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Pictured here are sheep and goats grazing together. The two animals are similar in appearance, but they act differently. Read the observations from "down on the farm" by Virginia Hipwell in "The Nature of Sheep" on page 7.



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Buy The Field – JEREMIAH 32

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Do you not sometimes feel like the father who said to Jesus, “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief?” Jeremiah seems to have felt that way sometimes.

Jeremiah is told to buy a field from his cousin (6-7). At the time, Jeremiah is in jail in Jerusalem; and Jerusalem is surrounded by the Babylonian army. Very likely, the Babylonians were camped on the very field in question. Jeremiah may not get out of jail until the Babylonians capture the city and take the people into exile. Yet the Lord tells him to buy the field that his cousin is offering for sale.

He believed that God could do whatever needed to be done. He believed “nothing is too difficult” for God (17). He believed that they would be restored to the land, as God had promised. And yet, privately, when no one else would hear, he wanted to ask the Lord, “Why did you have me buy that field? If we are going into exile, what is the point of purchasing a field?” (24-25)

Asking the question does not really indicate that Jeremiah did not believe. It does not necessarily indicate that he was beginning to doubt the word that the Lord had spoken through him. It could be that he just wondered what good the field was going to do him. Jeremiah is no longer a particularly young man. He has been engaged in prophetic ministry for almost 50 years at this point. Even if he was called to this work as a teenager, he is now past retirement age. He has been told to predict a 70 year exile. Yet he is also told to buy this field. There may have been a time when the Lord granted extended life-spans for some reason, but that

practice seems to have stopped long ago. Jeremiah has no expectation of living 140 years, which he would have to reach to ever use this field.

One might believe that nothing is too difficult for the Lord and yet still question the purpose of a given command. That certainly seems to be the case here. Jeremiah had no use for this field. It seems cruel of his cousin to have even asked him to buy it. But perhaps there was more to this purchase than at first meets the eye.

A tangible expression of faith

First, the purchase of the field is a tangible expression of the hope Jeremiah has been offering the people. Earlier in the book he offered them a steady diet of rebuke. But now, as he addresses those who have begun to lose hope and to acknowledge their sin, he offers consolation. He has turned from pure rebuke to promise that beyond the exile there will be restoration. The purchase of the field indicates in a practical way that he really believes that the restoration will take place. The careful sealing of the title deed in a jar (14) indicates that the restoration will not take place soon. The deed needs to be preserved for a long time. So the total transaction is clearly in line with what he has been preaching. He buys the field because he believes that they are coming back. He seals the deed in a jar because he knows that they will not be coming home soon.

We need such tangible expressions of our faith.

It matters little what we say we believe, if our actions do not seem to square with our words, it is not surprising if our words are not believed.

Matthew 7:21, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

James 2:17, “So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

When we claim to believe that the Lord should be put first, but we do not put Him first, our actions rather than our words will be believed. When we claim to believe that we can trust in the Lord, but we seem terribly preoccupied with bank accounts, insurance and retirement funds, our actions will be believed over our words. When we claim to believe that we should be laying up treasure in heaven, rather than on earth, but we seem to delight, just as unbelievers do, in this world’s goods, our actions will be believed rather than our words.

We wonder why our children do not follow in our faith. The truth is, they usually do. They follow in the faith they see expressed in our lives, rather than the faith they hear expressed by our words. When our words express faith in God, but our actions express faith in things, a “cognitive dissonance” is set up in our children’s hearts. Over time, actions speak louder than words, and they follow our actions to their logical conclusions.

Why is it critical to get our children to school everyday—where they are brainwashed to believe that perversion is natural and morality is sin—but unimportant to get them to Bible class twice per week?

Why is it critical that we give the waitress a 15% tip, but the Lord

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will receive no more than 10%, if He receives that, out of all that He has given us?

Why do we consider it important to keep our homes in good repair, but unimportant to lend a hand in the upkeep of the place of worship?

When our castoff clothes, castoff time and spare funds go to the Lord, while our prime effort is devoted to our own entertainment and comfort, we show what we really believe.

Jeremiah has said that he believes that they will return from exile in 70 years. But does he really believe it? Does he believe it enough to buy the field and seal the deed up to use in the distant future? He does. He brings his actions into line with his statements.

Obedience without full understanding

Buying the field may also set an example of doing that which we may not fully understand. Jeremiah

does what the Lord tells him to do, even though he does not understand it. He is not questioning the Lord's ability but questioning the meaning. He cannot understand, but he does obey. He is walking by faith, not sight (2 Cor 5:7).

When will we learn to obey? When will we learn that to do only those parts of what the Lord commands which we understand and with which we agree is not to obey the Lord at all? Most religion is selfish. We do what we want to do under cover of the Lord's commands. When it comes to any command we do not like or do not understand or which does not seem to benefit us, we show our true colors. Which leads us to the final point.

Without personal benefit

The purchase is an expression of willingness to obey without reference to personal benefit.

All too often we try to sell

Christianity the way merchants try to sell their products, or the way politicians try to get our votes. "This product will make you healthy!" "This product will make you look good!" "This product will make you popular!" "Vote for me and I will get you a job!" Or, better yet in some people's minds, "Vote for me and I will take care of you without your having to work!"

Can we honestly sell the gospel of the cross in that way?

Can we not see that this is why the world so misunderstands the cross? They think that the cross means the condoning of all sin. They do not know the difference between the grace of God that seeks to remove sin and the permissiveness of man that says, "Go on and enjoy yourself however you please."

As Bonhoeffer said, *"The justification of the sinner in the world"*

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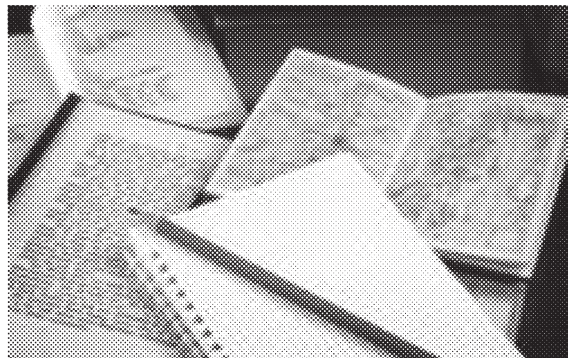
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Southern Baptists and the Sinner's Prayer

Wayne Turner



Most of us are familiar with the Sinner's Prayer which is widely used in the Evangelical world (those churches often characterized as "faith-only"). At its most basic level, the would-be convert invites Jesus into his heart. A fuller version adds confession of sin, need for salvation and faith in Jesus Christ. The prayer is often used from their pulpits ("every head bowed, every eye closed") and in their tracts and other literature. In many ways, it has been an unquestioned foundation in their conversion process—until recently.

The annual Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) assembled this past June. One of the questions for debate, as reported online by Ted Olson of Christianity Today, was the Sinner's Prayer. Prior to the convention, some pastors were taking issue with the prayer. Baptist pastor David Platt, speaking at a leader's conference before the convention said:

"Should it not concern us that there is no such superstitious prayer in the New Testament? Should it not concern us that the Bible never uses the phrase, 'accept Jesus into your heart' or 'invite Christ into your life'? It's not the gospel we see being preached, it's modern evangelism built on sinking sand. And it runs the risk of disillusioning millions of souls."

The counter-argument at the convention pointed to Bible stories where sinners cried out to God from their sinfulness, asking for His mercy and forgiveness. The resolution supporting the Sinner's Prayer passed. Various estimates suggested anywhere from 10-40% of the over 4,800 delegates voted against it.

The Southern Baptists are the largest non-Catholic religious body in the United States. As their name suggests, historically, they come from Southern, Bible-belt areas, although they now have churches in every state and around the world. Each local church is autonomous, so the overall body embraces a wide diversity. In recent years, the SBC has suffered in public perception. Polls point to the public view of them as white, conservative, fundamentalist and Southern. (Of interest, another discussion at the convention, while not changing their organizational name, was about the idea of self-identifying as "Great Commission Baptists"

to avoid the baggage associated with Southern Baptist.

