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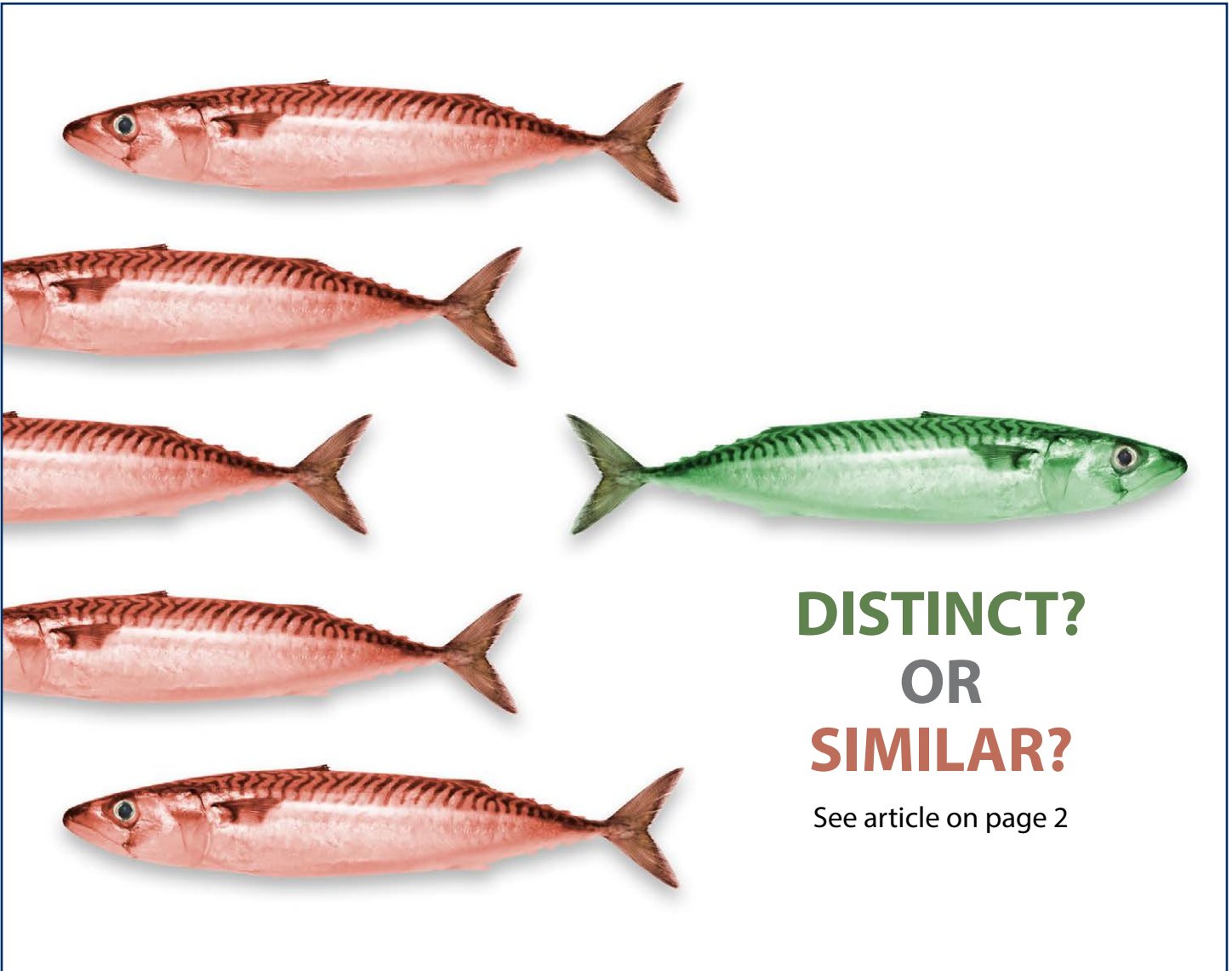
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Distinct? Or Similar?

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This is the absolute most important issue the Lord's Church has to deal with in our immediate future. It will define us as a people in terms of our juxtaposition to the one and only God. Let me explain something starting at a pertinent point some 3500 years ago.

God inspired Moses to write to the

Israelites; "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 14:2).

In order to reinforce the notion that Israel was to be a peculiar people, God gave them a special set of guidelines in which to live and worship. That guide-

line consisted of both moral and ceremonial laws. There were at least 613 of these Levitical laws. It was simply called "The Law". Now understand that God selected a people (Israel) for the purpose of illuminating the pagan nations to the knowledge that God blesses those who honor and revere His Word. Read Deuteronomy 4:1-8. Also note the fact that most other Bible versions translate this Hebrew word (segool—law') into English as Holy. It means; "to shut away for one's self" or "peculiar". Not peculiar as in odd or weird, but peculiar as in "distinct".

If you think about it, God has always had a people for Himself who were defined by their relationship and adherence to His Word. This was/is in contrast to the nations around them. There was Noah (Genesis 6:7, 8). There was Abram (Genesis 12:1-3). There was Israel (Deuteronomy 7:6). As a matter of fact, Israel remains to this day "His chosen people". However, today His chosen people is not

racial Israel or political Israel or geographical Israel, but spiritual Israel; the Church. Read Ephesians 2:11-22 for an explanation of the transition from physical to spiritual Israel, and then read Galatians 3:26-29 for the entrance requirements to that spiritual Kingdom. Ironically Galatians 3 starts out with the sentence "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you?".

Now, hopefully you will remember that the grace God extended to Israel was dependent upon Israel's adherence to His Word (Joshua 23:14-16). He told them that very thing over and over. He suffered long with them. He chastised them and then blessed them when they repented of their evil. Isaiah 42:23 cried out to them and still cries out to us today as he said "Who will hear these lessons from the past and see the ruin that awaits you in the future?"

Paul wrote a letter of encouraging instruction to Titus. One of the thought threads was this: "For the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." We find this in chapter 2 verses 11-14. Now this Greek word for peculiar (per-e-u-se'-os) is almost identical in flavour to its Hebrew counterpart from the Deuteronomy 14:2 passage. It carries the idea of "selection; belonging to one's own possession". This word (pereuseos) defines in a single word, what the Old Testament writers used many different passages to describe as Israel's special relationship to God in a Godless world. So what is the modern day application? Let's look.

The descendants of Jacob, the Twelve Tribes of Israel, were to be a beacon of righteousness, zealous to revere and reveal God's Word. God's blessing would follow this arrangement. It didn't work out because (for the most part) Israel

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did not revere God's Word. They did not distinguish themselves from the world around them as a special and peculiar people. They were in fact quite similar to those around them who did practice a type of religion, but not according to the pattern God laid out.

The fulfillment and retirement of the Mosaic Law was planned by God from the outset. As far back as Genesis 3:15 we see allusions and references to a new relationship between God and His people. Paul used the Old Testament to prove this fact to new Christians (Acts 28:23).

