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End of One Era, Beginning of a New One



On Sunday, May 11, 2008, the Central congregation in Winnipeg held its last assembly in its Osborne Street building. Pictured above are many of those who were present. This location has been in use since 1952 when the first building was constructed for use by the Osborne Street congregation. In 1970, with the amalgamation of the Osborne, Erin and

Windsor Park congregations to form Central, the building was remodelled and enlarged to the existing facility.

The congregation has purchased another building on St. Mary's Road, formerly used by the Norwood United Church, and hopes renovations will be finished by sometime this fall.

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Revelation Worship

Paul Birston

Is worshipping the true God worth the effort? Early Christians had plenty of easier, more visible, choices. Opportunities to worship idols, emperors, mystery cults, the Roman and Greek pantheon and civic and household deities presented themselves daily in shops, clubs, sports arenas, stadia, gymnasia, theatres, town meetings and at home. In one sense everyone was “religious” and participation was expected. So why go against the grain to worship God who can’t be seen? Where would worshipping God take them? Perhaps these are self-centred questions of “what’s in it for me” and it is better to ask, “who is this God who calls us to worship?” What are His eternal purposes for worship and why is He worthy of our worship?

The book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ provides answers to these questions not just in words but also in visions, word pictures and sounds. It speaks often of showing, seeing and hearing. It gives object lessons in what worship is not. For its author, the Apostle John, and his readers, Jesus opens a window into heaven and shows what worship of the true God in eternity looks and sounds like in at least half a dozen vivid scenes. To inspire the value of worship in churches on earth He gives the churches scenes of eternal worship of God. To churches facing persecution, temptation, materialism and apathy, John writes about many dimensions of worship. He talks about worship’s posture, praise, purpose, people, power, perils of its alternatives, and, above all, God’s person and the reasons we worship Him.

The posture of God’s worshippers is among the first thing we see. They fall down before Him. John uses the verb *proskuneow* most often for worship. It means to fall down to worship, to do obeisance (gesture expressing reverence), to move the body in respect and submission, bowing to acknowledge God and His superiority. Several

times we see elders, angels and four marvellous living creatures falling down before God and the Lamb in worship (4:10; 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4). The elders cast their crowns before God’s throne (4:10). John falls before Jesus and His angel (1:17; 19:10; 22:8-9).

We hear their thundering praises to God in worship: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come... Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and

It opens our eyes, raises the bar, opens a window to heaven and helps us see beyond to God

power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created” (4:8, 11); “Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, ‘Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns’” (19:6b).

Here on earth we stand in God’s presence to worship him. We are used to worshipping Him as a group of His people, the church, those assembled in Jesus. Revelation enlarges our vision of those with whom we will be worshipping God eternally. Revelation worshippers include the angels (7:11), the twenty-four elders (4:10; 5:8; 11:16; 19:4), the four living creatures (5:14; 19:4), the great multitude (17:9; 19:1-6), God’s bond-servants (19:5),

the Apostle John (19:10; 22:8-9) and all the patriarchs, prophets, apostles and saints of the ages (21:12, 14; see also Hebrews 11; 12:22-24).

Revelation paints pictures that place the worship of God in vivid contrast to the worship of angels, idols, the devil and the beast and his image. Revelation weaves pictures of the worship of God alternating against false worship in this order where A is God: ABACACACADCDA: A) God (1:17; 4:10; 5:14; 7:11), B) demons and idols (9:20), A) God (11:1, 16), C) the dragon and the beast (13:4, 8, 12, 15), A) God (14:7), C) the beast and his image (14:9, 11), A) God (15:4), C) the beast and his image (16:2), A) God (19:4-6), D) the angel 19:10, D) the beast and his image 19:20, 20:4, D) the angel (22:8), and A) God (22:9).

Revelation’s scenes of worship reveal the power and majesty of the person of God: Father, Son and Spirit. The idols, emperors and beast are nothing compared to God. Jesus is revealed early in Revelation as the brilliant, supreme, strong Son of Man whose face shines like the sun (1:13-16). He is King of kings and Lord of lords (19:16). He is sovereign and reigns over all.

Revelation reveals the reasons for worshipping God. God is worthy of worship because He created us: “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created” (4:11). We worship “Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it” (10:6b). Because of His creative and redemptive works, God is due “power and riches and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing... and dominion for ever and ever” (5:12-13).

God is worthy of our worship because He redeemed us by paying the ultimate price

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People of the Book

Richard Kruse

Preachers, in much of the religious world, are known as “men of the cloth”. In the Qur’an, Christians are called “people of the book”. The focus of this article is on those who have been “called” or asked to teach and/or preach.

This is a Noble Calling. Your ministry of the Word is founded on the Bible, a book of 66 books, which reveals: the nature of God, the nature of humans and the history of God’s dealing with humans for hundreds of years.

The Bible presents the way of true spiritual living, the certainty of God’s judgment on the world, as well as the plan of God for the future glory of believers in communion with Him through Jesus the Messiah.

Jesus looked upon the Scriptures with the greatest of respect. The Old Testament Scriptures preview the life and death of Jesus, his mighty resurrection, glorious ascension, His present intercession and His coming kingdom (Luke 24:27,44-47). After the Christian community had begun, the apostles and those whom they trained, aided by the Holy Spirit, wrote the New Testament Scriptures. There is no calling nobler than sharing and explaining to others, the good news contained in the Scriptures.

Karl Barth, a German theologian in the early part of the last century, noted that the words of Christ were recorded to be passed on by witnesses and that most often the words reach us by the proclamation of preaching.

This is a Humbling Calling. The Apostle Paul declared: “For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ...

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us” (2 Corinthians 4:5,7).

It is humbling to consider the importance of explaining the words of the eternal God to humans.

It is humbling to present this eternal, this heavenly message, from the limitations of a human body.

It is humbling to have the responsibility in guiding humans to understand the concepts and the importance of these words as well as the relationship they can have with God.

It is humbling to be expected to set a higher example for others to follow. It is humbling that the focus is to be on the Lord, not your gifts and abilities.

This is a Challenging Calling. The prophet Jeremiah complained to the Lord: “O Lord, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me

and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord was brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, ‘I will not mention him or speak anymore in his name,’ his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot” (Jeremiah 20:7-9). Even hundreds of years ago, when people didn’t like the message, they criticized the messenger.

The Apostle Paul saw that the challenging message of Scripture: is able to make one “wise for salvation”, is “useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” and is able to guide believers in a daily life of service. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

Paul also challenged Timothy to see that for his ministry to be truly effective, he must challenge and train others: “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others” (2 Timothy 2:2). Therefore, part of your challenge is not only in helping teach the Bible to the class or the congregation, it is also in helping prepare the congregation to teach others.

You are challenged to present biblical lessons to disciples – learners – that both: encourage those who have studied the Bible for years and instruct those who have never or hardly ever been in a Bible class.

Our prayer is that as you teach truths from this book, with sincerity and with compassion, you will help others grow in knowledge, wisdom and love.

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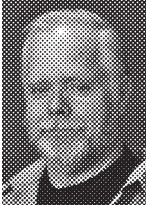
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“Family, Faith and Friends”

Wayne Turner



You might not know that Dianne Odell died at the age of 61 on May 28, 2008, in Jackson, Tennessee. In fact, you may have no idea who Dianne was. She was born and lived all her life with her parents in Jackson. Would you be surprised to learn that articles about her death appeared in media across North America, including Canada?

