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# Trying Times: The Need For Organization

*George Mansfield*

I have heard that “these are the times that try men’s souls.” But since the man who wrote those words died in 1809, I must conclude that “trying times” are not limited to any given era, generation or discipline.

For those of us who are alive today and take our faith-practice seriously, it is disturbing to see the movement or tendency toward forgetting about the Bible as an important document to learn from and live by. Some obvious contributors to this state in which we find ourselves are these:

1) Open invitation to all people of every language and faith system to be part of our country and culture with the negative result that we are put on the defensive regarding Christianity.

2) Postmodernism. This clearly communicates to us, among other messages, that there are no absolutes, including absolute truth.

3) Closely aligned with the previous observation is the fact that we now do not feel free to speak (even to the Body of Christ!) about things named by God in His word as harmful to us.

4) Although this next point is partly result and partly cause, our latest generation, those born after 1980, have risen up with the conclusion that “Christians” in this age are more “Unchristian” than those who do not confess the name of Jesus. Upon what is this observation founded? A recent study undertaken by the Barna Research Group which resulted in a book written by David Kinnaman, entitled *Unchristian*, reports that the three most common perceptions that our latest generation have about present-day Christianity is that they are “antihomosexual, judgmental and hypocritical.”

The “big three” are fol-

lowed by... “old fashioned, too involved in politics, out of touch with reality, insensitive to others, boring, not accepting of other faiths, and confusing.”

One of the most paradoxical findings is that while there is a measurable heightened interest in spirituality, there is an observable disinterest in organized religion. In other words, today’s people are more likely to be inclined to whatever strikes them in some spiritual way, but do not wish to be committed to a local group of religious people.

In these times we still have God’s Word as the final say on what should or should not be, and it reminds us that the church Jesus built does have a need for organization.

We will limit our focus to the first letter of Paul to Timothy chapter three, with an invitation to all to read the fourth chapter as well.

Living in Ephesus where Timothy resided must not have been a piece of cake either. The goddess Artemis also “lived” there. It was believed that she actually fell from heaven and was therefore, worthy of worship. But in this letter we find much, much more about which Timothy had to be concerned.

When the Apostle Paul’s young protégé received this letter he could read the following words for his encouragement; words that would remind him again that he was on the right track: “I hope to come to you

soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:14,15 ESV).

If we were to make even a cursory examination of these words we would clearly see the power and necessity in each one. “Pillar and buttress” remind us of the incredibly important position that Christ’s church occupies. Think of pillars in a temple. That seems also to be the picture that is used in another place where Peter and James are seen as “pillars.”

While some have speculated that the passage means that the church is the source of truth, we must go beyond this realizing that God is the only source of revelation and that revelation is believed, supported, protected and upheld by the church that is built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ.

This well supported structure was put together by God Himself and is where He lives. The church is “the household of God,” His family. Families have rules that regulate what they deem to be acceptable behaviour in their respective households. How does one conduct himself in God’s family? This question is not left to everyone’s personal will. God revealed the answer to Paul and he in turn passed it on to Timothy from whom we can learn. The God of heaven has certain expectations for His family on earth.

Is our behaviour within Christianity so confusing, so contradictory that younger people feel justified in labelling us “hypocrites?” Make an effort to remove any picture of the church “gathered.” The issue was not then and is not now the

## NOTICE

This is the first issue of the Gospel Herald to be mailed from Toronto. With the closing of the bookstore, volunteers from Strathmore have taken on this responsibility and must learn the Canada Post requirements for preparing the magazine for mailing. Therefore, if this issue is late in arriving to you, please be patient with us as we master the mailing process. mec

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# Well Done!

Geoffrey Ellis

Eugene Perry's half-century as a book-seller and promoter of New Testament Christianity through the distribution of appropriate literature is without parallel.

The closing of the Gospel Herald Bookstore, May 31, and the removal of the remaining inventory from his premises, June 19, were sad days for him and for all associated with this enterprise.

Victim, along with countless bookstores across Canada, both religious and general, of advancing technology and plummeting economies, the Gospel Herald Bookstore's closing is lamented by individuals and congregations across Canada who have depended upon the bookstore's services for decades.

Eugene and Evelyn Perry moved to Beamsville in 1952 from Radville, SK, where Eugene had been teaching, to take up teaching duties at Great Lakes Christian College. (He and Roy Merritt had just accepted from J. C. Bailey the editorial duties for the Gospel Herald periodical.)

Moving into the apartment in the carriage hall (cf. McPhee Hall) on campus, the Perrys processed the Herald and opened a small book-sale display in these modest premises. Two years later they moved across the street to an apartment in the Snure House where a small room was set aside for the Herald's activities.

Then in 1956, the growing Perry family moved next door, into the house built by Eugene. The lower-floor room—intended to be the family room—was pre-empted for the needs of the growing Gospel Herald Bookstore.

"Ring and walk in" was the sign on the door. How many times would the bell, sounding upstairs, interrupt and call for attention, as the years stretched on!

The store's services spread across Canada as congregations ordered

their educational supplies and individuals sought specific titles. In recent years, to save on mailing and brokerage costs, many trips to a drop-off address in Lewiston, NY, secured their economies.

The remarkable aspect of the bookstore's operation was that it was profitably maintained while Eugene carried on fulltime duties, first as a teacher, then as principal of GLCC. And in addition, for many years there was the monthly call to produce and distribute the Gospel Herald magazine.

In 1974, Eugene and Evelyn determined to serve as missionaries in Zambia. During this nine year period the Herald's operation was combined with the downtown store managed by Valerie Fleming, Heavenly Arts, Books, and Crafts, and coordinated by Eugene's brother, Ralph Perry.