New Israel, spiritual Israel, the Church, the Lord's Church were to be, and are, God's peculiar people. We are to distinguish (be distinct) from the world around us. This would include the religious world around us that is made up of manmade creeds, doctrines, superstition and human logic instead of only what is found in God's Word. The Lord's Church once held to what was a common refrain among its congregations. It was; "to speak where the Bible speaks and to be silent where the Bible is silent". That's reverence for His Word. This exact term you won't read in Scripture but is a concept found on practically every page of Scripture. That concept is what's called "pattern theology". Since man first walked the earth, God has expected him to follow a prescribed pattern of life and worship. We find that pattern implied for Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-7). It was true for those of Noah's day (Genesis 6: 5-8). The Israelites under Aaron defied that pattern (Exodus 32:4-10). Nadab and Abihu didn't learn from this (Leviticus 10). Isaiah explained the concept 750 years later (Is. 29:13, 56:1-7). Then 750 years after that Jesus Himself lamented Isaiah's lament when He said: "in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7).

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Here's where the rubber meets the road; it is abundantly clear to anyone who has read God's Word and has a heart for it that God has a pattern of life and worship for His peculiar/special people. He always has. It is also abundantly clear that man has always had a great desire to "tinker and adjust" that pattern. Sometimes the changes are wholesale in size and nature. Whether small or large, man's interference with God's prescribed patterns of life and worship are not tolerated by Him. These are never tolerated. Following God's prescribed patterns are what makes His Church distinct from all others. Read Ephesians 5:8-19.

Think, think, think! We will never be able to "improve" upon what the Lord has prescribed as a pattern for us. Let me encourage you to revere and adhere to His Word. Wholeheartedly reject these denominational "improvements" we see a fool's rush toward on the part of many. Flirting with instrumental music (found nowhere in the New Testament) goes beyond what is written. "Sinner's prayer salvation" contradicts what was written for the Church. The "gospel of accommodation" is no Gospel at all. The rejection of Church discipline is a rejection of God's Word.

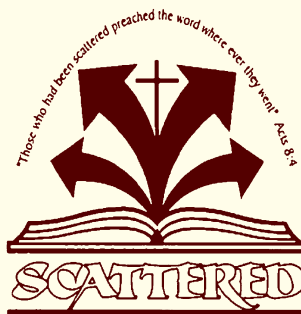
Ecumenicism is the idea that various denominations can teach and practice all sorts of different things (even funda-

mental things) and yet be one big happy family under the banner of "Christian". Not only is that idea extra-Biblical, it is anti-Biblical. Paul tells us as much (Galatians 1:6-9). Yet, more and more, we see this ecumenical trend developing and being applauded within once sound congregations of the Lord's Church.

Antinomianism is the doctrine that the Gospel (so-called) will free the Christian (so-called) from obedience to the dictates outlined in Scripture and salvation is attained solely through faith and divine grace. Most modern evangelical groups subscribe to one form or another of this totally unscriptural misunderstanding of what the New Testament actually teaches. This in itself is bad enough but it has affected the Lord's Church as evidenced by a reluctance to preach on the wages of lawlessness.

Brethren; God loves us enough to place a hedge of protection around His peculiar people. That hedge is His Word. There is safety inside of it and peril outside of it. Bible believing, blood bought, baptized members of the Lord's Church are called out of the world to be distinct from it, not similar to it. How we live, what we do and how we worship will determine whether we are distinct or similar. As always I invite comments and even criticism. erattai@sympatico.ca

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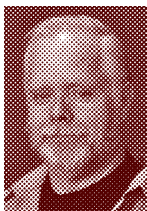
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Come to the Table

Wayne Turner



It was a beautiful church building. Large, spacious with high ceilings. The floor plan was the traditional cross shape. The raised platform with the pulpit and communion table on it sat at the centre of the cross. The main part of the auditorium was the base of the cross shape. The arms, on each side, provided additional seating. The top of the cross was where the choir sat. The highest part of the roof peaked over the platform, with a skylight situated in it, centred over the communion table. In the late morning, shafts of daylight shone down onto the table, highlighting it over everything else in the building. It seemed a remarkable setting for a congregation to gather for worship and fellowship, especially to share the Lord's Supper. The denomination has long slipped from memory, but the words of the minister giving the tour of the building have not. In that particular denomination, Lord's Supper is only offered once a quarter—once every three months!

How would you feel attending a place for worship where the communion table was so featured and highlighted yet was only used four times a year? In "Table Manners: Why We Take Communion Every Week" posted on August 22, 2014 on the *Christianity Today* website ("Feast of Love" in the CT magazine), John H. Armstrong recalls how, when he was younger, he wondered why the church his family attended observed the Lord's Supper only four times a year. When he asked why it was done so infrequently, he was not happy with the answer, "If we do this very often, it will lose its meaning." He writes, "Precociously I thought, *'It doesn't seem too much to us anyway, so why worry about it losing any more meaning.'*" He states that when he was older, he became even more dissatisfied with that answer when he learned that some churches observed the Lord's Supper every week.

Armstrong reminds his readers that the Lord's Supper takes us back to the story of the Last Supper when Jesus used the Passover meal that reminded the Jewish people of the story of the Exodus to remember his death through the bread and cup—to "Do this in remembrance of me." He states, as we all know, "The meal reminds us that Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again." Why would His disciples not want to remember Him through this every time they assembled on Sunday? How could they ever allow it to lose its meaning?

Coming from our background in the Restoration Movement, we are fortunate to have been taught to value the weekly assembly and observance of this memorial.

Armstrong notes that Luke regards this observance, referring to it as the "breaking of bread" as one of the "four marks of a Spirit-filled community (Acts 2:42)." Then, he says, "From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have affirmed that this meal represents our union with Christ and with each other." As those committed to restoring Biblical Christianity, we believe that the church, in Acts, is shown as having "continued steadfastly" (were "devoted"—NIV) to the teaching of the apostles, fellowship with one another, the breaking of bread and prayer. In Troas (Acts 20), Luke says "on the first day of the week we came together to break bread." While the expression "break bread" can also be used to refer to eating a meal, in this case, the idea is that of a spiritual gathering. The breaking of bread is the reason for the gathering. Similarly, in 1 Corinthians 11:17ff, Paul speaks of the Corinthians coming together as a church. Because of their divisive attitudes toward one another, he says, "When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper that you eat" (v. 20). This also reminds us that this was not intended to be done in isolation, but with the family of God.

There are many things that can be seen in the Lord's Supper—a memorial meal, a proclamation of the gospel, a covenant renewal, a fellowship meal, an anticipation of Christ's return, an expression of the unity of the church, etc. Given its significance, it seems unlikely that it would be possible for this observance to lose its meaning. Yet, there is a danger that it can become a mechanical, impersonal ritual. It is sad to think that the memory of one of the most personal moments in Christ's life should become

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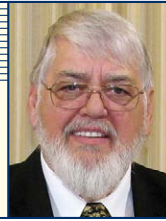
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The B-I-B-L-E

The wonderful children's song says, "The B-I-B-L-E, now that's the book for me, I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E". Clearly this should be the place where all Christians stand. Sadly, however, many in our world only pay lip service, if that, to God's Word.

