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# Breaking Bread At Troas

Geoffrey Ellis

“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them...” (Acts 20:7a, ESV).

This is the first and only reference in the New Testament to a specific gathering of a church to participate in the Lord’s Supper<sup>1</sup> and to receive teaching. Luke does not give a description of the conduct of the communion. However, the details regarding the meeting and surrounding conditions make this assembly of prime interest for those who, two millennia later, continue to cherish “breaking bread” with the saints.

This article will examine the text, the setting, the Troas congregation, the visitors present, timing, Eutychus’ fall, Paul’s part and the “rest of the story.”

**The Text:** “On the first day of the week...” There is an important insight contained in the wording in the original language here that is missed in the English rendering. Literally, it reads “on the first (day) of the Sabbaths (plural, designating “week”).<sup>2</sup> This is a Hebraism that sees all of the days of the week as coloured by the sacred seventh day. The first of the seven days of the week, so important to the Christian—the day of Christ’s resurrection and of his appearances to the disciples (John 20:19, 26)—draws on all that is holy in Hebrew usage.

“When we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them...” Here there is a participle of purpose,<sup>3</sup> “were gathered together,” linked with the infinitive, “to break” and its object, “bread,” all setting the stage for the main verb, “(Paul) talked...”<sup>4</sup> The root verb of the participle is *sunagō*; a verb that conveys a strong sense of purposeful gathering together, and especially when in the passive, i.e. “being convened.”<sup>5</sup> The

emphasis is upon the objective of the gathering, “to break bread.” And in this setting, Paul does his teaching; the word here is not “preaching” (cf. NIV), but “dialoguing,” cf. *dielegeto*, “with them,” i.e. with the gathered congregation and their visitors.

**The Setting.** Paul’s quick passage through Troas during his second missionary journey in response to the “Macedonian call” (Acts 16:6-10) may lead us to think of Troas as an insignificant place. The activity that draws us to his visits during his third journey will cause us to think differently. In fact, Troas was another important urban center that drew Paul in his efforts to bring the gospel to the Gentiles. Troas was located in the extreme northwest coast of Asia Minor and that for the period, 63 BC-AD 14, was the Roman administrative center for the province of Asia. The fifty-mile wide promontory in which Troas is located was called Troad, the location of ancient Troy some 15 miles to the north, (cf. the Trojan Wars). It was the Asian seaport that linked with Europe, situated just south of the entrance to the Hellespont (“Sea of Greece,” presently Dardanelles), leading to the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus Strait and the Black Sea, the line separating Asia and Europe. Traffic flowed through Troas by ship to Neapolis where the Via Egnatia was joined that could take one west through the provinces of Macedonia and Illyricum to the coast of the Adriatic Sea for passage to Italy (cf. Paul preaching in Illyricum, Rom.

15:19).<sup>5</sup> Paul planted a church in this important city.

**The Troas Congregation.** Paul’s three-year ministry in Ephesus was particularly fruitful: “...all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord” (Acts 19:10).<sup>7</sup> This influence would have been felt in Troas to the north. Then three events converged to take Paul directly to Troas: (1) the riot in Ephesus resulting from Christianity’s inroad into idolatry (Acts 19:22-41) making necessary Paul’s departure (note that Paul had determined before the riot to leave Ephesus for Macedonia and Achaia, Acts 19:21); (2) Paul’s anxiety over the reception of his first letter written while in Ephesus to the Corinthian church—Titus, who was expected with a report of the Corinthian’s reception of the letter, was overdue, and Paul felt compelled to go and meet him; and (3) an opening opportunity for preaching the gospel in Troas: “When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ...a door was opened for me in the Lord...” (2 Cor. 2:12). It is evident, as reported in later events, that Paul’s efforts resulted in a congregation being formed in the city, a church marked by faithfulness and eagerness.

**The Visitors Present.** Luke’s account of Paul’s travel and activity for the next year, from Troas to Corinth and back to Troas, is limited to six verses (Acts 20:1-6).

Luke rejoins Paul at Philippi and travels with him to Troas. Here we note the “we” references in Acts 20:5-6. Luke had first met Paul at Troas when Paul passed through on his way to Macedonia—again we note the “we” references in Acts 16:10, 16—travelling with him to Philippi. (Luke would now travel with Paul all

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the way to Jerusalem, cf. Acts 21:17, and accompany him to Rome, cf. Acts 27:1). Luke was in the worship assembly at Troas.

As well, a large, distinguished and important group of visitors, perhaps ten in number, were gathered to participate in the breaking of bread and Christian study that took place that night in Troas.

Paul had undertaken a project of humanitarian aid during his third mission journey, namely support gathered by Christians in the Gentile world for the “poor saints in Jerusalem” (Rom. 16:25-29). Paul went to considerable lengths to insure that the collection, administration and transportation of the collection would be above reproach and safe (see 1 Cor. 16:1-4 and 2 Cor. 8:18-24). He had assembled quite a team of men to accomplish

1. “Breaking bread” is an idiom used in the NT to designate the taking of the Lord’s Supper. It is a synecdoche, naming a part for the whole, that identifies the bread, Acts 2:42; 20:7 and points to the cup, Matt. 26:26; Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-24. It is also used to designate a simple meal, Acts 2:46; 20:11.

2. “The first day of the week” is found 8 times in the New Testament, 6 literally stating, “the first (day) of the Sabbaths (plural)” with the possible meaning, “the first day after the Sabbath”: Matt. 28; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; and 2 literally stating “the first (day) of the Sabbath” (singular): Mark 16:2; 1 Cor. 16:2. (The NEB uses “Sunday,” in Mark 16:2, 9, a seemingly inappropriate usage in the NT of the Roman planetary “day of the Sun” designation.) The Greek word for “week,” *hebdomas* which has the basic meaning of “seven” is found in the LXX but not in the NT. Whereas, the adjective “seventh,” *hebdomos, ē, on*, is found several times, e.g. John 4:52; Heb. 4:4; Rev. 8:1.

3. Technically a genitive absolute.

4. The NIV separates the subordinate phrase from its linkage with the main verb, turning it into a sentence, and thus diminishing the strong sense of focus, i.e. the gathering, as the context for the communion and the instruction.

5. We are reminded of the wording in 1 Cor. 11:18, “when you come together as a church...”

6. First century geographer, Strabo, called Troas, “One of the notable cities of the world.” Constantine considered making Troas his eastern capitol of the Roman Empire, before choosing Byzantium.

7. The Seven Churches of Asia addressed by Christ in Revelation were the fruit of Paul’s ministry centered in Ephesus.

8. The latter three men are not mentioned by Luke. The puzzle is that Luke does not name Titus in his Acts account. One intriguing suggestion is that Titus was Luke’s brother and that modesty kept Luke from naming him!

this: representing the Macedonian congregations: Sopater, Aristarchus and Secundus; for the Galatian churches: Gaius (Derbe) and Timothy (Lystra); for the congregations in Asia: Tychicus and Trophimus; and possibly, for the church at Corinth, Titus and two unnamed brothers (cf. 2 Cor. 8:16-23).<sup>8</sup> This group from a wide range of locations had reconnoitered with Paul at Philippi, preceded him to Troas, and together with him and Luke had waited for the “first day of the week” assembly.

**Timing.** Paul had written to the

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Corinthians, “I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost” (1 Cor. 16:8). Leaving Troas, he was determined to be in Jerusalem by Pentecost (Acts 20:16)—thus, from Troas to Corinth and back to Troas and on to Jerusalem within one year. The Passover and seven days of Unleavened Bread occurred while Paul was in Philippi (Acts 20:6) and for which he remained (for reasons undisclosed). Thus fifty days—Passover to Pentecost—remained for Paul to reach

Jerusalem according to his desired schedule. Seven days were spent in Philippi during the days of Unleavened Bread, five days in passage to Troas, and seven days waiting for the arrival of the first day of the week. Paul and all of those around him who gathered that night would experience the tension as he—“intending to depart the next day” (20:8)—had only thirty-one days, or one month in our reckoning, to reach his destination on time. Circumstances would result in an all-night stand for Paul, his companions, and the church!

