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# Uncertainties in Bible Times and in Ours

Roy D. Merritt

This article was planned to introduce a special issue of the Gospel Herald and to prepare the readers for positive answers to the uncertainties of life faced through history by our fathers and by us today.

It will necessarily be somewhat negative—uncertainty is always negative—but a knowledge of God's use of such experiences gives us a background against which the greater certainty of faith, hope and love shine even more gloriously. These "positives" promised by our Lord will be discussed in this issue by other writers.

The first six chapters of Genesis present a microcosm of Bible history. Eviction from a luxurious garden home sent Adam and Eve out into the real world. They could not have comprehended the full impact of God's penalty for fallen man—"Dust you are and to dust you will return" (Genesis 3:19). They could not have envisioned death. They had never seen it before.

The first murder occurred and the family was shocked into a dim understanding. Holding the dead body of their beloved son in their arms made God's prediction a reality. All of life took on a new, uncertain quality. From this time forward, man must live with the knowledge that, yes, life can end at an uncertain time and in an unexpected manner. Could this happen to them? And, if so, when? Would they have warning? Their son was so young. Would they continue to live on?

The warrior-king, David, a man after God's own heart, in a similar situation broke into tears and closeted himself in his grief. "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom!" (2 Samuel 16:33). He would gladly have given his own life in exchange. But he learned that, despite his grief and his prayers, when death occurs it is final.

Genesis also provides us with a prime example of a cataclysm—the Flood. When

mankind sinned grievously, God provided a radical remedy—a fresh start for a new generation. He also reminded Noah (and us) that man is mortal. Despite some incredible life-spans, the new race of man had to live with the knowledge that death, like sin, was crouching at their door, and that quiet, peaceful lives will always be under threat because of the uncertainties which surround them.

The prospect of facing down one

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of the most powerful potentates of the ancient world and telling him to "Let my people go" (Exodus chs. 5-10), probably filled Moses with tremendous uncertainty. He had already shown indecision and admitted that he was a man of "faltering lips" (Exodus 6:12,30). He was soon to stand, trapped, on the shore of the Red Sea at the head of a multitude of his people. Talk about an uncertain situation! He said to the people, "Be still!" God countermanded the order and told the Israelites, "Move on!" The chosen people of God would have fallen prey to the pursuing army had Moses' indecision been his final decision.

Other factors than fear and uncertainty have, at times, led God's people into impulsive behaviour which eventually destroyed their faith in God's ordering of affairs. A prime example of a human substitution for God's provisions is found in the cry, "Give us a king!" (1 Samuel 8:6)—a new gen-

eration's decision to find its answers in human wisdom rather than God's decree. Their cry for a different leadership was based on their very human desire to be like their neighbours. The results are well-known: with few exceptions the kings over God's people led them into disobedience and eventually into apostasy and idolatry. Every innovation not authorized by God required another innovation to support it. God eventually had to send them into captivity where a small remnant learned to trust Him again as their true King. How much we need to re-read the logbooks and chronicles of those pitiful, uncertain days.

Moving forward to the New Testament, our God-given guide for the church today, we recall that both John the Baptist and Jesus the Christ began their ministries with a command and a promise.

The command to a religious race which exalted the traditions of men was for repentance. The promise was that Heaven would intervene in the affairs of men by providing a kingdom in the near future—a kingdom which could not be shaken. The nature of this heavenly kingdom and the time of its arrival became perplexing puzzles behind the scene in all four Gospels.

The Jewish leaders linked the coming of the new kingdom to their mistaken view of the promised Messiah. Uncertainties reigned. They would not believe so they could not understand when Jesus revealed the spiritual and eternal nature of the kingdom.

The final deadly charge against Him as He stood in trial before Pilate concerned whether or not He really was the promised King of the Jews. Another question was asked in the trial before Caiaphas: "Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God" (Matthew 26:63). He answered both questions truthfully. Shortly afterward the Sanhedrin pronounced its decision: "He is worthy of death" (Matthew 26:66).

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# Faith in Uncertain Times

Thayer Salisbury

The news is not good. The news is not good whether we are talking about economic news, political news, moral news, or news, about the church.

For a time, we may have thought we had it figured out. We may have had the illusion that—if we lived right, worked hard and paid our taxes—life would be steady, predictable and positive. Forty years of working forty-hour weeks was supposed to lead to a comfortable retirement. It doesn't. Government programmes were going to eliminate poverty. They haven't. Bible-believing, church-going people would be respected and kindly tolerated, even by those who disagree with them. They aren't.

Which way are we headed? Will the moral slide of the western world continue to the point where everything right is called wrong and every wrong is considered right, or will the tide turn? We cannot say. Will the current decline of the world economy be reversed, or are we destined for a major, global depression? It is hard to tell.

Times are uncertain, and it is hard to maintain faith in the midst of such uncertainty. But, on the other hand, what is it we mean by that term "faith?" When things seemed more certain, more stable, more predictable, were we exercising faith or just going with the flow? If what we had then can be called faith, what was the object of that faith? Was it faith in God that we experienced during those seemingly stable years, or was that, in reality, faith in ourselves (our governments, our programmes, our wisdom)?

Self-faith is seasonal when things are going well, when life seems stable and predictable. Faith in God is not seasonal at a time like that. When the situation seems under control, there is no need for alarm, nor any need for faith in God. But when the economy slumps,

violence erupts or our spirits are in the dumps, that is the season for biblical faith.

## Subjective or Objective?

The primary question is not, "How strong is your faith?" We concern ourselves too much with this question. This is the subjective view of faith, and it is of relatively little importance. The more important faith question is the objective question, "In what do you

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place your faith?" That is the question that matters the most.

The strongest faith in a weak object is powerless. Pitifully weak faith in a proper object is stronger than the strongest faith in an inadequate object.

In the early 1980s, I lived briefly in Oklahoma City. There was a man of tremendous faith living in Oklahoma

city at that time. He had invented a new protective vest, which he firmly believed would stop a knife or a bullet. It was, he claimed, incredibly strong. He had so much faith in his vest that he demonstrated it at a luncheon by insisting that his best friend stab him with a knife.

Subjectively speaking, his faith was as strong as it could be. Objectively speaking, his faith, although subjectively strong, was worthless. He died on the spot, the victim of his strong, but misplaced, faith.

We need faith in uncertain times, but it must be faith in the proper object. It must be faith in the power and the plan of God.

## Faith in God's Power

I have stopped asking people if they believe in God. It is pointless to ask. You cannot rely on the answer received. Many people who claim to believe in God, do not. They believe in something that they call "God," but it is not the God revealed in the Bible. It amazes me how many people believe in a powerless being they call "God."

Paul once asked, "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" (Acts 26:8). It is an excellent question. Why would anyone bother to believe in a God who is powerless? Isn't that a contradiction in terms? To believe in a powerless God is as senseless as accepting O'Henry's "medium big man of average smallness" as anything but a joke. How is it incredible that the God who created life might restore life? How is it incredible that the God who created the world (before man and without man's help) might set it back in order, despite the harm we have done to the world?

It may not be logical, but many believers (so-called) behave as if God is dead, or

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# Hope in Uncertain Times

Geoffrey Ellis

Multiple trillions have been lost in the recent global economic meltdown. Hundreds of thousands of job losses per month have been recorded in Canada. Retirees have lost critically needed funds. The trickle down effect presages much pain in the months ahead. And now the worldwide threat of pandemic flu is upon us.