The SBC umbrella includes both Calvinists (those who believe John Calvin's concepts of God's sovereignty and grace, including "once saved, always saved" and predestination) as well as Arminians (those who agree with Jacob Arminius' views on free-will). Some of the debate comes from this diversity. According to Eric Hankins, one of the problems is that the Calvinists "don't want (the) hopelessly condemned thinking they are saved or joining churches when they actually have no chance for life in Christ,"

Perhaps the greatest part of the issue is the nominalism the Sinner's Prayer has tended to produce. One pastor observed that he lives in a town where everyone has said the prayer. but they are not coming to church or living according to Scripture. This is why the resolution passed by the convention included the phrase that the Prayer "is not an incantation that results in salvation." Generally, the opponents of the resolution want to see something more Biblical, something calling for real conversion and discipleship.

While we recognize some significant differences with the SBC and congregations that are part of the Restoration Heritage, we see an important connection. Most of those involved in church leadership have had the experience of working with people who demonstrate the same type of nominalism. Many people have been taught the Plan of Salvation, culminating with baptism as the final step. As a result, there have been

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Joy Made Complete in Fellowship – 2

Last month we ended our thoughts discussing 1 John 1:1-4, where John reminds his readers that the things he preached and talked about were true because he was speaking of what he, himself, had seen and heard. These truths are the basis of New Testament Christianity.

Fellowship carries the idea of a relationship based on some sort of foundation. Fellowship groups have some belief or activity that draws them together. Certainly this is true in the fellowship of the Lord's Church. But, what is that foundation? Surely the answer is Jesus Christ! "For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). Our relationship to Jesus Christ is what gives us identity, hope, purpose and relationship.

Perhaps the Rotary Club shows this idea with their symbol, a wheel. This symbol has been a part of Rotary for many years, with the present gear wheel and 24 cogs and six spokes being adopted in 1923. A group of engineers advised that the gear wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft, so this was added to the official design. Sometimes

the relationship between the Church and God is illustrated as a wheel with Jesus as the hub (keyway) connecting us to the Father. In such an example the obvious is that the closer we get to Christ, the "Hub," the closer we get to one another!

In thinking of what our relationships ought to be in the Church, I appreciated some thoughts from Ronald J. Sider in *Draper's Book of Quotations for the Christian World*. He said, "For the early Christians koinonia was not the frilly 'fellowship' of church-sponsored bi-weekly outings. It was not tea, biscuits and sophisticated small talk in the

Fellowship Hall after the sermon. It was an unconditional sharing of their lives with the other members of Christ's body. What happens when God grants the gift of genuine Christian fellowship? Deep, joyful sharing replaces the polite prattle typically exchanged by Christians on Sunday morning. Sisters and brothers begin to discuss the things that really matter to them. They disclose their inner fears, their areas of peculiar temptation, their deepest joys." The time we spend together at worship and Bible study times is not enough. We need to spend time together outside the assembly to encourage and strengthen each other.

In thinking of the value of our fellowship let's consider one other interesting illustration. "Mamie made frequent trips to the branch post office. One day she confronted a long line of people who were waiting for service from the

postal clerks. Mamie only needed stamps, so a helpful observer asked, 'Why don't you use the stamp machine? You can get all the stamps you need and you won't have to wait in line.' Mamie said, 'I know, but the machine can't ask me about my arthritis.'

We live in a world that has become extremely impersonal. You can take care of numerous business transactions without dealing directly with people. When you do talk with people, most of them aren't going to ask you about your arthritis. They want you to state your business and get out of the way for the next customer.

We can get our lunch from a machine if we choose to. We can take

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our own blood pressure at the drug store. It's been a long time since many of us have had a conversation with a real, live telephone operator. When you live in that kind of context, it's hard to find anybody who is the least bit curious about your arthritis, your gout, your bad cough or anything else that ails you.

People still need human contact. Solitary confinement is still the most severe punishment that a prisoner can receive. As Christians we need to be sensitive to the need that people have to be touched and cared for. "For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone" (Romans 14:7)."—*A Treasury of Bible Illustrations*.

As we think about our relationship in the wonderful family of God, we must recognize that ones' union with Christ and membership in the family of God takes place as a result of faith that works, moving one to believe, recognize sin, make a change through repentance, confessing Jesus as the Christ and being baptized into the Kingdom. (Romans 6:1–4; Galatians 3:23–29; 1 Peter 3:21)

While "sonship" is a matter of the new birth, "fellowship" is a matter of walking either in the light or the darkness. The apostle John gives a very clear statement regarding this in 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." William Barclay in his commentary on 1 John quotes C.H. Dodd who wrote, "The Church is a society of people who, believing in a God of pure goodness, accept the obligation to be good like him." Barclay rightly points out, "...This does not mean that a man must be perfect before he can have fellowship with God; if that were the case, all of us would be shut out... it will mean that he will never think that sin does not matter; it will mean that the nearer he comes to God, the more terrible sin will be to him."

We are also reminded by Barclay the "truth is the creator of fellowship." This is definitely true of the fellowship we enjoy in the Church. So walking in the light will keep one cleansed from sin... recognizing

that this walk means holding to the truth of God—in everything—and repenting when one fails to hit the mark. The statement in 1 John 1:7, "...that the blood of Jesus cleanses us..." is in the present, active, indicative expressing the idea that the blood of Jesus "keeps cleansing or is able to cleanse from all sin."—*The Complete Word Study Dictionary—New Testament*.

Partly then, the issue of fellowship has to do with our talk in comparison to our walk. Many today give "lip service" to the walk but are willing to bend the truth if it seems useful or popular. Congregations are moving away from the clear practices of the Church of the first century to become more "people friendly". Can this be questioned when the preaching and teaching in some congregations is changing from the clear statements of Romans 6:1–4; Galatians 3:23–29; 1 Peter 3:21, to suggest that we have overemphasized baptism and that maybe it is not really necessary to put one into Christ and therefore, into the fellowship of the saints? The introduction of instrumental music into previously a *cappella* congregations because it is popular and the wider inclusion of women in public leadership roles because they are capable of doing these things... along with the comment "it really is a small matter" does not appear to this writer to be sufficient justification in the light of the "truth once for all delivered to the saints."

If truth is compromised for the sake of filling pews and winning souls, the question becomes, "To what are souls being won?" According to John, those who have a saving relationship with Christ are those who are walking as He did. How was that? In obedience to the will of the Father.



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The Nature of Sheep

Down on the Farm by Virginia Hipwell

Several years ago a sight gag was being passed around. Basically a description of ducks, its humour was in watching someone try to decipher the letter message. The texting generation would likely have little difficulty with the puzzle. Part of it went like this. M R ducks. C D E D B D feet. C D E D B D bill. S, M R ducks.*

One thing you learn by living on a farm is that animals are different. There are some obvious differences such as size, shape, colour, etc. But there are also some things that are less apparent like dietary needs and temperament. One can easily see the differences between a cow and a chicken. Others are more difficult to distinguish, such as sheep and goats. But there are differences which the farmer who works with them is well aware of.

A brother in Christ once stated that Matthew 25:31-46 is proof that we have to do good works in order to go to heaven even though he had just heard a lesson which emphasized the difference between “will do good works because you are saved” and “must do good works to be saved”. (Eph. 2:8-10) If the Matthew passage is a “must do” list, it is much too short as it lists only a few items. And, if such is the case,

most of us are in serious trouble as few of us have visited prisons. The man missed the point of the passage. It is a description of sheep and goats.

In the previous chapter, Jesus’ disciples asked some questions about future events. In chapter 25, in response to their question about His return, Jesus painted word pictures with two parables and the judgement scene of verses 31-46. He told them that only the Father knew when the end would come so they needed to always be prepared—the parable of the ten virgins. And while they waited for his coming they needed to be productive—the parable of the talents.

