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Where Has the Church Gone Wrong?

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I recently attended two very good lectureships. The first was the Spiritual Sword Lectures at Memphis, Tennessee, in October, and the second was the Great Lakes Lectures at Beamsville in November. I found two short classes especially valuable at Great Lakes; one taught by Jim Holston and the other by Dave Knutson. It made me wish I lived closer to Great Lakes Bible College.

There was one disturbing similarity between the two lectures that was more apparent in Memphis than in Beamsville. Both lectureships were under-attended and the average age of attendees was much higher than I had expected. This was acutely so in Memphis. The largest and most obvious reason being; the size of the body of Christ is currently shrinking and aging (at least in North America). This characteristic is true for denominations, neo-Christian groups, cults, eastern religions and even forms of organized paganism.

Each of these groups have their victories and defeats (as do we), but the general trending is downward in North America. You may say, and it has been pointed out, “look at all the Mosques and Temples that are springing up everywhere”. That’s because new Canadians immigrating from abroad are predominately from eastern religion backgrounds. However, their children born and raised here are being secularized at roughly the same rate that second, third and fourth generation Canadians are, which is very close to 100%. This seems to indicate a general apathy toward God (and gods) across the board, at least in North America, not simply a rejection of the Lord’s Church by its members.

There is one huge difference between all the above mentioned religious groups and the Body of Christ. We aren’t dealing with “picking a ser-

vice club” here. The stakes are much higher. When people disenfranchise themselves from the faith which was once delivered to the saints, they have fallen from a singular grace bestowed by a singular God.

Let’s look briefly at the history behind this spiritual pathology. There was no mistaking “one God” and “one path” to God for Adam and Eve. Yet they chose to serve themselves and do that which was desirable and pleasing in their own eyes. The Lord intervened. They had children, one of which (Cain) chose to

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follow selfish ambition and anger rather than God, and the Lord intervened. The scenario spiraled downward to a time when the entire world (save eight souls) allowed every inclination of the heart to dwell on evil all the time. God intervened and flushed the earth starting over with Noah, his three sons and their wives.

When men began to multiply again, they choose their own way by hanging around Babel and calculating mischief instead of “filling the earth” as God decreed. God again intervened. Soon after, God chose Abram as a conduit for blessing the entire earth. This resulted in Israel, who over the centuries that followed, traced the pattern of rebellion. God’s eventual intervention, repentance and a shift toward rebellion occurred, over and over again. Israel’s ultimate rebellion was the rejection and murder of the Messiah. God intervened and obliterated Israel in the theocratic sense. New Israel, spiritual Israel, the Church of Christ was born out of the blood sacrifice of God’s own Son and

all who entered in were made pure and holy by that sacrifice.

While this good news was being “proclaimed to every creature under heaven” (Colossians 1:23), numerous peoples and nations rejected it in favour of their own alternate religions. Even those from within the visible church began to obfuscate the Lord’s will and preach it as doctrine. Paul’s ominous warning (Acts 20:29, 30) played out word for word. Like physical Israel, spiritual Israel, which is the Church, has gone through many cycles of rebellion and repentance.

While suffering acute persecution, the Church fought a battle to remain pure. This was a continuing challenge with various false doctrines fighting against truth. However, when Constantine forced the Church upon a pagan Roman populous the end result was Catholicism, which had a historical parallel in Islam. Over centuries, many saw the gross transgression and sought to reform the Catholic church, rather than restore the New Testament Church. The result was each reformer making disciples unto himself. It got worse in the 1800’s as neo-Christian cults such as Mormonism, SDA, JW, Christian Science and on and on, began a stampede of denominationalism that has buried the Church under a camouflage of religious activity.

So, where has the church gone wrong? I’m not sure it has. Each person is responsible for his/her own soul and we can only stress spiritual health via the Lord’s Sacrifice. The point is this; the signs of the times aren’t much different than they always have been. When you feed on the Lord’s Word, surround yourself with the Lord’s people and attend to the Lord’s work as opposed to selfish pursuit and secular activity, the outcome is wildly beneficial. (erattai@sympatico.ca)

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A Game Changer

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During the college and professional football season, and into the playoffs and bowl games, a certain phrase kept popping up. I would hear how someone was “a game changer” or a particular play was “a game changer”. This was usually applied to someone who stood out and performed extraordinarily well, someone whose actions were far above those around him. If it was a particular play, it was one that turned the game around, a play that “snatched victory from the jaws of defeat”, as they say.

The more I heard this, the more I thought about Jesus. I began to see Him in the role of a game changer. When I mention this I’m sure most of you thought about the event. Just when it looked like all was lost, there came the miraculous victory! He had been beaten and crucified, taken down from the cross and buried. There seemed to be no hope but then came the resurrection and victory! But I suggest to you that Jesus was “a game changer” long before that event.

Jesus’ life and teaching stood out from all those around Him. He proposed living a life far different from the culture in which He lived. He was counter-culture; the direct opposite of what the majority believed and taught. Talk about being a game changer! Think about it. He taught things like: lose to win; give rather than get; look to the good of others rather than self; turn the other cheek; love not hate; forgive rather than seek revenge. And He lived it!

As His followers, should we not be game changers as well? How are we doing with that?

I’m afraid most of us would not stand out in a crowd. We might even be considered “bench warmers”. Unfortunately, many of us have become too comfortable in our culture. Are we disturbed at all when we hear that God has changed His

mind about alternative lifestyles? Are we outraged that murdering an unborn child is considered a God given right called choice? Are we concerned that premarital sex and cohabitation is the accepted norm? Do we find it acceptable to hate our enemies if they are violent criminals, extremists or terrorists? We should be very uncomfortable in such a culture. God has not changed His views on these issues.

What would Jesus do if He were walking this earth today, living in our society? The same thing He did so many years ago! He would teach the same things. He would live the same pure life. He would be counter-cultural; a game changer. And so should we. We should echo His teaching. We should live by His words. We should follow His example and live by a standard the stands out. Our life performance should surpass those around us as we give God the glory! “Dear friends, since you are foreigners and temporary residents {in the world}, I’m encouraging you to keep away from the desires of your corrupt nature. These desires con-

stantly attack you. Live decent lives among unbelievers. Then, although they ridicule you as if you were doing wrong while they are watching you do good things, they will praise God on the day he comes to help you” 1 Peter 2:11-12 ESV.

That being the case, perhaps it is time for some self-examination. Perhaps it is time to take an honest look at ourselves and see how we are doing as Christ’s disciples. Consider these questions as a starting point.

