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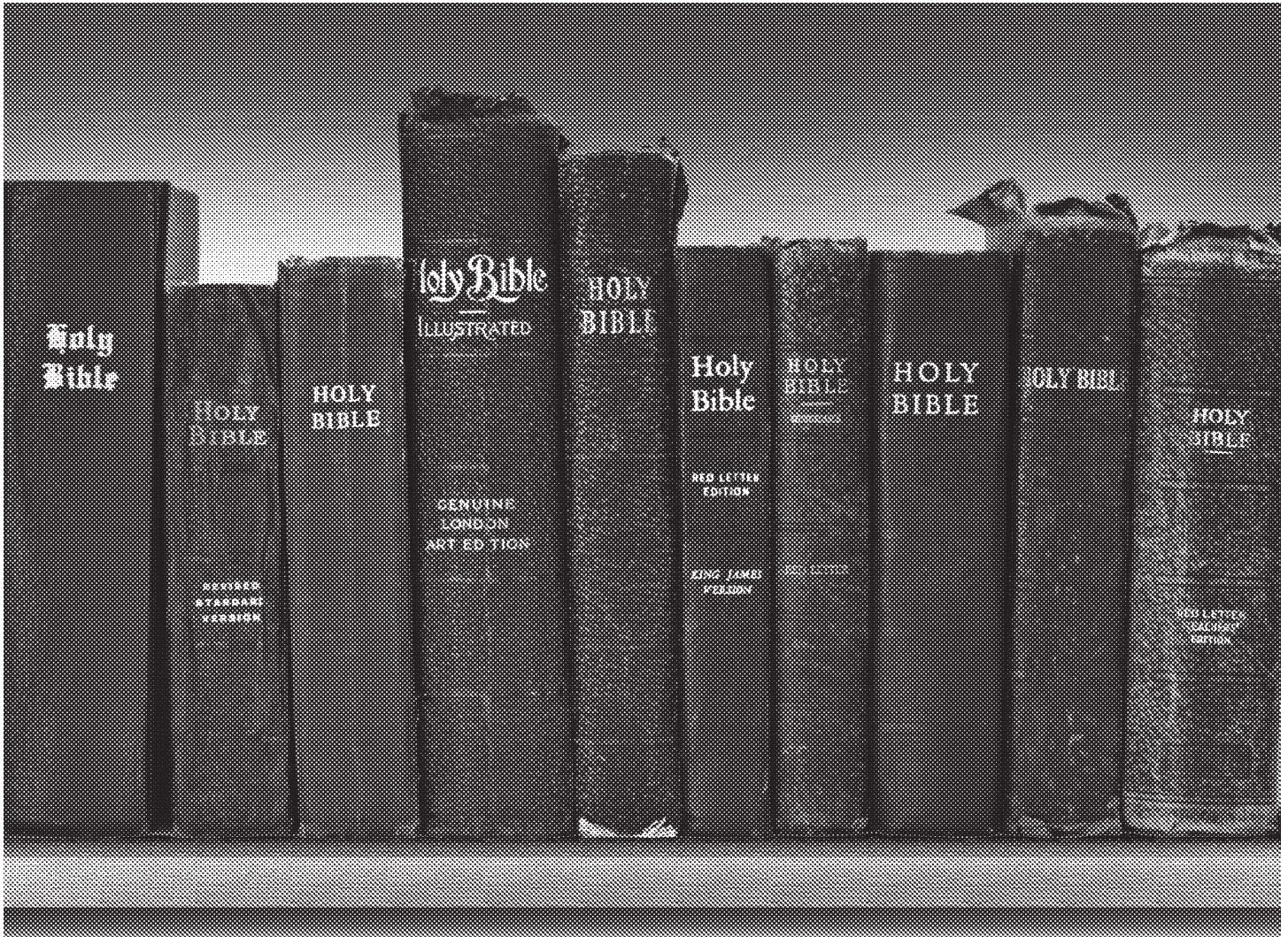
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The Gospel Herald: A Distinctly Canadian Paper – PART 2

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In 1953, when J.C. Bailey decided to turn the Gospel Herald (G.H.) over to someone else, he offered the paper to Eugene Perry. Perry later related the events that followed. At the time, Perry was teaching at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, and felt that it was too great a responsibility to face alone. He approached Roy Merritt, who was preaching full-time in nearby Hamilton. Though initially doubtful, Bailey later agreed.¹ The change in editorship also meant that the G.H. would again be leaving its Prairie roots in Western Canada and going East.

Marathon Editors

When Roy Merritt and Eugene Perry took ownership of the G.H., little did they dream they would work together as co-editors for much of the next 40 years. Merritt stepped down in September, 1993, while Perry continued until 2002. During this period, both took temporary absences from their roles, as Merritt went to India, and Perry spent 8 years in Zambia. During these absences, Keith Thompson, Walter Hart, Ralph Perry and Wayne Turner stepped in temporarily. Initially, Merritt and Perry alternated the responsibility of writing the monthly editorial. In 1958, when Merritt moved to start a new congregation in Ottawa, they decided on a new division of labor, with Merritt being responsible for teaching copy and editorials and Perry looking after publication, subscriptions and the bookstore.

The two new editors were well chosen. They were known and well respected by the brotherhood. Both had grown up in the Niagara Peninsula area of Southern Ontario, which has a rich and lengthy background in the Restoration Movement. Like Bailey, pioneer preacher and

later noted missionary to India, both men were deeply committed to evangelism in Canada and the rest of the world. Perry was experienced as both preacher and educator. Merritt would plant new congregations in Hamilton, Ottawa and Thunder Bay, Ontario. Both would serve on foreign fields. The editors continued to keep global evangelism in front of Canadian brethren by regularly featuring mission reports in the Gospel Herald. In September, 1981, the G.H. published a list, compiled by Clinton Brazle, which identified over 100 Canadian individuals and families who had served or were serving on foreign fields.² Most of these were from 1950 to the date of publishing. The following month, the results of a survey of Churches of Christ in Canada, compiled by Geoffrey Ellis, identified that there were just over 130 congregations and about 6,000 members across the country.³ In October, 1985, H. Ralph Perry, in "The Gospel Herald and Missions", noted that "Through the years, the Gospel Herald has encouraged world evangelism in its pages ... both Canadian and overseas mission efforts...They have informed our readers of the happenings in the advance of the gospel at home and abroad. They have also encouraged participation in seeking the lost through prayer, going, and financial support."⁴

In his second editorial, "They Called the Bell 'Rex'", Merritt showed his ability to make a very serious point with humor. He told of a newspaper story that had a picture of a man pouring water on the bell of a church building. The story reported that the bell was being baptized and given the name "Rex." Merritt used the story as an opportunity to discuss the confusion about baptism in the

religious world, noting that there would be "considerably less danger and confusion" to baptize a bell, rather than children. With obvious tongue in cheek, he wrote, "We suggest that the denomination involved in this religious farce immediately confine its mission work to the unbaptized church bells throughout the country. They might even sneak up into the steeples of rival religious groups, baptize, name, bless and dedicate the bells. What a sense of pride the sponsors would have as they clung to a slippery steeple and witnessed the addition of another bell to their ranks."⁵

Over the years, the editors continued Bailey's effort to keep the paper as representative as possible. Associate editors came from provinces across Canada, from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, as well as Canadians working with churches in the United States and serving on mission fields throughout the world. More about this will be discussed later.

