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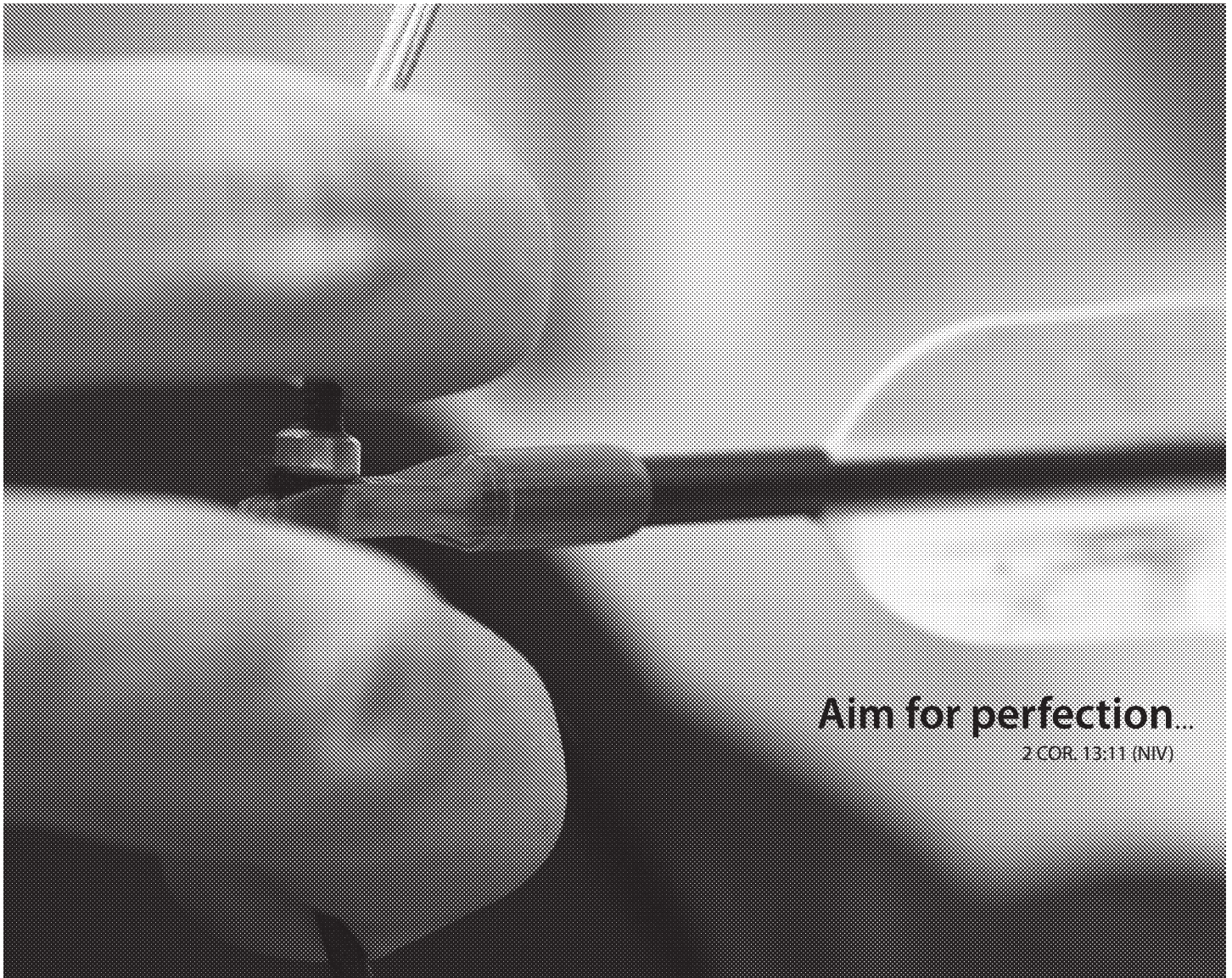
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# Repentance Comes Before Confession

*Mitch Rhymer*

For both the alien sinner and the fallen saint, repentance comes prior to confession. For the alien sinner, he repents of his wayward life and confesses Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9). Also read, “And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:11). For the fallen saint, he repents of his sinful ways and confesses those sins before God. “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:7-9).

Despite the clarity of these commands Christians may be moved to reverse the order. When a Christian has fallen away and his sins have been found out he falls to his knees and confesses his sins before God. While this is necessary where is the repentance prior to the confession? Many will suggest that he repented in a split second. Certainly that may be the case but let us examine the nature of true repentance. Repentance requires godly sorrow and is manifested by a changing of the mind. In this instance the fallen saint must have godly sorrow and change his mind to reflect a new way of thinking which is contrary to the sinful thoughts and thought patterns he had moments before. Did this fallen saint, who has been

found out acknowledge his godly sorrow and decide to alter the faulty thought patterns of his mind?

The above paragraph is merely a thoughtful exercise to get each of us to recognize the importance of doing God’s commands in the right order. As I have gone through my life and examined the life of others, I have seen so many who have been quick to confess their sins but fail to repent because they either possess no godly sorrow, fail to alter their minds or both. So often those that fail to repent prior to confession find themselves repeating the same sins and wondering why they are back in sin. The answer is that they failed to repent.

There is no doubt that they were sincere in their confession or in their desire to repent. God determined that repentance come prior to confession for a specific reason. That reason has to do with the godly sorrow and mind altering decision which must be made toward the truth. If one cannot repent properly then their confession will destroy them. Consider what Isaiah meant when he said, “Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you” (Isaiah 33:11). The psalmist explains it another way, “His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity” (Psalm 10:7). An even worse consideration is that the confession without repentance was an attempt to get the salvation offered by God without having to change anything. God reveals the danger of this in the Proverbs, “The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death” (Proverbs 21:6).

There is no doubt there are sin-

cere individuals who repent before they confess but so many of us have been fooled into thinking that we are going to change and do things right, only to find out later that we were wrong because we had worldly sorrow rather than godly sorrow. Worldly sorrow does not lead to repentance. Worldly sorrow is death. “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death” (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Worldly sorrow causes a man to confess before he repents because he is deceived by his own desire for self-preservation. Worldly sorrow evokes strong emotions and thus we may be confused about which sorrow we are possessing. We need to understand that sorrow is not just a feeling or the evoking of an emotional response. Sorrow is a type of mourning and godly sorrow is mourning over godly things. Godly sorrow is a deep realization of one’s sinfulness. But this realization can only come when one deprives himself of himself. In other words, to achieve godly sorrow one must be poor in spirit, humble before God and the law. Worldly sorrow is the opposite to mourning because one is suffering from inescapable consequences, like a prison. Worldly sorrow is also remorse because of the tight circumstance that one’s decisions have brought him too. Worldly sorrow can be understood as grief. Worldly sorrow can even be understood as misery. Misery loves company because it is the condition of happiness through agony, where one is happy only when he is in pain or suffering. Notice that worldly sorrow is not categorically evil. Worldly

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# “This Is My Body”

Thayer Salisbury

We all know that Jesus said, “This is my body;” but we do not all understand those words alike. Many Lutherans, Anglicans and Roman Catholics take these words quite literally. They believe that we are to treat the bread and the fruit of the vine as if they are really the body and blood of Jesus. Thus, after a communion service in the Catholic or Anglican church, the priest will drink all the remaining wine rather than pour “the blood of Christ” down the drain.

Most other believers have not taken these words so literally. The meaning of “this is my body” as Jesus distributed the bread is taken to be similar to the meaning of “this is my grandson” spoken as a grandparent holds up a photograph. No one thinks that the person speaking means the words literally. The intention is to indicate that the photograph is a representation of the grandchild, not that the photo is in some mystical sense literally a grandchild.