When she died, Dianne had spent 58 years of her life in an iron lung. She was believed to be the longest living iron lung survivor. In 1950, at the age of 3, she contracted polio. Although paralyzed in much of her body, during her life she completed high school, learned to write with her toes, took college courses through the University of Tennessee, was awarded an honorary doctorate by Freed-Hardeman University in 1987, wrote a book “Blinky Less Light” to encourage children with disabilities, was acknowledged in the U.S. House of Representatives, and became known to many people around the world for her attitude and courage. She was visited by people like Al Gore, actress Jane Seymour and her husband, producer James Keach. Seymour connected Dianne with “Superman” actor Christopher Reeve, with whom she spoke on the phone, after he had been paralyzed by a fall from a horse. When Reeve asked how she avoided depression, she answered, “I pray for strength” telling him the key to overcoming was in the Three Fs—faith, family and friends. “You can’t have one without the other.”

Macleans magazine, bastion of Canadian secularism, devoted a whole page to Dianne’s passing! (June 4, 2008) The title proclaimed, “She had a rich existence as an author, friend and lover, in spite of spending her life in an iron lung.” The article states that she was a “devout Christian throughout her life” and describes how, in her earlier years, she was taken to church in her iron lung.

Dianne’s faith and church family were a vitally important part of her life. When she was about 13, against the doctor’s recommendation, she was baptized in the family bathtub. Members of the Campbell Street Church of Christ were actively involved in her life and care. Yet everyone who knew her always seemed to feel that their visit with Dianne did more to encourage them than it did for her. She wrote a page called “My Philosophy of Life” which includes such thoughts as, “No one’s life is perfect... Always let people know you love them... Life is not easy for anyone... Your liability can become your asset... Whatever happens—you are blessed.”

Her faith and character explain why Dianne had such a powerful impact on virtually everyone who came into contact with her. Actor David Keith commented, “When you were with her, the peace, the goodness and the way the world was supposed to be all came together.” Former Dallas Cowboy football player, Cliff Harris stated, “Knowing her made me believe there truly is a better world waiting.” Stella Parton observed, “She had the most incredible attitude and taught those of us who knew her how to be better people.” Opera singer Laurice Lanier said, “We human beings complain about the small stuff... she taught me to be more than thankful in the good and bad. We are just blessed to have life.” Jane Seymour observed, “Some people don’t deserve to be famous. Dianne was so inspirational that she deserves fame.”

Jesus told his disciples they are salt and light to the world. Through their example, they would draw people to God. Some believers seem to see this as applying more to being examples of right doctrine, practice or even living. In Romans 5:6,7, Paul observed that people respond differently to those who are simply “righteous” and those who are truly good. Goodness demonstrates God’s righteousness at a personal level. Paul notes that rarely would someone sacrifice themselves for a righteous person, but might dare to do so for one who is good. Jesus’ image is not to a disconnected, distant light off somewhere it the distance. The reference to a city on a hill is followed by one of a lamp shedding light to people in a room. It is obvious that salt and light refer to a personal engagement with people that allows them not only to see but also experience God at work through our lives. It is living in

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Show and Tell

Often the value of a thing or practice is determined by the example seen in the lives of those who profess to practice it... thus, "show and tell." That is surely true of the Christian life. One may wear the name Christian but his life may not be a good example of "show and tell."

In describing the Christians of the day, literature that was found dating back to about A.D. 130 has no references to the doctrine they taught or believed. Rather, they are described as a people who live highly moral lives; are good to their family, friends and neighbours; are honest in their dealings with all; and are faithful to their spouses. Further, they were said to seek to share their faith in God and Jesus with everyone they knew.

It could be said that their faith in God was the same on Thursday morning as it was on Sunday morning. Because of faith in and relationship with God, their Christian life had a very practical nature. It touched every part of their life from worship to family to personal relationships. It was not a mere intellectual faith that remained divorced from practice. It was not for them a set of mechanical rituals left behind after the worship services in the assembly hall but was a gospel for real life and personal activity.

The book of Philemon contains an excellent exposition of show and tell. A slave by the name of Onesimus had run away from his master, Philemon, and had come under the teaching of Paul. He had become a Christian

and is being sent back to Philemon, who is a friend of Paul's. In verses 17 and 18 Paul asks Philemon to welcome Onesimus back as he would welcome Paul himself. Welcome him, "no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother" (vs. 16). It is show and tell time for Philemon. Paul had confidence that Philemon would do just that (vs. 21). Philemon had a right to prosecute Onesimus to the full extent of the law. It was his right to do so. However, as a Christian it was also his RIGHT and DUTY to forgive this wrong and welcome this slave back as a repentant Christian who would now serve him better than ever. The choice was now up to Philemon. Show

and tell time!!

Consider the following practical lessons from Philemon. First of all, note that true Christianity practices love in relationships. This is surely seen in the book of Philemon as one considers the different characters—a Jew, a Gentile, and a slave for example—who are brought together in fellowship. They shared a common relationship in the family of God and shared together in the tasks of Christianity. Note verse 1— "Dear friend and fellow worker"; verse 2— "sister" and "fellow soldier"; verse 12— "...him who is my very heart"; verse 16— "no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother". In this book one sees the binding together effect of the gospel's power. As Paul writes in Romans 12:15 about the Christian's love relationship, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn", Christian love is the tie that binds even those who are usually enemies together in joy and peace.

Also note the result of Christian love expressed in Philemon 7, "Your love has given me great joy and encouragement because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints". In the Christian life one has the opportunity to be a blessing to others and refresh them for the journey of life. This may be in the form of an encouraging look, word or act... whatever the occasion calls for. In Philemon, Paul suggests one way Philemon could be a great blessing to him in verse 22— "Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers". Paul was already being refreshed by the prayers of Philemon and looked forward to being in his home, the Lord willing.

The "Show and Tell" Christian life is one that practices Christian love when and where the opportunity presents itself. Make no mistake, if one does not "show" true Christianity in

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Full Time Ministry Position

The **Thessalon, ON, Church of Christ** is currently looking for a full time minister/evangelist. The Thessalon congregation has just celebrated its centennial and currently has about 100 individuals attending. It is a small town (pop. approx. 1500) located about one hour east of Sault Ste Marie, ON, on the shores of Lake Huron.

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Information Needed:

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local area can easily find it. A simple link will be an easy way for this to be accomplished.

Listings Without Websites: Many brethren do not have websites so if your congregation wants to be listed on the churchofchrist.ca website, send us information that we can include in a listing of congregations. This should include such information as: day, time and place of meetings and activities. The contact information that is needed would be such items as mailing address

(if different from the place of meetings) names and/or phone numbers that can be used by any wanting more information.

Other Links: Aside from the church links we would also like to add links to Christian Schools, publications, etc. We plan a link to Western Christian College, Great Lakes Christian College (High School), Great Lakes Bible College and the Gospel Herald. There are other like efforts in Christian education being carried on in Canada and we look forward to adding these as well. Don't forget to send information regarding links/information concerning the activities at Christian camps across Canada. This is a great work that is doing much good and needs to be highlighted on churchofchrist.ca.