Is hope an important coping strategy?

Viktor Frankl, Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, author of the bestselling, *Man's Search for Meaning*, thought so. In the midst of his and others' suffering in the Nazi killing camps, he came "to his hallmark conclusion that even in the most absurd, painful and dehumanized situation, life has potential meaning and that therefore even suffering is meaningful... 'If a prisoner felt that he could no longer endure the realities of camp life, he found a way out in his mental life—an invaluable opportunity to dwell in the spiritual domain, the one that the SS were unable to destroy. Spiritual life strengthened the prisoner, helped him adapt, and thereby improved his chances of survival.'" (Wikipedia).

The Christian for whom faith is real and the spiritual realm familiar territory will be in a position to develop

a positive calmness in the face of the current adversity.

But is hope merely a subjective projection of the future? The ancient Stoics believed this to be true and discounted it. Is hope primarily a psychological exercise that gives us strength to deal with the difficulties of today, an internal coping mechanism, a psychological aspirin? Is it mainly hopefulness that mutes the present pain?

Hope is not "merely" a subjective

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projection. Humans have this marvelous capacity to summon up a current strength in the face of adversities, an emotion of tranquility in the midst of the storm. Yet this emotional element does not stand on its own; it is fed by the intellect that can reflect on the vast sweep of human experience. The bearish market sooner or later will be replaced by the bullish; it always has. Age is heartened by the succeeding generations' begetting of new life. And there will be "bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover, tomorrow, just you wait and see. There will be love


and laughter, and peace ever after, tomorrow, when the world is free." Yes, wars consume themselves and collapse. Optimism for the future is not misplaced.

It is in this broader reality that Christian hope has its unique value. Christian hope is distinguished from garden varieties of hope in that it is grounded in present realities that issue from the future. Christians both look forward to and presently experience God's salvation. Christians both look forward to and presently experience life in the kingdom of heaven. Christians both look forward to eternal fellowship with God and presently experience that fellowship in life with the Spirit. Tomorrow is already here, and it is good. And its positives far outweigh any negatives that this world throws at us. In other words Christian hope, both in its psychological experience and its intellectual certitude, establishes a perspective from which the "uncertain times" can be assessed and dealt with.

Hope, for the Christian, is tomorrow's reality for today. Hope, for Christians, is the euphemism for everything that God has already delivered in Christ—Christians who are blessed "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 1:3). For the Christian, "faith, hope, and love" is not just a list of separate values. Rather, these are an interconnected system that expresses one supreme value. Hope is anchored in faith that includes both the content of "the faith"—the totality of God's will and work on behalf of man revealed to us in scripture, and the confidence of faith—the assurance that these things are so and deserving of our life's commitment. Hope is assured of these future realities that already exist in the mind of God and are proleptically experienced by the Christian in the present. And hope is centered in love. This is the love that begins with God and is defined by God's willingness to sacrifice all for our rescue and wellbeing. Faith gives the content of our hope; love gives the motivation for our hope.

Christian hope can uplift the entire

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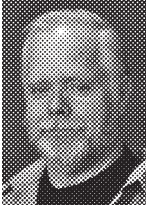
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## The Abiding Things

Wayne Turner



What a world we are living in! Terrorism, piracy, war, economic meltdown, unemployment, home foreclosures, corporate failures, pandemic diseases, natural disasters—just to begin the list. In the past few months, people have seen the stability of their economic worlds devastated, their financial futures collapsed. Hope and confidence have been replaced by fear and uncertainty.

Many centuries ago, Jesus warned His followers that earthly treasure was insecure. It could be corrupted by moths or rust, or stolen. He advised them to invest their lives in those things that are eternal, untouched by the vagaries of the world.

Since He said those words, countless nations and cultures have come and gone. Seemingly undefeatable empires have collapsed. Few things remain, except the ruins of their once majestic structures—the pyramids and sphinx of Egypt, the Acropolis and Parthenon of Greece, the Coliseum of Rome. These are all graphic reminders of the marvelous ingenuity and creative ability of humankind, but also its impermanence and uncertainty. In the face of time and change, we are powerless to create anything truly permanent. No matter how hard we try, we always must face instability and uncertainty.

If living in uncertain times today teaches us anything, it is that there are very few things ultimately worthy of our trust. Nothing physical lasts. We need something that is permanent—something that transcends the passing things of this world.

When Paul visited Corinth, some of its buildings had stood for centuries. They must have seemed permanent. The Temple of Apollo was over 600 years old. Today, only ruins remain. Perhaps it was not coincidental that when Paul wrote to the church there, he said there are three things that will abide, literally, until the very end of time: faith, hope and love.

For some time, those involved with the Gospel Herald have been discussing having periodic, theme-related issues. This is the first in what we hope will be a quarterly project. Our theme this month is “Faith, Hope and Love in Uncertain Times.” We are indebted to Paul Birston, one of our associate editors, for accepting the work of planning and organizing these issues.

In this issue, Roy Merritt looks at “Uncertainties in Bible Times and in Ours.” God’s people have always had to face uncertainty. They learn to use it as an opportunity for growth knowing, with Christ, life “is full of optimism and assurance of still better times to come.” In “Faith in Uncertain Times,” Thayer Salisbury explores the thought that in uncertain times, where faith is placed is important. “The strongest

faith in a weak object is powerless.” Faith must be placed “in the proper object...the power and plan of God.” Geoffrey Ellis writes about “Hope in Uncertain Times.” Our hope is not “merely a subjective projection of the future. It is “grounded in present realities that issue from the future... tomorrow’s reality for today.” Richard Kruse challenges us to practical action in “Love in Uncertain Times.” Love is a “...decision of the will (which) expands in ever widening circles” reaching out to our families, our communities and even our enemies.

Jesus warned that life will be difficult and uncertain for his followers. “In the world, you will have trouble.” (John 16:33) Then he added, “But take heart! I have overcome the world.” At one time, Jesus gives us a permanent and powerful object for our faith, an unshakeable hope that transcends every circumstance, and a love that motivates us to action. “These three abide: faith, hope and love...”

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world, for “In his [Christ’s] name the nations will put their hope” (Matt. 12:21).

The surety of hope is rooted in the reality of Christ: we have “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God” Rom 5:1b-2).

This is not a misplaced hope: “And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us” (Rom. 5:5).

Therefore, “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Rom. 12:12).

In these “uncertain times” and always, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Rom 15:13).

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# Love in Uncertain Times

Richard Kruse

“Love, Sweet Love” is insufficient love for uncertain times; insufficient is emotionally based love. This is the Valentine love, falling in love, passionate love, love for chocolate and even mother’s love.

Christian love is one of the great sustaining pillars of Christianity, along with faith and hope (1 Corinthians 13:13). “The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love” (Galatians 5:6). This love gives support to Christian living. It is the proof of discipleship (John 13:34,35 and it is the greatest, never-failing, gift (1 Corinthians 13:8,13).

Christian love is unique and an essential virtue. Love is a practical gift, binding things together in harmony (Colossians 3:12-14). It is essential because it is the way to the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19). This sufficient, sustaining love for uncertain times is not an emotional experience which comes to people without thought. Rather, it is a principle of the mind and a deliberate, determined decision of the will. Christian love expands in ever widening circles.

