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What We Stand For: *Missions*

Art Ford

Missionaries have always played an important role in spreading the Gospel Message. The early church sent out apostles (some of the Twelve) and others, perhaps including Andronicus and Junia (Romans 16:7). Much of Acts is taken up in telling the story of those sent out from the Antioch church, namely, Paul, Barnabas and Silas. The church has always been about the task of evangelizing not only where it is but to regions beyond.

Motive for Missions

A recent tweet from the Pope says, “The Church, by her nature, is missionary. She exists so that every man and woman may encounter Jesus.” This is not news to us. We in churches of Christ have understood this truth and have sought through the years to spread the Gospel.

Jesus Himself commissions us in Matt. 28:19–20; Mark 16:15–16; Luke 24:47; John 20:21; and in Acts 1:8. Looking primarily at Matthew’s record, we as disciples are to make disciples in the nations. Those who become disciples are then to be baptized and then discipled even more. Jesus knew that our learning needs to be lifelong. We need to grow in understanding, in appreciation and in application of God’s will in our lives.

Jesus’ imperative is not so much our going, but what needs to happen as we go, whether in our country of birth or on foreign soil. As the church sends out missionaries, they go representing both Christ and the church as they endeavor to make disciples throughout the world. We partner with God, looking forward to the promised outcome of Revelation 7:9 (NLT), “After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and

before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.”

Highlights

I have neither the space nor the inclination (not to mention knowledge) to include all who have gone out from our midst on the mission of Christ. There is a great deal of interesting and useful information that has been compiled (special thanks to Paul Dale and a host of unnamed persons) on Facebook at “Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society” page. You can find more information there about the Canadian church’s involvement in missions and evangelism. Paul provided the following historical tidbits “off the top of his head” not knowing my purpose in asking. This information may pique your interest in learning more through the Historical Society.

“In the early 1900s, a British church of Christ missionary A.E. Hudson, who was the first church of Christ missionary in the world to enter Siam (Burma) in the late 1800s, immigrated with his wife to Canada. They lived in and served churches in Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver. He died around 1921, and is buried in Vancouver.

Oto Fujimori was a Japanese missionary. Oto had lived in the Detroit area, and committed his life to returning to Japan, and serving there in the late 1800s and into the 20th century. Canadian Churches of Christ supported him for many years, and twice he came to Canada to tour the churches, to raise interest in his work and to report on the activities. He did one tour in the 1890s, and the second in the 1920s.

E.S. Jelly served for a number of years beginning around 1911 in India. The Vancouver church of Christ oversaw his work on behalf of the Canadian churches.

William J. Bishop, an early American missionary to Japan reported his work regularly to “THE BIBLE STUDENT” a forerunner to the Gospel Herald. Unfortunately he died there of Tuberculosis. His wife returned with the children to Japan to work for several years before she moved back to the US and worked for many years at ACU. William’s financial statements included donations from churches and members across Canada.

The Lobo church of Christ west of London, Ontario, had Dr. W.E. Macklin as a member. W.E. had a medical practice in Poplar Hill. His brother Edgar planted the first church of Christ in Stratford in 1883. W.E. went to Japan and China in the 1880s, and worked there for at least 25 years. He established a hospital that is now one of the largest in China, and he is held in honor for his endeavours by the Chinese.

From the Rioch family of Hamilton, a brother and sister became missionaries in the 1890s, one to Japan and the other to India.

There are news reports of various congregations sending “packages” of clothing, money, transportation, etc. to mission work dating back to the 1880s all the way through to the 21st century.

One of the most committed donors to mission work over the years was Mrs. Theste Stewart of Tintern, Ontario, who gave financially to many of the missions. Interestingly her grandchildren included Eugene, Don and Ralph Perry.” These men and their families served in Africa and India as missionaries.

These clips give a sense of going, supporting and overseeing works throughout the World. Unmentioned here, but surely axiomatic are those who prayed diligently for those who

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had gone from their midst, and/or those whom they supported.

Let me observe that those of us who went out within the past 50–60 years have done so with plans/hopes to return on furlough in a 2-5 year time-frame. For many of those who went out in the early days there was little hope that they would return healthy and whole. They give discipleship a meaning worthy of our reflection.

We in churches of Christ have afforded women an opportunity to serve on the mission field in ways that has not always been practiced at home. The work in Japan is exemplary of this principle as a group of single women took the Gospel message to this very traditional, male dominated society in the late 19th Century. Joel Osborne, a young Canadian missionary in Japan comments on their work by saying: “The two most well known are Sarah Andrews and Hettie Lee Ewing. Sarah Andrews planted five churches in Shizuoka prefecture - and all five of them are still in existence today. She is the beloved missionary here. Many of the older ministers still refer to her as ‘Sarah Sensei.’ I have visited her grave in Numazu a couple of times. She was under house arrest during the war (couldn’t leave partially because of health, and I think partially because she refused to) and the story of her Japanese Christian woman friend is one worth telling too. The woman married, and their family grave is next to Sarah’s. The churches of Christ in Japan made a simple, yet beautiful tribute to Sarah at her grave. I also remember Yuki Obata speaking about Jesus being both the Lion and the Lamb, and how Japan needs more lamb missionaries...like Sarah Andrews. I have never forgotten that.”

For those interested in learning more, or in motivating your daughters to Christian service abroad,

the stories of these women are told in Messengers of the Risen Son in the Land of the Rising Sun by Bonnie Miller.

My own experience in missions is centred in Papua New Guinea. Today churches of Christ have only one overseas missionary in that country in the person of Ruth Zimmerman from Vineland, ON. There has been, and will be, a role for women in the service of the King.

I feel like the Hebrew writer as time fails me to tell the stories of the Cannons, the Baileys and many others who have gone from our country, or from other countries supported by us to let the world know about its God and His eternal kingdom.

Recent Trends

The past decade or two has seen the rise in popularity of short-term mission trips, especially among our youth. I believe these efforts can do much good, yet the irony is that we aren’t doing these things solely for the good of the people to whom we go, but

much of the motivation is for the good that it can do our youth and our own churches. We must go beyond this, just as we teach our children that giving involves much more than just being generous within our own families, so our mission work needs to primarily be for the benefit of teaching the lost.

Because Jesus is Lord, we must be ready to sacrifice ourselves and our children and grandchildren for His cause. Our young people need to be encouraged, if they have the gifts, to enter into service of our God. The church at home needs another generation of fulltime workers. The church in many countries of the world also needs workers for the harvest. The fields are ripe onto the harvest, but far too many of us are wanting to keep our families close and safe. The truth is that we can’t do that. Ironically it might happen more if we encouraged them to enter into the Master’s service.

When I travel, I see those in military uniform being welcomed into planes first as a way of showing honour to them. We lift up those who enter the military as heroes and send them out to bring freedom where it’s lacking in the world. Isn’t that a good model for us as we contemplate encouraging our youth to ministry? After all, true freedom comes only in Christ.

Let’s send them out, praying for them, and supporting them financially and emotionally. In doing so Christians can show our country how soldiers need to be treated, both while they are serving and after they return. Let the church of Christ model to the world what it means to be a disciple. I finish with the words of a true hero. “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields” Matthew 9:37–38 (NLT).



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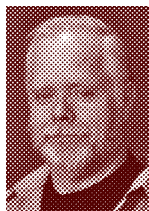
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What Do We Stand For? (PART 2)

Wayne Turner



Almost all of us are familiar with the expression “Do as I say, not as I do.” Human nature often causes people to live with a contradiction between what they say (or believe) and what they actually do. In politics, many people are frustrated by the difference between what a candidate may promise during a campaign, and what that person may actually do after they are in office. In the religious world, a wilful disparity between belief and action is harshly labelled as hypocrisy—literally a “false front” like the difference between the mask held in front of an actor’s face in the ancient Greek world. The mask represents something completely different from the person behind it. Generally, people expect a person’s words and their actions to be consistent with each other. What we say and what we do are both important.