In September, 1993, Merritt stepped aside as editor, passing that task on to Wayne Turner of Winnipeg. Perry and Turner maintained the same division of responsibilities. When Perry retired in May 2002, Max Craddock, of Toronto, assumed his responsibilities. Craddock and Turner have continued to serve to the time of this writing. Both are involved in long-term ministries with Canadian congregations, Craddock with the Strathmore Boulevard Church of Christ in Toronto, Ontario, and Turner the Central congregation in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Challenges of Canada

Some attention should be given to the context in which the G.H. functions.

Though Canada and the United



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States share the same continent and the longest unguarded border in the world, and seem to possess similar cultures, they are distinct countries. Though Canada's total area is marginally larger than the U.S., it has only about one tenth the population. Due to climate and geographical factors, most Canadians live within one hundred miles from the U.S. border. About half of Canada's total population lives in the 15 largest metropolitan areas. Canada's two most distant cities, Victoria, British Columbia, and St. John's, Newfoundland, are 3,000 miles apart, about one eighth the circumference of the earth.

Canada represents a unique blend of British, French and other European countries, as well as First Nations cultures, traditions and languages. While the United States has become a melting pot of cultures, Canadians pride themselves on being a "salad bowl" that, because of very open refugee and immigration policies, is becoming increasingly multicultural. Canadians see themselves as more peace loving and less militaristic than their American counterparts, preferring their military being involved in peacekeeping missions rather than police actions.

At the same time, because they share the continent with the U.S., Canadians understand that their economy, culture and entertainment are almost inseparably intertwined with their neighbors to the south. However, a typical Canadian, when asked what it means to be Canadian, may express it either in terms of saying, "not American" or through some defining stereotype, as in hockey or Tim Horton's coffee.

Similarly, Canadian Christians tend to see themselves as, in some ways, different and distinct from their American brethren. In the 1960's, Lynn Anderson, who was born and reared on the Canadian Prairies, wrote a thesis, "An American Preacher in a Canadian Situation" in which he described the challenge of "cross-cultural religions communication" when Americans work with Canadian congregations. Despite the

seemingly similar natures of churches on each side of the border, he notes that there were some significant differences. In the past, Canadians have been more traditional and resistant to change and more formal in their approach to worship. There are also some subtle but important differences in language idioms and cultural practices.⁶ Further, we should add that many Canadians are resistant to what they perceive as American methodologies.

The Gospel Herald's "market" is a relatively small group of Canadian Christians scattered across the northern half of a continent. In the vast area of Canada, with a population of about 34 million, there are about 150 congregations and total membership of under 7,000.⁷ About 40 of these congregations are located in Southern Ontario (an area about 200 by 200 miles). Of the remaining churches, some may be an hour or more from their closest neighboring

congregation. Relatively few have sister congregations in the same community. (There are multiple congregations in just over 10 communities in Canada.) Plus, there are individual Christians throughout the country living in communities where no organized congregation exists. Bethel Bailey expressed the effect this had on him personally, "...one has to fight discouragement often and vigorously when one is so far removed from larger numbers of active brethren."⁸ Thus, the G.H. is often a critical lifeline for small, struggling remote congregations and individuals, providing teaching, encouragement and news.

Further, the estimated number of congregations for Canada includes the different congregational characters (as Mac Lynn has used in his directories of congregations). This means that the G.H. connects with a broader range than may be typical

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for brotherhood papers in the U.S. It is estimated that there may be as many as 22 “non-institutional” congregations in Canada.⁹ Some of these are listed in the directory of congregations in the G.H. and some of the members of these congregations are subscribers. It should be noted that, despite some of the differences of view, brethren in Canada on both sides of the “institutional” issue have worked to maintain a healthy respect for each other. The present editors have been pleased to run articles from “non-institutional” brethren that are positive and of relevance and interest to the brotherhood at large. In “Our Other Brethren” in October 2002, Eugene Perry gave a positive update of the work going on among these brethren in Ontario.¹⁰

Given the challenge of the Canadian situation, the various editors have pursued the aim of preventing the paper from being issue-oriented and divisive, preferring to be the kind of publication one could freely pass on to a friend or neighbor. Roy Merritt wrote, “We have sought to make the Gospel Herald a positive paper which could grace any coffee table in homes across the country.” He noted that despite attempts by some to push the paper to the right or left or to make it a platform for specific issues, “we did not want to become unnecessarily active in controversy which would be objectionable to many of our readers.”¹¹

In 1989, Merritt and Perry gave a clear reminder of the purposes of the paper:

- to promote New Testament Christianity
- to exercise a positive, upbuilding influence
- to encourage unity and discourage polarization
- to stand firmly and kindly for the truth
- to challenge readers to pursue both the teaching and spirit of Christ
- to respect and encourage the autonomy of the local congregations.

With these purposes, they also reminded potential writers of their readership, “Readers are primarily our brethren in Christ and their friends to whom they give the paper. The majority are not in-depth scholars. We want to address them where they are and deal with their questions and needs.”¹²

In an editorial, “Responsible Christian Journalism,” Merritt wrote, “The policy of the Gospel Herald has resisted the pressure to be guided by the whims and prejudices of men. The editors have sought to project truth, to reflect on news of the brethren and to protect the faith from enemies of the truth, whether the attacks are misguided or deliberate.”¹³

Issues and Controversy

As noted earlier with the issue of Pacifism, the editors have not been able to totally avoid controversial issues. At times, issues that have broadly affected the brotherhood in North America on both sides of the border have found their way onto the pages of the G. H. In 2002, Eugene Perry wrote, “Those of us who have been guiding the ship have been determined to steer a course that is safe and sound. We have tried to stand firmly for New Testament Christianity while avoiding being pharisaical, quarrelsome or belligerent. Over the years we have weathered the ‘non-institutional’, ‘charismatic’, and ‘discipling’ disturbances.”¹⁴ In April, 1996, Perry wrote an article about “The Gospel Herald and Controversy” in which he presents the basic desire of the editors to “not contribute to polarization and division and to avoid indulging in ‘personality tactics.’”¹⁵

The Present and Future

In the 75 years since Sinclair first published the Gospel Herald, many things have changed. Canada’s population has become more urban, secular, and multicultural. The

digital revolution has reduced distance and time, but altered the way people process information and ideas. Social interaction has shifted to social media. With the disappearance of the family farm, rural congregations have also declined or shut their doors. Like the general population, the churches have “moved into the cities.” In some ways, the G.H. has also changed. Its editors work with diverse urban congregations. The paper can be accessed on the internet or read as a PDF via email.

However, the masthead, “For the Promotion of New Testament Christianity” has not changed. The purpose of the Gospel Herald will remain the same as young Sinclair envisioned: “to spread the gospel; to strengthen Christians and to encourage each other...”



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The Debt We Owe

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Can you imagine not having a Bible in your own language—not even having access to one? Until last year, the Kimyal Tribe in Papua, Indonesia, did not even have a New Testament in their own language. Work on a translation began in 1963, but the first translators were killed by a neighbouring tribe. When the translation was completed, it was published by the Indonesian Bible Society, delivered by plane and presented to the leaders of the tribe in March, 2010. For the first time ever, members of the tribe had copies of the scriptures of their own.