## Christian love begins in the family (Ephesians 5:25-33).

A forgotten fact is that a Christian family is often one of the finest witnesses in the world to Christianity. Christian love begins at home. This is a challenge for those of us who grew up in non-Christian homes. The example of Christian families is essential for guidance and growth in parenting

skills. Those who fail to make their own families a centre of Christian love have no right to lead the wider family of the congregation. We teach love in the family by giving time, affirming, forgiving and disciplining. A Toronto couple thought they were helping their children by making life easy for them. When their three sons and daughter developed serious drug and moral problems, they realized that they had been too permissive.

## Christian love flows out to the brotherhood (1 Peter 2:17).

In Christianity there shouldn’t be loners. Believers should be associated with fellow-believers in a local congregation. We’ve all heard someone say, “The church is not meeting my needs”. Even though at times this might

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be a valid criticism, an equally valid response might be “Whose needs are you helping to meet?” Every believer has at least one spiritual gift which is to be discovered and used for the building up of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:11; Ephesians 4:16).

A young man and his girl friend stopped by the YMCA where the Metro congregation was meeting. She told him, “I want to go back to that church because they love each another”. One of the greatest handicaps of the modern church is that a congregation

often appears as a flock of fussy people making much ado about nothing. A congregation completely enveloped in the peace of mutual love is rare. Such a congregation would not be a place where everyone always agreed on everything; it would be a congregation in which people could differ and still show love for each other. Let us therefore encourage and exhort one another until every last one of us functions together in building up the body of Christ.

## Christian love flows out to our neighbours (Matthew 22:39).

A neighbour is simply anyone who happens to be in need. It seems to me that more people have been brought to Christ by the kindness of real Christian love than by theological arguments; and more people have been driven from the church by loveless Christianity than by doctrinal doubts. Jesus left no doubt to the practical nature of Christian love (Matthew 25:31-46).

Feed the Hungry: You could donate to the Food Bank or collect food at your meetings, while others could plant rows of vegetables for the needy. Some obtain restaurant leftovers for community shelters. Some might feel comfortable with more personal involvement and to invite others for a meal. Several members serve with the Meals-on-Wheels program in various communities.

Give water to the Thirsty: You begin by fixing the leaky faucets to stop wasting water or turning off the tap



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while brushing your teeth. Some pass out water at charity marathons. Some from the Stoney Creek congregation passed out hot chocolate during the Santa Claus parade which passes by their building. Have you ever taken water to construction workers on your street during the summer or made a pot of coffee for them in the winter?

**Helping Strangers.** During winter months, several volunteers from the Strathmore congregation have assisted in the Out of the Cold programme, which provides a safe place to sleep and meals for homeless people. There are many individuals who volunteer at community shelters while still other individuals donate toiletry items to the shelters. Members of other congregations actively support low-cost housing efforts. Some congregations have kitchens to provide free meals to the homeless. Many donate old eyeglasses to groups that give them to those in the Third World. The Beamsville congregation provided classes to deal with bereavement. Consider involvement in a Habitat for Humanity building project.

**Clothe the Naked.** Many Christians give clothes to thrift shops or shelters. We all know of people with closets full of "nothing to wear". Some congregations have clothing racks for people who ask for assistance. Congregations have collected shipping containers of clothing and supplies for Africa and Central America.

**Visit the Sick.** You can help by babysitting for a neighbour. You can give a few hours to assist in nursing homes. I was blessed by people who took me to medical appointments, several prepared meals and another looked after my laundry. Every week someone from Stoney Creek takes communion to shut-ins. Most feel that they receive more than they give through the experience. When Margaret Stephens of the Bayview Congregation wasn't able to get out of bed, she phoned

others with words of comfort and strength to deal with their cancer. To be a caregiver or volunteer you need to look after yourself physically, mentally and spiritually, so that you can meet the demands placed on you.

**Visiting the Imprisoned.** Many years ago a new member was convicted of welfare fraud. She phoned the elders for someone to come to see her. Being that the congregation was between preachers, the elders asked me to go. It took three days to clear the red tape and then she bitterly told me that she was sure I couldn't help her because I couldn't understand her experience. However, when I told her that my dad moved us from place to place to escape creditors, that I had been in prison (In my youth I had served 3 months in the slammer because I ran away from the violent alcoholic home life.) and a couple of other related matters, she decided that we could talk. A few months after her release, I was able to teach and baptize her husband. Even though you might not have any personal experience with the criminal system,

you might be able to reach out to families of prisoners, or victims of crimes.

**Christian love goes out to our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48).**

Christian love means sacrificial benevolence and continuous goodwill. The challenge for believers is to become lovers like God. Remember, God loves "the world" sends his rain which blesses the just and the unjust. In other words, no matter what a person is like, God seeks nothing but his highest good. Our aim must be that no matter what people do to us, we will never seek to do harm to them; we will never set out for revenge; we will always seek nothing but their highest good. Then, no matter what a person does to believers, believers will seek that person's highest good. No matter how they are insulted, injured, wronged and slandered, Christians will never hate and will never let bitterness into their heart.

Christianity does not ask us to love our enemies in the same way as we love our nearest and dearest. It does call us to have at all times a certain attitude of the mind and will towards all, no matter who they are. This love is not natural. No one ever naturally loved his enemies. To love our enemies we must conquer our natural reactions and emotions. This love is possible for believers because it is the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

Abraham Lincoln was accused of treating his opponents with too much courtesy and kindness. It was pointed out to him that his duty was to destroy them. He replied: "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" The believer's only method of destroying their enemies is to love them into being their friends.

Saying we love with emotion is insufficient for these uncertain times when the world needs to see our love with action.

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## The Hope Perspective

**W**hy do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:27-31 NIV)

One would have to be living on a desert island with no contact what-so-ever with the outside world to be unaware of the crisis many people are presently facing. People are losing their jobs in record numbers, many are losing their homes, bankruptcies abound and lives are literally being turned upside down.

We must gain some perspective on the current financial crisis and the human crises that spring from it. At the risk of seeming insensitive let me now share what so many have shared with me when I have been down in the dumps. I must admit that I didn't appreciate it much at the time, but after thinking about it for a while I saw the wisdom in what they had to say. There are worse things than losing your job! I have knelt in hospital rooms and prayed with those that were losing a dear loved one, so please believe that there are worse things than losing your job. There are worse things than losing your home! I have sat with those who have lost their families through divorce; I have seen the anguish in their eyes and heard the pain in their voice, so please believe me when I say there are worse things

than losing your home. There are worse things than being broke! Gaining your wealth through dishonest means and therefore losing your integrity is far worse than being broke. There are even worse things than losing your own life! Losing your integrity, turning from your faith is far worse than losing your life.

What is the basis for our hope? If our hope is based on God doing what we think is best our hope is not secure. If our hope is that the financial crisis will resolve itself and we can go back to our comfortable life, our hope is selfish. There were many hurting people before the crisis and there will continue to be even if the crisis resolves itself. Long before this present crisis there were children not being fed, people without homes and families coming apart at the seams. Sadly, even if the crisis was to resolve itself tomorrow there would still be too many hurting people in our world.

