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# What the Church Needs Now

Thayer Salisbury

At the time of my birth, the preacher in my home town was Grady McKnight. He was a sheet-metal welder. I have only the vaguest memories of his preaching in those early years. I think that he left when I was about four. He returned to the area later, and was a great encouragement to me during my teen years, but I do not remember much about the time he served as our regular preacher.

Later we had a couple of "full-time" preachers (people who were actually supported, if you call \$45 a week support). One of these, Ed Mathews, moved on after a few years and spent his entire life either as a preacher, a missionary, or a Bible professor in a college. The other, Connie Burton, returned to supporting himself by ordinary labor after a brief spell as our preacher.

When I was about ten, Rodney Rockwell became our preacher. He earned his living with a company called Lubrizol. They made the additives used in many brands of motor oil. "Uncle Rod" was a shipping clerk with Lubrizol. He was still doing the preaching when I left home.

About seven miles west of my hometown there was another congregation. The preacher at Mentor, all the time I was growing up, was Elmer "Hoover" Spence. He earned a living as a machinist and later as a foreman for the Cleveland Crane Company.

Of course, sometimes our regular preacher might go out of town. If

that happened we would get someone to fill in. Sometimes it was Lloyd Shockey, of Mentor. He was a machinist by trade, but certainly capable of delivering an understandable and biblically grounded lesson. My dad also preached occasionally, if there were no one better qualified to do so. Dad started life in the coal business, mainly hauling coal, only occasionally mining it. Later he used his truck driving experience, and his experience driving an ambulance in Korea, to get a job with the Greyhound Bus Lines. He was always good with math and

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eventually ended up the auditor of terminal accounts, although he was not trained in accounting. He was not trained in preaching either, but he did it as needed.

I have been blessed to be supported in full-time ministry or mission work for 25 of the last 40 years. I was blessed with the opportunity to study Bible and Missiology for eight years, earning three university degrees. I certainly gained by this; and I think that the church gains something by having well-trained preachers. But at times I wonder if we have not lost more than we have gained.

Perhaps the church has always struggled to fully practice the concept of the priesthood of all believers. Perhaps the church has always had members who sat back and waited for the official leaders to do what ordinary Christians ought to do. But it seems to me that the situation has become more serious in recent years. Many congregations struggle to find Bible class teachers, song leaders and someone to deliver a sermon.

The Big Street Church of Christ in Major City, Down South may have

no such difficulty. They might have 80 applicants for their five fulltime positions. But for most of our congregations, finding those who have prepared themselves for teaching or leadership of any kind is difficult.

As a boy, I remember leadership training classes that were full. It seemed that nearly everyone attended. In recent years I have not seen such a class meet with success. In one case that I am aware of, in a congregation of about 150, only five men showed up to the first class session. Things declined from there. The

class was called off after only a few sessions, due to lack of interest.

I have tried to analyze this shift, this lack of interest.

It is not that such training classes are poorly taught now. The materials for such classes are better than what we had in my childhood. The teaching methods are better as well. Overall, I would have to say that far better training is available now than then, yet less training is actually taking place.

I cannot prove this, but it seems to me that there are two or three main factors keeping us from having more interest in training for Christian service.

The first is that the clergy mentality of the denominations has taken over in the church. We expect higher levels of training in our full-time workers, and that is not all bad. But it has led to an attitude of resignation on the part of many, and that is very unhealthy.

The second is that we have simply allowed Satan to fill our weeks with too many secondary activities, so that the primary work of honoring the Lord is crowded out. I never played on an organized sports team until I reached grade eight (age 14), and I never participated in more than one sport per year. Many kids now start organized

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sports by the third grade (age 8), and try to juggle several sports at once. We went out to eat only if dad came in from a business trip and we had to meet him at the bus station. Many families now eat out more than they eat in. We watched (at most) one or two sporting events per week. Many now watch several sporting events per day, even several at once! None of these are, in and of themselves, sinful. But the way we have allowed such things to fill our time is sinful (Eph 5:15-16).

The third factor may be an over-reaction to the first-mentioned. Some, in reaction to the clergy mentality, seem to think that they should be allowed to lead worship, and even to teach, without any training at all. I have actually heard it said that if a man feels called to lead singing, we must allow him to fulfil that calling. I have heard both sermons and songs from people who may have felt called, but who certainly were not well chosen. When the acceptance of mediocrity replaces clergyism we are no better off. The church is not edified, and the unbeliever is not convicted, by an ill-prepared and poorly presented lesson.

### Good news from afar

Having written all that, I then picked up a church bulletin from a congregation that will remain unnamed. I will just say that it is a congregation where my wife and I were members many years ago. This congregation has not only bucked what seems to me to be a trend in the church, they have reversed the process.

When we were members of the congregation in question (about 40 years ago), and for many years afterward, the preacher was always a fine speaker and one with excellent written communications skills. They had four top-notch preach-

ers in a row. But the church as a whole was going nowhere. It had not grown in years. Other than a very modest bus ministry (bringing in 12 to 15 children), and an occasional VBS, the church had no outreach to the community.

I know little about the current preacher. I judge his ability by the church bulletin. On that basis I would guess that his speaking ability may not measure up to that of those who served there in the past. His writing ability certainly does not.

How is it then that this church, stagnant for so many years, is now far more active than in the past? How is it that they now bring in dozens of children for mid-week Bible classes? How is it that they are now known in the community as a church that is making a difference in the lives of others?

The difference is involvement by all members. The stagnation of the past may have been caused, in part, by over-reliance on the leadership.

In the past they had “star” quality preachers. In the past they had a long-term eldership. In the past they had deacons, but sometimes deacons who were not very active. In terms of involvement by ordinary members, this congregation used to have almost none. Now it appears from reading their bulletin, many different members are involved in all kinds of ways. And it is making a huge difference for that church.

I believe in the value of good preaching, good teaching, and good writing. But the involvement of the members remains the key. A church that once had a “star” of a preacher but was not growing, is now growing with a preacher who is merely adequate in his pulpit skills. Why? Because a higher percentage of the members are involved.

The church started with a carpenter. It has been continued by fishermen, tentmakers, school teachers, farmers and other workmen. If it dies in our hands it will not be because we did not

have enough college trained and fully supported workers, but because we were unwilling to do our part. What we most need is not more Ph.Ds, but more ordinary church members with the commitment to bring their best effort to whatever aspect of the work they are assigned. We need more men training to preach, not so that they can earn a living at it, but so that they can honor their Lord whether anyone supports them or not. We do not need slackers who expect to be called on even as they refuse to learn how to do the task properly. But we need dedicated and steady workers. We need those who will do their very best, and who are striving to improve on their best. And we need them in every aspect of the work.

