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The Dynamics of Baptism

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Baptism is God's moment of grace!

Baptism is the moment when the divine and the human meet, even as God promised.

Baptism is an earthly action experienced by the penitent—visible, emotional, submissive. Yet even as onlookers rejoice in the scene, the repentance reflected in the washing causes angels to rejoice (Luke 15:7, 10)!

Baptism is a spiritual action that prompts heaven's response: where the abundant grace of the Godhead—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19)—is applied. Its meaning is understood through the eyes of faith. The event is far more about heaven than it is about earth!

The apostle Paul in his letter to Titus in a single but comprehensive sentence gives the overview: "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:4-7 ESV).

The "goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior" *appearing* is the personification of his Son in human form, whom God prepared for during many centuries through his chosen people. The time of salvation is in baptism where the "washing of regeneration and the renewal of the Holy Spirit" occur. In this event is

found justification by God's "grace."

The two *dynamics* given in this teaching, "the washing of regeneration" and "the renewal of the Holy Spirit," begin the full life relationship that the saved enjoys with his or her Lord and with the Holy Spirit.

Paul teaches that Jesus meets the sinner in baptism in a literal encounter: "We were therefore buried *with him* through baptism into death..." (Rom 6:4). The teaching of this relationship between the sinner and the savior in baptism is repeated for emphasis in this continuing text: "If we have been united *with him* in his death..." (v. 5), and again, "Now if we died *with Christ*..." (v. 8). Paul returns to this understanding in his letter to the Colossians: "In baptism you were buried *with him* and raised *with him* through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the grave" (Col. 2:12). This spiritual encounter and resulting continuing fellowship are perceived by faith.

Surely, the privilege of the Christian is to live daily in spiritual fellowship with the living Lord—this relationship begins in baptism! Who would not wish to be baptized knowing that living with Jesus our savior begins here in spiritual union *with Christ* and will climax when we are "united *with him* in his resurrection" (Rom. 6:5)! Paul repeats this marvelous incentive in Colossians, "Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God...For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is your life*, appears then you also will appear *with him* in glory" (Col. 3:1, 3, 4).

Christ gives the sinner two gifts in baptism, the gift of his life-saving death (see 1 Pet. 3:18-22), and the gift of his life-giving Spirit—the one saves from sin, and the other empowers the saved to avoid sin. Baptism captures the reality of the gift of the Holy Spirit, even as was stated

in Titus: "...He saved us...by the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior..." (Titus 3:5-6).

Jesus, at the beginning of his ministry, received the witness of John the Baptist: "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). Soon after this, while in Jerusalem, in conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus affirmed, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). And again, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (vs. 5). Jesus' concluding statement to Nicodemus is the well-known affirmation, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). After this conversation, the text reports that "Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them and baptized" (John 3:22). This activity gives clarity to the earlier expression, "born of water." (See as well, John 4:1-3.)

In the light of Jesus' teaching on baptism, Peter's assertion at the climax of his sermon at Pentecost is clear: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Baptism is not "a righteous deed" (Tit. 3:5), nor is it "a work [about which] one may boast" (Eph. 2:9). Baptism is a surrender, a confession of guilt, an act of repentance, an appeal for the mercy of God. It is in baptism that the sinner becomes God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

To return to Titus, the action of the passage is clear: "*he* (God) *saved us*..."



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by the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life." At the time of baptism there is a profusion of grace. The wonder is that in the human surrender in the waters of baptism, all heaven becomes active and focused in the saving of one additional soul to the kingdom of heaven!

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and *raised us up with him* and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-7).

Waterloo, Ontario

Artisan Christianity

Mark Tonkery

If you have walked down your grocery store aisle lately or have noticed the latest restaurant commercial, you may have noticed that advertisers are using the term "artisan" to advertise their product. Items such as pizza, sandwiches, cheeses, meats, breads and jams to name just a few. These items are all being labeled "artisan" to appeal to customers that their products are special, unique, handcrafted and an effort to get back to the original taste and flavor of their product.

The "artisan movement" we might say is also trying to attract customers to the idea that their product is not mass produced or done in bulk. In other words, there is a real person behind the creation of this food item and this product is of high quality, special and unique.

One of the reasons the "artisan food movement" has gained momentum is because food has been so mass produced and manufactured in bulk that it has lost something. It has lost the craftsmanship, flavor, and nutrition it once provided. In a similar way, Christianity has lost something in modern times as well. The religious world is divided and filled with doctrines contrary to the Bible. Modern "Christianity" looks very different than what one finds in the Bible.

In thinking about the "artisan food movement" I could not help but think how similar this relates to Christianity, we must have an "artisan Christianity." Let's get back to the Bible, let's get back to being like the Bereans in Acts 17:11 who searched the scriptures daily, and let's be the church we find in the New Testament, nothing more and nothing less. Our goal as Christians should be in one sense "artisan" getting back to the original, as Jesus' designed it (Matthew 16:18).

One can read in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost when Jesus' church came into reality. Peter preached, just as the prophets of the Old Testament foretold, Jesus the Son of the Living God did come to earth, he lived, died, and was raised from the dead to redeem all people from their sins and offer salvation. We see that Christ even gave the terms of salvation and entrance into His church. Notice Jesus words in Mark 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Then Peter repeats Jesus words in Acts 2:38, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." One then reads in Acts 2:21, that "those who gladly received the word were baptized", and that "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

The rest of the book of Acts, as well as the rest of the New Testament, teaches how Christians are to worship God, treat people, and live each day of their lives for the Lord. The teachings of Christ as recorded in the New Testament set these Christians apart from the rest of the people in the world and it will set us apart as well.