**Eutychus’ Fall.** What a disruption! What a tragedy! What a miracle! What a consequence!

The church had gathered in a room on the third floor of a building. (One has conjectured that it might have been a large warehouse room on the docks!) The meeting took place in the evening of the first day of the week, a normal workday in that time and culture, and many would be slaves or the working poor. Today’s usual response to reading, “Paul prolonged his speech until midnight,” is a wink and a nudge—we all know about long-winded preachers! The fact is, after the breaking of the bread, Paul engaged in a dialogue with people

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## Happy New Year!

Wayne Turner



Or is it? 2012 seemed to end poorly—the tragic violence in Newtown, Connecticut, the typhoon in the Philippines that killed over 1,000, the tension and conflict in so many parts of the world and the economic crises threatening financial stability in many countries. While the calendar may have changed to 2013, there seems little reason to expect the new year to be any different. The problems and issues that existed in December haven't miraculously disappeared because it's January. The only things that have actually changed are the number of the year and, for many, the tax and financial year.

Despite this, a new year brings a symbolic significance. The transition from one year to the next often causes us to think about what happened in the past year and consider what we hope to accomplish in the new year. We see it as a new beginning with its opportunities and possibilities. Thus, we take a personal inventory to consider what we would like to change and resolve to make that happen. Typically, these resolutions may involve personal habits or lifestyle—like spending more time with our families, losing weight, getting more exercise, etc. Sometimes, they may involve our spiritual lives—daily Bible reading, spending more time in prayer, becoming more involved at church. A new year represents a time to refocus the priorities of our lives.

The same is true for congregations. A new year can help us to refocus our vision and recommit ourselves to the work to which God has called us. It is so easy for us to be caught up in the weekly routines of church life so that we lose sight of what is really important. We allow ourselves to be caught up in the myriad of minor details and miss that which is critically important.

The tragic shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, should help remind us of the spiritual needs around us. Evil exists. Satan is real, and threatens the peace, safety and spiritual survival of our world. People are hurting, their lives broken, because of his destruction. Countless souls are being lost for eternity. This is why Jesus came into the world, to give His life for sin and defeat Satan. Our God-given purpose is to share Christ with those who are lost in sin. Through our message and lives we are to make Him known to those around

us. Perhaps, we should use the start of a new year as a time to review how we are doing.

An important part of this assessment should consider how we are trying to tell people about Jesus Christ. In the past, much of the focus was on reaching out to people who came from various religious backgrounds and had some belief in God and Christ, but who needed to be “taught the way more perfectly.” Today, an ever increasing number of people around us have little or no faith at all and certainly do not know any Bible. They need to discover Christ in real encounters with Christians. They need to see Him through their lives. The religious skepticism (and even cynicism) of today causes many people to refrain from any overt indications of interest and observe those who profess faith. People may visit a congregation for months or years before feeling ready to respond.

This means that congregations and Christians need to find ways to connect with people in their communities. We need to be seen as real people, not just church stereotypes. People around us need to see how we live, work and play—what our families are like, how we handle stress and grief. As they come to know us, people will want to know what we have.

At this time of year as we take time to think about our priorities, may we put our spiritual priorities first. And, may we take time to consider how we can genuinely engage with those around us.

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## The End of the World

*2013—a new year with new beginnings. With this issue, I begin a new adventure as editor of this column. I am both excited and humbled by this responsibility. It is my prayer that many of you will use this forum to share your insights and encouragement with other Christians. For those who don't know me, my husband, Don, and I work and worship with the Lord's church who meet in the rural village of Fenwick, Ontario. And, yes, we do live on a farm which is aptly named Dandelion Acres. I look forward to our time together in the coming months.*

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January 2013, and the world still turns. Apparently the Mayans were wrong. Or more likely, it was a misinterpretation of the ancient Mayan works. Like the multitude of previous prophecies, it was incorrect. Mankind, it seems, has a bizarre fascination with end of the world predictions.

On one occasion, the disciples asked Jesus to tell them when the end would come. Actually, they asked a three-part question about future happenings. As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things [the destruction of the temple] be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?" (Matthew 24:3). Perhaps they thought the events were connected.

Although vague in regard to specific dates, Jesus was clear on what was truly important—preparation. Besides pointing out for His followers the signs of the time, Jesus gave them three "see" statements.

"See that no one leads you astray." (Matthew 24:4) Things were going to get rough. Amid this time of tribulation, pseudo-saviours—false Christs, would appear along with false prophets. Many, Jesus warned, would be led astray

by such people. Others would cave in under the pressure of their trials. They would fall away or even turn on their own brethren (Matthew 24:10, 11). "But the one who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

"See that you are not alarmed" (Matthew 24:6). There will be wars. You can count on it. As long as man inhabits the earth, there will be wars. Despite those conflicts that have been dubbed 'the war to end all wars', wars continue as they have throughout history. No war or rumour of war will signal the end, Jesus assured His followers, so don't get upset about them. Natural disasters, famines, earthquakes are going to happen as well. Those aren't the things you need to be concerned about.

"See, I have told you beforehand" (Matthew 24:25). An old saying states: "Forewarned is forearmed." Jesus repeated His warning about false Christs and false prophets to prevent the disciples from falling prey to those who would "lead astray, if possible, even the elect" (Matthew 24:24). We can only guess at what the Twelve expected Jesus' coming (Matthew 24:3) to entail, but He made it clear in Matthew 24:27–31 that when He appeared there would be no doubt as to His identity or location.

While most of the disciples would still be alive to witness the razing of the magnificent structure they had just been admiring (Mark 13:1) the other events would take place much later. Only God knows when, Jesus pointed out (Matthew 24:36). But one thing you can be sure of "the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44). He followed this statement with parables to drive home three important points.

"Stay awake" (Matthew 24:42). You may not know when the end will come, but you can be certain it is coming, so don't be caught napping. Complacency could be costly.

"Be ready" (Matthew 24:44). Since the end will come without warning, you need to always be prepared. There may not be an opportunity to 'do it later'.

"Watch" (Matthew 25:13). "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." There is no room for negligence. It is too risky. Matthew 24:46 admonishes, "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes." Stay on the job. No goofing off. That is the thrust of the faithful and wise servant illustration of Matthew 24:45-51.

Until the end of the world actually comes, there will be some people predicting its final date and other people who believe them. We can be certain from God's word that there will be an end and that it will be unexpected. So let us heed our Lord's answer to the disciples. Be ready! You can't wait until the kids are grown, the house is paid for or that next rung of the corporate ladder is reached before you turn your attention fully to the Lord and His service. It is too dangerous. We have no promise of tomorrow.

January 2013. A new year opens before us. Let us use it to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

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# Bent Beyond Repair

Kevin Cleary

In the silverware drawer at my home growing up there were a lot of bent butter knives. Not severely bent but just slightly off. Many of you reading this know why that was the case because your butter knives look much the same for the same reason. For those of you reading this with straight butter knives you need to know that a butter knife can substitute for almost any tool. There's the obvious slot screw driver, but pushed hard enough a butter knife will also fit a Philips screw. Also a good quality butter knife is usually heavy enough to pound a small nail, thereby replacing a hammer. It makes a great scraping tool for wallpaper or drywall putty. And of course the most common use for a butter knife is a prying tool; a lid that won't come off, the latch on the car door or a million other things can be pried open or apart using a butter knife. Now sometimes if you get over zealous you will push too hard and bend the knife meaning you have to put it between the counter and a partially open drawer and bend it back.

It's the bending back that creates the problem. I can remember as a child trying to get the knife straight again and never being able to get it just right despite my best efforts. This really used to bother me because I thought if I just did the opposite of what bent the knife I should be able to get it back into shape and so I kept trying. Finally an adult pointed out that bending the knife actually stretches the metal and you can't un-stretch it. And so by using the knife for something that it really was not designed for it is irreparably damaged.

Our bodies are much like butter knives, they can be used for any number of activities, many of which they were designed for. However our bodies can also be used in ways that were never intended by the designer and when they are, they become bent. Our bodies can be and are used for cruelty, injustice,

sexual immorality, gluttony, drunkenness, laziness and other forms of evil. This was not their intended purpose.

