughts that most Christian parents would want for their children by bringing them to church. Children may sit there quietly, but are they listening, comprehending, and/or applying anything they hear?

I made up a paper called "Children's Worship Remembrance". This paper actually walks the child through the whole worship and helps him/her to stay focused on what is being said. The purpose of this paper is not for entertainment, but rather to help children enter into worship. God is well pleased when we do our best for the Lord, and children need to realize that this means them as well. When we look at relationships there is no greater relationship than to encourage the one between a child and his/her God.

Learning how to take notes, however, is an important skill that will assist these children throughout their lives as Christians and as students in school. There are two levels of this paper. Each level is a bulletin, the size of a folded 8.5 inch by 11 inch sheet of paper with a front, two inside pages and a back. Below you will find a description of each level.

Junior Level - Ages preschool (from the time a child can copy letters) to grade two. In this paper are three sections:

1. They copy the numbers of the songs as they are introduced and then they look them up in the song books and copy the titles on the line

2. A parent would write some words on the lines and children would copy them. As children grow, these could become simple thoughts (eg Jesus loves me or Jesus is Lord of all.)

3. On the back page the child is to listen to the sermon and draw something that he/she hears in the sermon.

Senior Level - (the different sections are in bold print) The senior paper is a walk through of the whole worship service. They also write the song numbers but not the titles as we want them to be singing with everyone else. You will be surprised how quickly they learn the songs and enjoy them. Next comes the Prayer List. There is room to write three things that are prayed for in the opening prayer. If children hear things well enough to write them down it is not important for them to have their eyes closed. This is a problem for some parents in the beginning. The next section is Thoughts Around The Table. Children write two things that were commented on by the leader accompanied by any scriptures given. Now we are at the Sermon. Children are to have one section for writing all the scriptures given and another section to write thoughts that they hear. When we began, we started off writing important words and then worked our way into thoughts or sentences. We also accepted scriptures written any way but later they had to be completely correct. We held classes on how to abbreviate all the books of the Bible and how to write chapters first and then the verses. We were so proud of how the children progressed with this at Welland. To make this work well you must have one adult who listens attentively and makes a list of all the scriptures or have the preacher provide a list of passages he will use. This listener should be the one who grades the papers. The seniors also have a place to Draw A Picture of something special that touched them in the sermon. At the end of the senior paper there is a place for the Closing Prayer.

This, like anything else, will take time to incorporate into your family circle. There should be some type of reward system or special privilege earned by doing a good job. Be sure to praise children even if they only do one little section at a time, as this is a big challenge to perfect.

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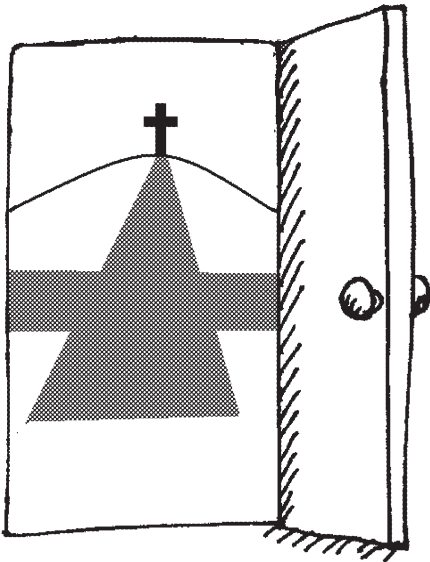
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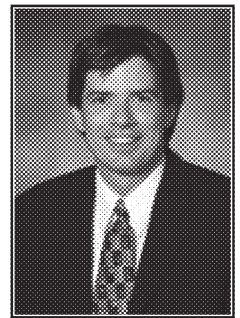


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# Ogema Bible School

Ogema, Saskatchewan, 1932-1935

The Ogema Bible School was launched in December 1932 and was the first winter Bible school held in Saskatchewan. Following the success of Minton Bible School in July 1931, J.C. Bailey recognized the need for extended Bible study and Christian fellowship for young people on the Canadian prairies. The Ogema Bible School ran for three consecutive terms, then moved to Radville where it continued under the direction of J.C. Bailey and Wilfred Orr. The winter Bible schools became a permanent fixture on the prairies and led to the formation of Radville Christian College, which is now Western Christian College.

In September, 1932, J.C. Bailey announced his plans for the Bible school in the *Christian Leader*, an American periodical. He stated that rates would be very low and invited all interested parties to write to him at Ogema. The Bible School opened in December of that year, and on December 19, 1932, he reported that there were seventeen in attendance for the first week of Bible School. Attendance picked up, and by the end of the session there were twenty-eight full time and seventeen part time students.

J.C. Bailey was the principal and was assisted by D.W. Dryden Sinclair. The first year, the Bible school was located in the Brock house. A large room served as the classroom, and rows of chairs were set up for the students. The boys usually sat in the back three rows, and the girls sat in front of them. Courses included Old and New Testament, Church History, Homiletics and Christian Evidence. Bailey was a demanding teacher who expected perfection from students when it came to memory work and accuracy in their textual studies. Students received grades for their work, and Bailey created a competitive atmosphere that encouraged students

to work hard. Each day the students were anxious to see who managed to make it onto the "Top Five" list.

Bailey's brother, Cecil, recalls that he was in stiff competition with Claude Perry for a top place in the class. However, Cecil was hindered by his responsibilities at the Bible school. He taught vocal music and how to read shaped notes. He was also responsible for a young man who suffered from epilepsy, which deprived him of sleep



each night. In the end, both were bested by Robert Sinclair, who was the valedictorian for the Bible School.

A "fun night" was organized towards the end of the term, and the staff and students played a game of Bible Geography. The Bailey brothers were team leaders, and each team took turns naming geographic locations that began with the last letter of the name posed by the other team. Cecil recalls that the game was rather competitive, and ended unpleasantly. However, aside from this incident, the Bible school was a success and students enjoyed themselves.