If we would only get back to the Bible and be the church that Christ established; we will be His unique, special and distinctive people just as He created us to be. Let's be an "artisan Christian". Let's go back to the original as created by the Savior!

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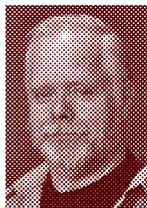
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Active Church Members

Wayne Turner



In recent times, there has been a change in the concept of active church membership. Thom Rainer, well-known Evangelical author and columnist, has noted that in the past, those who came to church three times a week (Sunday morning, Sunday evening and mid-week) were considered active members. He states, "Today, a church member is considered active in the church if he or she attends three times a month." What is happening?

We should note that Rainer's observations come from his experience in the larger religious community, especially the Evangelicals. We know that similar observations could be made from many churches of the Restoration Heritage. Some congregations, as a whole, no longer assemble on Sunday evenings. Some preachers used to say that the attendance pattern for many congregations was that if there were 100 on Sunday morning (much less for Bible School), there might be 50-60 on Sunday evenings and 30-40 for midweek. In many places, these numbers seem to be diminishing and coming more into line with Rainer's estimate.

On his website, Rainer states, the local church "has been God's place for believers to gather, worship, minister, and be accountable to one another." Yet somehow, for church members something has changed. He suggests five reasons:

1. We are minimizing the importance of the local church.
2. We worship the idols of activities.
3. We take vacations from the church.
4. We do not have high expectations of our members.
5. We make infrequent attendees our leaders.

In the past, many of us were taught that we should be at every gathering of the church unless we were "provisionally hindered." ("not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"). Seeing this as a responsibility to God and our fellow believers has shifted to a personal, subjective test of whether or not church meets our "felt needs." So, the importance of our assembly has given way to our feelings. Plus, we have filled our schedules with activities – our own, or our children's – especially sports, recreation and entertainment. Can we say we are putting Christ and His kingdom first? Admittedly, for many, church attendance in the past sometimes became part of a slavish legalism that harshly judged those who were not there and a personal presence that seemed to lack a real engagement with Christ. However, doesn't the displacement of the desire to meet and fellowship together by other priorities and activities suggest that the world is pressuring church members to conform to worldly values rather than Christ?

Given the direction things are moving, is it safe to assume that despite God's plan for the church, things like

character formation, spiritual maturity and growth, and equipping the saints for service and discipleship are not happening as they should. This suggests that Rainer's fifth reason may be both cause and effect – a tragic cycle of spiritual ineffectiveness. Putting inactive members into positions of leadership only ensures that following generations will also be inactive. Someone has observed that a leader cannot lead people where they have not been. Jesus said that a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Similarly, an inactive leader cannot lead or create active members.

Perhaps the key to Rainer's observations goes to his fourth reason: that most churches do not have high expectations of their members. Someone once jokingly observed that the only qualification for a volunteer is that they are breathing and have a pulse. That's not much to expect. With such a low expectation, no one can be disappointed – unless, they are looking for some kind of a positive outcome. We understand that no organization can function with a lack of expectation for its leaders. Rainer uses the analogy of a football coach he knows. The coach told those who wanted to be involved that they could not be part of the team unless they were totally committed. We understand this means they would not just show up for games. On a football team, there are also many hours of practice, personal training, watching and studying game films – a life totally absorbed in becoming the best football player possible.

Rainer concludes, "If we truly expect to make a difference in our communities and our families, members of local churches need to have at least the same level of commitment as members of sports teams.

After all, the mission of each local church is far more important.

At least it should be."

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The Dimensions of Fellowship

I believe in the importance of the fellowship of the Lord's people. Fellowship is, of course, more than a cup of tea and biscuit. While it may involve that at times—it is a great deal more. I would like to consider with you some of the greater dimensions of fellowship.

As a text for these thoughts consider Philippians 2:25–30: *“I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me”* ESV. In this passage we see some of the important dimensions of fellowship. 1. Accountability to the body. 2. A feeling of community in which one is concerned about others in the community, even when separated by time and distance. 3. The energy that comes from being in “The” fellowship and being inspired by the commitment of those around us.

Think about accountability. Some people want to be a part of some organization but do not want to take on any responsibility. They are the

folks who go to activities and enjoy what is offered but who do not commit their own time and talent in planning or in seeing a program to completion. It may be that others in the group, and even leaders, do not take the time to seek the input and effort of these folks, perhaps feeling it is easier just to do things themselves. The call into the “family circle” of Christ is a call to being accountable for effort and actions in that family.

For example, look at the call to discipleship given by Jesus to those He called into service. *“And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him”* – Mark 3:13-19 (ESV). Some might suggest that these men were a special case since they were chosen to be apostles. While that may be true in one sense, it does not mean that others who accept the invitation of Jesus are less accountable for their actions.

As we further consider accountability within the body of Christ,

we need to take a serious look at the matter of being responsible for the nourishment and strengthening of the body—in particular the local congregation of which we are a member.

