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A very compassionate and effective Christian counsellor and family therapist based his practice on Jesus, on counselling like Jesus. Isaiah calls Jesus “Wonderful Counsellor” (Isaiah 9:6). In his efforts to help his clients, this Christian counsellor gave them things to do. He noticed that Jesus gave people things to do, what the counsellor liked to call “homework.” Jesus even gave math homework. Most of us don’t like homework. Many of us don’t like math though there’s a lot of power and beauty in it.

Here’s an example of Jesus’ math homework for one of His disciples, and for us. In Matthew 18:21-22 we read, “Peter came and said to Him, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’”

Jesus and Peter use a wonderful little Greek word for forgiveness, *afeemi*, which means to release from legal or moral obligation or consequence, cancel, remit, pardon, to forgive...to let go...like a ship released from its mooring to sail free.

This forgiveness is not just about excusing people for “offending” us. It’s not just that we don’t like this or that about them or that they ignore us or irritate us. The Greek word here for sinning is *hamartanow*. This is real genuine sin. The command of Jesus is all about forgiving people for actually sinning against us, for wronging us, for hurting us, the way we’ve all sinned against God.

Jesus says the number of times that Peter must forgive is way more than he imagined: 7x70. Take it home with you and think about it Peter, put this into practice. It’s not the easiest multiplication. Peter could have

asked, “10 times?” Jesus could have said “50 times 10 times” which would have made the math easy, 500. 7 x 70 requires a little more work in our mental times tables.

What’s the point? Say you have 100 brothers and sisters in Christ. $7 \times 70 \times 100 = 49,000$ situations to forgive. But is this per day, per week, per year, per lifetime? Say per year, so it equals 49,000. But say it is per week for a year = $49,000 \times 52 \times 100$ brothers and sisters = 2,548,000 times to forgive every year. What if Jesus meant not just the 100 in your life but everyone on earth, about 7,000,000,000 people, that you forgive just 7 x 70 or 490 times in one

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It is ongoing, a way of life
for Peter and for us.***

lifetime. This means the potential to forgive 3,430,000,000,000 times, over three trillion times.

What if Jesus had to atone for just one sin per person per day for their adult lifetimes. Seven billion people x 50 years x 365 days = 127,750,000,000,000. 127 trillion just for people living now, not counting past or future generations. Jesus’ atonement would cover all from every generation.

Matthew writes this about Jesus early in his Gospel, “She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Paul said, “Christ died for our sins” (1Corinthians 15:3). John wrote: “He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). Jesus gave His life to pay for God’s forgiveness of our sins. We

don’t have to die for our sins because He did. We have to put our faith in Him, confess Him, repent of our sins, receive His forgiveness through baptism for the remission of our sins, and live forgiving others. Jesus said in Matthew 6:14-15, “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.” Jesus illustrates His point to Peter: we must forgive to be forgiven. This is the horizontal dimension of “body of Christ” we remember in the Lord’s Supper.

In the big picture we must see too that our Father and Jesus are not teaching the blind tolerance and acceptance of sin or ignoring it. Nor are God and His apostles teaching that we overlook serious fundamental errors of human doctrine over the truth of the Bible. A climate of ignoring sin sets an equally bad example for the church as does living in it. To show this is all true, beginning just six verses before Matthew 18:22 in verses 15-20 Jesus teaches about reproving the brother who sins and the process of church discipline and expulsion in the context of His presence. Paul gives instructions about disciplining and dismissing from fellowship Christians who persist in serious wilful sins. Though Jesus does not specifically attach the important dimension of repentance to His command to forgive without limit here in Matthew, He does so in Luke 17:3-5.

So what about the number? Is it about multiplying two “perfect numbers,” 7 and 10? Then perhaps for Jewish listeners like Peter it could have been 7 and 12. In any case, it is memorable. One important key to Jesus’ teaching is: it is a high

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Surrender and Live

Earle Rattai

The primary function of Bible study is so that we can change our minds about what God is conveying and adopt a clearer sense of His Will for us. Every serious student of the Scriptures will have had the experience of reading a passage again and again over the course of time, and then one day; eureka! The opposite is also true. Our understanding can become glazed over to a point where God's Word is unable to penetrate.

Consider the basis of Jude's Epistle. He captures the essence in verses 17-23 where he states; "But beloved, remember the words which were spoken before of the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These are they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most Holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference. And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."

Forgive me for overusing an already overused phrase, but we are in a war. We are in a spiritual war where the battleground is the human mind/heart and the ultimate objective is the eternal soul. The overwhelming and vast majority of people go to the grave having lost that war. It brings to mind the Words of our Lord; "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there are that find it".

Each individual is responsible to operate from a position of spiritual strength and not weakness. What is that spiritual strength and where does it come from? Or how do we build and maintain a resolve to do the Lord's Will...and to do it joyfully as part of our nature?

Human wisdom would tell us that if we want something valuable, we must work for it and at it. Some of that does apply to spiritual matters. For instance, we know God expects us to live a disciplined life. Our government expects us to live under the discipline of law. Parents expect children to live by certain disciplines and not by reckless abandon. And it does take work and effort to harness one's own will and live by these disciplines, even the Lord's.

But what happens when work, resolve and self-discipline aren't enough? What happens when you

don't "feel" like doing the Lord's Will? Oftentimes what happens is, you won't do the Lord's Will! If the situation repeats often enough, usually what comes next is a rationalization of why what you want to do (as opposed to the Lord's Will) is actually what the situation calls for. You have extenuating circumstances. That only works for a period of time and then the Lord's Will (as opposed to your own) has to go altogether. This is a simplified progression that follows spiritual sickness and death.