This need for consistency is seen in the Apostle Paul’s words to Timothy, the young evangelist, when he told him to watch his life and doctrine carefully. Doctrine refers to what is taught—life to what is done. Paul expected Timothy to demonstrate a harmony between the two. Saying (or teaching) the right things was only one part. Those words must also be demonstrated. People must see the teaching in action. While Christians don’t do things to “be seen of men” there is an unmistakable reality that what we do will be visible to others. Jesus told us to let our lights (examples) shine in such a way that people can see what we do and glorify God as a result. Similarly, Peter said we are to lead such good lives among the people of the world, that it encourages them to praise God. To be effective we must both say and do what is right.

Sometimes, it seems as if there are some church members who have the idea that Christianity is more about what we believe, how well we know and can defend the truth. Truth is important. But, as Paul put it, we need to speak the truth in love. Some congregations have adopted the motto, “People don’t care what you know until they know that you care.” This emphasizes the idea that to influence people, we must be concerned with what we both say and do.

In a previous issue of the Gospel Herald, we asked “What Do We Stand For?” The articles in that issue looked at some of the main concepts that lie at the foundation of Christianity. These were Jesus Christ, Salvation, the Church and Worship. An understanding of these is essential to our faith. However, these cannot stand alone. They are inseparably connected to many other things. In a sense, we might ask how these ideas are carried out in our lives and our congregations. It is not sufficient to proclaim Jesus as Lord. The profession needs to be backed up by life and action. As Jesus said, it is not just the confession but also doing the will of God.

In this issue of the Gospel Herald, we want to revisit the

question “What Do We Stand For?” from a different perspective. While the previous issue focused more on what we believe, generally, in this issue we want to look at what we do because of those beliefs. This issue is a reminder that we stand not only for certain beliefs and doctrines, but also what we do as Christians. Since the Gospel is the message of God’s love and Christ’s sacrifice for the sins of the world, we have a critical commission to share this news with a world that is lost and dying in sin. As Christians, we all need to see ourselves as having a part in fulfilling the Great Commission—whether we go, send, support, encourage or share Christ at home. Art Ford’s article on missions shares with us the importance of missions, some examples from congregations in Canada, and also challenges us to be part of this wonderful work.

Thayer Salisbury shows us the importance of education in our work. Many people have stated that Christianity is a taught faith. Thayer points out that we need to teach the content of our faith, as well as developing skills and training in character. As he says, Christian education “is about knowledge of God, about making use of the skills he gives us, and about character molded in his image.”

Peter Morphy reminds us that we need to understand and share God’s heart—His love for those who are poor and disadvantaged. Peter suggests a number of people and ways for us to be helpful.

John Smith points out the danger of a clergy-laity distinction when it comes to the ministry of the church. While they may have different roles, all members are part of God’s family. All work together on the same team.

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What We Stand For: *Education*

Thayer Salisbury

Christianity is a faith with definite content and moral standards. It is not just numinous feeling. It includes a body of teaching and demands a way of life that is different in several respects from our natural inclinations. This being true, Christianity naturally involves education.

Were it a faith of feelings, without historical or moral content, education might not be important to the faith. But because historical events are central to the faith, the knowledge of those events is important. Because it is a moral faith, a knowledge of its moral standards is critical. Therefore education has always been important to Christians.

A Constant Concern

A computer search of the ESV reveals that some form of the word “teach” occurs 301 times in the Bible, with two-thirds of those occurrences in the New Testament. Not only are we to teach, we are to learn. Some form of the word “learn” occurs 84 times in the Bible (44 of these in the NT). But that is not all. Although in Greek there is no difference, sometimes the ESV translators choose the word “doctrine” instead of “teaching.” So we should add another 19 occurrences of this word from the New Testament.

We must also consider the word “disciple” in all its forms. To be a disciple is to be a follower. But disciple does not mean follower in the sense of just following someone around (like a detective tracking a suspect). A disciple is one who follows in order to imitate and learn. The New Testament uses this word an additional 30 times.

The Education Mandate

Included among the passages listed above would be such pivotal passages as Jesus’ “Great Commission” (which we could call His “education mandate”). “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV). Here we see that Jesus expects His followers to recruit others to follow Him, and that a fundamental aspect of the task is the continued teaching of what He taught. Educating is central to our task.

Not Schooling, But Education

In saying that education is important we run the risk of misunderstanding. In modern thought the words “education” and “schooling” are often confused. They should not be. They are not synonymous. There are plenty of highly schooled idiots to prove this. We sometimes call these people “educated fools.” But they are not educated. They may have been in school a long time, but they failed to gain an education.

On the other hand, there are plenty of unschooled people who have picked up a fine education along the way. This is what the followers of Jesus should expect. After all, the Lord they follow had far less

schooling than the highly schooled but spiritually ignorant men who condemned Him.

We seek to be educated and to educate. We do not necessarily seek to be schooled or to school. Schooling (or formal education as it is sometimes called) has its place, but it must not be confused with or substituted for the practical training that should be at the heart of the church’s task.

Three Kinds of Education

As a church, we should be concerned with at least three kinds of education.

The first is cognitive education. We should be concerned to inform the intellect. There are facts we need to know. Some are simple matters that we should teach at a young age and retain throughout life. We need to know the books of the Bible so that we can make use of the book. We need to know the pivotal events of biblical history. We need to know the plan of salvation - mainly what God has done to make salvation possible, but also how we are called

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on to respond to the gospel. These and other important facts should be taught early and often. But education should not stop here.

Education is not only about what we know but also about what we can do. We need skills as well as knowledge. God has blessed each of us with a measure of talent, but our talents must be developed. A sound church educational program will aim at developing God's gifts into usable skills. Perhaps not many of us should seek to be known as teachers (James 3:1), but over time we ought to develop some ability to teach (Heb 5:12; 1 Pet 3:15). It is a terrible thing to waste what God gives us (Matt 25:14ff). Proper Christian education must therefore aim at honing our God-given skills as well as at increasing our knowledge. But even this is not enough.

We also need training in character. The goal of Christian education is not just intellectual knowledge of God but transformation into the image of God (Rom 8:29; Col 3:10). It is not just about what we know or what we can do, it is also, perhaps primarily, about who we are.

Outside the Classroom Box

To accomplish this well-rounded education, we need to think outside the classroom box.

We should not abandon classroom teaching. In fact, we should redouble our efforts to give quality classroom instruction.

That may not be easy to do. In many ways, teaching a Sunday Bible class is more difficult than teaching in an ordinary school. Whereas a school teacher deals with one narrowly defined age group, Bible class teachers are often dealing with a

wide spectrum of ages and abilities. Whereas school teachers are normally given significant resources, such as equipment, visual aids and textbooks, Bible class teachers are often making do with minimal resources.

But, despite the difficulties, we should give quality instruction at every level of study. With the younger children the emphasis should be on learning the basic facts. Drills, memory verses, and simple instructional songs are most useful with children up to about ten years of age. Younger children are adept at memorization, and we should take advantage of this while it lasts.

With preteens and teens we need to move into lessons of a different nature. At this stage they are wondering about the truth of the various claims that are being made. Christian evidences should be covered. The scheme of redemption should be more clearly explained and defined.

By the mid-teen years, we should be offering opportunities for expres-

sion of the faith. Classes should offer information on how to present what we know about the Lord to others. Discussion of how we carry the mission of Jesus forward today should be a part of the curriculum.

But this will not be enough. Without actual opportunities to speak, lessons on how to speak will be of little value. Without actual opportunities to serve, discussions about service are just so much talk.

Jesus did no classroom teaching. There is little evidence of classroom teaching on the part of the Apostles (Acts 19:9 perhaps being the only example). The teaching of our Lord, and of His apostles, was in-context instruction in the midst of the work itself. It has more in common with an apprenticeship or mentoring than with formal schooling.

Jesus had His twelve. Paul had Silas, Timothy, Titus and other coworkers who were learning as they worked with him, who were working as they learned from him. The educa-

tion that the church needs today must include this type of instruction. The attempt to communicate a living faith exclusively through lecture and discussion in a classroom is doomed to failure. Christianity involves a life to be lived as well as information to be remembered. It is not just about what we know, but also about what we do and who we are. To pass on the skills and character of Christ we need practice as well as instruction.

Before we claim to have restored the New Testament church, perhaps we should consider our educational programs. If our methods of instruction are radically different from the methods of our Master, we should expect radically different results. Teaching methods are not neutral. A purely

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classroom approach will never accomplish what Jesus sought to accomplish. Because Christian education aims to transform the life as well as inform the mind, we must seek a broader, more inclusive, more holistic approach to education.