Paul, who began his association with the body of Christ by persecuting it, came to understand the importance of the interaction of the body (some call it body life) that is necessary for health and growth. Of course, the Lord in His planning established those in the body who would have some special responsibility in the work. *“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 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 4:11–16 (ESV). While this is true, do not forget that in writing to the brethren Paul reminds us that each has a responsibility to be accountable for personal actions as well as being helpful to one another.

While hopefully familiar, consider again these passages. *“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ”* – Galatians 6:2 (ESV). This statement implies a very important thing. That is that we care about the burdens our brethren must bear. It is easy to become so isolated from each other because we live in different places and also

become so busy with other things that we don't get to know our fellow members. Also, it may be that we have not grown to love as we ought?!

Read 1 John 3:11-15. When you read this passage what are some of the things implied that we need to take into consideration as we seek to be accountable to each other? Obviously the instruction is to love. John explains what this means in verse 16, *"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers"* - 1 John 3:16 (ESV).

Is John for real? Some may find it hard to think in terms of being willing to go a "mile" out of one's way for a brother, much less, lay down his or her life. Yet, membership in the body involves being willing to go that second mile!

I see in this passage the need for brothers and sisters to encourage each other because they are not going to get that from the world...in fact, just the opposite. The world hated Jesus, it will also hate his brothers and sisters. Is it not clearly an accountability issue that we help each other overcome this opposition?

A very important dimension of fellowship in the Lord's Church is community. There may be many different definitions of community but let me use this one, "an interest in the well being of each other and a joy that comes from mutual love, respect and the feeling of family". Again, since membership in the church is a much higher calling than any social club, we understand the value of family.

The words of Paul ring true to the importance of community and the value

and need of community in talking about Epaphroditus and his relationship with the church at Philippi. (Note Philippians 2:25-28). He, Epaphroditus, is greatly loved by the brethren there and though Paul loves him and is benefiting from his being with him, he is sending this beloved brother back to enjoy community with the church at Philippi.

The strength and support of community is seen in the final preparations of those who would be the participants in the beginning of the Lord's Church in Jerusalem on Pentecost. After going with Jesus to the mountain and seeing Him taken back to the Father, they went to Jerusalem to await the events Jesus had promised. In Acts 1:12 - 15 Luke tells us, *"Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they*

were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120)..." - Acts 1:12-15 (ESV). These brethren had some things to complete before the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2, one being the appointment of someone to take Judas' place to complete the twelve.

Make no mistake, during these few days before the coming of the power from God to introduce the message of salvation to the world, this "community support" was important and necessary.

As the Church becomes larger it is more difficult to get to know everyone, however, having a "circle of community" is important to spiritual enrichment. (The writer, Rick Warren, says, "The average church member knows 67 people in the congregation, whether the church is 200 or 2,000 attending." I don't know how he reached this figure, but unquestionably, community is important.)

One only needs to read on in the book of Acts and view the Church as it grows to understand the importance of community to the strength of the Church. I pray that you, wherever you are, will enjoy being a part of a congregation of the Lord's Church and will be strengthened by this "spirit of community".

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Heartburn

According to the World Health Organization, the number one cause of death in the world is heart disease. While there are no statistics on it, spiritual heart disease is likely the number one reason churches die. One of the symptoms of heart disease in a congregation is the lack of evangelism—which is the main reason the church exists.

Saving lost souls was Jesus' mission on earth. Continuing that mission is the assignment He gave to His followers just before His ascension. "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost" – Luke 19:10 (NLT). "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you'" – John 20:21 (NIV 1984).

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'" – Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV 1984). This should be priority for Christians. However, in North America in the past twenty years or so, churches have drifted away from a focus on sharing the gospel of Christ.

Gary L. McIntosh did research on evangelism and published his findings in a book titled *Growing God's Church*¹. In this book he states: "Over the last couple of decades, I have noticed the emergence of a perplexing problem among Christian churches. Simply stated, while

churches are becoming more missional in their thinking, they are becoming less evangelistic in their practice; that is, they are less involved in helping new people dine with Jesus."² (He uses "dine with Jesus" as a metaphor for engaging others with the gospel of salvation.) While Mr. McIntosh's work covered a broad swath of Christian denominations, this trend is visible in the churches of Christ as well.

What are the reasons for this shift in focus? It would be difficult to say with certainty but here are some plausible suggestions. For one thing, we have allowed worldly perspectives to influence our thinking. Things such as, good people go to heaven; all religions are equally valid; everyone is entitled to their own opinion, etc. If we believe the Bible to be the authoritative word of God—and it is—we cannot accept these ideas.

"Generally, Christians recoil at the thought of evangelizing their family, friends, and neighbours for fear of being labeled intolerant of other people's faith and lifestyles. While there is certainly resistance to the gospel message in our current culture, the resistance to evangelism is more often in the church than in the world."³

We cannot be saved outside of Christ. In Romans 3:23-25, Paul tells us, "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his

blood" (NLT). Jesus Himself said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" – John 14:6 (NIV 1984). The story of Cornelius in Acts 10 clearly illustrates that just being a "good" or even a god-fearing person is not enough. The apostles and early Christians would not have risked their lives sharing the gospel if all religions were acceptable to God.