As Peter is speaking about our need to confirm and sustain our relationship with the Lord he writes, "Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the

Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:12-21 ESV).

Peter recognized that truth needs to be repeated from time to time so we forgetful humans do not forget. While we Christians know about the living hope we have in Christ, we may sometimes become a bit "slip shod" (used typically of a person or method of work characterized by a lack of care, thought, or organization) in remembering the importance of the daily need to "stand on the Word" in every affair of life. While looking forward to the future home in heaven, one may forget the importance of the daily walk here below.

We must be careful not to become "pride filled" because we have taken that step of obeying the gospel, having our sins washed away and thereby being added to the Church for which Jesus died. Yet we may fail

to give full attention to living the life to which that step takes us.

Consider the problem of misplaced confidence. The prophet Jeremiah spoke at a critical time in the history of Judah. The people had gone through challenging times with changes in kings and had really forgotten who God was and their responsibility to Him. They were going through the motions but, as it has been said, they gave God lip service but gave heart service to idols. Jeremiah gives a warning to those who have misplaced their confidence. "The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 'Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD'" (Jeremiah 7:1-4 ESV).

"What are these deceptive words"? Strangely enough they are, "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of

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No Matter How You Look at It

Once upon a time in Christendom, when the saints gathered for worship, the Holy Scriptures spread across all adult laps not occupied by small children. But alas, through the years, although the variety of size, format and translation increased, the number of Bibles accompanying worshippers so declined that there are now places where laps topped with the Scriptures are rare. So rare, in fact, that a vacationing brother drew comments from some members of a congregation he visited. They noted not only the presence of his Bible but also his use of it during the worship service.

The electronic revolution has had a major effect on the number of Bibles appearing in worship services. Some Bibles travel to worship incognito on cell phones or tablets. This technology is both boon and bane. Electronic devices are often small, lightweight and, in the case of cell phones, are routinely carried in a pocket or purse and thus less apt to be forgotten during a Sunday morning rush.

The size, however, also creates some limitations. The smaller the screen, the less text visible at one time which makes scrolling necessary in order to read lengthy passages or view verse context. Some things which are easily accomplished with the printed page either require more effort or are unavailable on the electronic versions. These may include checking references, using a concordance / maps, comparing similar passages, underlining or making marginal notes. These little gadgets are probably not the best choice for in depth Bible study, but they are definitely convenient travel companions. Their biggest drawback for some people may be the temptation to use them in activities other than Bible reference during worship times.

The trend toward the use of projected media, such as power point, has impacted the number of Bible carriers in our worship services and Bible classes. This technology also has advantages and disadvantages. Adding a visual element can make a sermon or class lesson more interesting, better understood and more successfully retained than one which is only oral. Power point has capabilities which were not possible with older methods of illustrating lessons.

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sound doctrine.*

There are, however, some dangers inherent with this popular media. The projected images may be distracting, drawing attention to what is on the screen rather than the message being given. In a recent editorial, Bailey McBride stated this concern: "As technology has become a part of worship experiences, preachers are naturally tempted to simply grab our attention and give us an entertaining experience that may or may not quicken our relationship with God."¹

With text verses projected on large screens, many feel it is unnecessary to have a personal copy of the Bible with them during worship. McBride also commented on this problem. "Always listen to sermons with your Bible open. Today many preachers will put all the scriptures they are using on the screen—and that is great. But if you look at the passage in your own Bible, you can see the context and perhaps even mark the passage for future study to see if other relevant information will help you."²

Does that really matter? Is context important when listening to a sermon or Bible lesson? Absolutely! Scripture should be considered with an awareness of the Who, What and Why of the passage. It can help you better understand and apply the message. It is also an important safeguard as single verses can easily be misapplied or misunderstood. Remember, Satan quoted Scripture in his temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:6). Note taking is also a valuable tool as it allows you to study verses in depth later. Bible passages need to be understood as part of the whole of Scripture. Many denominational doctrines are justified by isolating and emphasizing some verses while ignoring others.

Our society's fast food—pre-packaged—grab-and-run mentality has spilled over into our worship times. We are content to sit passively in the pews and take in whatever the preacher or teacher wants to spoon feed us. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be! The more processing our physical food goes through, the less its nutritional value. The same is true of spiritual food. Even during a sermon, we should not be a passive audience but active Bible searchers. "As serious worshippers, we need to do whatever it takes so that the preaching we hear becomes increasingly effective in strengthening our knowledge and love of God."³ Studying class lessons ahead of time will not only bless you but will also make the class more interesting for all attending. Bible knowledge is vital. We should never take it for granted or be satisfied with the tiny bits given us during sermons and Bible classes.

Bible writers through the ages stressed the need for knowledge. God condemned His people through the pen of Hosea the prophet. "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children" (Hosea 4:6 NIV).

It is through continuing in-depth study of His Word that we come to know and draw closer to God." Put on your new nature, and be renewed as

you learn to know your Creator and become like him” (Colossians 3:10 NLT). Part of our tie to Jesus is His words in us. “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:7, 8 NIV). Scripture stored in our hearts helps strengthen us against temptation. “I have stored up your word in my heart that I might not sin against you” (Psalm 119:11 ESV). Can you battle temptation with Scripture, the way Jesus did?

Increasing our knowledge helps us live effectively for Christ. “In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our

Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins” (2 Peter 1:5–9 NLT).

Paul also noted that knowledge was necessary for a fruitful life. “So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better” (Colossians 1:9, 10 NLT).

The greater our knowledge the less likely it is that we will be led astray from sound doctrine. Paul said of his fellow Jews, “For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness” (Romans 10:2, 3 NIV). The Bereans were commended for searching the

Scriptures to verify Paul’s preaching (Acts 17:11).

We are blessed with technologies which can aid and enhance our times together, however, they are not a substitute for active participation in worship and Bible study—and that includes the use of a personal copy of the Scriptures.

“Teach me your decrees, O Lord; I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions;

I will put them into practice with all my heart.

Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found.

Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money!

Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word”(Psalm 119:33–37 NLT).

¹ Bailey McBride, “Good preaching requires good listeners: Advice from the pew”, The Christian Chronicle, March 2014, page 38.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

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obscured by human indifference and distraction. How often do those given the responsibility of preparing the congregation's thoughts to become part of this shared memory speak of things like sports or entertainment which have no real relevance and are only momentary distractions in the human experience?

Paul's correction for the abuses of the Lord's Supper at Corinth was to take them back to its origin, the Last Supper—to the cross that it remembers. Paul claims direct revelation for this account, "I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you." Jesus is not only the source

of the information, but also the one who created and passed it on. He is the centre, the substance. Christians have seen this as a time to have fellowship with Christ and one another, so they called it "Communion." Since Jesus is the one who created it and is remembered through it, it is called the "Lord's Supper." As a fellowship meal, it is also referred to as the "Lord's Table" as we come to a meal prepared and hosted by our Lord. Wouldn't it seem that if one became out of touch with the Lord's Supper, that would suggest they were out of touch with Christ? That it wasn't the supper that had lost its meaning, but the cross itself? Similarly, given

its meaning, why wouldn't God's people want to come to His table every week?

