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# The Beauty and the Betterment Found in the *One Another Verses*

(ONE ANOTHER FROM EPHESIANS)

George Mansfield

## The Key Word Found

When we find and read the Bible passages that use the “one-another” directive we are struck by three things: the large number of these commands, the diversity they deal with and the compelling need of practicing them today in our churches. We are forced to face the fact that Christianity is truly “relational,” or not at all. Really!

We must love one another, be kind to one another, encourage one another, etc.

There are 100 cases of “one-another” in the New Testament. Here are the facts: 27 cases are found in Jesus giving instruction to his followers. The Apostle Paul wrote 60% of the “one another” commands. 15% stress HUMILITY. 1/3 are on the topic of LOVE. Another 1/3 deal with GETTING ALONG with one another, as are all the others when we really think about it.

But really, should we be surprised at this? Please bear with a personal note from a long-time preacher of the Word of God. The biggest problem, the hardest to correct and the least recognized by the people involved has always been...wait for it... Christians not getting along with one another. Sending the combatants to Scripture can lead, in some cases, to estrangement or leaving the local flock or not seeing eye to eye which can be so very discouraging and can lead to a lack of interest in speaking to the local community about becoming part of that church. The church

is the family of God and we need to be able to work out our differences.

## The Compelling Case Made for Us

The Church at Ephesus came into being from an initial visit by Paul to that city.

His visit is recorded in Acts 19. Much trouble set over against the blessings is seen in this chapter. Please read it.

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One important point must be noted. The people called Ephesians had been dominated by idolatry. Artemis or Diana (KJV, her Roman name) was the goddess of love, fertility, the hunt and more. The people believed she had fallen from heaven and so was deity. In Act 19: 28 we hear the crowd screaming “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians.” Verse 28. Paul the Apostle of Jesus represented the God of heaven and was responsible to Him to tell the people of the revealed Good News of the One who really came to earth from heaven!

Later, Paul wrote the letter called Ephesians providing us a good example to look at, become knowledgeable of and dig deeper into its finer points.

Fast forward to the time that Paul, in prison, is writing a letter to this group of saints.

Chapter 4 is a call to unity or, should we say, a recognition of

what unity entails and costs. Note these admonitions from Ephesians chapter 4:

“...Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another” (Ephesians 4:32)

“...Forgiving each other...” (Ephesians 4:32).

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” (Ephesians 5:19)

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21)

Imagine the impact the practice of these “one-another” principles would have on any one person or any group. But, when we overlay this fact with the recognition of who they were and consider the struggles that were theirs due to former religious practices and even their ethnic background, we then “stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,” who made such a tremendous change for their betterment and has them on the heavenly path.

So, for us to appreciate the effect these “one another” suggestions have on the lives of these Christians, consider the material found in chapter 2 and 3.

Ephesians 2:1- They were considered “dead in their transgressions”

V. 2 – This was daily life for them and it is called the “way of this world.”

Vs. 4, 5 – God through Jesus “made them alive” from their sin-induced dead state. →

Vs. 11-13 – They are recognized as “Gentiles” who had been “separated from Christ, foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God.” They were seen as being “in the world.” The beautiful words that follow “But now in Christ Jesus...” points out that they were reclaimed by the King and called His!

Having been formerly identified as apart from all that is heaven-bound, we read of their new life that is characterized by four “fellow” words, in the NASB. In a different translation one can still appreciate the influence of these words:

2:19 – Fellow citizens with the saints (Jews) and of God’s household.

3:6 – Fellow heirs, fellow members of the body, fellow partakers of the promise in Christ.

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, (to one another) forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Our congregations, no matter how large or small, have people whose backgrounds so influence their daily walk with God and cause divisions or hardships in the pure practice of fellowship. To help us consider the following:

1) Recognize that you have that past, be it from ethnicity or lack of training.

2) Face up to this fact and place Jesus before your eyes. See others through Him.