A Personal Experience

When Chery and I married at the age of eighteen, we were living far from home. We had no friends nearby. Chery had an interest in gardening. But living in an apartment we had nowhere to plant a garden.

George and Ruby Bonds, a retired couple living nearby, offered to allow us to plant a garden on their property. Each evening, when Chery and I went by to tend our garden, we would talk with George and Ruby. George helped me complete my first tax form. George and Ruby taught us to play dominos. We discussed the situation in the church. We discussed the scriptures. Chery and I learned, from observation, how a well-adjusted married couple interacted and put up with the other's oddities.

Agriculturally, the garden was a failure. Spiritually, it was a tremendous success. The fifty-year difference in our ages was a blessing, not a hindrance. We thought we were there to raise a garden. The Lord had sent us there to bless a lonely elderly couple and to receive an education we never would have received in a classroom. Some new facts were learned, but the training we received from George and Ruby was primarily in the areas of skills and character.

That kind of education we should seek to provide. And so I ask, "Who are you teaching?" And "What are you teaching them?" "Who are your twelve?" "Who is your Timothy?" "Who are you helping to train?"

Christian education is not about classrooms and libraries, degrees and diplomas. It is about knowledge of God, about making use of the skills he gives us, and about character molded in his image.

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What We Stand For: *Benevolence, Charity, Compassion*

Peter Morphy

I am sure most of us have heard numerous lessons and have been engaged in many discussions on “the kind of religion that the Father accepts as pure and faultless” that James 1:27 describes. Most of the time the primary, if not our only, discussion is focused on keeping ourselves from being polluted by the world. This is so important. However, does it ever bother us that we seldom, if ever, talk about how we are commanded to look after the widows and orphans? This is not simply a description regarding a marital or parental status, but it is a way to describe the most poor and disadvantaged people in that time.

Helping the poor has always been one of God’s great concerns. In the Old Testament the people were to help the poor by leaving part of the harvest to feed the hungry (Leviticus 19:10; 23:22); making sure that day laborers are paid on time; providing alms to beggars (Deuteronomy 14:28-29; 24:14); and not taking advantage of those who cannot defend themselves (Exodus 23:6). God’s original plan for Canaan was that there would be no destitute among His people (Deuteronomy 15:4) because those with surplus would share with those with little (Deuteronomy 15:7).

In fact, Ezekiel reminds the Israelites that the destruction of Sodom was not just for their sexual sin. “Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy” (Ezekiel 16:49). In contrast, God will reward those who give to the poor. “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor” (Proverbs 22:9).

In the first century the rich and middle class people did not want to associate with the poor. The most religious people considered their social, health and economic status

as an approval or punishment from God. Even the disciples asked Jesus about who sinned which resulted in a man to be born blind (John 9:1-3). Thereby the poor are receiving what they deserve and I have no obligation to help them out. Their thinking was not much different than the Hindu caste system where people have to live out their karma. If nothing else, it freed the individual from the guilt of not giving or getting involved.

When speaking about the judgment day, Jesus reminds us that we will be judged on how we have come to the aid of those who are hungry, thirsty, naked, a stranger and prisoners (Matthew 25). This is not the only thing one must do in order to be saved, but it would be amiss to think that serving is unnecessary or unimportant. Instead, Jesus said that when we help the poor, we are serving the Lord Himself.

I have preached on and taught the story of “The Rich Man and Lazarus” in Luke 16 many times and examined what it will be like in the afterlife, what the Hadean world is like, and wondering if this picture is different now that we are on this side of the cross. We are so engaged in the ideas of the next world that we may miss the main point of the lesson: what are we doing in this life with the Lazarus that is outside our gate? What opportunities do we have today to serve those who have a need that we are able to help fill? It seems the

rich man wasn’t immoral or unbelieving. He didn’t miss worship, refuse to pay his tithe, or neglect to pray. He just didn’t care about the suffering and affliction of a poor beggar that he walked past every day.

In contrast, we are happy to read about the Good Samaritan. While the self-proclaimed righteous and religious leaders walked by, it was the stranger and adversary that had compassion in his heart and was willing to stop and help. He sacrificed his time, his safety, his social bias and his money to help one who was unable to help himself.

Not only do we have ample opportunity to help the poor on a personal level, we can also work together to accomplish this ministry. The early church was committed to helping those who were poor and disadvantaged. In Acts 2 the church members were giving what they could to help those with physical needs. We are impressed with Barnabas who was willing to sell some land and give the money to the local church (Acts 4). When the distribution of food was not working well, the church created a program, a ministry or a system to make sure that all the widows were being treated fairly (Acts 6). In 1 Timothy 5 Paul discusses the plan and process for the Ephesian church so that they can help widows, including lists and qualifications. Paul also urged the wealthy Christians to give sacrificially so that the poor saints in Jerusalem could be helped with the necessities of life (Romans 15:25-33; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

Dorcas was known for helping those who were in need. Luke tells us that, “she was always doing good and helping the poor” (Acts 9:36) and she made robes and clothing for the widows. She was loved, appreciated, honored and greatly missed when she died. What

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legacy will we leave behind when we are gone?

Can we become so involved in the ministry of teaching and evangelism that we forget to serve those who are poor? The apostles reminded Paul that his mission work and visiting churches was very important, but that he must remember to help the poor, which Paul was eager to do (Galatians 2:10). The most important work is that which is spiritual and eternal, but we must also help those with immediate, physical, even temporal needs.

It may be difficult to talk about the specifics of helping the poor. How much? How often? How do we go about assisting those who are truly poor and not being taken advantage of by users or becoming a contributor to someone's laziness, addiction or sense of entitlement? I know many of our volunteers who have overseen the benevolence ministry have become tired, frustrated and at times discouraged in trying to determine how and how much to distribute from a limited number of resources. Great wisdom is also needed in determining those who are in true need and others who simply abuse the system because they are lazy or desire to spend the money or sell whatever you give them to feed an addiction.

In seeking to identify practical ways we can assist, I asked a few of our Canadian churches to send me a list of ways that they currently help with benevolence in their communities and beyond. This list is important so that we can see what we are doing and also give others an idea of what can be done. Some of these things do not require a lot of money or time. The summary is broken down into four major categories that seem to relate to the widows (and seniors), orphans (and single parent homes), and the poor.

Seniors—helping widows; providing a community garden; cleaning houses; doing yard work; minor home repairs; basic car repairs; taking meals; taking them out to dinner; visiting; notes of encouragement; drive to appointments; visit and/or lead worship at seniors citizens homes.

Children—mentoring young girls and boys; serving breakfast or lunch bags; Thanksgiving dinners; Christmas gifts; giving to orphanages; serving at camp; foster care; World Vision; summer Camp / VBS.

Homeless—overnight housing; serving meals at a local shelter; food closet; gas vouchers and bus tickets; clothing give-a-way; Habitat for Humanity.

Special Needs—Let's Start Talking (teaching English); disaster relief; sending clothes / supplies to poor countries; medical mission work; substance abuse classes.

I am reminded of Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. She anointed Jesus head and feet with a very expensive perfume. She was criticized and ridiculed by those in the room because of the extravagant waste. Jesus stood up for her and commended the gift that came from her heart. He said "She did what she could" (Mark 14:8). She didn't just talk about doing good, nor did she simply think about this gesture. She, unlike us, did not gather a committee to plan nor did she simply pray about it. She did something. It does not say she did all she could ... only what she could. We cannot help everyone but we can help someone.

Let's see the opportunities, be filled

with compassion, use wisdom and be involved in serving others in the name of Jesus. In doing this we believe, and live out, what Solomon said, "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God" (Proverbs 14:31).

Paul urges Christians in Thessalonica that they were to work and not be lazy. There were some who were taking advantage of the goodness of others and allowing their idleness to get them to become troublemakers in the church. To everyone, Paul urges, "As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thessalonians 3:13). Do not become discouraged, tired or bitter in helping, serving and encouraging others. As God presents the opportunity, He will also provide the resources, wisdom and energy to accomplish the work for His glory. Writing to the Galatian Christians Paul tells them to continue in acts of good deeds that bless others and honor God, resulting in a spiritual harvest for ourselves and those we serve. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:9-10).