Then he described the results of such dedication. Faithful followers will easily be recognized as his sheep and be welcomed into the heavenly pasture.

From our daughter’s time in the 4-H beef club, I know that after handing out the ribbons, cattle judges often point out the qualities that make an animal a champion. The King in Matthew 25 is doing basically the same thing. After separating the sheep from the goats he points out how marvellous those sheep are by listing some of the ways they had displayed their love

for him. Notice that their actions were so natural to the sheep that they did not even realize they had done anything special.

From the other pen the goats begin to object, “Wait a minute. We’re sheep, too. Don’t we look like sheep?” Jesus informed them that they did not act like sheep. They had not behaved as sheep do. While there are some similarities, goats and sheep act differently.

Sheep can’t help behaving like sheep. Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35). Love reveals itself in actions (1 Thess. 1:3b; Hebrews 6:10; 1 John 3:16-17). The verses in Matthew 25 describe actions that are evidence of love. 1 John 3:18 admonishes us to show our love through actions. I would not believe my husband loves me if his words were not verified by his actions.

Jesus said, “I know my sheep and my sheep know me” (John 10:14). Sheep will be sheep. The sheep of the Good Shepherd will love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul and mind and love their neighbours as themselves (Matt. 22:37-39) and that love will be obvious by their deeds.

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*For those of us not of the texting generation this might help. You also need to think and sound out “southern expression”. The(M) a(R)e ducks. C(see) D(a) ED(edy-)BD(bidy) feet, C(see) D(a) ED(edy-BD(bidy) bill, S(o) the(M) a(R)e ducks! (i.e. “them are ducks” or ‘em ‘r ducks).

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those who have developed a baptism fixation—all they need to do is get dunked in a tank with the right mode and ritual and they are good to go—forever. Eagerly, they accept and follow the need for baptism. Yet, soon after, they are nowhere to be seen. They never seem to develop the Christian life or become an active part of the Church. What happened?

Perhaps we need, like the SBC, to think again about the Bible’s plan of salvation—to the call for faith and repentance, obedience to Christ in all things, including baptism, and to the full life in Christ and His Church. Being dunked in a tank of water, without the fuller

sense, may be as fruitless as the Sinner’s Prayer. In many ways, response to the Gospel is simple. But it would be all too easy to allow that simplicity to be confused with the idea that a token gesture can bring forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.

Jesus calls the whole world, every person, out of sin and into His righteousness—to be His disciples. He died on the cross to make that possible. Let us make sure that we do our best to see that no one falls short, either by substituting a prayer or ritual washing for the faith, repentance and obedience that are part of a genuine conversion to Christ.

Stoney Creek Church of Christ Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The Stoney Creek Church of Christ in Hamilton, Ontario, is celebrating 30 years in its present location on the weekend of September 22-23, 2012. About 400 people have been members of this congregation at one time or another during these three decades, and it is hoped that many of these people, as well as many others, will be able to join with the church in this celebration.

Although meetings at Stoney Creek began June 13, 1982, the congregation had previously existed since 1947 as the Ivon Avenue Church of Christ, which grew out of a Sunday school started in a converted garage by Alex and Pauline Fisher. Alex was a barber in East Hamilton, and he and his wife had a dream for reaching out in that part of the city. They were assisted by Pauline's father, W.F. Cox, a well-known Ontario evangelist.

The Ivon Avenue church was an outreach of the Sanford Avenue Church of Christ, which began in 1897 after parting ways with the Disciples of Christ, who met at Wilson and Cathcart. The Disciples congregation can be traced back to 1842, when James and Mary Elliott and a few others began meeting in Hamilton. Mary was the sister of David Oliphant, Jr., a well-known preacher and editor in the nineteenth century. In a sense, then, the Stoney Creek church can look back not just to 1982 or even 1947, but beyond this to these earlier beginnings in Hamilton—a reminder that we stand

on the shoulders of countless faithful and sacrificial Christians who have gone before.

The Ivon Avenue church from its beginning had a vigorous outreach program into the surrounding community through undertakings such as evangelistic campaigns and a Sunday school program augmented by a bus ministry. In 1980 this outreach was intensified when Blake and Marion Gieg led a team of 10 Adventures in Missions workers who had been trained at Sunset School of Missions in Lubbock, Texas. These people were all able to devote full time to work in various ministries with the church, and soon the small Ivon Avenue facilities were stretched beyond capacity.

This was the situation in 1981, when the church learned that the Christian Alliance in Stoney Creek was relocating and wanted to sell its property at King and Manor Place for \$360,000. Raising the needed funds was a formidable undertaking for a church with only 14 wage earners, but Blake began fund raising, first in Canada, and then in a half dozen states south of the border. By the following year enough of the funds were in place that the church was able to secure the balance with a bank loan and loans from some of the members. When Blake recalled what it was like when the church first met at its new location, he remembered, "The excitement was electrifying."

During the first four years Blake and Marion continued their work with the church, first with the help

of AIM workers and then with some from the SOWER program at Great Lakes Christian College. Keith Wallace came soon after the move to the new building to do the pulpit preaching during those years. Thanks to the continuing bus ministry and a good Sunday school program, attendance for Bible classes averaged 87 in 1983. Sunday morning worship attendance averaged 61 that year and 67 in 1984. The church increased in membership, growing from 60 at the end of 1983 to 76 the following year. Blake and Keith ended their ministries in 1986 when Jerry Gardner came to work with the church. The congregation was set back when he left in a short time and when, in an apparently unrelated move, 22 members left to begin the West Hamilton Church of Christ.

Harold Parker began a 10 year ministry with the church in the fall of 1988. Shortly before he came the church paid off the bank mortgage, and this was duly celebrated with a mortgage burning June 12, just six years after the purchase was made. During Harold's early years with the church, membership continued to increase, and church directories indicate that there were more than 90 members by 1993. Earlier, in 1990, after a period of prayerful study, Brian Boden, Blake Gieg, Harold Parker and Ben Wiebe were appointed to serve as shepherds for the congregation.

Just as the church gave careful attention to biblical teaching about spiritual shepherds and their work, it turned in the mid-90's to a study of the appropriate role of women in worship. This was a burning question in many religious groups at the time, and it was inevitable that it would come up in Churches

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of Christ. After an in-depth study led by three of the shepherds, the church decided to involve women publicly in ways in which they had not participated before. One of these men recalled several years later that no matter what decision was made, some would have left. As it was, five families totalling about 20 people left for other congregations. During this period others left because employment took them elsewhere, and by 1998 membership was about half what it was at its peak.

After Harold retired in 1998, Darrell Buchanan came to work with the church for nine years. These were stable and peaceful years, but even though several new members were added, this was offset by others who either moved or died. In 2001 Fran Groves, Sharon Johnston, and Paul Wiebe were selected as servant leaders, while Keith Wallace and Harold Parker continued as shepherds. However, the following year, Harold moved to Tennessee, and since there was only one shepherd left, it was decided that he should continue as an additional servant leader.

A year after Darrell left to teach at Western Christian College, Brent Olson, the current minister, began his work with the Stoney Creek church. In 2011 there were approximately 44 members, but in recent months several new people have begun attending. Perhaps the church's most significant undertaking at the present time is its involvement, since 2011, in Partnership of the Missional Church. Partners in Ontario are the Tintern, Newmarket and Windsor Churches of Christ, and in Michigan Lake Orion and Plymouth. PMC recognizes that many methods of outreach that have worked in the past

are no longer effective because of changes that have taken place in our culture. It also empathizes the need to discern where God is working in our society and then to be involved in his work. It remains to be seen where the Spirit of God will lead, but the church's very involvement in PMC is evidence of its genuine desire to participate in God's work in our community, province and world.