3) Read and believe the verses that remind us of the “fellow factor.” Fellow has behind it the idea of equal or someone in the same position. More- “*companion, friend, comrade, partner, associate, coworker, colleague.*” This is seen in Zechariah 13:7 and Matthew 26:31.

4) Know that we are all in the same boat, the Jesus boat. We travel with him... together!

5) Hold up in your mind and before God in prayer, those who worship with you. Pray diligently for all those who agree or disagree, are happy with you or find fault in you.

May I illustrate this with a personal life example? I used to be the owner of a 12-string guitar. Not being a perfectionist, quite often I

have tolerance for sounds that require finer tuning. One day I broke the G-string. With a 12-string guitar there’s another G-string at a different octave. I nonchalantly went on playing, neglecting to replace the broken string. Over time I noticed a vibration that began to rattle several of the tuning knobs. The remaining G-string now seemed unaffected. The reason for the resonance could not be traced to the missing string. I remained quite lenient towards the alien sounds until I realized other people might be puzzled by the growing dissonance. I decided to take my guitar to a music store for repairs. I wondered whether perhaps a crack had developed in the neck of the guitar. Before I went to the repairman, however, I felt ashamed at not having replaced the broken string. It was sheer laziness on my part since I had an extra string available. As

I reinstated the G-string and tuned it to the satisfaction of my amateur ear, I suddenly discovered that the guitar had become imbalanced not only in harmonic sounds, but in the weight distribution. Each string pulls a lot of weight. A guitar needs every string to provide appropriate, good sounds.

I think of the Body of Christ in which broken, hurting members are often discounted as unnecessary to the harmony of the whole. They are simply discarded. Because each member with unique gifts has been planted there by a creative God, its absence can only mean dissonance.

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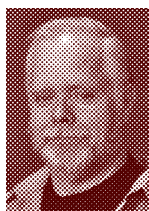
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## Family Forever

Wayne Turner



Someone once described Christian marriage as “two people helping each other get to heaven.” When we think of all the aspects and goals of marriage – provide companionship, procreation, personal intimacy, mutual work and accomplishment, help and support, etc. – the spiritual goal of heaven and eternity crowns them all. As Jesus asked, “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world yet lose his soul?” A marriage can accomplish and gain many things, but if it does not help bring both partners (and their children) to eternal life, it is, in the words of the Teacher in Ecclesiastes, “vanity.”

We know that the Bible intentionally uses family terms to describe the believers’ relationship with God and one another. There is a personal, intimate connection between God’s people. Sometimes, it seems that the world views membership in an organization as merely a loose association of people. Many of us may have memberships in various associations and groups. We may be members of an auto club like CAA, buy gas or groceries from a co-operative, be part of a union at work, or be members of a retail rewards program offered by retailers that we frequent. In all these, there are few expectations or real personal connections with the possible exception of unions. However, the description of family goes far beyond.

When we speak of family, we cannot help but think of the many families around us that are broken and dysfunctional. Human beings are imperfect, subject to weakness, failure and sin. As a result, many marriages and families are not what they could be. However, the goal of our relationship with one another is to bring as much spiritual growth and maturity as possible. Like earthly families, we will have our disagreements and differences, we may even have fights. But, like any parent dealing with their children, at the end of the day, God expects us to forgive, work together, build up and edify, and grow together into the likeness of Christ. It is significant that 1 Corin-

thians 13, the great Love Chapter of the Bible which is often read at weddings, was actually written in the context of church division! It describes, even defines, how Christians are to love.

The importance of our relationships within the Church can be seen in the number of passages in the New Testament that we call the “one another” verses. There are over 25 exhortations addressed to Christians in these passages. Some of these repeat, like “love one another” but much more is addressed. Collectively, they cover a wide range of positive and negative actions which, when combined, show how strong the relationship between Christians should be. Overall, they show that our relationships within Christ should be characterized by love, loyalty, acceptance, tolerance, forgiveness, etc. Thus, 1 Corinthians 13 is the ultimate “one another” passage – applicable to marriages and families, but written to the Church as the body of Christ and how love should reign over all our relationships, even when we disagree, argue and fight. That is why it was written. “The greatest of these is love.” That’s why we need to always remember and live with the idea that within Christ, we are family forever!