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What We Stand For: *Congregational Ministry*

John Smith

Whose job is it to carry out church ministry? At first glance the question is easily answered...the church minister, of course! Worded in that way, the question and the answer that follows it are built upon some simplistic, if not inaccurate assumptions. In this view, church ministry is a somewhat specialized list of duties carried out by someone set apart from the rest of the congregation by title and perhaps even status. In a number of churches there has developed a designated class of clergy who carry out the ministry of the church in contrast to the laity to whom the sacraments of the church are administered. Most of the practices and terminology of churches that operate this way are more a development of long church history and tradition rather than the teachings of scripture.

The beginning of Luke chapter 5 gives us an account of Jesus calling Peter and his fishing partners to follow Him and be “fishing for people.” If we pay close attention to the details we also get a glimpse of what was involved in net fishing during that time. Peter was partners with a team of people which primarily included his brother Andrew and the sons of Zebedee (James and John). Net fishing with a team of people and big nets is very different from line fishing which can easily be done as an individual. Working the nets, rowing the boats, caring for all the equipment and preparing the fish for market are some of the various tasks that are shared by a number of Galilee fishermen on a fishing expedition. The principles of team work that make for effective net fishing translated well to the work of evangelism to which Jesus called His followers. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). Jesus brought fishermen, tax collectors and a variety of others into this team which He trained to be “fishers

of men.” To satisfactorily answer our question from the scriptures, however, we need to know what the apostles continued to teach about church ministry.

The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians chapter 4, verse 11 “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers...” One who reads this verse alone would be inclined to think it authorizes the clergy/laity model of church ministry we mentioned earlier. God gave specific roles to different people related to the teaching and leadership of the

Whose job is it to carry out the ministry of the church?

church. Were these people some separate class of Christians set apart for the ministry of the church? Not if we read on into the next verse, a continuation of the sentence of verse 11! “...To prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...” (Ephesians 4:12). At this point it is helpful to point out that the word for service is the same as the word for ministry in the original language. In fact, some versions of the Bible translate it that way (e.g. NRSV). So the work of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers is not to do all the ministry of the church themselves. On the contrary, their work is to equip the many members of the church to carry out the ministry of the church (works of service). The building up of Christ’s body is not done by an exclusive class of ministers. Christ’s body is built up when the many members of the body are engaged together in various works of ministry.

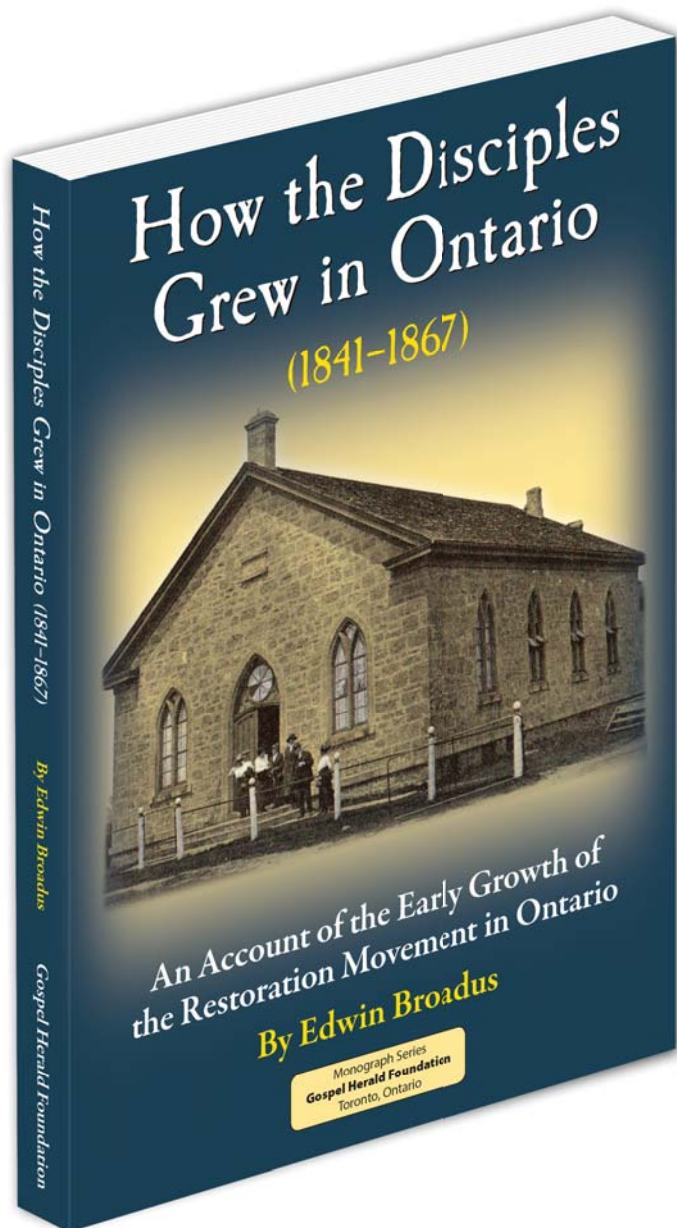
So whose job is it to carry out the ministry of the church? This responsibility belongs to all the members of

the church. It is something we are called to do collectively as the body of Christ. It all resembles the net fishing method of doing evangelism. Rather than one person doing it all, various people with differing talents and opportunities contribute what they can to a team effort. There are leaders, trainers and equippers who help put it all in motion, but church ministry is what the whole church does, not some specialized, salaried fraction of it.

This understanding of church ministry underscores a couple of important ideas. Firstly, it is a reminder and an encouragement that every single member is valuable to the church. We need to find ways of developing and engaging everyone in the ministry of the church. At the same time it is vital to appreciate what each member contributes. People who clean floors are no less worthwhile than those who teach classes (see 1 Corinthians 12!). They are partners together in the same work. Secondly, it models the kind of relationships between fellow Christians that is taught in the scriptures. Christianity is not some system of status levels that we advance upward through. It is a body that pulls together a myriad of differing but equally essential and valuable parts. When we are in harmony carrying out the mission of Christ, we bring glory to God and fulfill our purpose both collectively as the church and individually as unique creations of God. When it is working as it should, Paul describes it this way. “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” (Ephesians 4:16). You and I, brother and sister, side by side together are the church ministers carrying out her ministry in all its variety. Welcome to the team!

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Bramalea: Esther Asamoah's 107-year-old mother, Beatrice A. Animwaah, died in Ghana on July 6, 2014. Craig Asiamah-Yeboah was baptized into Christ by Kevin Hunter on July 13—Craig's natural birthday. Twenty-eight of Bramalea's ladies registered for the 2014 Women's Prayer Retreat from August 8–10 on the Great Lakes Christian High School campus in Beamsville, ON. Jackie Straker Halstead, Director of Education, Programming and Connections at Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, Tennessee, was the guest speaker. Lessons focused on a Christian's relationship with God through prayer. Key scripture: "Be still and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10. The congregation is in the process of selecting additional deacons and elders.

Fenwick: Once again our August men's and ladies' class was a combination potluck, corn roast and devotional held at Dandelion Acres.

Newmarket: The Newmarket Church of Christ hosted its annual Summer Camp for children in the neighbourhood. The week of camp is a time for the congregation and neighbourhood to deepen their friendship together. The Friday evening of camp, people came and joined the church in a feast. Food was supplied through the generosity of the neighbourhood and church together. Friends from the Greenmount Road Church of Christ in Belleville, IL, helped the congregation live in friendship with children at camp. A booklet titled, Narrating Our Story into the Mission of God is now available on our website. This booklet tells the story of the last decade and how the congregation is living into the mission of God

Port Colborne: Harold Bruggen, our regular minister was away for a few weeks of respite, Don Hipwell provided the lessons during July, and Nathaniel Metherel and Don Rose provided the lessons the first two Sundays of August.