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## Danger Warnings

Wayne Turner



**A**ugust and September of this year (2107) were disasters, literally. Two major hurricanes hit the Caribbean and southern United with devastating results, an earthquake happened along the Pacific coast of Mexico and wildfires raged in several places in the U.S. and Canada. Thousands of people had to evacuate, damage was extensive. It will take many months, if not years to recover. Most tragic was the loss of human life. Disasters like these remind us how small and powerless human beings are up against the incredible forces of nature.

What is impressive is that in events like these, loss of life does occur, given the magnitude of these events, the losses of life were not anywhere near what they might have been. Given the wind, torrential rain and flooding of hurricane Howard, and the wind, storm surge and sheer size of Irma, the potential death rate could have been staggering. Yet, thanks to the weather forecasters, storm chasers, media and government officials, plus forced and voluntary evacuations, loss of life seems thankfully low. (At the time of this writing, clean-up from Irma has only just begun, so who knows what the casualty numbers will ultimately be). Regardless, the advance warnings played a major role in saving countless lives. Imagine what the results might have been had there been no way to forecast these disasters and warn of the impending threat, or if those responsible for monitoring and warning of severe weather were preoccupied with other things.

In the Old Testament world, cities had walls built around them, with gates that could be closed, either at night or in the face of the threat. Guards were stationed on the walls to look out for coming danger, like invading armies, and to warn the inhabitants of the danger. The responsibility was clear, as the duty of these watchmen to warn was defined by God. If danger was coming and the watchman warned the city, he had done his job. However, if he failed to warn and disaster came, God would hold him responsible for the blood (lives) of those who perish. But, if he has done his duty and warned the city, but the inhabitants ignore the warning, and perish as a result, the watchman is guiltless. Their blood is on their own heads.

It is concerning to consider that with the warnings of the threat posed by Howard and Irma that there were people who chose to ignore the warnings and tried to ride out the storms where they were. The numbers of those who died as a result of their own actions may

never be known. However, our hope is this will be minimal. While not wanting to unfairly criticize the victims, in some cases, ultimately, people are responsible for their actions.

This all has to do with physical danger and safety. Most of us have learned to be careful in the face of warnings of severe weather or flooding or other things that may threaten our lives and those where we live. But what about spiritual warnings? Are we as zealous to protect ourselves, our families and friends, even our communities when there is spiritual danger? Do we see the urgency and need? Do we realize our responsibility in telling people the saving news of Jesus?

The apostle Paul is a good example for us. We cannot look at his life without seeing his passion for preaching Christ. Most of us remember his words, such as, "I have become all things to all men that by all means I may save some." We see his courage to say, when on trial, to the governor, that he wished he would become just like Paul (a Christian). He describes his commission and compulsion to preach. Perhaps most powerful are his words, "I am innocent of the blood of all men." Paul echoes the concept of the watchman! If he has done what he could to warn the lost, he has fulfilled his task. Did Paul mean he talked with every single person in the world. Obviously not. But he used the opportunities to speak to those he could.

The greatest disaster is for a person to lose their eternal soul. Jesus died so this will not happen. He commissioned his people to share the warning with the world. There are many good things that we can and should do, but nothing more important than warning of the danger. Will we?

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## “Listening to hear the Word of the Lord”

– JEREMIAH 7:2

The congregational theme for the year in 2014 at the Strathmore Blvd. congregation was “Listening to hear the Word of the Lord” based on Jeremiah 7:2. Many times we may be challenged that we do not really listen to what someone is saying to us because we are too busy getting ready to point out what is wrong or in what way we disagree with what they are saying. Truthfully, this appears to be the mindset of many as they hear the words of the Lord. Often through the Old Testament we see the choice of the people to reject the clear word of the Lord to fit their own wishes. Many of these wishes became traditions that rejected the law of the Lord (See Matthew 15:3–9).

Jeremiah’s day was one of upheaval and change. Josiah, a king who feared the Lord and led the nation toward God, died as a result of wounds received in battle. This was a great loss for the nation. While Josiah was king he restored the temple buildings and removed the idols. However, after his death, Jehoiakim brought them back, showing his indifference to the word of the Lord and bringing idolatry into the temple of God. In truth they gave lip service to God but gave heart service to the idols.

God commanded Jeremiah to go to the temple and preach truth. Jeremiah 7: 1–15 gives the sense of the message Jeremiah was to bring to the people, “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.’ “For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever. “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 7:1–15 (ESV).

As you read the book of Jeremiah note that he exposed the nation’s false worship, Jeremiah 7:1–8:3 and exposes their false prophets, Jeremiah 8:4–22. The people had placed their confidence in the covenant but then did not obey it. They topped this off, as noted in Jeremiah 10:1,2, by worshipping false gods instead of Jehovah God. As one can imagine, his was not a popular message and Jeremiah almost lost his life for preaching it.

In interesting note in the instructions given to Jeremiah is found in Jeremiah 7:16–17 (ESV), “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. Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?” Consider this thought from the College Press NIV Commentary: “This short unit is formulated as a private address

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to Jeremiah, but the majority of it concerns Judah. Verse 16 is directed to Jeremiah. There is a strong odor of sarcasm in the Lord's words, as he picks up on the preceding language of rejection. Just as the people have not listened when he spoke to them, now he will not listen when Jeremiah speaks to him. Obviously, this is not a rebuff of Jeremiah, but an indirect rebuke of Judah. Because they do not listen to him, he will not listen to a righteous man praying on their behalf (note Jeremiah 15:1)."

The basic message to the temple crowd consists of two points:

First is a call to repentance: Amend your ways...v. 3). Second, do not trust these deceptive words...(v.4). Yes, it is true they have the temple, the right place but they have forgotten that blessing comes from a more important personal action, hearing the Word of the Lord. The message is not encouraging to Jeremiah

because the Lord tells him, "Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it' I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not pay attention.'" Jeremiah 6:16, 17 (ESV). While God is calling His people back to the law as given through Moses they are choosing to not respond. And remember, God is not calling them to certain external acts but to an attitude of heart that commits to the way of the Lord – Deuteronomy 5:27.