This issue of the Gospel Herald is based on the theme, “One Another.” Paul Birston has put together a set of writers and articles to discuss this important subject. We appreciate the contributions and efforts of the brothers who have written for us. We should note that due to some last minute challenges, this edition will likely be later than usual.

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# One/Another–Linked

Geoffrey Ellis

A tradition of long standing reports: The apostle John remained in Ephesus until extreme old age. So feeble he had to be carried to the assembly, he had only the strength to say, “Children, love one another.” Finally, the disciples, tiring of hearing the same thing, asked, “Master, why do you always say that?” John replied, “Because it is the Lord’s commandment, and if it alone is done it suffices.”

“One another” is expressed in the original language of the New Testament in one word, *allēlōn*, linking the two in one. In turn, this word is often linked with *agapē* love, the love that is self-sacrificing, that seeks the other’s wellbeing. And again, *agapē* love is linked with *truth*, truth and love being the pillars of Christianity.

While this triple linkage—“*one another*,” “*love one another*,” “*truth and love*”—is found throughout the New Testament, this brief article will focus on the writings of the Apostle John.

On John’s memory were stamped the events of that last precious night before Jesus’ crucifixion. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit (see John 14:25), John recalled and recorded, in five chapters of his Gospel (13-17), the events (e.g. identifying Judas as the betrayer), the precious teachings, and the prayer of Jesus.

No doubt, the apostles were uneasy when Jesus girded himself with a towel—taking the position of a servant—and began washing their feet. True to form, Peter objected openly. Jesus quickly set him straight: “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you” (13:15). The example of serving! Then he said, “A new commandment I give you: *Love one another*. As I have loved you, so you must *love one another*. All men will know that you are my disciples

if you *love one another*” (13:34-35). This is the signature feature of Christianity—the servant heart in each believer.

Later in the evening, Jesus talked to his disciples about “fruit bearing” (15:1ff): “This is to my Father’s glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (15:8). “Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have

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## **Truth – love – service, this is the heartland of Christianity!**

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obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love...My command is this: *Love one another* as I have loved you...This is my command: *love one another*” (15:9b-10, 12-17). Loving Jesus and loving one another are linked with obedience to Jesus’ commands, and his commands are true! Truth—love—service, this is the heartland of Christianity!

The evening was quickly drawing to a close. Before Jesus was a sleepless night of humiliation and abuse, to be followed by a day of unimaginable pain, and finally, death. Jesus concluded his time with his disciples in prayer, closing with these words: “I have revealed you [Father] to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be theirs and I myself might be with them” (17:26).

The aged John was far from his homeland, surrounded by a Gentile world, his fellow apostles all gone—martyrs to their faith; for a time removed from his beloved Ephesian fellowship, a prisoner on the detention island of Patmos “because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus” (Rev. 1:9b). Satan was on the warpath, society and empire

bending to his influence: Christians were being killed because of their refusal to acknowledge the emperor as “god” (cf. Antipas of Pergamum, Rev. 2:13); philosophers were challenging both the humanity and the deity of Christ! It is in this setting that he wrote his Gospel, his three Letters, and—while a prisoner—received the great Revelation. In all his writings, he defended the truth of Christ and pleaded for the love of Jesus, the linked powers of Christianity.

John didn’t identify himself in his first “Letter” (it is more a circulating sermon than a letter). He didn’t have to. He knew his recipients—“my dear children,” “dear friends,” repeatedly referenced—and they knew him—“The elder” of 2nd and 3rd John.

“This is the message we have heard from him (Christ) and declare to you: God is light...if you walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin” (1:1:3, 7). Here John saw the church of our Lord living in the brilliant truth that is God, the truth that binds believers into a fellowship of holiness.

