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Understanding Forgiveness

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Forgiveness is something we talk about a lot, but I wonder just how much we understand it. Is it possible for one to forgive and yet the forgiveness be conditional without any compromise of moral integrity on the part of the forgiver? Yes! God is absolutely good and He forgives conditionally; therefore, forgiveness may be imposed conditionally with no forfeiture of ethical principle. There is no better example than the request of Christ while on the cross. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Did God at that moment forgive those Jews unconditionally? Scripture reveals that He did not. This is made clear when we read Acts chapter 2 which records Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. Beginning with verse 22, Peter clearly explains that the man they had crucified was the Son of God. He brings this to a conclusion when he says, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (v. 36). Many hearers were convicted of their sins and cried out, "...men and brethren, what shall we do?" (v. 37) They were told, "...repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (v. 38). If God had forgiven the sins of those who crucified Christ on the day Christ made the request while hanging on the cross, there would have been no sins to be forgiven fifty days later.

Clearly the promise of forgiveness to these people was conditional. God is willing to freely forgive man of sins, but there must be the expression of genuine faith in doing what He requires for the reception of that forgiveness. It is further evident that when a child of God transgresses his Father's will, the pardon extended to him is still conditional (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). God will and

does forgive sins when the conditions of His forgiveness are met.

There are two kinds of forgiveness. (1) What might be called vertical forgiveness is received from a loving God as we have just discussed. (2) There is horizontal forgiveness that is the forgiveness we are required to extend to one another (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:28-35). There is an interesting fact that must be noted here. For one to receive the benefit of God's forgiveness of sins, that one must be willing to forgive all trespasses that his fellow men have done to him. FACT: It is impossible to be forgiven by God if one will not forgive his fellowman. I truly believe this is a point many fail to understand. Mankind is so prone to exhibit an unforgiving attitude toward those by whom they were wronged. The story that Jesus told in Matthew 18:23-35 is seen in differing degrees today. Briefly the story is this. There was a man who owed the king more money that he could ever repay. The Master commanded that the man and his family be sold to pay toward the debt. The man fell before the Master and begged for mercy and that mercy was given. The Master forgave the man his entire debt. He left the Master's presence a free man. But this servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a small amount of money and demanded immediate payment. His fellow servant begged for time to repay the loan. The man would not listen and had the man thrown into prison until he paid the debt.

Their fellow servants saw how

wrong this was and told the Master what the man he had forgiven had done. The Master called the man back and said, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?" The Master had the wicked servant put in prison until he paid all, which of course, he could never do.

Folks, not being willing to forgive is too expensive for me, how about you? An unforgiving attitude will cost you heaven. God says that He will not forgive you unless you are willing to forgive your fellowman. Yet, I am sure we all have known people within the church who had aught against each other to the point they would not even speak when they came to worship. Yet, they both sing "We're Marching to Zion!" Not so! If we cannot fellowship one another here on the earth we will not fellowship one another in heaven. If both have the unforgiving attitude, they will fellowship one another in hell.

A question that arises many times is, "Can I forgive a person if he does not want to be forgiven?" Many said, "Yes, you can forgive a person who does not want to be forgiven." This really involves the difference between "forgiveness" and the "willingness to forgive." We need to heed the words of Jesus in Luke 17:3, "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him." A brother who sins against us must be rebuked. He has sinned. But notice Jesus says that

he cannot be forgiven until he "repents!" You may be willing to do your part to resolve the matter, but if he does not want to be forgiven, you cannot forgive him. One wise old elder told me one time, "If you can forgive someone who does not want to be forgiven, you can do something that God can't do." Amen

North Canton, OH

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Pre-evangelism & Preparation for Worship

Thayer Salisbury

Thirty years ago it was popular to say that everything a Christian does is evangelism. More recently, it has become popular to say that everything that a Christian does is worship. These seem like noble ideas. Some passages seem to give biblical support to these claims. But are these thoughts really biblical?

Everything a Christian does is to be done to the glory of God. That is clear from passages like Colossians 3. In that chapter we are told, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (17). And, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (23-24).

Everything a Christian does, if done well and with a good attitude, may help in the task of evangelism. That is Paul's point when he tells Titus, "Slaves are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior" (Titus 2:9-10).

Everything we do may support evangelism, and everything we do may bring some indirect form of glory to God, but does that make everything we do evangelism and worship?

A job well done helps prepare people to hear the gospel from us but we have not evangelized until we intentionally and clearly teach the gospel. A job well done is pre-evangelism, but it is not evangelism. Yes, we should live in such a way as

to set a good example, but we should also intentionally and clearly teach the gospel; and we should not claim that we have evangelized until we have done so.

A life well lived is a good thing. When a Christian accepts his lot in life and makes the best of it, his life glorifies God. But this is no substitute for intentional worship.

The notion that we could evangelize just by setting a good example has killed evangelism in the church. It has given people an excuse to neglect evangelism. It is also arrogant. Jesus proclaimed the gospel. He did not depend on his good example to convert them; he taught them as well. Are we pretending that our example is better than his?

The notion that everything is worship is killing worship in the church. It is giving people an excuse to neglect those times when we set aside our natural activities and focus

specifically on the Lord. It is giving an excuse to those who want to use unauthorized forms of worship.

Should we live every moment of every day with God in mind, with the intent to glorify him, with the hope that our example might help to win someone to him? Yes, of course we should. But, having done so, should we say, "We have worshipped and evangelized?" No, we should not.

A life well lived is good pre-evangelism and good preparation for worship. But until we set aside the natural activities of living for a time focused specifically on rendering to the Lord the worship he has commanded, we have not worshipped. Until we speak in such a way as to persuade others to honor him, we have not evangelized.

Ryan commented...

I agree with the basic thrust of your argument—that we should not neglect formal worship and direct and intentional evangelism—however; it doesn't follow that since we have restored a sense that everything is worship and evangelism, that we will necessarily neglect the more traditional forms of each.

The idea that everything is worship and evangelism was a wake up call to many who never realized that each and every day we show worth and glory to things with no relation to God; that we often preach and promote through our actions a gospel foreign to anything seen in the Bible. We have hidden behind nice and neat categories of public/private, sacred/secular so as to divorce ourselves from even the thought that we could be apostles for something like consumerism or some other seemingly innocuous spirit of the age.

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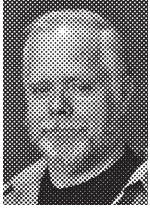
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De-Churched

Wayne Turner



Are you a saint or a sinner? Saved or lost? A believer or an unbeliever? Over the years, these words have been used by people in the evangelical community to distinguish between themselves and outsiders. However, to those who are labelled sinners, lost and unbelievers, these terms seem rather pointed, if not even offensive and derogatory. Believers, realizing the implied slurs, began using the terms church and unchurched. In our present culture of declining religious interest and given the increasing numbers of people who have never had any religious teaching or even exposure, these designations could be used without the implied judgment and offense of the earlier terms.