On-Going Programmes: Another page on the website will be for on-going programmes in Canada such as Key To The Kingdom. There are likely other programmes, radio or television, or other types of ongoing outreach programmes that could be listed. You may be doing something in your area that would work well elsewhere, except that only the church in your community knows about it. Share good and productive ideas of ongoing programmes to help fulfill the great commission.

Events: We want to have space available for advertising special events that are happening in your area such as gospel meetings, seminars, workshops, etc. We will work to keep this information current if you will send it along.

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for us, Jesus' own body and blood: "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation'" (5:9). Through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, the Lamb sacrificed for us, God redeems His creation to Himself. Through death He overcomes death. Through faith, confession of Jesus' name, repentance, baptism (immersion) for the forgiveness of our sins and faithful living we inherit the crown of life (2:10). Worship points us beyond death to service and fullness of life on earth and to eternal life.

God, our Creator and Redeemer, is worthy of worship because He reigns: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns" (19:6b). Hallelujah literally means praise Yahweh, praise the Lord. Revelation uses it four times in triumphant and joyful succession and is the only New Testament book employing this beautiful word (19:1-6).

In His sovereign reign the Lord also judges, protects and avenges (19:2).

Worshipping God fulfils His eternal purposes. He created us and redeems us to worship Him. Having redeemed His people, God makes us servant priests who reign with Him: "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth" (5:9-10). God's reign is total and forever: "Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever'" (11:15). Incredibly, God's people will have the honour and privilege of reigning with Him forever: "And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever" (22:5).

Back here on earth in the 21st century the world offers plenty of easier choices to worship every day. Their sights and sounds are all around us

in shops, arenas, theatres, religious buildings and home entertainment centres. But the reasons to worship God are overwhelmingly greater. Jesus' Revelation through His angels and John does for us what it did for its first readers two thousand years ago. It opens our eyes, raises the bar, opens a window to heaven and helps us see beyond to God. Against Revelation's awesome scenes of worship and visions of the glory and majesty of the person of God, vain worship and materialism lose all their lustre. Because of God's creative and redemptive works for us and in us, worship and life take on meaning, depth and purpose. Worship leads us to the throne of God. The posture of the heart in worship is prostrate and humble yet God lifts us up into the honour of the priesthood of all believers who join multitudes in praising Him joyfully, serving Him and reigning with Him forever. Yes, and amen with the multitudes in heaven, worshipping God is truly worth the effort.

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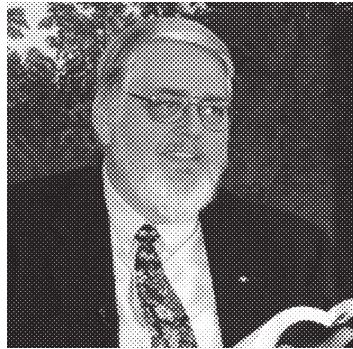
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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Roy D. Merritt

The impossible had become possible. One little word from an angel had changed despair into hope. Matthew, Mark and Luke all report the angel's message to the women gathered at an empty tomb. This word followed an obvious proclamation, "He is not here!" A few hours, before these distraught women had seen the bruised and lifeless body of Jesus of Nazareth placed in the tomb of His friend, Joseph of Arimathea. The information they had been given would have been alarming had the holy messenger not added one word in Greek (three in English): "He is risen" (Matt.28:6)!

To the grieving disciples this message seemed to be too good to be true.

The Apostles, who had not yet seen the empty tomb, evidently considered the women's report a product of hysterical fantasy. In that society their witness would not have been considered reliable. But Peter and another disciple, likely John, verified for themselves that the tomb was empty. They believed. They were also confused as to what they should do next.

That evening ten of the remaining apostles gathered in a locked room for fear of the Jews and Jesus came to them. Now they could truly believe that the "impossible" had taken place. They were overjoyed but they were still confused. Thomas was not with them, and when he joined them later, after the Lord had gone, his incredulous nature caused him to exclaim to his brethren, "Unless I see the nailmarks in His hands and put my fingers where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it."

The incredulity of "doubting Thomas", with our Lord's personal invitation for visual and tactile proof, was fortunate: it helps future generations of doubters to share in his great confession of faith, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:24-28).

We will not go into detail here con-

cerning the various appearances of Jesus after His resurrection. Wilbur Smith gives a brief summary of the appearances in his excellent book, "Therefore Stand" and we simply give the basic points of his summary:

(1) To certain women as they returned from the sepulchre early in the morning (Matt. 28:9).

(2) To Mary Magdalene at the sepulchre, probably upon her second visit (John 20:14-17).

(3) To the Apostle Peter before the evening of the resurrection day (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5).

(4) To the two disciples who, that afternoon, were on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:15).

(5) To the ten apostles, Thomas being absent, and other disciples assembled in the evening (Luke 24:36; John 20:19-23).

(6) To all eleven apostles one week later in the same house (John 20:26-28).

(7) To several disciples at the sea of Galilee while they were fishing (John 21:1-23).

(8) To the apostles and possibly about five hundred brethren on an appointed mountain in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20; 1 Cor. 15:6).

(9) To James under unknown circumstances (1 Cor. 15:7).

(10) To the apostles at Jerusalem immediately before the ascension (Luke 24:50; Acts 1:4-8).

Smith's summary provides us with an accumulative witness to the resurrection, when the incarnate Son of God showed the validity of His claim to be "the resurrection and the life." Christ Himself also made valid the further announcement that, "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies" (John 11:25-26), to which we can only respond, "Hallelujah!"

If God wills we will examine more fully in a coming article this tremendous event that gives to innately mortal man the hope that he can escape the finality of death.

St. Catharines, Ontario

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such a way that people are influenced to follow our example.

Being salt and light does not just happen under ideal circumstances. This is easy when everything is going well. People want to know if Christians are real. What happens when things are hard? Does faith really help when we are being severely challenged? When we are facing difficulty and adversity? Does hardship turn us into bitter grumblers and complainers? Or do our faith and character stand strong? Marcia McLeary, vice-president of a Jackson community service organization, said, "Dianne could have been the most bitter person because of her life. But she cared about everyone else around her." We have often taught that the key to JOY is getting our priorities straight: *Jesus* first, *Others* second, *Yourself* last. Dianne didn't just teach it, she lived it.

Dianne's life and death teach us a very important lesson—the world does notice a life of quiet courage, character and faith. With nothing more than an iron lung as her pulpit, she "preached" to the world about God and His love. She attracted people to Him through her character and response to adversity. Will we?

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ONTARIO

Beamsville: The Great Lakes Christian College Baccalaureate Service took place June 11. A garage sale for the Beamsville WAVES took place on June 31. Each year the congregation prepares the boys' Bunkie cabins at Camp Omagh for summer camp. Personal care products are being collected for the Women's Shelter, the Out-of-the-Cold program, and RAFT, a programme assisting kids in downtown St. Catharines.

Bramalea: A seminar entitled, "Reducing the Risk: Street Proofing the Church Against Abuse," was conducted May 24 at the church building. Jim and Kathy Holston were with the congregation on May 25 and Jim spoke to the church. Summer Bible classes began Sunday, June 8, with a family Bible class being conducted in addition to small children's classes and a Foundations class.