Now let's back up for a moment. Where does the desire to be godly come from? Originally, it is a faith choice we make that brings repentance. By obeying the gospel (an act of repentance) we are indwelt with the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to be godly. Now we have the power at our disposal, but we still have to make the choice(s) and continue to make them, otherwise we are fallen. Oddly ironically, and opposed to human reason, the motivation to do right by God comes from a surrender of the will as opposed to an exercise of the will. We have the Lord's example in the garden; "not as I will, but as thou wilt". We have Peter's example on the seashore (John 21). We have Paul's example on the Damascus Road. And, of course, we have our own example on the day we surrendered and made a decision for Christ.

In strictly human terms, self-will and hard work accomplishes much. However in the spiritual realm these necessary functions are secondary to surrender. Every thought and deed is a surrender. To whom shall we surrender?

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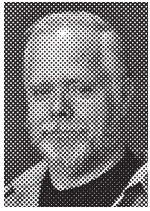
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Wayne Turner



Have you ever had a good conversation with someone who has served as a missionary? This is not just thinking about the general lobby chat after church. Have you ever taken the opportunity to really get to know the person, their work, and the challenges and problems they have faced?

Did you gain any insight into the culture in which they work? What about the progress they made and the setbacks they had to overcome? In other words, did words like missions and missionary come to mean more to you than simply someone who is “over there?”

To begin, we want to express appreciation to our brothers and sisters, who, past and present, have left the comfort and safety of their native land and culture to move to different parts of the world to reach out with the Gospel. These Christians have gone in a variety of roles—missionaries, preachers, teachers, nurses, doctors, translators, etc. Ultimately, their one goal is to share the love of Christ with the rest of the world. Willing to put their faith into action and their lives on the line, they have accepted the challenge of facing new cultures, trying to master new languages and accepting loneliness and isolation from much that has been familiar. All this, often, with the sense that those “back home” may not really be aware of their situation, work, limited resources and other struggles. Also, we want to acknowledge those individuals and congregations, of all sizes, who are truly missionary-hearted who enable, support and encourage those in the mission fields of the world. We share Paul’s acknowledgement in Romans 10:14,15 of those who preach and those who send with the words of Isaiah, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The road to any mission field, after the decision to go has been made, begins with trying to find financial support from churches and individuals. Prospective missionaries will need to raise money for their personal support, working fund and travel. This involves writing letters, making phone calls and personally visiting those who might be willing to help. In some cases, it might be possible to find this from large congregations. However, the reality for many, especially in Canada, is that it is necessary to find several sources of support to even come close to the amounts they need. Finally, they head overseas, trusting that all the support will come.

Some congregations do not seem to understand how vulnerable their missionaries are. Sometimes, one of the greatest challenges a missionary might face is back home. An income that was barely adequate at the beginning of their work might be substantially reduced because of

changes in exchange rates. Badly needed support cheques might be late due to poor mail service or delay getting them into the mail. Missionaries may find that part or all of their support might be cut off, due to changes in the congregation that supported them. (We have heard of this happening due to church splits, decline in giving, building renovations, even the arbitrary decision to change focus to another program or mission field.) What about when the missionaries return home? Some of their previous supporters may be unwilling to continue their support long enough to allow the missionary (family) time to get adequately settled and establish other sources of income. Beyond money, some missionaries may only hear from their supporters when the cheque arrives or if there is a problem. Otherwise, they are on their own, literally.

This is not to suggest that any of this is deliberate. But, whether intentional or not, the effect is the same at the other end. The missionary, the one who has made a major commitment and sacrifice to go, is at the “short end of the stick”—financially, personally and emotionally, if not even spiritually. It is unfortunate to note that there have been missionaries and their families who have suffered marital breakups, family problems and even faith issues.

Our purpose is not to criticize or condemn. Rather it is to inform, to create awareness and encourage thoughtfulness of how those back home can better support those overseas. Perhaps, as a starting place, we should use the “Golden Rule”—to treat our missionaries in the same way that we would like to be treated if our positions were reversed and we were the ones in the field. This might begin with seeing missionaries as real people with whom we have an active

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A Tree and its Fruit

Each year at Strathmore we establish a theme for the year as a reminder of our need to continue to grow and serve in the Kingdom. For 2013 the theme is “By Our Fruit You Shall Know Us”. If you know the fruit name, it is apparent when looking at a tree what fruit it produces. Sometimes it is also apparent, even to the untrained eye, whether the fruit is good or diseased. When we see fruit on a tree we often sympathize with Eve because, “when she saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes”, she wanted to eat, even if the tree was cursed. Sadly, the fruit did not look cursed.

For the Christian, the idea of fruit bearing takes on a great significance in view of passages like Luke 6:43-45; “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Here it is not some fruit tree planted in an orchard being considered but the result (fruit) of our life lived in the Lord’s service.

This passage reminds us that our Christian life will be measured by the fruit it produces. We know that “christianity” in general takes a hit in the world today because of the many divisions seen with churches of different names and practices dotting

every street corner. Jesus prayed for unity but that is not what is seen in the larger “christian” community in our world. However, more troubling to us should be the fact that in the Lord’s Church there are many evidences that the true fruit of God is not being produced in our lives.