However, not all of the unchurched today come from nonreligious backgrounds. Many came out of churches. They decided to abandon their affiliation with organized religion. These are being identified as “de-churched.” Skye Jethani, managing editor of *Leadership*, in “Who Are the De-Churched?” suggests they fall into three main categories. First, there are those who have lost faith in the institutional church to provide the relationships, community and authenticity they seek, especially in an intimate fellowship to “live out the ‘one another’ commands in Scripture.” These may substitute involvement in small groups for being part of a church. Second, there are the “die-hard activists” who are “driven to see the world impacted by the gospel” but have become frustrated by the “enormous amounts of energy and resources” the institutional church expends “maintaining itself rather than advancing the mission.” These may invest themselves in para-church ministries and organizations in lieu of church involvement. Third, there are those who leave because “people in the church have a tendency to be small and mean and couldn’t deal honestly with their own sins or the sins of others.” E. Glenn Wagner, in *Escape from Church, Inc.* speaks of “dropout Christians” who have been “hurt and abused in churches.” These would be left scarred, broken and bitter from their experiences. Of these three, the last seems least likely to ever want to become involved in church again.

All of these seem to have one thing in common—they have been disillusioned. Programmes, organizational structures, power struggles and turf wars have replaced real faith, close relationships and a dynamic sense of

mission and ministry. Others have been hurt by the unkind actions of others, especially those in positions of leadership.

One thing that is apparent is that this exodus is happening across the whole religious spectrum, but especially among evangelicals. We should carefully note why. Jethani suggests two reasons. First, he suggests that some left their church because they had received a “hybrid consumer gospel in which God exists to serve me and accomplish my desires in exchange for my obedience.” When the “assumed promises” don’t come, “frustration, disappointment and disillusionment quickly follow.” In response, he suggests that need to “start deconstructing” “consumer assumptions.” Jesus calls us to come follow Him.

Second, he notes that the organizational structure of some churches has replaced human relationships, so people feel like “cogs in a machine, a means of production, human commodities. They don’t feel valued for who they are but for what they can do, give, or contribute.” In short, they feel exhausted and used. Structures and programmes should strengthen human relationships.

Whether we recognized it at the time or not, many congregations have had people who were de-churched, either because their expectations were unfulfilled or they felt unappreciated and used. One of the best antidotes is to build strong, open relationships within the church family which value every person. For us, restoring New Testament Christianity is not just about restoring church organization and structure. It should also be about restoring New Testament fellowship and relationships as well as ministry and service.

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The Fields Are White

The Lord's Church must daily be about the business of taking the gospel to those who do not know Jesus as the Christ and who have not obeyed the gospel. This is not a task that can be left until later or for the next generation to do. In the words of Jesus, "...My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages

and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps'" (John 4:34-37 ESV).

This is an interesting passage in view of the attitude sometimes held by Christians today in reference to outreach and mission. Jesus' disciples may have said that harvest time was four months away, but Jesus said the harvest was already ripe and needed reaping instantly. The imperative addressed to the apostles of Jesus here is also addressed to us

Christians of today. Opportunities will be lost by waiting, so the Church needs to feel the responsibility to take the gospel and rejoice in what is being done to accomplish the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

Local congregations, big and small, need to be enthusiastic about evangelism and see the need to look out and see the challenge just outside their door and also worldwide. We must never become simply "house sitters" in the Lord's Church but must lift our eyes to see the field and take opportunity to contribute in whatever way we can to make the gospel known to mankind. One way this can be accomplished is to make sure the congregation where you worship is kept informed on what is happening in Canada and around the world in evangelism. That is one of the reasons for News West, News East and Mission News in the Herald each month. We can be encouraged to excel more in our mission by seeing what is being done in our world as the gospel is preached by faithful brethren.

Our contribution to this great work may be large or small, depending on personal abilities and assets and the abilities and assets of the congregation as a whole. However, most everyone can help in some way in the sowing and harvest.

March 27 and 28, 2010, were special days in Fenwick, ON, as the congregation there hosted a Mission Emphasis Weekend. Displays and reports on outreach work by Canadians, in Canada and elsewhere in the world, were featured in displays and reports on Saturday afternoon. About 55 attended the event and the congregation provided a wonderful pot luck meal at the end of the presentations. It was a wonderful day of fellowship, learning and encouragement as we were made more aware of some of

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Hidden by the Darkness

I sat quietly listening to her story; afraid to breathe for fear that I might miss a word. The story grew more horrific with each sentence. It was a tale of abuse, both physical and mental. He had hit her and although that was years in the past and had never been repeated, I was still scared for her. She told of the verbal assaults, the anger and rage, he sounded to me like a raging lunatic. He sought to control her with his anger and to isolate her from others. He was an expert at mind games where only he knew the rules and he was turning her children against her. What she said next brought a lump to my throat and a tear to my eye. She told me that she had felt so alone for twenty years. You see no one knew of the danger she lived in each day. No one knew of her husband's hair trigger rage. No one knew of her despair and loneliness.

She was finally getting out, she knew her husband didn't love her and never had, she didn't have to guess, he had told her that. He blamed her for everything and was sure everything was her fault. She knew if she stayed he would destroy her, if not taking her life then squelching her spirit.

We have all heard the stories and maybe even seen the pictures on the news of the women who show up bloody and bruised at our emergency rooms. We can see the despair and fear in their eyes and we get angry and feel sad at the same time, but our concern disappears when the picture vanishes from our television screen. We can say that this is a problem out

there in the world, but the story above is of a good church of Christ family and he is a well respected leader in his church. We can easily convince ourselves that it is isolated, after all we haven't seen it or heard of it where we go to church. Unfortunately, it is only too easy to hide, bruises can be covered and one who appears to be spiritual and kind at church functions can be a raging lunatic at home.

I was afraid for my new friend, fearful that the violence of the past would return as he saw the marriage dissolving. When my police constable friends stopped by for a visit one day I asked them what more I could do to protect my new friend. Thinking that it was someone close by they

volunteered to come with me that very moment to get her out. When I told them it was someone miles away they told me in no uncertain terms to get her out now, not tomorrow, not this afternoon, not in an hour, but now. Seeing the unbelieving look on my face one of the constables said, "Look Brian when your house is on fire you get out, you don't call a cab and wait for it to arrive you get out." "Get her out!" they both repeated again. "The way this works too often is that the women keep going back over and over again until the husband kills them, get her out and keep her out." That conversation was a heavy dose of reality for me and I encouraged my new friend to get out, she assured me she was safe and would soon be out, but I continued to be concerned and prayed that God would protect her. Please be assured that as you read this she is safely away from her abuser and with her family and friends. She knows that she is not alone and is thankful for God's blessings; she has not allowed her life of abuse

and loneliness to take away her joy. Her voice sparkles when she speaks and her eyes light up and she enjoys joking with her friends. She is tenderhearted and kind, always reaching out, always wanting to help others. She is what all of us want in a friend and I thank God that she has not just survived but risen above.

I am reminded that it doesn't always turn out this well for others. Some keep going back to the abuse and when their life is snuffed out their children are left with a dead mother and a father in prison. For others it is a life of loneliness and despair without end.