Other areas of misguided thinking came not from the world but from within churches themselves. One is that evangelism is the job of the preacher. In the Great Commission of Matthew 28, Jesus did not say, "or you can hire a preacher to do this for you". While we might contend that it was given to the Apostles, a study of Scripture shows that all members of the early church took it personally. In Acts 8 when Christians were scattered by the persecution, they spread the gospel as they went. Look at the list of names Paul gives in many of his letters. He identifies these as co-workers – helping to share the gospel. The list includes both men and women and is not confined to preachers. Research shows that family members and friends bring far more people to Christ than do "official ministers".

Another way we have gotten off-track is in thinking that all we need to do is to let people around us see Jesus in our lives and they will come running wanting to be like us. The reality is that this is not the case.

"If we feed the hungry today but fail to preach the gospel of salvation and thereby see few or none turning to Christ, those we feed will ultimately die in their sins. They may be well fed, but they will go into eternity apart from Christ ... Service without proclamation and proclamation without service are both futile. It is the gospel preached

1 *Growing God's Church* by Gary L. McIntosh; Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2016.

2 Op cit. pp 16, 17

3 Op cit. p 21

and lived that impacts humanity and society with power.”⁴

“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?” – Romans 10:14 (NLT).

Living a Christ-like life is necessary and can afford openings for sharing the gospel but it is merely the foundation on which we build. A foundation is useless unless built upon. We build on that foundation by proclaiming the gospel. We cap off that building by teaching those who come to Christ so that they know His will, grow in faith, remain in Him and join us in spreading the Good News. The Great Commission contains three imperatives - GO... BAPTIZE...TEACH. We need to do all three. People will not be baptized unless they are told they need to be and will not remain in the Lord if they are not taught His will and assimilated into the church.

It all comes down to being a matter of the heart. Is your heart fully devoted to our Lord Jesus Christ? Do you love Him enough to do what He has instructed you to do? Do you care about those He cares about? “He does not want anyone to be destroyed but wants everyone to repent” – 2 Peter 3:9b (NLT). Do you love those around you—family, friends, neighbours—enough to want them to share the joys of our Lord and eternal salvation? Or are you more concerned with your own comfort, safety and popularity?

In 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, the Apostle Paul lists some of the suffering he endured in spreading the gospel. Why did he continue to preach when he caused such difficulties? “Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if

I didn't preach the Good News! If I were doing this on my own initiative, I would deserve payment. But I have no choice, for God has given me this sacred trust. What then is my pay? It is the opportunity to preach the Good News without charging anyone. That's why I never demand my rights when I preach the Good News” – 1 Corinthians 9:16-18 (NLT).

In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah brought an unpopular message from God and suffered greatly for doing so. He considered giving up but came to this conclusion.

“I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming vio-

lence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, ‘I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,’ his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot” – Jeremiah 20:7b-9 (NIV 1984).

Jeremiah had a fire burning in his heart – a longing to please the Lord and draw his fellow countrymen back to God so that they might be blessed. How about you? Do you share the gospel to please your Lord and to rescue others from eternal destruction? Do you have heart disease or heart-burn?

⁴ Op cit. p 49



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NEW YORK

Niagara Falls (LaSalle): Guess Who's Coming to Dinner was Saturday night, June 2. It was so much fun! It was a night of great fellowship with Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, lots of laughter and talking, games and wonderful food! As ongoing ministries we collect personal care items for the vets at the V.A. Hospital in Buffalo and also non-perishable food items for Casey House on Cedar Ave. in N.F. Several members are also contributing financially to the Zambia Baby Fund .

ONTARIO

Fenwick: The Ladies' Day was well attended. Seventy-six were present from eighteen different congregations and three from the community. Plans are underway for next year. The giveaway was bigger than in other years and many more people were blessed. The migrant farm workers found items to supplement their living in Fenwick and also collected things to take home to their families. As well, donations amounted to \$256 which will go to Healing Hands International.

Oshawa (Cedar Park): On June 16 the congregation held their first Ladies Day, with more to come, the Lord willing. The theme was: "For I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel" - Romans 1:16. The speaker for the day was Deb Hibbard from the Strathmore Blvd. con-

gregation in Toronto and she did an excellent job in presenting the theme for the day. The registered attendance was 52 ladies from 7 different congregations around the GTA area. The congregations represented were: Oshawa, Strathmore, Ajax, Scarborough, Bayview, Hamilton and Bramalea. The day was a great success and the ladies are looking forward to hosting another ladies day next year.

Toronto (Bayview Ave.): On June 2 six women from the Ladies' Class at Bayview visited our sister, Ella Jones, who is not able to come out to service. Ella enjoyed the visit, prayers and singing. After that a group of women gathered at Althea Branker's home for a devotional and an early celebration of her 75th birthday. Althea was honored again after service on the actual day of her birthday, June 3, with a surprise gathering of 35. Cake and fruit were served and flowers presented to our special sister, Althea.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): The congregation is pleased to announce that Arthur Manyenya and Donna Mashinter have placed their membership with them. We are thankful for their presence and have enjoyed fellowshiping with these two brethren. The congregation also welcomed Daniel Ababio (from Ghana) who will be worshipping with them until his work contract ends. The running club, run by Bro. Albert Etienne, meets once a month. Members have enjoyed getting together as they practice for their first 5K run to be determined at a later date. On June 9, the ladies of the congregation hosted their year-end ladies class and potluck with Sister Millicent Nortey presenting the lesson. The ladies will resume their regular ladies class once again in the Fall. On June 17, there was a guest speaker, Bro. Dino Roldan, who presented the Sunday sermon. He is from the Philippines and is involved in mission work, teaching at the Philippine Bible College, and hosting a radio program. On June 23, the program Key To The Kingdom was filmed in Niagara Falls in the morning and at St. Catharine's in the afternoon. The new converts course continues each month, and we appreciate Bro. Williams Diogu for teaching and reviewing materials on biblical first principles. The young men conducted the worship service on May 27 with Bro. Albert Etienne presenting the sermon. We appreciate the young men of the congregation and their desire to serve in this capacity.