What is taught and preached must be followed up with life lived that demonstrates to the world that true Christianity produces better men and women. Christians should

understand the need to look to themselves first and make necessary corrections in their behaviour. Just before the text quoted above, Jesus had been warning about making judgements of others.

He then presented a parable, the message of which is clear. “He also told them a parable: ‘Can a blind man lead a blind man?

Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye” (Luke 6:39-42).

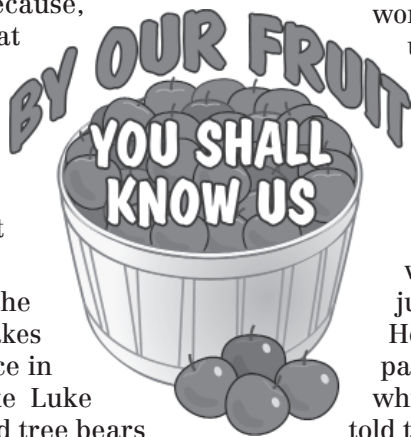
Making a claim of godliness is not always supported by our fruit. Jesus has said that it is out of the abundance of the heart that a person speaks... can’t the same be applied to all the

fruit produced by us? Claims are often easier to make than to demonstrate. Beginning with Satan’s approach to Eve in the garden, false teachers have produced in themselves and those they have influenced diseased fruit.

Forgive me for “mixing my metaphors”, but since we are looking at Luke 6, it will be good to look at what Jesus had to say following His remarks about the fruit produced from the heart. Obviously, if concerned with the fruit being seen in our lives, we will be interested in how to produce the BEST fruit possible. Jesus tells us how, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great” (Luke 6:46-49).

The importance a person places on the words of the Lord will determine his or her fruit production. Our Lord’s emphasis in these verses is on having the right “information” in mind and then obeying those words...the result being the fruit of godliness. It is not enough merely to hear His Word and call Him “Lord”. One can’t say one is built on the rock while regularly speaking and doing that which belies his words.

To “mix metaphors” again, Paul calls for life lived in the Lord saying, “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving” (Colossians 2:6, 7). If so rooted, our fruit will be good AND our house will withstand the storms. Though we will have our faults and failures, the usual fruit-witness of our lives will point to Christ and honour Him.



FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN



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Dandy Christians

Each Spring this tenacious plant turns our farm into a beautiful yellow blanket which is soon replaced with a carpet of fluffy, white puff-balls. At one time we bowed to societal pressure and tried to eradicate them from our yard, but with the fields all around us full of them, that was an impossible task. So we not only accepted their residency but also acknowledged their dominance by naming our farm Dandelion Acres.

While considered a weed by many, the dandelion does have several culinary and medicinal uses. They are grown commercially on a small scale as a leaf vegetable and could be both your soup and your salad. USDA Bulletin #8, "Composition of Foods" (Haytowitz & Matthews, 1984), ranks dandelions in the top four green vegetables in overall nutritional value.

Dandelions' scientific name, tarax-

acum officinale, means the "Official Remedy for Disorders". It was so named for its medicinal benefits. The dandelion is so well respected in this regard that it appears in the U.S. National Formulary, the Pharmacopeias of several European countries and is one of the top six herbs of Chinese herbal medicine.

Aside from their health value, children love them. They see them as pretty flowers that they can pick without being scolded. Woven together they make a lovely tiara for a princess, and blowing the white puff-balls is great fun. So, what's my point? I have come to see some parallels between dandelions and Christians.

Dandelions have a deep, strong taproot that makes them very difficult to pull out of the ground. If you don't get the entire root, the plant will grow back. Christians, too, need to be well grounded. Firmly rooted in the faith.

Proverbs 10:25 – "When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever." (NIV)

1 Corinthians 15:58 – "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (NIV)

Ephesians 6:13 – "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." (NIV)

Colossians 2:6, 7 – "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus

as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." (NLT)

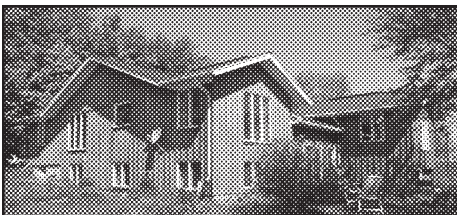
That strong, deep root not only keeps the plant alive but also helps to break up the hard soil around it. A farming neighbour told us that dandelions enrich the soil by adding calcium to it. Likewise, Christians should be improving the lives of those around them.

Matthew 5:13-16 – "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (NLT)

Ephesians 5:8-13 – "For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them." (NLT)

Philippians 2:14, 15 – "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe" (NIV)

Dandelions duck. As I mow each spring, I see dandelions sticking up in the middle of the swath I just



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mowed. Often the day after cutting, it appears we have not mowed at all due to all the dandelions standing straight and tall throughout the lawn. They are resilient! Adversity does not destroy them. From the beginning of the church, Christians have been persecuted and yet have survived.

1 Peter 1:6,7 – “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (NIV)

1 Peter 5:8-10 – “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.” (NIV)

It is that downy seed puff-ball that makes dandelions so much fun for kids and impossible for us to keep them out of our yard. Feathery light, dandelion seeds have their own little helicopters and can travel for miles on the wind. God’s Word is often referred to as seed (Luke 8:11; 1 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Peter 1:23) and should be scattered just as freely as dandelion seeds. That was what happened in Acts 8:4, when persecution scattered Christians from Jerusalem, they preached the Word wherever they went resulting in an increase in the number of Christians.