How can this happen? Because it is hidden in the darkness, because the abused, in their shame help the abuser keep it hidden and only when it is brought out

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Lessons from a Newborn

by Jennifer LaBlanc

(Editor's Note: I would like to thank Jennifer for her contribution for this issue. Lessons can be learned from so many common things in life, and she has done a great job of showing us just that. I would again encourage ladies who read the Gospel Herald to consider sharing thoughts with us through this page.—lch)

When our son was born two and a half years ago, my husband and I found ourselves immersed in a whole new world of parenting. I have learned many lessons along the way, and while reflecting on these lately, I realized that Christians can learn a lot regarding our relationship with our heavenly Father, if we approach Him with the attitude of a newborn baby. This list could probably be a lot longer, but since it is already two years overdue, here are a few of the lessons learned:

Absolute trust—When placed in unfamiliar or intimidating situations, my son keeps his eyes fixed on me and holds on tight, trusting that everything will be alright. It is as though he believes that nothing will harm him as long as I am there. Do we fully trust God in all circumstances in our lives, both good and bad? Do we cling to Him when life throws us for a loop? “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Joy—It is such a pleasure to be greeted with a huge smile in the mornings, to hear the deep belly giggle when we're playing, and to watch him bounce with excitement when he's just glad that I'm around. My son is not afraid to show his joy for my presence. Do we show joy because of God's daily presence in our lives? Do we show how much we

appreciate Him? Paul urges us to “Be joyful always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16) and to “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4, NIV).

Cries out for help—Babies cry, everyone knows that! I know that my son's cries are just requests for help—please feed me, change me, play with me, cuddle me, etc. It is the only way he can communicate his needs. So, what do we do when we need help? Do we keep it to ourselves, or do we cry out to our Father? We learn from David that “The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles” (Psalms 34:17, NIV). God cares for us; so, we should not hesitate to cast our cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:7).

Eager for food—Ever since he was born, it seems my son is always hungry and willing to eat! When he was a newborn, his appetite for milk was voracious, and now he is increasingly interested in solid food. Do we yearn for God's food, the Scriptures? Are we progressing from milk to solid food? Peter tells us to crave pure spiritual milk, like newborn babies (1 Peter 2:2). And that's not all; the writer of Hebrews cautions that we must mature from milk to solid food by building on the elementary truths of God's word and training ourselves in righteousness (Hebrews 5:14).

Daily growth—It seems like my son grows and matures on a daily basis. Almost every day, he learns something new while always growing stronger and stronger. This is likely partly because of his eagerness to eat and also partly because of his constant desire to learn. Do we use our daily spiritual food to help us grow stronger in our faith (1 Peter 2:2)? We learn in Ephesians 4:14-16 that it is imperative that we not remain as

infants but rather grow up into Christ our head.

Mimics—What fun it is to make faces and see them returned to you with added giggles! My son loves to mimic my actions and noises and always tries his best to succeed. Who do we mimic? As Christians, we are called to “Be imitators of God...and live a life of love...” (Ephesians 5:1-2, NIV) and also to “be holy in all you do, for it is written ‘Be Holy, because I am Holy’” (1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV). These are not easy things to do, but we have the greatest example of all in the life of Christ. Paul learned how to mimic Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1), and we need to do likewise.

With the recent arrival of our daughter, I am learning these lessons all over again. We are gradually learning to be the parents we need to be for our children. Unfortunately for them, we will make mistakes, and we won't always have the right answers to their problems. However, as Christians we have a Father in heaven who will never fail us and will always be there for us. We need to continually evaluate our relationship with Him, and make it stronger. We must trust Him in all things, be joyful of His presence, cry out to Him for help, crave His spiritual food, grow daily and imitate Him. Think this sounds difficult? Even a baby could do it!

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Certainly we should not neglect corporate worship and discursive evangelism—but we can still have this with the understanding that everything is indeed worship and evangelism; that all things point to something. And we certainly need not think that it is merely pre-evangelism or preparation—I worry that such sentiment will kill the patient while trying to cure the disease!

I suppose if I saw a farmer ploughing as pre-farming, or falling in love with someone as preparation for marriage—then I'd agree with the flow of the rest of your post.

Thayer responded,

Thank you for your comment, Ryan. This is a discussion about semantics. Unlike some people, I consider that important. We are searching for the best way to express

a truth. I would not deny that I have not yet found the best way. Terms like “pre-evangelism” and “preparation for worship” are far from perfect. But they are, I strongly believe, an improvement over the tendency to call everything evangelism and everything worship.

Let us look more closely at the figures of speech you suggest.

When a farmer plows, he certainly is farming, but he is not planting. When a Christian lives a godly life, he certainly is living as a Christian should but he is not, at that point, evangelizing. Until the seed is sown (the seed is the word, Luke 8:11), one may have plowed, but one has not planted, one has not evangelized. The farmer who plows but never sows is a poor farmer. The Christian who “just sets a good example” but never overtly evangelizes will never reap a crop. And I have known many who have taken that approach.

I clearly did love the lady who is now my wife before she became my wife. Loving her was not marriage, although it was good preparation for it. The person who thinks about God all week, and lives a relatively upright life, has prepared himself for worship; but unless he (through word and action) clearly expresses adoration for God, he has not worshipped.

Our words are never perfect. I know that there are many who use the “everything is evangelism” terminology and still evangelize. I know that there are many who use the “everything is worship” terminology and still worship. But for many others, that terminology is misleading. We must continue to search for ways of expressing these abstract concepts. Very likely we will never find the perfect way. But this matter is important enough that we ought to keep trying to find better ways of expressing it.

Ryan responded,

I appreciate the search for clarity—and I concede that some do confuse the statement that “everything is ‘X’” such that they might as well be

saying that “nothing is ‘X’”. My only worry here is that our rhetoric might push back too hard in the opposite direction—such that we appear to be saying that worship, or evangelism, can only be X, Y, and Z, and everything else is something altogether different. If so, we then lock worship and evangelism into special places and times, with certain explicit words and phrases. While these traditional forms should not themselves be excluded, pushing back and excluding in the other direction may sever these forms from their source—much like having a loveless marriage.

So, while ploughing is not the same thing as planting, it often appears as if some sneer at those who chop trees and haul rocks while they do the “real” work of scattering seed—even if tossed thoughtlessly into the copse and thickets of this postmodern hinterland.

Admittedly, I'm speaking less individualistically than perhaps you might have intended this (perhaps due to my overly generous reading of 1 Cor. 3:6); but I'd like to add the distinction between merely the delineation of the ‘hows’ and ‘whats’ against the ‘what-nots’ of worship/evangelism, and the often neglected question of ‘what does this point to?’ applied to ALL OF LIFE. It is this later question, I believe, that is deeply concerned with uncovering idolatry, and in its better variations avoids blurring traditional boundaries.

It is this care and concern against idolatry that I cannot help but include as worship. And it is the well placed question or comment—even when void of a hint of piety—that can cut down worldview strongholds, such that those who hear might start searching for a rock amongst their sea of sand...

If I am to reread your post through a more individualistic lens—making peace with my lot in life—then, yes, I agree: that simply a life well lived has little to do with worship or evangelism. But only the unexamined life—a blind stoicism—would fail to

LISTINGS OF INTEREST

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wonder, "What is it that makes my life well lived?" "Who or what is defining what 'well' means?"...

Thayer concluded,

Let me assure you, I think very highly of the task of clearing land and plowing. Both are critical to the task of farming. The farmer has not planted until he has planted. I think very highly of everything we do to honor the Lord, and everything we do to prepare people to receive his word, but still, we have not evangelized until we have taught the good news.

I also think very highly of the importance of living a godly life. The ungodly can never worship acceptably before God. But even the person who lives an upstanding life has not worshipped until he has bowed in reverence before God. To live a moral and even generous life can easily be a form of self-worship (consider Romans 9:30-10:4). We cannot acceptably worship without living a godly life, but until we bow

ourselves before God and specifically express our proper relationship to him, we have not worshipped. Our actions, in living a good life, can easily be seen (will normally be seen by the world) as self-righteousness, unless we add to them specific words of worship and a clear presentation of the gospel.