When God completed His creation He saw that it was very good (Gen 1:31). Man was initially created good, and for good (Eph 2:10). In fact, in response to the idea that some had in Corinth, that the body was for sex just like the stomach was for food, Paul replied that the body is "for the Lord" (1 Cor 6:14). Using our bodies for things that are not good, but which are selfish and evil is using them in a way that they were never designed to be used. This causes irreparable damage, and like the butter knife,

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despite our best efforts we can't fix ourselves. What the butter knife needs and what we need is to be re-forged.

There is a song which holds the answer for how the damage we have done to ourselves with our own sin can be repaired. The title says it all "Bring Christ Your Broken Life". If we read more of what Paul said to the Corinthians he describes their sinful past, pointing out that they had been "sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy, drunkards, revilers and swindlers. But he does

not say they are still those things. Instead he says "such were some of you; but you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor 6:9-11 HCSB). It is only through Christ that the damage of sin can be removed and we can be remade. In Romans, Paul explains that in baptism we die to our old lives of sin and are raised new and free from sin (Rom 6:3-6).

The truth of what Christ can do to repair our broken lives is not only important to non-Christians. Actually all of the passages we have looked at above were originally written to Christians. God wanted them and us to understand that as Christians we have been remade. In Romans six the question is asked, "...how can we who are dead to sin walk in it any longer?" We, as Christians, have been given the opportunity to be what God intended us to be from the beginning. No one drives out of the car wash and goes looking for the muddiest worst back road they can find. Instead they do everything they can to avoid undoing the work that has been done in cleaning the car. As Christians we need to recognise that we have been restored, allowing us to function as God intended from the start.

If you recognise the damage that sin has left in your life and want to be repaired you need to respond to what Christ has done by dying for sin with faith, repentance, confession and baptism so that you can have a new life. Those of us who have already done those things need to get busy living the new life Christ has given us. "Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works" (Titus 2:13-14).

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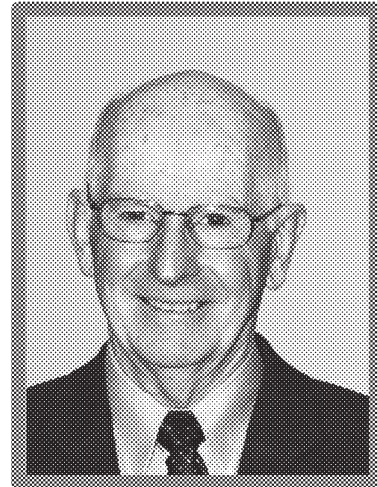
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## PRESIDENT SELECTED

The Board of Trustees of Great Lakes Bible College is pleased to announce the selection of James Arthur Ford as President of the Bible College. Art has served as the Acting President since July 1, 2012, and has signed a contract for the part-time position as President, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

Art holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Harding College, 1970; a Bachelor of Education Degree from Queen's University, 1973; and has partial course work done on Master of Religious Education Degree at Trinity Theological Seminary.



Art is no stranger to the work at Great Lakes having served as a teacher at the High School from 1970 to 1976. He, his wife, Ruby, and family then served on the mission field in Papua New Guinea from 1977 through 1987. Some of his duties there included directing the training program that is now known as the Melanesian Bible College.

When he returned to Canada in 1987, he took up Administration duties at GLCC and served as President of GLCC and GLBC from 1996 – 2006. Some important steps benefiting the school took place during his time as President, including the building of the new Boy's Dorm on the campus at Beamsville.

After retiring as President of Great Lakes in 2006 he became the Minister for the Fennell Ave. Church of Christ in Hamilton, ON, in 2007 and is continuing in that work until December 31, 2012.

Since 2010, until his appointment as Acting President, Art has served the Bible College as Chairman of the Board and as a member of the volunteer Leadership Team that helped make the transition of leadership following the decision to no longer have a President to serve both GLCHS and GLBC.

We look forward to the Bible College increasing its ability to serve the brotherhood with Art's leadership as President working along with our full time staff of David Knutson, Dean and teacher, and Jim Holston, teacher.

Your continued prayers for and support of the Bible College is desired and appreciated. With the blessing of God, the school can grow and serve the Lord's Church in Canada for many years to come.

Max Craddock, Chairman  
Great Lakes Bible College Board

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who were hungry for teaching from this man of God, and father in the faith to many gathered there. This was a once-only opportunity. No doubt they regretted the quick passage of time—they knew that Paul intended to leave early the next day. Stay just a little longer! Then the unthinkable. Eutychus had fallen to his death—at least twenty feet to the pavement or courtyard below. Tired from a day's work, sitting on the window ledge, perhaps to get some fresh air, the combination of fatigue and lowered oxygen because of the "many lamps" and the crowd, Eutychus crashed, literally. And was taken up dead—that was Luke the physician's determination. What a tragic end to such a joyous occasion!

**Paul's Part.** This was an important occasion for Paul. It was worth waiting from Monday to the Lord's day for the opportunity to meet with all of the saints, to have the Troas brethren meet and fellowship with this distinguished group of Christian servants,

to break bread together, and to break the bread of life one last time—for Paul was convinced that this was the last time he would see the brethren at Troas (cf. his words to the Ephesian elders at Miletus, Acts 20:38). But his teaching came to a crashing stop! Paul immediately went down—you can see the gathering following him with great consternation! Bending over Eutychus' body and taking him in his arms,<sup>9</sup> he said "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him!"<sup>10</sup> "The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted" (20:12).<sup>11</sup>

What an experience for the believers! What an energizing event. No one could sleep now! Paul gathered again with the congregation; he took some food for nourishment and strength, and with great energy he and the assembly talked about their common faith until sunup. And so ended the first and only worship service of early Christians recorded in the writings of the New Testament. That was how "breaking bread at Troas" unfolded!

"The Rest of the Story." Paul chose

to walk from Troas to Assos, a distance of some twenty miles, while his companions sailed twice that distance around a cape and along the northern shore of Adramyttion. He had much to think about and to pray about as he thought about the finality of last visits and the coming tests of his faith. But Paul did survive his Roman trials. He quite likely returned to Troas. In fact, he may well have been arrested there, forcibly removed so that his cloak and his scrolls and his parchments were left behind (2 Tim. 4:13).<sup>12</sup> Perhaps Timothy was able to deliver these to Paul in Rome before his martyrdom.

Waterloo, Ontario

9. Even as Elijah, 1 Kgs. 17:21, and Elisha, 2 Kgs. 4:34, had done.

10. In the same sense that Jesus gave when he said of Jairus' daughter, "She sleeps," Mark 5:39.

11. Literally, it reads, "and were not a little comforted." This is a litotes, "an ironic understatement to express an affirmative by the negative of the contrary" (Canadian Oxford Dictionary).

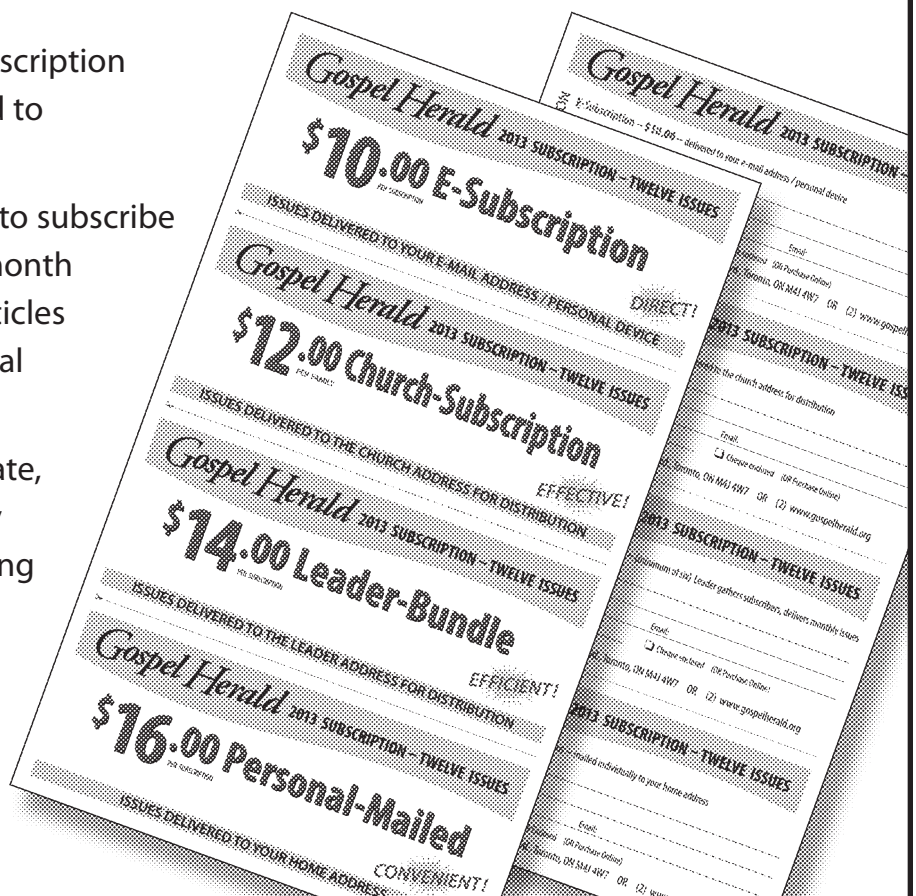
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# NEWS