John’s third section (we call them ‘chapters’!) is a spiritual delight! “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!..This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; neither is anyone who does not love his brother” (1:3:1, 10). The “love one another” note swells to a symphony: “This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another...We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers... This is how we know what love is: →

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers...Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth...And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us" (1:3:11, 14a, 16, 18, 23).

In John's fourth section he returned to his great theme. "Dear friends, let us *love one another*, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God...This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to *love one another*. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us" (1:4:7, 10-12).

John's second and third Letters could well be called *notes*. But in

their brevity are found nuggets of truth and love. "Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love" (2:1:3). Addressing the "dear lady"—an individual or a euphemism for a congregation?—John writes, "It has given me great joy to find some of your children living by the truth, just as the Father commanded us. And now, dear Lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that *we love one another*. And this is love: that we live in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you live a life of love"(2:1:4-6).

Like the Inuits who reportedly have a number of words to distinguish various types of snow, the ancient Greeks had several words to distinguish various kinds of love, possibly six. Three are not used in

the New Testament: sexual love, self love, and playful love. Three are found in the New Testament: deep friendship, natural affection, and unconditional love. This last love, *agapē*, little used in Classical Greek, dominates the New Testament—appearing 320 times in its various forms.

*Agapē* love is not generated by affection, but once in play it generates deep affection for its object. It envisions the worth, or at least the potential worth, of its recipient, and so is moved to action. It is the love of esteem. It is unselfish concern for the welfare of others. It is the signature disposition of eternal God: "For God so loved (*ēgapēsen*) the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Let us *love one another!*

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# “Members of One Another” In Rome, Romans and Today

Paul Birston

In the mighty metropolis of Rome in Paul’s day many poor and plebeians (average citizens, “plebs”) lived in large apartment buildings called “insulae” (plural of Latin for “island”). Insulae could be nine storeys high. No elevators. Shops and larger apartments on lower floors had plumbing. Smaller upper rooms may have no windows or plumbing. The poor who get the least desirable units would have to walk down many flights to use public latrines (from Latin lavatrina for “bath”). There was wide socio-economic disparity between the upper senatorial and equestrian classes and the poor.

As always, the rich take the best real estate. The emperor lived in the centre of Rome’s seven hills on the Palatine Hill (where we get our word “palace”). The church included “those of Caesar’s household” (Philippians 4:22).

Since much work was done by slaves, many of the upper classes had abundant time for mass spectator sports and entertainment. The Circus Maximus held 150,000 people.

Rome was home to Jewish people dispersed throughout the Empire. They were expelled from Rome at least three times, 139 BC, AD 19 and sometime during the reign of Claudius (AD 41-54) during Paul’s ministry (Acts 18:1-2). Aquila and Priscilla were among them. By the time Paul wrote Romans about AD 57 many Jewish Christians, including Aquila and Priscilla (Romans 16:3), had returned to a thriving Gentile church.

The vitality, servant-hearted and multi-cultural makeup of the Roman church is clearly seen in Paul’s instructions and greetings to his Roman coworkers in the gospel (Romans 12–16).

The picture, however, is far from perfect and harmonious as we see in Paul’s teachings on the nature of wild olive Gentile Christians grafted into the cultivated olive tree of Israel and in the necessity for eleven one another exhortations including those addressing issues between “weak” and “strong” Christians. Paul’s scathing rebuke of believers in their hypocrisy, judging of others and propensity to sin the sins prevalent around them in Rome in chapters 1 to 3 give us pause to humbly

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assess our relationships with our culture and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Globally, our world today bears uncanny resemblance to the first-century Roman Empire. Ungodly leaders rule most nations today. Extreme disparity between rich and poor is worsening rapidly. Human trafficking, wage slavery and genocide today match Roman brutality. Hatred on ethnic grounds persists. Obsessions with mass entertainment, violent sports and hedonistic pleasures completely out of sync for God’s will are rampant. Paul’s first one another teaching in Romans 1:27 speaks to the latter, “in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.” These are widely and openly condoned in government and mass media today.