Toronto (Bayview): On July 17 some from Bayview attended a memorial service in Pickering for Bert Dale, a long-standing member, who died on July 11 at the age of 93. After the Royal Canadian Legion service and reflections by family members, Ralph Perry gave the eulogy and meditation. The service was followed by a time of reflection, refreshments, expressions of sympathy and support for Bert's wife, Myrtle; his daughter, Lori; and his son, Rick and his family. The prayers of those at Bayview are with the Dale family at this time. A pot-luck was

enjoyed after service on the fifth Sunday in July and a hymn-sing was held on July 27.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): Plans are underway for the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the congregation at Strathmore. We want to collect the History of Strathmore so if you have pictures and/or stories, please share them. Send pictures—with the people and event identified so they can be scanned and included in a PowerPoint presentation. (Originals will be returned) See the ad on page 15 for mailing address etc. Max Craddock is to be a speaker at the Harding University Lectureship in Searcy, Arkansas on October 1, 2014. His subject is Multicultural Churches: Building Strong Multicultural Congregations.

Windsor (West Side): We had a carnival on June 7. In total, 822 people attended with 654 coming from the immediate West End area. One hundred twenty six people came from homes that the West Side congregation delivered flyers to and over 35 came from the street to which we deliver vegetables. The challenge in any church endeavor is not to focus on numbers attending but how can we learn their names and stories and share in their lives. Pray that we can follow up.

Waterloo: The church arranged for three seminars to be presented by industry experts on financial stewardship topics. Deloitte spoke about effective tax planning on Thursday, June 26. Cowan Insurance discussed income and asset protection on Thursday, July 3. The third seminar was presented by RBC Financial on retirement planning, Thursday, July 24. All these seminars were held at the church building.

Preacher/Church Leaders:

The next Preachers' and church leaders' brunch will be at 10:00, on October 21 at Cora's Mississauga (4120 Dixie Rd, Mississauga, ON L4W 4V8 — 905 624-1297) The topic of discussion for this fall will be church plants / growth. Please get back to me soon if you are willing to make a short presentation (10 minutes) about the church plant that you are involved in. We hope this will be an encouraging time for all. Please contact [Tim Alexander talexander@glchs.on.ca](mailto:talexander@glchs.on.ca) with questions or for more details.



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ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: Jay and Linda Manimtim are happy announce the birth of their second son—Daniel Jay. Celina Lembagusala was baptized and added to the Lord's family while on a mission trip. The Sunday morning Bible class and Wednesday night class are a series called "Around the World with Jesus". Members from other countries are giving a talk on their native country and teach a Bible lesson in conjunction with the country. By the end of summer we will have been around the world.

South Edmonton: We give thanks to God for his grace and goodness in keeping the congregation in love and unity. The church family was increased by two new people being added to the body by baptism. The church and angels in heaven rejoiced with Atsinak Bishop and Andrew Johnson. We wish them well in their growth and stability in Christ. As part of our spiritual education, our Sunday morning bible class, we studied the Holy Spirit, Speaking in Tongues, Miracles, Holy Spirit Baptism and Healing. In Care Group (mid week bible study), we studied worship in the Old and New Testaments. In June, about 30 members of the church were hosted by Robert and Jolene Burnstead at their home for a week end sleep over and fellowship. These activities are useful and spiritually uplifting to Christians. The church also had an outdoor picnic pot luck for members in June. We have been using the spring, summer and fall months to distribute church invitation flyers in the neighborhoods close to our place of worship. We do this every first Saturday, 6-7 PM. In June, a group of 25 preachers graduated from the training school in India. This effort was sponsored by the church in South Edmonton. These men will join 25 preachers on the field who graduated last year. They have been teaching in their districts (communities) and baptizing many into the body of Christ. In July, a group of 13 people travelled to Jamaica to help the St Anns Bay Church of Christ with VBS and nightly gospel meeting for 5 days. The group

comprised of; 8 from South Edmonton, 2 from North Edmonton, 2 from Medicine Hat and 1 from New York. About 80 children attend the VBS classes and about 60 people turned out for the nightly meetings. There were three baptisms. We give thanks to God.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Burnaby: One of our visitors who has been a regular participant in activities here for quite some time was baptized on July 13 while her husband was visiting from China. She is Sisi Tang, who has learned about her Lord primarily through her attendance at the Tuesday evening studies conducted by Kirk Ruch for those wanting to know more about the basics of God and His church. Two more of our young people, Matthew Andrews and Sara de la Rambelje, also entered the waters of baptism during the last service in July. The installation of former preacher and elder Mike Nienhuis gives us a total of six men to oversee the growth and spiritual health of the Burnaby congregation. Mike presented an outstanding series of lessons from Proverbs during our preacher's absence. Ladies in the Vancouver region expect to enjoy a Ladies' Retreat again this month. An answer to the question often asked and being considered is the theme as asked in John 20-27: "Will You Follow Me?" A three-part series written by Kirk Ruch about the Noah movie that has puzzled people compares it to the Biblical account of the flood found in Genesis. It may be found on the Burnaby website.

Delta: The Waddell family has returned from an extended visit in Dallas while their son Jonathan recovered from a hip operation in July. Jonathan will be living in Dallas to assume his first job since graduation from Harding University this spring. He will be teaching Chemistry and Biology at a Christian High School this fall.

Oakridge (Vancouver): How often do you hear a prayer that starts out by asking God to "help us to be honest with You and with ourselves." This idea was the conclusion to which Milton Diaz came after writing an article for the Wednesday evening devotional mail-out. The article reads: "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). On their conquest of the Promised Land, and after the Israelites had conquered the powerful city of Jericho, they were defeated twice by a very small city called Ai (Joshua 7, 8). Joshua, the new leader, could not understand why. In an act of grace, God revealed to Joshua the reason they were not having the same success. He told Joshua that there was sin among the people of Israel, and they had

not dealt with it. Joshua knew that success depended on a number of things. Of course, he did not know sin was the reason for their frustrations and failure... The same thing can happen in our own lives.

Sometimes we wonder why things are not happening the way they should: spiritually, financially, relationally, at home, at work, at school, etc. We should be more successful, joyful and peaceful but we are not. Do you feel as if something is hindering your success? Think about Joshua. "... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles" (Hebrews 12: 1).

Salmon Arm: Nine young people, five chaperones and three children arrived from Washington in August to present a Biblical "Cowboy"- themed Vacation Bible School for Salmon Arm children. Our new family, Gary and Diane Nobles, are now living in the preacher's house, purchased when the Plummer family moved here, it has a large yard that we were able to use for classes and activities. The visiting group was housed and fed by our members, and spent their time off doing community projects.

Vernon: Taking advantage of summer's warmth and casual atmosphere, our mid-week Bible studies are being held on decks or porches, with continuing prayers for one of our elders, Alvan Jacobs, whose eye cancer has returned.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: A team went to Bengough, SK, to help with a VBS, July 13 – July 18. There were five baptisms on Thursday. Two of them were Levi and Soren Lock. July 20-25 a team worked at Clearview Camp in Saskatchewan. August 11-15 a team went to Weyburn, SK, to help with the VBS. Our annual VBS was August 18 – August 22. Our Tree of Knowledge is growing. Mackenzie Arbuckle, Taylor Arbuckle, Ashley Daly, Bella Daoust, Connolly Gamble, Joshua Gamble, Keegan Gamble, Randy Gborie, Ian Johnson, Sara Knutson, Jensen Lock, Tiara Lock, Ireayomide Luro, Chizaram Okebie, Esther Okebie, John Okebie, Brianna Perera, Rae Skardal, Rylee Skardal, Jayden Saunders, Sam Schmidt, Nora Tyndall, Levi Tyndall, Tatiana VanHeer, Ashley Woods and Heather Woods have all earned leaves for memory work.

SASKATCHEWAN

Golden Age Camp at Clearview: For age 55 plus on August 10-15 at Clearview Christian camp Kenosee Lake, SK. Lesson theme was "Finishing Strong" with Dale and Sheila Hartman from Oklahoma as guest speakers.