Brantford: Speakers for the congregation in May and June were Wayne Whitfield, Glen Robbins, Ralph Perry and Jim Holston. The congregation held a clothing give-a-way on May 10. A special contribution was held May 4 for the Key to the Kingdom television programme.

Cambridge: Every Tuesday night people from the church meet some people of the community at the centre for supper, games, and a Bible study, currently in the book of James. One Sunday in May, Paul Moore preached a sermon designed for

churched ears in one room, while Greg Whitfield preached his first evangelistic sermon designed for the unchurched. They will try the split sermon on the last Sunday of each month for three months and then reassess. This was one of the strategies for meeting the needs of believers and non-believers. Members recently brainstormed different ministries they would like to do. One idea was to hand out backpacks before the school year with supplies in them and perhaps Christian literature. The congregation asks for prayers that it will use God's resources to best accomplish His will in Cambridge.

Fennell Avenue: A new Sunday evening study has begun on the topic of "Biblical Interpretation." Members participated in a prayer and fasting day on June 10 for Joey Merling. Ongoing prayers are requested for his cancer.

Fenwick: Great news! Jean Rogers was baptized into Christ on April 16. Gregory Smith guided the church towards setting goals in a meeting held April 25-27. Sixty ladies enjoyed a wonderful day at the "Celebration of Sisterhood Ladies' Day" on May 31. "Kids for Christ" awards night was held June 6. Worship on the lawn was held June 15. Visits to Woodlands senior home resumed in June. An old-fashioned outdoor

hymn sing is scheduled for July 18. In August the congregation will distribute "church" material at the local farmers' market. A neighbourhood barbeque is also planned.

Toronto (Scarborough): Members meet in homes for a mid-week Thursday evening Bible study. They are studying the book of Acts. A gospel meeting and concert was planned for June 27-29 with guest speakers Brother Christopher Landrum I, from Dayton, Ohio, and Brother Earlvin Greene, from Newark, New York.

Toronto (Strathmore): Fred Hansen was baptized at the Sunday morning service on June 1. The production equipment deficit for Key To The Kingdom has been paid off as a result of the KTTK Sunday. At present, money received from special "Key Day" collection is \$18,946.00. We are thankful to all who give at special times and those who give on a regular basis to this ministry. The programme is now on CHNU, Channel 10 in Vancouver, BC, at 8 AM on Friday mornings. This channel covers Vancouver, Victoria and the Fraser Valley. We pray this later time (they receive the Vision Network broadcast at 5:30 AM) will open new doors for study. Programmes were recently filmed at Barrie, Newmarket and Pine Orchard, Ontario.

Waterloo: Joe and Doris Kippax celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 5. The congregation is planning its Summer Vacation Bible School. Ten families (five guest families and five host families) participated in the congregation's first "Souper Sundaes" in May. The congregation has reserved BonEcho Provincial Park in August for a congregational camping adventure. Also, a women's camping trip is planned for August 23-August 25 at Port Burwell on Lake Erie. The congregation is pleased to have Glen Robins working as its summer intern during the months of June to August on a part-time basis. \$321 was contributed in the spring collection for the China Mission.

Windsor (West Side): A spring community giveaway was held June 5 and 6. Items given away included balls (baseball, football, basketballs), bubbles, skipping ropes, sidewalk chalk, summer toys, gently used helmets, bikes, scooters and riding toys. Spring and fall jackets, summer tops, shorts and capris were also donated. The congregation

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

Camrose: We hosted the "Thomas Play" for a second time. Randal Wiebe was the only performer and his only prop was a wooden bench. He portrays the life of Jesus through the eyes of the apostle Thomas. The story begins with Thomas being called to be an apostle, continues to the scene in the garden and ends with John 20 and Thomas doubting the resurrection until he sees Jesus and the nail holes and spear wound. The word of God was brought alive before a group of 50 with 20 of those visitors. Follow up has begun with the visitors. Three college students have come out to services with 2 attending regularly. Others in the community have attended also. - Dave Friesen

Edmonton North: Our 10 year plan began with the church plant in Millwoods on the Southside of Edmonton. Then extensive work was done on the church building, yard and now the office building. With this soon done, we have begun thinking about stage 3 which is hiring a campus evangelist for the campuses in Edmonton. A day of prayer and fasting was held, and then a congregational meeting and now plans are being made. The Young Retreat was successful with about 40 youth and 20 adults attending. WCC Sonshine provided an evening of enjoyable singing and a time of fellowship was held over a pot luck supper. Our annual VBS will be held each Sunday from June 22 until August 17th (9 weeks). The theme is "Where Heroes Are Made".

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): The congregation sponsored a basement sale to raise funds for Velma Forman's trip home from Papua New Guinea this month. Norm and Jen Weir planned one of their "Ministry at Large" trips to be in Creston on June 21 for Mathilde Phippers 90th birthday. She has been a constant supporter of their First Nations work, she and her husband having fostered a number of native children. The annual "God Made It All Perfect" family camp-out took place June 13-15 at the

Vedder River Campground in Chilliwack. Families from congregations in the Lower Mainland who have any type of camping equipment capable of spending two overnights arrived Friday evening, while others came to participate in the games and campfire on Saturday, or attend the special worship service on Sunday morning.

Burnaby: Dr. Jerry Rushford, director of the Church Relations Department and the annual Lectureship at Pepperdine University, preached for our congregation on May 18. He and his wife, Lori, were spending a few days in the Vancouver area. Other special guests were Mike and Geetha Meyalagan from Pallachi, India, friends since 1969 of Allen and Betty Jacobs, when he served as their first Tamil translator. Leo Heba collected bottles for a non-profit charity project in Ecuador. All the money raised was to build a small medical clinic (complete with a doctor) in a rural community where the village people do not have access to any sort of medical care.

City Church (Vancouver): Our converts, John and Elise Xia, are from Sichuan province, and have family there who were spared from the devastation, but did not know how other relatives near the epicentre fared. We expected to send some help to the earthquake victims. Thanks to the efforts of Heather Chapman, Alex Chapman, Stacy Kymes, Herman Lancaster, and Steve Parker, City Church of Christ is getting better equipped. We now have a payroll process, more transparency and efficiency, and our church business is being conducted in a professional way that will benefit not only

ourselves but future generations at City Church. Thanks to the efforts of Crosstown church of Christ in Tulsa, OK, Stephen Hasbrouch, Jr., who has had his computer stolen twice, now has one again, so is able to make Bible class materials and post Bible lessons on his blogs.

Delta: A special collection was taken on May 25 to help Matt Waddell, who is attending Harding University, with his trip to Croatia this summer. Matt and his roommate expected to spend two weeks with the church in Verazdin, where they would participate in devotionals, help with repairs to the church building and perhaps teach the youth the game of baseball! From there, they expected to make several other stops around the country, wherever help was needed. Jacinthe-Laure LeBel is making a trip this summer with the Pioneer Bible Translators in Dallas to Guinea, West Africa, where she has worked before.