Paul devotes the first eleven chapters of Romans to addressing these universal problems of sin and ethnic tensions – and – to God’s universal answer to them in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus for

our justification and sanctification in His Holy Spirit. From the mountain top view of his powerful conclusions in chapter 11 and his “therefore” in Romans 12:1 Paul lays out a whole new one another way of living.

Romans 12:5 is revolutionary in Rome and in our individualist self-seeking culture: “so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually **members one of another.**” This unity from many reflects the very heart of the nature of our God who is One. His Spirit is the giver of unity in “the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).

Here “members” refers to interdependent body parts and elsewhere to musical parts in harmony. Inspiring links between these metaphors are seen powerfully in 15:5-7: “Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to **be of the same mind with one another** according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, **accept one another**, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.” Christ accepted us to glorify God. Our acceptance of one another glorifies God. Though Caesar’s banners and grand works are all around us, the glory from God’s people is due only to Him.

Not only are Christians supposed to be inextricably linked in Spirit in the body of Christ, they are to be unified in mind, possible because “we have the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16). This is a gift of God: “Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of **the same mind with one another** according to Christ Jesus” (15:5). Paul reinforces this in 12:16, “**Be of the same mind toward one another**; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.” As →



sociation with the lowly and care for the poor are high priorities in God's mind, clearly shown in Jesus and the prophets, Psalms and Wisdom (Isaiah 58:6-7; 61:1-3; Luke 4:18-19; Psalm 72; Proverbs 19:17).

In Paul's exhortations in 12:9-21 on what living this life of love and service looks like, he says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour" (12:10). This is the devotion of close family members. It joins two words for love into one (philia/philo-storgos). Paul and James summarize the entire Law in five words, "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Romans 13:8-9; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8). We are to "owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law" (13:8). Like unity, God's command to love comes straight from who He is: love. This is contrary to the brute force of Rome and equally oppressive forces acting in our world.

While addressing tensions separating believers on religious and cultural grounds Paul included another therefore: "Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way" (14:13). Ultimate judgment belongs to God. He gives discernment to His people. Think

big, acquiesce, step aside for others: "It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles" (14:21).

Building is a spiritual metaphor first century Romans could easily grasp. They were great builders, surrounding themselves with magnificent, ingenious structures. The poor did the work. Building is a slow process, destruction is swift. We engage in the slow, meticulous process of building one another up over long periods of time: So then "we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (14:19).

Paul makes an interesting confession of confidence in Romans 15:14, "And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another." Goodness and knowledge are foundations for the ability to admonish. This word is not common to us. In its original context it means, "to counsel about avoidance or cessation of an improper course of conduct, admonish, warn, instruct." There are times when Christians must correct one another. Paul is very clear that acceptance of one another is based on the unity and truth of God's Word and Spirit. It is not the indiscriminate tolerance of anything typical of

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— The editors

our time. Loving one another does not mean setting aside God's truth. We must be "of the same mind with one another," the "mind of Christ" who is the truth.

Finally, the very famous double greetings of 16:16 **Greet one another with a holy kiss**. All the churches of Christ greet you." The kiss is qualified as holy. Greetings flow from one to one – and – from all the collective assemblies of Jesus' body to all the others. Being members of one another is to work at every level.

One another living was counter-cultural in Rome. It is in our world. Who among us are living in humble dark rooms? Who are stumbling? Who are dispersed? Who are weak? Who among the strong are willing to lay aside anything that makes another stumble? Do we have the courage, goodness and knowledge to truly live as members of one another to God's glory counter to the Roman ways of our time?