The students made a yearbook to commemorate their time at Ogema. The yearbooks were made from photo albums, and each full time student had his or her own page. Photos of students were accompanied by handwritten poems, and each student signed his or her own page. A list of visitors was included on the last pages of the album.

The second session of the Ogema Bible school took place in the winter of 1933-34. As the previous Bible school had been such a success, it was extended from three months to four months in duration, and started in November. J.C. Bailey was the principal of the school and was assisted by Wilfred Orr. Lillian Torkelson taught secular studies alongside the Bible studies. For the second term, the Bible School was moved to an empty building on Main Street, which had been a hardware store. It was a large, two storey building with a large, comfortable classroom and a kitchen and dining area on the first floor. The girls dormitory was located on the second floor, and the boys stayed in a nearby house.

Clifford Anderson, Clifford Elford, George Hovind and Manley Jacobs rode all the way from Horse Creek, Saskatchewan, in a Bennett Buggy. On the first night of their trip, they camped on

the open prairie, and on the second night, they stayed with a family who took them in. On the way, Manley Jacobs shot three coyotes and sold the pelts to pay his tuition. Clifford Elford raised money for his tuition by selling a matched pair of Percheron horses to a man in Ogema. Muriel and Evelyn Goodwin paid their tuition with a side of beef, which was sent by their father, Mervin Goodwin.

The second session boasted an attendance of thirty students. They were mainly young people in their late teens and early twenties, most of whose parents were farmers. In addition to paying tuition, students were assigned jobs to assist with the running of the Bible School. Clifford Elford was responsible for stoking the fires in the main building and in the boys' residence. He rose at five o'clock in the morning to stoke the fire in the main building, and put a kettle of water on to heat, so that Evelyn Goodwin would have warm water to wash in before she made breakfast.



Elford recalls that Miss Torkelson arrived after Christmas and taught English Grammar and Public Speaking. Miss Torkelson was in the habit of going for a walk each day, and often had someone assist her with lacing her boots. Elford recalls a humorous incident in connection with this.

One day, after I had been doing something with the coal in the basement, I happened upstairs just as Miss Torkelson was needing her boots laced. Without a thought, I quite gladly knelt down to lace and tie her boots. In a moment of mischief, I stood up and kissed Miss Torkelson quickly on the cheek then made a fast exit down the stairs. I was covered in coal dust and my kiss left a telling mark on Miss Torkelson's cheek. Wilfred and Pearl Orr had a good laugh and Miss T. was obliged to wash her face before she went for her walk. Of course, soap and water was no way to stop the chatter that swept the Bible School. Miss Torkelson was, after all, a teacher who expected and received respect, but she was also full of fun and enjoyed laughing at the incident with the rest of us.

In addition to teaching, Miss Torkelson memorized scripture along with the students. For entertainment, her public speaking class conducted debates on topics of current interest. She was also responsible for directing plays which were performed for Saturday evening entertainment.

The second Bible school was also a success. By the end of the session there were seven baptisms and seven restored. The closing of the Bible school was marked by a momentous event - the marriage of Duncan Ross and Frances Clarke.

The third session of the Ogema Bible School found a new location, across and down the street in a building that had been Dave Rowat's grocery store. J.C. Bailey was the principal and Claude Perry assisted him. Few details of the third session have been

recorded. Lillian Torkelson visited the Bible School during the Christmas season and recalls that the weather was bitterly cold. She writes that her "blood almost congealed" because it was so cold in the girls residence. However, the girls were in good spirits and they had an enjoyable time.

The following year, due to inadequate facilities, the winter Bible School moved to Radville, Saskatchewan, where it remained until it became Radville Christian College in 1945. In 1957, the school relocated to Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and changed its name to Western Christian College.

Bible schools played a significant role in the lives of Christians who were scattered across the prairies. Lillian Torkelson recalls that the opening of the Winter Bible School has become a red letter day to the scattered brethren of Saskatchewan. It is an opportunity to visit friends, to compare babies, crops, schools and the weather. It is an opportunity to hear a good sermon—many congregations do not have brethren capable of preaching—and to hear reports of the progress

in the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Tired hearts are inspired to rededicate themselves to their first love.

J.C. Bailey believed that "there has perhaps been no single thing that has been more helpful to the work in Western Canada than our Bible school work that finally evolved into Western Christian College."

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who think they can take control or claim leadership. Paul warned the evangelist Titus, "For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers...who must be silenced" (Titus 1:10-11). Such dangers can be avoided by doing what Jesus suggests: be on your guard and beware. If such people try to infiltrate the church, it's time to stand in the way. They usually don't try for long if you let them know you are watching.

The new congregation is like a baby that must be fed, protected and cared for. In time, with good teaching and care, the group will develop and grow into maturity and be able to stand on its own. With God's wisdom and help we can do this well, all across Canada.

**Next time:** one final article about church planting: who should attempt it, and should it be left to "the professionals"?

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### NEW YORK

**Newark:** The 12th annual Western New York Lectures will be held April 4-6, 2008, at the Newark church of Christ.

### NOVA SCOTIA

**Halifax:** The congregation is very excited about Kevin and Nancy Cleary arriving early in February to help with the work there. In December the congregation had two baptisms when Meaghan Sampson and Unity Cooper were immersed into Christ. Kem Simmons is teaching a ladies' new converts' class on Wednesday evenings. A family from the Philippines, students from St. Kitts, a student from Kentville, Susan from Ontario and a family of six recently returned to worship with the congregation.