In conclusion, we must be careful before we judge ancient Israel too harshly. Clearly we must recognize some similarities to their attitudes that are clearly seen in religion even today and even among us. While we are not usually prone to forming some sort to idol to bow before, we

must keep careful control on our attitudes. It is easy to develop an attitude of self-righteousness that gives us a false sense of our own holiness and importance.

While the "ancient paths" that Jeremiah is calling the people of his day to embrace, we need to embrace the "ancient paths of the new covenant" and walk in humble obedience to God that were patterned for us by Jesus Himself. Day by day the challenge comes to do as the beloved apostle John wrote, "...walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" – 1 John 1:7 (ESV). The decision of the people in Jeremiah's day in reference to walking in the Lord's way was, "we will not". The really important question for us is "will we walk with Jesus or not?" I pray we all make the right decision that leads to life eternal.

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## Chicken or Pig?

Deb Hibbard

There is an illustration that has been around in various forms for many years. In one version the story goes something like this.

One day as a chicken and pig strolled along together, they came upon a sign advertising a charity breakfast to benefit the poor. Being generous souls, the chicken suggested they contribute to the cause.

"That's a wonderful idea," responded the pig, "but what can we give?"

"Well," said the chicken, "it's a breakfast, so we could donate bacon and eggs."

"That's easy enough for you," squealed the pig. "For you that is only a contribution but for me it's a commitment!"

One of the problems in churches today is that congregations often have too many chickens and not enough pigs. Commitment is not a popular concept these days. Yet nothing worthwhile is ever accomplished without it. A lack of commitment by its members handcuffs any group and makes it ineffective. Commitment is vital for the church.

In his book, *Confronting Casual Christianity*, Charles Stanley points out the difference between decision and commitment. One can make a decision about something without making a commitment to it. As an example,

Stanley notes that many marriages fail because those involved decide to marry but do not make a commitment to the marriage and to their spouse. In the same way, one may make a decision about Jesus but fail to make a commitment to Jesus. Such individuals may fill pews and directories but they do little or nothing to advance the cause of Christ.

One dictionary definition of "commit" is "to devote (oneself) unreservedly". That is exactly what Jesus expects as a commitment from His disciples. Jesus did not mince words when He spoke of commitment. "But seek first the

kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" – Matthew 6:33 (ESV). "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" – Matthew 10:37 (ESV). "And he said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it'" – Luke 9:23, 24 (ESV). "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" – Luke 14:33 (ESV). "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" – Revelation 2:10b (ESV).

What does commitment to Jesus look like? As disciples, we should be committed to becoming more and more like Christ. We need to be learning and growing in our relationship with the Lord. "Rather, speaking the

truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" – Ephesians 4:15, 16 (ESV).

Both 1 Corinthians 3:2 and Hebrews 5:11 – 6:3 reprimand Christians for not maturing as they should. We should all have a mindset like Paul, who stated, "I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! I don't mean to say that I have already achieved

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these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me” – Philippians 3:10-12 (NLT).

A commitment to Christ means a commitment to His body – the church. Our first level of commitment should be to our personal relationship with God. Closely tied to that should be our commitment to the church. It is Christ’s body (Colossians 1:24). We are members of that body (Ephesians 5:29, 30; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:27). The church is the major avenue through whom Christ accomplishes His work. When some parts of His body are not functioning, it handicaps that work.

Although it is vital (Hebrews 10:25), commitment to the church goes deeper than mere attendance. Commitment includes fellowship. “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” – Acts 2:42 (ESV). “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin” – 1 John 1:7 (ESV).

Commitment also demands involvement. A person will never truly feel a

part of any group he/she is not actively involved with. This includes the church. “The severest sin of Christians is a numbing lack of concern, an anesthetized attitude of ‘I don’t care. I’m in the fold. Why should I concern myself? I have a fire insurance policy against hell.’”<sup>1</sup> James 2:14-26 shows us that an inactive faith is a dead faith. Commitment is not passive.

Commitment to the church requires loyalty. We are to build one another up, not tear each other down. “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor” – Romans 12:10 (ESV). “This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad” – 1 Corinthians 12:25, 26 (NLT). “Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace” – Ephesians 4:2, 3 (NLT). “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples” – John 13:35 (NLT).

Commitment to Christ also means being dedicated to serving. Jesus came to serve and expects no less of

His followers (Matthew 20:26-28). We are given various gifts (talents and abilities) in order to keep the body of Christ healthy and growing and to demonstrate God’s love to those around us. “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness” – Romans 12:6-8 (ESV). “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith – Galatians 6:9, 10 (NLT). The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) illustrates how our Master regards those who do not use the talents He has given them.

Paul said, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” – Romans 12:1 (ESV). That is commitment. Jesus said of the Laodiceans, “So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth” – Revelation 3:16 (ESV). Surely, we do not want Him to say that of us!

Take a look at yourself in the mirror – are you a chicken or a pig?

1 *Confronting Casual Christianity*, by Charles Stanley. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1985; p. 11.

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#### LaSalle – Niagara Falls, NY:

Changes are not bad – they are just different. Having said that, September 3, I announced that it was time for us to start looking for a full time minister for this congregation. If the church wishes, I will continue to teach and preach Sunday morning during the search. I will begin employment with Niagara County Hospice as a full time Bereavement Counselor in the middle of September. As we face changes we do so proactively and prayerfully being fully confident that God will guide us. – Mark Dailey


### ONTARIO

**Toronto (Bayview Ave):** Bayview was pleased to welcome back Chad, Robyn and Spencer Comfort on Sunday, September 3. Chad taught our Bible class and delivered the sermon. He ably dealt with sins of omission at 10 A.M. and presented a thoughtful and insightful sermon on The Power of Thanks. We'll be celebrating the Comforts' service to Bayview with a potluck on September 24. We miss them, but know that the Kingston congregation will be blessed by their presence there.


**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):** The congregation had great reason to rejoice recently at the baptism of five individuals into Christ. They were Emmanuel Belle, son of Floyd and Joy Belle; Immanuel Estrella, son of Efren and Zenaida Estrella; Rica Carlos and Rose Anne Carlos, daughters of Maria Victoria Carlos and Simone Dwomoh, wife of Gyimah Dwomoh. We look forward

to growing together with these new Christians in the days to come. Marvin Johnson was honoured by Grove Park Home in Barrie, Ontario, for his forty-five years of service on the Board of Directors, most of these as Chairman of the Board. (See article on page 18.)