## - EAST -

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### NEW BRUNSWICK

**Saint John:** We went on our door knocking campaign on August 8. Sadly, only a couple of families showed any interest. Most were polite and the experience went better than we had anticipated. We did not have doors slammed in our faces. Most folks were civil but just lukewarm. No visitors from the community showed up for our special Sunday service on baptism, however, we had a sister in Christ from Colorado join us for worship. She was in Saint John for the North American, Caribbean & Canadian Masters Track & Field Championships. Five members from Moncton also joined us. We are not discouraged...just disappointed! On August 19, a couple from Ohio, who used to live in Saint John, joined us for worship. We had a surprise visit from Jim and Beth Oliver, members from Nashville, TN, who found us on the internet and joined us for worship on September 9. In October (12 to 16), I was invited, along with Tim Johnson of the Barrie church, to speak to the Ottawa (Riverview Park) church of Christ as part of a workshop titled "Reaching Out to My Community". It was nice to be of service to this wonderful congregation! On November 3, Chieh and I drove up north (three and a half hour drive) to

spend time with the Agyares, a Christian family of five whom I have mentioned in past reports. It was encouraging to see them and spend time with them. We love them very much! From November 5 to 12, we went to Ontario to enjoy the Great Lakes Lectureship. I also had the chance to present a lesson for the Bramalea church on November 11. It was good to see old friends and teachers again. Though it was a short trip, we were greatly encouraged by it. On December 1, we said goodbye to the Subbas as they boarded a plane bound for Calgary, Alberta. From there they would be taking a bus to Lethbridge and their new home. This brings our numbers down to seven people. It is discouraging to see them go but we do pray that this will be good for them as they are Bhutanese and Lethbridge has a community of 600 Bhutanese. We also will continue to share the gospel and worship our Lord. Where there are two or more, the Lord will be present! Please pray for us to not lose heart and that we will continue to be faithfully serving!

### ONTARIO

**Barrie:** We had an excellent special weekend meeting with Steve Higginbotham Nov.3-4, entitled "How to Have a Happy Home." We had some community guests for this and some brethren from other congregations. Once a month after Wednesday Bible Study the church remains to write cards of encouragement, signed by all and mailed to those needing some cheer. Three members of the congregation went to Haiti in late November to assist brethren building an orphanage in Fond-Parisien, a work spearheaded by Jean Volcy and the Strathmore church in Toronto. Others among us sent funds to help with the project.

**Bramalea:** Derrick, Faith, Jaylynn and Tristan Wilson placed membership with the congregation in October. The congregation assisted the Barekese Church of Christ in Ghana in October with a donation towards their church building. Arnel Alave, husband of Sheila, recently placed membership with the congregation. Arnel is from the Philippines. Guest speaker November 11 was Shawn LeBlanc of Saint John, New Brunswick. He was accompanied by his wife, Chieh, as well as Stephane, Anike and Josh Maillet, preacher and family from Moncton, New Brunswick. They were returning home from the Great Lakes Bible College lectureship in Beamsville. Stephane is contacting a large number of individuals via Facebook with a webpage entitled: "Added to the Church of Christ (Acts 2:47)." Twenty-three contacts are from the Moncton area and over 200 from elsewhere. One hundred five boxes were filled for "Operation Christmas Child." Michael Jordan, who was baptized by Charlie McKnight in Kelowna, British Columbia, on December 8, 1983, placed membership with the congregation on November 18, 2012. A.J. Star, former member, has returned home to Hope, British Columbia, and is scheduled for spinal cord surgery soon. Gip Woothitha, former Bramalea member from Thailand, is in school at South Pacific Bible School in New Zealand. She was financially assisted by the congregation with her tuition. Gip plans to return to Thailand to assist in that work when she completes all her courses in New Zealand. New birth! Marie-Éve Boudreau, of St. Hubert, QC, near Montreal, was baptized into Christ by Paulo Lourenco of the Mississauga Church of Christ on Tuesday, November 27, at Bramalea. A special collection was taken up Sunday, December 9, to assist those devastated by the recent Philippine typhoon. A 2nd one was taken up December 16.

**Fenwick:** We reported last month Scott Mansfield was guest speaker on November 25 and taught the Wednesday night Bible class on November 21. Unfortunately this did not come about. Paul Moore stepped in as guest speaker on that Sunday and Ross Gilbert filled in on Wednesday night. We appreciate others stepping in to fill a need. The Fenwick church family lost two members in one week. Ray Lock passed away December 4 and Gerald Lampman on December 8. Both will be missed. We have had to cancel some of our activities. It was decided to discontinue our monthly visit to Woodlands Senior Home but we

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### ALBERTA

**Edmonton Northside:** November 25, a congregational potluck lunch was held. It was followed by a time of song learning. The Sunday kid's club met for several activities. The teen group meets every other Friday. A large group of teens gathered to make gingerbread houses. Volunteers served supper at the Hope Mission on December 22. Jay Hansler was baptized and added to the Lord's family. Adrienne Engle has identified with our church family.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** Norm Weir was called to Prince George for the funeral service of Ernie Zimmer. The service was on Saturday afternoon, November 24. He and Jen then travelled for four hours on snowy roads to fulfill a commitment to be in 100 Mile House to preach on November 25. Thankfully they had safe travel to fulfill both these commitments.

**Burnaby:** The congregation has been appreciating slide pictures of various buildings and experiences Kirk and Lori Ruch had during their month of teaching in Donetsk last fall. With the situation between Palestine and Israel again tense for the past several months, Erol Dogan has been asked frequently to report on his observations based on his and Debra's visit last summer. In addition to here at Burnaby, he has spoken at Abbotsford, Delta, Nanaimo and Victoria.

**Delta:** The return of Jay Don and Mary Lee from

their on-going job in Donetsk, Ukraine, is always honoured with a "potluck". Jay Don was our speaker on Dec. 2. Having kept in touch with a young single mother with 4 children, a basket filled with clothing and gifts was delivered to them before Christmas. The ladies again filled shoe boxes delivered to needy children around the world.

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** Joyce Hooper was able to accompany her sister, Thelma Temple, whose daughter drove the couple to Mexico for a farewell visit to say goodbye to children who had watched for their return over a period of several years. These sisters started their pilgrimages to help street children when both were in their 70's and 80's, driving a truck loaded with necessities and gifts down after Christmas each year until stricken with physical ailments that prevented their going back.

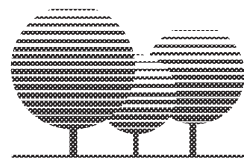
**Salmon Arm:** Special groups meeting on Tuesday evenings were invited to be present at the home of the Lyle Roberts family for the baptism of Susan Ruck on Dec. 4. Susan had been attending our small group meetings for several months, as well as occasionally on Sunday mornings. A "White elephant" exchange added fun to our "Fiesata de la Navidad" December party. Special invitations to hand out to friends were printed for both the party and the Sunday service on Dec. 23. Please note that the email address for the church was changed this month to: [sacoc@hotmail.com](mailto:sacoc@hotmail.com).