Within churches of Christ we have taken the natural view of the words, rather than imposing on them an unnaturally literal meaning. I believe that we are right in doing so, but this is not the end of the story.

Are we right to so emphasize that the bread and wine are not literally his body and blood that we seem almost afraid to use the very words that he used? Why must we continuously refer to them as “emblems”? If his meaning was so clear when he called them “body” and “blood”, why can we not use the same terms and trust

that our meaning will also be clear? And, having rightly concluded that they are symbolic of his body and blood, rather than being literally his body and blood, why do we so often treat these symbolic emblems with so little respect?

About twenty years ago I was distressed to see children running around the church building after the morning service eating the last of the communion bread as they went. I spoke to the children and asked them not to do that again. The next week their grandfather accosted me and explained that the children had not taken the bread, he had given it to them. It is, he said, just bread, only a symbol of the body. There is, he said, nothing special about it once the service is over.

At the time, I asked this brother to consider the feelings of other

people who might observe what was happening and take offense. He might be right, I told him, but for the sake of others I asked him to confine his grandchildren to the room where the communion was prepared until they had finished their eating. Today I would speak a little more forcefully.

Does a grandmother treat the photo of her grandchild with disdain -- since it is, after all, only a representation and not the literal child? Does a patriotic citizen treat the flag of their native land with disrespect, since it is, after all, only a symbol of that nation?

Many people go to elaborate lengths to be respectful when disposing of the symbols of their nation. If a flag becomes too worn to display, it is to be disposed of respectfully. It is not just thrown out as we would dispose of common garbage. Similar precautions are taken with other important symbols in our lives. Why should it be different with the bread and the wine that have represented Christ?

I have no desire to become a lawgiver. I will not hand down specific instructions for how the communion supplies should be stored before the service, or how they should be disposed of after the service. But I will say that they ought to be handled with respect. That which symbolizes the body and blood of our Lord as we partake of it ought to be treated with respect as it is being prepared and when we are disposing of it.

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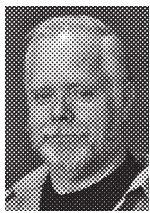
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## An Interesting Insight

Wayne Turner



For over a decade, Dr. David Rock has developed what he calls “neuro-leadership.” Research on the brain has helped Rock develop a “brain-based model for collaborating with and influencing others.” As studies showed how human brains function, he has identified

how this affects actions and relationships. He applies this to training and coaching people in management, business, education, etc.

Rock suggests that human beings function socially in five domains (which might be seen as leading to rewards or goals), identified by the acronym SCARF: (S)tatus, (C)ertainty, (A)utonomy, (R)elatedness and (F)airness. “Status is about relative importance to others. Certainty concerns being able to predict the future. Autonomy provides a sense of control over events. Relatedness is a sense of safety with others, of friend rather than foe. And fairness is a perception of fair exchanges between people.” He writes, “Understanding the domains in the SCARF model and finding personalized strategies to effectively use these brain insights, can help people become better leaders, managers, facilitators, coaches, teachers and even parents.”

Ed Bahler, of BuildingforMinistry.com, has made an interesting application of Rock’s work to church leadership. He notes Rock’s premise that brains crave “certainty.” (Rock says that the brain “craves certainty, so that prediction is possible.”) Thus, “any kind of significant change creates uncertainty.”) Bahler suggests that this need for certainty may be why church leaders “overdosed” trying to copy the successful programs of other churches. “Copying a successful model seemed more ‘certain’ than creating their own.” We are well familiar with the process. When one congregation develops a program that leads to dynamic growth, sister congregations quickly attempt to replicate the exact same program, trying to attain the same results. They have often been disappointed. How many churches eventually abandoned their Joy Buses, film strip projectors, Bible Call equipment? Bahler explains, “Sadly we’ve learned that copied vision is the most ‘uncertain’ vision of all.” The quest for a certain, sure-fire program led to disappointment. We are unlikely going to find a quick route to growth.

Over the years, countless books have been written about developing vision. Some congregations developed vision and/or mission statements. However, even

in this process itself they were only copying someone else’s plan—it was a copied vision. So, in most cases, nothing really changed.

What has often been missed is that what may be effective in one particular congregation in a specific situation and with people with a unique combination of abilities, may not attain the same results anywhere else. It’s like fishing. Two people can be fishing using the same equipment, bait and even location. Yet, one may be successful, the other not.

Bahler notes that instead of certainty, there is a need for clarity. By clarity, he means a clear understanding of their unique situation—their “passions...community... and the gifts in their congregation. Then they can create clear and compelling ways for their congregation to engage and impact their community.” An effective ministry is not built, necessarily, by copying what has worked somewhere else (nor even by reviving what “used to work.”) It must come from within—understanding the congregation and its community/neighbourhood. Certainly, there is a need to learn from the successes and failures of other churches. However, while we all share the same mandates, each congregation needs to develop its own vision.

The significance of Rock’s work is that research demonstrates that our brains have been wired (we would say designed) for social connection and interaction with other people. Rock’s insight that human beings crave the SCARF domains reminds us of the Bible’s vision for the church as a community of vital relationships between people who genuinely value everyone, share a common future, work together, in a safe, caring family.

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## An Empty House, a Dangerous Place

When Jesus gave the great commission to His disciples, their task was in two parts. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...” (Matthew 28:19, 20). The great task of making disciples was not complete simply by teaching and baptizing. There needed to be further teaching to ground these believers in the whole of God’s Word.

The beginning of building the spiritual house is teaching about the problem of sin and the remedy that God has provided through Jesus Christ. The initial framing and “closing in of the spiritual house” is done when a person understands the need for forgiveness and responds to the invitation of Christ to become a Christian. However, there is finishing work to be done through “teaching to observe all that I have commanded you”.

The events of Matthew chapter 12:43–45 are interesting in relation to this idea of the finish work needed in building a strong “spiritual” house. “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first”... a very sad state of affairs for the person so described. Given the opportunity for health, the cleansed man’s failure to fill the void sees him end in worse

condition than he was before his cleansing in the first place!

The heart is the spiritual house one must build and strengthen since the way one lives is based on what one holds as precious and important. Jesus said, “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander” (Matthew 15:19). The thoughts and values in the heart of man is what will determine his eternal future.

The person who becomes a Christian must change his thinking to reflect the way of God rather than the way of the world. Paul says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2). Thus the need for “finishing” the building of the house by teaching Christians to observe all that has been commanded.

Sometimes people obey the gospel and realize they need to stop thinking and acting in ways that are against the will of God. They know they have to stop those actions which are in defiance of godly living. The big problem is that these habits and lifestyle choices are ingrained in their daily life. The first thing one must do is stop doing those things. However, remember the adage, “nature abhors a vacuum” and understand it is not simply a matter of stopping those behaviours which offend God. That is why Paul spoke of “being transformed by the renewal of your mind” in Romans 12:2.

The Hebrew writer gives sound advice for those desiring to “finish” their house, making it a place of godly beauty. “Therefore, broth-

ers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins...*” (Hebrews 10:19–26). The actions of the italicized parts of that passage should challenge the Christian to work at strengthening their personal relationship with God and with their brethren, resulting in strength for living godly, daily. One must value the time spent with brethren in study and worship as opportunities to learn the whole will of God and to be strengthened by the encouragement received and the encouragement given.