Oakridge: Milton Diaz performed an unusual baptism on May 30. A man on holiday from the States contacted him by e-mail, explaining that he wanted to be baptized, but if it was inconvenient, he would wait until he returned home. Milton responded by assuring him that if he understood the meaning of baptism, he should have it done as soon as possible. After a further exchange in which Milton was convinced the man understood his need, they arranged to meet the following day. Ronald Clark went on his way rejoicing after coming in contact with Christ's blood through his baptism. Six committees are now working on plans for

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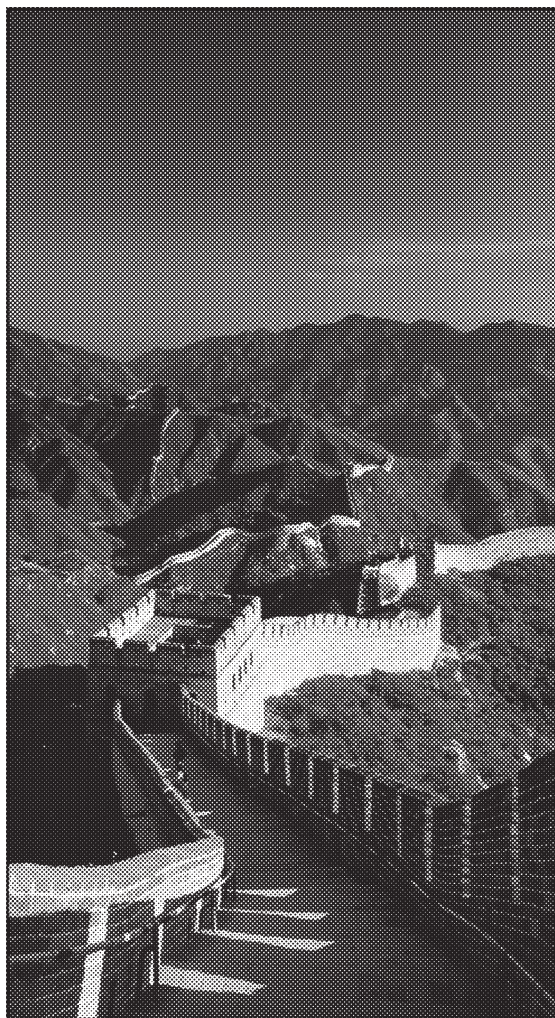


China: Ron Brown, director of China Mission and the Chinese Agape Foundation, contacted RAPHA to request two anaesthesia machines and 138,000 doses of amoxicillin be sent to China. RAPHA immediately sent 250 bottles of the antibiotic and had the anaesthesia machines prepared to go directly to China. FedEx, who is a sponsor for the Agape Foundation, does not charge for these deliveries. Ron organizes surgeons to go into China frequently to perform open heart surgeries, along with RAPHA board member, Dr. John Bailey, who does cleft palate surgeries. The CAF has more than 60 orphanages throughout China and will be building orphanages in the area of the earthquake as soon

as possible. Ron writes: "We propose to go into the area as soon as the roads are passable and begin to construct an orphanage for these poor orphans. If we can find an existing building which can be rebuilt, we will use it. If not, we will construct a new facility." To learn more, write: CHINESE AGAPE FOUNDATION, 20 Oak Ridge Dr., Sharpsburg, Georgia, USA 30277; or ronbrown20@charter.net or check the website at www.china-mission.com.

Burma (Yangoon Myanmar): May 30, 2008, First Response effort: The local Christians are feverishly involved in distributing first response relief supplies to

the areas hardest hit by the cyclone. From Yangoon to the most devastated area is a 2 to 3 days journey by bus and boat so they are going and coming, taking supplies from Yangoon that cannot be purchased there and buying food stuff on the scene for distribution. Thus far they have only been able to help about 150 families but with our input of funds they are gearing up to provide for 2000 or more in areas that have been neglected thus far. Longer range plans are being formulated in an effort to impact the chosen areas for good and to help people get back on their feet as quickly as possible while establishing a permanent presence for the church. The death and destruction is unbelievable. Whole towns and villages disappeared. Brethren report dead bodies are floating everywhere and that the Government is using large ships with nets stretched between them to gather the bodies. Because of the fear of cholera epidemics they are towing the bodies out to sea and releasing them rather than attempting to retrieve them for burial. The sea water that came inland more the 200 miles has



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turned their rice paddies into salt paddies where nothing will grow for three or four years leaving the poorest without a means of food production. Politics and Old Tribal rivalries has played a roll in who is receiving aid from the government and people of minority groups are being basically condemned to death unless they get help from outside. Now is the time for Christian to act quickly to save hundreds of thousands of people and show God's love while sharing His salvation. Many who have never had the opportunity to hear that Jesus lives, can now be taught if we will respond to this crisis while there is yet time.

Bill McConough
of Partners in Progress

And in Canada: *(Ed. Note: When is foreign news not actually foreign? Across Canada, there are numerous isolated Christians who carry on the work of the church in a small way. Few, if any, can afford a preacher, and many are not physically able to sponsor a special event such as a lecture series or VBS, to attract the attention of outsiders. Although most are long-time Christians who are faithful in meeting together, it is easy to become discouraged in well-doing. Having either family members or long-time friends who are in this category, Norman and Jen Weir gave up their "located" work with the Central Valley church in Abbotsford several years ago to routinely visit as many of these isolated pockets in BC as possible to encourage these Christians while reaching out to non-Christians in these areas. They made the first 2008 trip of their "Christian Missions at Large" the last two weeks of March. The following is a report of this trip.)*

"It has been 3 months now since Norm's hip replacement and he is doing so well. On this trip, he preached for the house church in 100 Mile House, which usually has about 14 in attendance, including a ranching family who are not of our background. In the afternoon, we go to another meeting with a group at 70 Mile House. During the rest of that week, we visit and have Bible studies with various individuals. One sister in the Lord is Ethel Fouchier, who was baptized as the result of a correspondence study with a member of a church in Virginia. Next day, we met and spent quite some time with one of Norm's long-term correspondence students and her husband. Although we had talked on the phone quite often, we had never met her. She retired from nursing after 42 years to take care of

some of her own medical concerns. It is very rewarding to see how she is growing spiritually and pursuing the Lord in her life. On our way further north, we stopped in to spend time with an older couple in Williams Lake, Bill and Alice Jackson, who are in a retirement home. They moved from Nanaimo to Williams Lake to be near their daughter. As there is no church of Christ, they always love to have the company of other Christians. We bring them 'Key to the Kingdom' videos. In Quesnel, we visited with a 72-year-old sister, Bonnie Freeman, who was in the hospital following a bad fall down some stairs. She is improving with care.

At Prince George, Norm preached for the house church. On this trip we met a couple who are members, but had fallen through the cracks because of frequent moves. Hopefully, they will now start attending regularly with the rest of the Christian family there. We also met a single man, who had spent some time in jail, but was baptized as the result of Bible studies with an elderly brother in Prince George. He lives with a couple whom we met and we hope to see them again in the summer, but in the meantime, are sending both Bible correspondence lessons. While in Prince George, we also went to the First Nations Band offices a couple of times and connected with those who work there. We've gotten to know them over the years we've been going to Fort Ware and Tsay Keh. It's just good PR to let them know when we plan to go back in. This time it happened that the Chief was there, along with the High School principal and the head of the Village maintenance department. The main Band administrators work out of the Prince George offices. From there, we went on to Vanderhoof (the geographical center of BC) and spent time with a man who, with his wife, goes into Tsay Keh from time to time. Many years ago, she was the RN there and they know the culture well. We bent their ear as much as we could, learned a lot about the people, the methods that work and some that don't. A lot we had already experienced, but nevertheless, we learned a lot more. We also discussed the feasibility of putting plumbing into the little church building they have there, and maybe adding on a bit of a kitchen and washroom. That way we would always have a place to plug into while there, without having to get permission to plug into what they call the 'multi-plex' which also houses the doctors, nurses, social workers, dentist or whoever else comes into the village to work from time to time. The following weekend

we drove up to North Bend where Norm preached on Sunday to about 30 people. As they always have a singing when we come, we took our 7-year-old grandson (who loves to sing) with us. There are some strong voices in that congregation, and they still sing a lot of the 'older' songs, which is refreshing."