Matthew 28:18-20 – Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I

have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV)

Although it is a beneficial plant, dandelions are despised as an unwanted weed. It does not take much contact with the media to realize that Christians are also despised by many and considered a nuisance by others. Jesus warned us that this would be the case.

This Spring, as those fluffy yellow heads begin appearing, think of them as an encouragement from our Creator

Matthew 10:22 – “All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.” (NIV)

Luke 6:22 – “Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.” (NIV)

John 15:18, 19 – “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but

I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.” (NIV)

That they are hated does not make dandelions any less beneficial to those who accept their goodness. Christians are told to bless others whether we are appreciated or not.

Matthew 5:44 – “But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,” (NIV)

Romans 12:14 – “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.” (NIV)

1 Peter 3:9 – “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” (NIV)

Just as the dandelion continues to thrive despite its lack of popularity, we must continue to be salt and light to those around us regardless of the world’s opinion. This Spring, as those fluffy yellow heads begin appearing, think of them as an encouragement from our Creator – “Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love.” (1 Corinthians 16:13, 14 – NLT)



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Footprints

Kevin Cleary

There is a wonderful poem about the relationship between Jesus and the Christian called *Footprints*. It has inspired and encouraged many. Often this poem is seen combined with a picture of footprints on a beach. Having spent some time on the beach a problem arises in my mind. If you try to follow footprints on the beach you can only go so far before the next wave removes all traces of the tracks you have been following.

I have been studying what is called the quest for the historical Jesus which seeks the footprints of Jesus in history. It wants to look behind the traditions and uncover the real Jesus. The problem faced by many who have tried to track Jesus in history is like the path on the beach. The trail is progressively eroded, not by waves but by bias and imagination. Many have pointed out the tendency for scholars who pursue the historical Jesus to wind up chasing their tails. Repeatedly they have arrived at a description of Jesus that amounts to a self-portrait. A good example is Albert Schweitzer who, after pointing to this shortfall in others, went and did the same thing himself.

There is a key principle here that New Testament Christians need to consider. It's not just scholars who have a tendency to imagine a Jesus who is like them. All Christians come to Jesus with biases which can erode the footprints they are trying to follow in their attempt to be like Jesus.

We need a better way than seeking footprints, we need a path. Meaford is near the Niagara Escarpment and so we get many visitors who are hiking the Bruce trail which follows it. The trail is not hard to follow because it has clearly marked signs guiding the way. This is what we need if we are going to follow Jesus. A clearly marked trail that will show us the way and this is exactly what Jesus has provided. In John 16, He promised His apostles that He would send

the Holy Spirit who would guide them into all truth (John 16:12-13).

These apostles wrote down the truths that Jesus wanted communicated and preserved for all who follow Him. In reference to this promise of Jesus Paul wrote, "Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

***...in seeking to follow
Jesus, we are not left with
footprints in the sand but
a clearly marked trail.***

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 'For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:6-16 ESV). To the

church at Ephesus, Paul added, "...how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" (Ephesians 3:3-5 ESV). So, in seeking to follow Jesus, we are not left with footprints in the sand but a clearly marked trail.

This trail is trustworthy and assured. This should provide the Christian with great confidence. However the trail is not easy. In fact Jesus warned that following Him costs (Luke 9:23-27, 57-62). He warned that the trail is narrow and not many will find it (Matthew 7:13, 14). However hard the going may be it is made easy by the fact that we know Jesus has gone this way before us (John 16:32). We also know the end of the trail is eternal life with the Lord we've been following. "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going. Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:1-6 ESV).

My prayer for myself and Christ's church is that we would commit ourselves to the trail left by our Lord. That we would go where He leads in this life so that as many as possible will find the trail and walk it with us. I would urge you to join me in this prayer and on this trail.

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Week 2	Tim & Anna-Lise Zavitz	8-10	July 14-20
Week 3	Jim Whitfield	11-13	July 21-27
Week 4	Scott Mansfield	11-13	July 28-Aug 3
Family Week 1	Bruce & Brad Boland	All Ages	Aug 4-10
Day Camp	TBD	All Ages	Aug 12-16
Teen Week	Brian Wall	14-19	Aug 19-26

NEWS

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NEW YORK

Buffalo: Brother John Smiley of the Linwood church of Christ had a fall in February and suffered head trauma. He came home from the hospital in early March but is struggling in his attempts to make a full recovery.

ONTARIO

Bramalea: Enest Osei was baptized Sunday, February 17. Enest and his wife, Margaret, of Ghana, moved to Brampton from Edmonton a year ago April. Enest and son, Ryan, age 10, have been attending since November 2012. John Ramprashad, age 14, was baptized Sunday, March 3. He has been attending with his grandmother, Deivaldai Ramotar, off and on since 2009.

Brantford: Besides keeping a change box to collect coins for purchasing items for the needy, we are also collecting items for an organization in Brantford called Nova Vita, which means New Beginning. It supports families in need. We have collected items like toothpaste, toothbrushes and body wash products.