We cannot base our hope on getting our way; we must base our hope on God's way. In Matthew 6:10, Jesus taught us to pray, "your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." When Jesus faced the most serious trial of his life he would have avoided it if he could have, but knew that God's will must be done. "Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:38-39 NIV)

Our hope for a marked improvement in the economy will not solve all of our problems, there were hurting people before this present crisis and there will be hurting people once the crisis is resolved.

We must put our hope in the Lord,

not in money and not in the ability of human governments to solve our recent crisis. We cannot place our hope in a secure job, a big house, fashionable clothes and trendy vacations. Neither can we place our hope in our friends as loving and supportive as they may be. We must put our hope in the Lord. We hope not just to survive, but to renew our strength so that in our walk we will not grow weary and so that we can soar like eagles.

I hear many say that everything happens for a reason. I do not know if that is true or not but there are a great many situations where it appears, at least to me, that there was no good reason for it to happen. Asking why this happened may be an exercise in discouraging futility. Blaming someone or something will not fix it and while we think that blaming someone or something may help us to feel better it will not.

We should, instead, ask what we can learn from this and I believe we will discover a lengthy list. We must learn to put our hope in God and not material wealth, human governments or people. We must learn to be less materialistic. Be honest, wasn't it becoming too much about money? We had bigger houses but less people living in them, of course we needed the bigger houses to store all our stuff in. We hold on to stuff we don't want or need, but can't let go of. We take holidays that we cannot afford and we finance it all on credit cards, we set up a house of cards and it has all blown down. Did we really think it could last?

What is there to learn? Well, we must pay close attention because God is teaching us some valuable lessons. Put your hope in God, He will renew your strength and then get out and help people. There is much that young people can do to help.

Get together with your friends and have a food drive. I heard today that the number of people that food banks have been helping has grown by 20%. Volunteer at a soup kitchen and get some of your friends involved as well. Be a listening ear for those who hurt and pray with them. Be encouraging, hope filled, optimistic and encouraging. God is with you!



# *Gospel Herald Foundation*

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May, 2009

Dear Brethren,

We are sad to announce the closing of the Gospel Herald Bookstore at the end of this month, May, 2009. For several years we have been continuing the bookstore operation at a significant loss. **We appreciate the past patronage of many across Canada who have used the services of the bookstore.** However, as the years have passed fewer and fewer have used the services of the store and, with the increasing costs of doing business; the time has come to close the store. The services that have been provided by the bookstore will no longer be available after the end of the business day on May 29, 2009.

There is hope that the Gospel Herald Foundation might be able to return to providing the service of bookselling at some time in the future under new arrangements.

**NOTE:** This closing **DOES NOT INCLUDE** the monthly publication of the Gospel Herald magazine. The mailing address for all business with the magazine (subscriptions, advertising, directory changes, paying bills etc) will change from the Beamsville address to: **Gospel Herald, 5 Lankin Blvd., Toronto, ON, M4J 4W7.** Phone numbers to contact us will be 416-461-7406 and fax 416-424-1850. Email: **maxc@strathmorecofc.ca.**

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### ONTARIO

**Beamsville:** The Beamsville Waves annual meeting was held Saturday, May 2, at Great Lakes Christian High School. The congregation rejoices in the baptism of Jessica Short on Sunday, April 12. A worship leaders' workshop was held Saturday, May 2. The congregation now has more people involved in small groups than ever before and thanks all who participate in these each week.

**Bramalea:** A "Visitors' Sunday" was held April 12. On Sunday, May 10, Yuko Kawamura, from Japan, and Gip Woothitha, from Thailand, witnessed to the ladies about their conversions. In these countries, the percentage of Christians (of any type of Christianity) numbers only about 1%. On May 23, a "sprucing up" day was held to clean up around the building and grounds of the church building. On Key Day, May 3, \$956 was donated towards the Key to the Kingdom work. The congregation is planning for its 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 24, and invites former members (and others who wish to participate) to share remembrances, pictures and other miscellaneous items.

**Cambridge:** Greg Whitfield reports that "the deeper we get into this ministry in Cambridge, the more we realize that it is one soul at a time. I believe there is a natural social process that we have to go through in order to meet Canadians with our faith." He lists what he feels are natural steps (from the bottom up): necessity of my belief in Jesus, relevance of my lifestyle and belief,

big ideas (i.e., religion in general), becoming a significant person in another's life, showing acceptance of different lifestyles and beliefs, earning the right to be heard and to be talked to, gaining trust and being around people.

**Fennell Avenue (Hamilton):** The Great Lakes Christian High School chorus sang for the congregation on May 6. The congregation is contributing food items for the "Neighbour to Neighbour" programme, which is assisting about 150 more families than normal. The congregation is making plans to offer a short Bible Day Camp from July 13-15 assisted by the Antioch, Tennessee congregation. A part of the group (about 35) led by Andrew Sowards,

will be with the congregation from May 30 to June 2 and will be involved in an (as yet unidentified) community service project in the city. Andrew preached on May 31.

**Fenwick:** A teaching workshop was held from April 24-26.

**Mississauga:** Midweek service is held Thursday evenings in various homes. The ladies meet monthly in homes. Sunday a.m. attendance averages in the mid-forties with the men now doing their own preaching.

**Stratford:** Shawn and Chieh LeBlanc, who worked with this congregation, moved to New Brunswick at the end of May to work with the small congregations there

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## Seeking Volunteer Board of Directors Applications

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

## ALBERTA

**Camrose:** We continue to host monthly family games night and 6-8 visitors each night. Dave Friesen has the opportunity to write an article in the local newspaper regularly and rotates on a schedule to do devotionals in a senior center. Dave and Diane Friesen met with their supporting congregation, the Waterview congregation in Richardson, Texas. They enjoyed their opportunity to spend time there.

**Edmonton North:** The elders have asked Russell Elford to give instruction and train the men who are serving during worship services. Several of the sisters are creating afghans to give as gifts to new arrivals from foreign countries or for those in need.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Central Valley (Abbotsford):** Another lady who learned about the church by attending the Ladies' weekday Bible class was baptized on April 23. Donna Vik turned her heart toward home and heaven when she was baptized in Abbotsford that day. Hoping that the eight feet of snow still in Northern BC at the beginning of May will have gone down somewhat by then, the Weirs plan a trip to the Indian villages in June, with a second later in the summer.

**Burnaby:** Wes Chipman confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized on March 29. As the principle speaker, Michael Nienhuis (former elder and preacher here) brought the men, at their Retreat on May 22-23, three lessons from Luke's gospel. He focused primarily on chapters 14-16, which target Luke's theme of good news to the poor, along with the implications Jesus drew out for us in terms of our social life, use of our resources, etc. Men from 18 years of age to 100 were invited.

**City Church (Vancouver):** Our website has been restructured, and there are

several changes. It has been designed and developed to be more functional and interactive for members as well as for others seeking more involvement. In addition to a new addition allowing people to post comments and share with us, there are a few new features. We are anticipating more to come in the near future, including pod-casts, sermons and lessons. The web address remains the same: [www.citychurchofchrist.org](http://www.citychurchofchrist.org). Our members honoured Stephen Hasbrouck, Jr. with a special ceremony on April 12 to announce his official ordination as a BC minister. Although he says he is not looking for prospective couples, a certificate which gives him the right to perform marriages was presented to him by Alex Chapman, with thanks for the blessings the Lord has poured upon this church and opportunities to reach out to those who do not know Him in this ever-growing city of Vancouver.