In 2002, the management of the store and the production of the paper were turned over to Gloria Perry, niece of Eugene and Evelyn. And, of course, "Uncle Eugene" was

always handy to help with training, accounting and the many questions. Eugene's ability to manage and to be thrifty resulted in the Herald's operation generating growing assets of inventory and reserves. These helped to prolong the life of the bookstore in recent years when the operation had ceased to be viable. The 2009 closing of the enterprise that began in 1952, less the nine-year African interval, concludes a near half-century of service, a service that absorbed the energies of Eugene, his wife, and his family in the earlier years. This is a remarkable record of dedication, industry, and perseverance.

Eugene's motivation in maintaining the bookstore was to serve the cause of Christ by distributing Christian literature across Canada. His achievement is remarkable and unparalleled. While we mourn the passing of an era, we can all say, "Well done!" for a service that indeed has advanced "New Testament Christianity in Canada!"

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## Accountability

Wayne Turner



For some reason, people don't like the idea of being accountable. The idea that they have to answer to someone else, explain their actions and face possible criticism can be painful. One of the most stressful times in an employee's life is the periodic performance review where they must face a superior who will compare their outcomes with their job description, evaluate their effectiveness, criticize their weaknesses and ultimately determine their future employment.

Since the Garden of Eden, humankind has demonstrated what seems an almost innate desire to escape the consequences of their actions through denial or by scapegoating someone else. When God challenged Adam for his disobedience, he blamed Eve, and even hinted that God was somehow responsible—"This woman you gave me." Eve blamed the serpent. Since then people have used almost every possible reason or excuse to not be held accountable for their actions. Even addictions have been seen as illness rather than something for which people should be accountable. (Note: Harvard psychologist Gene Heyman, in an interview published in the May issue of *Macleans*, states that addiction is the result, not of disease, but of choice and free will!)

The concept the Bible uses for accountability is judgment. There are a number of passages that tell us there is a day in which every person must stand before God and give account for his or her life. Some passages speak specifically about giving an account to God, especially for sins. (Matthew 12:36; 1 Peter 4:5) On a similar vein, other passages speak of facing judgment for murder, anger and calling a brother "fool" (Matthew 5:21,21) or careless words (Matthew 12:36). Parables like the Talents or Sheep and Goats speak of judgment. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10; cf. Romans 14:10). One of the strong messages of scripture is that we are all accountable to God. We must stand before Him. We are destined to die and then fact judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

Hebrews 13:17 says that leadership involves an accountability all its own. Leaders are "men who must

give an account." A similar thought is found in 1 Peter 5:1-4 addressed to elders, shepherds, overseers—all synonyms of those who have the responsibility for leading the local congregation. They are accountable to the "Chief Shepherd." Church leaders have a stewardship from God. Similarly, teachers will be judged "more strictly." (James 3:1)

Somewhat like the feelings created by performance reviews, people typically react to these passages about accountability and judgment with anxiety and fear. We are all too aware of our shortcomings and failures and assume the worst. Countless believers have lived in fear and dread, uncertain of what really lies ahead. Why is it that we tend to focus on the negative side of accountability?

1 John 4:17,18 speaks of having confidence on the Day of Judgment because, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment." It is possible to live in confidence and assurance.

In 2 Timothy 2:4, Paul speaks of the soldier who avoids becoming entangled in "civilian affairs." Rather, his goal is to "please his commanding officer." The soldier knows that his commander will hold him accountable. Therefore, he does everything he can to please him. Similarly, several passages speak of pleasing God—2 Corinthians 5:9; Galatians 6:8; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1. The point is that as disciples, we are not here to please ourselves, even though our

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## Learning Curve

**L**earning something new is sometimes a great challenge. This may be because one has always done something in a particular way and is comfortable doing so. While I have not had to do so, I believe learning to drive on the left side of the street would be very challenging. Changing one's beliefs about serving God can also provide for challenge when overcoming early learning and tradition.

Consider the problem for the first converts to Christ. We read of their difficulty in Acts 15. "But some men came down from Judea

and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came

to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses" (Acts 15:1-5 ESV). Some of the Jews who had become believers were still troubled by their past. They appear to have held on to the conviction that some of the issues of the old law (law given through Moses) needed to continue to be followed and also be required in the spiritual life of the Gentile converts. These convictions were long held and had been passed down from generation to generation. Circumcision, in particular, was the sign of the covenant between God and the Jews. They had to learn that the old law was fulfilled and the physical circumcision of the

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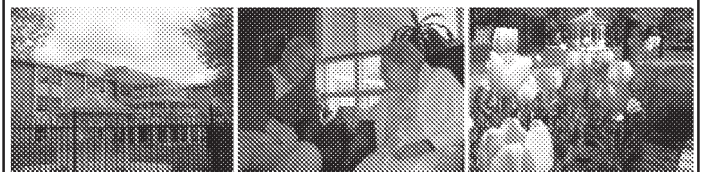
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## A Cheerful Heart

**A** cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones” (Proverbs 17:22 NIV).

A few years back I was sitting on the front pew, preparing myself for a speaking assignment. Those entering the auditorium were greeting and visiting with others as they made their way to their seats. A friend that I hadn't seen in a while spotted me as he was about to take his seat and instead made his way to the front to say "Hello." We greeted each other warmly and he made a couple of comments that made us both laugh before he took a seat with his family. I sat there thinking of my friend and his ability to cheer others up, when one of the other worship leaders sat down beside me and said, "You'd better wipe that smile off of your face because we are about ready to start."

Does your view of a spiritual person include a smiling face and an easy laugh? Is smiling appropriate in Christian worship? I know that we meet to remember the death and burial of Jesus Christ, but aren't we also to remember his resurrection as well? Remembering the grace that God blesses us with should cheer our hearts and bring a smile to our lips.

Cheerfulness is contagious; one cheerful person can infect an entire group. I have also seen one grumpy person bring down the mood of an entire group. Which would you rather be responsible for?

A cheerful heart is not always the result of the absence of problems or difficulties in one's life. Neither is a cheerful heart the result of one denying their painful reality in order to paste on a happy face. Cheerfulness is a choice and a positive attitude. We choose to see what is right rather

than what is wrong. We choose to see the glass half full rather than half empty. It is not denying our feelings or burying our pain, it is acknowledging the pain, problems or difficulties in our life while recognizing that we have more to be thankful for than we do to worry and fuss about.