By contrast, how many Bibles and New Testaments do you own? How many different versions and paraphrases? (How many are on your computer, cell phone or PDA?) For some, it could easily total twenty, thirty or even more! We have so many Bibles that it is difficult for us to believe there was ever a time when it was difficult to even have access to an English Bible.

2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the first printing of the King James Bible, also known as the Authorized Version. Since then, the KJV has been the most widely used and highly revered English Bible. Written in the language of Shakespeare, it has an inherent beauty and grandeur. For many people today, this is the way the Bible should sound.

We may never know how much we owe to those who produced and published the KJV. Its earliest printings were large Bibles intended for use in churches. However, it was soon available in smaller editions suitable for home and personal use. It placed God's Word into the hands of everyone, not just the clergy and a select few. It was the version in use at the time of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement. People could look at their own Bibles and see the truth for themselves.

What many may not know is that the KJV was the third translation of the scriptures produced by the Anglican Church under the authority of the Crown (thus all were known as "authorized versions"—that is approved to be read in public worship in the Anglican Church). The first, under Henry VIII in 1539, because of its size, was known as the Great Bible (also the Cromwell Bible, the Whitchurch Bible and the Chained Bible). The second, in 1568, was the Bishop's Bible. In 1603, King James I succeeded Elizabeth I. The following year, at the Hampton Court Conference, in response to objections to the earlier translations by the Puritans, King James laid out the principles for a new translation. When published in 1611, the editor's title page stated that it was "Appointed to be read in Churches." In his book on the history of the English Bible, Jack P. Lewis notes

that, beyond this, "history has no record of an official authorization of the KJV."

From the time it was first published to today, the KJV has undergone numerous corrections and revisions. Lewis notes that "a currently circulating King James Bible differs in significant details (though not in general content) from the one issued in 1611." Perhaps of greater significance is that it has been suggested that as much as 84 per cent (some suggest even more) of the New Testament in the KJV actually comes from the translation published by William Tyndale in 1525 (as well as 75 per cent of the Old Testament sections that he translated before his execution in 1536).

Prior to 1539, Bibles in England were published in Latin. Those who attempted to translate the Bible into English were considered heretics and persecuted. John Wycliffe produced an English translation of the Latin Vulgate in 1382. He died of a stroke in 1384. In 1428, his body was exhumed, burned and his ashes scattered in the river to show the Pope's disdain for his life and work. Due to the invention of the printing press by Gutenberg in the mid-15th century, Tyndale's New Testament, in 1525, was the first English Bible to be printed. (Lewis estimates 50,000 copies were printed before his execution as a heretic and many more after).

While we respect and honour the very important role that the KJV has played in the English speaking world, perhaps our greatest debt is to men like Wycliffe and Tyndale who faced opposition, persecution and death because of their desire to bring the Bible into the language of the ordinary people of England.

In a time when English was disdained as inferior and Latin was the language of church, Wycliffe wrote that "the

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HOMECOMING

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HOW QUICKLY THE YEARS PASS.

Once again classmates are asking, "Has it really been that long?" As excitement grows over who will be there, I want to share a bit of what the weekend will bring.

This year we honour **Roland Olson** and his wife, **Lois**. Together they served our school for 20 years. All of their 7 children attended Western Christian, as well as many of their grandchildren. Their daughter, Sharon, taught at the school when it was in Dauphin, MB. After retirement, Roland and Lois volunteered countless hours, teaching our students and staff art, especially pottery. Today, they continue to show an interest in and support Western Christian. This is also an honoured year for Lois, as she is one of two students from the class of 1951.

Don and **Loreen Husband** will be the guest speakers at the Homecoming Banquet on Saturday evening. Don and Loreen worked at Western Christian for a combined total of 30 years (Don, 22 & Loreen, 8) and all three of their children attended the school. Together, they bring years of memories and connections that span the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. Don is from the honoured class of 1971. His class reps are working hard to have the highest percentage of classmates attending Homecoming 2011.

Our Sunday morning speaker will be **Leslie Williams**, from the class of 1981. His classmates are also working hard to round up the "troops" and get them to Regina.

Remember to bring your hockey equipment, basketball and volleyball shoes for the usual Alumni games. Why not bring your old scrapbooks, photo albums and pictures to share? Your camera is a must, to capture all the images of a fun-filled weekend. Plan to open your hearts and minds to those that are hurting and heartbroken, and prepare to be amazed as you reconnect and rekindle friendships made at Western Christian.

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The Growing Church

As you will note elsewhere in this issue, it is time for our ten year look at the Church in Canada to see if we are growing, holding our own or “fading.” Hopefully, these studies are of interest to all Christians who want to see the Church grow, both in number and in strengthening the spiritual life of all the believers.

What is helpful, perhaps essential, in making the Church grow? Some would list the need for an efficient building. The realtors among us might add, location, location, location! Surely, there have been times when buildings have been built “off the beaten path” and away from the population centres and their outreach may have been hurt as a result. Seemly many believe the way to success is to have an entertaining worship service where people can experience a joyful high. Add to this a charismatic preacher and success is assured.

The real question is, “What does one understand the Church to be?” Is the Church the creation of man to fulfill his need for some sort of focus point in his life? For many it is a place for special events such as weddings or funerals and a place to go in times of hardship or fear (I understand that the Church is not a place but a people). Note that the Sunday following 9/11, places of worship in North America were filled for the first time in years. This did not last, however, as attendance at places of worship today is less than the days before 9/11.

In understanding the Church we need to remember who established it. Jesus responded to the confession of Peter that He was the Christ with these words, “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18 ESV). Since

it is His Church we need to understand what He intended it to be.

I don’t know what you would say best describes what the Church is to be, but one of the most important is that it is the place of the saved. On the birthdate of the Church on Pentecost in Jerusalem about 3,000 were added to the Church by the Lord following their baptism (Acts 2:37–41). Following this wonderful beginning, note the continuing work of God in the Church spoken of in Acts 2:42–47 (ESV), “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

The exciting work that was done in the first century by the Church is to be continued by the Church today, calling men and women from the darkness of sin to the light that is in Christ Jesus. Paul reminds us of the task before us in these words “...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him” (Ephesians 3:10–12 ESV).

Interestingly, the plan of God for redeeming mankind does not always please man. The way we get into the Church and the way we honour God in the Church is often not “the way we would do things.” The attitude of self-will and doing things my way is not a new attitude in man’s relationship with God. And this was not just the “heathen” who perhaps did not know about God. As far back as the days of the Corinthian Church (and long before that in the Old Testament history of God’s people and their sometimes lack of respect for God) mankind has rebelled against God’s way. Paul wrote, “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles” (1 Corinthians 1:21–23 ESV). For many, even in the Church today, it becomes a matter of expecting God to dance to their tune rather than their getting into step with Him.

The words of Paul remind us of the need for the church to grow from within when the truth of God is respected and faithfully taught and followed. “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes” (Ephesians 4:11–14 ESV). Note verses 12 and 13, underlined above. “Equip the saints” and unity of “the faith” are keys to a growing Church.

In coming issues we will expand on these thoughts with the hope that all of us will work in unity to see the Church grow here in Canada and around the world.