1. Do I give in to my lustful desires as easily as I once did?
2. Am I attracted to pornographic sites on the Internet or buy that type of magazine?
3. Do I watch the same filth on TV that others do and laugh along with them?
4. Do I have a tendency to gossip about and slander other people?
5. Do I permanently “borrow” supplies from my work place or cheat on my taxes?
6. Do I frequent questionable establishments?

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Ugly Righteousness

Wayne Turner



The much anticipated movie *Les Miserables* came to theatre screens in December. This is a movie version of the hit musical play based on Victor Hugo's novel. The story is about a man, Jean Valjean, who is paroled after serving a lengthy sentence for stealing a loaf of bread.

At his release, he is embittered. At his first stop, the home of a priest, he rewards the hospitality by stealing. The police arrest him and take him back to the priest to confirm the crime. However, the priest says that he gave the silver to Valjean and chides him for not taking the very best as well. After the police have gone, the priest tells him that by giving him the stolen goods, he has bought his soul for God. From there, the story follows the life of Valjean who, after breaking his parole, buys a factory and becomes the respected mayor of the town. Through the story, Valjean appears increasingly as a man of compassion and conscience who struggles to do the right thing sometimes at a very high cost. This includes adopting the orphaned daughter of Fontine, one of his workers, and raising her as his own.

Throughout the story, Valjean is pursued by Javert, the rigid, harsh and relentless prosecutor of all that is wrong. Javert sees himself as following the way of the Lord and as a servant of the law—"I am the law and the law is not mocked." To him, Valjean will always be a thief and therefore undeserving of any kindness or mercy. He should be arrested and returned to prison. When faced with Valjean's acts of kindness to others, Javert is skeptical, mocking the "man of mercy." Even when Valjean saves his life, Javert is unwilling to see any possibility that Valjean could change. Finally, he releases Valjean from his custody and takes his own life. Javert decided that he could not continue to live in the same world.

We don't have to look far into the story to see important Biblical themes. However, the story of Javert is especially worthy of consideration. Beside the blemished past of Valjean, shouldn't the "law and order" character of Javert shine out? Yet, just the opposite is true. He comes across as ugly and harsh. His worldview is simple—those who do right are righteous. Those who do wrong, even the slightest failure, are evil. One even suspects that Javert might believe this is their predetermined and inescapable fate. With such a view, there is no room for redemption or forgiveness. Nor is there any possibility of any change in his own thinking. In some ways, Javert reminds us of the Pharisees of Jesus' day who saw so many people as "sinners" and unworthy of any kindness or compassion—only criticism and ostracism. (Think of Simon the

Pharisee who seemed to shudder as he watched the sinful woman wash Jesus' feet.)

Javert raises an important question for us—is our view of other people so rigid, so black and white, that we view some of them very harshly? Javert was certain of his moral correctness, both in his beliefs and his actions. Yet, he was unable to recognize his inflexibility and unwillingness to forgive, to even see the slightest glimmer of anything worthwhile in those he labelled as criminals. And, when finally confronted with evidence to the contrary, chose to take his own life rather than admit he was wrong.

Many times, those who claim to be Christians have appeared to those around them as hypocritical and unfairly judgmental. Admittedly, this may have sometimes been a defense. However, many of us have seen occasions where poor attitudes and conduct by believers have shown poor examples. In this light, Javert's attitude is very troubling. How can one so obsessed with righteousness seem so wrong?

The answer seems to lie in the distinction between one who is obsessed with what is right and one who loves righteousness. Obsession is not love. Driven by the duty to serve the law, Javert failed to understand the need to love it, both its justice and its mercy. He was unaware that "the law was made for man, not man for the law."

Love of righteousness and truth should be accompanied by attitudes and actions that demonstrate that love. As James points out, faith is demonstrated by works. Without works, faith is dead. Similarly, love must be in both word and deed.

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Procrastination Is Catastrophic

It appears that procrastination has been, and is, a rather normal way of life for many in the world. Tasks that we do not like to do will get left till the very last minute.

Many (most?) would deny the problem. "Not me, we would say". Of course, some may be proud of this flaw in their life. Consider The Procrastinators Club Of America "We're a little embarrassed," Les Waas, the president of the Procrastinators Club of America, announced recently in Philadelphia. "This is the first time we've observed National Procrastinators Week on time". The Procrastinators Club, formed in 1957, is devoted to putting off just about everything until tomorrow—or even later. "We feel that anything worth doing is worth putting off," says Waas. None of the 80 or so members pay dues on time. "If they did, we'd throw them out. We feel that the ultimate thing to procrastinate against is war," he says. "Just think, if you keep putting off wars, eventually you might forget what you wanted to fight about" (Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations: Signs of the Times). That last thought is interesting, but not likely to happen.

One of the real downsides of procrastination is that often opportunities not taken, never present themselves again. Once the point of no return is passed, the good that might have been done, the seed that might have been sown, the life that might have been encouraged and the deed that should

have been done likely will never present itself again.

This truth may be observed by example of Canada's Divide Creek. "In the Canadian Rockies is a stream called Divide Creek. At a point in its course the creek divides around a large boulder. Waters which flow to the left of the boulder rush on into Kicking Horse River and finally into the Pacific Ocean. Waters which travel to the right go into the Bow River which courses into the Saskatchewan River, on into Lake Winnipeg, the Nelson River, Hudson Bay and to the Atlantic Ocean. Once the waters divide at the rock there is no turning back" (Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations: Signs of the Times).

There are different reasons for a person to be smitten with the malady of procrastination. One could be just plain old laziness! Some seem to believe that the world owes them and they can't be bothered to make any more effort than is required. After he showed the example of active service, even working to take care of his physical needs, Paul spoke of such persons when he wrote, "For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies" (2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 ESV). The danger is seen both in such a person being unwilling to work for their food and their idleness led to their being busybodies causing trouble.

The end result of procrastination is tragic. Solomon gives warning, "The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4 ESV). This result comes because of his lifestyle. "Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger" (Proverbs 19:15 ESV). "A farmer who takes responsibility for his crops and livestock models wisdom, but the fool and the sluggard do not fall into step. Rather than keeping with God's timing, they follow their own calendar. The results are disastrous" (College Press NIV Commentary).

Remember the familiar statement by Solomon in Proverbs 6:6-11, when he advised the lazy person (sluggard) to look to the ant for instruction in living. "Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little

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sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man". Laziness is surely one problem that leads to procrastination.

Another reason for this problem is today's, humanistic, busy lifestyle. We get caught up and focused on the things of this world, and on self, and leave uncompleted tasks that should be our concern as Christians. This is not a new problem but a continuing one. We may think that the 21st Century world is unlike any time before, which is true. However, one thing that is reflected in all of the history of mankind has been concern about his personal comfort and pleasure. Isn't that at least part of the problem Eve had? What was represented to her as being the ultimate of blessing was, in fact, the ultimate of sorrow.