Waterloo: We rejoice with Shirley Ruttan who put on her Lord and Saviour in baptism Wednesday May 2. Welcome to the family of God, Shirley! Paul Bisanti is holding a community program called "Bible & Ball" at our facility Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

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Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society Annual Meeting

Location: Stoney Creek Church of Christ
105 King Street East
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Date: Sat. Aug 18, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Presenters: Shelley Jacobs – "Ways of preserving the Past for the Benefit of the Future"
Murray Hibbard – "The Culley Connection"

Schedule:

- 9:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. Shelley Jacobs - *"Ways of Preserving the Past for the Benefit of the Future" (pt. 1)*
- 11:15 a.m. Business Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch (brown bag)
- 1:00 p.m. Murray Hibbard - *"The Culley Collection"*
- 1:30 p.m. Shelly Jacobs - *"Ways of Preserving the Past for the Benefit of the Future" (pt. 2)*
- 2:30 p.m. Question/Answer
- 2:45 p.m. Dismissal

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: Bruce Boland and family have moved here from Niagara Falls, ON. Bruce will be an evangelist here along with Emanuel Burnstad. We held our student graduation and teacher appreciation on June 24. It was followed by a barbecue. Our summer class lessons will be a series "Ordinary characters with extraordinary character."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): The church will be obliged to have most of our meetings this summer in the basement of the building we are renting, as "our" current room was spoken for before our arrival on the scene. This is not a hardship, as the room should be cooler down there, and with less equipment to be moved around.

Delta: The Sokalofskys celebrated their 55th anniversary on May 30, most of these years as an active blessing to the Oakridge and Delta congregations! Again we profited from the summer recess of the Ukrainian Bible Institute's being closed for several weeks' vacation. It allows time in the U.S. for the Rogers to raise funds to support the school that is so needed in Eastern Europe. Jay Don's message to us on June 3 concerned what happens when "Good Churches and Families Survive in An Unstable World". He noted that while the gospel commends "good works, and good works commend the Gospel, it is important to distinguish between the two, yet without separating them."

Oakridge: Our belated congratulations to Emma and Owen who started their new lives together with their marriage in May. Brother

Diaz requested children's classes be dismissed for a special two-Sunday series of lessons that have recently caused so much attention in the press and concern for parents. One dealt with the subject of Favoritism in the schools, and the second on bullying and harassment from other students, so often leading to distress and tragedy.

Salmon Arm: We are pleased that our big move to a new location, more easily found by Salmon Arm residents, is paying off. We are definitely more intentional in everything we plan. Our hope and prayer is to be an identity in a community by looking like Jesus in all of our activities. We are developing several small groups that are reaching into the unchurched and telling the Story in a way that is related to them wherever they are in their lives. We are having visitors on a regular basis; some, several Sundays at a time, so we have an opportunity to get to be a part of their lives, a part of "the community". We are also working to become more updated in our technology, i.e. Instagram, Facebook etc., or ways to be seen: not just a building on the fairgrounds! We are praying for everything to be done God's way, trusting His wisdom to guide us. Our bulletin always requests visitors to fill out a welcome card that tells us about themselves, as well as offering prayer or other assistance. The final pages of Marie's bulletins sparkle with encouraging and inspiring pictures and sayings to brighten our days, help us forget our own woes and become a blessing to those who need our help.

Surrey: It is always a great day when the end of a month sees the addition of another young person to Christ's body. Kenneth Abori-Amanfo, the son of Brother and Sister Teodora, was baptized on May 27, rising from the waters of baptism to assume a responsible life as a servant of Christ. Another young woman who has recently been happy to find the body of Christ which worships here is continuing her studies with Joann Simonsen. The sixth month into 2018 finds 66 applications for correspondence Bible studies (one comes as

a result of the weekly TV program, with 12 arriving from that many other countries besides Canada and the U. S. Several of these are from countries not previously heard from before. Our "Tea for Two Fun and Fellowship" brought visitors from most of our surrounding congregations on June 16.

SPECIAL INVITATION from Victoria: A "55-Plus Four-day Camp Weekend" is set for August 10 -17, with the BC Ferry services offering a FREE RIDE to adults 55 years and older to take part at the Spruston Road Bible Camp. The catch is that the dates require the person to be able to arrive a day early and stay an extra day afterward.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg (Central): June 24 we held a potluck honoring all the grads. The Mexico mission trip began June 30.

SASKATCHEWAN

Clearview Christian camp: Is having a young adults weekend (July 6-8). Encouraging and insightful lessons will be given by Jay Manimtim of Winnipeg.