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Prayer Can Change the Night to Day, #1

Lois Voyles

For those of you who are struggling in various situations, hang on and keep on praying. Here are a few prayers God has answered for us during the last couple of months:

1. A young man gave his life to the Lord.

2. A homeless family needed an apartment—God provided.

3. A family was in dire need of a car—God gave them one.

4. A family needed a refrigerator—one showed up.

5. A man went off drugs and has stayed clean several months.

6. Two men needed some medicines they couldn't afford and didn't know how they were going to get them. God showed up.

7. God provided an apartment for a large family who were basically living in the slums.

8. Two couples got back together.

9. Someone needed work to tide him over for two weeks between jobs—God provided.

10. Someone needed his car fixed and God opened the door.

11. Someone was in need of forgiveness, and God worked in that situation.

12. Someone's money was missing in the mail, and after spending some time in prayer, it was hand delivered by UPS within 24 hours.

13. A family returned to the Lord.

14. Someone had sudden severe health problems days before her wedding—she made it through the wedding and honeymoon and got it taken care of after she came back.

15. Someone just couldn't find the time to get some work done but after days of prayer, God worked in that situation for the work to be completed.

16. God provided a computer and printer we didn't even ask for! (Other than to petition Him that we needed

ours fixed or something!)

17. Someone was going to have to leave a family reunion early because of a possible mandatory meeting, and God had the "powers that be" postpone the meeting.

18. Three women have made remarkable strides in healing.

19. God worked in someone's heart who was having difficulty in getting along with someone, and reconciliation took place.

20. God provided work for two people in need.

21. Someone was accepted with open arms and great love who needed it.

22. Someone had double booked too many people at her home—after prayer, God worked out the entire situation.

23. Someone needed strength to take care of an ill spouse; God provided.

24. Someone gave someone some clothes.

25. Someone needed a table and chairs and God provided.

26. A young man came through surgery with no mishaps.

27. God gave someone the strength to serve company in her home for two weeks as well as working a full-time job.

28. A family was given money to pay their rent.

29. A family was given money to pay their electric bill.

30. Someone was given an unexpected bonus at work.

I hope you get the picture. God is alive and well and acting on behalf of those who cry out to Him day and night.

All prayers are prefaced with and ended with: "Not my will...but yours be done."

God is working for the GOOD of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). We put our lives in His hands, and He alone decides what is good for us. We trust Him implicitly for whatever answers He gives.

And we give thanks in all circumstances—no matter what the answer is. That is God's will for us in Christ Jesus (I Thessalonians 5:18).

Everything is possible for those who believe (Mark 9:23).

Every good gift is from God (James 1:17).

Searcy, AK

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	July 31	Singspiration 2	Bob Sandiford
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Once per decade, Statistics Canada conducts a nationwide general census. The launch-date this year is May 2, 2011. For the past three decades, the Gospel Herald Foundation has conducted a survey of Churches of Christ in Canada, beginning with the census year 1981. This year's survey will be our fourth.

The Gospel Herald board has appointed three of its members to draft and conduct the 2011 survey. They are David Dunn, Geoffrey Ellis, and David Knutson, all from the Waterloo Church of Christ.

Congregations across Canada will be encouraged to share their statistics. It is hoped that a majority of the churches will participate,

yielding a profile that will be accurately representative.

This year's survey will follow up on the previous three, so that a picture of the church in Canada over the past forty-years might emerge. The survey inquires into matters of Membership, Attendance, Leadership, Education, Outreach, Missions, Benevolence, Growth and Assembly.

We are working to compile a complete and up-to-date listing of all congregations in Canada that identify as Churches of Christ. As in past surveys, this includes those identified as 'non-institutional'. Those who were formerly known as "International Churches of Christ" are also encouraged to participate.

All congregations will be contacted by mail and given the opportunity to respond in written form through the postal service. The survey form and accompanying

instructions will also be posted on the Gospel Herald website at: <http://gospelherald.org> under the 'Survey' menu. Respondents may download the editable Excel spreadsheet, and when completed, submit it as an attachment by email.

As this survey gets underway, a copy of the 2001 survey that was published in Sept. 2002 is available at the Gospel Herald website under the "Survey" menu.

Knowing that the life of any congregation is a work in progress, this survey seeks to sample that progress nation-wide. We do this to gain insight and understanding of where we have been and where we are now, as we collectively pursue the goal of discipling the nations.

The plan is to complete and publish the 2011 survey in the Gospel Herald by the early summer of this year.

2011 SURVEY OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CANADA

Churches of Christ across Canada are invited to participate in a general survey of present day congregations to be conducted by the *GOSPEL HERALD*.

The 2011 survey will extend the findings of three previous surveys conducted by the *Gospel Herald* in 1981, 1991, and 2001.

The resulting profile will supply useful insights into growth, conversions, age configurations, organizational trends, church plantings and disbandings, etc.

Survey response forms with instructions will be forwarded by mail to all known congregations in the month of March with returns encouraged by April 30th.

Any congregation that may not have received survey materials by April 15 is encouraged to contact the survey team at the address below.

Participants and all interested parties can access survey materials at The *Gospel Herald* website: <http://gospelherald.org>.

For additional information, contact:
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NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: The year began with a man from the community accepting the DVD "Searching for Truth". Follow-up contact will be made with him.

NEW YORK

Sardinia: The Wednesday night Bible Study is an inspiring and learning time about the church in the Book of Acts. Kyle Frank delivered the sermon for February 27.

QUEBEC

Montreal (Ville-Emard): Glen Robins reached his goal to raise \$10,500 in just over a month's time! He received both additional support from current supporters, as well as a number of new supporters—even from as far away as Pittsburgh, PA! He says thank-you and truly appreciates everyone's concern and confidence. As had been done last year, the congregation once again participated in a Christmas food-bag drive. We managed to collect 35 large bags of non-perishable groceries, which were distributed to deserving families through a local youth-oriented community group, *Toujours Ensemble*. Over the weekend of January 14 -16 a carload from Ville-Emard drove the 7 hours down to Waterloo, ON, to participate in the 5th annual Waterloo 20's Weekend. It was an enjoyable weekend that was definitely worth the trip. Venita Dupras, a member at Ville-Emard and also a professional singer and singing instructor, will be leading the men in a singing and song-leading workshop. Over the past year we have lost two of our talented song-leaders due to relocation, so Venita will be helping us find our vocal ranges and the right pitch for that next hymn! Glen recently finished 3 different series: (1) a sermon series through 1 Corinthians. (2) A Sunday class series through the Minor Prophets which took us just over a year. (3) A Wednesday evening study entitled, "Discovering Jesus in the Gospel of Mark."

On the horizon are a sermon series through 2 Corinthians, and a Wednesday evening study on discipleship.

ONTARIO

Bramalea: Samantha Persaud was baptized by Kevin Hunter on February 6, following morning worship. Her parents attended Bramalea in the mid-70s. Lita DeCastro, of the Mississauga congregation, was baptized at Bramalea on February 12 by Bill Currie. Lita attended the Bramalea church in the mid-90s with her husband Jackson. On February 12, eight couples met for a Valentine's dinner, followed by contests, games and dessert at the church building. Aldo Wilson, aged 72, (Mrs. Donald Wilson), of Georgetown died on March 2, 2011. She was a younger sister of Murray (Bud) Warren of Huntsville, Alabama who attended Harding College with Keith Thompson, Joe Cannon and other Canadian preachers - all of whom preached for many years.

