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...“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

JOHN 8: 12 (ESV)

This Issue's Theme:
**EVANGELISM – Living and Sharing the Good News
now and through the New Year.**

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The Fight, the Course, the Faith (2 Timothy 4:7)

Tim Johnson

For what should we plan and pray in the New Year? The world suggests happiness, good health, prosperity, etc. These are desirable, but only achieved by pursuing loftier challenges. We so easily forget the experience of the writer of Ecclesiastes who found selfish pursuits vain. He lived the world of Christmas card slogans and found them inadequate.

As Paul's life drew to its inevitable, violent end, he spoke of the goals for which he had planned and prayed over three decades in service to Jesus Christ. He wrote them down on paper for Timothy, his son in the faith and friend, implying he should live out the same priorities. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). None are easy. All are worthy.

The Good Fight

The world fights for money, property, resources, racism and warped religion. All are destructive and the tools of our adversary. Selfishness is the usual motive, but whatever it wins fails to satisfy. Christ's people live to please Him, and to please Him we must fight! This is not permission to

war with each other in the church. It's a call to arms to fight sin and temptation, to battle "the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6:10-13). We wrestle against anything that would stand up against the progress of the gospel, including our own apathy. It's the good fight because its Leader is good, motivations good, results good. When we fight the good fight we discover we've been blessed with good health inside. Physical health will come and go. Paul's body must have been a wreck after all his trials. But the good fight fills us with stamina, backbone and strength.

Finish the Course

The race is not for those looking for an easy time. The course is not paved and flat. The finish line does not appear quickly. It demands life-long endurance, concentration and determination. Sin's entanglements must be thrown off so that we can race. Jesus ran the course ahead of us and spoke of hostilities, hardships that brought the world's shame, discouragement and fatigue (Hebrews 12:1-3). There was sweat, groaning, crying, weariness and blood. Those who give up receive no prize. Why did

Paul decide to run this tough course for the rest of his life? Why would he urge Timothy to do the same? Why have so many Christians run it? All of them loved their Saviour who ran it before them, the One on whom they fixed their eyes as they followed. No course is as compelling as this one. It's when we run it that we discover happiness, purpose and joy.


Keep the Faith

We marvel at the opposition endured by Paul. Mistreated so badly, he remarked that "we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now" (1 Corinthians 4:13). Without faith, he would have every reason to abandon Christ. Yet, he kept the faith. Society has become expert in abandonment. People quit marriages, companies, friendships and churches because they are convinced they take too much more work and commitment than they're willing to give. This is foolish. Nothing worthwhile happens without work and commitment. It's only when we give that we get. Real life only emerges when we concentrate on giving something. Paul implied that Timothy must "keep the faith." Keeping is not possession of something, like a souvenir on a shelf. It means to be faithful to something, to observe and stand by it. He also told Timothy to "Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Timothy 6:14). He meant everything involved in following Christ. We must obey it, observe it and stand by it. Keep the faith. In this we find prosperity for our souls.

The Fight, the Course, the Faith in the Year Ahead

For what do you plan and pray with a new year in view? Don't cheat yourself by a commitment to selfish ambitions and temporary wealth. How many large communities exist in Canada without a congregation? Fight the good fight so they can hear the gospel. How many struggling people

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Sharing Christ-message

Peter Morphy

I don't remember ever meeting a fellow Christian who said that they didn't want any more people to be saved. Deep in the heart of every disciple is the desire that others would follow Jesus. We're just not very consistent in making this ambition a part of our daily life. Sometimes we believe people aren't interested in talking about the Bible or they're too busy with other things, other times we just don't know what to say.

Christmas is an annual opportunity to engage people in the story of Christ. I know some groups go to the extreme with live theatre productions, decorated Christmas trees, manger scenes with real infants and a variety of animals from the local farm. I also know some are at the other end of the spectrum, refusing to talk about Jesus during the Christmas season. I've even heard some well-meaning brothers rebuke the church and our visitors on Sunday morning for talking about Jesus' birth in the month of December.

I'm not advocating a specific position that a church, family or individual needs to affirm regarding Christmas. But here are some things to think about. If we want to talk to people about Jesus, does it not make sense to dialogue with them when they are most interested? Does the Christmas season provide a unique opportunity, whether initiated by our friends and family or by us, to share "the reason for the season" and "the Christ of Christmas"?

WORDS – Many people are more interested in getting together with family, buying presents and guessing what they'll be getting than they are in thinking about Jesus. That's true for unbelievers as well. However, we can initiate a conversation with people by talking about the Christ of Christmas from a religious perspective, the historical

evidence or even the political debate that surrounds Christmas. We can ask people if they're planning to attend worship, details about their childhood religion, or what they believe about Jesus or God's gift of salvation to us. If we pray for opportunities and seek open doors, we should be able to plant a few seeds this December.

WORSHIP – The Barna Group, a religious statistical company in the U.S., reports that 45% of those who don't usually go to church will attend somewhere around Christmas. If a few people in your "friends list" are planning to worship somewhere this Christmas, could it not be with you? Some churches encourage their members to invite friends and family to worship and print simple invitations. The Sunday sermon doesn't have to be focused on the birth of Jesus, but it could include the purpose of His life. Consider using a catchy sermon title like "Christmas Presence," "God's

Gift to Us," "Christmas is For-Giving," "Unwrapping Christmas," "Outside the Box," "Cribs," "Mary Christmas," "A Way In A Manger," "Coming Home," "Save the Gift," or "Christmas Lights." Some churches also include a potluck lunch following the morning worship.

WORK – Over the years we've planned a variety of events around the month of December that were a blessing to the church and our community. (1) Host a kids Christmas party on a Saturday afternoon with games, snacks, presents and photo with Santa. In addition to providing a fun afternoon and friendship we also have a brief devotional, give information about the church and get their name and address so we can deliver the photo and follow up later. Try to invite some lower-income families that will really appreciate it. (2) Cooking a Christmas dinner and serving it a few days before Christmas and invit-

ing the community to the church. This could be done on a Saturday afternoon or following morning worship. The church buys and cooks the turkey and everything else is potluck style. (3) Offer free childcare on a Saturday before Christmas at the church building. This gives parents a chance to shop or just go out on a date. The kids programme could include a Christmas theme, Bible story/crafts, Bible videos and food with Christmas treats. (4) Prepare Christmas food baskets to give out to those who can't afford a dinner. Give paper bags to the members with a list of groceries to purchase (the Christmas meal, but no meat – about \$15), fill the bag and return to the building the following week. The church purchases the turkeys and members deliver to those who need it. You can get names of people

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Evangelism in 2010

Wayne Turner



Most of us are familiar with the old story of the Blind Men and the Elephant where a group of blind men are given the opportunity to learn what an elephant is. Each one touched a different part of the animal and drew his own conclusion based on that part. The one touching the elephant's side said an elephant was like a wall. To the one at the tusk, the elephant was a spear. Another felt the trunk and thought it was like a snake. The fourth felt a leg and said that an elephant was like a tree. The man by the ear decided it was like a fan. And to the sixth, at the tail, it was like a rope. Each man, based on his own experience drew a reasonable conclusion. But none was able to grasp the whole.

Whenever Christians discuss what evangelism is, something similar can happen. The conversation may turn more to things that are but parts of the whole—of specific methods and strategies, of whether evangelism is a process, a programme or a lifestyle. Perhaps the best approach to this discussion is suggested by Nick Jarrett-Karr referring to the “Elephant Test”—“a creature hard to describe, but instantly recognizable when spotted.”