Some find it difficult to be happy because they have set the threshold of their happiness so high they can never be happy. Without a perfect night of sleep they feel justified in their unhappiness and in spreading their gloom to all that will listen. Regular occurrences like bad weather, heavy traffic and grouchy store clerks set them off. They want good weather, light traffic and polite people to serve them in the stores they frequent. Don't we all! This world however, is not perfect and unless we can learn to be happy in less than ideal circumstances, we will not be able to be happy in any circumstances.

If you want to be happy, be thankful for what you have and give little thought to what you would like to have. We tend to spend more time on our lists of wants than we do on listing what we are thankful for. This leaves us feeling as if we really deserve better than we have. If you want to be happy, count your blessings, not your wants.

If you want to be happy, be generous with what you have. The store here in town sells wonderful ice cream treats. I look into the ice cream freezer knowing that I can afford to buy one, but remember how long I would have to ride my exercise bike to offset the calories, I usually leave the ice cream in the freezer. I have found more joy in treating a young child or two to an ice cream than buy-

ing one for myself. Seeing their eyes light up and their huge smiles is far more satisfying than any ice cream treat and contains far less calories.

If you want to be happy, live a peaceful life because it is impossible to find happiness when you are fighting with people. No, I am not suggesting that you give in when truth is at stake, but I have observed that most of what we fight about just isn't that important. Even when it appears that truth is at stake in a dispute over some issue, too often the issue is just camouflage for another personal battle. To live at peace we must learn that we are not always right and that we don't have to always win. If it isn't important, allow the matter to drop before a dispute breaks out. If a dispute has already broken out there are probably some hurt feelings, so learn to say you are sorry and to be forgiving.

If you want to be happy, make the most out of times of fun and fellowship. Summertime has always been a time of great fun and fellowship, especially at our Camps. I can still remember more than forty years later some of the skits on talent night at Omagh that had us laughing so hard our sides ached. Just a few years ago at Family Camp we enjoyed a program so funny that we laughed for more than an hour straight. It is such a blessing for Christians to laugh together, to have fun together and to simply enjoy being together.

These times on their own would be hollow and without purpose if not in the context of a fellowship that loves God and one another. These times at Camp bring us such joy because we are among people we share a common faith with, we love them and love being at Camp with them.

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.'" (Psalm 126:2 NIV) Let your light shine for Jesus by smiling, choose a happy disposition and focus on what is right and good and spread the joy.

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items we do in Sunday worship, at least not directly. It doesn't seem to speak to hand clapping or contemporary worship styles. The younger generation who were polled, as cited earlier, didn't even go to worship, so would not have any objective knowledge as to which "acts of worship" were lacking. Acceptable behaviour in God's family has reference to the way we live, which things are important to us and how different they are from the world's priorities. Does your lifestyle make the statement that you truly believe you are part of a very special family, God's family of faith?

A few verses of Scripture from another section of the Bible has close ties to the third chapter of First Timothy. It reads: "Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:... Pay careful attention to

yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:17,28).

These men are called "elders" and are responsible for "overseeing" and "caring for" God's church. We must not overlook two other important aspects of this passage: the unmistakable fact that the church is blood-purchased, and the confidence that is attached to the elders not picked out by man but by the Holy Spirit.

The crucial point is that God designed the church to be built upon a foundation that included "apostles and prophets," but current, living, breathing men were also to be appointed to take oversight in the local churches. This is part of the "organized religion" that is so distasteful to many in our time.

Step away from this for a moment and listen to a critic: "I generally despise organized religion.

Organized religion is characterized by blind faith, irrational beliefs, power-grabs, greedy ministers, a lack of love and no personal respect. Religion is, as Marx said, the opiate of the masses. Tell a man to kill someone, and he'll shrink back in horror — tell him that God says to kill someone, and if he believes, he'll do it gladly. Control the masses through an emotional appeal to an invisible authority who lives in the sky. If they don't use reason, then they are asking to be led to destruction. Sheep led willingly to their slaughter.

"Organized Religion is the institutionalization of something that wasn't meant to be institutionalized. It was supposed to be personalized. It was an issue between man and God, with no mediator."

Perhaps this is the kind of "organized religion" that turns people off. The fact remains that certain

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## No Vacation from God

*(Editor's Note: It has been many months since I've provided an article for this page. It would be wonderful if some of you ladies out there could submit articles for this page. I know that there are many of you who have given lessons for ladies' days or Bible class who could share a great deal with the readers of this page. So, please send your articles to me when you can. Or if you have topics that you would like to have discussed, please submit them as well. lch)*

I don't know about you but I hate the summer. Oh, I love the beautiful flowers and the sunshine and the change in time so that it stays light longer. But I really don't enjoy the heat. Living in Oklahoma where the natives long for the summer months to arrive

because they don't like the cold, I get tired of hearing the wishes for the hot weather to arrive. I am rarely comfortable unless I'm in the car with the air conditioner blowing directly on me. After growing up in Canada where it didn't seem to be so unbearably hot, it's been hard to adjust to the overwhelmingly high temps down here.

I also dislike the summer because of the way people tend to dress because of the heat. All too early, when the first signs of summer arrive, people get out the short shorts, halter tops, strapless dresses and bikinis. I don't enjoy walking through the mall even and seeing so many scantily clothed people. Sad to say, the immodesty is displayed even by those in the church. It's most disconcerting to sit across from someone in the church pew whose bare legs are exposed up to mid thigh for all to see or to sit behind someone whose bare shoulders are glaringly visible with sometimes their underwear showing as well. Do we really think that just because it's hot outside we have the freedom to dress immodestly?