**Waterloo:** There is the possibility of a mission trip to Tanzania in May 2018. We would be serving alongside the Kilimanjaro church of Christ. If you are interested contact Paul Rasmussen. The Poples and Dales will be travelling to Nicaragua to visit with the Diriamba church. They will be taking along a care package for the church there. Items needed: infant/children's clothing, new or gently used, spring and summer weight; new children's shoes/sandals; 4 suitcases that don't need to be returned. November 4–5 Evertt Huffard, from Harding University, is joining us to give a series of lessons on "Growing into Servant Leaders." (See ad on page 17.)



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

### British Columbia

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** The Weirs did not get to make their usual trips they enjoy doing in the summer time, including those to the First Nations villages. Getting trapped by a forest fire with only one way out simply was not an option. The Weirs are hoping to be able to go by perhaps October, unless we have an early snow season.

**Burnaby:** The elders announced in late August that the South

Burnaby congregation had decided to return to a one-service format for the church, after trying two services for the past two years. The decision was made in order to be a greater influence in the immediate neighborhood of our building, and to be able to tackle our problems as a unit. The first joint service was on September 10, starting with classes at 10 a.m. and followed by a joint lunch together to renew and strengthen friendships.

**Delta:** We were blessed to have another excellent visiting speaker for our morning service on August 27 when Jay Hawkins, who preaches for a body of Christ in Oregon was here with his family to visit grandparents Jim and Carolyn Hawkins. Jay served as our preacher for us a few years ago, so it is always a delight to see their expanding family. His sermon gave some good advice on "Sorting Out A Family Squabble", and was followed by a Pot Luck fellowship in the park.

**Salmon Arm:** The city's week-long Fall Fair did not interfere with our Sunday meetings other than to change our timing an hour on two occasions. Unfortunately, we did not attract any visitors to our service. Although it is a big job, our offer to clean up the grounds afterward was appreciated by the city, as we always try to do a good job. This year, our volunteers whistled as they worked and made the chores fly by. Several of our number enjoyed the Labor Day weekend of the Cherryville Family Camp from September 1 to 4.

**Surrey:** The editor of our weekly bulletin featured a special note to students as they face sometimes hectic schedules to try to allocate a few minutes of study time in God's Word each day as they started a new school year. It is still the most influential and important subject they will ever have the privilege of reading and learning from.

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# MISSION NEWS

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**INDIA:** On August 10 and 11, 33 children died in two days of encephalitis outbreaks when there was a disruption in the hospital's oxygen supply. Doctors who have been treating children in this vicinity for decades say that the problem is a symptom of mismanagement, corruption and negligence. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed sympathy this week to the families of the victims in his Independence Day speech, causing many doctors to hope that the national spotlight will force officials to focus on the problem of encephalitis which has killed more than 4,000 children and sickened nearly 25,000 in Uttar Pradesh alone, where this hospital is located.

**BODY & SOUL MINISTRIES:** Our latest publication shows a map of the Southeast Asian world with the core areas of work this organization concentrates on circled: Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines. These are where our efforts are centered and where we are making a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people. In the Philippines the "Tree of Life" tutorial and feeding program has been in operation for almost three years on the island of Cebu. The children come from in and around the Arapal communities near Bogu City. We currently have a total of 100 children in the program: 50 elementary school-aged, and 50 high school students, the majority of which have been in the program since its inception. The Tree of Life not only helps these children academically, but also provides groceries and rice at the end of each month to help feed

their families at home. Students attend a worship service for their spiritual nourishment each week. Two well-qualified board members run the school very efficiently, for which we feel very fortunate. In Vietnam, BandS is now operating two English Centers in the Can Tho City area. Ranging in age from four years old to 18, 162 students have been attending the 586 English Center for two years. A second, Connor English Center, was established in April of this year with 25 in kindergarten, 50 in elementary, 51 in Secondary and 31 high school. It is the first English Center ever opened in Nga Sau Town, which is about 40 minutes from the other English Center in Can Tho City. Currently the center has 12 classes for its 171 students which consist of 25 in kindergarten, 60 elementary, 58 secondary and 28 high school students. Ngan Huynh, the lady in charge, along with her staff, is doing an amazing job of accomplishing much in a short period of time. This last March, BandS went into a partnership with the Caris Foundation to complete cataract removal surgery on 446 eyes in three different locations of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia. Our surgeons, Drs Pinto Pulungan and Jusni Dsaragih, who are very proficient as well as professional, managed to do this in just three long days once the ground work throughout the year had determined the best locations and screened the patients eager to regain their sight. These brought the number of eyes operated on since the work was started in 2005 to 6,367! (Ed. note: In a separate letter, Dr. Bailey disclosed the fact that it has been determined that he has developed Parkinsons Disease. As Dr. Bailey had a great many more projects lined up for himself, of course he is disappointed that he may not get to see them to fruition. He noted that his main difficulty at the present time is in maintaining his balance. I am sure he would be grateful for

your prayers as he wants to carry on with this life-changing work as long as possible. If you would like to contribute to this cause, you may find a Donate Online link under [www.bandsministries.org](http://www.bandsministries.org), or by mail to BandS Ministries, P.O. Box 1926, Colleyville, TX 76034.)

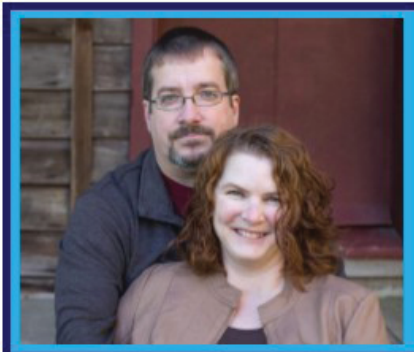
**NASHVILLE, TN.:** "IF Healing Hands International had one wish, it would be to take each one of you to see and meet the people we are aiding, equipping and empowering. Why? Because we believe that it would help grow the seed deep within each one of us to help others in need, as well as providing avenues for them to experience the salvation, love and grace of Jesus. But being unable to bring that about very easily, we decided to pick out two young people in Zimbabwe whose story we could tell. The first is Blessing Mutereko, who lives deep in the village of Dzere. Because he was the victim of several childhood sicknesses, he was four years behind those of his age when he was finally able to start back to school. Like many other children, the older ones laughed at him at first, but then became angry when he was tempted to steal some of their food when he could no longer stand the pangs of hunger. When HHI learned of the lack of food in Blessing's home, we provided daily Manna Pack rice to several families as well as theirs, and he no longer had to steal in order to stay alive. He was recently baptized at the Chigodora church of Christ, and is so thankful for the opportunity to continue being in school without being labeled as "a bad boy". In the same village a young woman named Beauty Chayambuka lives with her young family. They survived by doing day labor in the community and surrounding farmlands, but could not make enough to be able to send her children even to primary school – so were looked down on in the village. Through the local Sakubva church and