“Evangelism” is transliterated from a Greek word that literally means “good news”—as it is often translated. Sometimes, it is translated as “gospel” which comes from the Old English word “godspel” which, according to Webster’s Dictionary, meant “good tale.” The root word, euangel, is used in words that refer to the one telling the good news, the act of telling and the message itself. Linguistically, evangelism is about a message.

The New Testament uses the word in the same way. When Paul reminds the Corinthians of the “gospel I preached to you,” he uses both the noun and verb forms (15:1). Paul is referring to preaching and hearing a message in Romans 10:14-17. He says that faith comes from what is heard. In 1 Corinthians 15, the gospel is the message which was preached, which they received and believed, and by which they were saved. Paul identifies it as the message of the death, burial, resurrection and appearance of Jesus to witnesses. In the New Testament, other Greek words may be used for “message” or “preaching,” however they are usually synonyms. In the early church, evangelism included the message, the act of preaching and the messenger. These were all part of “the message of salvation.” (Acts 13:26-31) Thus Jesus sent his followers into the world

to preach the gospel so people will believe, be baptized and be saved (Mark 16:15,16).

Since the Gospel is essential to the world, there is a necessary primacy and urgency that it must hold in the life and work of the church and of individual Christians. Churches understood the need to intentionally send out preachers. Paul used impromptu opportunities, yet also planned his work. The lives and activities of Christians created platforms from which to share the message. Paul embodied this when he spoke of becoming all things to all men that by all means he might save some. (1 Cor. 9:19-23). He was not waffling or changing the message. He recognized that evangelism transcended all cultures. This required an awareness of the various situations he encountered. Each context had its own needs, offered its own opportunities and challenges. Paul’s goal was to share Christ—anywhere, anytime, by any means, to everyone possible

This edition of the Gospel Herald focuses on evangelism. Tim Johnson reminds us of Paul’s review of his life, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith” to challenge us to set and live our goals. Peter Morphy encourages us to use every opportunity to share Christ, especially at this time of year. David Knutson offers us insight into our culture and the challenge of sharing the gospel with post-moderns. Nathan Pickard tells us to see evangelism as more than a programme. The heart of effective evangelism is giving ourselves to others. We are indebted to Paul Birston for his work planning and organizing this issue.

Our prayer is that in 2010, each one of us will renew our commitment to sharing Christ.

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Communicating the Gospel to Postmoderns¹ – Part I

David Knutson

Defining the problem

Several years ago, my wife and I used to have a set of Russian babushka dolls. Assembled and sitting on the shelf, the set looked like a single doll. The largest doll pulled apart and inside of that one there was another. The second doll also pulled apart and so on down to the final one—which was solid and did not come apart. This brought our search to an end. The skepticism of postmodern thought is like those babushka dolls, but with one important difference. In this case, the smallest doll comes apart, and inside of it there is nothing at all. There is nothing that cannot be doubted; neither the existence of the one doubting nor the perception of doubt itself. The disappearance of the subjective world was never more than one ‘doll’ away from the disappearance of the objective one. The hard-core skeptic can never be certain that he himself ‘is’ nor that his perceived perception is real.

In 1965, John Lennon, of the Beatles, wrote a song entitled “Nowhere Man”. Intentionally or not, it reflects two aspects of postmodernism. The first 3 verses and chorus go like this.:

He’s a real nowhere man,
Sitting in his Nowhere Land,
Making all his nowhere plans for nobody.

Doesn’t have a point of view,
Knows not where he’s going to,
Isn’t he a bit like you and me?

Nowhere Man please listen,
You don’t know what you’re missing,
Nowhere Man, the world is at your command

He’s as blind as he can be,
Just sees what he wants to see,
Nowhere Man can you see me at all?

Lennon’s Nowhere Man is alive and well. He lives ‘out there’ in Nowhere Land which limits him to Nowhere plans. Without a personal point of view, he knows not where

he’s going and suffers the blindness of seeing only what he wants to see. But Nowhere Man’s life can still be so much more. There is a way to take command of Nowhere Land which is there for the taking. These lyrics capture both the predicament and promise of our postmodern Nowhere Man. Reactions to the empty ‘doll’ have been mixed. Faced with the ‘truth’ of ultimate nothingness, some have slipped over the edge into Nihilism. Accepting the finality of nothingness, life is stripped of objective meaning, purpose or value. Others have taken a different turn. Despite the absolute nature of ‘nothingness’ they refuse to do nothing. They have chosen to put their own ‘something’ in the place of nothing. They have created their own truth and stuffed it into the little doll of ‘nothingness’. But that doll is a bottomless pit and remains quite empty. It is the ‘poison pill of postmodernism’ and instant death for those who re-open it.

The search for truth is one place where the need for salvation is readily seen. Sin causes men and women to be lost in two ways. It breaks the relationship between a holy God and the sinner. Having done that, it separates man from his own humanity. Cut off from God and from special revelation, man on his own is left with no basis for confidence in the area of truth. Such doubts are not new. It was Gorgias of Sicily (485-380 B.C.), ambassador to Athens and pre-modern sophist who said: “nothing exists; if anything does exist it cannot be known; if it can be known, it cannot be communicated”². At about that same time, Protagoras of Abdera (481-411 BC) said “Man is the measure of all things: of things which are, that they are and of things which are not, that they are not”. Both conclusions are true for the man separated from God. For this man, truth is relative

only to himself. Apart from God, the individual has no reason to believe that his senses are reliable, that the world ‘out there’ is real, that he can depend upon reason or that communication is possible. On his very best day... he is locked up tight. His personal truth can never become truth for anyone else. The problems of the pre-modern, modern and postmodern world are one and the same. In the world of human thought, there is indeed ‘nothing new under the sun’. If there is something new, it may simply be the depth of despair felt by postmoderns. Having embraced an anti-philosophy they have given up altogether on the search for the sort of truth that is always true.

Serious postmoderns function with a jaded view of truth. Ideas are held to be important, not because they are true but because they are useful. To the degree to which they can be communicated, they are seen as instruments of power and are for that reason viewed with suspicion. Truth is relative, impermanent and

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Evangelism as Giving Ourselves to Invite People into God's Kingdom

Nathan Pickard

In the twentieth century evangelism sometimes looked like door knocking, tracts, radio and television programmes, and gospel meetings, each with different purposes in mind. The reasons behind these methods of evangelism are numerous, for example, let's prove the other Christian denominations wrong, let's give the world information about Christ, let's increase the numerical size of our churches, or simply, it was a way for churches and individuals to live out the Great Commission from Matthew's gospel.

Evangelism as a Programme

In most cases these ways and methods of evangelism find their roots in the idea that evangelism is a programme of the church. When this happens we have a designated line item in our church's budget for evangelism, we hire an evangelist, and we support various works and people that seek to

get the Word of Christ into the world.

Evangelism, however, is not a programme of the church. Evangelism must not be reduced to a single person's job description and must not be limited to tracts, radio or television programmes, gospel meetings or door knocking campaigns. And evangelism must not have the end goal being to numerically grow the church. What then should the end goal be of evangelism and how might the church engage in evangelism in a postmodern, 21st century context?

Evangelism should be seen as initiating people into the world (reign, kingdom) of God as revealed through Jesus Christ. God has created a new world through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Those who have confessed Christ and participated in the church's act of incorporation into the body of Christ believe that through Christ, God reigns in this world. The end goal of evangelism is

inviting people to experience and live in this new world where God reigns.