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recently conducted its first ever "Walk4 Water" event to remember those in the world who suffer without the necessities of life that, at times, many of us take for granted.

MISSIONS:

Papua New Guinea: Ruth Zimmerman reports that April and May were times of mixed blessings and sorrows. The nephew of Miring, Ruth's roommate, died of septicaemia following a leg infection. Salome, the daughter of the preacher, was baptized. Mosquitoes are becoming more and more abundant. On May 18 the ladies from the English service at Boundary Road had a planning meeting – a follow-up to a survey handed out in April regarding restarting ladies' class. It has been decided that they will meet twice each month, once for a prayer meeting and the 2nd time for class. ruthzimm@gmail.com.

Japan/Singapore: Joel Osborne visited churches in Sendai and Hachinohe in May and also participated in the preachers' meeting in Ibaraki. Since his return to Singapore he has assisted in a youth retreat for the Bedok church and a combined worship for four churches (Bedok, Geylang, Moulmein and Citivision). Crimsen Ruhnke is enjoying her time back in Sendai for the summer, assisting Debi Hobelman, Sasha Ingle, the church and Let's Start Talking readers. Jon and Michiko Straker completed Jon's first semester of missions graduate work at Abilene Christian University. After attending a family reunion in Montana, they are scheduled to fly to Japan to visit the Sendai church and Michiko's family. Echoing the desire of the team, Ben says: "Just as Jesus is an advocate for Zacchaeus, revealing who he is and who he can be, I want to do my best to be an advocate as well—I want to speak on behalf of Japan—not because the people lack knowledge, skill, ability or the standing to speak for themselves; on the contrary, they are very capable. I simply want to draw attention to this wonderful nation, with the result being a whole crowd of people (us) who come to learn something new about Japan and say, 'This nation, too, is loved by God.' And Japan itself will be changed." Prayers are requested for the team in its summer travels as it assists the various aspects of the Japanese and Singaporean work; for the LST summer work in Sendai, Hachinohe, other Japanese cities and for the Sendai church. For information or reports, contact Bramalea Church of Christ: mail@bramaleacofc.ca; Jonathan Straker: jstrake@yahoo.com; or Joel Osborne: joelosborne4@yahoo.com.

Haiti Fifth Mission Trip Report (Cont'd)

Jean Volcy



received the goods for us, and took them to Fond-Parisien for distribution. These are some of the distribution photos. The brethren at Fond-Parisien and several in the community, especially the kids (see how they're enjoying their candy, etc!) are very grateful for all your help. Thank you for caring!

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As reported in the May 2008 issue of the Gospel Herald, this year (April 5-15, 2008) three brethren from Strathmore: Gerry Ellis, Derrick Wilson and his wife Faith, accompanied me (Jean Volcy) on the fifth mission trip to Haiti. Our mission was to hold a campaign of evangelization and to encourage the brethren down there. At Fond-Parisien (Haiti) a campaign was held as planned from Sunday April 6, through Sunday 13. The Lord added a sister (Tania Jean) to the church during our campaign.

About 6 weeks before we left for Haiti, eight barrels of food items, clothing, etc received from several in Canada were shipped to Haiti ahead of time. We had planned on cooking some of the food to feed the children in the congregation and some other needy children in the community as usual, as well as distributing all the items from the barrel while we were there. However, while the barrels arrived



on time, unfortunately, due to some unrest in the capital, Customs was not open to deliver the barrels. Consequently, we were only able to share some of the items that we had taken with us in our luggage. It was two days after we left Haiti that brother Jean Elmera, evangelist at the Delmas 28 congregation in Port-au-Prince,



VIII Great Lakes Spanish Lectureship

On May 23-25 the Spanish speaking congregations around The Great Lakes area, celebrated their eighth annual conference. This event was held at the Rochester College building in the City of Detroit, MI. Average attendance was about 255, representing congregations from Chicago, New York, New Jersey, Toronto, Waterloo, Memphis, and Detroit. The guest speaker was Henry Roncancio from Dallas, TX. The central theme was, "the Future of the Spanish Speaking Church of Christ in North America". Other speakers were Santiago Molina, Laurencio Esparza, Ricardo Barrera, Gonzalo Salinas, Carlos Estrada and Fernando Diaz. Also there was one baptism at this event.

the 50-year celebration in August of the beginning of the Oakridge church.

Prince Rupert: Brian Howard and his new bride will be arriving in July to work with the church. We have been involved with the work to rebuild the church in Terrace, BC, until a new mission family or team can be found to continue with this 20 year old work. Dick goes each Sunday to provide teaching and some leadership. Our goals for this effort are: 1. Contact all members by phone and letters. 2. That each week they receive a copy of the bulletin "Terrace Thoughts". 3. Every other week a block notice will be placed in the Terrace Standard (local newspaper). 4. Establish a renewal of active worship at the building and renew times of fellowship. 5. Members from Prince Rupert congregation will meet with Terrace members as a way of encouragement. 6. Prince Rupert members will go to Terrace every other Saturday for a work day with the hope the Terrace members will become involved. Hopefully healing can also take place in a relaxed setting. 7. Prince Rupert will take an active part in seeking the needed support of \$1200. per month and the mission team. We are working with 5 non-member families in Rupert Soundings. Pray for us as we seek to share the gospel with these in a way that leads to their salvation. Since November we have been sending out 1000 copies of "House to House Heart to Heart" to the homes nearest the church building and members pass them out to friends. It is a tool that gives the church good exposure and provides sound teaching to the ones willing to read it. We are committed to a 2 year program.

MANITOBA

Carman: Forty-two ladies, ranging in age from the early twenties to over 91, gathered at Winkler Bible Camp from May 23 to 25, 2008 for their sixth annual Rest and Renewal Weekend. The purpose of the weekend is to provide rest and renewal of the spiritual body as well as the physical body. It also provides opportunities for sharing, visiting and bonding with sisters in Christ. This year the weekend, organized by women from the Carman congregation, centered on the theme of "We can be Confident" taken from Proverbs 3:26 "The Lord will be your confidence." We were so very privileged to have Mary Muirhead from Estevan, SK present two very relevant lessons, and lead discussions on the topic of Confidence. Evening devotional presentations were given by Mabel Bailey from Dauphin, MB, Marge Knutson from Grosse Isle, MB and Jo Ann Taylor from Carman, MB. An added feature

this year was an opportunity to be involved in a mosaic craft lead by Bea Denby from Winnipeg, MB. All of these were received with great appreciation by the ladies who had the opportunity to be in attendance. Lord willing, we will endeavor to provide another similar weekend from May 22 to 24, 2009. Won't you plan now to come? E-mail Kathy Elford at dkelford@mts.net to be sure to receive information for 2009! – Kathy Elford

Winnipeg: Miranda Kazuk, Brad King, Mark Knutson, and Amber Knutson have all been recently baptized.