**Prince George:** The church lost a great pioneer among B.C. churches

of Christ for many years when Ernie Zimmer passed away on Nov. 19. Between 550 and 600 mourners gathered the following Saturday afternoon for his farewell service. Ernie had not been well for quite some time, but praising the Lord was his passion, along with sharing the word, helping people and singing. His voice was still strong and Grace, his wife of 65 years, an alto, made the song service of the small group of Christians meeting in their home each week outstanding. Ernie and Grace were the parents of 13 children, having lost only one daughter in a vehicle accident a few years ago. The Zimmer sons conducted the funeral service, along with Lloyd Forman, Grace's brother, and Norm Weir.

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg:** The College and Young Adult group volunteered at the Siloam Mission on December 11. The kid's club did some Christmas baking for the senior's hampers on December 16. The TAPP Program (Teenage Parents Program) held a luncheon on December 20. Baskets of goodies were put together on December 21, also December 21, a Senior's Tea Party was held at Chad and Kim's home. A group delivered poinsettia for the Hospice and Palliative Care Manitoba Poinsettia Delivery Program. This is an annual event. A special contribution of \$2,587. was collected to send to Jamaica for the building fund. Over \$3,965 was collected for the Erika Mission Fund.



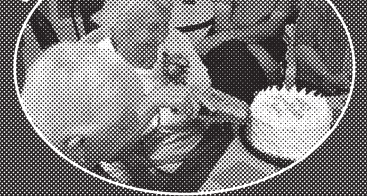
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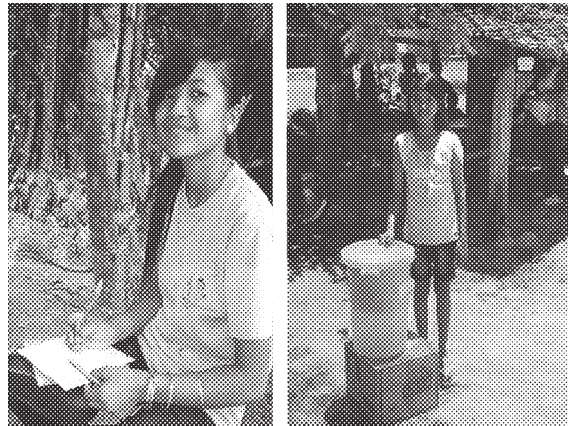
**MALAWI:** Ron Pottberg, a Christian traveling with a native, had visited post offices across the country, discovering that in each of them a majority of boxes were closed. The reason, he learned, was that Malawi is troubled by huge inflation, with its currency (Kwacha) devalued by 49% in only five months of this past year. The government had raised rural P.O. Box rentals from K1,000 to K5,000, and urban from K5,000 to K20,000, unaffordable for most of the population. He found that much of the World Bible School mail was still in boxes, unclaimed. When they returned to Mzuzu, they visited the post master, Msiska, who is a brother in Christ and himself a WBS student. He told them the Post Master General was visiting their Regional Headquarters that afternoon, and he would be there for the meetings. He promised to bring this problem up to the General. Later Brother Msiska phoned them to come immediately to meet the Regional Post Master. Even after a long day and with more hours of travel ahead of him, this man listened to their concerns sympathetically, saying that as they were a "religious entity" the students must have their lessons and a solution found. After much discussion, it was agreed that his office would direct all Malawi Postal Agencies to release WBS mail at once and re-negotiate payment terms with schools and businesses to erase the problem. Brother Ron's comment was that God certainly worked in mysterious ways to bring this outcome about in a day's time! (Report from Ron Pottberg, Nov 2012, Action!)

**CAMBODIA:** The water system being built on a raft in the water where it will serve many thousands of lake dwellers is now in operation. Although taking three times as long to complete as earlier expected, its planned inauguration was for Nov. 5, 2012. Eight thousand liters of water had been purified,

and the company training our crew was working to get any discoloration out, as well as improve the taste. The lower deck will be used as a meeting place for the church, while the upper deck will serve the crew operating the machinery. Other families are getting water filters through the Book Club for children, that is another means of educating them. Some of those in Grades 10 and 11 are choosing books on how to make a better living, such as "How to Raise Chickens", "How to Raise Pigs", or "Growing Papaya". All children are given

points for each book they read in order to obtain things which can improve the living standards of their families, but if they come from villages miles away from our schools, they may have to choose bikes first. Some are working with our Cambodian missionaries to help their parents understand the truth about the living God. Homes may consist of 10 or more living under the roof of a one-room hut. (From a report from Marie Claire McDonough)

**ETHIOPIA:** Schools for the deaf have been a very important work of the Woodward Park church in Fresno, CA, over the years. There are now five of these in Ethiopia. Brother Moges, a long-time native preacher, sent the amazing story of a young man who has lived over 10 years in the Makanissa School for the Deaf Orphanage. Born without hearing in the town of Akeseta in 1986, Berhanu Worku Mohamed had never been able to go to a school as there were none for the deaf in his area. When he was 15, he simply walked away from his village without telling his Muslim parents or anyone else. He walked 350 miles to Addis Ababa, not having any idea where to go. He found a Mercato, a place where he could sleep for one bir (6c) per night on a dirt floor without a bed or a blanket. All day for a month, he spent his time trying to find a deaf school. He heard that there was one in Makanissa, but with no idea where that was, he determined to find it. Upon arriving after an eight-mile walk, he learned the semester had already started and he couldn't enter. With the problem of where he could sleep and how he could eat with the few coins left in his pocket he decided he must find work. He succeeded in getting a day laborer's job near Makanissa for eight bir a day. He still went each night back to the Mercato to sleep, walking nearly 15 miles daily. Finally he got a one-day job in a home where there were children. One boy knew sign language, and told his mother that Berhanu was deaf. She decided to let him stay with them. In a few days she took him to the school to meet with Brother Behailu, the administrator. When he heard his story, he said that he might move into the orphanage at



Left: A 10th grade BaS/Book Club student from Traapaing Chaov Village, Cambodia. Right: Another family is getting a water filter through our Book Club. Pray for the living water to reach them.



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once. Since Berhanu was older, he was first placed in Grade 3. At the end of the term he was second in his class. Going from Grades 4 through 8, he was number one each year. He passed a "National Leaving" government exam which allowed him to enter a secondary school for Grades 9 and 10. The deaf students studied much harder than those with hearing, as they had no help from the teachers who did not know sign language. Again he came out at the top of his class both years, and was allowed to do Grades 11 and 12 at the next school. He has now been accepted at Addis Ababa University, intending to major in Sociology in order to be able to help others as he has been helped. He is very grateful for being guided by God to a place where he could find what he needed, and for the first time in his life, now feels he is a "somebody" instead of a "nobody"—the feeling he had had all of his life. (Condensed from the November report of the "Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia")

**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. Joel reports that there are videos, audio resources and photos all available to download. Send all inquiries and mail on AMF 2012 to [asia-missionforum@gmail.com](mailto:asia-missionforum@gmail.com) or check the Facebook page for Asian Mission Forum. Joel asks that Christians pray for the 2013 AMF team. Joel also works with the Mito church in its local work and assists the East Japan Relief Committee in the relief efforts in Japan. Jonathan Straker was keynote

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will do carolling at the home in December. Due to the poor weather and the passing of Ray Lock, we also withdrew from the Fenwick Christmas parade. Hopefully we will be able to participate next year. Once again, Harold and Eva MacDonald opened their home for a Christmas celebration and fellowship. Again this year, the ladies prepared gift baskets of Christmas goodies and the men delivered them.

**Mississauga:** We rejoice at the baptism of Marie-Eve Tuesday, November 27. May the Lord bless and keep her and may we all be an encouragement to her.