To invite people to experience a new world where God reigns (where we find healing, forgiveness and salvation, made possible by Jesus Christ) must not then be reduced to radio or television programmes that simply teach Bible lessons, must not be reduced to market-driven techniques and certainly must not be left to flyers or tracts. Evangelism, initiating people into the world of God, will include teaching, practicing of the spiritual disciplines (prayer, fasting, giving, etc.), entering the waters of baptism and sharing in the Lord's Supper and active participation in the life of the church.

Evangelism therefore is not just a programme that we can participate in by volunteering to hand out tracts, answer phones, or organize a gospel meeting. Evangelism is at the core, the center of the life of the church.

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Everything that the church participates in is evangelistic.

Engaging in Evangelism

If the end goal of evangelism is to invite people to experience and to live in the new world created by God, the way for the church to engage in evangelism is by giving ourselves away. Christmas, the time when most of the world pauses to recognize the person named Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, is exactly the time when the church should be learning what it means to give ourselves away. The apostle Paul writes to the Philippian church, "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and being born in human likeness" (Phil 2:6-7). Christmas is the time when followers of Jesus are reminded of the Christ who emptied himself for the sake of the world. With this, Christmas is also the time in which disciples of Jesus can continue to learn what it means to empty ourselves for the sake of the world.

The neighborhoods in which our churches are located need to see a church that is not concerned about

itself. What our neighbors need to see are churches that are about giving themselves away for the sake of the neighborhood and the world. The power to change the world for Christ is not found in the latest marketing techniques, extra workers for door knocking or the latest experiential worship service; the power to change the world is found when the church empties itself: becoming broken bread and poured out wine.

A Russian Orthodox priest named Father Arseny was sentenced to life in various "special camps" under the regime of the Stalin Era. Arseny was one of thousands of Russian Orthodox Christians who was sentenced to life within these "special camps." Each day Arseny would join the hundreds of other prisoners in hard labor, cruel conditions and a life of depravity. Yet each morning he would mouth the words, "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!" Each morning as Arseny spoke these words he continued to empty himself for the sake of the other prisoners, just as Christ emptied himself by becoming one of us. On account of emptying himself Arseny was able to lead a countless number of people to Christ, including atheists.

We're Not in Kansas Anymore

The famous movie, *Wizard of Oz*, has Dorothy caught up in another world, a world she does not understand and a world she cannot fully comprehend. In her discovery of this new world she says to her dog, Toto, "We're not in Kansas anymore." It is obvious that we are not in the twentieth century anymore which means we cannot engage in evangelism the way we have traditionally gone about doing so. Door knocking, VBS, tracts, and gospel meetings were effective in the early to mid twentieth century when we lived within a country that was influenced by its Christian roots and that was very much shaped by modernism. But because we live within a very different world from twenty to thirty years ago, the church needs to rethink its theology of evangelism and also its methods of evangelism. The way into the future is to once again listen to the Christmas story, the story that tells about God who emptied himself for the sake of the world. The way into the future is for the church to live this Christmas story on a continual basis; to empty ourselves daily for the sake of the world.

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who would appreciate a Christmas dinner basket from members, past benevolence requests, local food pantries or put an advertisement in the local paper. (5) Go out one evening Christmas caroling in a seniors centre or through the neighborhood close to the building. Hand out some Christmas cookies or candy along with information about activities or an invitation to a sermon series coming up at the church.

Most of these events are at the church building so people can know where you are, come inside and look around and meet some wonderful Christians. Yes, we'll have to involve our friendliest and kindest people to greet our neighbors. The key to a successful event is: (a) good planning and making it the best you can with what you have available; (b) mak-

ing sure people are invited, preferably members talking to family and friends; and (3) following up with the guests who came. The more we do events like these the better we get at it. The more we do events like this the more people will get to know we're in the neighborhood and that we are actively serving, caring for and loving the people in our community. Also, be prepared for a little criticism from members or other churches.

If you think it's a little late to plan something for your community this Christmas, it's not too early to begin thinking about Easter, Thanksgiving or next Christmas. In addition to these annual traditions, there may be other opportunities when people may be thinking about God and want to talk about their questions, concerns and fears. Sometimes it's an international event: a natural disaster strikes, a

trusted leader is caught in immoral activity, the economic downturn, crime, terrorism and war. Other times it is much more close and personal: the kids are rebelling, we're headed for divorce, I've been laid off, my friend has terminal cancer or a close relative dies. Sometimes people need to talk about their feelings. They need someone to pray for them. Sometimes they've got questions, occasionally their looking for help, wisdom, strength, forgiveness or salvation.

God has given us a gift of salvation to share with others. Let's not hold it under wrap or keep it only for ourselves. Open it up, get out of the box and give it away. Keep praying that God will give us wisdom and courage to share the blessings of Jesus whenever opportunities arise.

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Walking the Walk and Talking the Talk

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” Matthew 5:14-16.

“For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake” 2 Corinthians 4:5.

Do you find it difficult to share your faith with your friends? For years I have heard many say that they find it impossible to share their faith with their friends because they don’t know enough. They don’t know how to share their faith and they don’t feel confident enough in their knowledge of the Bible. They fear that they might be asked a question that they cannot answer. There is no one right method with which to share this good news

about Jesus. There are many ways to share the gospel. We are all different and those we share this good news with are all different. Therefore many different methods will be useful in our mission to serve our friends. We have seen many methods come and go over the years, much like clothing styles and fads come and go. Each new method was heralded as being the one that would bring many to Christ. We assumed that if we could just find the right method everyone, or at least most that we approached using this method, would give their lives to Jesus. When that didn’t happen we soon discarded that method in favour of another new method that was on the horizon. Surely by now we have learned that methods don’t save anyone. Jesus does that.

Seeking to know God’s Word (the Bible) better, so as to be able to answer the questions of honest searchers, is indeed a worthy quest. Yet many have been in situations where the gospel was shared in all its glory and all the questions were lovingly and carefully answered and the decision was made to reject Christ. Neither the right method nor the ability to answer every question that might be asked assures a positive outcome.

Perhaps you are hindered in sharing the Gospel because your friends, schoolmates, or workmates don’t know that you are a follower of Christ. You fear their rejection or their mockery if you were to make an effort to share your faith. Do you really want them as friends if they would mock what is at the centre of your being?

Are you hindered in sharing the good news because you aren’t walking the walk and fear that your friends would point out your hypocrisy? While it is important to “let our light shine” and be a good example for others, we are

perfected only by the grace of God. We share the gospel one sinner to another.

Letting our light shine is important, few will ever listen to the gospel until they have seen the light in our lives. How will anyone see the light in our lives if we keep it carefully hidden in our church buildings? We must leave the confines of our buildings and move into our communities, letting our light shine for Jesus.

There are many needs and thus many opportunities where we can serve. I couldn’t possibly list them all in this short article; however, let me mention one. I am told that 20% of the children in Canada are often hungry. We live in one of the richest countries of the world yet 20% of our children are hungry. The causes for this hunger are many and varied. Everything from a simple lack of money to poor parental priorities in how the limited funds are spent. We have a wonderful opportunity to practice the love of Jesus and let our light shine for Jesus as we feed these hungry children. Do not say that there are no hungry children where you live, with 20% of our children being hungry there are hungry children in every community. You may not have seen them but you probably haven’t gone looking for them either. You may find it helpful to partner with others that are already serving in this area and learn from them.