Realize that to receive the final, “well done” from the Lord requires a positive, not simply a negative effort. Not just putting away evil but the replacing of that evil with good. Peter gives a very sober warning, “For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns

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# Devotion and Dedication

Jamie Lobert

What does it mean to be devoted? When I was younger I was devoted to one passion—BASKETBALL!!! I loved it. I played it every chance I could get. It didn't matter which clothes I was wearing. I didn't mind if I made my clothes all sweaty. I would play in the morning before school. I would play for a little bit during the lunch hour. I would play after school and I would play in the evenings. I would even get up early on Saturday mornings if there was a game going on. Sometimes I would even play by myself. I would just shoot freethrows one after the other, sometimes up to 500 at a time! I once played basketball for 8 hours straight after my final exams. My favourite person was Michael Jordan. When I wasn't playing basketball there were times when I was watching it or sorting my basketball cards. There was no question about it—I was devoted to basketball.

When we look at the examples of the Christians in the New Testament, they were devoted. They sold things they had and made sure that the poor were provided for. They gave freely and no one considered his possessions as his own. In regards to their time, they met together daily. They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread, the apostles teaching, to the fellowship and to prayer. They spent as much time meeting together as the time I used to play basketball. It really makes me think about what being devoted means.

Paul talked about being devoted. He told us to be devoted to one another in brotherly love, "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour"

(Romans 12:10). He speaks of his devotion in Philippians 3 when he says, "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:7, 8).

Part of Paul's devotion to God was considering all other profitable things that he had—as a loss. His citizenship, his upbringing, his education, his ability to earn money and his knowledge in the Hebrew Law was nothing of value. Nothing that was of earthly value was considered worth keeping...compared to the good news of Jesus Christ, it was all considered rubbish.

The second thing Paul mentions about devotion is, "...forgetting what lies behind and straining for-

ward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14). His focus was on where he was going, not where he was at that point or where he had been in the past.

Are you a devoted Christian? Do you consider all things in your life to be but a loss except those things done in the service of Christ? Is it your passion in life or are there other things that are warring for your attention? It might be a sport, a game, making money, leisure activities, vacations or numerous other things. What is going to win the war for your attention? Do you find yourself missing the fellowship because of earthly things? If you get a "free" half an hour is it to read just a little bit more of God's word or is it to spend time on the passion that you have? Is every hour of your life spent in longing for the next service that you will be able to perform in

God's kingdom? Do you look forward to the fellowship of believers? What do you look forward to?

Remember Paul's words following his thoughts in verses 13, 14, "All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained" (Philippians 3:15-16).

Maturity is establishing your first love in Jesus Christ and in His kingdom. Jesus encouraged us to "...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

Consider: If someone were to ask you if you are a devoted Christian—what would your answer be?

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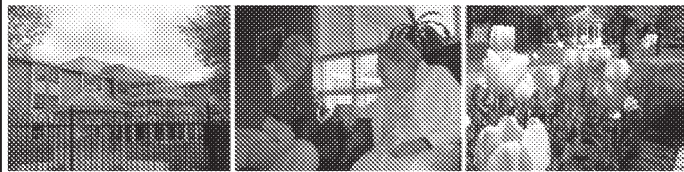
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# Accepting Responsibility

*Richard Kruse*

**D**oreen began her presentation at the 1996 AIDS Conference, in Vancouver, Canada, by asking, “How did a 63-year-old grandmother from North Vancouver get AIDS? The answer is very simple. It just doesn’t matter.”

She didn’t blame God, fate, the drug addicts, the medical or gay communities. She was accepting personal responsibility “of” (not necessarily “for”) having the disease.

She caught my attention and won my respect because she, by taking healthy responsibility for her life, was taking a healthy ownership of her life. Her primary focus for presentation was on what she could do now that she has AIDS rather than criticizing or blaming those responsible.

As adults we are responsible for our own actions, reactions, thoughts and emotions. Without accepting this responsibility, we can’t really be true to either self or God; we can’t truly love self and our neighbour. A healthy focus on self is our responsibility.

Today, with the cries for “rights” being echoed through the world, it is time for believers to recognize rightful responsibilities because it is their right to take proper care of themselves. For example, all have the right and responsibility for their own emotions and thoughts as well as actions.

- Though we are responsible for our own feelings, we are not responsible for the feelings of all other adults.

- Though we are responsible for how clearly we communicate to others, we are not responsible for how they feel about us.

- Though we are responsible for how honourably we treat others, we are not responsible for how they react or feel about our actions.

- Though we are responsible for our actions, we are not responsible for the reaction of others.

Before coming to this conclusion, I blamed others for my unhappiness (That kept me from accepting and dealing with my responsibilities in the

situation). Also, by feeling guilty when others were unhappy, I was taking on their responsibilities. Accepting proper responsibilities leads one to become victorious rather than seeing themselves as victims.

There is a healthy saying in Al-Anon concerning alcoholism: “I didn’t cause it, can’t control or cure it.” By accepting this premise, they are freeing themselves from the alcoholic’s action and reaction to focus on their responsibility in the situation and not be burdened by what rightfully belongs to the alcoholic.

## **We Are Responsible**

There are healthy responsibilities in our relationships with self, others and God. If we want a relationship to change, we are to accept our personal responsibilities for trying to change it. We have no right to expect others to change things simply so things are right for us. They may have the right to like the way things are. It is not possible for us to be fully responsible to others without first being responsible to God and to self.

We are responsible to state what we need and what we want. (Often we don’t have the courage to do this!) We owe this to ourselves even though at times we don’t feel that we do.

We are responsible to take time to listen to God and self in making our personal conscious choices and to clearly present them to others. “Our” choices are not always God’s choices. In taking personal responsibility of our personal choices we are accepting responsibility for that which is important to promote spiritual and emotional growth.

## **Avoiding Responsibility**

Many develop, with much practice over many years, several ways of avoiding responsibility:

- They blame others for their negative thoughts, emotions and actions. (A cartoon from the 1950’s picturing a man in a convertible wrapped around a telephone pole. The driver

is shouting at an unseen woman saying, “You and your flesh colored, skin tight toreador slacks!”)

- They dump their feelings on others as in, “You made me angry, etc”, when in reality, they were the ones who let themselves respond by becoming angry, etc. This is an unhealthy focus on others rather than keeping the focus on themselves in these situations.

- They put others down rather than take action. (One time a woman requested a minister to visit her in prison. By the time he arrived, she decided that she didn’t want to talk and hence responded by putting the minister down saying that he couldn’t possibly understand because he had never been in prison and that he couldn’t relate to the situations that had led to her incarceration because of welfare fraud. By responding to her, that he had been in prison, and had lived in a situation where welfare fraud was practiced, broke the barrier. Feeling that he could understand and accept her, she began to accept the responsibility of her actions in the situation.)

- They use words like “you always” and “you never” because these are great ways to manipulate others into feeling guilty. And, if they can make you feel guilty, they can escape their own responsibility.

The down side of not accepting responsibility for themselves and their actions, is that they end up wallowing in self-pity, blaming God and others. Unfortunately, by lashing out on others, makes their immaturity fairly evident to all, except to themselves.

In Christ, believers are to take responsibility for their thoughts, emotions and actions. They are to take the rightful “ownership” of their lives. Recognizing their rights and responsibilities increases their personal power, sense of freedom and joy.

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sorrow is most definitely associated with emotions and regrets and wishes for do-overs. This emotional response is not wrong unless it is the motivation for repentance. Worldly sorrow cannot produce repentance and prevents one from being able to confess their sins to God.

The purpose of this article is to exposes some deep rooted issues that exist in many congregations. The issue that needs to be fixed is found in the failure of people to comprehend repentance as distinct from confession. Too often people assume that simply praying to God about their sins is both repentance and confession. But we have seen that to be deceiving to ourselves. Let us take hold of the responsibility to repent and then confess our sins before God.