In our home, we worship everyday. We strive to live upright lives 24 hours per day, as every Christian should, but we do not call that worship. When we pause at the end of each day to specifically humble ourselves before God—listening to his word, praising him in song, and speaking to him in prayer—that is worship.

Do I try to live such a life before my neighbours as to influence them toward the Lord? Yes, I try to do so. But until I have actually sown the word in their hearts, I should not claim that I have evangelized them.

A life well lived will make people wonder about us, but, unless we

share the word with them at some point, most will come up with their own explanations of why we live as we live. Example, by itself, helps to clear and prepare the ground, but eventually the seed must be sown.

Shame on those who scatter the seed thoughtlessly and pointlessly without any attempt to prepare the ground. Those who do this are ignoring Colossian 3 and Titus 2:9-10. But (equally) shame on those who hide behind the excuse "I set a good example, that is my evangelism." They are ignoring much more.

Shame on those who assemble with the saints on Sunday, after a week of living for themselves. Their worship is an abomination to God (Prov 15:8). But (equally) shame on those who say, "I do not need to concern myself with what God has commanded concerning assembling with the saints to worship him; I do not need specific times of worship in my home; everything I do is worship."

Toledo, OH

Be equipped...



Tamara has recently completed an undergraduate degree in International Development Studies. She and her husband, Matthew, who is completing a degree in Nursing, hope to show Christ's love through overseas work.

"As a college student at Western Christian, the daily study of the Bible helped me to focus on the love and example of Jesus Christ. A year spent as a missionary apprentice in rural Zambia further challenged me to see the world through the eyes of Christ. It is because of these experiences that I seek compassion, love, and justice for the hurting of the world."

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Barrie: The congregation plans to host a weekend retreat May 14-16 for young adults in their 20s and 30s as well as for young dating and married couples. The theme is: "Living Large."

Bayview: A women's spiritual renewal weekend, entitled "Bloom Where You're Planted, from John 13, is scheduled for May 21 and 22. Guest speaker is Marian Starks, from the Shiloh Road Church of Christ, Tyler, Texas.

Beamsville: Great Lakes Christian High School held a youth rally April 16-18, 2010 for grades 7 to 12. A "Trivia Night" was

held on April 9 by the WAVES organization as a fund raiser for the school. Birthday gifts for the boys at Lansdowne House were shipped to Neskantaga in April. The WAVES annual meeting was held May 1 at Great Lakes with a brunch and fashion show. The GLCHS Alumni Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 29, 2010.

Bramalea: Eleven of our young people were scheduled to attend the GLCHS Youth Rally on the weekend of April 17-18. Kevin Hunter, minister for the congregation, is slated to receive his Bachelor of Religious Education degree at the Great Lakes Bible College graduation exercises on May 8, 2010.

Brantford: Guest speakers recently for the congregation were Greg Toohey, Guy Stoppard, Rob Moore, Wayne Whitfield and Jamie Azzoparde. Hats, mitts and scarves were again donated to Central Public School. The congregation contributes to a "change box for food" to help families in need. Congregational singing was held here on April 24, 2010.

Fenwick: Mission Emphasis weekend on March 27-28, 2010 was great! About 55 attended and heard reports from 12 presenters. Displays and information was also available from various benevolent works. Walter Straker and Art Ford spoke to the congregation on Sunday, March 28. The congregation was again at the Pelham Home Show, and the ladies plan another ladies' day on May 29 with Ruth Etienne as speaker. The ladies have also begun a monthly devotional period. Ruth Zimmerman leaves for Papua New Guinea on April 29. The Fenwick church has a new website: <http://www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca>.

Ottawa: A ladies' weekend renewal, entitled "To Everything There is a Season," (Ecclesiastes 3:1-10), was scheduled for May 7-8, with speakers Idzva Kotwas, Tessandra Swanson, and Giselle King from Ottawa, and Rudo Amanatey from Montreal.

Toronto (Scarborough): The youth group meets at the building every third Saturday at 3 p.m. Church directories were available in March. The congregation had a members' meeting on Sunday, March 21, following the Bible class hour.

Toronto (Strathmore): Five hundred sixty nine individuals registered for the 2010 annual Good Friday Training for Service meeting, which was led by the Strathmore congregation. A collection of \$3,043 was donated by the Christians there for Haiti relief. Jean Volcy and family, of Strathmore, along with Howie Taylor, of Newmarket, travelled to work in Haiti April 27 through May 11.

Sundridge: The congregation's annual meeting was held in January at the Magnetawan Inn with good attendance. A special collection for Haiti was taken up and amounted to \$6,235. This amount was sent to a Christian orphanage to folks who were known to some of the congregation's members. The members look forward to seeing summer visitors on their way, or just returning, from a holiday. Sunday meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

Tintern: During the month of March there were two baptisms: on March 24, Azel Peralta (Great Lakes' student), was baptized by Brian Boden and, on March 31, Joanna King was baptized by George Mansfield. On April 10, a Vacation Bible School workshop (VBS U: Egypt 101!) presented by Group Publishing was well attended by other churches, with approximately 20 visitors. Plans for Bible Day Camp July 5 through 9 are moving forward. Dylan Pyeatt and the teens are planning to be in Newmarket Church of Christ from July 11-17 to help them with their summer programme. Plans are beginning for a mission trip to the Thessalon church of Christ from August 7-14. On May 15, a "Partnership for Missional Church" workshop was scheduled with Dr. Mark Love of Rochester College and hosted by the Tintern church.

Waterloo: Between March 8 and April 25, the congregation conducted an elder/deacon search. A "Summer Vacation Bible Adventure" is planned for July 5-9. Prayers are requested for Carol Pinzcuk and Karen Larocque, who are scheduled to leave for a 3-week mission trip to the Ukraine on May 21. from Waterloo. To assist that mission, the congregation purchased two new sewing machines for the "Dorcas Ministry" and will use them to sew sheets and pillow case sets. Also, toiletries and Bible literature will be delivered to inmates in a men's prison in the rural area of Ukraine. Carol and Karen also plan to visit several orphanages to assess their needs, including one specifically for blind children. They will also help sort evangelistic materials and spend time working at the children's summer Bible camp.

Windsor: The monthly "Apologetics Club" (the study of the reason to believe) was scheduled for March 14. Will Truppe was baptized on March 10. On April 17 and 24 two sessions were held to look at a new way of sharing our faith. Developed by the "Let's Start Talking Ministry," called "Sycamore Series," it is designed to make sharing a Christian's faith a positive and natural extension of their already authentic relationships.

MINISTER WANTED

The church in

Carman Manitoba

is seeking a full time minister to work with the elders and deacons, to serve our church family as well as to work in the community to share the gospel with those around us. Dale Elford is retiring in 2010. Carman is a community of 3,000 with a full complement of health, recreation and education facilities. We are a 1 hour drive from Winnipeg. Interested applicants please forward resume to:

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

North Edmonton: Alberta Spring Fellowship was held April 2-4. The theme of the weekend was "Transformed into the Image of the Lord," an examination of spiritual growth, based on 2 Corinthians 3:18. Keynote speakers were Evertt Huffard, Vice President/Dean and Professor of Missions at Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, TN, and Joe Bright preaching minister of Sunset church of Christ in Springfield, MO. Brother Evertt's lessons were entitled Fellowship Defined by Mission 1 and 2, Our Life Together, Affirming the Gifts of God, and Reclaiming the Image of God. Joe Bright spoke on Taking the Image of God, The Heart of God, How to Study the Bible for All It's Worth 1 and 2, Love Sent the Best. Kevin Vance President of Western Christian College was song leader for the weekend. The lessons were informative and it was a good weekend.