During these past 30 years there have been successes and failures as in any body of God's people, but

more importantly there has been an undying desire on the part of those who make up the congregation to be faithful to Jesus Christ. Programs have obviously changed with the times, but the desire to do God's will and to be God's people has not changed.

– Edwin Broadus,
Burlington, ON

(Material for this article was taken from the author's history of the Stoney Creek Church of Christ, prepared for the 30th Anniversary Celebration.)



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Wheelchairs, Walkers and Canes

Tim Johnson

I was once invited to speak to a large, reputable southern congregation about the work we were doing in New Brunswick. Grateful for the opportunity, I was also startled to see that over half of the hundreds of people present were elderly Christians. Many of them struggled along to find seating in the pews, some parked their walkers at the end of the aisles, and others sat in wheelchairs. This unusual audience listened carefully, and later many of them approached me to ask questions and offer comments. This kind of congregation financially supported us for many years.

Our own Canadian congregations also seem to be aging. Canes and walkers are common. Last year's Gospel Herald survey revealed that 46% of our membership in Canada is 50 years old or above. Congregations are wisely installing expensive new features to make things easier for the aged—such as elevators, ramps and handicapped-accessible facilities. Perhaps we should expect this trend, for no man can slow the advancement of age. I am aging; so are you.

Our government is also struggling with the need to come up with strategies to deal with its obligations to our aging Canadian population. Seniors are the fastest-growing age group; there were 5 million Canadians 65 years of age or older last year. In 25 years there will be 10 million seniors, and in 50 years it's estimated that one in four of us will be in that age bracket. We can't expect the church to escape aging when our society is advancing in years all around us. However, Canadian churches of Christ have already well surpassed these percentages.

The aging of our brotherhood is an indication of a lack of evangelism in some places. When we cease to teach the lost, our numbers begin to shrink and enthusiasm flags. With fewer new people to replace us, our

fate is merely to age and our numbers dwindle. The same survey revealed that the average number of conversions per congregation is 3 people a year. In some locations that's not enough to balance out the loss of people through death or defection. Meanwhile, aging continues.

Let's look at these thoughts more closely. An aging congregation is not always the fault of a lack of evangelism. Sometimes we convert people who are already advanced in age. At 24 years old I was thrilled to baptize someone into Christ, the first time for me. He was 90 years old and only lived 6 more months.

If the elderly have more wisdom, the younger have more energy. We need both in the body of Christ.

His advanced age automatically increased the median age of the congregation! Further, when a congregation baptizes a mere 3 people a year, we need to rejoice that 3 more people are heading to heaven. That may not seem like many, but every church has its slow years. I've seen some years when only one person obeyed the gospel. Let's not become discouraged, just patient and determined. These are not easy times in our society in which to evangelize. If we are sowing the seed with determination, we will reap a healthier harvest later (Gal.6:9).

Above all else we should not feel guilty for aging. Does not the scripture say, "A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness"? (Prov.16:31). Moses began his best work in life at the age of 80! Daniel also reached his greatest level of influence at an advanced age (Dan.6:3). The elderly among us are a testament to faithfulness and perseverance. Their struggle with canes and wheelchairs in order to be present at assembly times is a

mark of their determination to be an encouragement to the church. We turn to them for advice. Their experience as Christians in a turbulent world is extremely valuable. Their role among us is an honoured one. Let the room become quiet when they speak, for what they say is worth hearing.

There are special ministries for seniors. With the hectic lives of modern, younger families, seniors often have more time to look after many practical and benevolent needs of the church. The ministry of prayer is done most effectively by seniors, although we are all duty-bound to pray! The important work of encouraging people by phone, internet and visiting is often done most ably by seniors.

Paul told Titus that the role of older men and women is to be examples to the church and teachers of those who are younger (Titus 2:2-5). The greatest teachers we have are seniors. Most elderships are comprised of seniors. That we should have more aging people among us these days is truly a blessing. However, let us not forget that we need younger people in our congregations too. If the elderly have more wisdom, the younger have more energy. We need both in the body of Christ. If we need to honor and serve our aging brothers and sisters, we also need to work extremely hard to teach and baptize as many people as possible—including the young—before our Lord returns.

Aging congregations have special work to do, as did that southern congregation mentioned earlier. But let's remember that there needs to be balance in the Lord's work. Evangelism of the young and active good works among teenagers and young adults also needs to take place. This is what it takes to survive and thrive in our changing country—aging as it is.

Barrie, Ontario

Strengthening Church Leadership and Solving Problems: Training for Peaceful Congregations

with Garry Bailey



Garry Bailey, Ph.D

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NEW YORK

Buffalo (Linwood): This congregation held a Gospel Meeting with Roosevelt Wells of Flushing, NY, doing the speaking. The meeting ran from July 9 to 11.

Niagara Falls: The LaSalle church of Christ held a Gospel Meeting entitled "Building Strong Family Relationships" July 8-11.

Sardinia: Lisa Bastedo was baptized at the close of worship on Sunday, June 24. Her husband Homer was baptized in November of 2011, and so was privileged to do the immersion! Also Roger Regnet Sr., came forward requesting prayers and acknowledging that his life had taken a turn but not for the good. We were glad to have had him and daughter Roxanne at worship.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: On June 8 and 9, the men from Saint John and Moncton got together for a men's retreat titled "Spiritual Leadership during Worship." We learned some new songs from one another and had a good time of fellowship with important lessons that helped

us to better ourselves in service to our Lord. This retreat coincided with a visit from Roy Graneau (Evangelist at South Edmonton) June 7 to 11. The men talked about having more retreats on our yearly calendar and we are planning for another retreat in September. Roy Graneau also presented a wonderful sermon for the Saint John congregation on June 10, and took in some sights in Saint John. Walter and Elaine Hart visited the Leblancs from June 28 to July 3 and worshipped with the church on July 1. Walter presented a lesson titled "It Is Finished." As expected, his lesson was very good and very relevant for us today. It was good for this young evangelist to be around one of his teachers/mentors again. On July 8, we had a visit from Fred and Suzanne Knutson from the Bramalea congregation. These visits had been very encouraging for this little congregation here in Saint John. We are planning for a door knocking/gospel meeting event to coincide with the mission trip from Waterloo in August.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: Congratulations to Jim Lamothe and Gloria Perry who were married May 26. We wish them every blessing in their new life together. Walt Cromwell left for Granada, Nicaragua, on June 23 and is staying until September 15. The purpose of the trip is to: (1) assist the church in Granada (80 members), (2) teach English to help people gain employment (45% unemployment) and (3) work with a program to help street kids by getting them involved with baseball teams. Your prayers for Walt's safety and effectiveness are greatly appreciated.

Bramalea: Sam Genobaga left Saturday, May 25, and may be gone for a year to do mission work in the Philippines. Kingsley Osei-Bonsu presented a lesson on June 16 entitled: "Why I Left the Muslim Religion." Walter Straker survived a mini-stroke on June 11 and he and Shirley were able to attend their family reunion in Montana from June 16-23. Laurence and Charmaine Dos Santos celebrated their 25th anniversary in mid-June with a trip to Pinto Cana, Dominican Republic. Fred and Suzanne Knutson celebrated their 40th anniversary in early July with a trip to Prince Edward Island. Garry Bailey is scheduled to hold a 3-day seminar for the church on "Peace and Conflict Management" from August 24-26. Garry

grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and is presently teaching at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. The seminar is open to other congregations in Ontario.

Fenwick: Approximately 145 people attended Canada Day at Dandelion Acres. Several items were left behind. If you attended and are missing something please call 905-386-6916 or e-mail donhipwell@aol.com. David Dunn was guest speaker on July 1. The men's & ladies' class will have their annual corn roast and devo at Dandelion Acres on August 14. Kids for Christ kicks off another year with a Fun Fair on the church grounds on August 28.

Hamilton (Fennell Ave): During the month of June the Fennell Ave. congregation was blessed to be able to participate in the baptisms of Matthew Medeiros and Sydney-Leigh Woodhouse. We pray that God will bless each in their walk with Christ.