You may find, as I have, that these children are not just hungry for food but are also starving for attention, and have a need for positive adult role models. They don’t just want you to feed them, they want you to spend time with them, talk with them, listen to them and validate them. You walk the walk by feeding the hungry, by talking with them, spending time with them, listening to them and validating them.

You have walked the walk and now it is time to talk the talk, to share the good news about Jesus with those you care about. Where do you begin? What do you do? What do you say? How do you start?

Begin with prayer! Pray for your friends, ask God to open their hearts

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The Holiday Spirit

Because our lives are so busy today, it is very easy to get caught up in the activities in which we find ourselves involved—caring for children and family, working at our jobs, running hither and yon doing errands, maintaining our households not to mention entertainment, church work, community efforts, clubs, relaxation—on and on it goes. As women, we have a lot of duties to accomplish and roles to fill on a daily basis. When you stop to think about it, you can become very tired and overwhelmed. I doubt that God ever intended our time to be filled so full, especially when it very often seems that there's no time left for Him. We most likely consider all the things that we do to be important, but it might be wise to evaluate and sort through them to determine what things we might be able to eliminate so that we have more time. What has happened to finding quiet time with God? Even Jesus found it necessary to get away from the busyness and duties of his life. How much more, then, should we see the need. We all know in our heads that our lives would be much more at peace if we did do what Jesus did—seek times alone with God to pray and ask for council and help in our lives. We would be a much more grateful people if we spent time in praise and thanksgiving to Him, specifically thanking Him for things in our lives. It is probably safe to say, however, that few of us have been wise enough to keep time in our busyness for that.

As a result, our families suffer because we are stretched to the max with taking care of all our duties and are often too tired to do anything special with them. Our jobs sometimes suffer because we have too much on our minds and, again, are too tired

to function at our top potential. Even our church lives suffer. We are too tired to get up on Sunday morning to worship with the saints, too tired to go out on Wednesday night and definitely don't have the energy to teach a Bible class or go to any special meetings. We sometimes end up stressed and pulled in so many directions that the threads that hold our lives together could snap at any moment.

The good news is that it doesn't have to be that way. We can take control of situations and circumstances in life that can make a huge difference. We are entering into the holiday season of the year, when the focus of many people around us changes to a spirit of giving to, caring for and sharing with those around us who are less fortunate than we are. It is interesting to me that so many people have this change in attitude and are anxious to serve and help the less fortunate during this time of year, and they do an excellent job of it. Volunteers step forward to help in soup kitchens to make sure that the poor and homeless have at least a couple of good turkey dinners during this time. People go through their closets and pick out coats and mittens that they no longer need to donate to the Coats for Kids projects—some even go so far as to purchase new coats for the children for the winter. Many sign up to help build a house through organizations like Habitat for Humanity in hopes of providing a warm shelter for a family during the cold winters. Special collections are taken, and people give willingly to help special causes. All of these efforts are good and needed and appreciated.

When you stop to think about it, this Holiday Spirit is really the Christlike Spirit, which we are to have at all times. We are to feed the poor, visit

the sick, clothe the naked, take care of those of the household of faith. As Christians, this attitude of caring and concern should not be confined to the months of November and December each year. They should be a way of life for us. We should regularly be involved in helping those around us in whatever way is needed, all to the glory of God. We are the only Bible that some people will ever read, and what better way to share the Good News than to help those around us.

The sad thing is that we have allowed ourselves to get so busy and caught up in our own little world of activity that we don't have the time or energy to fulfill the commands of Christ to care for others. It's really an attitude thing. If we had the attitude that Christ had, that we humble ourselves before God, we would likely be able to accomplish more to help those around us.

Let's challenge ourselves as the "giving" holiday approaches to focus as much attention and energy on having the Christlike spirit as we do on ourselves. Let's try to become aware of the needs of those around us so that we can take every opportunity to do good. We also need to be raising our children with this attitude of giving so that, when they are adults, they will have a heart like Christ, and the best way to do that is by example. The whole family can get involved in doing good works, but not just at this time of year. We need to demonstrate Christ's love all year long.

Imagine how much better our families, the church and the world would be if we all put into practice every day the attitudes and practices that Christ exemplified in His Word.

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NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: The congregation rejoiced in the baptism of Glenda Bulao on Sunday, November 1, 2009. Shawn asks for prayers for this new Christian. Shawn and Chieh can still use donations toward their support. If you wish to contact Shawn and Chieh, their personal email is serve4ever2003@yahoo.ca. The church's new website is www.saint-johnchurchofchrist.org.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: An open singing practice was held on Saturday, October 31, 2009, at John and Glynnis Fleming's home. Mark McDonnell recently resigned as an elder. Beginning November 9, the congregation hosted a breakfast programme on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for students of Senator Gibson School. Ruth Zimmerman, one of the missionaries in Papua New Guinea, was welcomed home. She is raising much needed funds for her work after the loss of some support. Paul Moore, who worked with the Cambridge church plant, is now part of the Beamsville church and serves by teaching the Sunday a.m. teen class. Great Lakes Christian High School alumni gathered on the campus on Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25. The congregation is sending gift boxes for children on Neskantaga First Nations Reserve again this year.

Bramalea: About 200 people attended the congregation's 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 24, 2009. One hundred fifty eight people signed the guest register - 114 of these were from Bramalea. Geoff Ellis spoke the following day on the history of the Bramalea church and encouraged the multi-cultural congregation to move forward in the Lord's work. Two special contributions were taken in

October: \$1,502 for "Operation Help," to provide some relief to the Filipino brethren; and money for Beverley Gayle to attend her brother-in-law's funeral in Jamaica. Elmer Palapal, who now attends the Mississauga church of Christ, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, October 18, 2009. A Great Lakes Christian High School "Town Hall" meeting was held Friday, November 27, in the Bramalea church building, for parents and children who attend GLCHS, as well as others interested in attending.

Brantford: A "Hats, Mitts and Scarves" box is being filled again throughout the winter. Items collected will be donated to Central Public School. The November Ladies' Class Dinner and Craft event was held November 8. The change box for food continues to gather spare change to help families in need. Bible study evening has been changed to Mondays. The congregation also holds a monthly song service and time of fellowship following the singing.

Cambridge: The congregation recently celebrated the baptism of a young man, Jesse, who had attended Strawberry Point camp and then continued to study with Greg Fewster. Besides the Sunday a.m. worship and mid-week small groups, the congregation has undertaken numerous weekly and bi-weekly initiatives in an effort to reach out to the community. These include lunches after Sunday a.m. worship, an adult drop-in centre two mornings per week, a girls' group ("Created Beautiful") and an all-ages activity night each Friday. Plans are also being made to begin a guys' group ("Created Strong") on a bi-weekly basis. One of the older members states: "Where we need your help is primarily in supporting Greg Whitfield's living expenses. Greg and his wife play pivotal roles in the church. Without him there would not have been a Cambridge church and his talents and capabilities in relating to neighbourhood youth are essential." If you feel God-led to donate towards Greg's support, email him personally at thee_greggor@yahoo.com, call the church office (519-622-1863) or Greg on his mobile phone (222-338-6720). Check out the church website at www.cambridgecofc.ca. Greg states: "Our ministry efforts are heavy on evangelism... but we have been talking about the need for building up the body as well." So they are working on a few other things: 1) Eldership; 2) Visitation; and 3) Fellowship.