The tragedy of procrastination, because of laziness and busyness, is evident in the world with many people suffering physical discomfort because they have failed to take advantage of opportunities that would have made life better or failure to deal with issues/problems in a timely way. The result

has been lack the material blessings and failure to move ahead.

While these things are sad in the physical world the purpose of this article is to remind us of the spiritual/eternal consequences of procrastination, whatever the cause. It is always interesting (perhaps frustrating is a better word) to hear people speak of concern for the lost of the world and the need of the Church to be doing something about it...while they "can't"

"Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?"

because they are too lazy or busy, especially if to meet this need a commitment of time is involved, time that will take away from recreation, hobbies and completing personal projects.

Haggai encounters the people of God procrastinating because their attention was directed to their needs rather than the "needs" of God. "Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.' Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, 'Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes'" (Haggai 1:2-6 ESV).

At this point, many of the exiles have returned from Babylon to Israel. They have been there for a while, yet the temple lies in ruins because the people are busy with physical house building. They have been there long enough to make a good start at this but some things have not gone well, as is outlined in the scripture reference above. Obviously, the reason for this is they have put their priority in the wrong place. They have built houses for themselves, not little shacks, but

"paneled" (think fancy, extravagant) houses, yet God's house is in ruins.

Haggai puts the somewhat sarcastic question to them, "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?" The obvious answer is, NO! However, it appears to be their excuse. There is truth attached to the statement attributed to Benjamin Franklin, "I never knew a man who was good at making excuses who was good at anything else".

Part of the challenge for Haggai was to call these people to a level of awareness and commitment that would get them back to work serving God and not themselves. While he had success to a degree, the changes that came did not last. Mankind, then and today, tends to forget the need to serve God DAILY. People created to do good works need to be doing those works on a regular basis, touching lives with the love of God.

John chapter four is a wonderfully uplifting passage as Jesus meets and teaches the woman at the well. What a wonderful feeling of joy comes at this woman's response to the things Jesus had to say. Many Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of her testimony and then many more believed when they heard Him for themselves.

In view of our theme, let us not overlook another very important lesson from that chapter; "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest'" (John 4:34-35 ESV). Two important thoughts in closing: We, like Jesus our Master, need to feed on doing the will of the Father. The continuing responsibility for us is to take the gospel to the unsaved and to then teach and ground them in the knowledge of the Lord. Using whatever our talents are, this is most important. And we need to do this today. To procrastinate in this is catastrophic for us individually and for those who need our service.

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Be My Valentine

Valentine's Day, like a number of other special occasions, began as a religious celebration but was hijacked somewhere along the way by commercialism. Before machines took over in the latter part of the Nineteenth century, valentine cards were either homemade or hand-crafted. Many were intricate works of art.¹ Check out any card rack at your local drugstore, grocery store or mall card shop and it is easy to see that valentine greetings is big business nowadays. TV commercials and printed advertisements put pressure on lovers by threatening dire romantic consequences if one fails to choose the perfect gift for their beloved. Resorts and restaurants entice with promises of the perfect romantic setting. All that is quite a change from the commemorative feast established on February 14, 496 AD, by Pope Gelasius I.²

So how did a minor fifth century Catholic celebration become such a big deal for the general population of twenty-first century North America? Some claim the evolution began in the fourteenth century after Geoffrey Chaucer, in his writings, associated Saint Valentine with romantic love.³ The simple truth is romance sells. Books, movies, music all attest to that fact. People need love and affection. Anything that promises to expedite the fulfilment of those needs will find a ready market. However, the social pressure exerted

by the expectations of Valentine's Day and modern-day merchandising may leave one feeling anything but romantic.

Do roses and chocolates given on one specific day really prove one's love? What does it take to be romantic? Ask ten people that question and you will likely get ten different answers. My dictionary⁴ defines romantic as "suitable for or conducive to love or amorousness". Romance is not spelled S-E-X (although it may be included for married couples) but rather T-I-M-E. A romantic setting does not require violin music and candlelight; it just needs the elimina-

tion of distractions so that a couple may focus their attention on each other. When you show by your attention and thoughtfulness that you're beloved truly matters, that he/she is valued and that you desire to please him/her—that is true romance.

Because there is no physical contact or marital connection we usually do not think of our relationship with God in terms of romance. However, Paul uses the same Greek word (agapao)⁵ in Ephesians 6:24 for our love for the Lord as he does in Ephesians 5:25 where he instructs husbands to love their wives. Throughout Scripture, the bond between God and His people is compared to the husband-wife relationship (e.g. Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 3:14; 31:32 and Hosea chapter 2). Idolatrous Israel was referred to as an adulterous wife (Jeremiah 3:20; Hosea 2). The church is pictured as the bride of Christ (Revelation 19:7,8). Ephesians 5:25-33, uses Christ's love for His Bride as an example for husbands to follow. This analogy should not be surprising since exclusive love, devotion and commitment are needed for both relationships.

God's design for marriage is one man, one woman for life (Mark 10:6-12). Wives, Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:22-24, are to submit to their husbands just as the church submits to Christ. Husbands are to love their wives with the same sacrificial love Christ has for His Bride (Ephesians 5:25-33). The permanence of marriage was explained to the new Christians at Corinth who were instructed to stay with their non-believing spouses if at all possible (1 Corinthians

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1 "Love Story", Country Woman Magazine, Feb/Mar 2013, page 17

2 Wikipedia "St. Valentine"

3 Ibid

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7:10-13). The Corinthians were also urged to avoid sexual immorality by satisfying their desires through the marital union (1 Corinthians 7:2-5). "Give honour to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery" (Hebrews 13:4 NLT). Marriage is a serious matter and so is our union with Christ.

First and foremost in the Law of Moses was the assertion that God would not tolerate competition (Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 6:5, 13:4). Jesus reaffirmed this fact when He rebuked Satan (Luke 4:8) and again later in stating the greatest commandment is: "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37 NIV). He also pointed out that our devotion to God must be our top priority. "If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children,

brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26 NLT). "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (Matthew 6:33 NLT). Our commitment to the Lord is to be for life. "...Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10b). According to my analytical concordance, the Hebrew verb used to describe the marital union in Genesis 2:24 is the same one that is translated 'hold fast' (NIV, ESV) in Deuteronomy 13:4 regarding devotion to God.⁶ Both are to be strong, permanent bonds.