Consider this situation. A Christian who has fallen because of some secret sin has been exposed. He

begins to cry and say that he is sorry for his actions. The Christian who exposed the sin is silent allowing the moment to sink into the heart of the fallen saint. The fallen saint takes the next hour or two to examine his life. He considers how his thinking has been wrong and the consequences of his actions. He sees that his sinful actions were not motivated by love for God. He realizes that his actions were just like the whip which raked across Jesus' back or the nail that was hammered into Jesus' hands and feet. He sees the condition of his soul and its place in hell as being reserved. From this experience he decides that he must change. He decides to think a different way; the way God tells him to think (Philippians 4:8). He decides that he wants his soul to be in a right condition with God. From this decision he bows his head and confesses his sins to God. Because his sin was known by the community

in which he lives he walks forward that Sunday morning and tells the congregation of his repentance, that his godly sorrow and his decision to alter his thinking, and that he has confessed that sin before God. He thanks the fellow Christian who revealed his secret sin. The congregation bows in prayer and then, after the worship service, they all rejoice over this prodigal son and brother.

Many of that congregation came by over the next few weeks and months to fellowship and study the Bible in the hopes that their actions will bear the burden of temptation from their fellow prodigal brother. As a result of this devotion to his return from sin this man matures spiritually and eventually becomes an elder of that congregation. This situation is possible only because this fallen saint recognized the need for repentance to come before confession.

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# Hindrances to Truth

*Kevin Cleary*

I had the pleasure of attending and speaking at Training for Service in Toronto in 2010. It was a great blessing to spend time in worship and fellowship with brethren from many places. It was this opportunity which led to this article.

Maclean's reports that Canadian's views of things like abortion, euthanasia, same sex marriage, prostitution and other moral issues are changing (Maclean's vol. 122 #46, Nov 3, 2009). Most denominations in Canada report losses (<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-008-x/2006001/9181-eng.htm>). Churches of Christ are not immune to these trends, although are faring better than most. The 2009 directory of Churches reports a 1.26% loss among Churches of Christ. Noticing this trend has caused people to ask, what is hindering Christianity?

It was this question that I was asked to consider at Training For Service. In preparation for this I asked a number of people what hindrances they could identify and got excellent feedback which, combined with my own study, provided the challenges presented here.

First and most important to consider are the hindrances we, as Christians, create for ourselves. There is no point knowing how to respond to someone who says "truth can't be known", or that "God does not exist" if we are not talking about our faith with these people in the first place.

Consider some of the last words of Jesus to His disciples before he ascended to the right hand of the Father. Matthew 28:18-20 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."

These words of Jesus are not hard to understand. In fact, His words are quite straight forward, "Go and

make disciples." Yet despite this, we as God's people, often fail to enact them. Why?

The first reason I often came across and which I see in my own life is fear. We are intimidated by the people around us who are unbelievers. A member of the church recently told me how he could remember in his university days being intimidated by some unbelieving professors who knew the Bible better than he did (at least based on his perception of the situation). As we look at those who are influential, successful and respected in our society it's not hard to see that many of them are not Christians. This can be very intimidating.

The prophet Jeremiah faced a situation like ours, especially after the death of Josiah. He was to bring a message of destruction and punishment from God that the people of Judah would not want to hear (Jer. 44:16). In this situation God told Jeremiah "Not to be dismayed before them, lest I dismay you before them" (Jer 1:17). Consider that the word dismay does not mean simply afraid, but frozen with fear, shattered, in other words, afraid to the point of inaction. What we should take from this is that it's okay to be afraid to carry out God's will of sharing the gospel. What is not okay is letting our fear stop us from sharing. Instead of being afraid of men we should love them and be concerned with our responsibility before God. After pointing out that all must stand before God in judgement Paul said "Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men".

There is another hindrance that we face as Christians when sharing the gospel and it's even worse than fear. Many times when faced with letting people know who we are as Christians, we are ashamed. We don't want people to know that we are Christians because it may change how they think of us. I can remember as a young man (newly baptized) a certain occasion when my family was hosting the midweek Bible study.

After everyone had arrived and was milling around my living room there was a knock on the door. One of my friends from the neighbourhood was there to see if I could go out and play road hockey (they were short one player for even teams). Of course I couldn't because of Bible study and I remember trying to come up with an excuse to tell my friend before the people now seated in the living room began to sing. I knew if he heard he would know what was going on and the reason I could not come out. I was ashamed of the gospel; this is a problem many of us struggle with.

On one occasion Jesus was invited to the house of a Pharisee named Simon for a meal. While there, reclining at table, a woman of the city approached Jesus and began weeping over His feet, wetting them with her tears and then drying them with her hair. She then anoints Jesus feet with ointment. This was not normal behaviour. People would look at this woman and wonder what was wrong with her. They would certainly find her actions out of place. Yet, knowing this, she still carried out her demonstration of love for Jesus (Luke 7:36-50). We need to love Jesus enough to demonstrate that love regardless of what people will think, not worrying about being called a goody goody, or Bible thumper or any other name. Instead, we should love Jesus enough to say "I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16).

From the same passage above Jesus gives us another important instruction. Once you have made disciples these new converts need to be taught. This hindrance is almost too obvious. How will people know truth if they are never taught it? And yet today, there are many disciples who don't know what it means to follow Jesus or to be His Church. There are specific things that the New Testament reveals about what Christ's church should look like, how it should act,

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**Note from Editors:** Harold Bruggen and I want to extend our thanks to Walter and Shirley Straker for their many years of service to the Gospel Herald. We hope to eventually come close to the quality they produced. We had some glitches in the transition process. We apologize if some material that you felt to be relevant was missed or if entire congregations somehow slipped through the cracks. We have very quickly found that it is better if you send a short article consisting of the information you wish published rather than just sending your bulletins. We will continue to accept the bulletins, but cannot guarantee that the information you deemed as important will be published. You can send articles to **Church**

of Christ, Box 416, Fenwick, ON L0S 1C0 or via E-mail to hbruggen@gmail.com or donhipwell@aol.com.

**Remember:** To be published in the following month's Gospel Herald, the information needs to be sent to us by **the 10th of the month preceding the date of issue.** Please, clearly mark the E-mail or envelope: "NewsEast". Thanks, Don Hipwell.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

**Saint John:** Shawn LeBlanc preached for the Moncton congregation on Boxing Day and taught them several new songs. The congregation had another mail drop in mid-December, and as a result, had a lady come out for worship and she said she would come back. Also, a man called and requested a DVD of Searching for Truth. We pray these will lead to a Bible study.

### NEW YORK

**Newark:** The congregation held the 53rd Church Anniversary Celebration and Appreciation Day on Sunday, January 16. Guest evangelist was Dean Hartfiel of Newark. The congregation

honoured Dean Hartfiel and his wife, Norma Jeanne, for their many years of service. Worship was followed by a song fest.

**Sardinia:** Glen Mueller, preacher at Sardinia, was scheduled for an MRI to see if a tumour, which was discovered a few years ago, had grown. Prayers on his behalf are requested.

### ONTARIO

**Bramalea:** After services on January 2, 2011, a preview of the Financial Peace University workshop by David Ramsey was shown for anyone interested in taking the course. The 13-week seminar begins Sunday, January 23, at 4 p.m. and will be continue every Sunday until April 23. Forty young people attended the youth lock-in/movie night on December 28. Thirty eight individuals enjoyed the New Year's Eve party on December 31, 2010, with food, games, singing and prayers to welcome in 2011.

**Fenwick:** Five hundred invitations were handed out during Fenwick's Christmas parade encouraging the community to join in a celebration of Jesus's birth through song on December 19.