We are in the throws of summer, and it's going to stay hot for several more weeks, perhaps months. School is out, and vacations have started. Many will be going on trips to the beach or to attractions across the country. If you have plans to be among the travelers, hopefully you will think carefully about who you are and whom you represent as you go on your journey and choose to dress in a way that is representative of a child of God. If we at any time wear something that is going

to cause stares and whispers, then we need to reconsider that attire. Another thing that happens too frequently during the summer months is neglecting to attend worship services. Whenever we are planning a trip, we spend a lot of time carefully working out what we're going to take with us, where we will stop for the night, what sights we are going to visit and how much money we're going to take. But do we take the time to plan where we will go to worship? With the technology we have available today, it is very easy to go online to locate a congregation of the Lord's church in any city where we will be visiting. Or the directory at the back of this paper lists churches in Canada. There is really no reason for us not to be able to attend worship services when we are away from home.

Unfortunately, missing worship doesn't happen just when we travel, however. Summer sporting events interfere as well. With our children getting involved in organized sports at a very young age, it is easy to let the schedules for practice, games and tournaments keep us away. We need to understand that letting anything become more important than attending worship will have long-range ramifications on our children. We must let them see that God and His church and living for Him are the most important things in our lives so that they will emulate us when they become adults. It is easy to be excited about our kids participating in these athletic events. We want to encourage them to be team players and learn how to get along with others. But none of that is going to mean anything in their future if they aren't faithful to the Lord. It is usually accepted if you speak with the coaches at the beginning of the season and let them know that your child will not be able to be there at worship times. This speaks not only to your child about what is most meaningful

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in your life but also to those in the community who see that you have commitments. How is it that we feel bad about missing a game but not about missing worship?

We must, above all, know that there is not vacation from God. If we are truly a child of His, we are

going to live every day for Him. The Bible gives much instruction of how we are to live in the world without being part of the world and many examples of people who gave up a lot of stuff in their lives to follow Jesus. God expects no less of us. So, let's just try really hard to show our

children how much we love God and want to be the kind of people that He wants us to be. It's not always going to be easy, but we were never promised that it would be.

Enjoy your summer while staying faithful to your Christian walk. It is possible!

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people were given greater specific responsibility than others and would be held accountable for their performance. This sounds like God meant for the organism to be organized. Sure enough, right here in I Timothy chapter three and verse one we begin a section on the qualifications of those people who were identified earlier as "overseers" and "elders." For good reason these men were to be married, with children, not materialistic and able to teach God's word to others. They would have been able to manage their households well as a prerequisite to looking after God's household. These men who aspire to lead God's family are to be humble, of noble character and well thought of by those not connected with the church.

Here we have leaders. Here we have organization. Here we have what is often impugned today.

The Bible is clear: since God put them in this position, we must respect them. Listen, "Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses." 1 Tim. 5:19 and "So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder...shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock"(1 Pet. 5:1-4).

The men who submit to God's scrutiny under such circumstances and for the cause of Christ are part of the scheme our Heavenly Father has laid before us to work under Him on earth.

But, as you continue reading, you find another plank in the organization platform. "Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain..." One who is a deacon is a servant or minister. The Bible is not very specific as to what his job should be, but it is always in the area of serving. That is the meaning of the term and the nature of the task.

A possible precursor to the material we find in Paul's writings is seen in Acts. "Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word'" (Acts 6: 1-4).

Try to picture the unmet needs and the encroaching chaos as a small band of disciples was attempting to do it all. The godly men who were chosen were to serve tables, while the apostles continued to preach the word of God.

Were these servants really only the apostles' helpers? No more than the apostles were the servants' helpers. All who belong to God by faith are servants. The roles are complementary. Teamwork is in

view. When there is organization, role playing is called for, as in marriage. Inequality is not in view but body functioning is.

While we have insufficient information to be able to delineate with accuracy all the tasks to be undertaken by both biblical overseers and ministers, we can say with surety that these good works are the result of God's direction in organized religion.

Note that the letter is addressed to Timothy. He must know how to conduct himself in the church. However, his influence will be felt by all, hence—"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching" (1 Tim. 4:12,13). The context indicates that Paul is speaking to Timothy about Timothy!

Preaching and ministering brothers, we too have an awesome responsibility within God's plan. The church is that important: that is it must hold up truth in the face of falsehood, deceit and wickedness. Today we face postmodernism, that spouts off that there is nothing absolute about truth. Today is still the "day of salvation," in spite of the outcry to outlaw lostness! The same Jesus who visited the planet as "Immanuel"—God with us, has promised to return. Let us all do our part in adhering to God's plan and structure while we live out our time between the first and final coming of our Saviour, Jesus.

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### ONTARIO

**Beamsville:** Area-Wide Worship was June 7. Jessica Short flew to Lima, Peru to work in a clinic allowing her to use her nursing training. Dianne Perry states that the Beamsville Bibles for Missions store has donated \$280,930.00 to the Bible League. Since April 2003 at \$6.00 per Bible for printing, this amounts to 46,820 Bibles, from one location. Baccalaureate service to bless and honour graduates of Great Lakes Christian High School was held on June 10. Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society annual meeting will be held on the campus of GLCHS on August 15.

**Bramalea:** Yuko Kawamura, from Japan, returned home to Sendai on June 16, to help with their Lets Start Talking program and Friends Camp. 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. A new commemorative pictorial directory is being planned for the occasion. This summer the congregation is doing a family oriented Bible study, with a Bible lesson skit by a different family each week, which is followed by a get to know you session.

**Brantford:** On May 2, Julia Page was guest speaker for the Ladies Day brunch.

**Cambridge:** Greg Fewster of London and recent graduate Great Lakes Bible College will intern with the congregation this summer. Six area men preached for them during April and May.

**Hamilton (Fennell Ave):** The congregation watched a series of videos on "The Bible and Science" on Sunday evenings. Craig Ford, home from Papua New Guinea, spoke on Sunday May 24 and also made a presentation on their work in their mission on Wednesday, May 27. He also spoke on "Church Finances" at the Preachers and Leaders breakfast on Friday June 5 in Milton.