The Lord's Supper is not just a tradition to be maintained, although it has been handed down to us. It is not just a formal ritual. It is one of the focal points of our worship assemblies, a place where we connect with Jesus and His cross along with the rest of the family of God. It is where we remember the price Jesus paid, what he suffered, because of our sins and what he has done to bring us back to God. It is where we renew our faith and our commitment to Christ. May it never lose its meaning!

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the LORD, the temple of the LORD". It appears that many felt that since they had the temple of the Lord in their city they had it made in reference to relationship with God. However, this is not the case. In fact God says to them through Jeremiah, "Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD. Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel. And now, because you have done all these things, declares the LORD, and when I spoke to you persistently you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. And I will

cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim" (Jeremiah 7:8–15 ESV).

God leaves no doubt as to how serious a matter it was that they were not making the effort to honour Him in their manner of life, even though they were the descendants of Abraham and did, in fact, have the temple in their territory. God gives Jeremiah the following instruction in reference to them, "As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you" (Jeremiah 7:16 ESV). Wow! Sounds like God really cared a lot about their lifestyle!

Some today may be so foolish as to say, "I am not guilty of the terrible sins Jeremiah outlined as sins of Judah!" Yet, aren't we sometimes? Perhaps if we are thinking like men we will put their sins in the "serious" category while seeing ours as only "trivial". Seems to me that if we do indeed accept the Bible definition of sin, we will understand that sin – "big or small" – can keep us out of heaven. "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD" was true for Judah, however, the temple was not an excuse for failing to live a God honouring life. How

does one do that? The same way we today honour Jesus the Saviour, by keeping His commandments.

So, do we really take our stand on the B-I-B-L-E and its teachings regarding worship in spirit and truth? Do we keep our mind centered on what worship is about when we gather or do we often spend the time thinking about what is coming up afterward or tomorrow or in the days or weeks ahead? Do we add to our worship practices things unauthorized by the B-I-B-L-E because we like them or because in today's world they are "politically correct"? Do we take away from our worship practices those things that we don't like or see as not fitting our enlightened world of today?

In our daily life we may not be guilty of stealing, murder, committing adultery, swearing falsely or making offerings to Baal, but remember this: Christian living is not negative but rather the positive display of Christlikeness in daily living. If there is truth in the statement that "the only Bible some people ever see is me/you" will they be led to a holy life in Christ...or something else? Is this true of me—"The B-I-B-L-E, now that's the book for me, I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E".

Irish Mission Day



Please join with other churches in Canada in a yearly collection for our work in Ireland. This year, we encourage you to make a special collection on **Sunday, October 19**.

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David and Sally Dunn are originally from Northern Ireland, but have recently worked with the church in Ontario, Canada for 12 years. Now returned home, their plans include:

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ONTARIO

Bramalea: Kim Huliganga, who was Bramalea's summer intern, is now enrolled as a full-time student at Great Lakes Bible College. Placing membership recently were Benson O. Yeboah and his wife, Esther Mensah. Olive McPherson, 91-year-old mother of David McPherson, passed away July 18, 2014. (See obituary page 16) Mary Broome, sister of Betty Cowan, and aunt of Janet Banks, died on August 28 at the age of 93. Recent Baptisms: Felix Pascua on Wednesday, August 27, by Kevin Hunter. Nancy Asiamah-Yeboah was also baptized by Kevin Hunter on Sunday, September 7. Nancy is the youngest child of Vivian Osei-Cobbina's three college-aged children. Daughter Victoria was baptized on December 2, 2013, and son Craig on July 13, 2014. The congregation recently pledged to help support David and Sally Dunn's mission in Northern Ireland and the Micah 6 Community Project in Pontiac, Michigan. New leaders are

scheduled to be added to Bramalea's leadership soon. Missions: Jonathan and Michiko Straker and their children spent nine days in Brampton, after an information/fund raising trip across Canada. Jonathan was the guest speaker Sunday, August 17. During Bible class he made a presentation of his Ishinomaki, Japan, work. Bramalea continues to assist the Japan work by sponsoring Joel Osborne and by assisting the Strakers. We appreciate all the Canadian brethren who have remembered these works in your prayers and through your donations. Please continue to do so in order for this work to continue. For further information, email joelsensei5@gmail.com to contact Joel; jonathan@strakerhouse.com to reach Jonathan and Michiko; or mail@bramaleacofc.com for Bramalea church of Christ.

Fenwick: Twenty five dollars was raised for Camp Omagh through the collection and sale of aluminum cans. Ralph Perry, David Stuart and Don Hipwell filled in preaching while Shawn Redding had a brief holiday. Once again, we had a booth at the Wainfleet Fall Fair. Kids For Christ resumed in September.

Tintern: We held an old fashioned Sunday School picnic on Saturday, July 26, at Centennial Park in Grimsby. Pictures are available on our Facebook page. On August 13, Jonathan and Michiko Straker gave a report on their work in Japan. Church in the Park (August 31) this year was moved indoors to the Tintern building. It was a combined worship

and potluck with the Beamsville congregation. September 7 was promotion Sunday at Tintern. Children and teachers gather at the front for a time of prayer. The senior's group meets for lunch at the building the second Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome. Hearts & Hands, a group of young ladies, gather together at the building to learn and share some crafting skills. In September they are finishing up their knitting projects. They meet the second Saturday of the month. Call the building for more information. TRUTH is in the beginning stages of planning a mission trip for August, 2015. More details to come. FriendSpeak is starting up again in September. Due to the increased volume of international students at Great Lakes, Jim Whitfield is looking for more volunteers to help with this program. Celebration of Thanks is planned for Sunday, October 19.

Toronto (Bayview): Bayview's Sunday school teachers continue to work hard educating our children. Pernel Allen, Anita Daulatram and Christine Koelher each currently teach one of the three classes available. Others on the team include Esther Akwenyu, Althea Branker, Theresa Brenner, Maggie Hilborn and Bonnie Porter. We are thankful to these women for their dedication to the Lord, and our children are benefitting from their instruction.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): The 90th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for October 19 here are Strathmore. Bible Study at 9:45 am with worship at 11. Geoffrey Ellis will be the guest speaker. Following a catered lunch, there will be singing and continued reminiscing beginning at 2 pm. Join us for this special occasion. The young men of the congregation are leading the Sunday morning worship once each quarter. It is encouraging to have these brethren leading the service as we see the growth in their lives. The Strathmore Family joined John Dhel Ulip in welcoming his wife, Claris Joy, here from the Philippines. They were married in the Philippines a little over a year ago.

Waterloo: We welcomed Shawn Leblanc from New Brunswick September 7. He is working with the Saint John congregation and was our guest speaker that morning. The Waterloo congregation helps support this work in Saint John. José and Daniela Santoya arrived from Venezuela to the Waterloo congregation on September 8 to begin a six-month contract to work with our Spanish ministry.