Kenora: The Church of Christ in Kenora saw plenty of cleaning, painting and maintenance during the spring of 2012, including some significant work on the baptistery. Jason Kehl began a study on the book of Acts in April, including a two-week discussion on baptism. As a result, no sooner was the water in the newly-restored baptistery warm, than it was put to use—two members of the congregation were baptized in the month of May. With the Church refreshed to receive our many expected summer visitors, one of the first was Max Craddock, who sojourned here June 17. There were guests in attendance as well as the regular congregation, and all enjoyed a variety of home-baked cakes with coffee after Max gave his absorbing talk. Earle Rattai is expecting to wrap-up his fascinating examination of the timeline of the Bible by the end of July.

Stoney Creek: The Stoney Creek Seniors' group is taking the lead in preparing for the congregation's 30th Anniversary Celebration and Thanksgiving September 22-23. On Saturday afternoon there will be an informal time of fellowship, followed by a program of reminiscences and thanksgiving, and capped with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. On Sunday there will be a time of worship and praise at 10:30 a.m. Limited billeting is available for overnight guests on Saturday the 22nd. Several young people in the congregation are attending Camp Omagh this summer.

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton – Northside: – Over summer we are meeting at Woodcroft Community League Hall while renovations are being done in the auditorium of the church building. A community summer picnic was held. The surrounding community was invited to a barbecue, games and “garage sale items” give away.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Burnaby: Word has been received that Margaret (Jeal) Brown, died peacefully at the age of 91 in her room in Barrie, Ontario, on July 5 as a result of Alzheimers. She and her husband, Arthur Brown, were persuaded to move to the Grove Park Long-Term Care Facility there when they were no longer able to care for their place on Lake Kenora. Terry Coddling, Margaret’s son-in law, has served as administrator of the Christian home for a number of years. Arthur predeceased her unexpectedly in 2007 after eight years of marriage. She leaves her daughter, Linda (Terry), sons, Roy (Kathy) Jeal of Winnipeg and Leon (Connie) of Victoria, and seven grandchildren. Margaret and her first husband, Roger Jeal, started the South Burnaby church, selling their home in Richmond in order to bring the gospel to this neighborhood in 1958. Patty Kunkle’s appeal for summer school builders in Mexico resulted in the participation, July 1–7, of almost 70 people. The number of Canadians equaled the number of Christians from the US. Since Canadian Patty Jacobs married Roy Kunkle of the Vancouver, WA. congregation, she has steadily but surely built up a contingent of Canadians from

Western churches for the twice-yearly project. This trip saw new flooring put on previous classrooms erected in El Zorillo and two new classrooms added to the seven already built. Sturdy swings for the Kindergarten and pre-school playgrounds were added, as the numbers of children increases in this farming section of Mexico that is made up mostly of unskilled farm workers. Canadians making the trip this year included 13 from the Vancouver area and Fort McMurray, BC, 16 from Winnipeg, MB, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Weyburn, SK, and 4 from Airdrie and Red Deer, AB.

Delta: It’s always like old times when Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers are here from Donetsk, Ukraine. Don’s sermon on June 24, explored the thought-provoking question: “Did Jesus Give Us Religion or Ministry?”

Oakridge (Vancouver): July 1, 2012, marked 145 years since Canada became a nation in its own right by the joining of the colonies of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on this date in 1967. Oakridge used this occasion not only to celebrate with a bar-b-q, but as a special opportunity to pray for this nation and its leaders. Milton Diaz based his sermon on Ps. 33, with emphasis on verse 12, which reads: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

MANITOBA

Carman: (submitted by Don Jenkins) June 1–3, 2012, marked the Tenth Ladies’ Rest & Renewal Weekend organized by ladies from the Carman area. Forty-nine ladies from Carman, Weyburn, Dauphin, Brandon, Manson/Elkhorn and Central in Winnipeg took in at least a part of the weekend, with 35 staying overnight. Many

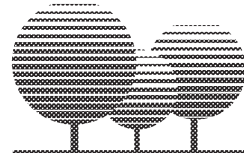
thanks to Diana Turner for her interesting and thought-provoking presentations! Thanks also, to Melanie Hobbs for her creative card-making and enthusiastic assistance with the singing. Thanks to our congregation for its support! Kyra Taylor was baptized into Christ on May 1, 2012, as a group of family and friends came to rejoice with her. June 16 and 17 we were privileged to have Max Craddock present lessons from God’s Word as well as bring us information regarding Key to the Kingdom. Carman congregation is happy to support this ministry and highly recommends the program. Dwayne and Kristen Schott left June 30 to work with True North Helping Hands in Mexico for a week.

Winnipeg: Anne Johnson’s 91st birthday was celebrated on June 10. The grads were honored on June 24. Stuart and Frances Dunlop celebrated their 60 anniversary.

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina (Northwest): The Northwest church of Christ had a potluck and program in honor of the Hinnergardt family on Sunday, July 15, 2012. Kirk Hinnergardt has served as the minister for the church for the past five years. He and his family will be moving back to Mandan, ND, after their faithful service in Regina.

Weyburn: A work bee was held and several jobs were completed. We will be hosting a Fall Lectureship with Grady King as the keynote speaker. This event will happen October 19–21. The theme is “In Christ Alone: Hope for Everyday Living.” This summer, the Sunday morning adult class study in on Hebrews.



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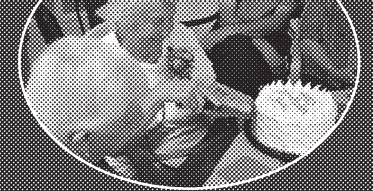
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ETHIOPIA: Another Ethiopian "School of Preaching" was opened in Shone early this year. Ten men, who were all from new congregations established through the Water Well Evangelism program, were the first students and were ready to return to their homes to fill the pulpits of their local churches in June. Many brethren from the area came to celebrate their graduation with them as they were awarded new Bibles and Certificates of Completion. Their four instructors were all Ethiopian teachers. Another highlight of the day came with the baptism of 11 people who responded to the gospel sermon, all from these new congregations. Among them were three women and two of the sons of one of the newly qualified preachers. During their studies these men were also taught how to use drip irrigation to feed their own families and teach others in their respective areas.

NEW YORK CITY: "A federal district judge in Manhattan ruled on the side of religious liberty recently, saying New York City cannot enforce a new policy that prevents churches from holding worship services in public school buildings when class is not in session. 'Having considered the latest evidence and the parties' respective arguments, the Court determines that its reasons for granting Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction were sound and that implementation of Ch. Reg. D-180 violates both the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause (of the U.S. Constitution),' Judge Loretta Preska wrote. City officials 'are permanently enjoined from enforcing Ch. Reg. D180 so as to deny Plaintiffs' application or the application of any similarly-situated individual or entity to rent space in the Board's public schools for meetings that include religious worship.' The judge, in February, had given the churches a temporary reprieve through the end of the academic year in order to buy more time to consider the arguments of both sides. The case is an

offshoot of one which has been going on for 17 years, the Bronx Household of Faith vs. the Board of Education of the City of New York. Although it has been all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, justices there turned down an opportunity to hear it last year." – Karla Dial

COLORADO FIRES: Two Disaster Assistance Missions from the churches of Christ arrived to work with the Eastside church on July 5 in helping people in the Waldo Canyon area whose homes were destroyed or damaged. They provided food, counseling and clean-up assistance to the 350 families allowed to return to survey their property. One, coming from Lake Jackson, TX, was ready to serve meals and assistance the following day. The Relief Effort from Nashville also arrived with food and equipment for those needing shovels, rakes, mops, wheelbarrows, cleaning supplies and paper products. Sifters were on hand for houses where nothing was left but ashes. Many people just needed someone to talk to about their losses. Others were given new hope by the sharing of the gospel. A 93-year-old woman who was experiencing her third evacuation was overwhelmed by the kindness of strangers who helped her return to her home and drive her car through a car wash, which she had never done before.