### ONTARIO

**Beamsville:** The congregation collected money and items for Jean Volcy, of Strathmore, to deliver to Haiti when he goes there to do relief work. The money will be given to the Haiti mission to ship barrels and to pay for food distribution to children. It has been reported that the church in Haiti has purchased land and will build a church building in the future. Donald Perry began a new class in January entitled: "Jesus and the Pharisees." WAVES hosted a "Trivia Night" on February 15 in the Great Lakes Christian College auditorium.

**Bramalea:** The congregation's 2008 Bible study theme is: "Building Family, Fellowship and Faith in 2008." A ladies' planning meeting was held January 28 to plan activities for the congregation's women. The congregation's annual meeting is scheduled for March 2. The Mississauga/Oakville small group meets regularly at various members' homes and is discussing Jerry Tallman's book on personal evangelism. The college/

career group meets on the first Saturday of every month for food (spiritual & physical), fellowship and fun. The congregation looks forward to seeing many of you at the Good Friday Training for Service on March 21. (See the back page for details.)

**Brantford:** Recent speakers have been Wayne Whitfield, Glen Robbins, Ralph Perry and Robert Moore. Wednesday night Bible study is on "Christian Graces." The ladies' class is studying "Women of the Bible."

**Cambridge:** On January 20 60+ people came out to help the congregation celebrate its first anniversary at an all-day meeting. After morning worship, a fellowship meal was held. The day's activities ended with a closing devotional. The congregation has been meeting in a Youth center since the beginning of the year. The youth who attend the center feel comfortable to spend time with the church members on Sunday afternoons; some even feel comfortable enough to come for morning worship. Greg and Heather Whitfield have decided to do full-time ministry with the congregation. They and Paul Moore recently made a fundraising trip to the Plymouth, Michigan, church. The church's website is [www.cambridgecofc.ca](http://www.cambridgecofc.ca).

**Collingwood:** Frank Kneeshaw, of the Collingwood congregation, will be turning one hundred on April 14. Anyone who knows Frank and would like to congratulate him and extend their best wishes is encouraged to send him a card or email. His address is Frank Kneeshaw, 499 Hume Street, Collingwood ON L9Y4H8 or emails may be sent to [intouch@georgian.net](mailto:intouch@georgian.net). Please place Frank's name on the subject line of your email.

**Fenwick:** The ladies are planning their third annual Ladies' Day for May 31. Speakers will be Dorothy Dennis and Sherry Stephens.

**Tintern:** On December 16, during a snowstorm - with church services cancelled - Kristin Whitfield was baptized outdoors in Ralph and Laurena Tallman's unheated hot tub, by her grandfather, Dean Smith, who traveled up from Texas to baptize Kristin. Over Christmas break, seven members of the congregation visited Brian and Bonnie Cox in Neskantage to run a brief Day Camp. Seventeen children attended and the team was invited to a community feast where Christmas gifts were distributed. Plans are under way for a return to the reserve this summer to run a full week Bible Day Camp. The congregation's monthly youth night was held in mid-January with 37 children in attendance - 14 of them being guests. The next youth night was scheduled for February 15. The Tintern and Beamsville congregations plan to host a workshop March 31-April 1 on: "Discovering Again the Missional

Calling of the Church," with Dr. Mark Love of Abilene Christian University. Everyone is welcome to join for worship on Sunday, March 30, at 9:30, at the Empire Movie theatres in the Penn Centre, St. Catharines. Babysitting and children's classes will be provided. For information contact Noel Walker ([noel.walker@gmail.com](mailto:noel.walker@gmail.com)).

**Toronto (Scarborough):** Rachel Ebanks was baptized in early February. The Julliette's Place Women's Shelter expressed appreciation for the congregation's generosity and caring during the holiday season by stating: "Your ongoing support of our work assists these women and children as they start a future free from violence." The youth group meets every first and third Saturday of the month. The Thursday evening Bible study is on the book of Acts.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.):** On February 3, Tim Alexander, who was born in Hamilton, Ontario, spoke at the morning service. He has been living and working in Taiwan for about 20 years and is working on plans to come home to Canada and establish a Chinese work in Toronto. The Strathmore leadership has agreed to work with him in this effort. He is married and has 2 children. He plans to move to Toronto this summer if all the details can be worked out.

**Waterloo:** On February 3, the Great Lakes Christian College chorus joined the congregation for worship service. A new Sunday evening series has begun, entitled: "Spiritual Warfare." Thanks to the generosity of the congregation's ladies, \$345 was collected (\$326 US) for the China Mission. This will support four orphans and their families. Great Lakes Spanish Lectureship is scheduled for May 23-25, 2008.

**Windsor (West Side):** The congregation was thrilled to witness a new birth into the family of God in February when Stephanie Ulysse was baptized into Christ. Those wishing to volunteer for the "Kid's Club Summer Programme" met in January for a planning meeting. A "New Beginner's Celebration" was held January 27 for all who underwent a new beginning in Christ in 2007. The ladies are studying the book: "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" in their Bible class. Sunday school children have begun collecting pennies and change for a year long programme to help needy children. They hope to buy some livestock for families in another country. The annual "Couples' Dinner" was held February 16 at Jose's Noodle Factory. A March Break Kid's Camp is scheduled for March 10-13. In April, Rex Hamilton, from Rochester College, will lead the Sunday a.m. adult Bible class through a series on "Christian Ethics." He will also preach the last Sunday.



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### ALBERTA

**Camrose:** The year 2007 ended with the baptism of Ronda Goransrud and 2008 began with Joyce Charest and Carol Forester being baptized in January. Iain Lee was doing mission work for a congregation in Scotland through the AIM program at Sunset International Bible School. He will be graduating from the Adventures in Mission Program at Sunset in March. He would like to intern under Dave Friesen for the Camrose church. Iain would continue with SIBI courses and he would have a part in the College outreach activity that is being started. He would have other practical experience with the church as well. Anyone wishing to know more or to help support Iain should contact Dave Friesen.