Brantford (North Park): Guest speakers have been Greg Toohey, Curtis Thompson, Wil Maddeaux, Wayne Whitfield and Jamie Azzoparde. Hats, mitts and scarves were collected for Central Public School and Neighbour to Neighbour.

Fenwick: Birthday presents were mailed to some of the children at Lansdowne House. Birthday greetings and notes of encouragement were sent to Avril Keoughan in Ghana. Annette Dougan and her daughter, Brenna, were baptized into Christ on March 6. Glen Robins presented the morning lesson on March 13 and David Stuart spoke on March 27. Harold MacDonald led the devotional at Woodlands Retirement Home on March 27.

Hamilton (Fennell): We viewed an excellent video series in February entitled the Big Picture. Jeff Walling presented lessons on the Christian World View and challenged us to think Christianly. Plans are being made to host an apologetics seminar Sept. 30 to Oct. 2 which will be followed by 60th Anniversary celebrations on Oct. 30.

Port Colborne: Don Rose, Paul Moore and Donald Perry have been guest speakers while Harold Bruggen recovers from surgery.

Stoney Creek: For the past fifteen months Brent Olson, with the help of Donna Boyce and Melanie Wiebe, have served an evening meal once each month at Hamilton's Micah House, which houses newly arrived refugees. This past fall

the congregation's Seniors' Group began serving meals there on another evening each month. Probably eight or ten different seniors have participated, but some of the women have done the major work, preparing meals. Those who have taken turns doing this include Fran Groves, JoAnne Toews, Jane Wallace, and Patti Wiebe. Ben and Patti Wiebe have been in Pune, Mararashtra, India since January at Union Biblical Seminary, where Ben has been teaching Paul's letters and the synoptic gospels, as well as presenting some guest lectures. Patti is teaching Bible classes for wives of students as well as teaching English to first year students and otherwise helping students who have trouble expressing themselves in English in their written work. Ben and Patti are due back in Canada at the end of March. Five from Stoney Creek attended the Meaford Youth Rally at the end of February. Fran Groves transported Klarissa Milloy, Jocelyn Nyirenda, and Lorelei Wiebe, while Samantha Lundy travelled by bus with her fellow Great Lakes students. On March 4, the church hosted the World Day of Prayer for all of the Stoney Creek area.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Greg Walcien, one of our Philippine members, is in the Philippines helping with the establishment of a new congregation. He has had a flare up of a cancer problem and has been hospitalized. We pray he will be strong enough to come back to Canada soon for treatment. Roger Jackson was baptized on February 15.

Waterloo: For the past three years volunteers from our congregation have been involved in the Nutrition for Learning program (Breakfast Club) at Cedarbrae School. The program is well run and a joy to be involved in. It allows us to interact with the community and be a presence for the Lord.

LISTINGS OF INTEREST

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ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: (submitted by Leslie Klingbeil) **New to Our Congregation:** Welcome to Wynne Guillet and Shelley Santiago who have identified with this congregation. **Sunday Kids Club:** The children were blessed to go with one of our long-time member's, Eileen Carpenter's, mom (Lucy Mills) a Happy 100th Birthday. They are also working on a play for the upcoming "Strawberry Tea" for the moms. **Teens:** Two van loads of teens went to the Missoula Youth Rally over Family Day long weekend. They also got together for a "Vintage Games Day" on March 5 at the Ryall's home. **Ladies:** A ladies evening out was held at the home of Twilligh Locke. Several sisters gathered for an evening of games and card playing. A "Movie Night Out" is also planned for March 19. **Ladies Bible Studies:** The Esther class (Monday morning) and "Breaking Free: Isaiah" class (Monday evening) each have about 10-12 in attendance. **Congregational Activities:** Some 55 attended the Mexican Fiesta/Tobogganing February 21; about 70 attended the Winter Carnival February 26; Sixty eight people attended the Beat the Blues Banquet March 6 - theme was tropical cruise. A special slide show of the past year was also shown. **Edmonton School of Evangelism:** The two courses presently offered (Historical Christian Evidences and The Minor Prophets) are at the half-way mark, with the students having completed the mid-term exam and half of the required memory work. **Invitation to Congregations:** All

are invited to our annual Ladies Retreat April 1-3 and Alberta Spring Fellowship April 22-24. Respective brochures have been posted on our website at edmontonchurchofchrist.org. **Cleaning and Frozen Meal Ministry:** Glory to God, since December 5, 2010, two hundred forth nine containers of frozen meals have been contributed to the church freezer, and of those, one hundred fifty five containers have been freely given to support those in need. We have one sister that is planning on moving sometime this month. The church plans to serve her by helping her to move and clean her home.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): In an effort to keep cholera away from the Children's compound in Haiti, two new wells have been drilled. In a letter to all B.C. churches and friends who have appreciated the rarely-interrupted work done in Papua New Guinea by Nurse (frequently doctor) Velma Forman over the past 18 years, our sponsoring congregation is appealing for funds for her #6 furlough, due to come up this year. Travel expenses both from PNG and for the trips she will be expected to make while she

is away from the island for four months have been raised in the past via a number of different avenues which required a lot of personal work and time by this congregation. However, this year, it has been decided to try to raise the required amount simply by requesting donations via mail-outs. Responses should be sent to: Central Valley church of Christ, 4 - 3292 Elmwood Dr, Abbotsford BC, V2S 6B2, Canada. Please be sure it is marked "For PNG-Travel". Velma hopes to leave Lae about August 8 for a rest, time with her family and reports on her work at various places in both Canada and the U. S. After her last visit three years ago, she also needs to have her own medical check-ups etc. Her present plans are for another three-year tour before retiring.

Burnaby: For the past several months, Erol Dogan has been preaching once a month for the South Island congregation in Victoria. He will be giving a three-day series in Vernon this month on "Deepening Our Faith", and is also having some articles about the ongoing situation in the Mid-East published in a newspaper in Australia. Former Burnaby member Trevor Wise, who has been in Calgary for several years, is now co-teaching a class on the book "The Case for Christ", written by a former atheist, Lee Strobel.

Oakridge (Vancouver): The Wednesday night devotional sent to others by request, (as well as to our membership) by Milton Diaz via email each week is being very helpful in keeping people inspired and informed. A February message pertained to the command by Jesus to care for the sick and visit prisoners. He had been to see Peter Kirmis, a former member living in Powell River, who has been placed in a Vancouver area hospital. As he was leaving, Peter told him, "This visit was very special to me." Milton pointed out that it could have been said by anyone to any visitor, as it is comforting and encouraging to have a few minutes with a friend when one is surrounded by strangers. The Wednesday after the choosing of "The King's Speech" to win four Academy Awards, Milton chose to point

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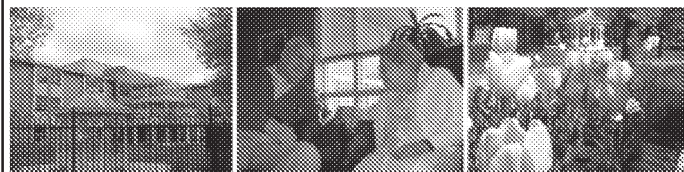
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THAILAND: Shortly before Christmas, a native worker, Subin, called Richard Taylor in Florida to ask for extra money for an emergency need. He explained that since the Thailand Bible Society was going to a newer revised version, he could purchase 300 of the old Bibles left in stock. As Subin knew the newer version is not as accurate as the older one, he wanted them to use as an aid in their evangelizing. The Bibles are given to new prospects when they reach a certain stage in their conversion process.--(Note in Report from Richard Taylor and John Henry in Florida, who oversee this work, "There has been a 25.3 % decrease in the value of American dollars in the past 6 years.")