Romance does not just happen. It takes time and effort to effectively demonstrate one's feelings to the object of his affections. I would question my husband's love for me if he spent very little time with me, seldom conversed with me or made no effort to please me. Love must be proven through actions to be believed (1 John 3:17, 18; James 2:15, 16). What do

our actions say about our love for God? How much time do we spend with Him? He has certainly proven His love for us. "God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins" (1 John 4:9, 10). How can we respond to such an amazing love with anything less than our utmost devotion? You are loved so much and valued so highly that Jesus gave His life for you (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16) and He has sent you a valentine. "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" (John 15:9-11 NLT).

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Perspective

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Appeasement

“Peace for our time,” Neville Chamberlain promised British crowds in September 1938. Just returning from Munich, the Prime Minister flourished an Anglo German peace treaty as newsreels clicked. This accord, reached with Adolf Hitler, together with a broader understanding brokered with France and Italy, purchased the German dictator’s goodwill with various concessions.

Appeasement, as Chamberlain’s policies were known, offered a veneer of friendliness disguising the fundamental differences between good and evil. It was the course of least resistance, but the pretense permitted evil to grow unopposed. Soon, the veneer would chip away, revealing the betrayal of principle which lay beneath.

The Munich Accord was a dead letter in less than a month. Within a year, the Second World War engulfed Europe in carnage. “Peace for our time” became a cruel tagline driving Chamberlain from office. Appeasement failed because truth is never enhanced through friendship with error.

Appeasing the World

Chamberlain’s appeasement prostituted British virtue, seeking Hitler’s goodwill. The church, likewise, practices appeasement when we betray our convictions, seeking the goodwill of the world. We appease the world when we tone down our doctrinal distinctiveness, trying to camouflage into acceptance. We appease the world through the farce of “Contemporary Worship,” merely an attempt to buy the world’s goodwill through concessions to worldliness.

“You adulterous people!” James 4:4 warns, “Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend

of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (ESV). This world is under a death sentence because of its rebellion against God. Selling our convictions to gain the world’s approval is never wise.

Going Along to Get Along

Appeasing the world is precarious. Appeasing error in the church is even more perilous. The Bible over and over again warns against adulterating truth with error. We should heed the warning Moses gave to Israel “Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away with all their sins” (Numbers 16:26).

We are seduced into placing a veneer of unity over the ugly truth of apostasy. We practice appeasement, going along to get along. Rather than facing the hard reality of division, we sell out our convictions for the transient goodwill of those who have abandoned the faith that used to unite us.

Following the course of least resistance makes rivers crooked. It is the same in the Lords church. Although we find it easier to avoid addressing points of division, obscuring the difference between truth and error never places truth in a stronger position.

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7. Do I have an addiction such as drugs, alcohol or gluttony or do I care for the body God has given me?

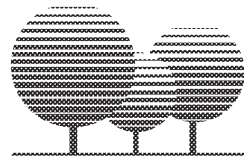
8. Am I honest and trustworthy, being careful about the promises I make in order to keep my word?

9. Do I look and act more like the people of this world than I do my great example and Saviour, Jesus Christ?

Christians are to have their inner selves under control so that their outer lives will be honouring God. Believers are called to honour God by living honourably and morally upright in and, in spite of, an unholy world so that unbelieving neighbours will glorify God... sounds like Jesus’ advice recorded in Matthew 5:16 (“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (ESV). “If believers’ actions are honourable, even hostile people might end up praising God.” (Life Application Concise NT Commentary).

“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God” Romans 12:2a (MSG). Jesus was a game changer! What about you?

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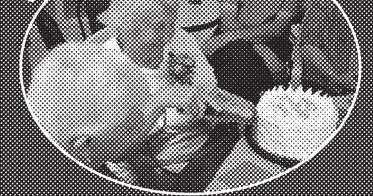
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ONTARIO

Ajax: The inauguration of the Ajax Church of Christ, Centennial Road, took place on January 6th, 2013, at the Ajax Community Center. Brother Kaso Ramchairitar gave the lesson based on Matthew 28: 18-19. There were 20 members present.

Bramalea: Placing membership with the congregation were Daniel, Ruby, Stephen and David Suresh, who recently moved to Mississauga. The Suresh's daughter, Sarah, in grade 12, was baptized on January 6, 2013. Esther Asamoah's mother, Beatrice Animwaah, who lives in Ghana, celebrated her 105th birthday on December 15. Fred Knutson presented the lesson on November 25 and Derek Czeban led an evening devotional. Derrick Wilson was guest speaker on December 30. Twenty-five people celebrated New Year's Eve to bring in 2013. Several countries were represented in this number. Sam Genobaga recently returned from his mission work in the Philippines. He was in one of the disaster areas there. Bramalea has a goal of at least 50 of its members giving at least \$100 towards Jonathan and Michiko Straker's support.

Fenwick: Ross Gilbert opened his home for fellowship and to view his Christmas decorations following evening worship on December 16. Guest speakers in December were Paul Moore and Harold Bruggen. We are in negotiations with the town regarding the purchase of a piece of property behind our building for the purpose of extra parking.

Mississauga: Our mid-week, Thursday evening Bible Study is at 7:30 p.m. in homes. We are currently studying the book of 1 John.

Stoney Creek: Lorelei Wiebe was baptized into Christ Sunday morning, January 6. Lorelei, who is 16 years old, is the daughter of Paul and Melanie Wiebe and the granddaughter of Ben and Patti Wiebe of the Stoney

Creek congregation. Ben and Patti left the next day for India, where Ben will be teaching again this year until the end of March. Edna Priestnall, the mother of Bob Priestnall, passed away January 6, in her 102nd year.

Tintern: Prayers go out to the MacRiner/Mowat family on the death of Wayne MacRiner of Barrie. Tintern is once again hosting the Great Lakes international students for FriendSpeak Wednesday evenings. Jim Whitfield appreciates all the help from volunteers. Thank you to those that responded to the BC Ministry appeal for support, \$900 was raised. If you would like to provide assistance, please mark your cheque "BC Mission trip" and mail it to Tintern. A new six week Wednesday night class started November 7 called "NEW: Don't Invite Your Friends to Church: An Introduction to a Whole New Way of Looking at Evangelism". This class is an introduction to having a more missional approach to evangelism. Rather than being a "come and see church" we need to become a "go and be church." Area-Wide Worship was at Tintern on Sunday, October 28, with approximately 100 people in attendance. Tintern is going through the process of nominating and affirming new and existing elders and deacons. The ladies began a Beth Moore Bible Study, "Faithful, Abundant, True" on October 23 that continued through November at the Tintern building. The Baby Dedication Service was on December 2. Prayers of blessings were given on behalf of Judah Azzoparde, Gwen Cramp, Lawson Hurley and Lochlan Whitfield and their families. Tintern is collecting children's clothes for Haiti. An orphanage is being established and there will be a need for clothing for the children who will live there. A container will leave Toronto from the Strathmore congregation in February. Please share with those who are needy. Money is also being collected for provisions for the orphanage. June & Doug Tallman are delighted to announce

the arrival of their first great granddaughter in Texas. Born to Bryan and Cassy Feuling, named Sadie Alma Rose after two great-great grandmothers. Prayers go out to the Vanhorne/Burrows family on the death of Harry Vanhorne, brother to Elaine Burrows. Evelyn Perry passed away January 1 at the United Mennonite Home in Vineland after a long illness. We grieve with Eugene and the Perry family but we also celebrate her citizenship in heaven.