Cornwall: The congregation is asking for help in purchasing and renovating a building. Anyone interested can contact Allen Bojarski, 613-933-825, or email him at aborjarski@cogeco.ca

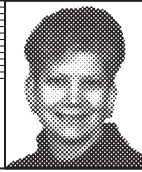
Fennel Avenue (Hamilton): At the request of some who find it difficult to get out for the mid-week evening Bible study, the congregation began a day-time basic Bible study on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. A group is being organized to go to the Royal Ontario Museum to view the Dead Sea Scrolls display. A variety of projects are being discussed to help those in need over the Christmas season.

Toronto (Scarborough): This year the congregation will combine its Authentic Ethnic Fellowship with its End of Year Fellowship. The event will be held on New Year's Eve, December 31, and members were encouraged to bring an ethnic meal. Prayer meeting is held every third Sunday at 6 p.m. the mid-week Bible study is on the book of Revelation. The ladies met Saturday, November 21, to continue their study on the book, "Caterpillars or Butterflies," by Jane McWhorter.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): The congregation rejoiced with Mariefe Ordoneo and Joanne Untalasco, wife of Jason, who were baptized on Sunday, October 25. Key To The Kingdom has expanded services by having the first opportunity to be on radio. The church in Kenora, ON, is presenting the programme on their local radio station. Key is on there at 7:30 am on Sundays. Perhaps there are other congregations that can make use of the programme on radio in their area.

Waterloo: Several members planned to join with Carol Pinczuk on November 28 to visit the Royal Ontario Museum to see the exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The 2009 Great Lakes Bible College Lectureship took place from October 29-31. The theme was: "Timeless Wisdom," with keynote presentations made on themes from Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Jesus Christ, the Wisdom of God. Keynote speakers were Dr. Dave Bland, from Harding University Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. Don Shackelford (retired), Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas; and Dr. Thayer Salisbury, Flanders Road Church of Christ, Toledo, Ohio.

Windsor (West Side): Keenagers met at the building on November 5, 2009. A BOB (Books of the Bible) club recently met at the building. On November 29, a pizza party and coin rolling lunch with the Sunday school children was planned. The children have been collecting loose change to benefit the less fortunate throughout the world. The annual community Clothing Giveaway was held December 4 and 5. The Sunday a.m. adult class continues its series on the 11 relationships you cannot live without (actually 12). Recent Bible characters studied: Lazarus, Lydia, Rhoda and Zaccheus.



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Camrose: Growth doesn't always come on our terms or in our time frame. It has taken us longer than I would have liked to get into the Camrose community. We are starting to see some of the barriers being broken down and results from our efforts to reach out and touch people with the gospel. We are seeing more visitors coming out and we are hearing more positive things concerning the church in Camrose. We continue to host a family games night as well as doing some other outreach activities. I currently have a one-on-one bible study and I am always trying to establish more. We are excited about the opportunities we have had recently to reach out to several families who have recently moved to Camrose. We also continue to work on fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the Edmonton congregations. We appreciate the support they give us. Please keep us in your prayers. (submitted by Dave Friesen)

Medicine Hat: A Gospel Meeting was held October 24 and 25. Gerry Bibaud of Edmonton was guest speaker. The Theme was "Loving God" taken from Matthew 22:37. The first lesson was: Loving God, A Look at the Past; the second lesson: Loving God, observing his Son; the third lesson: love is the number one enemy; the fourth lesson: loving God involves the not so lonely; lesson 5: the church that loves God.

North Side Edmonton: The fall quarter Bible class theme has been "Paul's Prison Letters" taught by Brian Salter. As the search continues for a new evangelist, brothers from within the congregation have ably been bringing the weekly sermons. The men's retreat was held at Rundle Mission November 6-8. The guest speaker was Michael King, evangelist of Lakeside Church of Christ of Orange Park, Florida. Theme of the weekend was Just a Closer Walk With Thee. Lesson titles included: David, A Man After God's Own Heart; Do You Want To See The Lord?; A Meeting At The Rock Piles; An Obedient Servant Walks With God; and We Will Seek Thy Face, Almighty God. A

Meet-and-Greet Potluck was held to welcome and introduce our newest members to the congregation. The ladies "round to it" day is held one Saturday a month. "Get Round To It" projects are completed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford: The Weirs spent the last two weeks of October re-visiting the two reserves in Northern British Columbia, and conduct an in-depth Bible study with a lady in Fort St. John who was baptized in Vancouver in March. As no other members of the church have been found in that area, she has had "a lonely quest for personal spiritual growth", according to Jen. The trip to Tsay Key Dene and Ft. Ware were to assess results of the Bible Day Camp in July in which four people from the Tintern, ON, congregation participated, and further encourage the children who attended. The two communities have had significant challenges recently due to the impact from BC Hydro, as local mining and logging industries felt the effect of their shut-down that challenges their independence and respect.

Burnaby: Volunteers are preparing and delivering boxes of holiday food and gifts to friends and members who are in need.

Delta: The congregation participates in the "Samaritan's Purse" project of filling shoe boxes to send to bless a child in need and deliver a message of joy, hope and love each year. Each shoe box that is delivered opens the door for the organization to explore ways to help children, families and communities. They were collected this year in mid-November.

Nanaimo: Our ancient wood building sign was taken down to be replaced by a new one on the front of the building.

Oakridge: The congregation is missing the Cirilo family who are worshipping with the Surrey congregation since moving to that city. We do enjoy that, once a month, when they come back to see friends here they visit with the congregation as well.

Vernon: The baptism of a mother and daughter made the Oct. 25 service especially glorious as together they put on the robes of Christ. Mae Mehain and Heather decided to begin their new life together when they were immersed.

MANITOBA

Carman: Kristen Schott was baptized Feb. 26 and Corey Lessard on October 4. For the past several weeks we have been benefiting and (enjoying) a pictorial Tour of Israel with Kathy doing the pictures and Dale Elford the commentary on their 2008 trip to this historical part of the world. (submitted by Don Jeffkins)

Manson: The elders in Manson raised the funds for the Mlangenis to get a new truck for their mission work in Zimbabwe. Various congregations and people had made donations to the fund. An email of thanks from Velaphi and Stella Mlangeni was sent out. Velaphi has already put the truck to good use, conducting four gospel meetings, baptizing 141, and transporting a body from the mortuary to a rural area for burial. (See letter of appreciation under Zimbabwe on Mission News page)

Winnipeg: The God's Girls group November activity began with fun in a gym using all the equipment and jungle gym. Then, before snack and devo, shoeboxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child. Breanna Wiebe went to Tanzania as a Youth Ambassador for World Vision. November 8 she shared pictures of this great experience. A contribution was taken to be used towards disaster relief in the South Pacific. November 7 "Chef Joe" and assistants prepared a sumptuous breakfast for sisters from Winnipeg and Carman. Guest speaker was Kathy Elford and her topic was "For such a time as this".

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: The mom's pantry sale sponsored by the Weyburn/Radville Alumni was successful. The WCC Women's Service Club continue with fund raising projects as well. October 11 - November 15 was Random Act of Kindness month in Weyburn. Even though as disciples of Christ we engage in this routinely, what a great opportunity this was for us to shine for our Master within the community of Weyburn.