Cambridge: "Due to changing life circumstances, a sizeable amount of our small congregation are finding themselves needing to move away from the Cambridge congregation. We are left with few enough that we have made the decision to cease meeting together on Sundays. For the time being, we will continue to meet in homes mid-week. The six years that the Cambridge congregation has been in existence have been amazing years and all who have been part of it have been blessed so much. We have been privileged to have been part of a work that

has had a remarkable absence of strife; rather, we have worked together in the love and unity that can only come from God. While we are saddened by the decision that we have had to come to, we are eager for the next chapter that the Lord reveals to each of us. We would like to thank the brotherhood in general for the support and encouragement that so many of you have extended to us in the time that we have been in existence as a congregation." – Murray Hibbard

Fenwick: Ruth Zimmerman arrived safely back in Canada for a time of rest and relaxation. Don Hipwell attended the Dynamic Deacons Seminar in Zanesville, Ohio. Guest speakers have been Chris Moore, Dave Stuart and Harold Bruggen. Charlene Boldt submitted to Christ and was baptized into the family of God on March 3. Fenwick is hosting their annual ladies' day on May 25. Lori Reynolds of Houston, Texas, will be the speaker.

Port Colborne: We have been blessed with walk-in visitors and those who are searching for the Truth. We had two baptisms on Monday, February 18; Peter Gudrunas and Robert Buick. Please pray for them as they continue their walk

in Christ. And also, pray for us as a congregation that we might be spiritual examples and support for them and that we might reach out into our community to our neighbours.

Toronto (Bayview): On March 2, a group of men at Bayview started meeting once a month for a "prayer breakfast". Their meal was followed by a lesson of faith from the book of James and prayers to God. The women are continuing their study of difficult topics on the second Saturday of each month. On March 9, they started a three-part series entitled, "The Storms of Life". Plans are also underway for a women's retreat in Niagara Falls at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre from Friday, May 24, 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. Pat Knutson is the featured speaker, and her topic is, "What's a Woman to Do?", with Romans 8:28 as the scripture reference. A fine time of fellowship and exhortation is on the agenda for that weekend!

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): There was great rejoicing at the Spanish service on March 10, when Edgar Antonio Alvarado de Leon and his wife, Elizabeth Castañeda de Alvarado, were baptized. On March 21, Zoomer Media, owners of Vision Television, hosted a free television "Lighting Workshop" for groups that broadcast on Vision. It was a very interesting and useful workshop and six of our Key To The Kingdom production crew attended. Recently some of our young ladies have begun to meet with the teen-aged girls a couple of Sunday afternoons a month for lunch and discussion of Christian life issues. Some of our young men saw the joy they were having in these meetings and so have begun to do the same for the teen boys. This is truly a blessing for all involved.

Windsor – West Side: On Wednesday nights we have been looking at a section of the gospel of Mark (chs. 6-9). One of the things that seems to stand out is who do we really think Jesus is. It isn't enough to say, 'I believe He is God's Son' but then not expect that to have any impact on our situations.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Three adults and two children who are part of this congregation recently went to the place we rent for services to do a bit of gardening on a week day. It is the “Big Brothers, Big Sisters” building for our city. Sometimes their flower beds need some attention as they are always someone else’s job. Last year we, along with the Sunday School class, started keeping them weeded as a public service. It’s a good way to teach the kids about servanthood, and they even enjoy doing it! The group above decided to get an early start on the flower beds as weeds have a seventh heaven in this part of Canada.

Burnaby: Rey Playa, one of our Filipino brethren, came back from a trip to his country determined to send a “Salikbayan-box” of used Bibles, song books and other Christian literature to a church in Tayug on the island of Pangasinan. He visited with Phaniel Cabanizas, a man who worshipped with us here five years before returning home. Tchaka Kimwemwe has been leading a ministry to Swahili-speaking people in our area for several years. He is planning a mission trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo later this spring to work with scattered Christians who need help in becoming a congregation. Our congregation is receiving tax-deductible contributions for his travel expenses and work.

Surrey: When Frank McLure’s health declined, he handed one of his “jobs” to a younger person. Joann Simonsen agreed to take on the Bible Correspondence courses being sent out to people interested in finding out what the Bible is all about. Last year Joann tallied 51 people who had taken either the World Bible School set of six lessons, or the Hurt Series of eight. “I am so thrilled about

the interest in the Bible Correspondence Courses. It is great knowing there are people who want to learn more about God’s Word. How wonderful to be involved in the planting and watering so that God may give the increase... I advertise in the local Coffee News publications. A woman from Comstock, Alberta, was visiting relatives in White Rock when she saw the ad. Upon her return home she requested the lessons. I have just sent her the last two lessons. I’m in contact with a man in Calgary who said he would arrange for a Bible study if she is interested. There is also a Sikh lady who is very interested in these lessons, but to date, has not been interested in a personal Bible study or attending our worship services. With each returned lesson she makes comments, including things about her faith. (Our correspondence is by snail mail). I respond to her by telling about my faith in God and His Son and giving her many verses to support what I am saying. I am so pleased that she continues to have these discussions with me. Ron (Beckett) also has three Bible studies resulting from these lessons in addition to his regular studies. Included in the total of 51 students are 14 students from the Key to the Kingdom TV Program, to which I respond with the WBS lessons, as that is what is advertised. Some students are interested in taking both courses. Making up the number starting in 2012 were 33 Canadians, 12 from the US, 2 in S. Africa, 1 in Brazil, 2 in the Philippines and 1 in India. Seventeen of the 51 are continuing with the studies in 2013. New this year is 4 in Canada, 2 in the US and 2 in the Bahamas.” (Ed. Note: Excerpts from a letter from Joann Simonsen, who is also writing a series of Bible studies especially for teen-agers. Although not completed, she has already received a number of requests from teachers for them and the first ones ready are in use.)

Salmon Arm: We had a new brother in Christ breaking bread with us on February 17! Glen McCarthy was baptized the afternoon of February 16.