ETHIOPIA: "The words of Jesus to 'Go into all the world and make disciples' were not given as a suggestion: it was and still is a command. Acts 8 tells us they went all over Asia preaching about the Saviour. The

assignment wasn't easy for them: it isn't easy for us. In more places than we realize, even to own a Bible can bring a death sentence. People who were once good friends will no longer speak to those who become Christians (that can happen in America too, if someone stands up for not adding to nor taking from God's Word). They can lose their jobs, as well as their homes and their own family. Under these circumstances, how can we ever reach the Muslim world? World Bible School and World English Institute correspondence lessons are meeting with some success, but now that internet access and use is growing all over the world, these later methods may have more impact. As yet, too many Muslims do not have access to computers or internet, and may be arrested and persecuted if they are detected with mailed lessons. So far, satellite and short wave radio seem to be the way to get beyond these barriers. With the assistance of World Radio, the Woodward Park congregation in Fresno, CA, has been broadcasting the gospel message into the Amharic-speaking populations of Ethiopia and other countries. Although response has been limited, interest is growing and the listening audience expanding rapidly. One of our preachers living in a heavily Muslim area of Eastern Ethiopia was contacted by a family, and, after study, baptized them. At

this time, radio may be the best answer." --Selected from a report by John Ed Clark, elder in charge of the Ethiopian work

JAPAN: "It is fascinating to watch folks who have never held a Bible in their hands, who have never really heard anything about God, much less Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, begin to discover what belongs to all of us. With a number of young adults, some close to 30 years of age, meeting with me to study the Bible, I get to have the joy of seeing the light turned on, so to speak. One young woman studies with me in a coffee shop every week for a couple of hours at a time. I asked her recently if she found the Bible interesting. Her answer: 'Not that it is interesting, but that it has opened up a whole new world for me.' We have now moved into the beginning of the ministry of Christ, his baptism and the temptations in the wilderness. She constantly asks, 'Teacher, can we do this again next week? Do you have enough time?' Two sisters who study with me on Monday nights are also full of questions. When young they both attended a Christian kindergarten, far to the north of Sapporo, in the city of Wakanai. (From that city, you can look across the ocean and see Sakhalin Island, which is under Russian control.) Now they want to know as much as they can about the Bible. I gave them each a

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dog-eared copy that had been rescued from a church building that was torn down. They were happy to get a book that looked so old! They also believe a new world is opening up to them. A young man, Tetsuo Chiba, also meets with me every week for several hours. We began by studying the book of Acts and now we have added Biblical History. His goal is to memorize the Psalms in the King James English! By March he had already knocked off the first five and is trying to add one a week. I don't know many English speakers who have tried to do the same. It makes the cold winters and snow shovelling well worth the while!"—(Portions of a report from Steve and Marcia Hasbrouck in Sapporo) After a brief visit to North America to see his parents, Joel Osborne has now returned to Mito, Japan. He recently performed a wedding ceremony in Japanese and it went well. On Mito's Mission Sunday recently the contribution exceeded both previous mission Sundays—over 21 man yen (over \$2500 US/Canadian). Seventeen individuals attended the young adult cell group and enjoyed Korean food together. Ben and Erica Berry plan to return to Mito soon as adult English teachers. This program is sponsored by the Japanese government. In 2010 Ben, a former missionary to Japan, received a Masters in Missions at Abilene Christian University.

After a serious car/scooter accident, Sasha Ingle, Mito intern, is home from the hospital and healing well. Jonathan Straker plans to graduate with a Masters of Divinity degree from Abilene Christian University in May 2011. He and Michiko are then hoping to serve for a time in Canada before returning to do further mission work in Japan. Individuals interested in having him work with their congregation may meet with him at the Good Friday Training for Service meeting on April 22, 2011.

Japan Earthquake/tsunami: Information, as of March 14, 2011 – Michiko's family is okay. Sapporo experienced the quake, but not to the same extent. So far everyone they've made contact with is okay for the moment. Some friends are sleeping in cars or shelters. They have still not been able to make contact with other friends/Christians in Sendai. "We started a Facebook group (Jonathan Walter Straker) to try and streamline relief efforts by connecting our networks on this side of the ocean with our Japanese network. Check it out and spread the word: Working and Praying for Japan Earthquake Victims." Joel Osborne is safe. He was on his way to a campaign in Cambodia when the earthquake struck so missed it. His house in Mito suffered some damage, though, so his housemates spent at least the first night

in the car. Joel says, "We would ask people to direct comments and inquiries via the Facebook page. The biggest challenge we are facing currently is that the postal service, the banks, ATMs and most shops and stores are completely shut down. Today, I am seeing the emotional responses of people coming out more. We are facing questions like, 'How do we accommodate extra bodies of people when we don't have electricity, water and gas, and our food rations are severely limited with no gasoline or public transport?' and also 'How do we receive money and supplies when everything is shut down and no possible way to get it?' They are having imposed power shutdowns to deal with the shortage." For more information/details about the overall situation in Japan and ways to help, contact Bramalea church of Christ (mail@bramaleacofc.ca), Jon Straker (jonathan@strakerhouse.com), Jonathan's Facebook (Jonathan Walter Straker), or Joel Osborne (joelosborne4@yahoo.com). The Bramalea church has agreed to receive Canadian funds to deposit in a separate bank account for Japanese relief, and will work with Joel Osborne and the leaders of the Mito church of Christ in Japan and Jonathan Straker in the US. The Mito church has agreed to receive and dispense these funds where most needed.

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Haiti Mission Update/Opportunity

Greetings!

As you may recall, after the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti, brother Howie Taylor from the Newmarket congregation and my family (my wife, our three daughters and I) went to Haiti to help. Many of you contributed generously to make that trip a success as we visited and helped, as much as we could, some of the victims of the earthquake around Port-au-Prince, and especially in Léogâne, a city west of Port-au-Prince which was badly damaged by the earthquake. A year later I returned to Haiti for an assessment of the situation, and it is with great sadness that I must tell you that not much has changed since last year. In fact, Haiti is now fighting for its life against a cholera outbreak. While there is hope we fear that it is going to be a tough ride, especially for the needy children, the orphans.

Consequently, while we continue to seek help to build the church building in Fond-Parisien, Haiti, where we established the church in 2002, we think it would be very helpful also if we could have a place to take care of some of these orphans in Port-au-Prince. So we have been in touch with some generous people who are willing to help. For example, there is a lady in Montreal who owns a piece of land in Port-au-Prince and she agrees to sell it for 2/3 of its price to help out. The land is 747 square meters, and

the actual price is US \$60 a square meter but she is willing to sell it at US \$40 a square meter. So, instead of \$60 X 747=\$44,820.00 she is willing to sell it for \$40 X 747 = **\$29,880.00** Also, we are glad to report to you that the Bayview congregation in Toronto also wants to help with this project. The Bayview congregation pledges \$5,000.00 to the orphanage. In addition to that, Bayview is prepared to match, \$1 for \$1, other donations for this project pledged or received by Strathmore, on or before May 1, 2011, up to a maximum of \$15,000. Therefore, Bayview's total commitment is potentially \$20,000. We sincerely hope and pray that you will join us and help make this project a success. Only God knows how much of an impact this orphanage will have in the life of every one of these children.