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Mexico: The True North Helping Hands working in the Maneadero area of Mexico, will complete another classroom in El Salitral between Dec. 12 and 21, making it the third classroom they have constructed at this location. The school has doubled in size over the last year. As it is impossible to find out in advance how many students will be in school, 19 were left in a shed during the first term. It is hoped that the Mexican government will also finish two other classrooms and washrooms soon. People of all ages from four Provinces and three States have joined this group in building homes, schools and hope in a destitute region of Mexico. Begun by the church in Vancouver, Washington, it was expanded into BC, when Patty Jacobs married Roy Kunkle and encouraged some of her relatives to make the trip down with her to work each July. The former member of the Burnaby church told other members about the joy it brought to a few people each time they went, and the work has mushroomed from there. Through making friends at Simon Fraser University, even several non-Christian students have made the trip. With the hard work and support of so many, nine classrooms have gone up, nine existing classrooms renovated, three playgrounds constructed and fences built. Books, desks, playground equipment and numerous other supplies have been donated by various churches and interested groups who hear about what has been accomplished. Three indigenous schools which were identified by local Mexican congregations now have a better place to educate their children. This is the second year that a group has gone down to accomplish even more in December. Date for the summer trip has been set for July 4-10. Even those who cannot go physically have sponsored True North in this work which now has tax credit status. To learn more, contact Patty Kunkle at: pattykunkle@msn.com.

Zimbabwe: (Brother Ken Starnes, elder in the Manson, Manitoba, church, received the following letter of appreciation from the Zimbabwe couple who work so diligently in taking the Gospel to their people in this, one of Africa's poorest countries.) "Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ in

Canada: We write this message with so much humility and admiration for your great love towards us and the Lord's work in Zimbabwe. Specifically, we thank you wholeheartedly for buying us the TRUCK which we are using in preaching the Word of God. You might wonder why we are sending to you this belated gratitude message now. The point is: when the Elders at Manson Church of Christ took us to a Canadian bank in April to transfer the truck fund to the GM Company bank account where we bought the truck, my wife, Stella and I were overwhelmed by this great love which we had never experienced before in our lives. My wife and I wept during the night at the Marilyn and Roger's home where we were staying in April after this transfer worth thousands of dollars was affected by the Elders. Those were tears of great joy! Stella and I could not just imagine us, a poor couple from Africa, ever using a new truck in the Lord's vineyard after so many years of struggling and suffer-

ing. We had never dreamt of such a good thing ever happening to us. Yes, we had prayed before for a better truck because the one we had was too old and was giving us numerous mechanical problems each time we went out preaching in the rural areas. But we never thought God was going to answer our prayers so soon in a BIG WAY! We just did not know what to say. For my wife and I it was like a dream. We did not have words to say then, and prayed several times asking God to give us the right words to say to you for allowing God to use you in expressing this great, wonderful, inexplicable gift. We grew up in abject poverty and when a truck of this magnitude was put in our hands to use in preaching God's Word, it was so overwhelming. What happened to us is like when a physically handicapped person is rescued from drowning during a heavy storm. The feeling of being rescued is beyond what human terminology can portray. Please accept our belated gratitude message which

LETTER FROM THE FENWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Urgent Need in Papua New Guinea

Evangelism and planting churches of Christ in Papua New Guinea was initiated by Joe Cannon and Rick Niland in 1971. Through the years several Canadian, American and Australian Christians have laboured for the Lord in PNG. One hundred seventy five congregations now meet in 14 provinces. There is a Bible training college in Lae, as well as a church operated clinic, Christian preschools in Lae and other areas of the country.

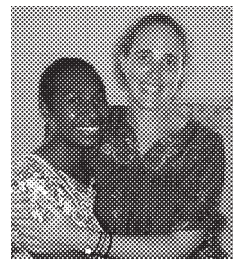
PNG has a population of close to 6 million people, of Melanesian and Polynesian descent. There are over 800 indigenous languages spoken, along with English, Motu and Melanesian Pidgin. Illiteracy and lack of printed resources in Pidgin are deterrents in the growth of Christians and the church.

Ruth Zimmerman has worked with the missionaries and national Christians in Lae and rural areas for over 10 years, establishing support and outreach programmes. She has helped start church operated nursery schools, has taught literacy and done teacher training. Currently Ruth is focused on providing services that benefit and edify the church as a whole in PNG.

These services include: translation of English materials, such as World Bible School correspondence courses and other materials; the creation/compilation of a new Melanesian Pidgin song/hymn book; assisting short-term visiting teams; classes to train and encourage women; curriculum development for nursery-aged children and encouraging rural churches to use these materials in the villages; assisting communications between national workers and Australian sponsors; assisting former missionaries and overseas churches with ongoing projects; and assisting with the operation of World Bible School evangelism in PNG. Quite a load!

Ruth needs regular support to return to PNG in April, 2010, if possible (see ad on page 13). The small Fenwick church is her new sponsor. We will supply some financial support but it will necessarily be small due to our size and other on-going commitments. Please consider this urgent need and help Ruth if possible. Invite Ruth to come for discussion and a presentation of the work and needs.

– The elders of the Fenwick church



comes from the innermost part of our hearts and we are sending this message to you with all sincerity. Your sacrifice for Christ shall always be remembered. May you also note that the storms of time shall never obliterate this great love which you have manifested towards us and the Lord's work in Zimbabwe. Thank you very much! May the good Lord bless each hand which gave so much to fulfill this noble task! May God Almighty reward you greatly on that Great Day! ICor.15:58. You might like to know that since April this year, we have used the truck to ferry one body from Bulawayo Mpilo Hospital Mortuary for burial in a rural area, have conducted four Gospel Meetings and baptized 141 souls. Glory be to God! – In His service, Velaphi and Stella Mlangeni“

Cambodia: The unemployment situation grows worse daily. The Central church in Stockton, CA, has provided enough money to add a third nutrition truck in order to bring food to four or five more villages. At least 400 children will be getting nutritious food five days a week, bringing the total now to over 1,600. This programme is becoming the hope of ten communities in Central Cambodia.

Asia is reeling under the economic crisis. The Indonesian news reported 670,000 factories in China have closed, leaving millions unemployed. The World Food Programme estimates that 100,000,000, (a fourth of the world's population,) have been added to the list of hungry people in the last six months.

Myanmar: Thirteen new Christians in one day were recently added to the Lord's church, as Bill and Marie-Claire McDonough continue their work in this country. The preacher training school started is well underway with 23 young men learning how to take the Bible to small congregations being formed, which will bring hope and a better way of life than the people have ever known before.

Philippines: Sam Genobaga, who attends the Bramalea congregation, returned from a recent trip to the Philippines and reported that the Christian Center the church has been building is now closed in and the congregation is meeting in it. One brother was restored to the church and the wives of two men, who were baptized by Sam on a previous trip, are now studying. One couple was married while Sam was in the country and his

wife plans to be baptized shortly. Another brother was encouraged to preach each week to help the congregation grow and become more stabilized. Sam and Leonora have gone back each year since Sam's baptism on January 1, 2005.

Japan: In October Joel Osborne and Sasha Ingle, intern, attended the annual preachers' meeting in Ibaraki. The focus of study and discussion was on "Discipleship." Joel's doctors have encouraged him to slow down a bit, to get more rest and he is feeling some better. As of the end of October, Jonathan and Michiko Straker are employed by University Church of Christ in Abilene. Jonathan served as interim pulpit preacher for the Highway 36 church of Christ for 2 years. Ben Berry is in the last semester of work on his master's degree in missions. Please pray for Ben and Erica as they seek God's guidance for their future in His kingdom. For reports on the Japanese work, please contact: Ben Berry: bencberry@gmail.com; Joel Osborne: joelosborne4@yahoo.com; Jonathan Straker: jonathan@strakerhouse.com; or Bramalea church of Christ: mail@bramaleacofc.ca.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA MISSION WORK NEEDS

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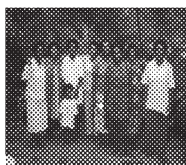
For more than 10 years, Ruth Zimmerman has worked in a supporting role with the Lord's church in Lae and other areas of Papua New Guinea.