JAPAN: Joel Osborne was one of the main organizers of the 51st Asian Mission Forum held this year in Kuching, East Malaysia on Borneo Island. Jim McGuiggan was the keynote speaker. In addition, Joel works with the Mito church in its local work as well as assisting the East Japan Relief Committee in the relief efforts in Japan. Jonathan Straker returned home after his June-July fundraising trip. He states: "For the past 10 years we have been supported by a wonderful group of generous people who, really, have borne more than their fair share of the load. It is our goal this year to raise up 1,000 partners who will pray with and for us, and who will share the financial burden of keeping us on the field." See Make It Happen | StrakerHouse.com - strakerhouse.com/make-it-happen/ - a plan for 1,000 Christians to partner with them this year with a donation of \$100 or more (\$8.34/month; \$0.28/day!) For more information, contact Bramalea church of Christ by phone (905-792-2297) or email (mail@bramaleacofc.ca).

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Samantha Lundy is working much of the summer as a camp counsellor.

Toronto (Bayview): Women at Bayview meet for Ladies' Class on the second Saturday morning of the month from September through June. Leadership of the class rotates among the women attending. This year objectives were developed to guide our study of The Key to the Kingdom booklets with a view to sharing our faith with others. For 2011-2012 we have completed our study of the first six booklets and will decide on our objectives for the 2012-2013 season in September. We are pleased to welcome Theresa Brenner back to Bayview after her recent move to Toronto from BC.

Waterloo: We are collecting old and new eyeglasses for Committed to South Africa 2012. If you would like to donate your old eyeglasses please feel free to contact Clavelia at 519-716-0692. There is a poor congregation in 'Villa Reconciliacion', a suburb of Managua, Nicaragua that has made known their need to us of replacing the deteriorated roof of their meeting place. It can't be called a building because the old roof and a few walls are all they really have to worship God. The case has been reviewed by the leaders of this congregation and we will try to raise some funds to assist them with part of the total cost of the roof, which they have estimated to be near the \$12,000 U.S. Santiago Molina will be taking our contribution to them at the end of July and he will also give us a presentation of the current missionary work being done in Central America and including this congregation in Managua, Nicaragua, just before he leaves. Starting June 27 we are meeting at 7:00pm for our Wednesday evening Bible study. If you are in the area, you are always welcome to join us. We have started a church-planting initiative which will culminate with a new congregation starting in September 2013. The eighteen-member United Chorale of the Churches of Christ in Venezuela will be in Canada from August 28 to September 12. They will be staying with the Waterloo congregation.

Windsor (West Side): On August 12 we will have a special Sunday with the theme "Unity in Christ." Special guests include Dr. Harold Shank of Ohio Valley College.

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Friday, October 19

7:00 Singing
7:30 Keynote address: In Christ Alone: Hope and Christian Identity
Coffee and snacks (Annex)

Saturday, October 20

10:00 - 10:30 Singing
10:30 - 11:30 Keynote address: Christ in the Church: Formed by Christ/Maturity
(Supervised activity for all children available in annex)
11:30 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 Classes
2:00 - 2:15 Switch Classes
2:15 - 3:15 Classes
3:15 - 3:45 Break - coffee and snacks (Annex)
4:00 - 4:30 Singing
4:30 - 5:30 Keynote address: Called into the World: Sharing Hope in Word and Deed
(Supervised activity for all children available in annex)
7:00 Leadership seminar for elders, deacons, preachers - Grady King

Sunday, October 21

9:30 - 10:15 Regular children's classes
Keynote address: Seeing God at Work: Discerning God's Life in the World
10:30 Worship assembly
Keynote address: A Reason for our Hope and Christian Identity

Class options for Saturday:

- 1:00 and 2:15 Bringing Hope to the Street: Kevin Vance (Room # 103)
- 1:00 and 2:15 Spiritual Habits for Cultivating Hope: Leslie Williams (Room # 104)
- 1:00 and 2:15 Connecting Christ's Hope in Community Service: Lee Patmore (Room #204)
- 1:00 only How Christ Alone Shapes Healthy Families: Evan Burdan (Balcony)

Teen Class Daryl Steiner (Library)

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has degenerated into the justification of sin in the world.” (Cost of Discipleship, p 53) Or, as he said at greater length:

“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession,... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

“Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble, it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

“Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

“Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: “ye were bought at a price,” and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us.” (Cost of Discipleship pp 47-48)

That is what Bonhoeffer said, what did Jesus say? “For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies

will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:35-39).

Do we believe that or don’t we? Are we honestly presenting the message of Jesus or are we attempting to hide certain central and significant facts from people? Are we calling on others, are we calling on ourselves, to take up the cross? Are we calling on others, are we calling on ourselves, to turn our backs to the world? Is the attitude of Jesus our attitude? Is

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the attitude Paul expressed in Acts 20:24 our attitude? There Paul said, “But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24).

Jeremiah is never going to reap this field. He will be dead long before the exile ends. He has no wife, no children, no possibility of descendants to enjoy this field. He has kept the field in the family, which was very important under the Mosaic law, but he personally will never enjoy it. His nephews or cousins twice or thrice removed will end up with the field. But he buys it. He buys it because in obeying the Lord in a transaction that will not benefit Jeremiah at all, Jeremiah honors the Lord. In benefiting future generations of his extended family, Jeremiah honors the Lord. In caring more about obeying, in caring more about what lesson he is teach-

ing others than about what is in it for him, Jeremiah is honoring the Lord.

Are we honoring the Lord or are we merely serving ourselves?

Yes, we want to go to heaven, that is all right, but do we want heaven for the gates, streets and mansions or do we want heaven because our Lord is there? Yes, we want to live an abundant life, that is all right, but do we want the Lord more than we want life?

Do we obey because the Lord commanded, or do we obey only if we understand and see how we will benefit from the obedience?

Would we have bought the field and asked our questions later, or would we have demanded to understand the command and how it would benefit us?

Are we Christ-centered or merely religiously self-centered?

Have we ever really obeyed?

These are painful questions.

These are questions we each need to think on. These are questions we need to work on together.

Let us start small and work our way up.

Do we have sin that we have not confessed? Let us confess it.

Do we have clear and simple commands, like baptism, that we have not yet obeyed? Then let us obey them.

We start with the simple things, but quickly move on to attempt the difficult ones. We will fail. We will get frustrated and confused. Jeremiah did. But we will grow in losing our lives, and as we grow in losing our lives we will find our real lives, His real life.

Buy the field that God commands you to buy. Buy the field that you will not reap, simply because He commands you to do so, and that by doing so you may glorify Him.

Toledo, Ohio



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Great Lakes Bible College invites applications and nominations for the Position of President.

Great Lakes Bible College is operated by members of the Church of Christ to offer a post secondary education in Biblical studies, theology and ministry. The Bible College is a degree granting institution and has a growing student body with the equivalent of 6 full time students. The Bible College is located in Waterloo, Ontario.

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- Support the mission, vision and values of Great Lakes Bible College
- Maintain effective communication with all stakeholder groups
- Define and execute a funding model that serves the schools' purposes and attains financial viability
- Staff Management
- Liaise with staff members of GLCHS who provide some support services
- Produce an effective plan for recruiting and fundraising for the College
- It is anticipated that some travel will be required.

Qualifications

- A personal commitment to Jesus Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom
- A passion for building faith in young people
- A member of, or able to become a member of, the Corporations of Great Lakes Bible/Christian College
- Experience in creating and executing financial plans
- Fundraising or ministry experience is considered an asset
- Post secondary education in any discipline. Advanced degree is considered an asset

Target start date of January 1, 2013

Application deadline September 30, 2012.