SASKATCHEWAN

Western Christian College Women's Service Club: Recently completed projects include 8 benches throughout the school, new chorus risers, remotes for DVD's, high chairs for small guests in the cafeteria, a treadmill and exercise bike for the students' exercise room. A bow flex machine was donated as well. Other projects planned include a fire pit for the students, curtain rods for first floor dorm rooms, upholstery for two nooks, funds for extra decorating in the dorms and a long counter for the students' centre. We were thankful to receive some memorial gifts in memory of Hannah Bell. She served the Women's Service Club for many years. We want to appreciate Alice Williams and Marj Mather for co-ordinating the sale of Co-op cards in Saskatoon. This is proving to be a very successful fundraiser. One of our ongoing projects is the snack programme for the residential students. Snacks are provided three nights a week. The Carmen chapter continues to be very dedicated to contributing funds toward this program and it is greatly appreciated. The kitchen staff has been doing a great job of providing a nice variety of snacks to the students. A group from Cabot, Arkansas, is coming to campus June 8 -14 to do some renovations to the Gourmet Bean. They would be happy to have some additional assistance during that week if you have some spare time. The Women's Service Club marks their 50th anniversary in 2008. We hope to mark this special occasion during the lectureship weekend. Nancy and Mary have taken on the task of compiling the history of the Women's' Service Club. If you have any pertinent information, interesting stories, pictures of members at work or of projects from the past please be in touch with one of them. They need to have all this information gathered by August 15. We are looking for some donations of large ticket items at lectureship for both the silent auction and the live auction. Would there be anyone willing to put together a quilt

to commemorate the 50th anniversary? Please contact Dawn Mitchell if you might have an item to donate. Continue to save labels from all Campbell's soups and various other products. It is amazing what quality items are available to schools through this program. You can visit www.labelsforeducation.ca for a complete listing of eligible products and more information about this great program. Dorothy Davis is collecting these labels and you can just drop them at the school. Dorothy recommends that we cut the labels through the nutritional information making sure that the UPC code is not damaged. Thank you so much to everyone who works to provide funding for some of these projects

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his personal relationships, he cannot be successful in the "tell" aspect of Christianity. It is useful to note the statement made by Luke in the beginning of Acts about the life of Jesus during His ministry on earth, "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to DO and to TEACH" Acts 1:1. Jesus is our example in godly living.

It is worth noting that while this idea of service in the Christian life is seen in the paragraph above, note from Philemon 8 and 9 that Paul said he could be bold and order Philemon but rather he would "appeal to you on the basis of love". Later he says, "But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do will be "spontaneous and not forced" (vs.14). The Christian is called to service that is given willingly and lovingly, not out of duty.

As we close, consider the teaching of Jesus to followers in Luke 22:24-27, "Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.'" Jesus was about Show and Tell. May we be also.

OBITUARIES

Bell, Violet May

Violet Bell passed away suddenly but peacefully at the Weyburn General Hospital, on Monday March 31, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Bill Bell, four daughters; Eva (Gary) King and their children Tracy, Brad and Sharon; Donna (Hugh) Gannon and their sons Monte and Greg; Reva Wiebe (David) and her children Tanis, Eric and Adam; Sherry Mullaly (Mike) and her children Jonathon, Jim, Lisa and Meagan.

Violet May (Tromberg) was born in Estevan, SK, on June 27, 1927. Life was difficult during the depression, so they moved to Kennedy, SK. Whenever possible the family travelled to worship with the brethren near Wawota. Vi moved to Estevan to get her high-school education. She also worked to pay her way. Later she attended Radville Christian College for one year, where many lasting friendships were made.

In 1950, Vi married Bill Bell and they moved to Shamrock, SK. In 1959 they moved to a farm near Weyburn to be near Western Christian College. Along with their four birth children, they also made a home for three foster daughters.

As well as being a farmer's wife, she worked part-time for 25 years at the Weyburn General Hospital. Vi also enjoyed many activities including the Homemakers, W.C.C. Women's Service Club and later she served on the executive of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Weyburn Special Care Home. Vi and Bill spent over 20 years volunteering, for Home Care. She also taught ladies and children's classes until about five years ago. Vi and Bill helped out many summers at Clearview camp.

During her lifetime the family enjoyed many vacations throughout Canada and the United States. After the girls had grown up, they continued to travel. Whether on the mission field or wherever they were, they were happy to serve. Once they went to Papua New Guinea and Jamaica where Vi visited her correspondence students. They also accompanied J.C. Bailey on one of his mission trips to India.

The funeral service for Violet May was held at the Weyburn Church of Christ, on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 6:30; with Scott Wade officiating. The lesson was presented by a nephew, John McMillan. Also, Vi's nephews, Gerry Bell and Glen McMillan shared many, many memories.

Vi knew her Bible and realized the importance of following "the divine pattern" that has been laid out for us to follow. She was my dear friend for nearly sixty years. We miss her very much.

Submitted by Mildred Goodwin

Cameron, Donald

After several years of failing health, Donald Cameron passed away following a stroke on May 17, 2008, in Ajax, ON. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 65 years, Mary (Smith), whom he met at a skating rink in Aberdeen, Scotland. He was the devoted father of Glen (Linda), Patricia (David), and Neil (Diane), and the loving Papa and hero to his grandchildren Graeme (Louise), Dawn (Tony), Heather, Janice and Keith.

Don was born in Toronto, ON, on October 28, 1921, to Alexander and Helen (Murray) Auchinachie. He had a sister, Miriam (Perry), and a brother Ken.

He was going to school in Aberdeen, Scotland, when World War II began and joined the R.A.F., becoming a Flight Lieutenant and Lancaster bomber pilot in Squadron 115 during the war. He had many exciting stories of his experiences in some thirty two missions flown during the war. He was thankful to have survived the war to enjoy nearly 65 years of marriage to Mary. (They were married on July 24, 1943.)

He was looking forward to a career in aviation as a pilot for BOAC but was disqualified by an injury that caused him to lose sight in one eye. Therefore, he and his family, along

with his mother-in-law, came to Canada in 1953 and lived in Toronto. He enjoyed many happy years seeing his family grow and in later years, he and Mary travelled a great deal, often in a motor home, seeing North America. All in all, he felt he had been greatly blessed in life and freely expressed his gratitude to God for his many blessings.

In 1954 they came to worship and work with the Strathmore congregation where Don served as a deacon and treasurer for many years. He also led singing, preached occasionally and taught Sunday school. A cheerful and encouraging person, he was loved by all and is missed by his many friends and the church family.

A memorial service was held at the Simple Alternative Funeral Centre in Pickering on May 22, 2008. May God bless Mary and the family and his many friends as they rejoice in the memories of their life and association with Don.

Max Craddock

Hansler, Orval

Orval Hansler was born in North Pelham, ON, on July 14, 1916. He passed from this life at Grandview Lodge in Dunnville, ON, on May 2, 2008. He would have been 92 this month.

Orval spent part of his early adult life in Dunnville but he more recently resided in Welland with his wife Sylvia. He and Sylvia attended the Fenwick church of Christ.