Camrose: (as submitted by David Friesen) March was another productive time here in Camrose. We continue to have people visit us at our Sunday services and our Thursday evening Bible studies. We are working on studying the Bible with these people and are looking forward to more souls coming to the Lord. The Camrose church hosted a Sunday afternoon Hymn sing. A large group coming from the churches in Edmonton attended and in all we had about 55. The singing was great and very encouraging. We had another good attendance at our monthly games night as we try to reach the lost of our community. I have started up several stud-

ies with the young Christians who are thirsting for God's word in their lives. It is so encouraging to have hearts that are searching and desiring God's truth.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Raymond Fillion reports that the Mission in Haiti has been feeding 150 adults and children every day since mid-February at the cost of around \$5,000 per month. On the daily menu are rice, corn, peas, greens and any other available vegetables that can be purchased in the area. Thanks to additional funds that have come in as a result of contributions since the earthquake, he promised the feeding would be continued as long as it was possible. The Weirs were spending most of their time in a dental chair on their mid-April trip Alabama. Invited to come down at his expense, a dentist in the Light church of Christ in Maddison offered much needed both Norm and Jen nearly free dental work as well. As it had been five years since they were in Maddison to give a report to the Monrovia church which has sent them partial support for many years, it was an opportunity too good to pass up. Coincidentally (or by God's design?), April 18 was Mission Sunday

at the Monrovia church, where reports and pictures were up on hall tables and walls. Norm provided the finishing touch with his report. A similar one was given the following Sunday to the other congregation. The Weirs were brought in contact with the Alabama churches when Hugh and Dorothy Minor located in Maddison upon leaving British Columbia some 12-15 years ago and used their experiences here to interest others in Western Canada mission opportunities.

Burnaby: Dr. Ha Young Chan and his wife, Jung Hee Sohn, were baptized by Bong Soo Rim in early March. Bong Soo is a former preacher who worked with missionaries in his native country of South Korea. He and Richard Park, who is also Korean, conduct a Korean service at our building on Sunday evenings. Recently a weekly study for the women was started on Wednesday mornings. The congregation witnessed the installation of Garnet Andrews and Richard Wood as elders during our service on March 21, giving us a total of five. Kirk Ruch has included an invitation to new members of other churches to become acquainted with what we teach and practice in his Thursday evening "Roots" class, which is a free basic introduction to the Bible and its message, prayer, becoming acquainted with God, etc. AUDIO FILES OF our SUNDAY morning teaching are available free on the church website at <<http://www.sbchurch.ca/audio>>.

Delta: Conor Wilkerson and a group of young people from Nanaimo, joined our service on April 11, to present an update on the Spruston Road Bible Camp on behalf of the Board and lead typical camp songs. In preparation for all the summer activities coming up, the long weekend of May 21-24 was set aside for a second SRBC Work Bee. Adults and Teens were asked to bring working tools, gloves, boots and love of the outdoors and Camp preceding the Men's Retreat on May 28-29. Although everyone was useful in general cleanup, scrubbing, paint scraping, painting, hauling, wood chopping, etc., this time people with carpentry, plumbing and electrical experience and having related tools

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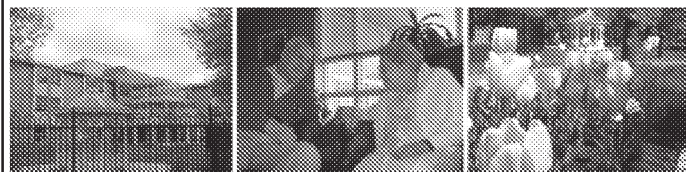
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(Ed. note: Several people in the Salmon Arm, BC, church have been sending support to a man in South Africa who was born and raised there by missionary parents. He has carried on their work, and also spends part of his time in Botswana and Zimbabwe. The church was sent a report of a recent hair-raising experience.)

“**F**irstly, I would just like to thank you all for your messages and prayers. I was amazed at how quickly word got around and how every one responded, thank you!!! Last week on my way home from my normal Zimbabwe preaching trip, I had just finished in the last village and was about 150 miles from the border. I pulled over next to the road to grab a drink of water and a snack out of the cool box. While I was digging, bent over in the cool box, a gang came up behind me and hit me across the lower back with a “Knob kierrie” (a home-made stick with a big knot of wood on top). I jumped up and tried to stop them from

hitting me again, and at that, another guy grabbed me from behind and stuck a knife to my throat. They proceeded to drag me into the bush and beat me and held me face down on the ground while they stripped me of shoes, belt, travel money, cell phone, clothes, and all I had on me, then stripped my pick-up of all tools and anything they could sell or use. I was told not to report and to run back through the bush to my pick-up and go. I told one guy I needed my passport and travel papers to get out of Zimbabwe—otherwise I would have to report it. They gave me the papers and passport and chased me off. I borrowed some money at the border to cross over back into South Africa. I am doing fine, but a little shaken up, with a few bruises and cuts to my throat, arm and chest, but I am blessed that my life was spared. I prayed most of the time through the whole ordeal. My biggest fear was not dying, but where my family would ever look for me, and that they would never find my body deep in the bush. When I reported the incident, I was told it is happening every day along the Zimbabwe roads and I should not stop anywhere. In future, I will try not to make trips into Zimbabwe alone. Thank you again for your love and concerns. In Him, Warren Scholtz.”

Ghana: A container shipped by sea from Texas by Mission Printing, Inc. in Ft. Worth, arrived in Accra in January, where Brother Willie Gley was able to obtain it after lengthy negotiations with the shipping company and Ghanaian government. His congregation immediately began distributing the Bible studies and books it contained throughout the area. Brother Gley had facilities in which to store and distribute the material, which is being shared with the countries of Togo and Equatorial Guinea. He is also serving as Mission Printing’s contact for other congregations and individuals who may need some of its contents in the future. In fact, the volunteer workers have already referred church leaders to him and the church in Accra, which has sent pictures of tract distribution on the street, in the parks and at church buildings by their members.

Cameroon: “Please accept our greetings from Kumbo-Nso, Cameroon. Thank you for your efforts in the Lord.” I write to request an assortment of your tracts, hymnbooks and Bibles for our evangelism efforts and edification. We do not have the means, talent and resources to produce your kind of literature here, so

we are overjoyed with Mission printing and its mission of “World Evangelism by The Printed Page”. We will never tire of distributing the material in order to advance the growth of the kingdom of Christ. – Nkavikeng church of Christ” (Ed. note: This is one of hundreds of letters received weekly by Mission Printing, which is an enterprise accomplished entirely by volunteer help and donations, and which is reaching literally “to the ends of the earth”. In 2009, financial support came from 35 different congregations, some with as small a membership as 35 people, plus over 300 individuals, many of them as Bereavement Memorials. Volunteer workers came from 22 congregations in surrounding Texas towns, some as far as approximately 150 miles away—one way.)