the Mutare School of Preaching, we have been able to purchase cornmeal and beans to distribute to those in immediate need, but that did not solve their biggest problem, which was the need for water. Did you know that, in fact, famine is not so much a lack of food as it is of water? So HHI has drilled a well in Dzkere and Beauty and her children can now grow their own food. We have been told that at harvest time, women can be seen dancing in the street.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Lae): From Ruth Zimmerman: "Lae continues to be cool (high 20's Celsius), and wet. So far there has been no sign of the predicted El Nino drought. In fact, flooding in August has seen heavy damage to one of the villages outside of Lae. Please pray for the church in Gabensis, some of whose members lost their homes. This report covers half of July, as well

as August. As Art & Ruby Ford moved from Beamsville to Kingston, Ontario, and then were travelling, I opted to hold off writing. At the time of my last newsletter, I was "down" with malaria. God gave me a one month "time out" altogether. I am now fully recovered. Thank you for your prayers and emails. My "down" time led to a good start in getting caught up on library work, all of which I could do from home. I was able to record the entire book list (2,129 books!) into a ledger book. The library doesn't have its own computer, so it is important to have a hard copy that can be easily added to as we start processing new books. I am also making steady progress on the card cataloguing. As the parts for the printer are still on back order (!), I've been glad to have work to do from the house. Hopefully the repairs will soon be done and I'll be able to get going again with print-

ing the next lot of song books, as well as continuing with book repairs. On August 28th, we welcomed our last (?) visitors for 2017. LaMoine and LaDell Harrison arrived from Keller, Texas, in the midst of hurricane Harvey. Curtis & LaMoine Harrison, with their four children, including LaDell, first arrived in Papua New Guinea in 1972 and worked for several years in Goroka. It has been 30 years since LaMoine was last in P.N.G., and 40 years for LaDell! They were able to spend time in Port Moresby, Goroka and Lae, before travelling safely home again. We enjoyed their visit greatly." (Ed Note: Ruth Zimmerman continues to plug for the growth of the fund to build new classrooms which the Melanesian Bible College so badly needs. Funds may be sent to either Ruth or the Fenwick church of Christ, P.O. Box 416, Fenwick, Ont. LOS ICO, Canada)



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# Burning Hearts

Stephen K. Moore

“...let each of you love his wife as himself...” Ephesians 5:33

There is a touching story recorded by Luke about two disciples who were on their way to Emmaus. Jesus had died, and these two followers of Him were talking about all that had happened the last few days. Jesus joined them, but He did not appear to them to be Jesus. He asks them what they were talking about, and they stopped and looked “sad.” One of the disciples, named Cleopas, gave Jesus the run-down. Jesus then proceeded to explain how that, far from being a tragic ending to the Christ, was actually a complete fulfillment of what Scripture had foretold. After a long encouraging talk, Jesus finally allows himself to be seen by the men and then disappears! Note what impact this had on the *downcast believers*: “They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road...?’” - Luke 24:32.

What Jesus produced in these men was a passion for the things of God. Knowing God, walking beside Him and working for Him produced a love and a passion for righteous-

ness in His followers! If this sounds almost romantic, in a way it actually is: Christ frequently refers to His people as His *bride*. The *church* is characterized as the *bride of Christ!*

Ephesians 5:25-32 is frequently used, as it should be, to help husbands understand the kind of love that they are to have for the wives that God has entrusted to their care. But look at the “punch-line.” This whole passage about husbands and wives ultimately applies to Christ and His church!

So by way of application what Jesus wants from us is what is expected by God between a husband and a wife in marriage. This is a challenging notion that might make us a bit uncomfortable. Yet when we think of the great marriages we have seen in our own lives, we can see the transforming power of this.

What would happen if each of us, as *living stones* (1 Peter 2:5), related to Jesus with the intensity, selflessness, and passion that should characterize a godly marriage?

I have been amazed (as has my family) how over time the things that are important to my wife have become intensely important to me. For example, I am by nature a slob. Early in my marriage, it used to drive me nuts how my lovely bride would be so upset when the house was even just a little bit messy. Yet through applying what Scripture instructed, I began to see that in order to truly love my wife, I needed to live as though cleanliness were important to me. Now a mess in the house upsets me because I have taken on her heart as my own. That’s the nature of loving someone as your own body.

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*  
Deuteronomy 6:5

If I were to love God as well as He has taught me to love my wife,

would my efforts to the kingdom look any different than they are today? What are just some of the priorities that God has expressed through His Word?

*“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream”* (Amos 5:24).

*“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*(Micah 6:8).

*“We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...”* (2 Corinthians 10:5).

*“...For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”* (Luke 19:10).

What would really happen if the church left the pews and began to fight the battles of the Lord with intensity and passion, guided by the Holy Spirit? What if the church was immersed in the Word and the heart of Jesus, and engaged the battle that rages outside our meeting place—going to the front lines rather than trying to coax the lost into our doors? What if we gave ourselves to God to be used as *He* saw fit?

Consider the following quote from Henry Varley, the quote that launched Dwight L. Moody on his own crusade: “The world has yet to see what God can do with one man wholly committed to him.”

Perhaps this would be the perfect gift for the God who has everything. Imagine a whole community of believers who were totally committed to God in Dickson County (or in your county, city, village, etc.). For that matter, imagine if only 10 or 20 of us had hearts burning for God! The whole world would be changed... starting right here!

May we prayerfully wrap up this gift and give it to our great God!

Dickson, Tennessee

## 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

# Finding The Reality of God

Peter Morphy

(From the June, 2003 edition of the Gospel Herald)

It's the latest fad. Are you tired and worn by all the newest reality shows every night? From living on an island with a group of strangers in the south pacific to marrying a millionaire wanna-be to finding America's newest idol or communicating with a deceased relative, television networks are frantically scurrying to come up with the intriguing twist to capture the viewer's attention and loyalty.

This is not the first time that Hollywood has turned people's reality upside down. Let's face it, the reality of life is not in the living room to meet the folks or seeing if a fear is a factor. Nor is it watching COPS or ER. While some of these shows are scripted, and all are edited by the producers, they have very little in common with the reality of our lives.