Additional documentation describing the role is available and may be obtained by sending an email to PresidentSearch@glbc.ca

To apply send resume and cover letter to PresidentSearch@glbc.ca

Please allow several weeks to receive response to any communication

The Meaning of Revelation on the Sole of a Shoe

Kevin Cleary

Of all the books of the Bible, Revelation probably causes the most confusion and frustration. It is often avoided in our daily Bible reading because of its sometimes difficult imagery. And yet of all the books of the New Testament, it probably has the simplest message. The interesting thing is that the message of the book is on a shoe.

You would be hard pressed to find someone who does not know of the name brand "Nike". Many of us have had a pair of Nike shoes. If you were young when I was, you know that Air Jordan's were an essential piece of a kid's wardrobe. What most of us don't know is that we were running around with the key message of the

last book of the Bible on our feet.

There are many ways of looking at the book of Revelation. Some far better than others but even the worst interpretations of the book I have ever seen admit that the theme of the book is victory. My English Standard Version mostly uses the word conquer. Some use overcome or victor but the message is the same. God will be victorious in the end as will those who remain devoted to him. The Greek word translated victor or conquer is the word *nikao* which Thayer defines as: 1) to conquer 1a) to carry off the victory, come off victorious 1a1) of Christ, victorious over all His foes 1a2) of Christians, that hold fast their faith even unto death against the power of their foes, temptations and persecutions. When we look at the definition it's easy to see why Bill Bowerman and Phil Knight chose Nike as the name of their shoe company. The word *nikao* is

found 17 times in Revelation describing various figures being victorious but especially describes those who are faithful to God.

Christians then deserve to wear the term *nikao* or victor because they will stand victorious with God. Consider: Revelation 2:7: "To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" 2:11: "The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death": 3:5 "The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels":17:14; "The Lamb will conquer them for he is the Lord of lords and King of kings and those with him are called chosen and faithful": 21:7 "The one who conquers will have his heritage and I will be his God and he will be my son."

So the next time you see a Nike commercial, lace up your runners or pass someone on the street with the famous swoosh on their shoes,

Remember Someone Special

You may honour a friend or family member by making a contribution or you may want to make a memorial gift in memory of a special person. In either case, we will send an appropriate letter to the honoured person or to a family member acknowledging your thoughtfulness. You are welcome to use the convenient form below to let us know your wishes.

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remember Revelation and the reminder it offers, that not just in sports but in eternity there are winners and losers. The winners are those who chose to be on the winning side with God and Christ. And ask yourself which side am I on?

Meaford, ON

One Thing

Art Ford

Is there one thing that could make a difference in your Christian life? If you could identify just one thing that might make a difference in your Christian life, what might it be?

There was a day in which Jesus took time from his busy life to go to the home of his friend, Martha. It's recorded in Luke 10.

³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her." (NLT)

How often I find myself being "worried and upset" about details. These details can be either trivial or important. I suppose there are times that I make the unimportant ones seem more important than they are.

Jesus' reminder to Martha is that only one thing is worth being concerned about. Her business was in serving Jesus, yet she wasn't focusing on him. I find it so easy to be like Martha and be doing other things that relate to Jesus and yet not really be focusing on Jesus himself.

I believe that, but I need help with my unbelief! It is so easy to let other things get in the way of my relationship with God. There is that person. There are work

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Pictures and Reports

We are always looking for items concerning outreach and service activities of congregations across Canada. Pictures are worth a 1,000 words, they say, and we like to have pictures we can publish on mission outreach and service projects in evangelism, teaching and doing service. These may be of work done in Canada or by Canadian congregational groups who travel and serve outside of Canada. Good quality digital photographs allow us to see, be encouraged by and praise God for these activities of our fellow Christians. We look forward to being able to share these "good news reports" with readers of the Gospel Herald.

— The editors

MINISTER SEARCH

The Moose Mountain Church of Christ, located in the beautiful Moose Mountain Provincial Park in Southeast Saskatchewan, is seeking a full time minister. This is a rural church in the Village of Kenosee Lake. The area provides many recreational activities including camping, tennis, golfing, water sports and beaches.

Our congregation is seeking a minister that will partner with us in evangelizing the area, and provide support and encouragement to the congregation. The candidate must have leadership skills and strong Biblical knowledge as preaching and teaching will be a component of the mission. The minister must relate to both the retirees and the young families as we are guided in our walk with Christ and as we reach out to the surrounding communities.

We ask that you prayerfully consider this mission and if you require an information package and application contact:

The Search Committee
Moose Mountain Church of Christ
Box 216
Kipling, SK
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Or call:

Mark Olson 306-736-2663

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Please send all resumes to the above address.

responsibilities. There are so many church activities in which I must make time to participate. There are those at church who want to do things in ways we've not done them. There are people who are depending on me to fix a meal or give them a ride or teach a class.

Can we together commit to reminding ourselves and each other that "there is only one thing worth being concerned about." Like Mary, I hope to discover it in very real and concrete ways the difference that comes when our concern is Jesus and our relationship with him.

Beamsville, Ontario

What Do You Prefer, A Piece of My Mind or Your Own Peace of Mind?

Brian Thompson

"The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in Thee. Trust in the Lord forever, for in God the Lord, we have an everlasting Rock." Isaiah 26:3-4

I'll Give Them A Piece of My Mind

Whenever we hear the above phrase by someone they are telling us or others how angry they feel about someone. What you hear them say is something like this, "Just wait until I give that person a piece of my mind then they'll change their tone." In talking like this it never really benefits anyone in the long run although, to them, it feels pretty good for the moment. I guess it's the venting of all that stored up anger, of having the last word or of being in control that persuades these folk to give others a piece of their mind.

Peace of Mind

Nobody wants another person to give them a piece of their mind but what every person should want is the peace of mind that only God can give. It is the peace that surpasses all understanding and it guards one's heart and mind in Christ (Philippians 4:7). It comes from practicing what God has taught us (Philippians 4:9). Christians

who are not experiencing this peace in Christ are quite often ignorant of the many wonderful blessings God offers them in His word (Ephesians 1:3-23; 3:14-21). The peace Jesus gives us is different than the peace the world offers. It is His peace, the peace He had when walking on this earth over 2000 years ago. It is a peace that rules a troubled, fearful and anxious heart (John 14:27).

Perfect Peace

Is there such a thing as perfect peace? The hymn writer Edward H. Bickersteth seemed to think so when he wrote the famous hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" in 1875. Take a moment to read the words of his hymn and see how he defines perfect peace. It is hymn # 479 in the Songs of Faith and Praise hymn books. Basically he says that regardless of how imperfect this world is (full of difficulties and sorrows, etc.) perfect peace can be experienced by Christians when they realize that the blood of Christ cleanses them continually when they strive to be like Him (I John 1:7). Also in always doing God's will (having a steadfast mind) we experience perfect peace just like Jesus did (John 8:29).

We have an everlasting Rock so trust in Him!

A house built a rock is sure to stand when adverse weather strikes it. It will stand firm. So it is with Christians when they do the will of God, when their faith and trust are on the Rock (Christ). They too, will stand and experience perfect peace, a peace beyond the understanding of many in this world.

- Owen Sound, Ontario



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Coleman, Elspeth Alice Rosaleen (nee Peters)

Pat Coleman, born March 7, 1924, passed away on June 7, 2012, following a long battle with cancer. Though she had spent about seven months in hospital with little hope of living long, she was able to return home and spend the last year at home with her husband Bernard (Bernie). They were just a month short of their 70th wedding anniversary.

She and her two brothers were born and raised in the west end of Toronto. She met her future husband in Belleville, ON, when she was fourteen years old. They were married in Toronto in 1942, when she was 18. Bernie left Toronto for overseas as a member of the Canadian Army just a few days after their wedding and was

away in WWII for four years. While he was away, Pat worked for several companies, from Planters Peanuts to Bromo Seltzer. Her favourite was the time she spent at Nielson's Ice Cream!