Orval leaves behind his beloved wife, Sylvia Comfort/Anger and several family members. He will be missed by his step-children; Sharon Horton, Karen Wright (Alan); Grace Cosby (John); Brian Anger (Sandy); Harold Anger (Angie); Paul Anger (Kathy) and Scott and Chris Lewis. He will also be missed by his dear sister, Thelia, sixteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and other family members.

Orval was predeceased by a son-in-law, David Horton and a grandson, Jason Anger.

Don Hipwell

Vance, Philip

Philip William Clarence Vance passed away suddenly on Friday, June 6, in Kitchener, Ontario, due to complications arising during heart surgery. He was in his 72nd year.

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Phil was born in Orangeville, August 21, 1936. His parents, Clarence and Gladys, had become members in 1953 of a newly established congregation of the Church of Christ in Orangeville. Gladys was from the Moote family that counted members in the Restoration movement both in the Niagara Peninsula and in the township of East Garafraxa, possibly the early home of Gladys. When the Orangeville congregation closed, the Vance family began attending the church at Omagh. Phil had a warm relationship with Omagh Bible School in his early years.

Phil grew up on the family farm, contracted polio when he was 15, and was given the responsibility for managing the farm at age 17. He returned to his high school education as a mature student, attending Great Lakes Christian College in grades 9 and 10 during 1956-58. He completed his high school studies at Grand Valley High School. Phil went west in 1961 where he met his wife-to-be, Elaine Roberts, at a gospel meeting at Portage La Prairie. They were married in Winnipeg in 1963. Four sons were born to their union, prompting them to move to Weyburn where Elaine joined Western Christian College and where she served for eleven years in student life supervision. Their sons completed their schooling at WCC. Kevin, the oldest son, is now president of Western Christian College.

Phil worked in sales for most of his business years, supporting his family as a traveling salesman. His persistent efforts and well-identified honesty made possible his support of his family.

Phil's first interest was in studying and sharing the message of the Bible. He engaged in teaching and preaching whenever the opportunity arose. He aspired to serving in the mission field and, in preparation, attended Mission 1000 in Memphis, Tennessee and the Seniors Adventures in Missions (AIM) in Lubbock, Texas. He spent several months in Ukraine surveying the field but was unable to carry through with an extended service in that field.

In 2007, Phil, living in Surrey, BC, determined to move to Montreal in order to assist in a church plant-

ing initiative in that city. En route, he stopped in Waterloo, Ontario, because he was experiencing some health difficulties. Circumstances resulted in his remaining in Waterloo where he became an active and respected member of the Waterloo congregation. In the months remaining in his life on this earth, Phil was primarily interested in engaging in Bible studies with those who might be interested.

The funeral service was conducted at the Waterloo Church of Christ. Jamie Azzoparde, David Dunn and

Don Rose joined with this writer in leading the service. Phil's two younger brothers, Paul (Fatima) and David, and his four sons, Kevin, Mark, Grant and Cory, all presented eulogies on behalf of their father. Phil's passing is also mourned by his two sisters, Sally and Nancy (Al), and thirteen grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Margaret.

Interment was at Zion Hill Cemetery near Thamesford, Ontario, where Philip's parents are buried.

Geoffrey Ellis



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

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; Sunday 9:45 AM Classes for Children/Teens/Adults; 10:45 AM Assembly; 11:15 AM Youth Assembly; Care Groups - throughout the week; Phone (403) 272-2111; Email: info@calgarycofc.com

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

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

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

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

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

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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; contact Jim Hawkins, (604) 581-2169.

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

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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; Sunday Bible classes 11:00 am, worship 10:00 am; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

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

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

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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, 79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Joe Sandassie, (905) 389-0714, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

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

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday School 10 am, worship 11 am, Sunday evening 4 to 6 "introduction to church"; Gordon Gibson ev. – (res) 613-536-7008, (off) 613-546-5409; gordonregibson@hotmail.com; website http://know-your-bible-too.com

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

MISSISSAUGA: (Living Water Fellowship): fellowship, sharing, prayer, Monday through Saturday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; 2305 South Millway, apt. #308, Mississauga ON L5L 3P8; Call Rod Ostil to confirm 647-887-7794

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10 am, 6:30 pm; Wednesday, please call for time and location; 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. North Bay; 705-840-0303, e-mail: davidrlock@sympatico.ca; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road West, Milton,L9T 2X8; 10, 11; website: http://omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., RR # 3, Campbellville, L0P 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@wightman.ca

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing Address: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Peter McPherson (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. 7:00; 935-9581 (off.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; Email: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; WebSite: www.stcatharinescofc.ca

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SARNIA: 796 Errol Road E., N7V 2G7; Sunday 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wednesday 7; Joseph Woodford, ev., (519) 339-1161 (off.), (519) 542-6071 (res.); E-mail: fjosephwoodford@gmail.com

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

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SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. L0R 2A0, PO Box 451; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30. 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.; Robert Priestnall, sec.; email: emailus@scoc.ca; website: www.scoc.ca

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St.,N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:00; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545; Shawn Lablanc, ev. 519-305-0457

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. Bible classes & worship – 10:30–12:00; 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; Jim Kent, sec., 705-842-5538, 13848 Highway 17 E, Thessalon; 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): 700 Progress Avenue Unit # 14 Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2Z7; Sun. 9:45am; 11:00am. (Mailing Address: P.O. Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr. Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7; Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Devon Bennett, ev. 905686-2486, cell: 416-209-2529, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca; Phillip Brown ev.905-231-9304, cell: 905-406-9160; e-mail: philkare@gmail.com. Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.net

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

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Gordon Dennis, 240 Elgin St. N., Box 274, Mount Forest, NOG 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; David Dunn ev., 519-669-4319; 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

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., 785 Sandison Ave., Windsor, N9E 4T3; (519) 250-4407; Email: wsidedcofc@sympatico.ca; www.geocities.com/wsidedcofc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

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

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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-Noël); 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, SOC 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

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

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KENOSE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: Box 322, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0; Sun. 10; Mid-week call: Brent Olson, ev., 306-577-2477 or contact Cam Husband, 306-739-2882

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MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjccoc@sasktel.net Website: http://mjchurchofchrist.blogspot.com; Call for times of worship, Darrin Ashby, ev

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

REGINA (Glen Elm): 1825 Rothwell St., S4N 2C3, Minister: Jason Bandura; Youth Minister: Blair Roberts; (306)757-1825; FAX (306)757-5727; e-mail: office@warmwelcome.ca. Website: www.warmwelcome.ca; Please call for times

REGINA: Northwest Church of Christ, 4400-4th Ave., S4T 0H8 – on the campus of Western Christian College; Sunday 9:45; Classes 11:15; (306) 539-2280; Kirk Hinnergardt, Minister; Website: www.thenorthwestchurchofchrist.com ; E-mail: kirkkink@hotmail.com

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

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

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A Gift of Hope for the Homeless

Jesus is our gift of hope and He wants us to pass that gift on to others. Whenever we communicate this message of hope to others, we are “doing” God’s love. Sometimes it’s hard to know how to help the homeless. If you give them cash they may use it for purposes that further compound their existing problems.

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Each homeless person in our community has reasons for his or her

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