Let's be real. The true test of life is not when things are going well or in competing to be the best or win the cash prize, but it is attaining victory over the challenges and difficulties of life. Our lives are more about loving and caring for the family we are in, having hope when the economy has forced us to lose our job, learning to be content with what we have, knowing peace when war is on the horizon, keeping faith when our loved one has a terminal illness, and putting all our hope

and trust in God when life is at its end.

Paul reflected on life and times of the Colosse culture. They were concerned about keeping up with eating and drinking, religious festivals, New Moon celebrations, Sabbath Days, and communing with angels. Paul said these were simply shadows, but reality is found in Christ (Colossians 2:17). A shadow is an impression of

## God has a plan to make you a winner

something far greater than itself. Shadows are two dimensional images and illustrated in black and white. God is multidimensional and in full color. Today many people

are deceived when they focus only on and live in the shadow of God: His creation, design, sustenance and power. Masses of people worship and serve the creation instead of the Creator (Romans 1:18-25).

The reality of God: His love, grace and person are found in Jesus. God took on flesh and bones and lived among us so that we could see, know and have a relationship with Him (John 1:14). As we look at the words, actions, love and grace of Jesus, we are drawn closer to God. As we emulate the attitudes and actions of Christ, God's will is being perfected in our lives.

As Christians, we don't need to be counter culture, we are called to be cross culture. *"With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and acceptable to Him. Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves towards the goal of maturity"* (Romans 12:1-2 - J.B. Phillips, 1958).

It's not an old show and it's not a new game. You will not be applauded by the masses on media television, but God has a plan to make you a winner! That is a reality.

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# OBITUARIES

## Marritt, Laura Mabel

Born in St. Vincent Township in Ontario, on February 26, 1924, a daughter of the late Clayton and Olive (nee Cann) Cramp, Laura, a long-time resident of Meaford, ON, passed away peacefully in Owen Sound, ON, on Monday August 14, 2017 at the age of 93.

Laura was predeceased by her beloved husbands Gordon Turner in 1984 and Maurice Marritt in 2008. She will be recalled as the much loved mother of Calvin and his wife Rosemary of Collingwood, ON, Norma and her husband Earl McGauley of Stayner, ON, Rod and his wife Darlene of Owen Sound, ON, Beverley and his wife Cathy of Durham, ON, Brad and his wife Margaret of Kimberley, ON and Valerie and her partner Bill Brennan of Owen Sound, ON.

She will also be remembered by step children, Vivian and Eldon Hawton of North Bay, Alvina Marritt of Thornbury, Brenda and Ted Desroches of Gibraltar and Carol Côté of Meaford and was predeceased by a step-daughter Norma.

Laura was the devoted Gramma of 10 and Great Gramma of 10 and was predeceased by one granddaughter. She will be remembered with affection by her several step-grandchildren and their families. Laura was a dear sister and sister-in-law to the late Velma Boyle (late Milford), Grace Porter (late Mac), late Elwood Cramp (Jean), late Emerson Cramp (late Phyllis and late Evelyn), Gordon Cramp (Lois and the late Gwen), Alvin Cramp (Marie) and Les Cramp (Joan). Laura was a dear aunt to her many nieces and nephews and their families.

Laura was a faithful member of the Church, attending first at Griersville, followed by Heathcote and Meaford.

She was a lady who kept herself busy with her gardening, preserving the results of her gardening efforts to feed her family through the winter months. She loved to sew and one of her favourite “pastimes” was quilting, at which she was very skilled. Her handwork was excellent and was able to sell some of her quilts for a “handsome” price. I personally remember Laura for her hospitality, infectious cheerful nature which seemed ever present and her loving concern for others. In many ways she was a good example of the woman described in Proverbs 31.

A service of thanksgiving for Laura and her life was conducted at the Meaford church building on Thursday August 17. May God comfort those who mourn her passing and may her life influence those who knew her to follow her example of love for God and devotion to her Christian walk.

– Max Craddock

# BOOK REVIEWS

## *The Book: The Story of God and Humanity,*

*Michael R. Parker;*  
*Shekinah Reflections Publications;*  
*225 pages; available at Amazon.*  
*ca, CDN \$19.02*

*Reviewed by Max Craddock*

In the introduction Mike writes, “The Bible is a wonderful and exciting book, it is full of actions and adventure, sci-fi and fantasy, romance and even comedy. However, it is a really long book.” This is surely true. And while one might think this statement is in an introduction to a “Readers Digest” version of the Bible I found it to be a good deal more than that.

The table of contents reflect that this book gives attention to Volume One – the Old Testament and Volume Two – the New Testament. Some Old Testament chapter titles are “God Creates”, “God Rejects”, “God

Reboots” and “God Calls Back” stirring interest in how the story unfolds. Some New Testament chapter titles are “God Arrives”, “God Teaches”, “God Reaches Out” and “God Returns”.

Comments on the back cover include: “It can be a daunting task to pick up a copy of the Bible and make sense of it. It’s a very long book. It has sections that can seem downright dull and other so complex that the best scholars still puzzle over them. THE BOOK retells the powerful story of God and people in a way that both first-time readers and experienced students of the Bible can relate. In his humorous but authentic style, Parker has captured the story line of the Bible and pieced it together in a way that will connect with today’s reader. Real life examples from his own experiences will make

you chuckle, but also serve to bring clarity and meaning to the story.”

In the back of the book, Mike suggests this book might be used to help start conversions with people seeking the truth; material that could be used in ESL programs; grounding new Christians and giving them a sense of the big picture; for Junior High or High School Sunday School curriculum and a discussion starter in adult classes or small group ministry.

I would add one more. The chapters are broken into two parts. For example, in the chapter “God Creates” he discusses in simple words the fact that God did create the heavens and the earth. Then in the “Behind The Scenes” part of the chapter he discusses, explains and applies the importance of the information learned in the chapter. It could be a useful tool for discussion in family devotions.

I enjoyed reading the book and expect that you would as well.



# Growing into Servant Leaders

**When: November 4-5, 2017**

**Where: Waterloo church of Christ. 470 Glenelm Crescent, Waterloo Ontario.**

**Time: 3:30-8:00pm, with dinner at 5:00pm**

**To register: [facebook/waterloococ](https://www.facebook.com/waterloococ)**

## **Lessons:**

- 1. Saturday @ 3:30: The Kind of Followers God Wants**
- 2. Saturday @ 6:30: The Kind of Leaders God Wants**
- 3. Sunday AM: The Mission of the Church**
- 4. Sunday Sermon: Reclaiming the Honor of God—Exodus 34:6-7**



## **Biography**

Evertt W. Huffard is Professor of Leadership and Missions at Harding School of Theology, in Memphis, Tennessee, where he has taught for 29 years. He is a consultant for church leaders as one of the partners in Hope Network Ministries. He provides church equipping for missions through Mission Resource Network. He has hosted over twenty four groups to Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan and Israel. In 2014 he consulted for twenty-four churches in nine states and participated in church leadership development in Australia, Honduras, Israel, and Mozambique. In 2016 he hosted a tour to Greece and Ephesus. The last half of the

year he taught in Singapore, Cambodia, China, Malaysia, and Zambia.