**Delta:** The congregation has decided to accept the invitation of the churches in Delta to participate in a "LOVE SOUTH DELTA" project on June 13. Members of all the churches fill in a sign-up sheet to meet for the purpose of doing things for others. They may choose to take cookies to the fire department or police station, visit seniors, wash windows or toilets, pick up rubbish, pay for people's washes at the Laundromat or other means of being useful. For two hours people will work with everyone who has signed up for the same detail. The project carries a \$10 fee which include lunch and a tee shirt. Workers will be introduced, asked to tell the name of the church they represent and be given the chance to issue an invitation to their worship services.

**Nanaimo:** An evening plus three day work bee from May 15-18 included a late dinner wiener roast on Friday evening and saw a number of improvements and repairs made to the Spruston Road Bible Camp in preparation for its upcoming summer use in July, August and September. On Sunday, most of those working were guests at our worship service. Erol Dogan (Burnaby) was our guest speaker, May 24.

**Vernon:** People interested in a new small group designed to answer questions relating to ethics, doctrine and general Bible questions had their first meeting on May 7 at the Ververda home. The first topic discussed concerned "How Do We Know If Something Is God's Will?" Future

meetings are expected to last about two hours or so, and will meet monthly, depending on participation and interest.

**Prince Rupert:** Lori Skrine was baptized recently. Several visitors know they need to respond to the gospel and there have been some new visitors coming. The balance on the building is now less than \$40,000 and there is an excitement as the members can see the end is within reach. A special contribution will be held on Thanksgiving Day. June our new search for a new team member will begin in earnest.

## MANITOBA

**Manson:** (submitted by Ken Starnes) For a number of years we have been supporting a work in Zimbabwe. We partner with Calgary, Swift Current, Rainbow Church of Christ in Gadsden, Alabama and a number of individuals. Hailey Velaphi Mlengeni visited us in April. He visited Calgary and other congregations and individuals. We have been building a truck fund to supply a truck to be used in this mission field. We started with \$32,000 Canadian last October and we need help with \$6,500 Canadian left to complete the truck purchase. We appreciate those who have helped us and those who will help. Our Sunday attendance is usually around 12-14.

**Winnipeg:** June 7 the graduates will be honoured. The International Group and friends has begun again, starting with a potluck.

## SASKATCHEWAN

**Kenosee Camp:** The camp hopes to complete the interior of the multipurpose building before the camping season begins. \$5000 is needed to pay for the materials. Plans were made to work May 3 and finish June 6.

**Weyburn:** Stan Helton, Academic Dean of the College at Western Christian College gave a series of lessons on Spiritual Formations. Dan Wieb spoke on Mother's Day. A special collection was taken for Clearview Christian Camp on May 17. The 2009 Christian Men's Retreat and Trail Ride will be June 19-21 on the Mitchell Ranch south of Glentworth. Steve and Ray McMillan will speak on the theme "A Man for all Seasons". The 2009 Christian Women's Retreat and Trail Ride will be June 26-28, also on the Mitchell Ranch. Janelle Ross will speak on the theme "Your Story in History".

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## Ruth Zimmerman

And what has taken a lovely young woman to such a far-away place from her country and her people? Ruth Zimmerman's association with the half of the island called Papua New Guinea goes back to her final year in high school. At her



With Ruth are: (far left) Tomba Max, (second) Biang Yaling and her little girl, Celina, and (far right) Ruthie Bafi. These PNG ladies were visiting Lae to attend a Ladies' Workshop

Grandmother Zimmerman's suggestion, she was attending Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville instead of the local high school in Vineland Station, where her parents had moved when she was seven. The Art Ford family had come back to Canada from several years of mission work in Papua New Guinea and Art was acting as dean of the college. "Although I didn't realize it at the time," Ruth says, "their experiences influenced me. When I was in Grade 12, Art gave an open invitation during chapel for anyone interested to consider visiting the island during his return trip in 1992. I thought briefly about it, but had other plans. Fortunately, those fell through, and I ended up doing a five-week trip in July-August of 1992 while he was there. The rest is history, but not without some intermissions."

Ruth was born in St. Catherines, Ont., and lived in Beamsville with her parents, Bill and Helen Zimmerman, and a younger sister, Grace, in her early

years. The family did not attend any church, except for weddings. However, Ruth started to go to services at the Wellandport church of Christ with her aunt and uncle, Heather & Bill Wilson, and later, in Beamsville. She was baptized there on February 17, 1991, by Art Ford, following the Meaford Youth Rally.

That first trip to PNG had long-lasting consequences. Not only was Ruth amazed by the mountains and greenery, but even by seeing a pig walking beside the road ("Something you don't--or shouldn't--see in Canada," she adds). She noticed a smokey smell and felt the humidity as Art made the 40-minute drive from the airport to Lae. He took her directly to the Boundary Road congregation, where she was overwhelmed by the welcome

that awaited her. "I remember thinking that everyone looked alike and I would never get one straight from another!" Ruth recalled. She says that arriving back in PNG always has the same effect on her, but never quite as startling as that first introduction! However, after a long sleep, she awoke feeling totally at ease, as if this was where she was supposed to be. After her return to Canada, Ruth took Veterinary Technology at the former Centralia College north of London, Ont., for a

year, but had the feeling that God was telling her she was going in the wrong direction.

Through Brother Ford, she learned of Mission 1000, a missionary-training school being offered by Joe Cannon at the Highland Street church of Christ in Memphis, TN., and decided to take the three-month course. Having been responsible for the start of the work in PNG, the Cannons encouraged her interest in the Island. She was sponsored by the Beamsville church, and ready to return to PNG in 1994.

Ruth's first work on entering the mission field was in assisting an American missionary named Rose Cobb in conducting a church-run preschool. In 1997 she started a nursery school in conjunction with the preschool. Originally intended only for children from the Melanesian Bible College, this eventually expanded into the care of 100 students and three classes, which is the current enrolment. Ruth came to the States in 1998-99

to take Early Childhood courses at Rochester College in Michigan, returning to PNG in 2000. As the education system at that time was going through a transition away from the community school setup of Grades 1-8, and switching to the Elementary Kindergarten—Grade 2 system, with Primary schools for Grades 3-8, a change had to be made in order for the Boundary Road preschool to survive. With the nursery still running in conjunction, it was turned into an Elementary school. Ruth helped set up the administration and trained someone to run it. The school is still under the oversight of the Boundary Road church, and a majority of the teachers are Christians with the responsibility of overseeing 300 children.

"Since then, my work has included setting up a school library, teaching literacy classes, arranging for visiting groups of young people from both Canada and Australia, and starting work on a curriculum package that village congregations will eventually be able to use in establishing their own nursery schools," Ruth explains. As if this were not enough of a load to carry, she has also recently updated a Papua New Guinea congregational list which Andy Scott put together in 1999, and is committed to keeping it up to date. However, her main occupation at the present time is translation work. She has been translating World Bible School materials, and Wendell K. Freeman Bible Correspondence Courses into Tok Pisin, a language used by a majority of the population, and one of three "official" languages among the approximately 820-to-860 dialects spoken in the country. Tok Pisin has its limitations, Ruth says, as it has only 1300 words in it. "However," she adds, "it is interesting what some of the high school students are doing with it!" It took her only two months to get proficient in speaking the language, which is predominant in the part of the country where she works. "I've also been translating hymns and praise and worship songs into Tok Pisin, and hope to have a new songbook together sometime this year."