Our plan is as follows:

Phase I → May 2011: Purchase the land for **\$29,880.00** as detailed above

Phase II → Jan 2012:
Accommodate 10 children

- Buy an entire KIT pre-fab Steel home and ship it to Haiti
- Build the foundation for the whole orphanage building
- Prepare 3 bedrooms (dorms) (2 for the children, 1 for the dorm mother who would be from the church in Port-au-Prince)

- 1 common devotional/dining/living room
- 1 kitchen
- 2 bathrooms
- Dig 1 well
- Buy bunk beds, etc

Estimate: \$40, 000.00

We will ask for volunteers from the church in Port-au-Prince to help take care of the children

PS: For those who may be wondering about our proposed trip for this spring to help build the church building in Fond-Parisien. Sadly, we will not be able to build this spring as we do not have the funds to do so. We hope to be able to lay the foundations for both the church building and the orphanage in January 2012. Thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to help, we encourage you to please send your contributions payable to Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ, 346 Strathmore Blvd, Toronto, ON, M4C 1N3 (Please make cheques to Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ with **Haiti Mission** on the memo line. (If your contribution is specific to the orphanage please add the word orphanage, i.e. **Haiti Mission—Orphanage**).

For further information, please contact any of the Elders at Strathmore or Max Craddock.

In His service,
Jean Volcy, Elder

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truth of God standeth not in one language more than in another." It should be able to "edify the lewd (ordinary or common—WT) people as it does the clerks in Latin." Lewis tells the story of a discussion between Tyndale and a Roman Catholic cleric, who "argued that men would be better off without God's law than without the Pope's law, Tyndale retorted that if God spared his life, before long he would make the boy that drives the plough know more Bible than the cleric did." The

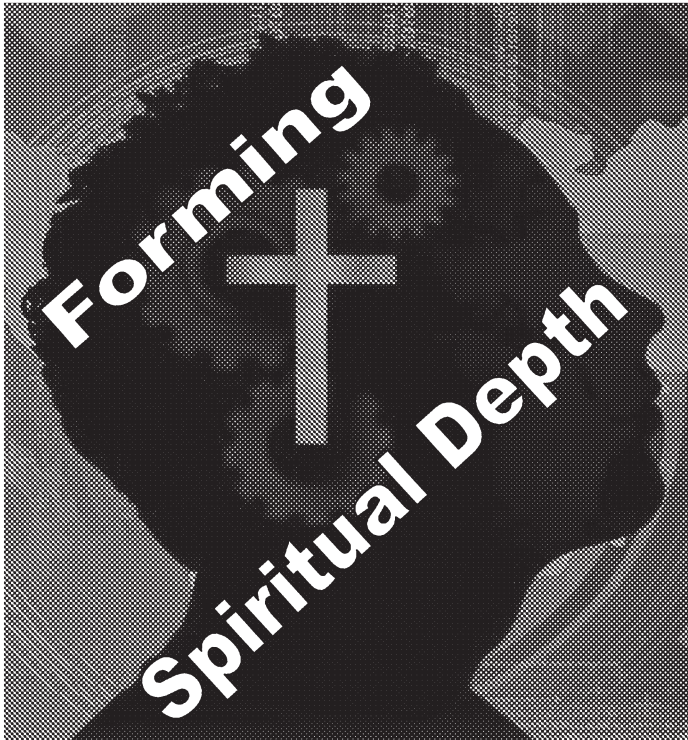
Church of Rome feared that if the common people had access to the Bible they might reject its traditions or follow heresies. Wycliffe and Tyndale believed that by putting the Bible into the vernacular, everyone would be able to read and study God's word, as well as being free from the oppression and control of the clergy.

Today, we are blessed by numerous versions and paraphrases. There are word-for-word and dynamic equivalence translations, as well as numerous revisions of these, intended

to reflect better understanding and changes in language and culture. We have free and open access to scripture so we can learn from God.

Compared to the conviction and sacrifice of Wycliffe and Tyndale, and others like them, do we take our Bibles for granted? Do we understand the price others have paid to allow us free access to God's word? The debt we owe them? Are our Bibles worn and well-used or collecting dust on our shelves? Are we "searching the scriptures daily?"

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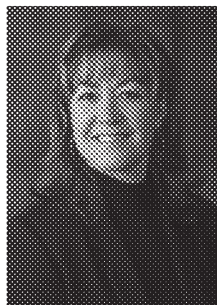
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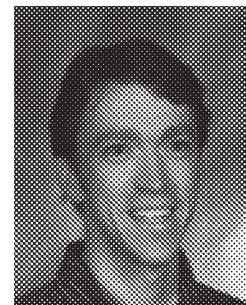
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“Not by Bread Alone”

Eugene C. Perry

We live in a culture in which the pressure is to seek fulfilment through the physical and material to the neglect of the spiritual. Most households have two “breadwinners” who have little energy left to pursue the spiritual “bread of life” that God has provided. The end result is an entertainment oriented, overfed, “obese” population that is spiritually weak and frail if even alive.

When, after 40 days of fasting, Jesus “hungered”, Satan tempted him to satisfy his hunger by turning the stones into bread. Jesus answered, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Mt.4:4). By contrast when Esau, described as a profane person, returned from the hunt, hungry, he sold his birthright “for one morsel of meat.” Are we more like Jesus or Esau?

The Christian Chronicle is a monthly newspaper with a circulation of over 100,000 in the USA, read by nearly a quarter of a million readers. It reports on and serves the churches of Christ world wide. With the March issue, this publication is beginning a new series focussed on the Bible and emphasizing personal Bible reading and study.

Because of high costs for foreign postage, this publication is mainly circulated in the USA where it is being offered free for a limited time to the entire mailing list of congregations that supply their church directory. The goal is to serve more readers “with news that informs, inspires and unites churches

of Christ.” Those of us outside the US might be able to receive this paper by paying the postage costs. Alternatively, it can be read online at www.christianchronicle.org. For further information see back page of the March issue of the “Gospel Herald”.

In the March issue, F. LaGuard Smith, well known as the compiler of “The Daily Bible” which provides a 365 day journey through the Bible in chronological order, responds to the question, “Why read the Bible every day?” He leads off by pointing out that few people neglect or forget to eat food, bathe and check their appearance daily or oftener. Does not the spiritual man need equal or greater attention? How can we hope to be spiritually vibrant on starvation rations?

The word of God is the food of the spirit, spiritual manna from heaven (Mt.4:4). It has a cleansing (John 15:3) influence on our hearts (Heb.4:12) and provides a mirror (James 1:23-25) in which we can view a picture of our spiritual condition, do an evaluation as it were. As Smith states, “Daily Scripture reading nourishes, purifies and keeps us honest.”