**Edmonton North:** Justin Millard was baptized in February. A large gang of youth, drivers and chaperons attended the Youth rally in Missoula, Montana. Fifteen Harding University students will be here February 29 to March 8, to offer service to our congregation. At the present time they are ministering to those who were in the recent tornadoes in the U.S. Alberta Spring Fellowship is Easter Weekend (March 21-23). The theme is "The Christian Marriage, The Christian Home" Ephesians 5:21-33. (Key verse is Ephesians 5:21) Speakers are: Dr. Kenneth Greene of Metro church of christ in Dallas, Texas, and David Spiece of Rosehill Church of Christ in Columbus, Georgia. Rolland Bouchard of Western Christian College, Regina, Saskatchewan, will be the song leader and present teen lessons. Dave and Dianne Friesen of the Camrose church of Christ are the speakers for the men's supper and ladies luncheon. The Edmonton School of

Evangelism has 10 students studying Bible History 1. There are 2 ladies' Bible Studies. One is studying "Having Mary's Heart in a Martha World" and the other is studying "Paul's Life Lessons". There is an active Bible Talk at the U of A campus. The 10 C.A.R.E. groups meet weekly through out Edmonton and surrounding communities.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Burnaby:** The B.C. South Sudanese Community Association has honoured our congregation with a special certificate of thanks and a poster in appreciation of our support of their people in this area during several crises that have occurred in recent years. The latest of these was the death of the husband of the Nyokos family, leaving a wife and three young children without support. The Dimaapi family is rejoicing over the baptism of their son/grandson, Jeremiah, who was baptized in Toronto, preceding his recent marriage.

**City Church (Vancouver):** Steve and Marcia Hasbrouck have announced their decision to return to Japan to continue mission work that they were forced to leave 16 years ago, because of lack of support. They will be leaving further establishment of City church, and its outreach, in the capable hands of their son, Steve, Jr., and a number

of other young people. The Hasbroucks hope to be going to Northern Japan in May, if funds can be raised to pay for their ticket reservations. The early date was made to avoid the possibility of further delay due to a shortage of airline reservations available because of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. They have wanted to return to the work in Japan for several years, and this decision was made more urgent a few months ago when the Japanese husband of one of their daughters was found to have cancer. They have five children and the father is not as yet a Christian.

**Delta:** Jim Hawkins had the privilege of baptizing Tom Hawkins on Sunday, January 13, preceding uniting his son in marriage to Vivian Tate on Pender Island the same day. The newlyweds began their new life in Christ and with each other in Campbell River on Vancouver Island in B.C. Our church family was given three challenges for 2008: 1) Tell the story of Jesus to one person. 2) Begin to become an expert on one book of the Bible. 3) Identify and complete one growth area of personal worship. Two University of Harding couples, with plans for starting a new congregation, were treated to unusual snow in January when they spent a few days in the Vancouver area to find out what the winters are like! The Harding Spring Campaign team was with us from February 29 to March 8.

**Oakridge:** The church received a thank-you letter for the use of our building for ten days as a place for over 100 students to study and take their exams for the Internal Baccalaureate Program. Director Muriel Denford described it as a "warm and inviting setting" for the students to do their work. Our facilities were also used in February by the Vancouver Police Emergency Response Team during a training exercise.

**Nanaimo:** Our preacher, Derek King, had good response from his request for each family in the congregation to complete a form he called the "Vision Pad". He said there were common themes in the pads returned to him about the future of the Nanaimo church from the Lord's perspective. Most commonly mentioned were being welcoming, caring, forgiving, alive, hospitable and reaching the lost. Sharon Buzzard gave a presentation on "Helping the Homeless" at a luncheon in December.

**Prince Rupert:** Symbia Barnaby

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## Saskatoon Church of Christ

is seeking applications for a spiritually minded individual to join us in ministry on the Canadian prairies.

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The Saskatoon Church of Christ began meeting in homes almost 60 years ago and currently has about 110 attending each Sunday. We have had a long history in support of world missions, but are coming to the awareness that our own community represents a significant mission field as well. Our members come from a variety of age groups, occupations, and ethnic backgrounds, and are led by a team consisting of four elders, our ministers, and their wives.

As our minister, you will provide the encouragement and exhortation for our personal and congregational spiritual development; will work to enhance our congregational structures and organization; and will facilitate the training and implementation of a service based outreach. Our congregation values the ability to discover the Bible's truths, and to make meaningful application of these truths to our lives in the world today. As such, an undergraduate or higher degree in Bible, Ministry, and/or Missions would be considered an asset.

We desire to have our new minister in place by 1 August 2008, and will begin interviews in February, 2008. We offer a competitive compensation package with health benefits, professional development and mission leave, as well as three weeks of annual vacation.

If God may be calling you to this work, please send your resume, references, and a recording of some recent sermons by email to [transition@saskatoonchurchofchrist.org](mailto:transition@saskatoonchurchofchrist.org), or by mail to:

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## MISSION NEWS SPECIAL – Erol Dogan:

**E**rol Dogan, a member of the Burnaby congregation in Greater Vancouver, spent the holidays in Israel and Egypt, but he saw few decorations or signs to remind him of Christmas. He was concluding six weeks of work with the Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Cairo churches, a follow-up to several months of involvement last spring. He and his wife, Debra, are not full-time missionaries to these countries, but have made numerous trips to the lands of the Bible to encourage and aid the few New Testament Christians in these predominantly Jewish and/or Muslim areas.