**Stoney Creek:** One of our retirees, Fran Groves, graduated November 17 from the Parish Nursing Course she has been enrolled in the past three years. She is making use of what she has learned to serve the church and the community. December was a busy month for the Stoney Creek church. December 1, sev-

er speakers at Harding University's Global Missions Experience (previously World Mission Workshop) in Arkansas at the end of September. This event brings together students interested in missions and allows them to experience examples of "hands on" mission work. Healing Hands International has supported the Straker family this year. This support ended November 30, so a new plan has been formulated to replenish their funds: 1,000 Christians contributing at least \$100/year (\$8.34/month; \$0.28/day!), will greatly help the Strakers to continue their work. Bramalea has a goal of at least 50 of its members giving at least \$100 towards Jonathan and Michiko Straker's support. Canadian donors can send cheques to Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton, Ontario, Canada L6T 3Y2; US donors can send funds to Highway 36 Church of Christ, 10576 State Highway 36 South, Abilene, Texas, USA, 79602-9200. For more information and instructions, go to [www.strakerhouse.com/make-it-happen/](http://www.strakerhouse.com/make-it-happen/)

**EARTHQUAKE:** A 7.3 earthquake was experienced in Japan on December 7 and affected the area devastated by the big tsunami in 2011. Reports from the Strakers and Joel Osborne on the field follows – Michiko Straker: "Lately we had pretty scary earthquakes in this area; the Friday one was very long and big so I thought we should go to the mountainside immediately. Our family just grabbed a little food and blankets, got in the car, and went straight to the mountainside. One area got close to a 4 foot high tsunami but our area and houses were O.K. - Jonathan Straker: "Did

eral members served hot chocolate at the Stoney Creek Santa Claus parade that passes in front of our building. December 12, some of the seniors served at the annual Christmas dinner that the child care centre, that uses our building during the week, stages for the children and their parents. Members were involved in Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse), filling shoe boxes for children in Third World countries, and also in preparing Christmas baskets for the church's own shut-ins.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):** Moises Velasco has been appointed to serve with the eldership, giving the congregation five elders. A formal celebration and affirmation of the leadership will be observed in a special way on Sunday, January 27, 2013. Key filming was done in Barrie and at Pine Orchard in November. The CRTC has renewed the Key To The Kingdom program licence for 2013 and the contract

you know you can actually hear an earthquake coming? Last night I was sprinting up the stairs to protect our youngest before the earthquake actually hit. We could hear it and knew it was going to be big. Then early warnings started to sound on our cell phones. Then the sirens went off. We were loaded in the car with the dogs within 10 minutes and headed straight for the hills. Everything was back to normal within a couple of hours, but it's scary stuff nonetheless, what with the sirens and emergency warnings. We spent a good part of the next day shopping for emergency goods that we didn't have this time (dry foods, emergency blankets, radios, etc.). We'll have a pack by the door and keep one in the car, too, for next time. Opened an amazing time of sharing with some of the local folks on Sunday. They can remember terrible things. Also had some funny spots: A couple of young single guys we work with got stuck in traffic, so they got out of their car and started sharing potato chips with folks in adjacent cars! Thank you for your thoughts and prayers!" - Joel Osborne: "Some have asked about the earthquake - I am en route to Cambodia with 9 Japanese. We are in Singapore. We've been in contact with others and everyone seems fine, but understandably scared with flashbacks. It definitely hit a panic button. Praying for loved ones in Japan, and appreciate everyone's prayers, too." Thanks to all who so diligently support the Japanese mission work. If you have questions, please contact Bramalea Church of Christ, 905-792-2297, or [mail@bramaleacofc.ca](mailto:mail@bramaleacofc.ca).

for 2013 was signed with a small increase of \$100.00 per week for the year. (This is still \$200.00 a week less than 2011.) The recent ratings from Vision for the 27 weeks from May 28 – November 26, showed an increase of nearly 1,500 viewers per week. This is really good considering it involved the summer months.

**Waterloo:** Geoff and Doreen Ellis celebrated their 60th anniversary December 27, 2012. Congratulations!!

**Windsor – West Side:** Each Thursday we are participating with the program "Forgotten Harvest" that allows families who could use them, to have fresh vegetables on a weekly basis. Many people who do not have the means often times have to forego healthier foods due to the high cost. This program helps people have healthier foods which helps in so many different areas of life: school, health etc. Pray for the people we can be involved with in this area.

# Slide or Fall?

Earle Rattai

Let's clear that first question up right away. Whenever a person falls into sin or back into the world, the word "fall" is somewhat of a misnomer as we tend to use it. Every English version of the Bible uses the word "fallen" in Galatians 5:4 (please turn there and read the context), and its meaning is exactly that; to fall from a position.

However, imagine a person who intentionally walks to the edge of a precipice and then leans forward for a really good look until the weight of gravity pulls them over the edge. This is the type of fall that normally typifies one's "fall from grace" and it's more of a slide than a fall as we would understand it.

In my last article (Where did they go?) I attempted to lay the groundwork for the how(s) and why(s) behind a blatant trend in

North American society to renounce church affiliations of any stripe. Why is that? A few years ago, during an annual meeting of the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) which is the largest non-Catholic denomination on the continent, a statement was made to this effect; "if we are to use only the New Testament to define the word Christian, we would have to concede that a great number of our members aren't Christians at all". And don't for a moment think that only applies to Southern Baptists. If Paul were to come back in our age and visit all the various groups who wear the label "Christian", would he recognize them (any of them) as "the Church"?

Think of letters like Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians and especially chapters two and three of Revelation. What sort of

letters might be written to the North American churches? What has precipitated the spiritual tailspin of a continent that was established on Christian principles and freedom? It's the exact same cancer that is claiming our kids and the salvation of once faithful brethren. The world's pull becomes too strong because the foundations of apostasy were laid early in their lives and those malignant foundational lumps were not ever properly dealt with. This may not apply to every single case, but it certainly applies to the vast majority of false conversions and apostasies.

To be specific, there are two camps. In the first camp are those with a non-Biblical world view. It may include those who deny the existence of God (any god), those who profess faith in man-made

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religions and even those who follow a mutated form of God's Word. The vast and overwhelming majority of the earth's population fit into that camp. The Lord Himself predicted this with acute accuracy (Matthew 7:13).

In the second camp are those who have been enlightened by the unadulterated Word of God, shared in the power of the Holy Spirit, and has made that good confession. By default, this second camp will share a "Biblical" world view in which the world is viewed through the looking glass of God's morals and edicts. Simple. The pain of those left behind (especially parents) comes when members of that second camp trade in their wise, prudent conversation of life (and world view) for the worthless glitter of that first camp; whatever that form may take.

So what's the temptation? Why is it strong enough to derail an eternal hope? An accurate oversimplifica-

tion would be "the Devil's manipulation". And he works through the influence of his own (2 Corinthians 11:14, 15). It starts young because the foxes have been given control over the hen house of public education. Too dramatic?

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***What has precipitated the spiritual tailspin of a continent that was established on Christian principles and freedom?***

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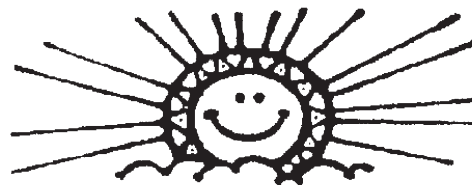
Think! Logically irrefutable facts like supernatural creation and the catastrophism of a worldwide flood aren't only ridiculed in most primary education systems, they are treated with overt contempt in the secondary and post-secondary systems. Biblical accounts of the virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ don't even get a mention. Just try and deprogram that effectively on

a daily basis. Like us, our children are social animals who require a sense of community. It is very hard to swim upstream against the opinions of everyone around you. That pressure lessens as one gets older, but often the damage has already been done.

We who sow seed, by necessity sow it amongst the thorns. This isn't something new. As a matter of fact, the pressures we and our children face are far less than what our ancient brethren would have endured throughout the first few centuries beginning with the persecutions of every single generation since the death of Jesus. A faithful child of God doesn't just go to bed one night and wake up to the decision of renouncing that faith. It is progressive. The slide starts early. Only the most stalwart of resolve keeps one from peering over the edge of a fatal precipice. (Email: erattai@sympatico.ca)

Kenora, Ontario

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## Remembering Joe Cannon

by Geoffrey Ellis

For over sixty years, Joe Cannon has been the pride of and the inspiration for Christians in Canada. As a young man, he left Toronto in the mid-forties first to study then to pursue his ministry as an envoy for Christ in foreign lands, never to return to his homeland except for more than visits with family, reporting, evangelizing or teaching. His identity and thus his influence have remained strong in our awareness. Many have been touched by his fervour and his devotion to the Cause and were encouraged in their own choice “to go into all the world” with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Joseph Leonard Cannon left this world on October 25, 2012, in Memphis, Tennessee. As a point of interest, Joe was born in Philadelphia, on January 6, 1927 to Leonard and Ivy Cannon, of Toronto. He was 85 years old at his passing.