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## The Barrie Church of Christ

is seeking a full-time Gospel Preacher to be a part of our congregation and continue the Lord's work of teaching, preaching and bringing the good news of the gospel of Christ to our community. Our congregation was established in the mid 1960's and presently has 3 elders and 2 deacons. We are self-supporting and meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for Bible studies; Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. for worship services; Sunday evenings at 6:30; and Wednesday evenings for Bible study at 7:00 p.m. There is more information about us at [www.barriechurch.ca](http://www.barriechurch.ca).

Barrie is a city of over 125,000 people situated on Lake Simcoe at the southern edge of Ontario's "Cottage Country" about an hour north of Toronto. Our location means that we have a number of visitors at our services as they travel through the area.

We are seeking an individual concerned with preaching the Bible with the respect that God's word deserves; someone interested in personal work and Bible studies not only with our own people but with members of the community as opportunities permit.

Please send your resume and references to the attention of:

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

### ALBERTA

**Camrose:** submitted by Dave Friesen—The Church in Camrose has enjoyed a fruitful and productive year in 2010. We grew numerically and spiritually. Toward the end of the year we began to have several guests attending Sunday mornings. We have a number of Pilipino people attending and we are setting up one on one studies with them. We also have others who are attending our Thursday Bible study. We have monthly gatherings and we have had guests at most of these. We are praying and working so that all of these guests will become members of the Lord's church. We wrapped up 2010 and kicked off the New Year with a New Years' Eve celebration and hay ride. We are looking forward to and are praying for a great harvest of lost souls in the coming year.

**Edmonton North side:** "Minor Prophets" and "Historical Christian

Evidences" Sunset classes have begun. A new care group has begun, making it 7 care groups across Edmonton and 1 in Sherwood Park. Two new ministries have been started. The cleaning ministry entails serving brethren (and neighbours), in need, with cleaning duties within their home. The frozen meal ministry makes meals available for those who are ill, etc.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Burnaby:** Richard Park reports that the Korean assembly had four baptisms in December. Lee Ki Seung, Jung Eun Sil, Lee Eun Kyung and Kim Sung Min were baptized during their Sunday afternoon assembly. Bong Soo Rim, long-time Korean preacher, and Richard Park, have instigated numerous studies at the Burnaby building for their people. Jacqueline Sabana, who is studying English in a fulltime program in Vancouver, was welcomed into our fellowship from the church of Christ in Quito, Ecuador, last month. An invitation was extended in January to 8-10 adults willing to make a commitment to the study of a DVD series called "TRUTH PROJECT" for 12 weeks. Those who have seen it said that it was a "spiritually and intellectually stimulating" course.

**Salmon Arm:** Our monthly potluck was held on Jan. 9 in order to give the congregation a opportunity to become

better acquainted with a Chicago preacher, Cliff Plummer, who visited with us for a few days as we continued our search for a permanent evangelist.

**Surrey:** The congregation is appreciating the help and enthusiasm of a fairly new convert, David Nunis, who is not only putting out an interesting bulletin for the church each week, but also teaching the 9 to 12-year-olds Bible class. A song leaders' practice singing session has been held on Wednesday evenings for several weeks.

**Vernon:** Our brothers and sisters in the Lord enjoyed a turkey dinner together on Jan. 15. Without the distractions of Christmas and for those who still have an appetite for turkey, it proves to be a choice time to have a celebration of love and fellowship in this congregation.

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg (Central):** The 8th Annual Mountains of Fun on the Prairies Ski Resort is planned for Feb. 4-6. Theme of the weekend is "Hold Back Nothing" with Jamey Boone, youth minister of Lone Oak church of Christ in Pahucah, Kentucky, as guest speaker. Lesson titles include: Following Jesus, Giving God our Best, and Loving Each Other.

### SASKATHEWAN

**Weyburn:** Welcome to Codee and Ray Kyle.

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One visitor from the village joined us that evening. David Stuart was guest speaker on January 2. In January's congregational meeting, it was agreed to increase Glen Robins' support for his work in Montreal. Plans are also underway for a Gospel Meeting with Max Craddock, April 10-13. Harold Bruggen, my co-worker, underwent hip replacement surgery on January 13.

**Hamilton (Fennell):** We are pleased to have had 5 young people (in their 20's) begin to affiliate with the congregation this fall. Our fourth annual seasonal outreach service on Sunday evening, December 19, was attended by both our members and visitors, mainly from other congregations in the area. The members participated in

Angel Tree Christmas program and in doing shoe box gifts for students at a local high school as well as some extra to help some within the congregation. This was organized by Lynda Russell.

**Meaford:** Meaford is hosting their 50th annual Youth Rally on Feb. 25-27. The theme this year is "Soldiers of Christ Arise." The speaker will be Chuck Hicks and the Harding University chorus will be the praise team. Saturday evening singing performances will be from both Harding University and Great Lakes Christian High School.

**Scarborough:** A prayer meeting is held every third Sunday at 6:00 pm. The book of Hebrews is being studied on Thursday evenings. The men's and ladies' classes meet every first Sunday following worship. The ladies are

studying from the book "Caterpillars or Butterflies" by Jane McWhorter.

**Tintern:** The last two months of 2010 were difficult for Tintern members. On November 9, Jeremy King died suddenly. He was only 31 years old, the worship minister of the Rochester Hills Church of Christ, a former member of the Tintern congregation and the eldest son of Arlene and Byron King. In December it was another sudden loss, that of Rick McBay. He died suddenly on December 11 of symptoms related to heart failure. Both deaths affect many and we are keeping the King and McBay families in our prayers. December 19th was Tintern's Celebration of the Season which was prepared by Rick McBay before his passing. His presence was

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# MISSION NEWS

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**Bible Institute of Central America:** “I was in Central America for 3 1/2 weeks in January, teaching in the three schools. In the February letter, I plan to have the dates of the campaign for ‘gringos’ (foreigners). In the past few years, our nation has been plagued with the ‘dumbing down’ of the school system. We are ranked 16th globally, and we are going down in rank. The standard of excellence has been ‘dumbed down’ to the level of the mediocre or lower. This is causing and will cause our nation to become mediocre or worse. Sadly, we ‘dumb down’ the Great Commission of Jesus if we lower His standards. The very purpose of Jesus and His cross is to save people. This goal/vision to take the Gospel to ALL the world MUST BE paramount in our prayers, vision, activities, projects, plans, etc. Jesus’ purpose must consume us and dominate us. We dare not ‘dumb down’ our Lord’s command! Jesus said ‘all the world.’ We dare not CHANGE the vision. We EMBRACE it! We dare not settle for a handful when Jesus seeks the multitudes, as we see in the book of Acts. We

have the right to call ourselves the Lord’s church only when we show evidence of our love for the lost. Missions cannot be the proverbial stepchild. Missions need to be on the front burner. May God help us to have the passion of Jesus for the lost. Help us to show compassion for those who will not go to heaven if we do not regard the command of the Great Commission. The 2010 results are in. This report does not include the work of our graduates. In Guatemala, 5215 good contacts were made for follow-up. They made 473 disciples (those who were taught how to teach the lost). Three new churches were established. Those baptized were 717 and 514 were restored, bringing renewed life to 1231 new Christians. In Honduras, the students helped 15 churches on weekends. Thirteen churches were established, with 925 baptisms and 862 restorations, bringing the total to 1787. In Nicaragua, God helped us establish three house churches. Baptisms numbered 1033. There were 438 restorations, making the commitment of saved to a total of 1471. These results are from weekend works, campaigns, seminars, youth meetings, growing groups, etc. Our pledge to God is to continue to improve our product...When I interview the graduates, they always thank you for your sacrifice.” (Report from George W. Hall, <http://www.bica.info/> January 2011)