Erol became more than casually interested in seeing the church grow in the country where it had its inception while learning the Hebrew language. After his baptism by Kirk Ruch in London, ON, in 1979, Erol felt that he could understand the New Testament better if he knew the language in which it was written so began his study in Kitchener in

1984. He has continued to add to his knowledge over a number of years, also starting a study of Aramaic.

Erol was born in London, ON in 1960. Debra's parents, Don and Edna Knox, were living in St. John, NB, when she was born, but moved to London, where they were members of the Lord's church. The Dogans made their first trip to the Holy Land in 1991 to encourage Christians who had moved back to Israel after being converted in St. Louis by Stanley Shipp. Since that time, one or both have crossed the Atlantic a dozen times. Erol worked with Bill and Joan Clark in Nazareth on an Aramaic translation of the New Testament. They have assisted the churches in Jerusalem and Bethlehem by helping in their voluntary relief work, teaching, preaching, counselling and problem-solving.

Under the long-time leadership of preacher Joe Shulam, the Netivvah (Jerusalem) congregation runs a Soup Kitchen every week to feed destitute or displaced families. On his own initiative, one of the members, Ishai Rheinhart, began a ministry he calls "Hands of Mercy", to reach out to war victims and their families. They visit the families in Sderot who are being attacked daily by Hamas and Islamic Jihad with Kassam rockets launched from Gaza. Debra more often accompanies them to provide emotional, physical and spiritual support because she has had some training in dealing with people under stress, but finds the

situation very hard on her emotionally. It can also be scary.

The construction of the Separation Wall between Jerusalem and Bethlehem in 2004 split the church into two groups, as it kept Palestinian disciples living in Bethlehem from being able to attend services in Jerusalem. Although this separation was a blow, the church continued to work to keep the fellowship united by operating under a common leadership and meeting together once a week in the "no man's land" between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

Last year brought more persecution, not only against the church but against other Christian groups as well. In Jerusalem, a group of extremist Jews attacked and burned a Baptist church for reaching out to Jewish citizens. The church has received similar threats. In Bethlehem, many local denominations are being investigated by the Palestinian Authority because of their political agendas. This has resulted in a legal struggle between them and the Palestinian government. As a result of the investigations, the church has lost a large part of the freedom to reach out to the community in Bethlehem.

Realizing the need for leadership, a young preacher named Aziz Sarah, who preached for Christians in Tel Aviv as well as in Jerusalem, volunteered to work only part-time, so that his cut in pay would help with the support of two interns. Brad Procek and Cirron Greenidge arrived in Israel from the U. S. in October of 2007. They are leading Bible studies in Bethlehem and Jerusalem and doing volunteer work with impoverished youth in Bethlehem. They also conduct two Bible studies a week at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

On his last trip, Erol carried materials for use in the organizing and establishment of a Bible school in Egypt. At this man's request, they were delivered to a member of the church who was baptized 11 years ago by another member of the Burnaby congregation, in Cairo. Kalahan Ding was a refugee from Sudan who fled to Egypt after losing his parents and brother in the civil war. Here he met



his wife, Diing, who was an accounting major at the University of Cairo. They lived in Egypt 10 years before being granted political asylum in Canada. During this time, Kalahan established four congregations. Via long distance phone, he introduced Erol to Sameeh Moureed before their earlier trip to Israel in 2007. Erol and Debra were able to go to Cairo to visit this family and learn of their work and dreams for the future.

“Considering the hostility that the Christians face in Egypt from the Moslem community, the church has

done a marvellous job of not only staying faithful to God, but also in growing numerically,” Erol says, adding that there were 2 baptisms while he was there in December. He was able to preach for the congregation, which has about 120 members of all ages. They asked that both Erol and Debra return this year to encourage them with teaching, preaching and any other avenue of encouragement at their disposal. If they are able to raise the funds to go, Erol will continue to teach Hebrew to Sameeh, which he is eager to learn in order to be able

to teach students in the Bible school when it becomes a reality.

Erol and Debra live in the Vancouver suburb of Surrey, where they are currently taking care of their grandchildren. Erol, who has been employed by Canada Revenue Agency for a number of years, enjoys introducing himself as Mathew, the tax collector, called by Jesus to be his disciple. He uses vacation time and frequent leave of absences in order to carry on this work in the Holy Land. Erol can be contacted at <[eroldogan@yahoo.com](mailto:eroldogan@yahoo.com)>.

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and her sister, Trisha Sampson, were both baptized recently. There are a variety of Bible studies happening and we look forward to further baptisms. It is encouraging to see the men are growing in service. For the first time 2 of the men led public prayers. Now all of the men have, and will, lead in prayers, serve at the Lord's table and two will lead singing, three counting the preacher. One of the men will serve as a teacher or preach in the preacher's absence. With time, possibly others, but for now the need for teachers is acute, not only for the adults but especially for the children's classes. One thousand (1000) copies of the first issue of "House to House Heart to Heart" were sent to the houses nearest the church building. Soon the second issue will be sent out. It will include the offer of a free Bible Correspondence Course. We will later do some door to door follow up to check the response and to see if another area should be targeted. In preparation of the building payment, a special contribution was taken and \$5,000 was collected. We are so thankful for this blessing. There are several families that have no transportation and need rides to attend services. Three families, and sometimes a fourth, are providing rides. As we think about the need to provide so many rides we think about a large van and how we could arrange for more people to come to services.

#### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg (Central):** The parenting class is continuing a study of different worldviews in contrast to the Bible view and how this may impact our success at raising faithful (Bible based) children. The 6th Annual Mountains of Fun on the Prairies Ski Retreat has guest speaker, Rolland Bouchard, speaking on the theme of "Back to the Father". Bruce Tetreau will be teaching the college

age/young adult Sunday morning Bible Class on the importance of the church. The Wednesday children's Bible Class has the theme "God and His Amazing Universe." The youth group and their parents are serving a hot lunch to raise funds to help purchase Bible School Materials for the church Val and Russ Quirey are working with.