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton (Northside): About 40 of the congregation camped together for a weekend at David Thompson. Picnic in the Park was held August 24. There was a good turnout of people from the neighborhood. Mike Pakosz was recently added to the Lord's family through baptism.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Burnaby: The church enjoyed a special anniversary cake after the service on Sept 14 to celebrate Allen and Betty Jacobs 65 years together, which was the following day. After serving as missionaries to India for many years, Allen also preached for the church here for several years, but they continued to make frequent return trips to India.

Oakridge (Vancouver): With the help of Brother Stephen Winters, the congregation now has its own web page on the internet. Our address is: www.oakridgecoc.ca. Members were asked to take time to check the page and become familiar with the information as it may come in handy in talking to others or to send to anyone who may want to know more about the church. The creation of the webpage was assisted by three other brethren who are able to answer any questions or concerns. An e-mail account was also set up for Milton Diaz whom you may now reach at: preacher@oakridgecoc.ca. After the morning worship service, people who are interested stay for two new classes by assembling in the fellowship room for a song and prayer before going to their respective classrooms. Brother Diaz is giving a series for Christian adults whose aim is understanding what it takes for a Christian to be a true disciple of Christ. The other class is on "Leadership", and is being taught by Stephen Winters and Ty Johnson for the youth who were recently baptized, and other young men as well.

Recent visitors wrote what acts of kindness by specific members of the church here exhibited that meant a lot to them, i.e. sharing passes to the sky train and being given a ride to catch it.

Salmon Arm: Linda Kendig and grandson J made a trip to help her parents celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in September. Members and friends received their first "Members and Friends" directories in colour on Sept. 7, complete with phone and e-mail addresses. This year's annual Fall Lectureship will be conducted with Tom Burgess of Portland, OR. as our guest speaker on Oct. 25, 26. The theme is designed to make us wonder "What Would I Do If I Felt Absolutely Sure God Is With Me?"

Surrey: Barry Thomas Hatcher was our guest preacher on Aug. 24. He is an old friend of Chung Tjahjadi, whom he has known since helping to establish the Southern Sumatra Bible Academy in Lampung, Indonesia, in 1988. The school has produced many local preachers and works in various areas of Indonesia, including Jakarta, Lampung, Surabaya, and Manado. He was on his way to visit Malaysia and New Zealand for three months. Brother Hatcher is now a "Fishers of Men" instructor and has taught the series in Malaysia, New Zealand, Bahamas, Liberia, Taiwan and many other countries. He is currently residing in Wetumpka, Alabama, near Montgomery. While with us, Brother Hatcher taught the Friday night Bible Study, Sunday morning Bible Study and gave the Sunday morning sermon as well as on Sunday evening. It was such a blessing to have the Lord send him our way.

Vernon: Brother Leslie Williams, who is currently serving as an elder of the Northwest church of Christ in Regina, SK, will be examining connections between "Faith, Grace, and Works" while discussing the importance of having both a biblical definition and physical expression of these virtues when he is our guest speaker Oct. 19-21. All sessions will be hosted at the Vernon church building at 4107 Pleasant Valley Road, with the first lecture Friday evening at 7:00. He will be talking about the work of the Melanesian Bible College and its impact in Papua New Guinea at a 9 a.m. breakfast on Saturday morning. A Saturday evening session begins at 7, which will be con-

tinued through the adult Bible Class at 10:00 AM Sunday morning, and Worship Assembly at 11:00. Brother Williams is a Saskatchewan native who graduated from WCC in 1981, then spent two years in Papua New Guinea (1982-1984) working with the Mt. Hagen team. He graduated from Harding University with a BA in Missions in 1988 and returned to Pt. Moresby with his wife, Loopie, in 1989, planting the Badihagwa and Koki churches there between 1989-1994. He obtained diplomas for M.Div. and D. Min. before planting churches in Milne Bay for two years. He was named Adjunct Professor of Missions at Harding University in 2011, and Professor of Bible and Theology at WCC in their final year of service.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: We rejoiced with Nick Young as he confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized on Sunday August 10. Clothing give away was September 13.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: A total of 128 children attended our VBS. 5th Sunday area wide singing was at Moose Mountain.

Bengough: Our annual Vacation Bible School was July 13-18. Bob Lewis from Estes Park, Colorado, gave an excellent series of lessons on "Living the Life That Is Life Indeed." Bob has been coming up to preach at our VBS for over 25 years. Paul Schneider lead singing energetically and thoroughly engaged all present. The Bible theme for young children and teens was from Exodus, "Wilderness Escape." It highlighted God's many provisions for His people: His presence, food and clothing, salvation, strength and guidance, so we can trust God always. Thursday evening about 85 people gathered at the Andersen farm for a lesson, singing and fellowship and rejoiced as five young people were immersed into Christ. Ron Jacobs baptized his granddaughter Cassidy Andersen. Tim Lock baptized his sons Soren and Levi. Bob Lewis baptized Ethan Taylor and Kenton Hoimyr baptized his daughter Marcee. A team of about 20 adults and young people from Winnipeg travelled to Bengough to work with our congregation for the week. A few weeks later a man came to visit from BC who had been to our VBS about 40 years ago and said how much what he learned then had helped him through his adult life.

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UKRAINE: As more information was received through contacts of Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers about the work of Christians being continued to help so many people, they felt increasingly the need for their return to Ukraine, and left on Sept. 2 for Dnipropetrovs'k in lieu of Donetsk. They were able to talk with a number of their students and preachers in that area before boarding a train to Kiev, where several of their staff were located. They planned a meeting for their arrival to discuss the situation with them. From Jay Don's last letter before leaving Canada: "The last few days before leaving was a very stressful time. Going back this time meant we were going into the great unknown. We weren't going back the way we had always gone back before. No flight into Donetsk, no way to get into our apartment, no way to get to the UBI building. It is all so different. We, of course, put our trust in the Lord and see it as another adventure with Him. We also understand what He has in mind. Give love and strength to staff, students and graduates. Right now they are needing a BIG hug. Also taking funds to help those who are in distress because of the war. Call it what you will, it is a war. Thousands of people displaced from


their homes, little or no money to buy the basic needs of life, and many of them are women with small children who have escaped and need help. Sometimes you think, "What can I do when the need is so great?" While we realize that we cannot change the world, we can help some people. If we can help with basic physical needs and at the same time give them hope for eternal life, then we have given them the most important things they need... We arrived in Dnipropetrovs'k about 1:40 PM. No problem getting through customs. Waiting to greet us were Masha Kolchik, Bogdon Yasinski (both of whom work for UBI) and Sasha and Lena Rodichev (graduates of UBI). It was so great to see them! After getting to our rented apartment in Dniper we spent several hours visiting with Bogdon and Masha. We were able to give Bogdon some benevolence funds to help hurting people in Dniperjerginsk. He and his wife and two sons are living with his wife's mother and working with the church there while away from Donetsk. So the process is underway."