**Sunrise Orphan Home, Philippines:** “Less than five years ago, we brought 18 young people from Leyte. They were from a village that had been completely buried by a massive mudslide, killing over 2000 people instantly. Last March, four of those young people graduated from college with Bachelors of Arts in Education. All four now have jobs and are productive citizens. At the end of 2010, the foundation which helped us start the orphanage will officially cease to exist. They have generously funded most of the orphans’ needs through these years. We now need new donors to help us continue supporting the remaining children there. One of them is Mercy Naparota, who is currently the acting student body president of her college. (Last year’s student body leader and the top academic student at Sunrise Christian College was also from Leyte.) Mercy lost her parents and four siblings in the disaster. Her dream is to finish her degree and become a school teacher. If help can be found for Mercy and the

others in our program, it will make a world of difference in their lives. Please send your tax-deductible contribution to our US 501c3 non-profit organization called Shepherds Hill International, PO Box 3131, Abilene, Texas 79601. Our Philippine orphanage is also registered with the Philippine government as a non-profit organization. For more information, please check this site: <http://leyteorphans.shutterfly.com/neworphans> or contact Salvador Cariaga at [Cariaga@yahoo.com](mailto:Cariaga@yahoo.com).”

**CAMBODIA:** “First Back-To-Schooler Enters University: Last fall, a girl who was able to go back to high school because of our ‘B2S’ program entered a university as the first person from her family to finish high school and first from her village to go beyond that. In addition to getting children back to school, families are helped economically by having shoes and bikes given to them as a gesture of appreciation and in recognition of the sacrifice they make by allowing their child to be in school even when needed in the fields. They are also given a bag of rice or cooking oil. In spite of escalating prices, \$20 a year will still make it possible to put one child back in school and change their entire family’s future.” (From a “Partners In Progress” winter report)

**JAPAN:** Sasha Ingle, intern to Mito, Japan writes: “There were some really good parts (of her recent furlough to North America)—like all the kind, generous people who invited me into their homes. And there were some difficult parts—like my grandpa passing away the week before Thanksgiving. But overall I feel like God gave me many opportunities to share in the work that He is doing in Japan, and I pray that He will provide the support that I need.” Prayers are requested for Sasha, Joel Osborne, Gaku Osugi (new convert), the Mito and Sendai churches, and for former missionaries, Ben and Erica Berry, who will return to Japan in 2011. Jonathan and Michiko Straker: In January Jon will begin the last semester of his masters in missions degree. Until Jon graduates, they will continue to work with the young adult ministry at University church in Abilene, Texas, and to lead a Wednesday night class with ACU’s Japanese students. Baby boy Shiori, (who was born November 29), big brother Hijiri (5), big sister Minori (2), and both parents are doing well.

## EVANGELIST WANTED

The congregation in  
**Prince Rupert BC**

is seeking a full-time evangelist.  
Must be a capable preacher, teacher  
and personal worker.

The congregation is stable with no real problems. We have a new building in a prime location (that is paid for) and are seeking a family that is willing to make a long term commitment. Our current evangelist has been with us for 20 years.

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"felt" during the service. The evening was enjoyed by many of our visitors as well. On January 9, 2011 we welcomed the six new babies that were born into the Tintern family during 2010, Nathan Walker (son of Matt and Kelly Walker), Katie Cook (daughter of Brad and Melany Cook), Jady N Mowat (son of Ken and Rachel Mowat), Evalyn Cramp (daughter of Evan and Lindsay Cramp), Wyatt Gibson (son of Dennis and Melissa Gibson) and Holly May (daughter to Duane and Lacey May). Tintern is looking forward to several more babies in 2011. Dyan Pyeatt and Noel Walker are the speakers at the Waterloo 20's retreat on January 14 to 16 at the Waterloo UCC retreat weekend. The Kids Night Out program starts up again on January 21 and we look forward to having a fun evening with many community kids and our own kids. We are continuing with Hero Headquarters Curriculum. The Tintern Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2011

**Toronto (Strathmore):** The congrega-

tion welcomed in the New Year with a devotional following an evening of fellowship and games. The theme for 2011 is "The Lord is my Banner" based on Exodus 17:15. James Bortey from Ghana and Alazar Abed from Ottawa have moved to Toronto and have been welcomed into the Strathmore church family. Vision TV has given Key a new contract for 2011 with no increase in the weekly cost.

**Waterloo:** Coats are being provided for those in need. Thursday evenings is a time of games and fellowship following a period of prayer. Furniture and other household items were collected and delivered to a family whose home was damaged by fire. Kim Baker, who recently moved to Waterloo, is a welcome addition to the church family. Five couples are planning to attend the marriage/engaged couples seminar in Niagara Falls, February 4-5.

**Wellandport:** Anne Anning passed away on January 11. She was 96. Anne was a faithful member for many years and was blessed with a clear mind to the very end.

**Windsor (West Side):** A special collection was taken on December 26 to give gifts to Healing Hands International (drilling of water wells), our missionary in St. John NB (Shawn Leblanc) and in support of local families. On Wednesday nights, we studied a four week series on the purposes of reading the Bible. A song service was held the evening of January 9. New Beginner's Celebration was a time for celebrating the new additions to the church family through baptism over the past year. Overcomers Outreach will be starting again, each Saturday evening at the church building.

### QUEBEC

**Montreal (Ville-Emard):** Glen Robins thanks the churches for supporting him both monetarily and spiritually in his work but is seeking funds in order to fulfill his commitment to the congregation in Montreal. That commitment runs through October, 2011 and he reports that currently he has only funds to carry him through to the end of February. He can be contacted at glenadamrobins@gmail.com if you wish more information.

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what activities it should engage in, what its members should believe and practice. We need to take the effort to be Christ's people seriously, and do things His way (in other words restoration). There are things which the New Testament teaches that we must embrace if we are to faithfully follow God.

I was reading an article called "preaching what we practice." This was not a mix up in words or a misprint. The article was simply pointing out that there are distinctive things about the Church described in the New Testament and, therefore, about churches of Christ that we have, in some cases, failed to communicate. The author cites an experience in which he was told that a person could attend a certain church of Christ for years and never hear a sermon on baptism. The same could be said about any number of Biblical subjects from worship, to organization, to gender roles. The truth about many of these issues is not being taught. I am fully aware that not all of the teaching of scripture is popular and that some of it may challenge us and those around us. That is no reason to avoid it! We, as God's people, have a responsibility to declare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26-27). Yes, some people may be offended or upset by the truth and there is nothing we can do about that. We should try not to be offensive in the way truth is presented, but truth must be presented (1Pet 3:15).

The last passage I would like to consider from the perspective of how the Church hinders itself is Romans 12:2. Here we are told not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. As I consider my own life and that of those around me, I realize that we are conformed. The world around us tells us how to dress, live, eat, think, even what morals and values to uphold. Bruce Morton has recently written an excellent book called *Deceiving Winds* in which he asks, "Are Christians making themselves relevant to our times and

community or just accommodating a Godless society?" It's not hard to notice that instead of standing firm in the face of worldly pressures we are often giving in. How can we hope to influence the world to God's standard when we spend all of our time and energy becoming like the world?

The influence of the world on Christianity is an ever present danger (Jn 15:18-19; 1Jn 2:15-17). Further, the condition of the world can keep those who are in it from coming to Christ (Jn 3:19). For these reasons it is also important to consider the conditions of the society we live in and how those conditions hinder the truth.