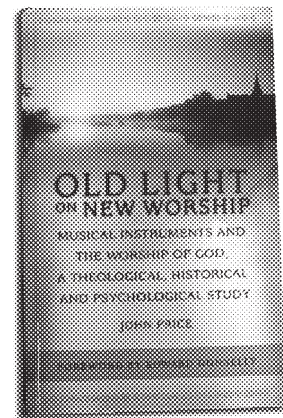
#### SASKATCHEWAN

**Regina (Northwest):** Kirk and Tammy Hinnergardt and family from Mandan, North Dakota, have moved to Regina to work with the church. Kirk previously served as the minister for the Mandan Church of Christ. A missions committee has been formed to find ministry opportunities for this church, here and abroad. College news: Several of the college students travel regularly to small congregations in the area on Sundays to preach and generally encourage the members. Blair Roberts organizes this ministry. Stan Helton, Dean of the College, has been offering a Wednesday night Bible study at the College. This non-credit class is offered as a service to anyone who wants to know more about the Bible. Attendance has been good, including people from both churches of Christ in Regina, as well as some community people. "The Sister Triangle Ladies Retreat" was held at Kenosee Lake, February 22-24. Theme was "Who do you think you are? I am yours Lord."

**Weyburn:** A time of singing was held Sunday afternoons at the Care Home and Legion Towers. Renewal Retreat for Missionary Women will be held at Manitou Springs in Watrous, March 10-15. "Come Before Winter" is designed for women who speak English well enough to grasp the lessons - missionaries, minister's wives, wives of church leaders or any woman who in day to day accepts the responsibility of mentoring others in the church. This renewal is geared toward renewing those

who mentor, serve and lead others.

**Estevan:** FriendSpeak began with an information night and 16 immigrants signed up for "conversational English". There are 9 teachers.



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# OBITUARIES

## Husband, Charles Lloyd George

Charles Lloyd George Husband was born July 1, 1924, in Carman, Manitoba, the youngest of three children born to Walter and Verna Husband. He passed away on November 13, 2007. George is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Doris, and their children: Don & Loreen, Cameron & Margaret, Miriam and Kenneth Kerr, Ruth & Gordon Goldsmith, Mark & Christiana. His grandchildren: Heidi & Ryan Fowler, Maria & Konrad Neumann, Benjamin Husband, James & Natasha Husband, Rachel & Beth Ann Husband, Serena Kerr, Bana & Thessali Goldsmith, Davin, Ryan & Aaron Husband. His great grandchildren Aaden & Aurora Husband. His brother Dr. Bertram and Ruth Husband. He was predeceased by his sister, Lavina Perkins.

His involvement in the Lord's Church was always an important part of his life. He was raised in a Christian home. He put his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at a Vacation Bible School when he was 13 or 14 years old. This began

his life long quest to serve God. Daily Bible reading, singing and prayer was a regular part of home life. Rarely did he and his family miss any church services or church functions. He was involved in the building of Wawota Church of Christ, where he served as an elder for several years and later Moose Mountain church of Christ. This was his home congregation throughout his married life, and his wife, Doris, still worships there.

One of Charles's favourite past times was singing. His brother recalls that before Charles could even talk in sentences, he could carry a tune. He recalls two tunes in particular, 'little children, little children who love their Redeemer' and the Prisoner's song. A music lover who listened to all kinds of music, he especially liked accapella music. Often he would talk fondly about groups such as the "Hints of Harmony" and Western Christian College Chorus. He loved to sing and to lead singing.

A believer in Christian education, he served on the board of Western Christian College for many years and faithfully supported Western financially throughout his life. His children all attended Western Christian College for two years in high

school and several continued post-secondary education at the college. He, along with Bob Goud, Steven Ennis and several others, helped start Clearview Christian Camp, located at Kenosee Lake.

He was faithful in his service to the Lord and a blessing to all who knew him. May God bless and give comfort to those who mourn his passing.

Information from Eulogy given by his son, Cameron Husband

## Jacobs, Ruthanne Williams



On January 26, 2008, Ruthanne Williams Jacobs of Manson, Manitoba, passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer, at the age of 70 years, 9 months. Ruthanne was loved and treasured

by her husband of nearly 52 years, Lloyd Jacobs of Manson, their three children: LaWanda (Dana) Schneider, Saskatoon; Lyndon (Glenda) Jacobs, Moosomin, SK; and LaDean (Luc) Huyghebaert, Hargrave, MB and their grandchildren: Tanaya (Stu) Smith, Chelsey Schneider, Kendra (Jason) Zerr,

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Cole Jacobs (Annie), Dustin Schneider, Lisa Huyghebaert, Brayden Schneider, Lana Huyghebaert, Celyne Cook, Mathieu Cook and Landon Huyghebaert and her great granddaughters, Cassidy Gosling and McKenna Schneider.

Ruthanne will also be deeply missed by her siblings: Twyla (Leland) Keller, Glendive, Montana; Loretta (J.L.) Chastain, Elkhorn; David (Patty) Williams of Norwood, Colorado; her sister-in-law, Alice Williams of Saskatoon and Lloyd's siblings: Mildred (Gordon) Goodwin, Weyburn; Ellen Martin, Castlegar, BC; Ronald (Elsie) Jacobs, Stoughton, SK; Ernie (Bernette) Jacobs, Ladysmith, BC; Melvin (Sandra) Jacobs, Estevan, SK; Robert Jacobs, Calgary AB; and sister-in-law Grace Jacobs of Calgary, AB; Dale (Kathy) Elford, Carman; Sharon Moreau (Mandry Kowch); Regina, Calvin (Mary) Elford, Estevan; Neita (Nestor) Kowch, Regina; Cheryl (Ian) Stephen, Balgonie; and Russell (Melissa) Elford, Sherwood Park; and their families. Ruthanne was predeceased by her father, Ralph Williams (1947); her mother, Ruth Neely Williams Higgins (1994); her step-father, Ed Higgins

(1991); her infant granddaughter, Lindsay Huyghebaert (1989); her brother, Jim Williams (1997); father-in-law, Clarence Jacobs (1991); and Lloyd's chosen parents, Ed and Helen Elford in 2006.