**Fenwick:** The well attended (63) 4th Annual celebration of Sisterhood, "Spiritual Nutrition" was held May 30. Amy Dale, of Waterloo, was guest Speaker. The men's and ladies' classes continue each month. The ladies are beginning a series from the book Having A Mary Spirit and the men are wrapping up a series about prayer. Craig Ford and family visited Fenwick on May 10 and gave a report about the work in Papua. Paul Moore was a guest speaker on May 17. On May 24 the evening worship was based on 1 Cor. 14:26. The following weeks included a prayer meeting and song service. A special contribution was held on May 31 for Key to the Kingdom. July events include Canada Day fellowship and devotional at Dandelion Acres and an Outdoor Hymn Sing at the building on July 17.

**Grimbsy:** Area-Wide Worship was June 21.

**Mississauga:** The congregation drove to the Bramalea building to witness the baptism of Nadine and Lisa Lall by their father Moses on May 31.

**Niagara Falls:** Here's a recap of the great things going on! In the fall, we rejoiced with Justin and Sammy as they were baptized into Christ! We gathered together to play games and ring in the New Year. In January, we hosted a celebration for Henry Boland's

80th birthday, and retirement. FROG (Fully Rely on God) and JAM (Jesus and Me) clubs have been held every month and the majority are children from the community. Home study groups continue to run every Monday and Thursday evenings. Toddler group meets every other Monday morning at a member's home. We've enjoyed getting together for a Married Games Night on the last Friday of each month. We have access to a gym every Friday night and host activities and games for all ages. In April we had a Ladies Inspirational Morning with Brenda Frost and Barbara Lock as our speakers. A group of our teens, as well as a group from Tintern will spend a week in July in Thessalon conducting a V.B.S. for the church there. Several of our young families will be planning to spend another great week in August at Family Week at Camp Omagh, directed by Darrin Douglas. Eight of our children attend the well run Kids for Christ at Fenwick Church the first Friday of every month. In all the events planned, we welcome and enjoy getting to know others in our community. We are very blessed to have a young and active congregation who strive to serve God and spread His word.

**St. Catharines:** Area-Wide Worship was June 28.

**Tintern:** Area-Wide worship was June 7.

**Toronto (Scarborough):** Phillip Brown is in need of financial support for his work as an evangelist with the congregation.

**Waterloo:** Glen Robins is working with the congregation for five months before transferring to Montreal for another internship. The congregation held a ministry fair on May 31 to highlight their various ministries. A special contribution was taken for the Bill Schwarz family who have moved to Regina to work with Western Christian College. The congregation had a special Spanish Outreach booth at KW Multicultural Festival 2009.

**Windsor:** Walk 4 Water—This effort raises funds for the drilling of new water wells. Every new well that is drilled provides clean water for 3000 people who otherwise would be left to do without clean fresh water.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

**Saint John:** Shawn and Chieh Leblanc have arrived and live at 405 Coldbrook Cres., Apt.3, E2J 3Z3, phone 506-214-4214

### NOVA SCOTIA

**Shubenacadie:** David Hallet is planning to return to Ontario after about 30 years at Mill Village. David spent thirty years in Mission work in India, most of it in Shillong.

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### ALBERTA

**Camrose:** We are small but looking forward to God's blessings of growth as we continue to reach out in the community here. Dianne and I have been here two years now and the community is getting to know us. Periodically I write an article in the local paper and it has brought some recognition and good comments from people. We had a single lady and two couples just walk in and visit us the past few Sundays and so we are excited about the Lord granting further growth here. We also continue to have family nights where families can come out and play games and it gives us an opportunity to share Jesus with them. The family nights are always well attended. We will not have our VBS this year. Instead we are planning a BBQ in the park, a singing day in the park and several other activities to try and reach out to the community. We are planting, watering and praying, knowing that God will grant the increase. Please keep us in

your prayers. (submitted by Dave Friesen)

**North Edmonton:** The young adults have an S.O.S (summer of service) schedule set for this summer. Each week they have a planned act of service for those within the congregation, congregational activities and serving supper at the Hope Mission.

**South Edmonton:** We were very happy to baptize two people into Christ recently: Courtney Noble and Daniel Bartley. In May we enjoyed a different preacher for five Sundays, much like a stretched-out gospel meeting. The series was called "A Rugged Foundation Built on Christ." Each lesson was titled after a television game show, such as "Family Feud" (about family life), "Do You Want to be a Millionaire?" (life's goals), and "Wheel of Fortune" (surviving bad luck—and good), etc. Credit for the idea goes to Henry Kriete, who preached a similar series in B.C. a few years ago. On the final Sunday of May we had "Friend's Day" with a set goal of 100 people in attendance. We ended up with close to 90, but very happy that 30 of them were guests. The congregation has been working with new people with either Filipino or Chinese backgrounds. We are grateful for God's blessings and the opportunities around us. We beg your prayers so that we will be wise with people and courageous with the gospel. (submitted by Tim Johnson)

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Central Valley (Abbotsford):** Another lady, Donna Vik, who learned about the church by attending the Ladies' week-day

Bible class was baptized on April 23. Donna Vik turned her heart toward home and heaven when she was baptized that day. Some of the church members in Abbotsford joined in the "Walk for Life" sponsored by the Pro-life Organization every year to pay for advertising the alternatives to abortion on TV and bus benches.

**Boston Bar:** In June, Steve and Shirley (Velma Forman's sister) Clarkson had a pot-luck at their home in honour of the birthdays of their two Native foster children, although they are no longer exactly children. Both have been raised by the Clarksons since they were young. Isaac, who was 29, has cerebral palsy. Although he once could walk some, that was a long time ago. Mary, who is now 19, had a head injury at age two. She has never been able to converse very well, but attempts to walk. Steve and Shirley and their family have given them a good home, love and care through the years, and continue to do so.

**Burnaby:** Since Canada has lifted restrictions on travel to Mexico, True North Helping Hands has continued to prepare for their trip in July. The target this summer is a new city, El Salitral.