Regina (Northwest Church of Christ): June 9 we hosted a "sacred marriage seminar".

Weyburn: we handed out bottled water and information about our upcoming VBS at family soccer day on June 9.

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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HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL:

As Haitians gleefully rejoiced with celebrations and dancing on April 25 for the official capping of the 1,000th well on this small island, many other nations blessed by this amazing work also noted the occasion and what it has meant to their country. For Haiti, it meant that their children now have 350 locations from which clean water can be carried back to their homes and they could return to their schools full time as they were relieved of the chore of finding water for their families. In Ethiopia, already blessed with 650 wells, there still remained many more to be drilled, but in the five years that have passed since 20 preachers were selected to go into the areas to preach where water wells had been completed, many hundreds of people have been baptized each month and new congregations started because the gift of this unexpected luxury has found hearts eager to know the God from whence this blessing has come. The remaining wells have been drilled in 14 other countries. These include Botswana, Chad, Ghana, Honduras, India, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, the Philippines, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In every country, doors to spread the Gospel are opened wide as never before! A plaque quoting Matthew 10:42 was placed on the pump of the 1,000th well: "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose his reward."

GOD'S AMAZING PROTECTION:

From a Christian in Amarillo, TX. comes an interesting story that occurred to him back in July 1961

when he boarded a train in Vienna to travel to Budapest (which was then behind the iron curtain). He couldn't help noting the contrast between free Austria and Communist-occupied Hungary, "which was so dark and drab," he said, "with businesses closed and signs banned. People hardly dared to speak or smile." Lynn Camp was there to contact an officer of the National Bank of Hungary, which he did twice a year for conferences. The officer from the bank was named Ivan Martos. This time he arrived looking as though he had lost his best friend, which indeed he had. He said guards had boarded the train at the next-to-last stop on the Hungarian side and taken his Bible from his briefcase. Holding it up, the guard had angrily shouted, "What is a man in your position doing with a Bible?" and thrown it out of the window. Fast forward two years. In another meeting with Ivan, Lynn noticed his elation right away. "I received a postal packet from Budapest," he said, "and it was my long lost Bible!" Also inside was a note of apology: "Our children were playing along the railroad tracks one day," it read, "and they found this Bible. They took it to their grandmother, who told them what it was. It was decided to keep the Bible until they could make copies of it." It went on to ask forgiveness for keeping it so long but said he might like to know that there were now a secret band of about 30 people who have baptized each other and seek to follow Jesus in their daily lives. (Ed. Note: Many amazing stories about how God's Word was smuggled into Communist countries during the years immediately following the end of WW11 have been told. God protected both his Word and secret methods of distribution to those who loved it and realized its value for all mankind. Thanks to "Action May 2018 Issue" for this true story.)

CAMBODIA: The second-largest city in this country is a mouthful to say: "Battambang City", but it is in the news because it will soon be

home to a congregation of the Lord's church! A man already known for his success in Siem Reap, Phanat Ouch, with a team of young Christians, is bringing the gospel to this great city where the seed has never before been sown. His plan is three-point, starting with a facility obtained to house the three activities that will occupy their time: It is being prepared for a Bible Learning Center, a Bakery and an Air Conditioning Repair Shop. (Phanat and his wife, Aya, are currently involved in special technical training courses in Air Conditioning and Bakery Cooking. Phanat already holds a degree in Finance from Texas State University and 10 years of serving as Director of the Siem Reap International Bible School.) These two avenues will provide his young recruits with a means of earning a living while leaving time in the evenings to continue their Bible studies and teaching activities. Partners in Progress is assisting with preparing the facilities, starting a Widows program, and bringing teams of English Bible Teachers to help jump start the work by sharing God's Word with University students only three blocks away from this facility. PIP has sent out an appeal for people who can read and converse God's Word in English between Oct 8 and Nov. 10 to volunteer to go over to meet with students anxious to improve their English and their knowledge of God's Word. The recipe is easy, as you listen to them read, ask simple questions about it, and become their friend. Teachers will share meals together and learn from each other as they enjoy the fellowship. Cambodia is a beautiful country, and there will be work only five days a week with lots of free time. For further information, call veteran teachers Don & Diane Johnson at (501) 240-2228, or email PIP <pipwem@aol.com> (Details may be found in the April issue of "Partnering").

First Teaching Trip to the Philippines

Moises B. Velasco

During the eighties, Great Lakes School of Bible and Missions offered some courses that were held in Strathmore. I was one of those who took those



Preachers Meeting Santiago Isabella CofC

courses. It was my desire to know more about THE BOOK and I knew there was more in there. As I approached retirement, I decided to study full-time. I retired from Air Canada Jazz on August 31, 2011, and was a student of Great Lakes Bible College the following week.

My teachers were younger than me and my classmates younger than my sons. I traveled from my home in Stouffville to Waterloo to attend my classes. At various times, I spend the nights in the church building, at the home of Bob and Marg Sandiford and the home of Jim and Amy Dale. Others like them saw the value of what I was trying

to accomplish. I can say more about my experience as a student at some other time.

In 2013, our Filipino Inter-congregational Retreat which is held in Camp Omagh invited a brother from the Philippines to be our teacher-speaker. He had attended the Bible school in Singapore and had preached in Hong Kong and in the Philippines. His name is Jonathan Palitayan. He attended the short course at Camp Omagh taught by Mike Mazzalongo. He also preached in two other congregations besides Strathmore while he was here.