Toronto (Bayview): On December 8 the women at Bayview attended our holiday get-together. We focused on the gift of God's word by sharing our favourite Bible verses/passages with one another. We also enjoyed a time of hymn singing. Dorothy Paterson hosted our get-together at the Briton House in the unique Tahiti Room. In lieu of exchanging gifts contributions were made to Eva's Initiatives, a local charity focused on serving homeless and at-risk youth.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): Leo Razon has been appointed to serve as a deacon. A special day of thanksgiving and affirmation of the congregational leadership was held on January 27. Jonathan Leiva was recently baptized by Santiago Molina. On January 4, Alexia and Aramis Jones, son and daughter of Hayden and Claudette Jones, were baptized by their uncle, Charles Ambrose. Plans are moving along well for Training For Service to be held on Friday, March 29, 9 am - 3:30 pm at Cawthra Park Secondary School. We are pleased to have Michael Tackett as the featured speaker and also that his wife, Joanne, will be teaching a Ladies Class the second hour. (See back page for details.)

Waterloo: Heather, the daughter of Dave & Lucille Azzoparde, was baptized into Christ on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. She was baptized by her dad. Randy Lombardo, son of Debbie Lombardo, was also baptized recently. They are now living in Elliot Lake. We rejoice with the angels in heaven at the new birth of these young people.

Windsor - West Side: One of the main focuses in the Missional Process is looking for and being people of peace. This includes acts of charity but goes beyond charity into seeking relationships. One of the goals of our local congregation will be seeking to establish and build relationships with others around us while trusting in the leadership of God. Please pray and seek ways that you can be a part of this.

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ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: The congregation was saddened with the passing of Russell Ashmore in December. He was well respected and well liked. His Christian walk was an example to us all. Jay Hansler and Maria Bautista were baptized. Adrienne Engle has identified with the congregation. December 21, a group served supper at the Hope Mission. There are plans to go again. The Tabitha class had a tea party and gift exchange.

South Edmonton: The South Edmonton Church of Christ had a prosperous year. We give thanks to God for the five souls that were added to the church in 2012. Four new families placed their membership with the congregation. We have an atmosphere of love and peace. These two spiritual values helped us to be stable and united in faith and doctrine. Our Bible knowledge was increased with Bible lessons on: the parables of Jesus, 1&2 Thessalonians, Bible authority, instruments of music in worship, how we got the Bible and Bible words and their meaning. We look forward, with the help of God, in having a wonderful 2013.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Burnaby: Elvira Lagji, who came to Canada from Albania with her husband several years ago, was one of three people featured in a Vancouver concert on January 19. From former Burnaby member, Miriam Ruiz, who returned to Nicaragua this past fall, comes the following letter: "I hope you, your family and all the Church are doing good in Vancouver. I'm in Managua living with my mother. Everything is okay down here but is very hot 32°. I miss Vancouver and I miss my children who are living there. I don't know when I will be able to go back, maybe next year for visit. I'm working with the Church of Christ here, we have many activities all the time. I've been trying to help in any way possible. We

visit elders who are not able to come to Church any more on Sundays afternoon and bring them the bread and wine so they can be able to participate too. So the Church prepares food every Sunday morning to feed the elders after the service, we do this because of poverty and because it is a way to help poor people. We have many poor children whose parents are not able to feed and dress properly, also we have a medical clinic with a doctor in the Church that is open every Saturday to assist members who are not able to get medical attention and we give them medication that we get from donations. It's amazing how all this people get together to help others. They inspired me to do better and get involved. Life is very difficult here, lots of people begging for food. It is a different world, living in Canada is like living in Heaven."

Delta: Members of the church in Bellingham, WA, Bill and Sheila Roberts, have been visiting us once a month to preach in place of Jim Hawkins, who enjoys these breaks even more since celebrating his 80th birthday.

Oakridge: A January bulletin gave the following advice for making friends in 2013: LISTEN without Interrupting (Prov. 18); SPEAK without accusing (James 1:19); GIVE without sparing (Prov. 21:26); PRAY without ceasing (Col:1:9); ANSWER without arguing (Prov. 17:1); SHARE without pretending (Eph. 4:15); ENJOY without complaint; FORGIVE without punishing (Col. 3:13). After finishing a complete reading of the Bible in 2012, we have started a new reading plan involving both the Old and New Testaments at the same time.

Salmon Arm: Our ladies found a series of four episodes about the journey of five people who experienced the Holy Lands for the first time both interesting and informative, beginning in mid-November. It was called "Journey to Christmas". News about a former member of the congregation arrived in December. Wendell Bailey continues to minister with the church in Gravelbourg, SK, while working on his farm. Later this year he plans to step down from full-time ministry after 26 years of service. Gravelbourg was featured with a story and pictures as one of Canada's prospering congregations in a 2012 publication of the Christian Chronicle.

Vernon: A service remembering Cathy Thomas, sister of Trish Jacobs, was held here on December 31. Cathy died on Dec. 20 at the age of 52, after trying to overcome cancer for the past five years.

She leaves in Vernon her mother, Dorothy, who is 93, and sisters Trish Jacobs and Corinne Kankam (baptized a year ago). A third sister was Gail Wetzel of Redmond, WA. Cathy was a member of the Surrey congregation after her baptism while visiting here two years ago. Following the rush of Christmas and the New Year, our Annual Holiday Dinner was planned for Jan. 11.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: Evan Barker was recently baptized. January 3 was a campout. Sunday Adult Classes are 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus or Parenting—raising faithful children. Sunday evening class is a video series on Bible Archaeology with a faith lesson. The Young Adult Class is Worldviews and World Religions. January 27-30 a marriage & family enrichment seminar was held. Bob Lewis presented 6 lessons.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: The Seniors Dinner at Petersons was well attended and much enjoyed. One Wednesday evening was spent caroling and delivering goodies to shut-ins and seniors. It was enjoyed by those who went and those who were visited. Lloyd Jacobs was appointed as an elder on Sunday, January 6. Our elders are Lloyd Jacobs, Richard Knibbs, Garth Oberkirsch, Roland Olson and Lowell Peterson. (See picture on front page.) Alma Schiller passed away January 9. We praise God that she is released from pain. The Sunday Adult Class has started a study on John. Wednesday evening class for the children will focus on the Miracles of Christ. Money was collected to help Jon Straker's work in Japan.