**Chilliwack:** The small group of Christians meeting here appreciated having a family from the Valley church in Spokane at our service on May 31, along with a young man who is a friend of the Forman's grandsons. John and Margaret, the parents of missionary nurse Velma Forman, are part of this fellowship, which now consists of only five members.

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# Great Lakes Bible College

## World of the New Testament ~ Paul Birston Short Course ~ August 24-28, 2009



### Course Description:

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**Nanaimo:** The reputation of Mike Nienhuis, as an excellent speaker, brought 54 men from the BC Mainland and Vancouver Island to the Bible Camp near Nanaimo for an evening and day of fellowship renewal in May. At the mid-week service on May 27, Kevin Vance, president of Western Christian College, received a warm welcome when he outlined the plans and accomplishments of the school since its move to Regina. He left a number of souve-

nirs to help keep people in remembrance of the needs for the growth of the only college supported by churches of Christ and individuals in Western Canada.

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** Rosalie Nicolas was added to Christ's church on May 24, when she was baptized into Christ. Feliciano Canlas has been coming to the church of Christ with his wife for 11 years. After being able to walk following a stroke, he decided to become a Christian. Doctors had said he would never walk again. During a study

with Milton Diaz, he said that he realized God was giving him another chance to make it right and wanted to be baptized so that he would be ready. The baptism took place after the service on June 14. The couple, who have a seven-year-old daughter, have been attending here since the first of the year.

**Vernon:** Angela Warner began a new life with Christ as her sins were washed away on May 17. The ladies had a special "Crotoberfest" of scrap booking and eating together in June.

#### SASKATCHEWAN

##### **Clearview Christian Camp:**

Work days were held May 30 and June 6. The "To Do List" included completing the multi-purpose building and other maintenance tasks in other buildings to cleaning and lawn care.

**Gravelbourg:** On Sunday, May 31, the church in Gravelbourg celebrated the grand opening of the addition that has just been completed. Work began on our addition in September of 2006 and just wrapped up this spring (2009). The additional (3600 sq. ft.) provides us with a new auditorium, foyer, bathrooms, nursery and preacher's office. Also, the basement under the addition provides us with more classroom space, storage and a large youth activities room. We have a comfortable capacity now for 160 worshippers. Our grand opening began with a wonderful time of worship in which the congregation witnessed the baptism of a new brother into Christ, Nathan Hendrickson, and a new sister, Gillian Third. After worship everyone enjoyed a barbeque. A dedication service was held in the afternoon followed by tours of the new facility and time of fellowship. We were pleased that representatives from most of the congregations in Saskatchewan and several people from the community attended the service. In all just over 150 people enjoyed the activities of the day. If that wasn't enough to be thankful for, we received yet another thrill as a group of believers gathered back at



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the building in the evening to watch as Walt Parsons named Jesus as his Saviour and was baptized. The congregation is busy at preparation for our V.B.S. program in July. Last year we had 108 children attend and we are anticipating that number again this year! We are also excited about a weekend meeting that has been scheduled for late October with Mike Tackett. I would be remiss if I did not share the news that Tyson Ross was also baptized earlier this spring. Our congregation has grown to just over 100 in the past few years... all Praise to God and His power that is at work in our community. (submitted by Wendell Bailey).

**Weyburn:** Dan and Dorothy Wieb of Dauphin, Manitoba were here for Mother's Day Weekend. The long time tradition of Dan giving the sermon on Mother's Day, was entitled "The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." Proverbs 11:25. Prayers are going out to previous Western Christian students, Sarah McGeachy, Justin Gauthier, Ryan Husband and Kreston Krogsgaard who have gone to Brazil on a Let's Start Talking trip. Also for Bernard and Alicia Krogsgaard and their team as they serve with the church in Lazaro, Mexico.

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flesh, a sign between God and the Jews, was replaced by the spiritual circumcision of the heart, a sign between God and all mankind.

Peter presents to those assembled that he, by God's guidance, had delivered the message of salvation to the Gentiles, saying that God had shown acceptance of them by giving the Holy Spirit. There was no distinction between the Jews and Gentiles was Peter's conclusion. Following this, Barnabas and Paul related how they had done signs and wonders among the Gentiles by the blessing and power of God. Finally, James gave a suggestion that "Seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas" with the following message, "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit

and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell" (Acts 15:22, 28, 29 ESV).

No doubt it took a long time for the "Jewish" Christians to begin to be comfortable with this new relationship for themselves and with the "Gentile" Christians. They had to grow in their learning, understanding and accepting the new plan of God. Thankfully, many did...sadly, many did not.

Their experience is not that much different than ours. We must learn to accept, as final, the word of God because His word takes precedence over every religious, cultural or family tradition of man.

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# WORKS FOR ME

Don Hipwell

## Newsletter Evangelism-1

Dale Morgan is the preacher for the Church of Christ in Wauseon, Ohio. Wauseon is a recent church planting and Dale is very excited about a discovery he recently made called Newsletter Evangelism. He is anxious to try it out and wanted to share it with others. Following is part of an article first printed in Church Growth Magazine by Glenn E. Davis and is reproduced with his permission.

Glenn is a deacon in the Buena Park, California, church of Christ and teaches this program in the evangelism class. He travels around the country and shares this approach with other congregations and schools of preaching when possible. Glenn is a graduate of Harding University (1973).

### **Yes, You Can Grow... If you really want to!**

What would happen if someone made a scientific break-through and developed a cure for cancer? Do you think it would make news? Do you think it would get people excited? What kind of excitement would it cause?

I'm sorry to say that I have NOT come up with a cure for cancer, but I think I have come up with something as exciting in the area of evangelism! It's certainly causing excitement with leaders and teachers in schools of preaching and Christian colleges and universities.

It's called NEWSLETTER EVANGELISM and it's going to revolutionize how we, as a brotherhood, look at and do personal evangelism. With this technique, any and every congregation that uses it can go throughout their neighbourhoods, knock doors, have an extremely pleasant experience at those doors and find out who are the best prospects for sharing the gospel.