Childrens choir Bayombong CofC

When my wife and I visited the Philippines in 2015, my brother suggested that we visit the school Jonathan had started. Earlier, his father started a teaching-preaching school for the church which served

the area well. We then travelled to the school site which was on the mountains. It is only a few kilometers from the highway but the road construction going on made the trip



Friday night class Solano CofC

much longer. This is the school I wanted to work with. The students were eager to learn and were willing to support themselves. We left some clothing and school materials that they can use. However, I was not ready to go until 2017.

A few weeks before June 12, 2017, there was an encounter between the New People's Army (Communist) and the Philippine Military. Casualties were heavy on both sides, but the civilians suffered the most. Because of this event, Jonathan decided to move the school to the town of Solano where classes will be conducted at the church building. On 12 June 2017, I arrived in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya about 4 kilometers from the provincial capital. It is about 300 kilometers north of Manila. At that time Jonathan was in Hong Kong. I talked to brother Felipe Marania, one of the teachers and showed him the courses that I can teach. We decided on World of the OT, followed by the Intertestamental Period then World of the New Testament. It has to be done in 8 weeks. There were 4 full-time students, but by the time I was there, these students were already enrolled in academic and vocational courses. We had to adjust the time according to their availability since I live just about 52 steps away (I counted it).

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On Sundays we visited congregations where I was asked to do the Bible Study and the message. Most of the congregations just have a



Moises Speaking at Tabuk CofC

song in between the Bible Study and the sermon. I used the Bible Study Period as a background for my sermon, and it worked well. Normally worship is over at eleven o'clock or earlier. Jonathan promoted the

class I was teaching and all of them wanted to have this "extension class" conducted in their area as well. There were some who asked if they can earn credits with GLBC, and I told them it could be arranged if they desire to do so. However, the teacher-preacher training school of Solano can give them credit for the courses provided they pass the tests.



Tabuk Kalinga CofC

I did a Friday evening course on Hermeneutics and Exegesis for some church leaders on Friday evenings. Knowing their background, I provided the backgrounds of the

OT-NT worlds and the intertestamental period. The request for this course, as I found out, has basis. Some churches are dealing



Full Time Students: Joel, Moises, Bots, Jonathan

with issues like baptism; gifts of the Holy Spirit; use of veil; silence in the church of women; one-cup; financial support etc. So far the feed-back was positive on the content and presentation of the subjects. English and the vernacular (Tagalog and Ilokano) were employed in class.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd)

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Used To Be

Harold Bruggen

“Used to be a member of the church, but so and so happened and I quit.” I’m sure that most who read this have heard that statement at some time or other. When I hear it, I am reminded of the Lord’s question when He asked the disciples, “You do not want to leave too, do you?” and Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:66-68 NIV)

Today we see so many who are turning their backs on the church. They say “We believe in Jesus alright, but we reject the church.” Apparently they do not understand that to reject the church is to reject Christ. The church is His body (Colossians 1:18-24). Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23) and it is impossible to turn against the body and not the head. All this talk about the restructuring of the church is pure nonsense.

Another thing that needs to be impressed is, that one cannot accept the Lord and reject His Word and His law. The words spoken by the Lord, they are spirit and they are life. There is no hope of eternal life if one refuses to accept the words of the Lord. They make us free (John 8:32); they save (1 Peter 1:18-25); and they sanctify (John 17:17). When we reject His Word we reject Him. Peter said, “You have the words of eternal life.” When church members are involved with the things of the world, and neglect to study the Bible, and refuse to do their duty to God they should be reminded of the question: “To whom shall we go?” They cannot find salvation out in the world. Salvation is found only in Christ (Romans 8:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17). Their friends might help them in times of need and they might go to them for comfort and advice, but to whom can

they go for salvation? The only answer is to the Lord. Too many fail to appreciate Jesus when everything is going well, in times of good health and prosperity. But let hard times come, a few days of hardship, and they find that their friends walk out on them, they go down into a depression of despair and begin to cry out, “Why did God let this happen to us?” Some will make the decision to return to the Lord, but why did they fail to realize before they left Him that He alone has the words of eternal life. I hope that some who read this will give some thought of their souls. If you are among the “used to be,” group or if you are growing careless of your duty and are thinking about leaving the church, if anything stands between you and the Lord, will you ask yourself this question, “To whom shall I go?” (John 6:68) Remember if you leave Him you leave every hope of salvation.

The church is a complete institution. We dare not organize any other to do its work. Those who do these things have departed from the Lord and need to consider the question, “To whom shall we go?” You may live and die outside the church if that is your desire, but remember that you will spend an eternity away from the Lord. The man who leaves the Lord doctrinally (as so many are doing so today) or morally can come back and correct his mistakes. The Lord has promised to forgive. But he has not promised to forgive until the guilty one does his part. So, to you “used to be” your only hope is to humble yourself and confess your sins, and return to the church. Ponder carefully Paul’s statement, “The wages of sin is death” and Peter’s statement: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

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NEPA

Thayer Salisbury

“NEPA done give light.”
“NEPA don’t give light.”
Typed out, it is not hard to distinguish between those two statements. But when spoken they may sound identical, especially to the foreigner, doubly so for a foreigner just roused from his sleep.