Young at Heart Luncheon: Members of the churches of Christ in the Lower mainland and the Fraser Valley of British Columbia, gather once a month for fellowship, lunch and sharing of news of interest to the churches. The luncheons are held mid-week and are mainly for the retired or seniors but,

of course, anyone is welcome. A special time was enjoyed on Wednesday, March 6, when the group enjoyed a celebration of the 100th birthday of sister Gladys Waite. Pictured is the group who attended this very happy occasion and a picture of sister Waite. Gladys attends at the Chiliwack congregation with her daughter Willodene and son in law John Wedler. Gladys, may God continue to bless you richly each day.



Gladys Waite celebrating her 100th birthday.

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JAPAN: Steve and Marcia Hasbrouck, who returned as missionaries to Sapporo, have succeeded in becoming more and more in demand since their return approximately five years ago from Vancouver, BC, where they had been working for several years. At first granted two speaking talks a month at a Care Home and a Nursing Home, since January he has been asked to come four times a month to each place. After a number of visiting sessions, he is now officially filling the pulpit at the Moiwashita church of Christ once a month. After driving an hour in a blinding snowstorm, Steve talked some about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit during his sermon that day. Among the listeners was a man from the Mormon church who has been attending at times with his wife, but who is not able to get out in the winter. As the Mormon church does not accept the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Steve was able to talk with the man and pray that what he said had been helpful. He told Steve that both he and his wife would like to be baptized into Jesus Christ soon. In mid-February he was asked to come to the Bright Sapporo Wedding Company for a meeting with the owner. It seems they had been having some problems with the business and were looking for help. Since performing wedding ceremonies is a financial aid for the Hasbroucks, an increase in the number of weddings would be a bonus for them as well. While there, the owner's daughter, who is a vocal music teacher, asked Steve if he would come to a special lesson she teaches at the Church of the 12 Apostles where over 150 students pay to learn Gospel Singing. Of that number, only a handful believe in Jesus, and she wanted Steve to give a 10-15 minute gospel message. He was happy to do

so and had several people later ask questions. Most of the singers ranged in age up to their 60s with about a dozen elementary children present. Steve comments that "God just keeps opening doors for the gospel to be preached outside of church buildings. As I was preparing to leave, they were working on "O Happy Day". I told them that without believing the gospel, they would not be really able to give it their full heart when singing these songs. Many seemed to understand that point, even if they didn't believe it true."

UKRAINE (Donetsk): "The end of February saw "Opening Chapel" for the spring term. Our classroom was packed with present students, new students and graduates. There were eight new students, double the amount we normally have for mid-term registration. However, we are always thankful for more men and women who want to study God's word. We have three new women and five men. It is amazing to us that six out of the eight come from prison or the Rehab Center. Some from the prison had even committed murder, but have now changed their lives completely because they have accepted Jesus as Lord. Last summer Jay Don and I were visiting a church in BC where the preacher was giving a lesson on Saul: how after coming to the Lord, he made a TOTAL change in his life and Jesus and his Christianity became number one to him. The preacher then talked about how lukewarm so many Christians are today and said we need the commitment of Saul because he knew what his life was like and how very much he needed the grace of God that saved him. He then asked, "Where are the murderers in the church???" Jay Don and I looked at each other and

both said at the same time, "At UBI"!!!! We both feel UBI is a place for people, all kinds of people, to change their lives and dedicate themselves 100% to God. Jay Don's presentation at this year's chapel was on changed lives and how we want to give God's hope to those who are willing to change. Jay Don also devoted the first week of lessons to a series on "Character Counts". One of the new women from Rehab created some beautiful posters for the class." (From report by Mary Lee Rogers)

THE PHILIPPINES: "The goat program is going strong. A bus load of university students visited our goat farm a few weeks ago. They learned a lot about goats. Hopefully the educational trip will inspire many of them to raise goats or teach others what they have seen and learned. On that same day, a group of 35 cooperative members had a meeting at our goat farm. They occupied one of our buildings while the other group took up space in another part of our campus. The cooperative group got an earful from me about goats, gardens, and God. Again on that same day, some of our goat instructors conducted two separate goat seminars and taught 150 attendees about goat-raising. Many of them raised their hands when asked if they want to raise goats. I have always been of the opinion that our #1 goal is to inspire, equip and assist the poor how to raise goats—and be godly stewards of their wealth they collect." (News from Sal Cariaga)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: "Becky Mesa, had made a commitment to finish her dad, uncle and aunt's grave. While there, she called her families together and shared her faith with them. A one-day meeting with over 100 family members. Many were surprised at her knowledge of the Bible. She did an over view of God's plan of Redemption. Two couples and a cousin of hers expressed their desire to learn more about the Lord's church. Lord willing, we will travel together at the end of the year to study with them." (From Jab Mesa, MBI)

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relationship, rather than depersonalizing them to being just another item in the budget. Shouldn't we really know them and the field in which they work? Shouldn't there be active communication beyond the support cheques and expected mission reports? If possible, why not take time to have face to face conversations through Skype or other similar programs? Lack of finances places a strain on the work and the workers. We need to be aware of the shifts in currency exchange and ensure that those on the field are not caught short. Perhaps, we should consider making support guarantees in terms of the currency of the country in which they work, rather than in our own currency. Further, it would also make sense to keep track of the economic situation of that country. Local/national economies can sometimes be unpredictable and unstable, causing critical financial instability, which could place hardship on a missionary. Is there any reason why a supporting congregation cannot decide to "go the

second mile" for a missionary and even send a little extra, on occasion? Have you ever heard a missionary say, "I have too much support?" A congregational project to send a "care package" from home benefits both the sender and receiver. When it is time for the missionaries to move back, keep in mind that while you may, in your own mind, have been supporting the work in a specific country, these people who have worked in that field need to make a transition back to life here. Depending on how long they have been gone, they need to readjust to life in North America and to leaving people and a work they loved behind. As one missionary wrote the night before returning, "There is a hole in my soul." While the decision to go to a mission field may be both exciting and scary, the decision to return can be heart-wrenching.