His cross-cultural experiences began as a teenager when his parents moved to Jerusalem, Jordan in 1963. He completed a Ph.D. in Inter-Cultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in 1985 with a focus on the Muslim-Christian encounter. He has ten years of urban ministry experience in Los Angeles and Memphis. He lectures on leadership, missions, biblical archaeology, and the Muslim-Christian encounter. He was a participant in a faith-based diplomacy project with leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood in Amman, Jordan in 2011.

Evertt and his wife, Ilene, have three children and eight grandchildren.

# Marvin Johnson – Celebrating a Man and his Service

Linda Muszynski, Grove Park Home Barrie

On Thursday September 21, Marvin Johnson was celebrated at Grove Park Home. Marvin has recently retired from his role as Chair of the Board of Directors at the Home after 45 years of volunteer service. This was certainly a major milestone deserving of a celebration;

years; preserving our Christian values and steering us through an industry that is ever-changing. Marvin was the Chair of the Board for 40 of his 45 years of service, coming to the Home at a critical time when his leadership was needed. His dedication to Grove Park, and his commitment to the care

standing of his many volunteer activities. Marvin's son Scott was unable to attend, but it is important to note that Marvin and Mildred are also blessed with 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

During the festivities, many had kind words to say; including a video presentation from the Home's Chaplain, Claude Cox. Unable to attend, he thanked Marvin for his support and mentorship over the many years they served together. Ila Ellison, the President of the Resident Leadership Team, thanked Marvin for his exemplary service and presented him with artwork that Ila herself painted. It was a lovely moment. Our local Member of Parliament, Alex Nuttall, also sent his good wishes and a certificate of recognition via his staff member Laura Tattersall. Terry Codling, the current Chair of the Board of Directors, presented a gift of recognition and toasted Marvin with some humorous recollections of their shared history. A common amiable theme amongst Board members, when referring to how they got involved with Grove Park Home was "it was all his fault" referring to Marvin's championing of the Home and his endless recruitment efforts.



after all, this is the longest serving volunteer record in Grove Park Home history.

Grove Park Home is a charitable not for profit Long Term Care Home established in 1968 as a grass-roots Christian Ministry. Addressing the need for increased seniors' facilities in Barrie, the Barrie Church of Christ initiated the project that brought together government offices, private business and the local community. Originally a "Home for the Aged" with 68 beds, Grove Park Home now cares for 143 Long Term Care residents as well as offering Retirement Living suites and an Adult Day Program. Our story is long, but at its root is the never-ending desire to provide continuous quality care for the seniors we serve. The volunteer Board of Directors has guided our mission throughout the



of our residents and welfare of our staff will remain.

Grove Park Home's Missions statement: "We shall continuously

*provide excellent care, in a secure environment, with family and community support."*

The celebration for Marvin was held at the Home. It proved to be a who's-who of current and past friends and relationships. Of course family is everything to Marvin. In attendance were his son Kerry and his daughter Diane, with husband Chris Gardner. It was very moving to hear Marvin speak about his lovely wife Mildred. He professed his love for his bride of 61 years and thanked her sincerely for her lifetime of support and under-



Paul Taylor, the Home's administrator, announced that a special award had been created to honour Marvin's selfless volunteer work. It should be noted that not only did Marvin serve

this Home for 45 years; he really spent his life in service of others. Currently Marvin is an Elder at the Strathmore Church of Christ. He was also involved in work at Camp Omagh, Great Lakes Christian High School, Camp Manitou, and was endlessly offering his expertise and time to countless electrical projects in his community. It became obvious that a perpetual Volunteer Service Award be created for Grove Park Home in his honour. Marvin was able to present the award to its first recipients, Nancy and Charles Drury, who volunteer at the Home twice a day, every day, in our dining rooms. On hand to present the award to Charles (Nancy was not able to attend), was Barb Caicco, Program and Volunteer Manager.



All other Home managers were on-hand to celebrate Marvin, as were many Board Members. Isaac Persaud, Terry Codling, Clark Hannah and Ruth Étienne are current Board Members who attended. Past Board Members included Stephen Gill, Russ Cosby, and Kerry Johnson. In a rare photo opportunity, four Grove Park Home Administrators were on hand: Terry Codling, David Johnson, Paul Taylor and Darryl Culley. Guests from Strathmore Boulevard Church of Christ ventured up the highway to share in this special day, as well as many current and retired staff and volunteers. Of course there was cake!

From a humble beginning in Winnipeg to a life of service in Toronto

and beyond, this steadfast man, with sincere sense of humour, continues to lead a life to be admired, if not replicated. Terry Codling summed up Marvin with four truths; Marvin loved his family, his church, Grove Park Home and Jesus. Simplified perhaps, but this describes the heart of this generous man.

Going forward, Grove Park Home continues to serve the needs of the elderly, and those living with dementia. Marvin served the Home through several redevelopments, and certainly more change is on our horizon. We will embrace this change with help from families, friends and the community. If you would like information on how you can help our Home, please contact Linda Muszynski at 705-627-2218 or by email at [lindam@grovetparkhome.on.ca](mailto:lindam@grovetparkhome.on.ca)

Next year the Home will celebrate its 50th Birthday and we will welcome all of you to share in our milestone celebration. There is a lot of pride and history in Grove Park Home and we hope you continue to be part of our story.

## QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

*Bill Craddock*

### What if the Virgin Mary had chosen to have an abortion?

We live in a day that if something doesn't please us we just get rid of it. That is really the basis for the millions of babies that have been aborted in the United States since 1973. The medical welfare of the mother has been the real cause for few of these abortions. The main reason is that the woman or the couple does not want a child at the time. As terrible as it may be, the number of abortions in the U.S. are a drop in the bucket in relation to the total number of abortions in the world per year. In many parts of the world abortion is admittedly a means of birth control.