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UKRAINE (KIEV): Yuriy Aniper is offering to address any congregation which will invite him to speak about the work in Kiev, started by Rick Pinzuck and his family a number of years ago. He is expecting to come to the US for a conference in Seattle on March 5, and to make reports on the progress of the Shevchenko congregation to his sponsoring congregation in Texas. The Ukrainian congregation has continued to save funds to build a new building in place of the current facility which they have outgrown, a dream of the Pinzucks that was cut short by Rick's sudden death in 2008. Yuriy and his wife are expecting their first child this year as they continue to work hard to strengthen this group of Christians and influence others. It would be very helpful for him to be able to introduce congregations to the work being done in Ukraine, especially those near or around the Seattle area, as well as Texas churches in the Beaumont area. He may be contacted through the Ridgewood church in Beaumont, where the elders will be able to finalize speaking engagements for this intelligent young missionary to his own people. The address is: 2455 Commerce St, Beaumont, TX 77703-5098 or call 409 893-6420.

PHILIPPINES: While our eastern coastline was being ravaged by hurricane "Sandy", a similar disaster was creating havoc to one of the Philippine Islands, Mindanao, which rarely experiences the major storms that are so prevalent in other parts of the Philippines. Called Typhoon "Bosha", it killed 902 people with another 900 missing, and left 80,000 homeless. "You can smell death as you walk the mud-covered streets of Compostela Valley," Christians surveying the damage told Chito Cusi, who coordinates a response team called MARCH, a Philippino organization to reach all disasters in that part of the world. He works with Salvador Cariaga who spends much of his time promoting the organization in the US. MARCH is prepared to send funds, relief and medi-

cal workers to any devastated area as soon as it is determined what is needed. The Philippine Islands rank third on a list of the world's most disaster-prone countries, Cusi said, "a distinction we do not cherish, but something that we have to live with." Cariaga is also bringing his people ways in which they can overcome the poverty in which they live. He assures them that the islands have among the best soil in the world and introduces new ways with which living standards can be raised. "There is no reason why the people should be so poor that advance preparations could not be made to help guard against the devastation of the typhoons, tsunamis and flooding," he said.

HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL (Nashville, TN): "There is a crisis somewhere in the world every day which we are tempted to focus on as the most important. The truth is that every crisis is important to the individuals who are suffering as a result and need immediate help. I would like to introduce you to some of the people who are creating a huge difference in lives as, at the same time, they open a door to teaching about Jesus and His church. From Oregon, Curt and Mary King spend 11 months of the year away from their home to drill wells to keep people from dying from polluted water in remote villages in Ethiopia, Haiti and South Sudan. Their work provided clean potable water for over a quarter million people in 2012. This year new and refurbished drilling equipment and support trucks will arrive in Ethiopia and South Sudan. People who have placed themselves strategically in difficult places to provide labor, counsel and aid to families whose lives have been shattered by major natural disasters include Harry Hames in Haiti and Chad Huddleston, Mike McLain and Jonathan Straker in Japan, where the name of Jesus can now be spoken boldly. "Train the Trainer" seminars given by Carl Burkybile and Ebenezer Udofia are creating hope for families in African nations facing drought and famine. They are the difference between starvation and life. Over 50 survival garden seminars are planned for five African countries this year. Also in Africa, women are taking the lead in training others to save their children by making jewelry, Shea butter products and the kinds of agriculture families may participate in. Two of these are Willa Finley

and Elizabeth Yakubu, who also enjoy spiritual friendship with women in the "Women Worth a Million" ministry in the States. Dr. Bobbie Solley is heading the education program for Healing Hands International, and is currently leading teams of teachers into Haiti, where they are bringing better methods of teaching and attention to hygiene to the schools. Education and hygiene training will also be expanding in Honduras. "No doubt there will be other crises we have not prepared for in the coming year, but with the help of your prayers and donations, we will continue to meet the needs wherever we can."--(Letter from Burt Nowers, President of Healing Hands International)

JAPAN: Joel Osborne reports: 2012 seemed to be blessed with relationships that are growing and maturing. Young people with whom I am walking life's journey in Mito are making significant life choices that are God-honouring, and others are closer to giving their life to Jesus. In partnership with the Bedok church in Singapore, we opened a school in Cambodia, and the 51st Asia Mission Forum was incredibly blessed. The park project in Ishinomaki is mostly complete, and hearts are still open. Your partnership is meaningful. The kingdom of God is growing. Thank you so much for your prayers and support! A surprise party by friends and Christians in Mito helped him celebrate his 35th birthday in a great way. For more information on Joel's work, email him at joelosborne4@yahoo.com, or go to his Facebook page. Jonathan and Michiko Straker express heartfelt appreciation to Healing Hands International for supporting them so wonderfully from February 2012 to November 2012 and enabling them to get established in Ishinomaki and into the relief work there. The response of Christians since Healing Hands' support ended is now increasing and helping take up the slack for their working fund/living expenses. One plan to accomplish this is if 1,000 Christians will contribute at least \$100/year (\$8.34/month; \$0.28/day!). Canadian donors can send cheques to Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton, Ontario, Canada L6T 3Y2; USA donors—or online Canadian donors—can send funds to Highway 36 Church of Christ, 10576 State Highway 36 South, Abilene, Texas, USA, 79602-9200.

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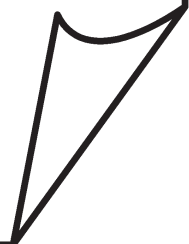
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BOOK REVIEWS

Basic Principles of Biblical Counseling, written by Dr. Larry Crabb, published by Zondervan Publishing House, 1975, paperback – \$19.88 CDN

In one of the earlier works in the modern Christian Counseling movement, the author sets out to lay down some principles for the discipline and

provide a sketch of how Christians might approach the practice of biblical counseling. After defining his basic premise in chapter one, Crabb presents an outline of current available models for counseling. He then offers his own model which identifies basic human needs and underscores the importance of our thinking patterns in facilitating change.

Contents and Argument

Consequent on his own dissatisfaction with an integrationist approach to counseling, Crabb discusses the fallacy of buying into the idea that emotional problems are the unique province of psychiatrists. Instead, he affirms that counseling should be carried out in the local church where basic truths about God, reality and man provide the necessary foundation for successfully meeting human needs.