Ruth manages to get back to her Canadian home once every two to two and a half years, where she is always warmly welcomed by family and friends as she enjoys a period of rest and relaxation from the endless rounds of duties she finds in PNG, her "home away from home".



(Saint John and Moncton).

**Tintern:** The congregation offered a weekend workshop on Conflict, Peacemaking and Difficult Conversations on Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, with Dr. Garry Bailey of Abilene Christian University as guest speaker.

**Toronto (Scarborough):** Prayer meeting is held every third Sunday at 6 p.m. The ladies are studying the book: "Caterpillars or Butterflies" by Jane McWhorter. Several members have lost jobs. The congregation rejoices with the new birth through baptism of Janelle Gregg, who was baptized Sunday, April 12. The mid-week Bible study is on the book of Romans. The congregation—especially the women—are involved in helping at one of the women's shelters in the area, doing counselling as well as being involved in several Bible studies. Phillip Brown and Devon Bennett are the ministers for this congregation of 35 members. Phillip is in need of financial support and can be contacted at 416-970-3835, or by email at phillkare@gmail.com.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):** We know that many congregations across Canada joined in prayer and giving for Key To The Kingdom on Key Day 2009, May 3.

We have begun to receive the funds from congregational contributions and individual giving in support of that day's Key emphasis. We are encouraged and challenged by this support and pray that the programme will continue to be a good outreach in Canada. After 85 years our building is about to become wheelchair accessible! Work should be underway by the time you read this and we look forward to overcoming this long standing barrier for many in our society.

**Waterloo:** Ricardo Marquez, husband of Julie Vahlis, recently received his papers to move to Canada and arrived in this country at the end of April. Julie became a Christian last year. Glen Robins is working with this congregation again this summer until the end of September.

**Windsor:** Drew Chappados held a meeting at Lincoln Park church of Christ in Michigan the weekend of April 26 on "the Day of the Lord." Lamar Matthews taught the adult class in Windsor that same morning. In April, the ladies began a study on the book: "Women of the Old Testament," written by Gladys Hunt. The adult class began a study in May looking at the subject of: Marriage, Divorce and Redemption," to see what truths the Bible

has to share. In May, a new programme the BOB Club (Books of the Bible Club) began. Children in grades 6 and under will learn the books of the Bible together and participate in a song or two. "Kid's Club" will again be held through the summer months on Wednesday nights.

**Note of Interest:** Craig, Jeri, Hannah and Caleb Ford arrived home safely from New Guinea in April and Jeri received a positive report from the obstetrician in Grimsby. For more information, contact them by phoning 905-563-5045, or writing them at 4308 Concord Avenue, Beamsville ON LOR 1B6.

**USA:**

**Plymouth, Michigan - In late April and early May the congregation hosted two community events:** The "Town Hall of Hope," a video streaming of a live speech and question and answer time featuring Dave Ramsey of Nashville, founder of Financial Peace University. At least 80 attended the "town hall," including about 25 visiting family units who left email addresses and phone numbers. The second was the showing of the "Fireproof Movie," an exceptional movie on marriage

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Don Hipwell

## An Unforgettable Day

*(By: Andrew Allgood age: 17 Parents: Malvin and Rebecca Allgood, Joelton, TN Grandparents: Ray and Elizabeth Lock, Ontario)*

**A**pril 6, 2008 is a day I'll never forget. This day started like any normal day. I attended church with my family that morning and enjoyed a tasty Sunday dinner after service. Later in the day my friends dropped by the house to play baseball. That evening I attended worship service and stayed afterwards to conduct a youth devotional.

After the youth devotional my life changed drastically. I walked out of the church building onto the church parking lot to throw football with my friends. One by one they left until I was left standing with my friend who was taking me home. While my friend started his van, I talked to my aunt who was also preparing to leave. Then my friend decided to play a joke by driving away in the van. Trying to play along, I jumped onto the back bumper of the van for a few seconds and then decided to jump off the van. When I landed on the ground, I slid on a patch of gravel which caused me to land on my head. My aunt ran to my side and saw I had blood gushing out of my right ear, and that I was unconscious. She immediately called 911 and within minutes emergency medical help arrived.

After transporting me to Vanderbilt trauma center the team of trauma doctors discovered I had fractured my skull, my right ear drum was perforated, I had an epidural haematoma, and had sustained a serious concussion. Dr. Seth stated to my Dad: "God must have a purpose for Andrew. If the skull bone had moved one more centimetre it would have punctured his carotid artery and he would have bled to death before help arrived." Although my life had flashed before

my eyes moments earlier, God had presented me with a challenge to do His will. God had given me the chance to rise up and live the Christian life consistently.

Living the Christian life is not an easy task and many Christians tend to give up on their walk because they don't want to face the challenges ahead of them. Instead of living by God's standards we tend to set our own standards of living. In the end we become puppets of the world instead of being God's servant. Our problem is: We lack the ability to live consistently with God's word because we're not taught how to protect ourselves against the world. When one asks the question: How does one rise up to the challenge of being a consistent Christian? It can seem to be an overwhelming task, yet given the sources available to us we can!

One might ask: What does it mean to be a consistent Christian? Being consistent means: to be in agreement or compatible with something. In order to be a consistent Christian one must live in agreement with God's word and God's will. In the book of Nehemiah, we find a man who consistently lived in agreement with God's will. Nehemiah rose up to the challenge God presented to him. Nehemiah led the way in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Despite the opposition that Nehemiah faced from his enemies, he completed the task that God had set before him. If we follow the example of Nehemiah and use the tools God has given us, we can rebuild our defences and learn how to live the Christian life consistently.

The first tool we can use to aid us in our Christian walk is God's word.

In Psalm 119:105 the Bible says: Thy word is a lamp unto thy feet and a light unto thy path. Studying God's word is the most important part in achieving consistency in our Christian walk. Paul encouraged Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15 to present himself to God as a workman who correctly handles the word of truth. If we don't study God's word how can we know what His will is? If our actions are based on our standards we will always fall short of living in agreement with God's word. Proverbs 3:5,6 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all you heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight." By studying God's word one will understand what God's will is and one will be able to walk down the right path consistently.

Another tool Christians can use to develop consistent Christian living is the power of prayer. The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "...to pray without ceasing." Prayer is our way to communicate with God and develop a stronger relationship with God. God wants us to communicate with Him on a regular basis. In times of trouble and in times of peace we should pray to God. Through prayer God set me on the path to a speedy recovery after my accident and through prayer God showed me how I need to live my life. Recently my Dad told me: "Life is fragile, handle with prayer." God wants to show us how to live but He wants us to ask for His guidance as well. Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door will be opened to you." When we pray, we open the door for more opportunities to be blessed by God. If you continually communicate with God, He will show you how to strengthen your defences against the devil and how to live in agreement with His will.