The first and possibly greatest challenge to truth in our time is that people just don't think there is any such thing (at least that applies to all people). I have had the opportunity to talk with a number of young people about the way religion is perceived, especially in university. I asked, how would people respond to you telling them you are a Christian? They told me that, generally, people would be accepting, understanding and not judgmental. Then I asked, what if you talked to them about being one as well? Or what if you let it be known that everyone must be a Christian to be saved? They explained that this would be considered rude, ignorant and mean spirited. The climate they described was one where each person was allowed to have their own ideas about what worked for them but should never try to convince others to join them.

A well known parable helps us grasp the way many are thinking. There is a story of five blind monks who come across an elephant. Each one approaches a different part of the elephant and therefore draws a different conclusion about what an elephant is. The one at the trunk thinks an elephant is a snake, the one at the ear thinks it's a fan, the one at the side a wall, the one at a leg a tree, and the one at the tail a rope. This little story illustrates how many in our time view truth. All humans are blind monks and can't see or

understand the big picture. Therefore we can't claim our understandings are better than anyone else's. No one should claim to have the big picture, to know for certain what reality is like. It is easy to see how this becomes problematic for Christians who make this very claim.

In a religious context, embracing the current understanding of truth can also be described by a brief story. A second grade class adopts a pet rabbit. The teacher decides that the class will work together to come up with a name. Amid the various proposals one child points out that they need to know if the rabbit is a boy or girl. Everyone agrees so the teacher takes the rabbit out and begins to examine it to determine the sex. The teacher quickly realizes that she can't tell the gender and goes across the hall for help. After asking some other teachers with no luck the teacher formulates a plan. She returns to the class and announces that they will have a vote to decide if it's a girl or boy rabbit. The class votes and boy wins, they name the rabbit Henry.

This story helps us to understand something of how truth is perceived by many religious people. Truth, they say, is determined by the community. For one community the Lord's Table may be important for another not so much. One community may baptize, another not, and so on. Whatever the community determines is truth for them. Further, one community should not try to force their truth on another. This approach has the same problem as the second grade class and the rabbit. Determining the gender was not up to them. In the same way Christian communities don't get to decide truth either. As Christ's people, our job is to recognize and embrace the truth He has revealed to us, not to decide it.

So the way people perceive truth becomes a great hindrance. It becomes something subjective and uncertain. Truth that can't be known certainly can't be embraced and so people are left separated from the way, the truth and the life.



There is another great hindrance to truth in our time, and that is, when people believe lies. One reviewer said the success of the Da Vinci code reveals more about the gullibility of our society than it does about Dan Brown. It's true, we live in a time when people are willing to believe almost anything. The Da Vinci code is a great example; I can't count the number of people who have talked to me about the contents of the book as if they were complete fact. Add to this list the recent glut of books and documentaries claiming new insights into Jesus and Christianity from history and the evidence is overwhelming. In assessing some of the more popular books along these lines (Qumran origins of the Christian Church; The Jesus Dynasty; The Pagan Christ) Craig Evans said, "Common to this hokum history and these bogus findings are eccentric approaches that competent, trained historians find utterly implausible. Legends, rumours, forged documents, hoaxes and psychic intuition hardly constitute the stuff from which sober historical truth will be found" (*Fabricating Jesus*). So when it comes to the identity of Jesus and the things that He taught, many of the people around us believe things which are simply lies.

Another lie that is even more commonly believed is the theory of evolution. Despite the fact that there is absolutely no evidence for one species becoming another, or life coming from non-life, people continue to be told and believe that this accounts for the diversity we see around us. I guess given what we have already seen above it should not be surprising that people just believe whatever they are told. Sadly, this means that people don't even believe that there is a God let alone that the Bible is His revelation to humanity.

There is no doubt that as we look at the state of Christ's church and at the world in which we live we notice many factors which will hinder the truth. I pray daily for the world that my son will arrive into and grow up in, that these hindrances will not

keep him from the God who created him. As well as for my brethren who are struggling to expand the borders of the Kingdom. But I am not discouraged or defeated. I know that churches of Christ have been down this road before. I know that in a society where it was considered immoral for a woman to not devote herself to cult prostitution for a time, and in which it was assumed that older men found younger men sexually attractive, where allegiance to Christ meant arrest, loss of property or even death the church began, grew and flourished. I also know of God's power to save even the vilest of sinners (1Cor 6:9-11) from the worst conditions. Because of all this I know that His church can thrive in our time. So instead of shrinking back let's face head on the hindrances to Truth and reach a lost and dying world with the saving grace of God.

Meaford, ON

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to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire" (2 Peter 2:20-22).

How about you? This is a very personal question. How is your building going? Successful building comes with properly directed thinking. As you build, think of Paul's encouragement, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). These sound like the ways God thinks. It is true, is it not, that people tend to reflect in their actions the nature of their thoughts? Since that is true, the advice of Paul, is a good place begin "observing all that I have commanded you..."

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## Tribute to our Soldiers

*Les Cramp*

For some time I have wanted to write an article in tribute to our soldiers who are giving their lives to protect innocent people. The reason I have not done so is because I feel inadequate to find words to convey my feelings.

War is a touchy subject. People have strong feelings in one way or another about military service. I do not wish to deal with the war aspect of the military because I do not visualize our recent past as war in the same sense as the World Wars. Perhaps I am wrong but I visualize the recent past as men and women giving their lives to protect others who cannot protect themselves. They use the same weapons but it is not like attacking another country to take some of their territory or resources. So understand as I write this I am referring to military personal who are giving their lives to give others a better existence or even survival.

There are two considerations as we think of our men and women in the military service.

The first consideration is for the people on the front lines in ever present danger every day. It is hard to imagine getting up in the morning and going to work with the realization that your life could easily end before you return to the place you are leaving. One might say that life is uncertain and anyone anywhere could experience something that could end our life prematurely. True! But the majority of us do not go to our work place or daily activities with that very conscious thought in mind. One of the most difficult things for soldiers to cope with is simply the constant recognition of the eminent danger around them. The stress must be huge.

The other consideration is for the loved ones of those who are on the front lines. Think for a minute of the number of people who are closely connected with the men and women in active service. It may be parents, siblings, a spouse, children, extended families and close friends. Would it be wrong to estimate that 15 to 20 are intimately linked to every man or woman who is involved in military duty? For some there would be more than that.

Think of the hours of sleep lost, the number of tears shed, the times breath is held, the anxiety, the trauma, the fear.

This article does not initiate pleasant thoughts. It was not meant to. It was meant to cause us to think and pray about something we might like to forget or ignore. But life is not all fun and games even if we would like it to be. We need to recognize and appreciate the sacrifice of the men and women who are risking their own lives to enhance the lives of others. God bless them!

Collingwood, ON

## Paul's Fear for the Church

*Brian Thompson*

"But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus (to you) whom we have not preached (to you), or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received (from us apostles), or a different gospel which you have not accepted (from us), you bear this (tolerate it, you swallow it up) beautifully." 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

There is no question that the Corinthian church was a difficult church to work with. In Paul's first

recorded letter to them we find that they had a huge problem with pride, so much so, that it promoted disunity in the church (Chapter One). Their faith rested on the persuasive wisdom of men rather than on the power of God (Chapter Two). There was jealousy and strife existing among them (Chapter Three). Paul's apostleship and motives were falsely questioned (Chapter Four). Gross immorality in the church was tolerated instead of punished (Chapter Five). Brethren were taking each other to court and unbelievers were hearing their cases against each other (Chapter Six). Marital problems and concerns in the church existed (Chapter Seven). Members exercised their Christian liberties and caused their brethren to stumble (Chapter Eight). Paul is unjustly examined by some of his brethren (Chapter Nine). Brethren were more focused on exercising their rights than in being thoughtful of the needs of others (Chapter Ten). Their attitude in partaking of the Lord's Supper was wrong (Chapter Eleven). Some members wanted the spiritual gifts of others not appreciating what gift(s) the Holy Spirit had given them. They wanted to be in the spotlight and didn't realize that spiritual gifts were for the edification of the whole church and not for self-exaltation. They had to learn the value of loving like God, a gift that would last forever unlike these spiritual gifts (Chapters 12-14). Some members had abandoned Paul's teachings about the gospel and were preaching that there was no resurrection of the dead (Chapter Fifteen). Paul is concerned that some may not love the Lord as they should and thus refuse to do what he commanded them to do (Chapter Sixteen).