He continues with the following:

- “No matter what kind of day you are having, the Bible addresses the larger context of your life.”
- “Are things not going quite as you had planned? In the large frame of things eternal (as almost any daily reading will remind us) the big picture is going precisely as God has planned.”
- “Are you happy as a clam even though you’ve turned your back on God or simply ignored him? As almost any passage will confirm, there is no true happiness when God is left out of the equation”

It is understood that in our families we need a consistently healthy diet to thrive and contribute our part to the productivity of the family. It makes sense that a congregation of Bible readers will thrive and grow, will be productive in its mandate to bring souls to Christ and nurture them to useful service.

The Chronicle editorial for March tells of the Happy Church of Christ in Texas that increase in number by 50% over a 15 year period which coincided with the church publishing a “daily Bible reading schedule in the bulletin. Minister Rick Bloodworth speaks of “the determination of individual Christians to read their Bible every day” as a proven, effective program.

The editorial closes with, “of all the vital programs and ministries of the church, none can match the value of members taking time daily to devour ‘God’s story’”.



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The Lord's Supper – More Than a Symbolic Memorial of Christ's Death

Edwin Broadus

Since the earliest days of the Restoration Movement great emphasis has appropriately been given to the importance of the Lord's Supper in our faith and practice. During the nineteenth century its weekly observance became an identifying mark that distinguished these New Testament churches from several of the denominations around them. Emphasis into the first part of the twentieth century

tended to stress its observance as an act of obedience, which is not a bad thing to emphasize, since Jesus did say, "Do this" (1 Cor. 11:24-25). During my own experience at the Lord's Table during the more than sixty-five years that have now passed since my baptism, emphasis has shifted, and table talks today range from devotional meditations to comments about the Supper's significance as a symbolic

memorial of Christ's death. Few any longer mention it as a "duty" to fulfill.

Usually what is said in table talks is true, but taken in the aggregate these discourses seem to me to reflect a reductionist view of the Lord's Supper that makes it less that what it really is. The Lord's Supper is symbolic, but it is more than this. It is also a memorial, for Christ told us to participate in it as such. Finally, it commemorates his death, but it does more than this, for Christ did not say, "Do this in remembrance of my death," but, "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor. 11:24-25), which is far broader in scope. Let's consider the importance of a fuller understanding of each of these points.

The Lord's Supper is more than a symbol. As Thayer Salisbury pointed out in a fine article, "This Is My Body" (Gospel Herald, February 2011), "...we seem almost afraid to use the very words he used." (The words Thayer referred to are "this is my body" and "this is my blood.") I would add that many of us also seem compelled to give our own theological interpretation by specifically stating that the bread and the fruit of the vine are only emblems. While I definitely reject the Roman Catholic view of transubstantiation (the bread becomes the actual body of Christ), our time at the table is not the appropriate occasion for arguing the matter.

We rightly disagree with Evangelicals who follow the view of the reformer, Zwingli, and make baptism a mere symbol ("an outward sign of an inward grace"). Baptism is an outward sign, but it is far more than this. God does much for us when we are baptized because of our faith in Jesus. He



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takes away our sins (Acts 2:38), He gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), He puts us in the one body (the church) (1 Cor. 12:13), and He saves us (Mark 16:16). When we read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, it is obvious that the apostle, Paul, thought of the Lord's Supper as more than a symbol, for he said it is a "participation in" the body and blood of Christ, and all who join in partaking are "one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."

The Lord's Supper is more than a memorial. We tacitly recognize this when we speak of it as "communion"—a word taken from older translations of 1 Corinthians 10:16. More recent versions tend to translate it "sharing" or "participation in." It comes from the Greek *koinonia*, which is often translated "fellowship" in other contexts. All true table fellowship is more than the sum of its parts, whether it be a meal in our own homes to which we invite friends or strangers or the supper to which the Lord invites His people.

Part of what we are trying to say is stated negatively in 1 Corinthians 11:29-30, where the apostle warns the Corinthians that some of them were weak, sickly and had even fallen asleep because of their failure to partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner (which Paul defines as "recognizing" [i.e., properly evaluating] the body of the Lord). Will not the converse be true if we partake worthily with the Lord and with His people at His table? Why then are we so reluctant to see the Lord's Supper as a time of spiritual renewal when the Lord blesses us with spiritual health, strength and life?

The Lord's Supper is more than a memorial of Christ's death—it is in memory of the Saviour Himself. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me." When we hold a memorial service for a loved one who has died, we focus on that person and the significance of his life (and his death, if it has in some way glorified God). We remember Christ's death, not because of how

painful it was (thousands were crucified in the ancient world), but because of its significance. The Lord's Supper itself is a reminder, not merely that Jesus died, but that His body was "given for you," and His blood was "poured out for you" (Luke 22:19-20). Sometimes, when we are at the table, we need to dwell on His life that led up to His crucifixion and on His resurrection and ascension that followed, for these give meaning to His death and thus also need to be remembered.

When we have an enlarged vision of the Lord's Supper and of the one whom it is all about, the time spent with the Lord and His people at His table each week will have new significance and will help provide us with the spiritual sustenance to live for Him. Those of us who lead at the table from time to time can also use this opportunity to lead others into a fuller appreciation, not just of the Lord's Supper, but ultimately of the One it memorializes and who communes with His people.

Burlington, ON

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out that just as people came to a complete stop in their daily activities to hear the address made by their king, George V, someday all of mankind will halt in their steps to hear another king's speech, one who does not stammer or stutter. "Unlike England, whose future did not solely depend on the king's speech, ours does. Our destiny, our eternity, rests on every word spoken by the 'king of kings and Lord of lords', Jesus"

Prince Rupert: January 23 Evan Nequinto was baptized. He is a senior in high school and a great role model for others.

Salmon Arm: A man from the Greater Chicago area has been hired to become our new preacher. He is Cliff Plummer, who will be moving here with his family of five as soon as immigration clearance can be obtained. As part of our community outreach, our ladies take one day a month to work at the local Thrift Store.

Surrey: A convenient time is being arranged for our members to demonstrate their cooking skills before a live audience. Everyone who has a special recipe they would like to share will be invited to do so with the assurance the event will take place in the presence of "just us!"

Vernon: From Friday evening through Sunday morning, April 15-17, Erol Dogan from the Burnaby congregation, has been invited to speak on the topic of "Deepening Our Faith: Learning from the Passover and the Hebrew Perspective of Scripture." Erol is a Hebrew scholar who has been doing mission teaching in Israel and Palestine for several weeks out of almost every year. He has also visited and encouraged Christians in Cairo.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg (Central): Maria Cuaycong has recently moved here from the Philippines. Congratulations to the Sunday School Children on completing their World

Vision Fundraising. They raised \$260 and purchased a livestock combo (goat + 2 hens + rooster) and an additional goat. These animals will bring hope and a future to needy children and families. March 26 was the annual International Dinner. The theme was "Mission" and a Skype session was set up with Russ and Val in Brazil.

SASKATCHEWAN

Western Christian College: The annual Northern Light Youth Rally was on March 11 -13. The theme was "The Road Less Traveled" and the guest speaker was Blair Roberts of Glen Elm Church of Christ in Regina.

Weyburn: On February 20, the elders cooked breakfast for the congregation. Later that day the young families and young adults went to the Weyburn Leisure Centre for swimming and then had a pizza supper afterwards. WCC alumni meeting was held on February 23.

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