When one looks at the situation of Mary and Joseph, having a baby was

not a good idea at the time. Mary was "betrothed" to Joseph. That means they were not yet officially married, but for the year of the betrothal it was the same as being married. The only way this could be changed was by divorce. This is what is meant by the statement that Joseph, "was minded to put her away secretly" (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph found that Mary was with child, he was upset because it put him on the spot. By Jewish law he could have her put to death. But Joseph loved Mary and did not want anything bad to happen to her. Joseph was in a quandary.

If Mary and Joseph were living today, they could have solved the problem without anyone knowing. Just go to

an abortion clinic and the problem would be removed. **If that had happened where would we be today?** We would be without a savior. We would have no hope for eternal life.

Another interesting question. Abortionists say that the fetus is not a real person and will not be a person until it is born. If that is the case, **what was Jesus while in Mary's womb?** If he was not Jesus until he was born, then Mary would not have aborted the Son of God if she had done so. **See how silly that argument is? He was the Son of God at conception, all the time she carried him, and when he was born.** He never changed in identity throughout the whole process. Neither do the identities of babies change from conception to birth today.

Aren't you glad Mary did not have an abortion?

North Canton, Ohio

# 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. 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 NW; Ofc 780.455.1049; Fax 780.454.9545; Mail: 11532 – 130 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5M 1A4 Sun 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed 7 pm Bible Study CARE groups at the building and in various homes (phone for location and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch, Kirby Salter; Evangelist: Emanuel Burnstad 780.678.5395; Email: church5@telus.net; Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org

**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: southedmontonchurchofchrist@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 7G2; 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/rdocc

**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 Hilecy Road Campbell River, BC V9W 1P4; Contact: Office (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besijm2@hotmail.com

**COURTENAY:** Tslolum Building, Lewis Park, Courtenay; Worship 10 am; Ev. Bill Pakosz, ph. 250-923-6176; Website: www.churchofchristcourtenay.org; Email: Churchofchristcourtenay@shaw.ca Mailing address: 2239 Oyster Garden Rd, Campbell River, BC V9H 1E7

**CRESTON:** Call for service times and place: David & Diane Phypers: 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, #106 - 1580 Springfield Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 5V4 Sun. 10:30; Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739, email: McKnight8739@shaw.ca

**NANAIMO:** 1720 Meredit 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, wjp.cc79@telus.net

**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 Borden Krogsgaard 604-867-9420

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

**PRINCE RUPERT 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:** 490- 5th Ave, S.W. V1E 1V4; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-833-0927; Doug Kendig, and Gordon Parmenter, elders; 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: our.office@SBChurch.ca; (604) 522-7721; Website: www.sbchurch.ca

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

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

**VERNON:** 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray 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

**MANSION:** 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 Cellaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

**MONCTON:** 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Stephane Maillet, ev., (506) 204-8365 (Office) (506) 872-3179 (H) (506) 988-0098 (C) Emails: stephanemallet@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca FB page: https://www.facebook.com/AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

**SAINT JOHN:** Meeting in the home of Fred and Linda Nelson at 10:00 AM. Call 506 847 1780 for directions Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

## 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, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscoc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscoc.com

**NIAGARA FALLS:** LaSalle church of Christ 1121 North Military Rd, Niagara Falls NY 14304 Phone: 716-283-1214; Sun. Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Evangelist: Mark R. Dailey (716-754-2752) Email: minister@lasallechurchofchrist.org Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**HALIFAX:** 48 Convoey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 9:45 & 11 am; Tuesdays 7 pm David Cariaga, ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Cell (902) 410-8496 Wayne Taylor, 9sec. (902) 876-7402

**KENTVILLE:** 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Contact Jack Bearden; (902) 538-3329 or Ray Fisher rcfisherofmen@gmail.com www.live4jesus.ca

**MILL VILLAGE:** 3557 Indian Road Shubenacadie, 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: ajaxcoccentennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

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

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Bible Classes: 9:30 am, Worship: 10:30 am, 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 (off) (519) 759-6630

**CHESLEY & AREA:** Call for time and place of meetings. Padfield: 519-934-0441; David Vance: 519-507-5070; Ron Zavitz: 519-506-6952

**COLLINGWOOD:** 494 10th Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 2H1; Email: ccchurchofchrist@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 Thursday 2 p.m.; Please join us for worship, Bible study or fellowship at any time.

**CORNWALL:** 105 3rd St W Cornwall, ON K6J 2N9 Mid-week study: Wednesday 7 pm Sunday Service: 10 am Bible Study/Children's Classes: 11 am Service website: churchofchristcornwall.ca ph: 613-933-1825; email: albojarski@hotmail.com Evangelist: Allen Bojarski Chairman: Jeremy Bojarski Treasurer: Mark Duperron

**FENWICK:** 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfeenwick@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 7 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev. (c) 905-401-3482; website: www.grimsbycofc.org

**GUELPH:** Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. 7:00 evs. Johnathan Ledbetter (226) 343-0925 Jason Rollins (519) 760-4694 Call for meeting locations. www.GuelphChurchOfChrist.com

**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, P.O. 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-762-9241 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.); Randy Morrirt, ev. 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; meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30–7:30 For information re. place of meeting, please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandessie, 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. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner, 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

**ICE LAKE:** (Manitoulin Island) (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: RR# 1, Site2, Box 3, 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0; Sunday: classes 10 am, Worship 11 am; midweek - call for information: Bud Dearing 705 282-0406

**KENORA:** 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Phone 807-466-1449 Earle 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:** 186 Gammage Street, London ON N5Y 2B3; (519) 672-2426; 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 Sunday night: home locations will be posted on the web page each month; Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com website: http://www.meafordcofc.ca/ Check website for monthly changess

**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 ON L5M 0H3; 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: wjcurrie65@gmail.com 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., L3Y 2N4; 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

**NORTH BAY:** 73 Gertrude St. E.; Box 745, P1B 8J8; Sun. 10:00; (705) 472-7040 (off.); email: church@northbaycoc.ca; Website: www.northbaycoc.ca

**OMAGH:** 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9E 0E4; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org. 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; Thursdays 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, 6 pm; 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: c/o Bob and Carol Myers, 2567 Dummer-Asphodel, Norwood, ON K0L 2V0. Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Bob Myers (705) 760-2661

**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 L0C 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 Erie St. N., Selkirk, On. N0A 1P0 Sun 10 & 11am. Wed.7:00pm.

**SOUTH RIVER:** Jaspar 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. 10, 11; (summer worship10) Contact: Ben Wiebe; website: www.patchworkinthe creek.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

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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

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