We lived in Nigeria from January 1993 until May of 1997. When the power company (Nigerian Electric Power Authority) failed to give us power, the night watchman would awaken me with the message, “NEPA don’t give light.” I would get dressed, trudge to the generator house and fire up the generator.

Once I was back in bed, NEPA might turn the power on. The night watchman would then reawaken me with the cheery news, “NEPA done give light.” That meant that it was time for me to trudge to the generator house, switch the campus back to the grid, and shut down the generator.

To be honest, most nights I had no idea what had been said. I only knew that I was expected to get up and do something.

I do not have to deal with NEPA, or night watchmen, anymore. But today I have received at least two incomprehensible messages. This is not uncommon. People say things that I cannot understand. I may hear all the words, but the meaning seems hidden from me. What are they asking of me?

Often, I suspect, the caller expresses himself unclearly because he is unclear in his own mind. People don’t know where they are; they do not know where they are going. They do not want to admit that they are lost, but they have an uneasy sense that something is not right. They want me to do something, although I can-

not always tell what it is that they expect of me.

Maybe we should stop worrying about what people expect of us. Maybe we should be more concerned with what our Lord expects of us. People do not know where they are or where they are headed. They are, so often, looking for the wrong thing in the wrong place, and are asking all the wrong questions.

Our job is to get up and do something. But the something we need to do is not always to answer the request they are making, but to point them to the path they are overlooking. Peter did not say what the people expected to hear at Pentecost (Acts 2). Paul did not give the speech the Athenians expected (Acts 17). We are not always called upon to answer the questions people are asking. At times the questions people are asking are silly, pointless questions that will do no good (1 Tim 1:3-7). Our task is not to answer their questions, but to point them to the questions that really matter.

Toledo, Ohio

Living Based on Absolutes

Harold Bruggen

“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”” (Daniel 3:16-18 NIV)

Shadrach, Mesach, and Abednego’s faith was tested. Would they

worship another God defined by their captor, the king of Babylon? If not, they would be thrown into a fiery pit. There was no decision to be made. It had already been made in their mind and heart. There would be no skirting the issue. They would not reframe the issue with political babble to save their necks. No, they took the issue head on. “There is only one God, oh king. It is the God we serve!” What a bold faith. They knew God could save them, but even if He didn’t, so be it. This was their stand.

There is a time to stand for absolute truth. “Jesus IS the only way to the Father.” “Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6 NIV) We live in a culture that is defined by situational ethics and a belief that there are many ways to God. “As long as I am not hurting anyone why would God care if I live with my girlfriend?” “Surely you don’t believe homosexuality is sin!” “Are you one of those rigid fundamentalists?” The issues of our day cry out for a life that lives from a basis of absolute truth.

If I am harassed for that belief, so be it. If I am branded a bigot, so be it. If I am viewed as rigid and narrow by others, so be it. If I die for my faith, so be it. I live to please an audience of only One. “There is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.” (1 Corinthians 8:6 NIV) “He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 1:8 NIV) Think about it. Are you living a life dedicated to the Lord and to His Word? If not, why not?

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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 Northwest of city, 13015 – 116 Avenue NW; Ofc 780.455.1049; 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 587.599.9445; 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: southedmonton.churchofchrist@gmail.com

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

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

RED DEER: Davenport Church of Christ, 68 Donley 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/rddcc

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. 10:30, 11; Please call for Thursday evening bible study and Wed. morning ladies class locations. Meeting place for Sunday mornings only is: 32026 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford, in the Clearwood Room. Mailing address: #4 – 3292 Elmwood Dr.; V2S 6B2; Norm Weir, ev. 604-850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 604-855-2394; 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; besijm2@hotmail.com

COURTENAY: Tslolulm 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

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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 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, 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

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

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

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Verwerda, ev., (250) 545-6892 (off) www.vernonchurchofchrist.com; email: vernonchurchofchrist@telus.net

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ): Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 1600 Charlton Rd. Victoria, B.C. V9E 2C8; 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: southislandschurch@gmail.com

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)

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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; Shawn LeBlanc ev. (shawn@winnipegchurch.ca) Jay Manimintim youth min (jay@winnipegchurch.ca)

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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

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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: ajaxcccentennialroad@gmail.com

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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 1:30 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); www.bramaleacocf.ca

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GRIMSBY: 164 Mountain Rd. Grimsby, 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.grimsbycocf.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, POJ 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

HAMILTON: Fennell Ave. Church of Christ, 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00; Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.); Randy Morrill, 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 Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; email: jrjwss@cogeco.ca

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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 changes

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga ON L5M 0H3; Worship: 10:30-11:30 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Tony Lourenco; 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

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

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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

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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

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

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

SUNDRIDGE: #10500 Hwy. 124 N. Sunday School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Wed. 7:00 Robert Gieg (705) 380-0907 Email- rbgieg@gmail.com Don Preston (705) 384-7058

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

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

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

MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjccoc@sasktel.net Call for times of worship.

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SASKATOON: Sunday, Worship 10 AM, Wed.7 PM; Phone for summer schedule; Office: 343-7922; Lead Minister: Mike Parker; Senior Minister: Bob Parker; Location & Mail: 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; Bob Parker: stonchurch@live.com Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

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