- Translating lessons, books, etc.
- Developing curriculum
- Teaching & leading Ladies
- Involved in church run preschool

Ruth has returned to Canada to raise urgently needed support and hopes to return to Lae next April. Finding financial support is imperative for this work to continue. Would you consider helping? Any amount - whether a one-time donation or on an on-going basis - would be greatly appreciated.

Please send donations to Fenwick church of Christ.

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OBITUARIES

Ellis, David Havelock

David Ellis passed away suddenly at his home in Newmarket, Ontario, on the evening of Friday, October 23. He was five months and two days short of his 80th birthday. David was born in Smithville, Ontario, March 25, 1930, to Mary Secor (Patterson) and William Howard Ellis.

David married Joan Gwendoline Cope, in Toronto on September 1, 1951. To this union were born four children, Donna, wife of the late Peter Mashinter; Gerald, husband of Wanita (Deplonty); Wayne, husband of Christine (Zila); and Stephen, husband of Mary (Thompson). David was truly loved and honoured by his wife and children and by David and Joan's eleven grandchildren, Ryan with wife Karen, Bradley with fiancé Sharmila, Gregory, Amy, Sarah, Karen, David and wife Emily, Pamela, Daniel, Brian and wife Jennifer, Crystal and husband Bradley Cann, and great-granddaughter, Rylee. David's growing family, in its love and faithfulness remains a tribute to his life and to his memory. As well, David's passing is mourned by his brother, Geoffrey, husband of Doreen Margaret (Begley) and his brother-in-law, Arthur Groom, husband of the late Grace (Cope).

David began attending the Sanford Ave. Church of Christ in Hamilton, Ontario, when he was nine years old and when Alex Fisher, who became his Sunday School teacher, began to encourage the family in its attendance. He attended Omagh Bible School in the summers of 1942 and 1943, and was baptized by Lemuel Keffer in 1943. By 1943, the family was living in Toronto, and David began attending the Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ. He was a faithful part of this congregation until he and his family moved to Newmarket in 1980. David took an active role with the Newmarket Church of Christ, serving as an elder for twelve years, from 1995 to 2007. He served on the Camp Omagh board of directors for an

extended period and faithfully supported this effort over a number of years.

David graduated from Danforth Technical School and was an employee of IBM from which company he retired in 1990.

David loved camping and vacationing with his family and had just returned from an enjoyable week with family members in the Bancroft area. His sudden passing was unexpected and shock to all who knew and loved him. His lifetime faithfulness to his Lord, however, turns our sadness to joy.

The funeral service was conducted at the Newmarket church building by Nathan Pickard. Interment is in the Aurora Cemetery.

- Geoffrey Ellis

Moore, Carson Neil

(January 12, 1932 - October 19, 2009)

The first son of Leila and Gordon Moore, Carson was raised with his brother, Ellis, on the family farm on Mountain Road. The family has a long history in the community. It is of interest that the farm has belonged to his father's family for over 200 years.

He grew up and attended school in the

local community and was a long-time member of the Tintern Church of Christ, whose present building is on property obtained from his grandparents.

He is remembered as a quiet, pleasant person. He was short in stature but large in life. I am told that some of the Sunday School children, straining to see his head above the pulpit stand when he participated in public leadership activities, compared him to Zacheaus, "the wee little man" who climbed the sycamore tree to enable him to see Jesus. Carson did not seem to let this hold him back.

He was much interested and involved in hunting and fishing sports and enjoyed some success at them. He also enjoyed fellowship with other sportsmen in these activities. Some of these remain to miss him.

Carson was mechanically inclined and spent his working life as a machinist/mechanic working at various places including Malton, Smithville and in the Welland /St. Catharines area. More recently he has had his own business in the St. Catharines area repairing small motors. He continued working on lawn mowers and rotatillers until very recently.

He attended the church at Tintern regularly and after his father's death came, on Sunday mornings, from his home on the lake in St. Catharines to pick his mother up and bring her to church with him. Since her recent death and because of ailing health, he and Judy have been attending the St. Catharines church of Christ on Ontario Street.

Family members who will miss him and find themselves adjusting to his absence include: His wife Judy; son Clayton (Yvonne); daughter Pamela (Paulo) Poalini; stepson Ronald (Jennifer) Shafir; stepdaughter Bryna (Glen) McIlveen; and brother Ellis (Eileen). There are also grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He will be missed by family, church and community. The memorial service was led by Jeremiah Cisco of the St. Catharines church.

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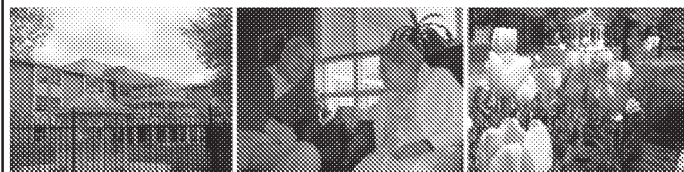
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to the gospel, pray for other needs in their lives. Pray that God will give you words and a humble spirit with which to share. Begin where your friends are, do they have a present need in their lives, a crisis or problem? If so, you might be able to share with them how God helped you in a similar situation. The gospel can also be your story as you share how you came to Christ, share your journey from being lost, feeling empty and in despair, until Jesus came and saved you and filled you with his love and joy.

Be patient, one conversation may change a life but not always. Allow your friends time to think on their own about what you have shared with them. They may come back to you with more questions after they have had time to think. Continue to pray for them, ask God to work on their hearts and to open their minds to His good news. Pray that God will give you wisdom and patience as you share what is most important in your life with those who are important to you.

I pray that God will bless you as you seek to walk the walk and talk the talk.

live and work around you without a reason to have faith in Christ? Run the course with endurance so they can see the great things for which you live and sacrifice. They need to see lights in the world that refuse to be snuffed out like so many others. How many people around you have become weak, lifeless and ready to abandon the Lord? Keep the faith through all trials and encourage others to do the same.

The fight doesn't have to be traumatic, as if it's our last stand—although that may be demanded of us. Rather, it can play out every day by simply caring for people who may not experience much attention or concern. Carrying burdens must come before sharing Scripture. While we run the course we must not run over people or ignore their needs as we concentrate on our pace. It's a careful run because we're to watch for souls who may want to join us. Who is watching you go by: waitresses, bank employees, co-workers? They aren't there just to serve you; they're people with hopes and dreams you can influence. It starts

with kindness, interest and conversation. Will you give that, or will you just be too busy running?

Keeping the faith is not selfish. We study, learn and pray for more than ourselves. We do it to be strong and ready. We can't share what we don't have. Spend time with God's word every morning before you must spend time with people. Read what He said before you read what the world says in the newspaper or on TV. This is keeping the faith and it will change you and the people you know.