To begin, the author outlines the five main counseling options available from a secular point of view. He overviews the approaches of Freud, Ego Psychology, Rogers, Skinner and Existentialism and shows how their views of man and their solutions fail to match reality or provide effective change. He insists that it is neither true nor effective to dehumanise man or to deny the reality of sin. Solutions that shift the cause of our problems to external factors or advocate freedom from moral restraint similarly fail. Crabb insists that only the Christian view of reality, of a personal moral God to whom we are accountable provides a sure foundation for counseling.

The author then outlines what he believes to be a biblical view of change. This involves first isolating negative and sinful feelings and behaviour, and from here identifying the sinful thinking patterns that underlie them. The goal of counseling is to replace wrong thinking with biblical thinking about ourselves and reality, and on this basis to move towards correct behaviour and from there to positive feelings. This model incorporates both the aspects of human responsibility to God for our sinful thoughts and actions, and the corrective biblical measures of confession and repentance that lead to change.

Having provided this roadmap for counseling, Crabb then spends several chapters discussing basic human needs that underlie our responses to the world around us. These, coupled



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and our view of reality, motivate us to make choices by which our needs can be met. When our view of reality is distorted, our choices are flawed. It is this that results in the sinful patterns of thinking, behaviour and feelings that we experience.

Crabb identifies the basic psychological need of human beings as being able to feel worthwhile. This, in turn, is dependent on two other fundamental needs: those of security (defined as experiencing unconditional love and acceptance) and significance (perceiving we have meaning and a purpose). It is our drive to have these two needs met that results in the choices we make.

The author then reaches his conclusion regarding the existence of personal problems: they arise from incorrect (sinful) thinking about reality, and this in turn leads to incorrect (sinful) choices in an effort to meet our needs. The basic problems or resentment, guilt and anxiety can all

be traced to perceived unmet needs and wrong choices in how to meet them. The basic goal of counseling is to help the counselee identify these needs and his wrong thinking, and to correct his thinking and show godly ways to meet his needs.

He concludes the book by an appeal to counselors to abandon humanistic beliefs and counseling methods. Instead, we should embrace the biblical model in which people are recognized as made in God's image and accountable for their problems. He reminds us that Scripture calls us to have renewed minds and on that basis, to move toward renewed lives – all accomplished by responsible people who put their trust in God.

Evaluation

In my opinion, this is the best available introductory book on biblical counseling. I had previously read Crabb's book *Effective Biblical*

Counseling, which he published in 1977, and which builds on the present volume. While also excellent, this later book takes for granted some of the basic principles set forth in his first book. As such, it has some gaps for the beginning student of counseling.

Basic Principles of Biblical Counseling fills those gaps admirably. The beginner is presented with a foundational premise on the need for biblical counseling and is shown the inadequacies of secular models. He is provided with an appreciation for human needs that underlie our problems and the place of cognitive therapy in helping meet those needs. Particularly, Crabb provides a workable model that will be effective with those who come to us for counseling.

This is an excellent book that I cannot commend too highly.

– Reviewed by David Dunn,
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OBITUARIES

Lampman, Gerald Thomas

Members of the church in Fenwick were looking forward to August 15, 2013. Gerald Thomas Lampman would have turned 100 and we were ready to celebrate. It was not to be. A fall and broken ribs sent him to the hospital and he never recovered. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 8, 2012, at the Port Colborne General Hospital.

Gerald was born in Welland on August 15, 1913. He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Beckett Lampman, in 1976 and by his second wife, Gertrude Rinker Lampman, in 2006. He was the dear father of David Lampman and his wife, Helen. He was also the step-father to Evelyn Wilson, Ann Bartlett, Don Rinker and his wife, Bonnie, and the late Leslie Rinker. Gerald will be greatly missed by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was also predeceased by his brothers Clair, Russell, Gordon, Darius Jr., and by his sister, Reta.

Gerald and Gertrude worshipped at Fenwick for many years until age and health did not permit them to care

for their own home and property. At that time they moved to Portal Village Seniors Complex in Port Colborne. Gerald and Gertrude were quiet, behind the scenes workers in the church. They helped send children to Camp Omagh and donated money to missionaries and struggling young preachers. Gerald was a man of few words but his life spoke volumes.

— Don Hipwell

Perry, Evelyn (October 31, 1920 – January 1, 2013)

Elsie Evelyn Huffard was born on October 31, 1920, to Roy and Mamie Huffard in Bernie, Missouri. Enticed by the booming automobile industry, the family moved to Flint, Michigan, when she was almost 1 year old. The Great Depression resulted in a return to Missouri when she was about 9 years old. They lived on a small cotton farm in Bernie where she finished her high school education.

Evelyn's first real job was in social service as a home demonstration instructor, teaching women how to cook and preserve vegetables using a pressure cooker. She had never used a pressure cooker herself when she began this job but enjoyed both learning and teaching.

She attended sessions at both David Lipscomb and Harding Universities while teaching in one or two room schools near home before going to Abilene Christian University to complete her degree. There, in 1946, she met Eugene Perry, a young preacher student fresh out of the Canadian army. Once her degree was finished and because of her previous teaching experience, she was hired to teach in The Demonstration School at Abilene. She found this to be interesting and challenging since the Education majors were involved in observing and practicing in her classes.

Evelyn and Eugene were married on December 23, 1946. Evelyn continued in her teaching job until Eugene graduated in 1948. They then spent one year at Pepperdine University in California where Patricia was born.

Following this, they worked with the church in Niagara Falls, New York for one year.

The next two years were spent at Radville Christian College in Saskatchewan where she taught some classes and oversaw the girls' dormitory. Linda was born during this time.

The couple then moved to Beamsville where she volunteered at Great Lakes Christian College in various capacities including teaching, food services, starting and directing the school chorus, charter member of the WAVES and composing the Great Lakes school song. David and Martha were both born during this time. She was also active in the Parent/Teacher Association in the local schools while her children were attending.

Evelyn and Eugene opened a Bible bookstore in their home in 1953 and Evelyn worked in the bookstore and with the Gospel Herald magazine until 1974 when they moved to Zambia to work with Namwianga Christian Secondary School. She was a volunteer teacher at the school in Zambia and also used the opportunity to counsel and instruct the young people about Christ.

In 1983, the Perrys moved back to their home in Beamsville and once again, they became involved at Great Lakes and with the Gospel Herald bookstore and magazine. In the 1990's, she began having health problems including heart bypass, strokes and diabetes, but struggled on as long as she could. Further complications resulted in the need for full-time care in the United Mennonite Home in Vineland in 2010 where she has lived for the last 26 months. It was here that her earthly life ended.