Ethiopia: Underestimating the power of good works assisted by God, the number of new congregations established in areas where water wells have been completed since last April had grown to 38 by February 1 of this year. The original goal was for the planting of 20 in a year. January saw 35 people added to one of the new congregations, an additional 87 in another and 70 in the Awasa area. A new drilling rig from Healing Hands International arrived as a new agreement for the drilling of 62 new wells was signed by the Ethiopian government. When the March report was written, driller Curt King was in Haiti completing the drilling of 28 new wells to help relieve the emergency water shortage there, but expected to return to Ethiopia shortly, where his Ethiopian crew had already started on 12 new wells in the Wallieta area. One point 2 million people in the Southern part of this country already have the use of clean water in their lives as a result of the wells that have been dug, along with the new joy found in learning about Christ and His church. Thirty computers have been received in a container delivered to the school compound in Addis. Fifteen were used to set up a new training department at the Kakanissa School for the Deaf. Open to any deaf student, a requirement to participate in this program is that they must take the Bible training courses along with the normal computer training. Bill Mara from the Cordova church in Rancho Cordova, CA, arrived in March to set up the lab, with the remaining 15 used to update the present school in Awasa.

Cambodia: The number of malnourished children currently being fed in

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Cambodia reached 1600 with the addition of a third truck for distribution when the Central church of Christ in Stockton, CA, agreed to provide \$1200 per month to underwrite the cost of paying a crew and buying the food and diesel fuel. The additional 300 children now being given nourishing food—not only for the development of their bodies, but also their minds—means that the \$7.00 per month it takes to provide for one is money well spent. A nutrition programme's most far-reaching tool to fight malnourishment is the education it offers. Before their hand-out, the children have a brief learning time on hygiene, nutrition, social responsibility and God's Word. Afterward, those who are interested are invited to stay for another 15-20 minute English class. How many will you feed this month?

Japan: Joel Osborne, Sasha Ingle and

Gaku Osugi have now moved to Mito, Japan, to work and worship with that congregation of about 80 Christians. Joel will work with the young people and the church has future plans for him to partner with its members in planting a new congregation in the city. Joel reports: "We have been warmly welcomed in Mito. Next Sunday (April 18) is the annual meeting where I will officially be recognized as a missionary for this church. Joel's new information is: Joel Osborne, 2-25 Yurigaoka-cho, Mito, Ibaraki JAPAN, 311-1134; pc email: joelosborne4@yahoo.com; cell phone (from Canada): 011-81-90-6228-1977. (Remember that Japan is now 13 hours ahead of Canada.) Debi Hobelman, former intern/teacher in Sendai, is currently in America visiting family before heading to Chang Mai, Thailand for a 3-month internship. She'll begin teach-

ing at Christian Academy in the Tokyo area in August. Akiko (Kawamura) Ishiki (young member at Sendai church) got married and moved to Yokohama and needs prayers as she begins her new life. Yuko Kawamura, one of the remaining Christians in Sendai, says she is sad that there are so few left in Sendai and that the church there was scheduled to have a church meeting on May 18 to make a "big decision." She can be contacted by email at yukopitt@hotmail.com. Sasha Ingle asks that Christians pray for her peace and trust in God as she settles into a new role in Mito, and for her financial situation. She is still about 50% SHORT in pledged funds for the rest of this year. Please check her blog at <http://sashain-sendai.blogspot.com/>, and, if you can assist her, email her at sashainsendai@yahoo.com. (Walter Straker)

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were especially needed. The church received a warm thank-you letter from the South Delta Food Bank for the massive amount of groceries collected during the food drive finished off by the students from Harding. Baseball enthusiasts will be excited to learn that our Harding student, Luc Waddell, pitched his 2nd complete shut-out game in March, getting 46 strikes with only 65 pitches.

Kelowna: Norm and Jen Weir met with the house church in the home of Charlie and Lynne McKnight at the end of March. The previous Saturday, they traveled with the McKnights to Beavercreek to visit again the interested family of seven. They had invited another family of three and a man and his elderly father, making a total of 14 present for the Bible study, which lasted over two hours. On Sunday, at the house church assembly, 20 were crowded into the McKnight's living room. Jen teaches the children's class to give Lynne a break when they are there, and nine children were present, two of which had never been in a Sunday School class before. The Weirs were introduced to a new lady from the Okanagan Nation who is working in Kelowna, and is now attending the house meetings.

Nanaimo: This year's Men's Retreat at SRBC is scheduled for May 28-29, with Dr. Darren Williamson as guest speaker. Darren, who is now preaching for the church in Keizer, OR., is well-known here, having served the Delta congregation for

four years while attending Simon Fraser University. Last year's retreat brought together some 60 men from the Mainland and Vancouver Island for a genial round of re-acquaintance, back-slapping and learning from practical suggestions by Mike Nienhuis.

Salmon Arm: There is a lot of choice for ladies on Tuesdays, with "Coffee Row" coming together at 9:30 a.m., the Gamma Group at 11 and a second Bible class offered at 12:30 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Barnabas Small Group for Young Men taught by our preacher, Ray Fisher, meets at 6 p.m. Throughout the month of April donated items were brought to the Maurice Taylor home where set-up for a Garage Sale took place. A hot dog party rewarded the workers the day preceding the annual May 1 event.

Vernon: The Ladies' Wednesday afternoon class began new meetings on March 31 by looking at the books of the Bible from a "Summary/Outline" viewpoint. Following completion of "Becoming a Woman of Freedom" study in the Thursday evening class, the spring session is using a book called "Becoming a Woman of Grace". The Quilting Group has extended an invitation to anyone who has other hobbies or crafts to join them for a period of fellowship and fun on Friday mornings.

MANITOBA

Dauphin: An electrical fire that made it impossible to use one of Dauphin's

schools has led to the use of a former WCC building purchased by the Dauphin congregation. Not only is it a meeting place for the church, but part of it has been converted into suites for low-income seniors, and part rented to groups to use for meetings, etc.

Winnipeg: We rejoice that Brad Denby was baptized and added to the Lord's family.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: March 21 Lowell Peterson gave a special Haiti report telling of his time and his service there.

WASHINGTON STATE

Vancouver: Those participating in the True North Helping Hands work in Mexico from July 4-10 will be building two classrooms and a playground for children one and a half to three years old to enable parents to have a place for their children while they are working. This will also start the education process early, and prevent many parents from being forced to give their children up to orphanages. Some of those involved will be going down early to do pre-work preparation. Although all ages are welcome, those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult willing to take responsibility for them. (March Update from Patty Kunkle)

the things being accomplished by brethren, committed to the sowing and harvesting of fruit for the Lord.

I would recommend such a day to the leadership of every congregation that desires to encourage the members in personal involvement in evangelism and in the support of evangelism in Canada and around the world.

To "cap off" the weekend, Walter

Straker presented a lesson on "What a Small Congregation Can Do" and Art Ford presented a lesson on "Go Into All The World" at the Sunday morning service. At the evening service the elders conducted a panel discussion on the subject, "Where Do We Go From Here." For all of us who were involved in the programme, it was a fulfilling and encouraging meeting.

into the light of day can it be dealt with and eliminated.

What would you do if a friend told you their story of abuse? It too often even occurs in dating relationships and is often exhibited even in the early years of marriage. We do better in dealing with situations when we have thought through our response ahead of time. Reacting in shock or horror may be our honest reaction but it is not likely to be of much help to one trapped in abuse. If the abuse has been physical the advice of most police constables is to get them out, NOW! They are likely to feel alone and isolated and may be suspicious at first of your efforts to reach out, but please don't give up trying to be a friend.