Being raised in the depression, she learned frugality and an appreciation for her blessings. This characteristic was a hallmark of her life. Her daughter, Paula, wrote, "The family had a lot of wonderful times together—a lot of wonderful trips, a lot of games played together and a lot of laughing." She was a "sucker" for stray cats, which the family ended up adopting, because there was Pat and Paula, two, to Bernie, one. His "no" vote was lost and the cat stayed.

When Bernie returned from the war, they moved to the east side of Toronto. After their daughter, Paula,

was born they became connected with the congregation at Strathmore Blvd. Their greatest blessing was their faith in God and their membership in the Lord's Church.

She was a wonderful example of patience and trust in God during her illness. She enjoyed the visits of family and those of her church family. Her influence will live on in all who knew her.

Pat is survived by her husband, Bernie, and daughter, Paula, her husband, David Martin and children, Adam and Tess. At a service in her memory on June 11, 2012, the writer, along with Paula who spoke in tribute to her mother and two Strathmore elders, Peter Dwomoh and Steve Gill, who regularly had communion with Pat after she could no longer attend worship, lead prayers. May God comfort all who mourn her passing.

— Max Craddock

Career Opportunity in Health Care Administrator (CEO) Position

In 1968, the Barrie Ontario Church of Christ opened what is now a not-for-profit, long-term care continuum which includes a 143 bed nursing home, a 14 unit retirement area and a senior's day program. Led by an independent Board of Directors, the Home operates on the Biblical principles espoused by the Church of Christ. The Board is therefore looking for an active member of the Church of Christ to become the Home's next Administrator in 2014.

Ontario's Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care legislation demands certain qualifications for new Administrators, which include:

- 1. A post-secondary degree preferably in health or social services;**
- 2. Three years of management experience in the health or social service sector;**
- 3. Demonstrated leadership and communications skills;**
- 4. Completion of a specific 100 hour long-term care administration program.**

The Board wants to talk to you if you are interested in the Administrator position and:

- 1. Already have the above qualifications, or**
- 2. Are willing to put in the work required to gain those qualifications.**

To express interest or for further information, please contact:

Terry Codling, Administrator: (705) 792-7393
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DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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: info@camrosechurchofchrist.ca

EDMONTON Church Of Christ: 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 in office base-ment and in various homes (phone for locations & other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelist: Gerry Bibaud;
Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org
E-mail: church5@telus.net

SOUTH EDMONTON: Southwood Community Centre 1880 – 37 street NW, Edmonton, AB;
Minister: Roy Graneau; Contact: 780-902-1329

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7;
Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

RED DEER: 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2Y8; Sun. 10, 11, (evening • call for information); John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986

ST. ALBERT: Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. at the St. Albert Seniors Center at 7 Tache St., St. Albert; Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 at – call for address, Mailing Address: 20 Desmarais Cres., St. Albert, AB T8N 5X7; (780) 690-9947, E-mail: stalbertcofc@hotmail.com, webpage: www.stalbertchurchofchrist.org

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

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Contact: Off (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besijim2@hotmail.com

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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.

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

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SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 832-5230 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

NEW YORK STATE

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BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6;
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BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacofc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, 6:00; Bible class 11:15; Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacofc.ca.

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CORNWALL: 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am, Service 11am; Mid-week study Wed 7 pm; Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary, ph: 613-933-1825; Joel Bojarski: chairman; Mark Duperron: treasurer, ph: 613-932-3701; Fax: 613-933-2464; Mail: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: abojarski@cogeco.ca; website: www.home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/index.html

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

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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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@brucelecocom website: <http://www.meafordcofc.ca/> Check website for monthly changes

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@coceco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca

NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:00; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON; POJ 1P0; (705) 647-5488, Email: ccstone65@hotmail.com

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10 am, 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; Darrin Douglas, (minister) 905-356-3412, darrin@niagaracoc.com; Bruce Boland (youth/involvement minister) 905-356-3412, bryce@niagaracoc.com, website: www.niagaracoc.com

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:00; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); email: church@northbaycoc.com Website: www.northbaycoc.com

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: <http://omaghchurch.n3.net>, Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0.

OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Wed. 7:30 pm; Steve Chubry, Minister 905-434-1258 (Church) 905-728-6125 (res) 647-378-7231 (cell) e-mail: steve.chubry@sympatico.ca cedarparkchurchofchrist@gmail.com Shig Oikawa 905-420-8414 (res) Find us on face book-Cedar Park Church

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 email: westottawacofc@gmail.com

OWEN SOUND: 35 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 2pm; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca website: www.owensoundcofc.com

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

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

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 834-5775 (off)

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

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

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988; Sunday 9:40AM, 10:40AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7PM; Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789), L. Hotchkiss (705) 759-0649, C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153

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

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

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

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wednesday - various activities 7:00 pm, please call for details; Voice mail (519) 273-5280; Greg Toohey, ev, 519-635-5921; Contacts: John Brush (519) 625-1054; Charles Kippax (519) 539-6931

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. 9:30, 10:30 Wed. 7:30 PM; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Jim Kent, sec, Randy Morrilt, ev; Box 708, POR 1L0; (705) 842-2344 (H), (705) 842-3340 (O/Fax); Email: randy.lois.church@sympatico.ca

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

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON LOR 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): 2035 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario M1T 3G2 DELTA Toronto East Hotel, (Leaside Suite) Kennedy & 401 East; Sunday 10:00am; 11:00; Thurs. 7:00pm (in homes) (Mailing Address: 300 Borough Drive, P.O. Box 47011, Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4Z7) Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.net Devon Bennett, Minister, 905-686-2486, Cell: 416-970-3835; Fax: 905-428-1579; email: devonben@gmail.com Phillip Brown, Minister, 905-686-4067; Cell: 289-200-9160; email: phillkare@gmail.com

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 416-244-9152; contact; Aikins Wiredu, 905-216-6896; Kaso Ramcharitar, 416-652-7266; Twi service available

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Marvin Johnson 416-752-0325, Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy 905-237-3312; Max Craddock, ev. 416-461-7406, e-mail <max@strathmorecofc.ca>; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, 416-751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

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

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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MONTREAL: (South-West • English/French/Spanish): Ville Emard Church of Christ, 6259 Monk Blvd., Montreal, QC, H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the Monk subway station, 10 minutes from Downtown); (514) 765-8919. Simultaneous electronic translation: Sunday 10, 11, Wed. 7; Website: www.vecoc.org; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 602-5105; e-mail: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

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QUEBEC CITY: 2980 De Verteuil St (corner Jean-Noel St); Mailing address: PO Box 9041 STN Sainte-Foy, Quebec, QC G1V 4A8, Sunday School: 9:30 AM; Sunday worship: 10:30 AM (French); Wed. 7:00 PM (Phone in Summer) 418-651-3664 (of); Yvon Beaudoin, ev. 418-728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca; Roger Paradis, ev. 418-831-8690; email: rparadis1518@videotron.ca

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

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

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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; Bob Parker: toonchurch@live.com and Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

SWIFT CURRENT: Church of Christ, Box 1103, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-741-9925; (call for location of meetings).

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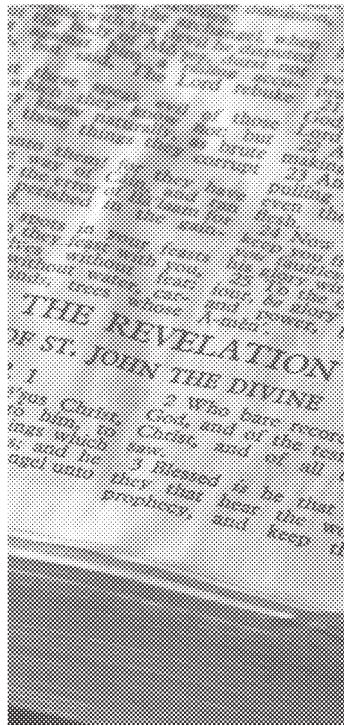
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