Those who decide to spend part of their lives on the mission field are very special people. We need to stand by these people both on the field and after they return. We need to practice

Pictures & Reports

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

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OBITUARIES

Lock, Raymond Mont 1931-2012

Raymond Mont Lock was born on September 6, 1931, in Omega, Saskatchewan, to William Mont and Vera Serena (Watts) Lock who had immigrated to Canada from the United States. Ray was the third of four children—Lois, Elwyn and Hugh. His family moved often during the great depression so he attended many different public schools. Ray attended Radville Christian College (RCC) for grades 11 and 12.

Ray met 16 year old Elizabeth Hotchkiss at RCC in 1950. They courted for two years and were married in 1953. They would have been married for 60 years in July of 2013. Ray and Elizabeth had 5 children, 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Ray was an accountant and income tax specialist for over 50 years; involved in multi-level marketing for over 40 years; a missionary to Papua New Guinea for 12 years; a reflexologist for 6 years; and Young Living consultant for 10 years.

As a young man, Ray trained under a CPA in Regina; his monthly wages paid his room and board. It is unlikely that this young man from western Canada ever dreamed that he would travel to the other side of

the world as a missionary. Even as a young adult, Ray loved the Lord and was involved in Bible studies, song leading and preaching. Ray continued sharing his faith throughout his life, even teaching a Bible class a few days before he passed away.

Ray and Elizabeth were married in July of 1953. They were known for their teamwork in Saskatoon where they worked with a fledgling church. Their first two children, David and Lois, were both born in Saskatoon. Ray was a board member for RCC and later taught at Western Christian College (WCC) in Weyburn. He was the first alumni to teach at the school. Their second son, Michael, was born during that time.

In 1960 Ray and Elizabeth took their three children to Abilene, Texas, where Ray graduated from Abilene Christian University (ACU) with an accounting degree. Their fourth child, Rebecca, was born while he was in school. In the summer of 1962 the family helped with campaigns to Ottawa and London, Ontario.

After graduating, they moved back to Ontario where Ray bought a 100-acre lot in Sundridge. Their youngest child, Bethany, was born in Burks Falls at that time. Since their house was so small, they decided to move to Bracebridge where Ray became the manager for the Children's Aid Society. After some time, Ray transitioned to working in Toronto as an accountant and eventually the family moved there. They worshipped in Bramalea where Ray and Elizabeth both taught classes and hosted Bible studies in their home. Their older children attended Great Lakes Christian College.

In June 1974, Joe Cannon urged Ray and Elizabeth to join him in Papua New Guinea (PNG) as missionaries. With encouragement from their eldest daughter, Lois, they made the decision to go to PNG. Ray left his job as Chief Accountant for Border Brokers, sold their home in Mississauga, raised funds and within 5 months arrived in PNG with his wife, 3 daughters and



14 pieces of luggage. David, his wife Karen, and Michael joined them the following year.

All the members of the Lock family were involved in different aspects of mission work in Papua New Guinea including teaching, training, helping in clinics, developing teaching materials and travelling across the country to share the gospel. Ray and Elizabeth left PNG in 1986 to move to Abilene for further studies. After Elizabeth's graduation they returned to Canada where they lived in Selkirk for 3 years before settling in Port Colborne where Ray and Elizabeth lived for 20 years. Elizabeth still lives there today.

Ray and Elizabeth were restless at times after returning to Canada and made several trips back to PNG through the years. Ray's last big dream was for the entire family to return to PNG for their 60th anniversary. He had a heart for mission work right up until his final days.

Ray enjoyed playing cards, games and sports; he had fun but he was also competitive and liked to win. He loved watching his grandkids' sports as they were growing up – swimming, hockey, basketball, soccer and baseball. Ray was in the stands cheering for his granddaughters the week before he died.

Ray had the heart of a servant and enjoyed volunteer work his entire life. When a need arose he was one of the first to step up and serve. After

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he retired, he travelled out west every year to help with the year-end accounting at WCC.

During the last five years of his life, Ray and Elizabeth worshipped at Fenwick where they often opened their home to others. Ray lead singing, taught Bible classes and helped with a variety of service projects. Being a tenderhearted man, he frequently offered a listening ear and reached out to those who were hurting. Many of those people valued his friendship and have fond memories of him.

Ray and Elizabeth made their family a priority and loved to visit the grandkids. Whenever possible they travelled (sometimes great distances) for their births, graduations, weddings and other special events. Visiting their large family and enjoying their great grandchildren was a highlight of their senior years.

Ray will be missed by many and remembered for his faith, love, vision and courage. We are grateful for the legacy of faith that he left for so many people around the world.