What if your friend is the abuser? How will you reach out to them? How can you get them some help so that they can make the necessary changes in their lives? Educate yourself on the community agencies that may be able to help you with your friend whether they are being abused or doing the abusing. Please don't stand by and allow someone to feel like they are all alone when they face the greatest struggle of their lives.

Do our churches have a plan for dealing with domestic abuse? Or, do we just say that doesn't happen in churches of Christ and leave it at that? When we keep it in the dark we side with the abuser in keeping the abused more and more isolated. Elders please sit down and talk about domestic abuse, discuss what you and the church can do to help both the victim and the abuser. Educate yourself on the community resources at your disposal. Please don't put your head in the sand and allow another victim to suffer all alone.

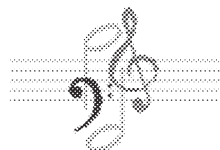
What will you do when you hear a story of abuse from a relative or friend? Will you reach out and get involved and do all you can to help? Or, will your turn your back and allow another child of God to suffer in silence? I believe we all know what God would have us do.



Niagara Area Wide Worship

During the month of June
(at 6:00 p.m.)

- June 6th - St. Catharines Church of Christ
439 Ontario Street, St. Catharines
- June 13th - Tintern Church of Christ
4359 Spring Creek Road, Tintern
- June 20st - Beamsville Church of Christ
4900 John Street, Beamsville
- June 27th - Grimsby Church of Christ
63 Casablanca Blvd., Grimsby



Teddy's Bicycle Lesson

Richard Kruse

Boris, the bear, loved to share his talent for story-telling. Teddy, his nephew, loved to listen to Boris' stories of life in the Moscow Circus. Teddy's favourite tales were those centred on the joys of riding a bicycle and frequently posed the question, "When will you teach me how to ride a bicycle?"

One fine spring day Boris announced that it was a perfect time for bike riding. Teddy asked, "How does one know how to ride a bicycle?"

"I don't know. Knowing how to ride a bike is a knowledge everyone must discover in his or her own way", Boris responded. "I can give you some basic information such as where to put your hands and feet as well as how to sit and a few other suggestions. However,

though I cannot teach you how to ride, I can help you learn. You will begin to learn with your heart, not just with your mind."

The answer did not satisfy Teddy and he continued asking questions because he wanted a definite method that would guarantee success. Finally Boris was able to assure Teddy for the moment saying, "It's not hard to learn and I will be beside you to help you learn." That said, Boris held the bicycle and Teddy got on. Almost immediately Teddy unconsciously began to feel a sense of balance. Without being told, he automatically began to move his body to keep the bike upright, with Boris holding him firmly and securely.

Teddy asked for more instructions and Boris simply replied that he was doing fine. Teddy did not share Boris' confidence. "Why won't you teach me?" Teddy demanded. To which

Boris responded, "I can't. But I will guide you." "Now we will start down the path in the meadow. I will walk beside you and hold on to the bike to keep you from falling. Just grip the handle bars and try to guide yourself along the path." Teddy struggled to keep his balance and keep the wheels pointing straight along the path. After a few minutes he cried out, "This is much too hard. This isn't fun. It's work!"

Calmly Boris asked, "Do you want to learn to ride a bike?" "Yes, but how do I do it?"

Teddy asked in anger!

"I'm not able to tell you because it is locked up inside you already and you will have to try until you discover the key for yourself. I will stand by you and guide you. If you want to learn,

I am certain that you will. Shall we start again?"

Up and down the path they went again, and again. Slowly the front wheel began to steer in the direction Teddy wanted to go. Being unaware of his progress, he stopped and shouted at Boris, "You are not helping me. You are just holding me. This is boring. You are not teaching me how to ride a bike!" He sat on the bike, waiting for Boris to reply.

Balance Awakens

When One Acts As If It Exists

"You are making good progress. Do you really want to learn to ride a bicycle?" Teddy reluctantly nodded his head, "yes". Boris continued, "We can do this tomorrow, if you wish. We can quit for the day." Teddy wasn't ready to quit. He was willing to go up and down the paths through the meadow in hopes of learning. Soon Boris could feel Teddy balancing him-

self on the bike and being steadier on his own. He spoke a word of encouragement, "You are doing it." However, Teddy could not feel his progress and responded, "This is too hard. I hate this!" "Do you want to learn how to ride the bike?" Boris asked. Sadly, Teddy nodded his head, "yes". Something deep inside Teddy was driving him on.

Perhaps it was the pictures Boris had painted in Teddy's mind during the many story times. So, up and down the meadow they went again and again. As Teddy gained in the ability to balance himself, Boris briefly released his hold and let Teddy ride a few seconds alone. Boris shouted words of encouragement and Teddy began to wobble as he became conscious of what he was doing. They stopped for a while and Teddy rested silently, seemingly lost in thought. Then they went again, up and down the meadow with Boris holding, releasing and catching Teddy as he started to fall. The holding and releasing continued until gradually the times of holding lessened and Teddy gained more control of the bike.

After the next rest period they began again. But now, things dramatically changed. This time Teddy rode by himself while Boris ran alongside. Teddy, amazed at his success, fell and Boris caught him. Teddy, gaining new-found confidence, began again to ride across the meadow. Boris, resting on the sideline, now watched Teddy start by himself and ride around the meadow. Every time he fell and got back on the bike, his confidence increased. Later Teddy will not remember what it was like before he learned how to ride a bicycle. "How come I did not know how to do this and now I do it without anyone teaching me?"

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The Reality of Spirituality

Teddy wanted bike-riding to make sense before he learned to ride. Sometimes, like Teddy, we must give up the desire to fully understand in order to learn. Spirituality for Christians is an action word; it is something we experience through our faith in God. Even though theory or understanding can help us try to make sense of our challenges, they can never be a substitute for experience.

Your journey to spiritual maturity begins with making a decision not to settle for living an average life. Ask God every day to create an exceptional spiritual life for you. If you are going to succeed spiritually, you will affirm that decision every day. It requires a faith that is willing to give up control, leaving the average

life and beginning the journey toward spiritual maturity.

As you begin your spiritual journey, it is important for you to decide to get on "the bicycle", knowing that you have many lessons ahead of you. You begin even though you do not know exactly where you are going, or what difficulties await along the path. You are on your way to spiritual maturity.

Balance Makes A Difference

Balance is easiest to find when you are moving forward and making progress. When you stop moving, you start falling. Balance on a bike is developed when you learn to keep your body straight and centred. It's the same with faith. You must stay centred on Jesus the Messiah and keep your spiritual balance.

Balance awakens when one acts as if it exists. You must also look ahead to where you are going, not stay

focused on where you are. Spiritual growth is a commitment that leads to spiritual maturity. It is achieved by learning a new set of life skills that allow you to achieve it. With courage, live that process each day, knowing that the lessons you learn will prove valuable as you grow. Each day you have an opportunity to grow from the people you meet, situations you experience, lessons you learn and challenges you meet to reach the spiritual goals that you seek. Spirituality develops by committing to making short-term sacrifices to reach long-term goals. It is learning to be consistent and diligent. It is allowing yourself to picture your spiritual future.

Stay On The Bicycle

Once you have made the decision to grow spiritually you will find that to continue will require a different set of habits. Remember, this is your spiritual life! Begin creating healthy spiritual habits. All spiritually mature Christians have developed great habits to improve the skills that have allowed them to reach the level of maturity that they are experiencing.