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MISSION NEWS

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UKRAINE (Donetsk): Little has changed from the dilemma faced by Christians who have been working to promote New Testament Christianity in the Donetsk region of Ukraine, as the civil conflict continued through the month of August. The Rogers and all of those interested in re-opening the Ukraine Bible Institute realize that definite planning cannot be made until the conflict has been resolved and it is known what Russia intends to do about further escalating the intrusion or departing peacefully. Another Ukrainian preacher for the church of Christ had been abducted, as news was finally received that Sasha Kolbzer, the first one kidnapped, was alive, but his whereabouts unknown. He had called his wife to tell her to stay in Mariupol where one of the churches is caring for her and their four children, when he surprised them by arriving there himself! (A number of denominational preachers have been killed, their bodies recently discovered in mass graves). More refugees leave on buses daily as people continue to be displaced. The fighting across Eastern Ukraine had forced more than 285,000 people to flee their homes, according to U.N. figures released last month. Prayers are asked by Jay Don Rogers and the sponsoring congregations for wisdom in making future decisions about whether to wait until the fighting has ended to go back to Donetsk, or whether to consider a temporary location elsewhere. The latter would require more money to house and transport students. Those wishing to send funds to help Christians whose lives have been disrupted may address them to either the Pheasant Run Church of Christ, PO Box 872953, Vancouver, Washington, 98687, or Sunset International Bible Institute, (marked for UBI), 3723 34th Street, Lubbock, TX 79410.

INDIA: Ron and Karen Clayton, who made a small start in the spread of the Gospel in India 30 years ago as a result of having heard J.C. Bailey speak of his work there as it was coming to a close, have seen it grow to huge proportions by following his plan of teaching the natives the gospel to preach to their own people. In a recent report, they explained why they now have six bungalows for the use of travelers in strategic parts of Eastern India

where most of their work is done. The most central one, at Bidar, provides a base which can reach any of eight major locations of work within an hour's time. This conserves much travel time and provides hotel-free accommodation for foreign workers and a place to meet with Indian preachers. They provide office space to keep forms, papers, gifts, clothing, etc., and kitchens where people can cook their own meals rather than have the expense of eating out. Each can sleep up to seven guests, with a large area which can sleep many more when needed. While traveling from Alabama to Seattle, Ron and Karen included in personal plans stops at numerous churches along the way to speak and raise money to overcome the current drop in support the Indian work has suffered, as well as with so many others. (Noted in May India Newsletter)



TOP ROW: (L) Displaying colorful Rajasthani turbans on a roof-top in Jaipur (ML) Hindu women taking gifts to the Brahma temple in Pushkar (near Ajmer, in Rajasthan) (MR) NL Vijay Kumar, long-time friend & faithful Gospel preacher (R) Ron (in the middle), surrounded by A. Shyam Sundar, a truly fine young preacher (& his family) **BOTTOM ROW:** (L) NL Viswamber (Vijay Kumar's brother). He & his wife, Neelamma, operate the Ellen Carthen Memorial Medical Clinic in Hyderabad. This new auto rickshaw was a gift from a foundation affiliated with the Lord's church. (MIDDLE 2) Only in India is it possible to stack so much stuff on one lorry (truck)!

LIBERIA: Each year congregations across Canada fill shoeboxes collected by the "Samaritan Purse" to be distributed to nations around the world. They contain practical toiletry items and other needs to improve the life of a child for a little while. Until recently many members of the church of Christ did not realize that this organization also sponsors medical personnel to countries where the need is greatest. A few months ago the world learned that there was a serious outbreak of the Ebola virus in three West African countries: Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. One of the doctors volunteering to go there to work under the auspice of the Samaritan Purse was Dr. Kent Brantly, who was originally raised and baptized in Indianapolis. He eventually became a graduate of the ACU medical missionary program. While in school, he went on mis-

sion trips to Tanzania and Central America, and met his wife, Amber, in Honduras. Like Dr. Kent, she was a person able to handle cross-cultural stresses. They now have two children, ages three and five, who had returned to Texas just a few days before his work was abruptly interrupted as he began to show the symptoms prevalent for the Ebola virus, along with a nurse working in the same department. He was immediately isolated and given the treatment available in Liberia. Approximately a week later, he was flown to the U. S. under all the precautions that could be taken, to a hospital in Atlanta, where he was able to see his family through a glass window and given treatment available at the present time only in the U.S. (The nurse also was transported back.) Dr. Kent has made remarkable progress, and a complete recovery for both is hopeful.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: "In the December report, I (Ruth Zimmerman) told you that we had received word that new staff would be provided by the government for the One Mile clinic. Unfortunately, that has not happened. The clinic continued to run fully up until a couple of weeks before Velma left, but since then, it has only continued to care for tuberculosis patients under the T.B. D.O.T.S. program. Nelson, who has served in that capacity with Velma for several years, continues to do that work. We are still very hopeful that staff will be provided, and that the clinic will be fully operational again soon, but it is quite frustrating right now with the lack of action on all sides. Of the five students graduating this year from MBS, two did not survive, but were acknowledged at the graduation ceremony. One young man who had seen Velma when he became ill near the end of the school year was advised to get more evaluation, and flown to a hospital. He was advised to go home and stay with his family, as there was no cure for his illness. A customary dinner in honor of the graduation students was moved up before graduation in order for him to be there, but he died a week later." (Excerpts from a May - June report from Ruth Zimmerman)

MEXICO: "At the beginning of any new project I led in my paid working years the 1st things I wanted to know were: 1. Who is paying for this project and what are their expectations? 2. Who are the key decision makers and who can be counted on to help get the job done? 3. Who will be impacted by the results of this work? With the work we do to show God's love to children and parents in Baja California, we take these same things very seriously. Since 2007 our

society has asked people to send us money and/or join us in Mexico to help this group of Indigenous people. Those we count on are the ones that help us year after year both financially and by taking vacation time to join us in the Maneadero campground. We are also thankful for those able to join us for a shorter period of time, and do not take those sacrifices lightly. This summer we completed the 24th & 25th classrooms we have built in the overall Ensenada School District, and were also thankful to be able to use the 6th set of washrooms we have had constructed... Over 900 children now attend these schools. The classrooms we built this year came about because the director (Principal) at this school called Alfredo and said they understood that this was the church that helped schools! We continue to develop a stronger community of local people to work to assist us. Their skills continue to grow." (Report from Patty Kunkle for True North Helping Hands, Inc.)

JAPAN (Zenibako): "On August 3, I was witness to a gentleman 84 years young being added to Christ. I heard his good confession of faith and watched as the 86-year-old preacher baptized him into Christ. I then learned that his 82-year-old brother who is such a great friend, had persuaded the man to come to Bible classes and church. Two men from the Gideon Society which puts Bibles in hotel rooms, were there and witnessed this baptism. One of the gentlemen remarked that he had never seen baptism by immersion in his life and was delighted to be there with us! Mr. Hara's baptism makes three men who have come to Christ this year at the Moiwashita congregation, the youngest being 43, the oldest 84. Brother Suzuki never fails to deliver Christ-centered messages and I am privileged to be asked once a month to do the same." (Report from Stephen Hasbrouck, Sr. in Sapporo)

Joel Osborne announced his engagement to Kristin Hanaoka, an American-born Japanese young woman, who he met in Mito, Japan. **Jonathan, Michiko, Hijiri, Minori and Shiori Straker** spent the last month travelling from Vancouver to Ontario reporting on their work in the relief area of Ishinomaki, Japan. They returned to Japan on August 21. Please remember in prayer and financially Jonathan Straker and family in Ishinomaki, Japan; and Joel Osborne and Hiro Akahoshi in the work in Mito, Japan and Cambodia. For information on their work or how to donate to them, please contact Jonathan at jonathan@strakerhouse.com; Joel at joelsensei5@gmail.com; Hiro at hxa04c@acu.edu; or Bramalea Church of Christ at mail@bramaleacofc.ca.

In the Restoration Business

All his life our brother Geoffrey Ellis has been associated with those who are proud of their Restoration Movement Heritage. For many of these years Geoff has been actively engaged in researching, writing and proclaiming the values of the past as they applied to the future for each of us.

Geoff has been involved with the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society (or CCCHS) since its inception, spending several years as president of the board.



His life and work point to an indefatigable purpose-driven pursuit of truth. This shows up in his historical research, his writings and his presentations.

At the Annual Meeting of CCCHS, held in Toronto, on August 16, Geoff received the "Historian of the Year" for 2013/14. The board was unanimous in choosing Geoffrey Ellis for this well-deserved honor.

For the board of directors,
George Mansfield

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STRATHMORE BLVD.

90th

Anniversary

Come celebrate with us...