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Compiled by Cheree Moore
for the Ray Lock Family

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number yielding even higher totals if He means it to be daily as in the context of Luke 17. If it is daily, weekly, yearly, lifetime, it doesn't really matter. The point is: it is limitless. It is ongoing, a way of life for Peter and for us. Since "Love keeps no record of wrongs" (1 Corinthians 13:5) we would never count to 490 then say no more at 491. The homework is about realizing the infinite power of God to redeem. The power and capacity to live like this, to forgive without limit, come from God in the same way that the power to live a holy and loving

life comes from God because He is love, holy and forgiving.

Forgiveness must come from the heart. A terrifying reality comes with unforgiveness: God won't forgive us if we don't forgive others who sin against us. Jesus gave His life to pay for God's forgiveness of our sins. His sacrifice is priceless and limitless. God's forgiveness is limitless but it is conditional: we are to forgive like Jesus and as we do, repenting of our own sins, our heavenly Father forgives us without limit.

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Questions People Ask

Bill Craddock

Most members of the church of Christ refer to the room of assembly for worship as the “auditorium.” Others call this room the “sanctuary.” Why don’t we call it the sanctuary?

By biblical definition we do not have a room in any building today that could be rightly referred to as the “sanctuary.” By definition, the Hebrew word, *miqdash*, refers almost exclusively to the *tabernacle or temple*. *God’s sanctuary was his established earthly abode, the place where he chose to dwell among his people.* The word is used particularly of the holy of holies, whether of the tabernacle or temple. Remember, God told Moses to make the tabernacle and that he would meet with him and converse with him there. **“And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel”** (Ex. 25:22). *Remember, in his spiritual kingdom God does*

not have a physical building, the people are God’s temple, thus he does not have a special room of meeting with his people.

In the New Testament sanctuary is used only in the book of Hebrews. Note: “...a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man” (Hebrews 8:2 NKJV). “Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary...” (Hebrews 9:1–2 NKJV). “For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp” (Hebrews 13:11 NKJV). In these passages the author makes clear that the earthly sanctuary was only a type of the true sanctuary which is in heaven, of which Christ is the high priest, and in which he offers himself as a sacrifice.

We must keep in mind that God no longer meets with His people

in certain places as He did in Old Testament times. God’s “spiritual kingdom” has no geographic boundary and there is no designated place for God to meet His people. We have no building today that has been designated as a *holy place* where we meet to worship God. The room where we meet at 3904 38th St. NW in Canton, Ohio, is simply a convenient place of assemble to worship God. The rooms in this building are no more holy than the rooms of one of the local schools if we chose to assemble there to worship God. Certainly the things that are done in the rooms of the building are for a holy purpose, but that does not make the rooms themselves holy.

This could not be said of the tabernacle and temple of old. The holy place and the most holy place could only be entered by certain priests and the high priest to carry out the acts of worship to God. Those not priests could not enter those rooms even though they were Jews. We can use every room in this building, including the auditorium, to do anything that is right and good, and everyone is allowed to enter.

The confusion on this subject comes from placing the wrong emphasis on the *building*. It is referred to as “the church” when really the people are the church who meet in the building. God no longer meets with His people only in certain places. God is available to Christians wherever they meet to worship him. See you in the auditorium Sunday.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Well Worth Reading:

Alexander, Eric J. (2012)
Prayer: A Biblical Perspective.
Edinburgh & Carlisle, PA:
Banner of Truth Trust.
(106 Pages, \$12.00)

It may not have rated as one of the most significant publishing events of 2012, but Eric Alexander has given us a book on prayer that is well worth reading.

Alexander opens with a fairly traditional introduction. I say fairly traditional because it is perhaps more honest than the average introduction. Alexander admits to struggling with his own prayer life before going on to emphasize that prayer is of the essence in the Christian walk.

This traditional introduction is followed by a valuable bibliographical prologue. As Jesus so often demon-

strated, a good story will often get the point across far better than an essay. In this case, the prologue is nearly worth the price of the book.

Then the main text of the book begins. It contains twelve chapters (making it pretty suitable as a one quarter Bible class study). Alexander first defines prayer, then establishes the theological justification for the audacity of sinners approaching a holy God in prayer. He goes on to discuss the teachings of Jesus on Prayer (two chapters), and the example of Jesus in regard to prayer (focusing on John 17).

This is followed by a chapter on the prayer life of the Apostles as seen in Acts. Another chapter focuses on the prayer life of Paul. Then the author turns his attention to some Old Testament prayers (Psalms 51, 63).

The main body of the book closes with chapters on the intercession of the Holy Spirit, the practice of corporate prayer, and an examination of common difficulties in prayer. A short epilogue on the relationship between prayer and preaching brings the book to a close.

There are a number of minor points on which I might differ with the author. He makes assumptions about the authorship of the Psalms that I do not share. As one would expect in any book from this publisher, the author is a firmly committed Calvinist, but this will not mar the overall value of the work even for those at the other end of the theological spectrum.

For personal study, for small group study, or even for just reading on a quiet evening, I highly recommend this book.

Reviewed by Thayer Salisbury

The Church of Christ Greater Montreal

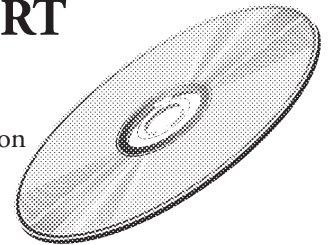
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CAMROSE: 4901 42 Street T4V 1A2; Sunday AM Bible study 10 am; Sunday AM worship service 11 am; Thursday Bible Study 7 PM; Phone: (780) 672-1220 (Office); Evangelist: David Friesen; Email: info@camrosechurchofchrist.ca

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