Ruthanne was born in Los Angeles, CA, on April 5, 1937. She was the third child of Ralph and Ruth Williams. Their family settled in Cortez, CO, as the children grew older, to be closer to family. Her daddy passed away when she was ten years old and her mother raised the children alone. Ruthanne was baptized at Cortez Church of Christ in Colorado at the age of 13 years. In fall of 1952 her mother brought the children up to Saskatchewan to attend Radville Christian College where she would work as a cook and dorm mother and have her children experience a Christian education.

It was at RCC where Lloyd and Ruthanne met and were later married on a cold, wet day in March, 1956. They moved to their farm at Kirkella, MB, where they raised their family of three. They hosted many people in their home during those years. Their house was a fun place to go for the young people of the Manson congregation.

Ruthanne and Lloyd always enjoyed visitors even in the past couple of years when she has been unwell. In 1984 she became very ill and it was during this time they moved into Manson, MB, where they continued to be a part of the church of Christ, and of the Manson community. They were very involved in church activities – when there was a church function they were there.

Ruthanne will always be remembered for her beauty, talent, class and more importantly, her unfaltering faith in times of sickness and trial. Her family will miss her spunk and love of adventure, her laughter and her touch, her understanding and acceptance. There was never a doubt we were loved. We have been truly blessed.

LaWanda Schneider

### Mooney, Evelyn

Evelyn Mooney Evelyn was born in southern Saskatchewan, in the Kegworth Windthorst area on July 19, 1915. She passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 27, 2008, after a brief time in St.

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# Key to the Kingdom Day, May 4, 2008

Congregations and individuals across Canada are invited to join in a **DAY OF SUPPORT** for this Canada wide programme through • **prayer** • **advertising** of the program in your community • **special contributions** to help with the financial requirements for television time, phone costs for response to the invitation to take the Bible course, purchase and mailing of the World Bible School materials.



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## Key to the Kingdom Financial Report

Balance forward January 2006		(\$3,199.25)
2007 Donations: received (individuals)		\$42,503.32
non-receipted (congregations)		\$49,843.08
<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>\$97,726.68</b>
Balance before expenses		\$95,545.65
Expenses for 2007:		
Advertising & office	\$8,951.76	
Postage	\$1,060.61	
Phone & services	\$2,491.82	
World Bible School	\$570.77	
Production	\$929.09	
Television time	\$80,412.36	
Travel	\$2,925.92	
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$97,342.33</b>	
<b>Regular balance/Deficit 2007</b>		<b>(\$1,796.68)</b>
Equipment balance		(\$28,467.55)
Total deficit as of 31 December, 2007		(\$30,264.23)

The support of individuals during 2007 increased by \$2,876.00, but congregational contributions were down by \$8,256.00. Therefore, we ended the year with a deficit (\$1,796.68) in the regular fund, plus the deficit for the purchase of the production equipment that is still outstanding. Thus, our total deficit is (\$30,264.23).

Join us in remembering the work of *Key to the Kingdom* in Canada on May 4, 2008, the first Sunday of May. Please remember this work

in your prayers and, if possible, with a special collection to help with this outreach effort. With your help we hope to meet the expenses for 2007 and perhaps clear the deficit as well.

If you have any questions concerning the Key work, please contact us. May God bless your every effort in sharing the gospel in your community.

In Christ,  
The Strathmore eldership

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Paul's Hospital. Evelyn was predeceased by her parents, James and Agnes Mooney; brother, John Mooney; and more recently her sister, Agnes Johnson. Her parents, her brother and sister were all born in Ireland. Even though Evelyn was born in Canada, she was proud of her Irish heritage.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her niece Maureen Fleming of Saskatoon; nephew, Jim Johnson (Betty) of Coquitlam, BC; nephew, Jack Mooney (Judy) of Calgary; and five nieces, Marilynn Rogers (Wilf) of Manson, MB, Janice Tucker (Daryl) of Estevan, Faye Bennett of Kalispell, Montana, Gayle Pawlak (Steve) of Vermillion, AB, Sheila McKinney (Roland) of Weyburn; as well as many great nieces and nephews and of course, her church family in Saskatoon.

Evelyn was a teacher all her life. She taught in many schools all over Saskatchewan for some 40 years, until she retired and moved to Saskatoon to live with her sister, Agnes. Teaching didn't stop then for her, as she became involved in volunteer teaching with Global Gathering and Open Door Society. She was recognized and received awards for her many years of service in teaching foreign students the English language.

This covered about another 30 years of her life.

When her health began to fail and she couldn't do this anymore, she really missed her contact with her many students from all over the world. For the last 1 3/4 years, she has lived in a private care home in Saskatoon, where family and friends visited her often and enjoyed a game of Scrabble.

Evelyn was a devoted member of the Saskatoon Church of Christ and had been a Christian since she was a teenager. She attended church services every Sunday, including the last Sunday before she passed away. She was interested in giving to people in need, to mission work and especially to anyone wanting to further their education.

Bob Parker conducted a funeral service in her memory on Thursday, January 31, 2008, at the Church of Christ. Donations in her memory may be made in her honor to Western Christian College in Regina, SK, or the Open Door Society in Saskatoon.