Finally the last tool you need in order to achieve consistency in your Christian walk is the Armour of God



mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-18. During Biblical times, armour was very important for protection against the enemy. Likewise, today armour is very important for Christians. The Romans used a belt to hold all their garments in place to fight their enemy effectively without having to worry about their garments getting in the way. Christians should use the Belt of Truth to live with integrity and share the good news with others without having to worry about distractions. The Romans used a breastplate to protect the vital organs in the body. Christians should use the Breastplate of Righteousness to guard our hearts against the corruption of the world. The Romans used sandals to stand firm against the enemy. Christians should use the readiness of the Gospel of Peace in order to stand firm for our Christian beliefs. Romans used shields to protect their body from flaming arrows. Christians should

use the Shield of Faith to guard our body from the arrows of temptation. Romans used helmets to protect the head and neck and they also used the helmet to identify a soldier's rank in the army. Christians should use the helmet of salvation to remind each other of God's reward if one lives in agreement with God's word. Finally, the Romans used a sword to attack the enemy. Christians should use the Sword of the Spirit to attack the disciples of evil and save lives by spreading the good news of Jesus to the world.

Being a Christian isn't always easy. Jesus tells us in Revelation 2:10 that we will suffer for His sake. If we follow the example of people such as Nehemiah, we will be able to build our defences against temptation. Furthermore, if we use the tools God gives us, we will be able to rise up and face the challenge to live consistently with God's word.

## Moncton, NB

Preacher/evangelist needed for the Riverview Church of Christ in Moncton, New Brunswick. Congregation is small but we have our own building. We can help a bit with support. Moncton is a booming town, full of souls to save. We pray that God will bless us with who He deems we need. For information contact:  
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Even so, uncertainty still reigned. Two of the most prominent and respected leaders among them, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, believed.

The period when our Lord lay in the tomb was a time of dreadful uncertainty for his grieving followers. The lament of Cleopas and his friend on the road to Emmaus sums up as well as any the dashed hopes of those followers: "...but we had hoped that He was the one..." (Luke 24:21).

God did not allow that bewilderment to confuse the devout disciples for long. Forty days later, Jesus of Nazareth was declared, with God's Holy Spirit as witness, to be both Lord and Christ. Hallelujah!

We begin the second part of our article with reference to the moving words of Charles Dickens as he began his Classic, "A Tale of Two Cities." Ours are indeed "the best of times and the worst of times." If we consider peace, freedom of worship and expression, elimination of some of the world's great contagions, our easy access to education, protection, food, housing—we can rejoice

and give thanks to God for the time in which we live. It has indeed been good—for a very long time.

For those who are in Him, who give their lives over to His control, any time with our Lord and Savior is full of optimism and assurance of still better times to come. And we do give thanks. But we also know that we in the Western World have little reason to be smug and satisfied.

As we write, the economic situation is one of "doom and gloom." Words such as foreclosure, bankruptcy, bail-out and crisis are so common we don't shudder any more. But underneath it all, we are scared. The media warns about a polluted atmosphere, global warming, endangered species, crumbling arctic ice, "carbon footprints," and so many things we don't really understand: new problems with which the world has had no experience. What impact will they have on our lives? And a greater fear: what impact will they have on generations not yet born?

The writer sees two great and seemingly imminent dangers. One is the spectre of a nuclear war just

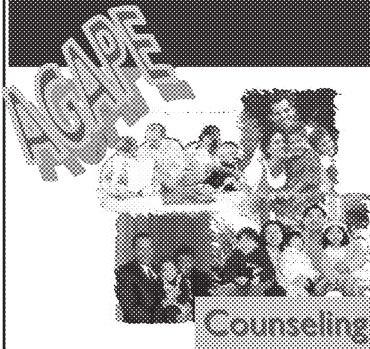
waiting for the maniacal ruler of some rogue state to press the wrong buttons. Strikes and retaliatory strikes would leave millions dead, huge cities turned into piles of poisoned rubble, and mankind with no place to hide.

The second is the growing dislike of objective truth and its replacement by a mindset which says there is no such thing as absolute truth—not a sudden change but a creeping desire to put man in the position to make his own moral or immoral judgements about what is right or wrong. The world would return to the spiritual anarchy of ancient Israel when everyone did "what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6; 21:25).

The answers to man's uncertainties are not to be found in a shipwreck of our ability to seek objective truth. In a very uncertain period for his people, the weeping prophet Jeremiah voiced a still-timely warning: "I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps."

St. Catharines, ON

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at least sound asleep. They need to hear again the exhortation that Isaiah addressed to Judah:

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:27-31; ESV)

Our God is neither dead nor asleep. Our situation is not hidden from his sight, nor beyond his control. The problem is not with his power, but with our attitude. Rather than trusting in God's power, we have trusted in our own. Finding ourselves in a pit of our own making, we have responded by digging harder.

Our science cannot deliver us. Technological science provides us with tools, but is powerless to guide the use of the tools it provides. Far from delivering us, these tools have often become the means of oppression and destruction. Since Cain, humans have destroyed one another; but our scientific advances have equipped us to destroy on a previously undreamed-of scale. Oppression has been a fact of life throughout history, but, with the tools currently at their disposal, corrupt governments can watch, track and oppress in new and more effective ways.

Our governments cannot deliver us. In many respects governments are at the heart of our problem. I mean no disrespect to our leaders, but it has often been the case that their best-intentioned efforts have created more problems than have been solved. The governing authority has a legitimate,

God-given purpose (Rom 13:1-4). But, people have demanded of their governments more and more services. We are nearing (if we have not already reached) a point where the strain placed on the government is more than it can bear. Governments will not deliver us.

### Faith in God's Plan

We cannot deliver ourselves. Surely, if we have learned anything from our history, we have learned that. William Henley was wrong when he wrote *Invictus*. It matters greatly that the gate is straight, and that the scroll is charged with punishment. We are not master of our fate nor captain of our soul. We are dead in sin, unable to deliver ourselves apart from the gift of God's grace (Eph 2:1-8). Our efforts to save ourselves end in frustration and despair (Rom 7:21-25). Our efforts to save ourselves prevent us from finding the true means of deliverance. What Paul said of the Jews in his day is equally true of us:

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written,

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. (Rom 9:30-10:3; ESV).

The faith we need in these uncertain times is not faith in our own powers and plans but faith in the power and plan of God. What we need is not self-confidence but self-surrender.

Toledo, OH

and relationships. Over 60 came to watch the movie and there were about 13 visiting family units. These were planned by outreach minister, Al Meakes. Preaching minister, Richard Maddeau, will follow up the movie with four sermons relating to marriage and family. Fifty or sixty members are also participating in the cancer-related "Relay for Life," that was held on May 16 and 17. In a recent four-week period five were baptized into Christ, including an unchurched family, in which the father and a 13 and an 11 year old son were baptized. Their names are Steve, Jackson and Brendon Bartshe. Several other personal Bible studies are ongoing.