My first memory of Joe is as a ten-year old witnessing a Friday night talent show at Omagh Bible School in July 1942. The stage was a hay wagon parked in the driveway of the Johnston home where the school was conducted that year (boys in tents—it rained all week!). Joe and his fellow “gang members,” the “Rideau Rats,” including Murray Hammond, Keith Thompson, Bert Thompson and perhaps others, were entertaining. Their musical presentation was called, “Swing and Sway the Swayze Way,” Swayze (first name not known to me) being one of the group as well.

Much has been made of the early “gang member” feature of Joe’s early life with the stories growing over the years. Joe was only 15 years old in the above memory. He and his fellow “gang members,” named after the street on which Joe and perhaps some of the others lived. They had been active in the Fern Avenue congregation for a year or two before that. Thus they were just a bunch of street kids looking to entertain themselves and perhaps getting in minor trouble along the way. The turning point story as I remember it (the variations

on this event are remarkable!) is as follows: their baseball inadvertently broke a window in the front door (or was it a window!) of A. Lynn Whitelaw. He said to them, pay for it or come to Sunday school. They chose the latter and the rest is history.

(Russell McNalty remembers: “Joe was a remarkable man. I have admired him for many years. I first knew him, as well as his parents, when we all worshiped at Fern Ave. in Toronto, Canada, back in 1950-51”).

My next memory is also at Camp Omagh in the late forties. The present camp facilities were then only three or four years old. I was there as “sports director.” I remember reclining on an upper bunk in one of the dormitories. Joe Cannon’s face appeared out of nowhere. “I hear you plan to be an evangelist,” he said—I had just made that decision several months earlier and I guess the word had spread. “Preach the word,” Joe said, with his usual intensity. Those words have stuck in my heart over the years. Joe encouraged an unnumbered host of people to be better workers for the Lord.

And so the years have passed. Periodically, Joe would return to this country and to the people he loved, to report, encourage, and recruit helpers for the great work. I remember him speaking at Beamsville on the Parable of the Sower. Seeing it through a missionary’s eyes, he concluded that Jesus was offering encouragement to the sowers who would have mixed results in their evangelism, but some harvests would produce one hundred, sixty and thirty times. And Joe was blessed to see such reaping results.

In the early 1980s Doreen and I traveled to PNG to visit the work in that land. At the time seventeen former students and staff from Great Lakes Christian College were serving in that country. In Mount Hagan we stayed with Joe and Rosabelle Cannon in the A-frame house that Joe and others had built using local trees cut to shape with a chain saw. I felt that we were in northern Canada! Lodged in my memory was witnessing a long and earnest discussion between Joe and Ray Locke—who recently passed to his reward—in the adjoining garden about the work. Joe had a great ability to energize and inspire others in world missions.

While in Lae we stayed with Art and Ruby Ford and their young family. Art had this to say after Joe’s passing:

Like many of you, Joe, Rosabelle and Betty were all positive influences in my life. Hearing that death was near for a dear brother and former “gang” member [Murray Hammond] who was also a preacher, in Ontario, Joe visited him in hospital and said, “What’s this, you’re going to see Jesus before your leader! You lucky guy. You are going to see Him before I do!” And Murray responded, “That’s right, and eat your heart out!” Yes, Joe lived that sentiment; he knew the day of his death would be his best day.

Joe preached the gospel in Japan, Okinawa, Papua New Guinea and Ukraine during a long a fruitful ministry. Eric Tryggestad, reporting to the *Christian Chronicle*, remembers Joe’s words:

I believe Jesus wanted me to go serve among the most unloved people I could find. And at that time, the most unloved people in America were the Japanese.

Thus Joe and Rosabelle moved to Japan.

“He was the founder of universities, kindergartens, orphanages, preacher training schools, and Mission 1000 in Memphis, TN.” Joe participated in the founding of Ibaraki Christian College. He established the Melanesian Bible College in Lae, PNG, and served it for thirteen years. In the late 1990s he served on several occasions as an adjunct teacher at Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo, teaching his favourite themes, World Missions and the Holy Spirit. One of the students attending at that time was Geoffrey Kirima of Kenya, now a student at Southern Africa Bible College. SA. Geoffrey remembers Joe Cannon:

I am sad over the news. Joe was my best teacher in 1997 / 1998 at Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo, ON. Canada. His passion for the Lord’s work is evident in all that he did, for he truly loved to see the gospel spread. May the Lord keep and rest his soul in eternal peace.

Joe never forgot his Canadian roots. He maintained a steady relationship with his brethren in his homeland. It is reported that the Bayview Ave. church in Toronto consistently supported



his work for more than fifty years! It was my privilege to work with Joe in a cross-Canada tour, encouraging faithfulness at home and evangelism around the world. In later years, Joe and Rosabelle loved to take a winter retreat in January in Canada, going to the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Aileen and Ian Boyce, on their farm near Markdale, Ontario, where Joe worked on his writing projects. Shared Boyce-Cannon-Ellis birthdays were celebrated in that setting. On one occasion, at a restaurant at Markdale, we were giving thanks for the meal, holding hands. When we finished, Joe noticed a waitress quietly waiting. Without a pause he said, 'We do this so that no one gets a head start!' Such was Joe's ready wit.

Joe and Rosabelle were blessed with six children, Eileen, Joseph, Deborah, Leonard, Gregory and Robin, two step-children Tina Bowie and Nim Underwood, with eighteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

After the passing of his wife, Rosabelle, Joe married Betty Dollar in 2002. Betty, a former realtor, who had left her fulltime work in Memphis to do mission work in Ukraine. Becoming independent from the former Soviet Union since 1991, Ukraine experienced a spiritual harvest with several thousand people being baptized and several congregations being established. Betty joined this mission work in 1995 and helped establish the Bila Tserkva Church of Christ. She was joined in this work by Joe who greatly relished yet a further field in which to sow the seed.

Those who have known and respected Joe Cannon's fruitful work, contagious enthusiasm, ever present wit, dead serious commitment, readiness to take on major challenges (e.g. the determination to recruit, train and send out one thousand workers for the mission field, i.e. "Mission 1000"), ability to motivate, challenges to higher levels of dedication and consistent example over six decades,

have been wonderfully blessed by this remarkable servant of Jesus Christ.

(Some information and quotations were drawn from the *Christian Chronicle*.)

**Kowalski, Catherine (Kay)**

Sept. 20, 1917 – Nov. 15, 2012

Kay Kowalski (nee Hutsal) was born in Horod, Manitoba, just south of what would later be designated as Riding Mountain National Park. Her parents had come to Canada in 1904, as part of the great movement of immigrants to Western Canada from that part of Eastern Europe then called Galicia. Her first language was Ukrainian, and in her last years she would sometimes regress to those early years and burst out in fluent Ukrainian.

In 1938 Kay married Victor Kowalski, a widower with three daughters. They farmed in the area west of Dauphin, Manitoba, and Victor was also active as a hunter and trapper. During this time Joe, Leo, Lorraine and Rosaline were born.

In 1955 the family made the long move to Newfoundland to establish and operate a mink ranch. Joe remembers

when they were guests at the home of Premier Joey Smallwood, where they enjoyed "a lunch of homemade bread, molasses and tea." Newfoundland must have been quite a culture shock for a family from the prairies!

The need for a better arrangement for mink food led them to relocate to Cape Breton, N.S., in 1960, Victor and Kay retired and moved back to Dauphin in 1968.

Among papers in Kay's apartment a handwritten remembrance was found that she titled "Blessings". It is a description of various significant events in her life. What she called "the biggest blessing" occurred in July 1973. There was an evangelistic campaign at the Dauphin church of Christ. She describes a visit by a worker at their door, the arrangement of rides for their attendance at the evening meetings, the preaching of the Word, and worship with "hymns but no piano or organ." Then she describes their baptisms by one of the campaign workers. Kay for the rest of her life remained grateful for that "biggest blessing". She and Victor worshipped with the Guelph church after they moved to Ontario in 1974, then after Victor's

death in 1976 Kay eventually moved to Kitchener, where she worshiped with the Kitchener and Waterloo congregations.