### Moore, Mabel Catharine

Mabel Catharine Moore entered this world on February 28, 1906, very nearly 102 years ago. She passed away on February 13, 2008, the oldest member

of the Tintern, Ontario, congregation. She lived long enough to see and experience too many technological changes, known as advancements, for me to attempt to list. The circumstances of her early years would, by today's standards, be considered backward and primitive.

Mabel grew up with her two sisters Mildred and Ethel and her brother Norman in Thorold Township. All of these siblings have predeceased her. She married Charles Ecker in 1926 and they lived together on their farm on Victoria Avenue until his death in 1990. During this time they lost their farm house to fire and had to rebuild. In a conversation with a nephew yesterday I learned that, as a child, Mabel was so frail that it was feared that she would not survive. Then, when Charles Ecker, a farmer, chose her to be his wife, there were those who warned him that he needed a stronger partner to bear the workload of a farmers' wife.

She was a good neighbour, a faithful wife and housekeeper and a long time member of the Tintern Church of Christ. She and Charlie began attending services there in the 1950s and she has continued as health permitted, having been present only a few weeks ago. She participated actively in small Bible classes and was surprisingly alert and perceptive.

She was an active member of the WAVES, a woman's service group for GLCC, until in her eighties. When this group catered meals, Mabel's elderberry pie proved to be a drawing card. In fact, it has been suggested these were what motivated some to attend. Her needlework was also in demand. She won numerous red ribbons at the local fair, the most recent being just last year.

When Mabel moved to Albright Manor in 1990, already in her eighties, she was soon involved in helping distribute the newsletters to other residents, many of whom were much younger. A fall resulting in a broken hip (usually resulting in death at that age) terminated these service activities and left her bedfast and discouraged but she recovered and was able to walk again with the assistance of a walker.

Although she had no children of her own, she was known as Aunt Mabel by several nieces and nephews, of whom eleven, along with about 30 of their children, survive to mourn the loss of a loving aunt. We all appreciate her long life of friendly service and encouragement and enjoy remembering our pleasant associations with her. What a fine lady she was! She will be much missed by many.

Eugene Perry

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We are happy to report that we have signed our new contact with S-VOX, the owner of The Vision Network and The Christian Channel, for another year. Thankfully, there is no increase in the cost for the Christian Channel and only a 2.5% increase for The Vision Network, a total of \$27.00 per week.

Also, S-VOX has purchased CHNU-TV and CIIT-TV stations, operating in Vancouver, BC, and Winnipeg, MB, respectively. Both of these stations, formerly owned by Rogers, are full power stations and provide good coverage in those areas. They have offered us time on these stations at a reduced rate. We will pay for the time on the Vancouver station and they will give us the time on the Winnipeg station, a two for one deal. S-VOX is scheduled to take over these stations in April, so we will let you know the day and time Key will be on and when the broadcasts are to begin as

soon as we have that confirmed.

We continue to be encouraged by the support received from brethren across Canada. Many are working to follow up the Bible course requests by being study helpers, daily prayers are being prayed in support of the programme and many are making regular or occasional contributions to the work. We are encouraged to know that some congregations are using the programme as their sermon or Bible study because they do not have a regular speaker/teacher. One sister, who lives in a area where there is no congregation, wrote to tell us she and her family are using the programme for a Sunday lesson and that they have seven other people from the community attending the service as well. We rejoice in this use of the programme and would be happy to provide DVDs of the programme for local use.

Visit our web site, [www.keytothekingdom.ca](http://www.keytothekingdom.ca), and download videos, MP3

format and transcripts of the programme. (The new programme is being uploaded to the web site weekly and the transcripts are being updated as finished. Since I do not use a manuscript, the programmes are being produced from tapes by some members at Strathmore). We are getting a good number of visits to the website from various places around the world. A fellow in England wrote recently to say he watches the programme every week on the web.

We pray that Key To The Kingdom can be useful to the church in Canada through outreach into the community. If we can help make the programme more useful for your work, let us know how. Please keep Strathmore and this work in your prayers daily. May our theme at Strathmore for 2008 be reflected in all of us as a brotherhood of believers, "Sowing to reap generously..." (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). If we sow, God will give increase.

# The Christian Marriage, The Christian Home

Submit to  
one another  
out of  
reverence  
for Christ

Ephesians 5:21-33

(key verse is Eph. 5:21)



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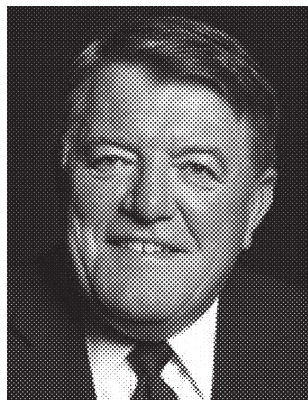
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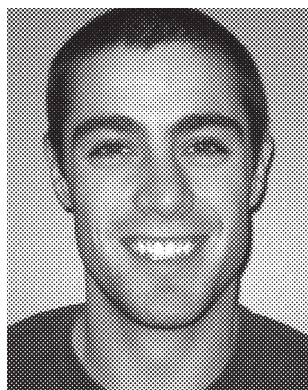
Jerry has spent the last 29 years preaching Christ and sharing the Gospel message in thousands of personal Bible studies. He has developed the effective method found in this book for those who are searching for the truth about Christianity.

Jerry retired from full-time congregational preaching in Rochester, Michigan, sold his home and has hit the road with his wife, Connie, in his 40ft motor home, bringing "His Eternal Plan" to everyone across North America by conducting evangelism workshops.

## TEEN TOPICS

**God's story  
including you**

**Your story  
including God**



**Greg Whitfield**

Greg Whitfield is a minister for the recently planted Cambridge Church of Christ. Greg completed his theology degree at GLBC, and since then Greg has ministered in the city of Cambridge. His recent focus has been on youth. Greg also was married this past October to Heather Cleary.

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