The Rogers expressed their thanks to Canadians and Americans for loving them and the work in Ukraine. (Ed. Note: Those wanting to send funds to help our many Ukrainian Christians whose lives have become chaos 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.)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: "At 10:00 o'clock one night I was watching television, alone, when I became aware of a constant flapping noise coming from outside. I recognized

presumed (wrongly) that it was outside the fence line, and I went out to investigate. I had just made it onto the front step when I turned and caught sight of it. It wasn't outside the fence line! It was, in fact, coming around the corner of the house, a foot off the ground, following the footpath, and heading straight at me! I shrieked and darted back inside. It heard me shriek and changed course, flying away at great speed! I am not normally scared of bats, even really large ones, so my absolute terror of this winged visitor—which had smelled some freshly cut bananas and had come looking for them—has led to much amusement. Incidentally, it was back a week later, trying to get through the fence for yet another rope of bananas! Even after I moved them, it kept knocking on the back veranda! I took time out on August 16, when we had an early surprise birthday party for Boaz, who has lived with Miring and me this year while doing his grade 8. He turned fifteen on August 19. We had homemade pizza, and a store bought cake. Boaz graduated at the end of September. At the end of August, after much going and coming over the past 10 months, no little frustration, and a lot of prayer, we finally received a full refund of the money paid for the songbook printing! Jab and Becky Mesa and I decided to purchase a photocopier, which will be used for large printing projects, such as the Tok Pisin songbook reproduction, and also for daily use at the Melanesian Bible College. We purchased everything needed to start printing, and expected to have 200 songbooks ready for this year's 'sios kibung' (church lectureship/camp) in September." (Excerpts from Ruth Zimmerman's August report)

GUATEMALA: "Last month I included the comments from brethren who went to Nicaragua to work with the students on an evangelistic campaign. This month I am sending a report from Guatemala by Craig Meador, elder, who represents a group of brothers from Mansfield, Maine. "During July 14–20, our evangelistic campaign was in the town of San Cristobal Acasaguastlan. A beautiful, old little town 100 kilometers from the eastern edge of Guatemala City with a population of 800 people. It was our first campaign with this church. A group of nine brethren from the church in Edgewood, Massachusetts, had come to work with us. Our good God, added to His church 31 new souls during the week of campaign. And after the campaign 3 more people were baptized! Total results were 34 BAPTISMS, 4 RESTORATIONS,

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114 CONTACTS. Sometimes it is easier to hate what Jesus hates, like sin, than it is to love what Jesus loves. He loves the lost! The purpose of His birth, life, cruel death, resurrection, ascension and coming again is for salvation! Our students are helping 23 small congregations every weekend. It is an amazing experience in both ways: for our students, they can be in the real field of work of studying the Bible with the lost, and also helping in the churches' services. For the churches, the members are learning how to reach the lost, and how to teach others to share the message of the Gospel. The students' total results included Baptisms—41, Restorations—29, Contacts—629 and Disciples for teaching others made—53. Thank you for being one of God's vehicles of blessings. Reap a giver's reward as you always remember the thousands of people per year over many years who will go to heaven because YOU take the Great Commission seriously. George Hall". (Ed. Note: For donations to Nicaragua, send to Northside Church of Christ, 3401 North 3rd Street, Temple, TX 76501.

A POST SCRIPT TO JAPAN (Zenibako):
(Follow-up from Steve's recent report in

the September issue) "I went up to the local supermarket where there is a pharmacy near the entrance. I looked at back supports (since I had had a terrible bout with my back) and decided against them. As I was leaving the store, a man at a table set up near the entrance was selling watches and repairing watches along with other little gadgets and rubber braces to wear to support the small of the back. I struck up a conversation with the man and bought one of the braces (it is wonderful!). He asked if I was a teacher and I said I was a missionary and he wanted to know more. He was interested in Christianity, he said. So later I had our grandson take him a copy of the New Testament and the next day I invited him to church since the Moiwashita congregation was having a special Sunday with a guest speaker, a man who was once a yakuza (gangster). The man pulled out a book and asked if that would be the man who wrote this book (about yakuza). I said I didn't know, but he said he wanted to come to hear him. To my surprise, on Sunday he came to church for the morning session and stayed for the session after lunch. The former yakuza talked of his experience

and preached from Luke 19:10, "The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost". Today, after returning home from conducting a wedding in the far eastern part of the city of Sapporo, I had a telephone call from Mr. Doi, the man I met at the store who subsequently came to church. He was so excited I could barely understand him. Finally he said, "Steve, I have made a decision. I want to be a Christian. I want to be baptized." (By the way, as far as I know, no one had talked to him about baptism at this point, although the former yakuza did say it was more than a ceremony, that it was the way to meet Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit)... Mr. Doi asked when this could happen and I suggested the coming Sunday morning. That was great. He knew nothing about baptism but wanted to know how much it would cost. (Everything in Buddhism costs money!) I laughed and assured him it was free and won't cost him any money. Steve said he would arrange to take Brother Suzuki (the preacher) and Mr. Doi to dinner before Sunday so they could have a heart to heart chat prior to the baptism.



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Reaching Out to the Lonely

Alan Smith – Thought For Today

The story is told about a New York City policeman investigating a case. He made a phone call, but even before he finished dialing, he somehow knew he had made a mistake. He let it ring, though. The phone rang once, twice—then someone picked it up. “You’ve got the wrong number!” a husky male voice snapped before the line went dead.

Mystified, the policeman dialed again. “I said you got the wrong number!” came the voice. Once more the phone clicked down.

“How could he possibly know I had the wrong number?” the policeman asked himself. A cop is trained to be curious - and concerned. So he dialed a third time. “Hey, c’mon,” the voice said. “Is this you again?” “Yeah, it’s me. I was wondering how you knew I had the wrong number before I even said anything.” “You figure it out!” The phone slammed down.

The policeman sat there for a while, thinking. Then he called the man back. “Did you figure it out yet?” the man asked. “The only thing I can think of is nobody ever calls you.” “You got it!” The phone went dead for the fourth time.

Chuckling, the officer dialed the man back. “What do you want now?” asked the man. “I thought I’d call - just to say hello.” “Hello? Why?” “Well, if nobody ever calls you, I thought maybe I should.”

We live in a world of lonely people (many of them, ironically, surrounded by other lonely people). And all of our technology hasn’t made things any better. Today, you can have hundreds of Facebook friends, but not have one person who will be there when you need them or who will listen when you have something to share.

Many in the world are like the Psalmist who said, “I am like a desert owl, like an owl living among the ruins. I lie awake. I am like a lonely bird on a housetop.” (Psalm 102:6-7, NCV).

Sometimes, that loneliness expresses itself in a gruffness and an apparent attempt to push people away. In reality, there’s an aching desire to know that someone truly cares, that someone loves them unconditionally, and that someone is willing to listen. Jesus reached out to those who were “outcast”, experiencing

loneliness. May we, as his people, keep our eyes open to those around us every day who live in loneliness, and may we share the love of Christ in a way they may have never seen before.