Don Myers of Faulkner University, who teaches the evangelism class to our future evangelists, said that he had considered door-to-door evangelism as a thing of the past and had dismissed its effectiveness until he saw what this approach accomplishes. He is now working on revamping his entire class and making NEWSLETTER EVANGELISM a central part of the program.

Finding a cure for cancer is a medical scientist's dream. Having this type of experience that I described earlier when I do door-to-door evangelism is the dream I have been living for almost 15 years. I'm so happy to have the opportunity to share it with the brotherhood over recent months.

A cure for cancer would be groundbreaking and I'm going to let you be the judge on how groundbreaking you think this one is! I have discovered that if you pass out a series of 25 religious newsletters (one double-sided 8½ x 11 page) twice-a-week over a 3 month period (Spring and Fall are the best months to do this) anyone can then go into those neighbourhoods, knock the doors, and find that the newsletters have totally changed the hearts of these wonderful people. You can have a conversation with these fine folks in an environment that is very pleasant for both the door-knocker and the person who comes to the door. These neighbours are happy to talk to you, and you are happy that they are not turning the dogs loose on you.

You are probably thinking, "I don't ever remember getting that kind of reception when I did door-to-door evangelism?" Well, it's because you never properly prepared the field before harvest time. It's all a matter of laying down the proper foundation beforehand!

How does this miraculous transformation take place in these neighbourhoods? What happens is that for a three month period, a couple times a week, these wonderful, highly interesting newsletters keep showing up on the front doors of your friends and neighbours. No one ever knocks on these neighbours' doors during this time period. By allowing people to take them into their living rooms, sit down on a comfortable couch or easy chair, or go back into the kitchen, pour a cup of coffee and sit down at the kitchen table and read these fantastic newsletters, we are allowing people to raise their awareness of our presence in the community in a very calm, low pressure, non-pushy, non-threatening manner. This makes your congregation a place of prominence in the community. Before, most people weren't much aware of your presence and you didn't matter to most of them whatsoever. Now, for all practical purposes, you have become the most popular church in the community in MOST of their minds.

What do you then do with this new found popularity? You now go out into the neighbourhood to meet these new found friends and neighbours with a six question survey inquiring what they think of the newsletters. Since these newsletters are such a hit with the community, they are happy to answer your questions.

Now within the survey questions you are going to confirm that most people read and like the newsletters. But, how they answer question number 5 will help YOU determine if they are prospects or not.

Here are the six survey questions:

1. *Does anyone in your home read and like the newsletters, or do you just line the bird cage with them?*
2. *Who read them the most?*
3. *Do you ever share them with anyone outside your family here?*

For a survey, one must have survey questions. The first three questions are not that important, but it makes it sound like a legitimate survey. It is a legitimate survey, but you are less concerned with people's thoughts

about the newsletters and more concerned with finding those people in the community who we can bring to Christ on His terms and into the family of God. Of course, the first question is quite cute, if I do say so myself.

**4. *Is there anything we can do for you and your family?***

With this question you reinforce the idea that you care about them. Now they already have that impression about you and they will probably tell you that "all is well with their family, but thanks for asking." Or, they might say, "My mother has cancer, can you pray for her?" You respond appropriately and then move to the next and most important question of the survey.

**5. *How are you and the Lord doing? If you were to die, or the Lord were to come today, do you know for certain that you would go home to be with Him?***

This is where the rubber meets the road. You are going to know, based on their answer to this question, if he or she is a good prospect, a fair prospect, or a non-prospect. If their answer indicates that they have STRONG ties to some religious group and are not thinking of moving in any other direction, or they are not interested in any kind of religious commitment, they are not serious prospects.

A large percentage will fall into this category. That's too bad, and that's just life, but let not your heart be troubled! It will have been a nice exchange at the door, and you are looking for the wheat while disposing of the tares.

You are going to find a good number of people that are religious, or want to be, and have no strong ties to any one religious group. They might tell you that they used to "go to church, but not lately, and from reading the newsletters, they know that they need to draw closer to God." Or, they might

indicate that they are not satisfied with the church that they are currently attending and they would be interested in visiting your church services. Or maybe God has never played an important role in their lives but the things they have been reading in the newsletters have made them think more about God and life, and they would like to know more.

Whatever they say that would indicate that they are a prospect, make a note of that on the survey form for whoever might be doing the follow-up work.

**6. *Would you like more information about our congregation or about the churches of Christ?***

Have something to offer people right then that would be appropriate, or make it a point to return soon with the requested material. This gives you another opportunity to visit and build a new friendship, and work toward a possible Bible study.

This concludes phases one (newsletter distribution) and two (the door-to-door/prospect finding survey). We will look at phase three next month.



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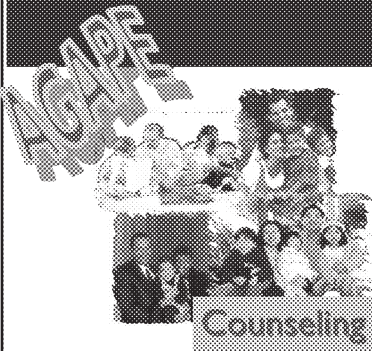
culture and own desires may tell us to.

When we read the Parable of the Talents, we tend to pay the most attention to the one talent servant and his rejection. He is the main point of the story—in his fear, he had failed to act. He had not pleased his master. What about the five talent and two talent servants? They were told, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” They pleased their master and enjoyed the positive result.

There is perhaps no more beautiful end-of-life statement than Paul's. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7). Paul was keenly aware of his own shortcomings and failures. He was well aware of the coming judgment and his accountability God, and also the eternal consequences. His purpose was to do everything humanly possible to please God. He could confidently say, “I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day” (2 Timothy 1:12).

As Christians, being accountable to God does not assume failure and rejection. Some people emerge from job performance reviews with raises and promotions. When God's people focus on following and pleasing Him, they can confidently look forward to standing before Him. We can look forward to hearing, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master.”