The spiritually mature develop simple, effective habits that they are able to commit to repeating day in and day out over a long enough period of time to begin to experience growth from their continual efforts. Remember, God is always there to either catch you or nurse your skinned knees when you lose your balance. If you go slowly as you first get started, you will not fall too hard but it will be more difficult to keep your balance. One of the keys to success is perseverance. You must keep getting back on the bike.

True courage is not the absence of fear, but the confident assurance that God will be with you, and will give you success, as you trust him and move out in faith.

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OBITUARIES

Franklin, Douglas Henry

After a 16 year battle with cancer, Doug passed away peacefully in the presence of family at his residence in Meaford, ON, on March 20, 2010, at the age of 79 years.

Born in Meaford on September 1, 1930, Doug was a son of the late John and Alice Franklin. He is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce, who faithfully cared for him during his illness, allowing him to have his wish of dying at home. He is also survived by his daughters; Barbara (David) Ellis of Meaford, Susan Franklin of St. Catharines, ON; Ann Franklin Small (Alan) of Meaford and a son, Michael (Laura) Franklin of Chatham, ON.

He will be the most sadly missed "Papa" of Ginny (Jim) Downer and son Jimmy of Meaford, Lesley (Brad) Edmed and son Fisher of Eugenia, ON; Corey Berman of Toronto, ON; Leanne Berman of Waterloo, ON; Nicole and Melissa Franklin of Chatham and Finlay and Fraser Small of Meaford.

Doug is also survived by his sister Marion (late Roy) Bennett, and Bob (Jean) Franklin. He will be fondly remembered as a brother-in-law, uncle and cousin of many and their families.

Doug retired as a supervisor from "Amerock" the local hardware manufacturing plant. He was known as an excellent carpenter who completed many beautiful projects including his residence in Meaford. He supported his local community with his work as a member of the Meaford Kiwanis Club. He and his wife were faithful members of the Meaford congregation and, a few years ago, began a yearly mission trip to Cuba. They provided encouragement and needed medical and personal items to the church there and supported the outreach of the local church. This

work is being carried on by their daughter, Barbara and her husband, David Ellis.

Doug was an example of faith and trust in God as he fought the cancer which finally took his life. For this writer, the continued positive faith of he and Joyce was a source of blessing every time I had opportunity to visit or talk with them. May God bless the family and all who mourn his passing.

A funeral service was conducted at the Meaford church building on March 23 by this writer, assisted by Kevin Cleary and Clyde Lansdell. Singing was led by Peter McDonald.

Max Craddock

Gilbert, Lucille

Lucille Gilbert passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 2, surrounded by her loving family. She was in her 74th year.

Lucille left behind her best friend and husband of 52 years, Ross Gilbert. She is also survived by a daughter, Debbie (Jim) Pinner of Arkansas, and sons, Gary of Fenwick, Bob of Niagara Falls, and Bruce (Sarah) of Fonthill. She is also survived by her brother, Bruce (Elaine) Robinson of Smithville, and sister-in-law, Rosemary Gilbert of Fenwick. Lucille was a devoted grandmother to Christina Pinner and Christopher (Samantha) Pinner, and great-grandmother to Lyric and Parker, all of Arkansas.

Born September 19, 1936, Lucille grew up in Port Dalhousie, the daughter of Alfred and Grace Robinson. They attended the Niagara and Manning Church of Christ in St. Catharines. She was baptized at Camp Omagh when she was 13. She attended Great Lakes Christian College from 1953 to 1955 and was very involved in student activities.

She worked briefly at the Imperial Bank before being hired by General Motors. That job ended when she married Ross. Geoff Ellis did the

honours on March 1, 1958. When her children were older she worked for 11 years at St. Clair Paint & Paper. Her creative talents served her well on this job. She would often take dolls or stuffed bears in to the store and create a display featuring wall paper for a child's room.

Christmas was a favourite time of year. She enjoyed shopping for new decorations and she and Ross hosted a Christmas party for the church, family and neighbours for many years. People enjoyed seeing all of her Christmas trees and displays.

Lucille was always busy. She enjoyed crafts, sewing and furniture restoration. She was part of the Rainbow Connection, a singing group at Fenwick, for as long as the group stayed together. She often hosted church activities or opened her home to travelling Christians and visiting preachers. She taught Sunday School from the time she was a teenager until illness forced her to step aside. She could be depended on to teach at Vacation Bible School or help in any church centered activity. Lucille filled the role of elder's wife effectively.

She has been a blessing to the church family at Fenwick for so many years. She was kind, helpful, dependable and an encouragement to others. So much of what she did was serving in the background. She honestly seemed to enjoy helping people. Many reading this will likely have fond memories of Lucille; some little thing she did to help you or some kind word spoken to encourage you. That was Lucille and she will be missed.

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies... Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Prov. 31:10 & 30-31.

Don Hipwell

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

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; Sunday 9:45 AM Classes for Children/Teens/Adults; 10:45 AM Assembly; 11:15 AM Youth Assembly; Care Groups - throughout the week; Phone (403) 272-2111; Email: info@calgarycfc.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 CARE Groups at the building & in various homes (phone for locations & other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelist: POSITION AVAILABLE 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) 328-8855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7G2; 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

ST. ALBERT: Sunday Worship: 2:15 p.m. at the St. Albert Seniors Center at 7 Tache St., St. Albert; Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 at 16 Lafonde Cres.; Mailing Address: 16 Lafonde Cres., St. Albert, AB T8N 2N6; Telephone: (780) 690-9947, E-mail: stalbertcfc@hotmail.com

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 Hilchey Road V9W 1P4 Contact: (250) 923-5233; (250) 923-6396; (250) 286-3780

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

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

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

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7; contact Jim Hawkins, (604) 581-2169.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St., Kelowna BC, V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship, Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-860-4354 and cell: 250-469-2161, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

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

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

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

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sunday Bible classes 11:00 am, worship 10:00 am; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-832-3828 (evenings - 250-804-1538); Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter, elders; Ray Fisher, ev., 250-517-0419; website: sa4CHRIST.com

SURREY: (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3K 5V7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev., 604-594-1796.

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

MANSON: Box 2, Manson, MB, R0M 1J0, Meeting Sunday Mornings - 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB: Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 204-722-2085; email: kgarstar@mts.net

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald McCutcheon, 239-1817.

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

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

SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 7:00 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 214-4214 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

NEW YORK STATE

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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

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AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: aurachurchofchrist@hotmail.com or Clare Preston, (905) 895-0954

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. sredding89@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@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. call for times; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Mike Gray 905-387-5680 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@fbree.on.ca

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CAMBRIDGE: Meeting place is across the street from 45 Brierdale Rd. Sun. 10:30, call for midweek small groups; Evs. Greg Whitfield (226) 338-6720, Micah James, (519) 722-5195; www.cambridgecofc.ca; Mailing address: 2-120 Dudhope Ave, Cambridge N1R 4T7

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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. 9:30 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

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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 1H0

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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

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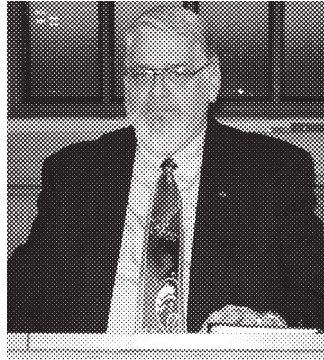
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