– Fayetteville, North Carolina

Life Comes from God

Drew Chapados

“He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in manmade temples, and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries’ (Acts 17:24-26 NLT).

“I know, Lord, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course. So correct me, Lord, but please be gentle. Do not correct me in anger, for I would die’ (Jeremiah 10:23, 24 NLT).

One of the most important truths in Judaism was/is that their God, Yahweh, was the Creator God of the heavens and the earth (This is the opening line of the Hebrew Bible—Genesis 1:1 for instance). The idea for the Jews was to tell the world outside that everyone came from one Source and this Source is their God.

This is a huge thing. If there was no Source behind the cause of life, life would simply be up to human intellect and observation to figure out the way forward. In one sense, it would be a survival of the fittest. But, that there is One Source behind all of life there are a number of things to contemplate:

1) What kind of Being is this who we call Lord? The power that must belong to this Creator has to be immense... He could certainly crush us into dust if He so desired... do we dare live life in front of such a One? How do we make sure He doesn’t destroy us?

2) This is a God of Love—it has to be! We learn to adore something more than His Power—it is His Love. God creates because God loves. This is really a big outgrowth of the teaching of there being a Creator of everything. He created because of Love.

3) The One Who Creates and Loves is infinitely more capable of instructing how to live life! This is the one that gets challenged the most but it makes sense does it not? If He created all and if He loves all—then would He not know how it best runs?

So, what is the option for us today? Is it not to listen once again to the voice that calls us to trust Him and follow?

– Windsor, Ontario

Preparation and Participation

Thayer Salisbury

During our vacation, Chery and I visited five different congregations. I always find it interesting to see what other congregations are doing.

For me, the most interesting visit was the first Wednesday night of our vacation. We met with a small congregation. There were only 16 present for the Bible study. Everyone met together (from preteens to senior citizens). Everyone participated to some extent. The class was, from my observation, a very positive experience. It seemed to me that there were two keys to the success of the class.

No one wasted time apologizing for the fact that this little congregation could not offer several different classes on Wednesday evening. They just went ahead with what they could do and encouraged everyone to take part. And most did take part. Participation was one key.

They could participate because they had come prepared to do so. Not only was it clear that several had read the lesson in advance, some of them (who had not been blessed with much formal schooling) had read the lesson and looked up the unfamiliar words in the dictionary.

The lesson booklet was good, but not outstanding. The teacher’s methods were good, but nothing out of the ordinary. The people came prepared and then participated. Those were the keys.

Let me suggest to you that these are normally the keys to enjoying Bible classes and worship. Those who stay up late Saturday night and arrive at class or worship tired and unprepared, have no right to complain about the class, the sermon, the singing or anything else.

Come prepared—well rested, well

read, and in the right frame of mind. Participate—sing out, comment if asked to do so, think over what is being said and try to apply it to your specific situation. If you do these things you will find less and less to complain of; you will find more and more that is of benefit.

Toledo, Ohio

A Mother to Her Teenage Child

Max Patterson

Edmonton Church of Christ Bulletin

I can share your life, but I cannot live it for you.

I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.

I can give you directions, but I cannot always be there to lead you.

I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.

I can take you to worship, but I cannot make you believe.

I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.

I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you lovely inside.

I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.

I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.

I can teach you to be a friend, but I cannot make you one.

I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.

I can teach you to respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.

I can grieve about your report card, but I cannot doubt your teachers.

I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you.

I can teach you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.

I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.

I can tell you about drinking, but I cannot say NO for you.

I can warn you about drugs, but I cannot prevent you from using them.

I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.

I can let you work, but I cannot make you responsible.

I can teach you to obey, but I cannot be responsible for your actions.

I can teach you kindness, but I cannot force you to be gracious.

I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make your morals.

I can love you as my child, but I cannot place you in God's Family.

I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.

I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make Him your Savior.

I can show you faith, but I cannot make you trust in Christ.

I can teach you about prayer, but I cannot make you pray.

I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal Life....

The above article could be called a gospel of common sense. I thought you might like this selected bit of wisdom.

Pictures & Reports

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

— The editors

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OBITUARIES

McPherson, Olive 1923–2014

Olive (nee Garner) McPherson went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Friday, July 18, 2014, at the age of 91, at the Albright Centre in Beamsville, Ontario. She was the beloved wife of the late James. L. McPherson (2002) for 57 years.

Loving mother of David (Marion) McPherson, step-grandmother of Julie (Craig) Murray, and Greg (Lindsay) Lamport and great-grandmother of Jocelyn and Eric. Loving mother of Debbie who died at three years of age from Leukemia, in 1953. Loving mother of Donna (Robert) Zelmer, grandmother of Jillian Zelmer and Allison (Jeff) Buccini and great-grandmother of Kaden. Loving mother of Jane Baylis (Fraser Bushell), grandmother of Courtney, Shayne (Jen) and Dayne Baylis.

Olive was predeceased by her parents, Clarence and Nora (Overholt) Garner, and her brothers Arthur (sister-in-law Marion) and Larry Garner. She was a devoted daughter and sister, and cared for both her mother and brother who had Down's Syndrome in her own home after her father passed away.

The celebration of Olive's life was held at the Tintern Church of Christ where she and Jim had been faithful members since they were married in Dec. 1945. Ralph Tallman, was the officiating minister and Russ Walker and the praise team led us in some of her favourite hymns and special music. Loving tributes were given by the children and grandchildren. Olive was buried beside her faithful and loving companion Jim, in the Lane's Cemetery at St. Ann's, Ontario.

Olive was a baptized believer from the tender age of twelve. She strove diligently all of her life to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, and show His love and grace to others as opportunities arose. She had a special heart for young people and enjoyed teaching

them in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and also through a Mary and Martha Group for young women. She was blessed with the gift of hospitality and often welcomed young and old alike into her home to share a meal and enjoy their company. Olive was also blessed with many artistic talents in music, poetry and painting. Her many paintings now enrich her children's homes and memories.

Olive was also a dedicated and active member of the Tintern W.A.V.E.S. for over 20 years. She believed in the value of Christian Education for young people and worked to help make it possible for everyone. All of her own children attended and graduated from G.L.C.C. as well.

– McPherson Family

Walker Ella Mabel (Johnstone) December 5, 1920– September 3, 2014

Ella was born on the family farm near Omagh, Ontario, on December 5, 1920 to William and Mabel Johnstone. She was a beloved sister to her older sisters Grace (May) and Mildred (Glover) and the twins, Wilma (Moore) and Willis who were born two years later. Ella was an able hand on the farm and could water the cows in Sixteen Mile Creek, handle a team of horses during haying season as well as help her mother Mabel provide hospitality at the Johnstone dining room table.

Her mother Mabel would often provide room and board to those in need and Ella grew up to do the same. By 1937, the Johnstone family's ministry of hospitality had grown to such a scale that it involved the entire family, cousins and friends from the city. By 1943, this ministry was formally incorporated as Omagh Bible School, and known later as Camp Omagh.