## Owen Sound Ladies Renewal

**Date:** September 18, 19, 20, 2009

**Theme:**

**Our God is Able: Cry Out**

**Speakers:**

Melanie Whitfield • Pine Orchard  
Margaret Hibbard • Thessalon  
Marni Boland • Niagara Falls

**Location:** Riverview Bible Camp  
Near Chesley

**Cost:** \$35 per Person  
\$45 Mother & Daughter  
(High School • Grade 9 and up)

**Optional:** 5 km Walk/Run  
For ...

A Missionary  
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# DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

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## PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

**CALGARY:** 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; Sunday 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 Street T4V 1A2; Sunday AM Bible study 10 am; Sunday AM worship service 11 am; Thursday Bible Study 7 PM; Phone: (780) 672-1220 (Office); Evangelist: David Friesen; Email: cancofc@telus.net

**EDMONTON NORTH:** Meeting place in NW of city 13015 • 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9; Office 780.455.1049; Fax 780.454.9545; Sun. 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study CAREgroups at the building and in various homes (phone for locations and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelists: Garth Johnson (Youth), Brian Saiter (Young Adult), Nate Seecharan (Pulpit); 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. 780-913-8060; Peter Ross, contact 780-468-9272; E-mail: timoutwest2004@yahoo.ca

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

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

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

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

**BURNABY (Greater Vancouver):** 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; Sunday 9:45 am, 6 pm. Sunday School 10:30, Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times and locations; Kirk Ruch, ev. K.M.R@SBChurch.ca; Mike Parker, youth, FishFreaks@SBChurch.ca; Office, office.contact@SBChurch.ca (604) 522-7721 (off.); Website: www.SBChurch.ca

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hilcey Road V9W 1P4 Contact: (250) 923-5233; (250) 923-6396; (250) 286-3780

**CHILLIWACK:** Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; PO Box 327; Sun. 10:30, 11; 7:00 p.m. at #102-8075 Mary Street at John Forman's house. Phone # 604-792-7806; Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

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

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

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

**NANAIMO:** 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjpeckett@shaw.ca

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

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

**PRINCE RUPERT:** 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; 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; 250-804-3060; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter, elders; Ray Fisher, ev.

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

**VANCOUVER (City Church):** Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive; Worship Sunday 12:30 • 2:30 PM; Phone: 604-327-9321; Mailing Address: 1969 E. 49th Avenue, Unit # 1, Vancouver, BC, V5P 1T5; Website: www.citychurchofchrist.org

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

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

**VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):** Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC, V9B 6J9; Meeting address: 1289 Parkdale Drive; Phone for time: D. Morton, 250-479-8480; e-mail SICOOC@shaw.ca

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

**DAUPHIN:** 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address: Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 2T9; Sun. worship 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; (204) 638-6321 (off), Fax: 638-0872; Randy Foss, ev., email: wwyes@hotmail.com

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

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

**WINNIPEG (Central):** Please call for times and locations. (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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

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

## NEW YORK STATE

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

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303; Off (716)285-6534, Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; e-mail: niafallscofc@aol.com

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

**KENTVILLE:** 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Elders: Kevin Irvine, Jack Bearden; (902) 678-8881

**SHUBENACADIE:** Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd, B0N 2H0; Sun 9:15•Kids for Christ and Adult Coffee Break, 10:15•Bible Study, 11:00•Worship; Ladies Class Mondays; Mid-week Tues. evenings in homes phone for locations and times; Church bldg. 902-758-4252 (leave msg); Darren Boehner 902-758-3020, J. Mackey 902-758-2633; email: sdboehner@gmail.com

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**AJAX (Serving Durham Region):** Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd., Ajax, ON, (mailing address: 290 Harwood Ave. S., PO Box 21018, Ajax, ON, L1S 2J1); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; call for mid-week information; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Malcolm Porter, 905-668-3346 (res).

**AURORA:** 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: aurachurchofchrist@hotmail.com or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

**BARRIE:** 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Shawn Redding, ev. (705) 792-5024 Home; (705) 718-6876 Cell. sdrredding9@rogers.com

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sunday 9:30 am Bible classes and Discussion Groups, 10:30 worship, 6:00 pm Contemporary worship. Small groups meeting throughout the week.; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

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

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

**BRANTFORD:** (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 160 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other mid-week classes; 519-758-5673 (75-U-LORD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

**BURKS FALLS:** 51B, Ontario Street, Sun: 9:15 am to 12:00 includes 2 children Classes, Tues 6:30; Mailing Address: Church of Christ, c/o Eunice Johnston, 205 First Avenue; RR# 1, Burks Falls, Ontario POA 1C0; 705-783-6476 (off); Evangelist: Hubert Lawrence 705-382-1414; e-mail: hubertlawrence@xplornet.com; web site: www.churchesofchrist.ca.

**CAMBRIDGE:** Meeting at Youth Unlimited across from 45 Brierdale Rd. Sun. 10:30, call for midweek small groups. evs. Greg Whittied (226) 338-6720, Paul Moore (519) 635-7837; www.cambridgecofc.ca Mailing address: 315-150 Christopher Dr., Cambridge, ON N1R 4S4

**COLLINGWOOD:** 494 10th Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 2H1; Email: cchurchofchrist@bmts.com; Phone 705-444-0010; Minister: Les Cramp, Phone 519-538-5184; Cell 519-379-8846; Sunday Study 10:00 a.m. & Worship 11 a.m.; Study Tues 2 p.m.; Please join us for worship, Bible study or fellowship at any time.

**CORNWALL:** 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON K6J; Sun 10,11; Wednesday 7:00; call ahead for worship times in case of any changes; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825; Fax (613) 933-2464; Emails: abojarski@cogeco.ca or churchofchrist@cogeco.ca; Jeremy Bojarski, youth minister. Phone (613) 933-8445; Joel Bojarski, treasurer; Mark Duperron, chairman, Phone: (613) 932-3701; website: http://home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/index.html

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

**GRIMSBY:** 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 9:45, Bible classes 11 am Sun evening 5, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev (h) 289-235-9411 website: www.grimsbycofc.org; other contact (905) 945-8668

**HAILEYBURY:** Meeting at 607 Christian Avenue, usually Sundays at 4pm • but call to confirm place and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment, Mike & Judy Timney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

**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), art@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 Sandasse, 905-389-8308, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

**HUNTSVILLE:** Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:00, c/o Dave Preston, (705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5, Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts: Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292, Steve Watson, (705) 788-2332.

**HUNTSVILLE:** 36 Hilltop Dr., P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 118N); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

**ICE LAKE (Manitowlin Island):** 1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540; Sunday: classes 9:45, worship 11 am; 7:30 pm Wed.; Contact: Joel Lock (705) 282-8531, wjlock@hotmail.com; RR #1, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0

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

**KINGSTON:** 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday School 10 am, worship 11 am; (off) 613-546-5409

**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. worship 10 a.m. Bible study to follow at 11 a.m.; Call for mid-week opportunities; 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; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cocf@brucetelecom.com

**MISSISSAUGA:** Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga (10th Line & Tacc Drive); Worship: 9:30 AM; Bible Class 10:45; Contact name: Tony Lourenco 905-792-2297 tlourenco@cogeco.ca

**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, Sunday pm small groups-call for information; 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: davidlock@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., 613-733-2580 (off); www.ottawachurchofchrist.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: osococ@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).

**REXDAL:** 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 Corrie)

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**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 LeBlanc, 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,

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**SASKATOON:** Sunday, Worship 10 AM, Wed,7PM; Phone for summer schedule; Office:343-7922; Ministers: Bob Parker; Mike Parker. Location & Mail: 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; Email: stooncofcoffice@sasktel.net

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