In Paul's second recorded letter to this church we read that things had changed for the better and the Corinthian brethren were begin-



ning to act and think like Christians should. However Paul expressed a fear he had for them and it was that Satan, in his craftiness, would cause their minds to be led astray from being devoted to Christ and His teachings.

Satan is so powerful, influencing us in whatever way he can to not think nor act like Christ. And whenever that happens churches will divide, truth will be compromised and Satan will be laughing.

So, let's always remember Paul's words that the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus whenever we pray to Him with thankful hearts (Philippians 4:4-9).

Owen Sound, ON

## Expecting Failures

*Drew Chapados*

There are two courses of action that churches as groups or Christians as individuals can take when faced with the prospect of a failure:

1) Don't do anything unless you know it is going to be a sure success!  
2) Immediately come to the conclusion that the venture should never have been attempted!

In Acts 13 and 14 we see the movement of Barnabas and Paul to the forefront of Christian mission to the larger world. Interestingly, it begins with a simple enough practice of the church at Antioch's leaders meeting for a time of worship (fasting & prayer) and perhaps the shocking declaration by God's Spirit for Barnabas & Paul to leave Antioch and go, at this point we are not told where--13:1-3.

They begin to move through different places and preaching in synagogues and to Gentiles about Jesus. They had plenty of success on this trip (14:27), but they also met times of heavy confrontation and failure. At Iconium they find themselves in a possible life-threatening situation and have to flee for their

lives. They go to Lystra and people are sacrificing to them as gods, making it impossible to tell them about Jesus and then Paul gets so beaten with stones that he is left for dead before a miraculous revival. Were there times that Paul & Barnabas would have been better off had they never gone? Could they have been obedient to God had they not?

It is important to recognize that there is a third course when faced with failure or at least the possibility of it: be prepared for it and see the need to keep attempting to do God's will!

Churches and Christians have to be able to take risks. We cannot be guilty of simply sitting back out of fear nor can we be those who, when something doesn't work exactly the way 'success' would have looked, declare this shouldn't have been.

First of all, when we never step out in faith or do the things that God is calling us to do we fall into the trap where we think somehow, magically, God's great work of reconciliation to the world is going to take place without any kind of risk which is just not the way things have ever been. Jesus calls disciples to go to the world and bear their crosses—this is not a call to comfortable religion.

Secondly, when we are always waiting for something to fail so we can jump in and declare it was a misguided work—we lose sight of the fact that just sitting around doing business as usual was more than likely not accomplishing God's mission and also would then be a failure.

The third option is going to take resolve and faith but it is the only proper way to see discipleship. There will be moments of discouragement because of seeming failure—but as Paul would constantly tell us—labour in the Lord is never in vain (1 Cor.15:58).

Windsor, ON

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### Great Lakes Christian High School Alumni Association

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**CAMROSE:** 4901 42 Street T4V 1A2; Sunday AM Bible study 10 am; Sunday AM worship service 11 am; Thursday Bible Study 7 PM; Phone: (780) 672-1220 (Office); Evangelist: David Friesen; Email: cancofc@telus.net

**EDMONTON NORTH:** Meeting place in NW of city 13015 – 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9; Office 780-455-1049; Fax 780-454-9545; Sun. 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study CAREgroups at the building and in various homes (phone for locations & other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelists: Gerry Bibaud; 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; Website: www.southedmontonchurchofchrist.org

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**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: 20 Desmarais Cres., St. Albert, AB T8N 5X7; (780) 690-9947, E-mail: stalbertcofc@hotmail.com

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley):** Sun. 10, 11; Thur. 7 PM, Meeting at: Suite 200 - 2445 West Railway Street, Abbotsford, BC; Mailing address: #4 – 3292 Elmwood Dr.; V2S 6B2 Norm Weir, ev. 604-850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 604-850-9001; email: normjen@shaw.ca

**BURNABY (Greater Vancouver):** 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM, Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times and locations; (Sept. – June – Wed. 7:30 PM, Adult Bible Study at Building), Kirk Ruch, ev., K.M.R@SBChurch.ca; Conor Wilkerson, youth, Office, office.contact@SBChurch.ca (604) 522-7721 (off.); Website: www.SBChurch.ca

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**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

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

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**SALMON ARM:** 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-832-3828; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter, elders; (Contact: Maurice Taylor – 250-832-9969) website: sa4CHRIST.com

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**VANCOUVER (Dakridge):** 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 11, Milton Diaz, ev., 604-432-1749 (res.).

**VERNON:** 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-6892 (off) www.vernonchurchofchrist.com; email: vernonchurchofchrist@telus.net

**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, L/S Walters, (250)-478-7275 or D. Morton, (250)-479-8480; please leave message: e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

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**GRIMSBY:** 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 10 am; Bible classes 11 am; Sun evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev. (h) 289-566-8963; website: www.grimsbycofc.org

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**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@bruceatelecom.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; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, wjcurrie@rogers.com

**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 10am, Sunday pm - call for information; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca

**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.); Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Sunday School 11:30 AM Wed. 7:30 Adult & Children's classes; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 356-3412, evs., darrin@niagaracoc.com; website: www.niagaracoc.com

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**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; Malcolm Porter, 905-668-3346 (res).

**OTTAWA (Riverview Park):** 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert J. MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, 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

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**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; (519) 339-1161 (off.),

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**SELKIRK:** 1/2 km n. of village, 58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1P0; 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:** Jasper 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.

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

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**SUDBURY:** 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7 PM; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, email: edklym@unitz.ca, Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

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

**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Jim Kent, sec, Randy Morrilt, ev. 18 Albert St, Box 078, POR 1L0; (705) 842-2344 (H), (705) 842-3340 (O/Fax); Email: randy.lois.church@sympatico.ca

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**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., Dylan Pyeatt 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, mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (office)

**TORONTO (Scarborough):** 700 Progress Avenue, Unit # 11 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. 905-686-2486, cell: 416-209-2529, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devonben@gmail.com, Phillip Brown ev. 905-231-9304, cell: 905-406-9160; e-mail: philkare@gmail.com; Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.net

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**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

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**QUEBEC CITY:** 2980 Vertheuil, (corner Jean-Noel) Mailing address: PO Box 9041 STN Sainte-Foy, Quebec, QC G1V 4A8, Sunday School: 9:30 AM; Sunday worship: 10:30 AM (French); Wed. 7:30 PM

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**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 Hinnergard, Minister; Website: www.thenorthwestchurchofchrist.com ; E-mail: kirkinski@hotmail.com

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

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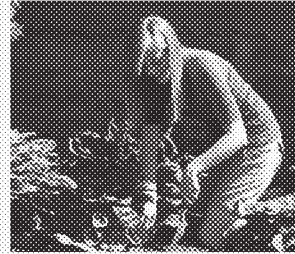
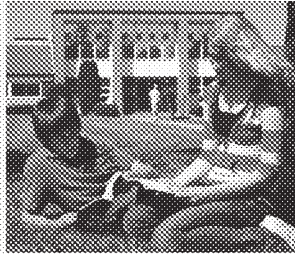
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