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Sunday School – 9:45; Worship 11:00

Guest Speaker: Geoffrey Ellis

Catered lunch following morning worship
2:00 Song Service and Reminiscing

We want to collect the History of Strathmore

If you have pictures and/or stories, please share them
Send pictures—with the people and event identified so they
can be scanned and included in a PowerPoint presentation.
(Originals will be returned)

Send to: Homecoming
Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ
346 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 1N3
By email: maxc@strathmorecofc.ca

June 1–15, 2014 Haiti Mission Trip Report

Jean Volcy

Greetings!

As most of you are aware, a smaller team of 7 volunteers from Canada returned to Haiti on June 1 with a mission to continue the construction in the orphanage building so that the work can be completed when we return to Haiti this coming December. Our next trip is scheduled for December 8–21, Lord willing.

I am happy to report that by God's grace we had a very successful mission and even exceeded expectation. All the framing work is complete,



including the 6 rooms (the 2 biggest: 1 for boys, 1 for girls), as well as space on top to be used for library, storage, etc.); the building is quite tall. The skylights and the 2 wind turbines are now installed as well as some windows and doors. Also, the team strongly secured the building before we left to prevent any intruders from

coming in. Please see some of the trip photos inserts.

The highlight of the trip though transpired on Sunday, June 8. That day three individuals including Trevor Shelley (one of the volunteers from Canada) decided to put on Christ through baptism while in Haiti. Praise be to God! Please keep these new brethren in your prayers.

It is also my pleasure to report that the church in Fonds-Parisien is doing very well down there and will continue to bring glory to God for many years to come. Many thanks to one and all

who have joined us in this worthwhile effort. May the Lord repay you all as He sees fit!

Our Plans and Needs

In order to get everything done when we go to Haiti in December and get the orphanage ready to open we will need about \$16,000 (please see the breakdown below). We appreciate any help you can give:

• \$3,000 to finish the orphanage building, e.g. Concrete, gravel for the outside work (See photos)

• \$3,000 to buy building materials and pay the contractor to build the washing area for the kids (several rooms) with the water reservoir on top. The contractor was ready to do

the volunteers who came to Haiti with us saw the great need for a vehicle as well as the cost of rental in Haiti, is donating his van to the orphanage. We thank him and we thank God for such a blessing.

it last June but we didn't have the funds.

• \$5,500 to ship a container, clear custom in Port-au-Prince and transport the container to Fonds-Parisien. We have received lots of items for the orphanage like duvets, pillows, clothing, sewing machine and fabrics. We also have lots of full buckets from our bucket campaign.

• \$3,500 to ship a passenger van for the orphanage, clear customs and have insurance for a year. This is about the price of AVIS rental for 1 trip in Haiti. This van is a gift. One of



the volunteers who came to Haiti with us saw the great need for a vehicle as well as the cost of rental in Haiti, is donating his van to the orphanage. We thank him and we thank God for such a blessing.

• \$1,000 contingency funds. The unknowns will happen. Ask any project manager.

We are grateful for all of your help thus far and want to encourage you to please continue. We have come a long way, and as those who have had the opportunity to see with their own eyes could testify, there is a lot more



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to be done. So, please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued support.

In Christ, Jean Volcy

If you would like to donate, join us on our next trip, or require any further information, please contact any of the following brethren:

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jean.volcy@haitimission.ca

Marvin Johnson (Elder) at:
majmrj@sympatico.ca

Steve Gill (Elder) at:
steveg@gillart.ca

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Max Craddock (Evangelist) at:
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www.haitimission.ca

(There are many more pictures to view on the website.)



Dale, Arthur Bertram

Bert Dale, third son of Herbert and Sarah Dale, was born June 2, 1921 and passed from his earthly life on July 11, 2014, following a stroke. He had just celebrated his 93 birthday anniversary. He was predeceased by two older brothers, Walter and Victor. He is survived by his wife Myrtle; two sisters, Joyce (Ralph Perry), and Marion (Mark McDonell); children, Richard (Rick) Allan (b.1961), and Lori Marie (b.1964); and grandchildren, Jason, Jonathan, and Lindsay (Rick's children).

During WW II Bert served five years in the Royal Canadian Engineers. He was at Juno Beach in the Normandy invasion, June, 1944. His task was bridge building, not using a gun. He was involved in freeing Holland from German occupation.

Before the invasion Bert was stationed in England. He enjoyed meeting and spending time with his English uncles, aunts and cousins at Ide Hill, Kent. His father had come from here to Canada as a young teen.

While in the army Bert had met a young lady, Myrtle Marie Schwandt, serving the Canadian Navy in Ottawa, as a secretary. Myrtle is of German ancestry, a country girl from Breslau, near Kitchener, ON. Most of their courtship was by correspondence since Bert was overseas. They were married September 4, 1948, and enjoyed 65 happy years together. They lived in Toronto, in Thornhill and lastly in Pickering. During this time they were active members of the Strathmore and Bayview churches of Christ.

Bert worked in petroleum delivery most of his working life, first with

British American (BA), then on his own, and finally with Gulf Oil. He was a reliable, diligent and pleasant worker and family provider. He retired at 63.

There was strong Christian life and influence in the Dale family. Herbert attended Beamsville Bible School before WW I and served as an elder and adult Bible teacher at the Strathmore church. Sarah became a Christian during courtship days. She obeyed the gospel in winter when a hole was cut in the ice to immerse her. Walter, Victor, Joyce and Marion have all been active in Christian ministry in teaching and helping nurture and start churches. Bert was not so public in church activities but lived a consistent, quiet Christian example. Daughter Lori trained at Sunset Bible Institute, Lubbock, Texas, and spent 18 months in evangelism ministry in England. She also visited the English Dale relatives while there.

The memorial service was conducted on July 17 at Pickering, ON. First the Royal Canadian Legion honoured Bert with their memorial for veterans. Various members of the family paid tribute to Bert with their remarks, commendations and thanks. We remember him for his cheerful, and pleasant disposition. He had a ready smile and laugh. His company was enjoyed. He was very easy to get along with, a kind and thoughtful family man, a loving husband, father and grandfather, always helpful and positive.

We fondly referred to this couple as "Bert and Mert."

I offered comfort and encouragement from the Scriptures.

– Ralph Perry

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Weyburn: There was a Come and Go Tea held for Lloyd Jacobs' 80th birthday on August 3. WCC class of 1974 held a reunion here July 19, 20. Our annual VBS was held August 9–15. A work team came from Winnipeg church of Christ to help. The theme was "Wilderness Escape" based on Exodus. There were 4 classes with 20 - 30 kids per class. Adult classes, "Archeology and the Bible" were led by Paul Birston daily. Harvest Fellowship 2014, the 3rd annual lectureship, will be held October 17–19. The keynote speaker is Don McLaughlin from Atlanta, GA. The theme is "Identity".

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. Listings are \$9.00 per year. The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

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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.org Website: www.camrosechurchofchrist.org

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 at the building and in various homes (phone for locations and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelist: Larry Boswell, 780.270.6007 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; Evangelist: Roy Graneau; 780-902-1329 Sun. 10:00 adult & children's Bible class, 11:00 worship; Midweek CARE Groups in homes (phone evangelist for details); Web: southedmontonchurchofchrist.org Email: southedmonton.churchofchrist@gmail.com

LLOYDMINSTER Church of Christ: 4702 56 Ave., Mailing Address: Box 88, Lloydminster, AB T9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Mid-week in Homes, call for information; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505; cell (306) 821-7446 e-mail: lee_patmore@me.com

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: Davenport Church of Christ, 68 Donlevy Avenue, Red Deer, T4R 2Y8, tel. 403-347-3986; (fax) 403.347.332, Edward Klym, Minister/Evangelist; Sunday morning worship: 10:00 am, Sunday School: 11:00 am; Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00 pm Email: davenportchurchofchrist@gmail.com Website: www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/rdccc

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): Sun. 10, 11; Thur. 7 PM, Meeting at: Suite 200 - 2445 West Railway Street, Abbotsford, BC; Mailing address: #4 – 3292 Elmwood Dr.; V2S 6B2 Norm Weir, ev. 604-850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 604-850-9001; email: normjen@shaw.ca

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road Campbell River, BC V9W 1P4; Contact: Office (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besjim2@hotmail.com

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 Larry Hoff (604) 943-1468; Ron Bailey (604) 943-7517