She is predeceased by her parents, Roy and Mamie Huffard; her sister, Edith (and husband Ralph) Smith; her brothers, Elza (and wife Beulah) Huffard, Elvis (and wife Emily) Huffard, Evertt Huffard and great-granddaughter, Kenley Alese Thomason. Those left to adjust to her absence are Eugene Charles Perry, her husband and partner of 66 years, her four children: Patricia (married

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to Charles Young) of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Linda (married to Doran Hammett) of Okarche, Oklahoma; David (married to Eriye) Perry of Nigeria; and Martha (married to Larry Thomason) of Yukon, Oklahoma, her 11 grandchildren and their spouses, 15 great-grandchildren, Elsie Huffard (wife of Evertt) and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Great Lakes Christian High School, Great Lakes Christian Bible College or the Zambia Mission Fund (c/o Tintern Church of Christ).

Priestnall, Edna

(June 16, 1911 – January 6, 2013)

Edna Priestnall (nee Hollis) was born in Hamilton, ON, married James Priestnall when she was eighteen, and lived all of her life in Hamilton and Stoney Creek, ON. Soon after the beginning of the Ivon Avenue (now Stoney Creek) Church of Christ in 1947, Edna and her fourteen-year-old son, Bob, were baptized into Christ,

and both continued ever since as members of this congregation. Edna enjoyed good health until her late 90s and was able to continue living in her own home until 2010, when the difficulties of her advanced years necessitated moving to the Clarion Nursing Home in Stoney Creek, where she passed away on a Sunday evening, January 6, 2013

Edna was predeceased by her husband (1993), her daughter, Diane, (2006), and her granddaughter, Marsha (2012). She is survived by her three sons; Jim, of Burlington, Bob (Bernice), of Burlington and Larry (Linda), of Edmonton. Seven grandchildren, Larry, Carol-Lynn, Rick, Lisa, Brenda, Michael and Karen, and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service was held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Monday, January 14, 2013, followed by a gathering of friends and relatives at the meeting place of the Stoney Creek Church of Christ.

– Edwin Broadus, for Bob Priestnall

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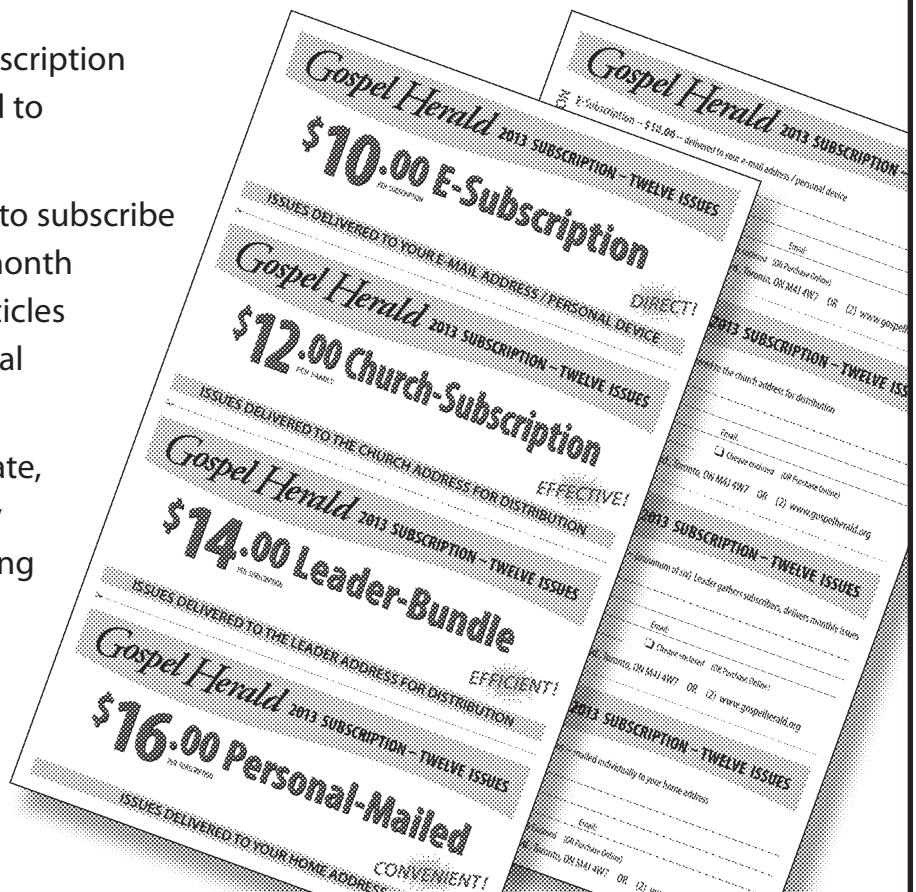
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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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; Mailing Address: P. O. Box 42126 Edmonton, AB T6K 4C4; 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: stalbertcfc@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; besjim2@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 Krosggaard 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

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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 Cellaire, 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: niagalfallscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscocf.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convooy 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

Ajax Church of Christ: 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, Ontario L1S-4L4, 2nd floor, Duffins Room Sunday School 10:00 am-10:45 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday night Bible class in different brethren homes; Steve Chubry, Minister, Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcoccentennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

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

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; 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.bramaleacocf.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.cambridgecocf.ca; Mailing address: 2-120 Dudhope Ave, Cambridge N1R 4T7

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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, 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, LOS 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.grimsbycocf.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 102, 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.); email@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

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr., P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner, 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

ICE LAKE: (Manitoulin Island) (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: Site # 2, Box 3, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0 Sunday: classes 10 am, worship 11 am; midweek - call for information: 705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Phone 807-468-7523 Earl Rattai, ev., 807-548-2245; email: erattai@sympatico.ca

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@brucetelecom.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@cocecco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca Web address www.mississaugacofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

MISSISSAUGA (Port Credit): Church of Christ, Port Credit, 1288 Lorne Park Road, Mississauga, ON L5H 3B1 Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM; Bible Study: 10:45 AM Contacts: Max D'Costa - Phone: 905-949-8793 Email: mnmcdcosta@yahoo.ca Sabastin Daniel - Phone: 905-216-5344 Email: sabastin_daniel@yahoo.com ALL ARE WELCOME

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

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. 7:00 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

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

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

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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 L0R 2C0; Worship at 9: 45a.m. with classes to follow; Sunday pm call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev., Dylan Pyeatt ev.; (905) 563 6311 (off.).

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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

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MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjccoc@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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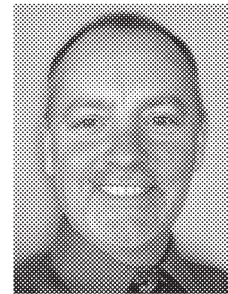
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