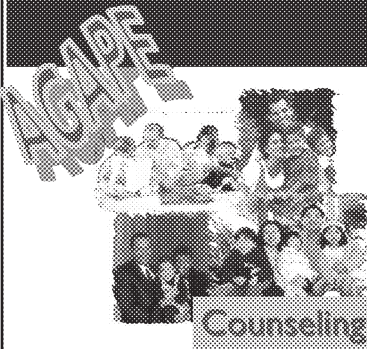
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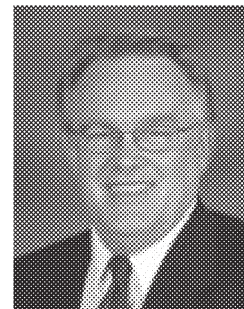
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malleable. The unforgivable post-modern 'sin' is to claim to know the sort of truth which everyone else has an obligation to accept.

The truth-gap that separated early Christians from pagans remains. The nature and dimensions of the gap are only now becoming clear. On one side, the absolute truth of scripture and the content of that truth inform a Christian world-view. It is both universal in scope and antithetical in nature. On the other side, one encounters the anti-worldview of postmodernism. It refuses the possibility of a single unified way of understanding reality. It denies the existence and even the possibility of an overarching story capable of explaining all others. It places no value upon coherence and is almost Canadian... defining³ itself by what it is not. It protests every version of the truth... except its own. It is even reluctant to grant perception, content finally with mere perceptions about perception. It claims to know that one cannot know. Bombarded by voices on every side, it gives attention to all while lending credence to none.

How then do we bring the message of God's word to a world of suspicious minds? How might we communicate with those who doubt the reliability of communication? How do we speak of the gospel as 'truth' and have that word understood in the biblical sense? How can we make the message of God's word heard as the one voice deserving attention to the exclusion of all others? We'll return to these questions in the next article.

Waterloo, ON

1 The title of this article assumes several things. It assumes that as Christians, we are not postmodern in our thinking. It assumes that such a thing can actually be done and does not involve us in a contradiction in terms. It assumes that we understand what communication is and what postmodernism is. It assumes that Christians have both a responsibility to declare and share the gospel with others and a desire to do so. And it assumes that we still live in a world that is strongly influenced by postmodern thought. The danger of making these assumptions may be counterbalanced only slightly by the lesser evil of a 'Cole's Notes' treatment of them.

2 Taken from his work: On That Which Is Not, or On Nature.

3 Generally speaking, postmoderns deny that postmodernism can be defined. It is more of a collection of objections to other views of reality than it is a positive assertion or unified statement of reality as it is.

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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@bramaleacocf.ca; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacocf.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 P0A 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 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: 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am, Service 11am; Mid-week study Wed 7 pm; Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary, ph: 613-933-1825; Joel Bojarski: chairman; Mark Duperron: treasurer, ph: 613-932-3701; Fax: 613-933-2464; Mail: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: abojarski@cogeco.ca; website: www.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.churchofchristhamilton.com

HAMILTON (North): YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Joe Sandassi, 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.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin 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 110

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

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday School 10 am, worship 11 am; (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-cofc@brucelecom.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) 829-8312; thourenco@cogeco.ca

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: davidrlock@sympatico.ca; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road West, Milton,L9T 2X8; 10, 11; website: http://omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., RR # 3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0.

OSHAWA Cedar Park Church of Christ: (formally Ajax) 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursday Bible study 7:30 pm; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Malcolm Porter, 905-668-3346 (res).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 613-733-2580 (off); www.ottawachurchofchrist.ca

OTTAWA (West): The Olde Forge Community Resource Centre, 2730 Carling Avenue, Ottawa; Mailing Address: West Ottawa Church of Christ, c/o Bill Schlarb, 361 Viewmont Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2E 7R9 Sunday morning: 10 am. Bible study, 11 am; Worship service Contacts: Bill Schlarb, 613-224-8507; Bruce Veinot, 613-592-0291

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing Address: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Peter McPherson (705) 742-5349

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; (905) 834-5775 (off).

REXDALE: Meets Sunday for SS 9:30, worship 10:30 at 1485 Albion Road, Etobicoke, corner of Albion and Kipling, mail goes to Derrick Grant, 29 Revelstoke Place, brampton ON L6R 3G3, phone 416-628-9620 (D. Grant) or 416-656-9309 (Rupert Corrie)

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; 935-9581 (off.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; Email: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; WebSite: www.stcatharinescofc.ca

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Call for midweek date and place; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123.

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

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SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village, Reg. Rd.#53. Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1L0; Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@xplornet.com Alt. Paul Ross: 905-7762644 or glorybound@xplornet.com

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. L0R 2A0, PO Box 451; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

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

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Robert Priestnall, sec.; email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St.,N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wednesday - various activities 7:00 pm, please call for details; Voice mail (519) 273-5280; Contacts: John Brush (519) 625-1054; Paul Dale (519) 273-9063

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

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. Bible classes & worship • 10:30•12:00; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214; Steve May, ev. 384-0597.

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Jim Kent, sec. Randy Morrill, (ev); RR2 Thessalon POR 1L0, 705-842-5538.

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. call for information; (807) 577-2213 (off.).

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON L0R 2C0; Worship at 9: 45a.m. with classes to →

follow; Sunday pm call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev. (905) 563 6311 (off.).

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Hilborn, sec., mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Scarborough): 700 Progress Avenue, Unit # 14 Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2Z7; Sun. 9:45am; 11:00am. (Mailing Address: P.O. Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr. Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7; Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Devon Bennett, ev. 905686-2486, cell: 416-209-2529, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca Phillip Brown ev.905-231-9304, cell: 905-406-9160; e-mail: philikare@gmail.com. Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.net

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 416-244-9152; Aikins Wiredu, sec., 905-791-0694; contact, Kaso Ramcharitar, 416-652-7266; Twi service available.

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

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

WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; David Dunn ev., 519-669-4319; Jamie Azzoparde, 519-578-8553 (res), e-mail: azzoparde@gmail.com

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

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 785 Sandison Ave., Windsor, N9E 4T3; (519) 250-4407; Email: westsidechurch@live.com; www.geocities.com/wsidecoc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

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

MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 785 Brault Ave, Verdun, QC, H4H 2B3, Sunday 10, 11, 6:30; Wednesday 7:00 (English) Ph 514-564-6780; Fax 514-564-6781, Leonard Amanatey, ev.; Email: churchofchristofgm@videotron.com, Website: www.greatermontrealchurchofchrist.com

MONTREAL (South-West • English/French/Spanish): Ville Emard Church of Christ, 6259 Monk Blvd., Montreal, QC, H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the Monk subway station); (514) 765-8919. Simultaneous electronic translation: Sunday 10, 11, Wed. 7; Website: www.veccoc.org; Michael Mazzalongo ev. (514) 766-4911; e-mail: Mazzalongo@videotron.ca; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105 e-mail: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

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PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

ESTEVAN: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res. E-mail: estevan.cofc@sasktel.net website: www.estevanchurchofchrist.org

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, Box 507, S0H 1X0; Wendell Bailey, ev; (306) 648-3435

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

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

RADVILLE: in private Residence at (810 Mann Ave.); Richard Thue, sec., Box 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

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

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

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

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

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

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Balance forward January 2009	\$18,381.93
2009 Donations: received (individuals)	21,536.03
non-receipted (congregations)	40,552.22
Total Donations	\$62,088.25
Balance before expenses	\$80,470.18
Expenses for 2009:	
Advertising & Office	\$2,901.41
Postage	1,143.69
Phone & Services	1,880.68
Production	1,012.98
Television time	70,307.81
Travel & Supply	331.59
Total expense	\$77,578.16
Balance as of 30 October, 2009	\$2,892.02

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