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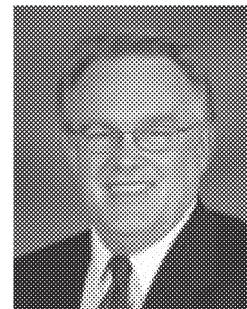
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# OBITUARIES

## Dalziel, Iris

A Memorial Service was held the evening of May 14 for Iris Dalziel, who, along with her family, was among the first group of people to meet for worship in the Burnaby area. She was found deceased in her apartment in Victoria on May 8.

Brother Jim Hawkins, who had visited Iris over the years as he and Carolyn had occasion to be in Victoria, officiated. Ron Beckett led the singing of several of her favourite songs. Four children survive her: Penny Gorett of Kamloops, BC, Calee Jenke, of Vancouver, BC, Bill Dalziel, of a suburb of Kansas City, KA, and Pamela Dalziel, also of Vancouver, BC. She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

Iris was born in Vulcan, AB, on May 14, 1927, to Calvin and Myrtle Shimp. Her father was a pioneer stockbroker and business owner in the small town south of Calgary until the Great Depression left him with nothing except a boarding house. When she was 17, her father wanted Iris to go to college in California, but she had met Charles, a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force stationed in Canada, and was married instead. Their first two children were born in Australia. Deciding to return to Canada, they boarded a steamer in the '50's, and enjoyed a grand tour of numerous Pacific Islands on the return trip. They settled in Vancouver for several years, but also lived for a time in Kamloops.

As Iris had been raised in the church, they were contacted by John Mallory, and invited to worship with them and the McLean family who had recently arrived from Scotland. When Roger and Margaret Jeal moved from Richmond to Burnaby, the property the Burnaby church is still located on was purchased.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord. May God comfort all who mourn her passing.

Material submitted by Barbara Lewis

## Sinclair, Eva Lauretta

Eva Lauretta Sinclair, at the age of 99, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, April 16, 2009, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Services were held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the Tenth

and Broad Streets Church of Christ in Wichita Falls. The service was officiated by Eva's son-in-law, John Klassen, assisted by Larry Suttle, minister of the Tenth and Broad Streets Church of Christ. The eulogy was read by Eva's grandson, Brad Peterson. Interment followed at Crestview Memorial Park Cemetery in Wichita Falls.

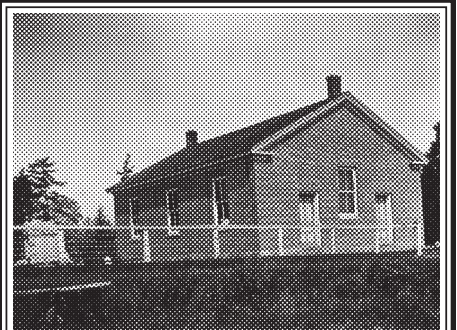
Eva was born on November 2, 1909, in Stouffville, Ontario, Canada, to Charles Wesley and Ada May (Elford) Petch. Eva married D.W. Dryden Sinclair on her Uncle Russell Elford's farm in Horse Creek, Saskatchewan, Canada, on July 29, 1930. Eva and Dryden raised five daughters. They moved to Wichita Falls, Texas, from Canada in 1962, when Dryden was setting up offices for Western Christian Foundation, to facilitate his fund-raising for Western Christian College, located in Western Canada. During these years, Eva built her life around her home and her family. Besides five daughters, several other young ladies were given a home with Eva and Dryden when they needed a home environment for two or three years. This occurred even in Eva's senior years.

Eva supported her husband's Spanish Literature Ministry and fed many visiting missionaries from Latin America and those visiting from other countries. Her gracious hospitality was known to so many people throughout the years. Eva was a faithful member of the Church of Christ at Tenth and Broad Streets. Later, after having a stroke and developing some mobility issues that resulted from Osteo-Arthritis, she lived at the Texhoma Christian Care Center for three and a half years. Even during this time, Eva's memory continued to be very good, and she could still relate many interesting stories. She seemed content at the Care Home and she seldom complained, which was typical of Eva. She was able to be up in her wheelchair and enjoyed some of the activities provided at Texhoma.

Eva was predeceased by her beloved husband of 70 years, D.W. Dryden Sinclair in 2001; granddaughter, Summer Perales in 2008; son-in-law, Roger W. Peterson in 2008; two brothers, Philip and Donald Petch; and two sisters, Emma Pratt and Viola Preston. She is survived by her five daughters, Helen Marie Peterson of North Weyburn, Saskatchewan; Beatrice and John Klassen of Niagara Falls, Ontario; Debbie

and Kelly Barker of Edmund, Oklahoma; Starlet Sinclair of Wichita Falls, Texas; Doris and Ron May of Dawson Creek, British Columbia; fifteen grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Submitted by Helen M. Peterson



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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: Brian Salter (Young Adult & Campus), 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.dyndns.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

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

**MANSON:** Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, 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 Celaira, 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 Mailliet (506) 532-2956; other contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 382-9409

**SAINT JOHN:** Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 5 Devonay 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: sdb Boehner@gmail.com

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**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: aurorachurchofchrist@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. sdredding89@rogers.com

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., L0R 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@bramaleacofc.ca; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacofc.ca.

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

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

**BURKS FALLS:** 51B, Ontario Street, Sun. 9:15 am to 12:00 includes 2 children Classes, Tues 6:30; Mailing Address: 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; website: www.churchesofchrist.ca.

**CAMBRIDGE:** Meeting at Youth Unlimited across from 45 Brierdale Rd. Sun. 10:30, call for midweek small groups. evs. Greg Whitfield (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 Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

**HAMILTON:** 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8 (Mt. Hamilton); Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 7:00; Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.); Art Ford, ev., (905) 296-1560 (h), art@churchofchristhamilton.com; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174; Website: www.hamiltoncofc.org

**HAMILTON (North):** YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Joe Sandassie, 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. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.



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