In an era when a high school education was considered unnecessary, particularly for a girl, Ella and all her sisters succeeded in earning a secondary school diploma. She would proudly share with family that she graduated Grade 13 from Trafalgar Secondary School in Oakville, third in her class (there were three students).

Ella put her education to good use serving as a Bible school teacher during the first years of Camp Omagh's operation. During one of these summers Ella came to know a young man from the city named Arthur Walker and they were married during the war, on September 26, 1942, while Art worked as an Air Force mechanic at Mount Hope airport in Hamilton.

Ella was a beloved mother to David, born in 1944, Russell, born in 1946, and Sandy, born in 1952, though many others would call her "Mom" as well. Art and Ella were tireless supporters of Christian education. In addition to their support of Camp Omagh on the Johnstone farm property, they sent their own three children and helped many others attend Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville Ontario.

Art died suddenly in May of 1992, just short of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and Ella began a new phase of her life that she embraced with grace and dignity. She sold her home in Hamilton in 1999 and moved to Vineland to be closer to family. She saw all her grand-kids married and had the opportunity to cuddle eighteen great-grand-kids.

The last few years have been difficult for Ella, with diminishing eyesight, difficulty breathing and trouble getting around, her body could no longer keep up with her spirit but she didn't let it keep her down. Early in the morning of September 3, at dawn she awoke imperishable. She can see clearly again, and for the first time in years, she can breathe anew, she awaits us all, with our Savior, in glory.

– Noel Walker

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Whitfield, Mervyn

(Note that the obituary below is related to a 2012 funeral so is about two years old. Our family apologizes for not getting this material submitted in a timely manner. However, we thought that readers of the Gospel Herald would be interested in this obituary so we have submitted it, albeit late. Lawrence Whitfield)

Peacefully in his sleep August 3, 2012, in his 96th year, Mervyn has gone home to be with Jean, his beloved wife for 62 years. Beloved father of Goldie (Morris) Whitehead, John (Diane), Elwood (Shirley), Charlie (Linda), Ruby (Art) Ford, the late Robert (Marilyn), Diamond (Jason) Rancourt, Lawrence (Lily). Mervyn is survived by sisters-in-law Betty Whitfield and Edith Baker and brother-in-law Joe (June) Baker and predeceased by his parents Howard and Ruby Whitfield and his brothers and sisters Alma, Gladys, Clifford, Clarence, Emma, Helen, Evelyn, Gerald and Doreen and sisters-in-law Mary, Carol, Susie and brothers-in-law Charles, Ted, and Kerwood. He was loved and will be missed by over 80 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and by numerous nieces and nephews. Fondly remembered by John Wilcox.

He was a faithful follower of Jesus and will be missed by his Christian families at Thessalon (North Livingstone) and Pinehill (Sault) Churches of Christ. Although not confirmed at the time of this writing, the family believes that Mervyn was baptized at age 12 by C.G. McPhee in 1929. Mervyn had a varied career as a bush worker, farmer, school bus driver, merchant (Maple Ridge General store), contractor and by-laws enforcement officer and after his retirement became an avid golfer and bowler. Mervyn was born in Thessalon township in 1917 and lived in 3 locations in the area until 1997 when he and Jean moved to Sault Ste. Marie.

Since 2010 he was well cared for at Pathways retirement home, Van Daele home and the F.J. Davey Home. A Special thanks to Dr. Catania for his long time care of Mom and Dad and to the staff on Apple 3 at the F.J. Davey home for their excellent care in his final year.

The funeral took place on August 6 at the Thessalon Church of Christ. Phil Bailey presided over the funeral, read the eulogy, gave a brief message and shared personal memories. Grandchildren Megan Trudeau and Lee Whitfield shared tributes to their grandfather. Some of Mervyn's sons and grandsons led prayers and read scriptures. Long time friend, Lionel Weir, led the singing. Phil also presided over the interment at Maple Ridge cemetery where Mervyn was laid to rest less than one kilometer from the area he called home for 35 years and approximately two kilometers from his birthplace.

At the funeral Phil Bailey shared the following memories of Mervyn. "One of Mervyn's favorite stories was the one when he first met Jean. My dad (Nelson Bailey) had been asked to preach at the Ice Lake church of Christ. Rather than make this trip over to the Manitoulin alone he asked Mervyn if he would like to accompany him on this trip. While at church that Sunday morning he saw a girl he thought was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. It

was love at first sight. What he didn't know was her father had intended that she marry someone he had chosen for her. She did not want that to happen so when they, she and Mervyn, were introduced she was happy to get away from the one her father had chosen. As the story goes they were married secretly by my grandfather, Tom Bailey, at his home. The rest is history.

We had a small Bible study group that Mervyn was a part of. Our group would meet once a week or once every 2 weeks for study. We also had potlucks together, went on outings like picnics, went to St. Joes for pancakes and color rides in the fall. When we would ask if he would like to go along he would say when will you pick me up? Mervyn was an entrepreneur. He owned and operated a general store at Maple Ridge. He drove school bus and took hockey teams on road game trips. He was a fine carpenter. Mervyn's carpentry had an interesting twist. After he and Jean bought the store on Maple Ridge the family was quite small and so was the store. However, each time a new baby would arrive Mervyn would add another room to the store to accommodate a new baby living there. When they got to Lawrence they decided this was a big enough family. Then they sold the store."

– By Phil Bailey and Lawrence Whitfield



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

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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: stalbertcfc@hotmail.com, webpage: www.stalbertchurchofchrist.org

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 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

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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

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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: conor.office@SBChurch.ca; (604) 522-7721; Website: www.schurch.ca

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PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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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

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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

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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: jrwss@cogeco.ca

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REASONS FOR FAITH

Great Lakes Lectureship

November 13-15, 2014

Thursday

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

I Believe that the God of the Bible Exists — Ralph Gilmore (Freed-Hardeman)

Friday

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The God of the Bible Makes Sense — John Clayton (Does God Exist Ministry)

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Classes:

- Why World-Views Matter Part 1— Dave Knutson
- The Rationality of Faith— Paul Rasmussen
- In 2014... How Reliable is your Bible? — Al Meakes

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Classes:

- Reasons for Faith from the Fact of the Cosmos Part 1— John Clayton
- The Problem of Suffering Part 1— Jim Holston
- Women's Class – I Know Better Part 1— Beth Hibbard

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Arguments for the Existence of God — Ralph Gilmore

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Supper

7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Great Lakes High School Chorus

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Which Holy Book Should I Follow? — John Clayton

Saturday

9:30 – 10:30 am

I Believe that Jesus is the Son of God (part 1) — Ralph Gilmore

11:00 – 12:00 am Classes

- The Christian World-View Part 2— Dave Knutson
- Rationality of Faith— Paul Rasmussen
- In 2014... How Reliable is your Bible? — Al Meakes

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Classes

- Reasons for Faith from the Design of the Cosmos Part 2— John Clayton
- The Problem of Suffering Part 2— Jim Holston
- Women's Class – God Knows Better Part 2— Beth Hibbard

3:00 – 4:00 pm

I Believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God (part 2) — Ralph Gilmore

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