KELOWNA: Spring Valley Church of Christ, 847 Wayne Road, Kelowna, V1X 1A4. Sun. 10:30, Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739, email: McKnight8739@shaw.ca

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 Church of Christ: North Bend Community Hall, 48846 Highline Road, North Bend; Sun. 10:30 am; Mailing address: 47220 Green Ranch Road, North Bend, BC, V0K 1C1 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 Church of Christ: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sunday Bible classes 11:00 am, worship 10:00 am; Thurs. 7 pm; Contact: Meynard Carlow (250) 624-4449 (off) or (250) 624-3347

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, 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. Kirk Ruch, ev.; K.M.Ruch@SBChurch.ca; Conor Wilkerson, youth; Office: conr.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 Ververda, 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., Langford, BC.; Worship service 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Contacts: Dick Morton 250-479-8480, L/S Walters 250-478-7275, Don Knox 250-382-0824; e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

MANSON: Box 2, Manson, MB, R0M 1J0; Meeting Sunday Mornings – 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB; Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 306-435-2512; email: kennyg1@myaccess.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 Cleaire, 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.; Stephane Maillet, ev., (506) 204-8365 (Office) (506) 872-3179 (H) (506) 988-0098 (C) Emails: stephanemaillet@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca FB page: https://www.facebook.com/AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

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

NEW YORK STATE

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: niafallscocf@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscocf.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Elders: Kevin Irvine, Jack Bearden; (902) 678-8881

SHUBENACADIE (Mill Village): 3557 Indian Road Mill Village NS B0N 2H0; Sunday Worship Times: Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Bible class and Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Tuesday night Bible study at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible study class at noon on Thursdays. 902-758-4252 (to leave a message at the church building), 902-758-2633 J. Mackey, 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: ajaxcoccennialroad@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; 705-230-0513 (off.); Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

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

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 2:00 pm, 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 Curtis Thompson, 519-504-6185; email: Godlovesfaithfully@hotmail.com Mike Gray 905-387-5680, email: thegrays1@shaw.ca office (519) 759-6630

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

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

CORNWALL: 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am, Service 11am; Mid-week study Wed 7 pm; Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary, 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, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 10 am; Bible classes 11 am; Sun evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-9058 (off); George Mansfield, ev. (h) 289-566-8963; website: www.grimsbycofc.org

HAILEYBURY: Meeting in homes, usually Sundays at 4 PM but call to confirm place and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment, Mailing address: Box 702, P0J 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: Sun. Bible Study, 9:30–10:30; Worship: 10:30–11:30; Wednesday 7:00–8:00 pm, meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. For information please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; 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. 118N); 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: RR# 1, Site2, Box 3, 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0; Sunday: classes 10 am, worship 11 am; Ray Fisher ev. 705-210-0267 email: rcfisherofmen@gmail.com midweek - call for information: 705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019 Website: icelakechurchofchrist.com

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

KITCHENER (Southwest): Sunday 10:30 AM, Williamsburg Community Centre, 1187 Fischer Hallman Road, Building 600, Suite 620, Kitchener, Ontario. Church phone: (519) 496-2286 Mail to: Southwest Kitchener church of Christ, 1187 Fischer Hallman Rd, PO Box 48035 Williamsburg RO, Kitchener, Ontario N2E 4H0.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Contact: M. Pennington, 519-872-7629; Email: mpennington40@gmail.com; P. Fewster, 519-672-2426; Email: peter.fewster@gmail.com

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sunday School 9:45-10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00-12:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon 1:30 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-wfc@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: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca Web address www.mississaugacofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; 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 QEW 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, bruce@niagaracoc.com; website: www.niagaracoc.com

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OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Jim Holston, ev., 905-875-2939; Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON LOP 1B0

OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursday 7:00 pm; Church Phone. 905-434-1258 (Please leave a message) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879

OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, Website: www.ottawachurchofchrist.com Ottawa church of Christ facebook

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, website: www.westottawacofc.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 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 Linden 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; Sunday School 10 am except July/August, Worship 11 am; Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. S12125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON LOC 1H0; phone: (705) 357-1224 Email: jayaksich@yahoo.ca

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., Port Colborne, ON L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 732-2465

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 Wednesday 7 pm; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123

SARNIA: 796 Errol Road E., N7V 2G7, Bible study, Sunday 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7 pm. Worship Sunday 10:30 am. Email: info@sarniachurchofchrist.org Website: http://www.sarniachurchofchrist.org, phone (519) 339-1161 (off.) or (226) 886-3333

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village, 58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1P0; Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@xplornet.com

SOUTH RIVER: Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, POA 1X0; Chris Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5252

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

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

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7 PM; 705-560-3964; Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 124 N.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30 PM; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec, Randy Morrill, ev; Box 708, P0R 1L0; 705-508-2049 (h); 705-842-3340 (O/F); email: randy.lois@eastlink.ca

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

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON 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., Aaron Maleare ev.; Vanessa Maleare, children's minister, (905) 563 6311 (off.)

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Hilborn, mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (office)

TORONTO (Scarborough): 2035 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario M1T 3G2 DELTA Toronto East Hotel, (Leaside Suite) Kennedy & 401 East; Sunday Shool 10:15, Worship 11:15; Thurs. 7:00pm (in homes) (Mailing Address: 300 Borough Drive, P.O. Box 47011, Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4Z7) Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.com Devon Bennett, Minister, 905-686-2486, Cell: 416-970-3835; Fax: 905-428-1579; email: devonben@gmail.com

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 416-244-9152; contact; Aikins Wiredu, 905-216-6896; Bernard Worloson, 416-742-8292; Twi service available last Sunday of the month, and Spanish Classes, Mondays 7:30 p.m., Santiago Molina (416) 751-6879.

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Peter Dwomoh 416-462-3616; Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Marvin Johnson 416-752-0325, Moises Velasco 905-591-0361, Jean Volcy 905-237-3312; Max Craddock, ev. 416-461-7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev. 416-751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., PO Box 1196, 450 Countess Street S, Durham ON N0G 1R0; Phone 519-369-1731; Gordon Dennis, Box 274; Mount Forest, NOG 2L0; (519) 323-2424

WATERLOO church of Christ: 470 Glenelm Cres., Waterloo, ON N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, Wed 7:00 pm, Jamie Azzoparde, 519-885-6330, e-mail: Jazz.wcoc@gmail.com website: www.waterloochurchofchrist.ca

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 785 Sandison Ave., Windsor, N9E 4T3; (519) 250-4407; Email: westsidechurch@live.com

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL: (English/French/Ashante); 785 Brault Ave, Verdun, QC, H4H 2B3, Sunday 10, 11, 6:30; Wednesday 7:00 (English) Ph 514-564-6780; Fax 514-564-6781, Email: churchofchristofgm@videotron.com, Website: churchofchristgreatermontreal@hotmail.ca

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

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LLOYDMINSTER Church of Christ: 4702 56 Ave., Mailing Address: Box 88, Lloydminster, AB T9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Mid-week in Homes, call for information; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505; cell (306) 821-7446 e-mail: lee_patmore@me.com

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

REGINA (Northwest): 4400 4th Avenue Regina S4T 0H8 (in the Orr Centre) Sunday: 9:45am Classes: 11:15am Contact: Dr. Leslie Williams E-mail: lesliejawilliams@gmail.com

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: stoonchurch@live.com and Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

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Atlanta, GA

Friday, October 18

7:00 PM

7:30

Singing

Keynote Address: Identifying our Identity

Following Keynote – Coffee and cookies

Saturday, October 19

9:00 AM

Singing (Auditorium)

9:30

Class Sessions & Children's Activities

Teen Class

10:30

Keynote Address: Identity in God's Image

11:30

Lunch

1:30 PM

Class Sessions & Children's Activities

Teen Class

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Break

2:45

Class Sessions & Children's Activities

Teen Class

3:45

Singing

4:30

Supper

6:00 or 6:30

Keynote Address: Identity in the Church

7:00 or 7:30

Dessert and Fellowship

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Tree of Knowledge

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10:30

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Adult Classes:

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– Al Meakes

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How to use Outreach Programs
– Wayne Olson

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– Brandon Moore

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– Mary Gurel (1:30 only)

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– Evan Burdan (2:45 only)