During her 95 years on earth Kay was a hard worker, cook and baker, seamstress, sometimes a mid-wife, always energetic and friendly. She knew sorrow and pain and was known to say "Getting old is for the birds." Our Keenagers group all knew that "Kay's song" was "We Have an Anchor." Her life was "Fastened to the Rock, which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love." Now getting old is history for her and "the storms are all past forever more."

Son-in-law Harold Collins, conducted the service for Kay on Nov. 18, 2012, at Brock and Visser Funeral Home in Woodstock, Ont., with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Guelph.

– Walter Hart

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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 basement 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

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hilcey Road V9W 1P4  
Contact: Off (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty  
(250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780;  
besijim2@hotmail.com

**CHILLIWACK:** Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of  
Cook and Victoria St.; PO Box 327; Sun. 10:30, 11;  
Mid-week, call - John Forman 604-792-7806;  
Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

**CRESTON:** Call for service times and place:  
David & Diane Phipers: 250-428-5937

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

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

**KELOWNA:** Spring Valley Church of Christ,  
847 Wayne Road, Kelowna, V1X 1A4. Sun. 10:30,  
Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739,  
email: ch8739@telus.net

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

**NORTH BEND:** North Bend Community Hall;  
Sun. 10:30 am; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0;  
Bordy Krogsgaard 604-867-9420

**PRINCE GEORGE:** 9465 Old Summit Road South,  
V2K 5S8, Sunday worship – 10 AM. 250-962-6978  
or 250-562-6708

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

**SALMON ARM:** 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00;  
Call for times and locations of other meetings  
250-833-0927; Mailing address: Box 51, V1E 4N2;  
Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter,  
elders; Contact: Cliff Plummer ev.;  
website: sa4CHRIST.com

**SOUTH BURNABY Church of Christ**  
(Metro Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., Burnaby  
BC V5E 3A5; Sunday worship: 10 a.m.; Bible classes  
for all ages: 10:45; Midweek groups meet in homes.  
Midweek adult Bible study at the building: 7 p.m.  
Kirk Ruch, ev.; K.M.Ruch@SBChurch.ca;  
Conor Wilkerson, youth;  
Office: our.office@SBChurch.ca; (604) 522-7721  
Website: www.sbchurch.ca

**SURREY: (Greater Vancouver):** 15042 92nd Ave.,  
V3R 5V7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev.,  
604-594-1796.

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

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

**VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):**  
Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ,  
c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC,  
V9B 6J9; Meeting address: Westshore Chamber of  
Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., Lanford, BC.;  
Worship service 11:00 am – 12:00 pm,  
Contacts: Dick Morton 1-250-479-8480,  
L/S Walters 1-250-478-7275, Kent Malm  
1-250-642-3460 (pls leave message);  
e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

**CARMAN:** Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7 PM;  
Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder),  
204-745-3226; Randy Foss, ev, 745 6969 (office)

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

**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

**WINNIPEG (Central):** Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes  
11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462;  
Fax: (413) 677-6165;  
Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9;  
website: www.winnipegchurch.ca;  
Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861;  
Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res);  
wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaire, youth min.  
(204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

**MONCTON:** 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton),  
E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 852-4143;  
Contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 380-4852;  
email: moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca

**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. Wednesday 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

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 2011 Tennessee Ave.,  
Niagara Falls, NY, 14305; Off (716)285-6534,  
Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am,  
worship 11 AM, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 PM.  
Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278,  
e-mail: niafallscofc@aol.com;  
website: www.niagarafallscofc.com

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**HALIFAX:** 48 Convoey Ave., B3N 2P8;  
Sun. 10, 11; Midweek, check for day and place;  
ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec.  
(902) 876-7402

**SHUBENACADIE:** 3557 Indian Road, Mill Village  
B0N 2H0; Sun. 9:15 Fellowship Time, 10:00 Youth  
Classes, 10:15 Adult Bible Study, 11:00 Worship;  
Mon. 12:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study; Tues. 7:00 p.m.  
Bible study (call for location) Church building  
(902)758-4252 (leave message); J. Mackey  
(902)758-2633; email natbrown@ns.sympatico.ca

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

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

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., L0R 1B6;  
Sunday 9:30 am Bible classes and Discussion  
Groups, 10:30 worship, 6:00 pm Contemporary  
worship, Small groups meeting throughout the  
week.; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off);  
e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca  
website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

**BRAMALEA:** 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on  
Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297;  
mail@bramaleaocfc.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.bramaleaocfc.ca.

**BRANTFORD:** 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2;  
Sun. 10, 11, Mid-week, call for times;  
contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401;  
Mike Gray 905-387-5680,  
email: thegrays1@shaw.ca  
office (519) 759-6630

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

**CHESLEY & AREA:** Call for time and place of  
meetings. Padfield: 519-934-0441; David Vance:  
519-507-5070; Ron Zavitz: 519-363-6952

**COLLINGWOOD:** 494 10th Street, Collingwood,  
Ontario L9Y 2H1; Email: cchurchofchrist@bmts.com;  
Phone 705-444-0010; Minister: Les Cramp, Phone  
519-538-5184; Cell 519-375-0559; Sunday Study  
10:00 a.m. & Worship 11 a.m.; Study Tues 2 p.m.;  
Please join us for worship, Bible study or fellowship  
at any time.

**CORNWALL:** 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible  
Study 10 am, Service 11am; Mid-week study  
Wed 7 pm; Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary,  
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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

**HAILEYBURY:** Meeting at 607 Christian Avenue,  
usually Sundays at 4 PM but call to confirm place  
and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment,  
Mailing address: Box 702, POJ 1K0; Mike & Judy  
Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

**HAMILTON:** Fennell Ave. Church of Christ,  
321 East 27 Street (at Fennell),  
L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00;  
Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.);  
Art Ford, ev., art@churchofchristhamilton.com;  
Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174;  
Website: www.churchofchristhamilton.com

**NORTH HAMILTON:** YMCA building,  
79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7;  
c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton  
ON L8V 3E1; 905-389-8308, email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

**HUNTSVILLE:** Huntsville Public Library,  
7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:00, c/o Dave Preston,  
(705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5,  
Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts:  
Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292

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**KINGSTON:** 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday worship 11 AM; (off) 613-546-5409

**LONDON:** 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Bible Study 11 AM

**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@brucelec.com 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: 10:30 - 11:45 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Phillip Brown, ev, cell 289-200-9160; email: phillkare@gmail.com. Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca Web address [www.mississaugacofc.ca](http://www.mississaugacofc.ca) Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

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**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.; Mailing address: Upper Canada Mall, Box 21581, Newmarket, L3Y 8J1; Sunday worship 10 am, Bible classes 11:15 am; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com [www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca](http://www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca)

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**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](http://www.northbaycoc.com)

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**OSHAWA:** Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Wed. 7:00 pm; 905-434-1258 (Church) 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](http://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](http://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

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**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](http://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

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

**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@scoc.ca; website: [www.patchworkinthecreek.com](http://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 Toohy, ev, 519-635-5921; Contacts: John Brush (519) 625-1054; Charles Kippax (519) 539-6931

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**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.com](http://www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.com) Devon Bennett, Minister, 905-686-2486, Cell: 416-970-3835; Fax: 905-428-1579; email: devonben@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 <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, 416-751-6879, website: [www.strathmorecofc.ca](http://www.strathmorecofc.ca)

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**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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**LLOYDMINSTER:** 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505 call (306) 821-7446 e-mail: patmores@sasktel.net

**MOOSE JAW:** 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjcc@sasktel.net Website: <http://mjchurchofchrist.blogspot.com>; Call for times of worship, Darrell Buchanan, ev

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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

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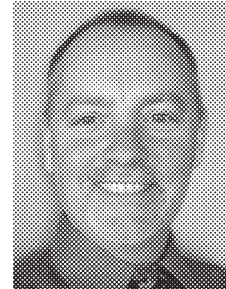
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