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# God's Encouragers

## ONE ANOTHER IN 1 THESSALONIANS

Max Craddock

It has been said that God has given us three avenues of encouragement to help us face the daily struggles of living the Christian life. First, He gives us His word, the Bible, where we can go for comfort through readings of His love for us and the encouragement of reading of the faithful who lived before us. Secondly, He gives us the privilege of prayer where, through Jesus Christ we can take our hopes, concerns and struggles to Him for help. Thirdly, He gave us the Church where we can find encouragement and support from those who are walking with us in the Lord. People like Aaron and Hur, who helped Joshua win the battle over Amalek by helping Moses hold up his hands during the battle. (Exodus 17). From time to time we all need help in our daily battle against the god of this world. The books of Thessalonians remind us of the need to “lift up the hands of each other” as we walk with God day by day.

Surely every Christian wants to be an encourager to others who desire to have a daily walk with the Lord – 1 John 1:7. The road of righteousness is not always easy to walk as we face the daily struggle of the world against God. As suggested above, the fact that we are not alone...because of the relationship with brothers and sisters in Christ who remind us that we are not alone, plus, the promise of Christ that He is always with us, Matthew 28:20...and this promise is for every day regardless of what is going on around us. Even true in the worst of times, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me” – Psalm 23:4 (NASB).

In 1 Thessalonians chapter four, Paul speaks encouraging words to the brethren about their hope for the future. It would appear that even at

this early time in the history of the Church brethren were having to deal with wondering about the return of the Lord. At this time many would still be living who had actually seen Jesus and heard Him teach. Likely many had even been in Jerusalem to experience personally the arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. In a time of testing of their faith by the Roman government, they were looking for the return of the Lord, as He had promised, and they hoped it would be soon.

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To encourage and support his readers, Paul writes, “Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves *are taught by God to love one another*; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. *But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more...*” – 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (NASB). To excel in this one must make and keep a strong commitment. It is easy to get into the habit of taking everyone for granted and not really appreciating those who go that second mile and more on expressing love through word AND deed. It is important for us to remember that as long as we have life we need to keep busy walking in the steps of our Lord.

Paul goes on to *encourage* these brethren, and us, that we need to keep on walking toward the goal in Christ because our hope in Christ is steadfast and sure. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 17, Paul reassures his readers that the return of the Lord for His Church is guaranteed. At God's appointed time this will take place. And you do not have to worry about those Christians who have al-

ready passed away because when Jesus does return these folks will get to the Lord before those still living on the earth will! This makes me ask, “where would we be at the time of a dear loved one's death or crossing our own river of death, without the hope of this promise?” While not looking forward to physical death, we are blessed that we can look forward to what death will bring the Christian...“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away” – Revelation 21:1-4 (NASB). So Paul says, “Therefore comfort one another with these words” – 1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NASB).

As we move on to chapter 5, Paul directs our attention to the “day of the Lord,” that is judgement day, the day of the Lord's return. Paul admits that he has no idea whatsoever when the day the Lord is going to return to the earth will be. It is interesting that in the time since Jesus lived on earth, there have been several who have forecast the date of His return. More interesting still, perhaps, is that many people have been influenced by these “date guessers” to sell their goods and go to the mountain tops to be the first who will see the Lord. Every one of these suggestions for the Lord's return have turned out to be false. So, what is the value of Paul speaking about this in the first place? →

Because it is so easy to slide into a feeling that the world has continued for a long time and will certainly continue for now. Even man's attempts to destroy the world through misuse of its resources and pollution of the environment does not change the fact that God has set a day for the return of the Lord for judgement and final reward for the Christian. So we need to be prepared for that day by living a life of obedience to God and make every effort to please Him. Paul wrote, "But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him" – 1 Thessalonians 5:8-10 (NASB).

Of course, just looking after ourselves is not the end of our privilege and responsibility. Paul goes on to write, "Therefore encourage one another and *build up* one another, just as you also are doing" – 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NASB). This makes me ask myself, "Am I doing what I can to encourage and build up those people with whom I have contact daily – beginning with my own family?" One of the mission fields we all face is close by but sometimes the most challenging. May God give us wisdom, so we can "encourage" and "build up" those nearest to us.

In the next section of this letter, Paul gives some important instruction to the church by speaking of duty to leaders. In my Bible the section from 5:12 to the end is entitled, "Christian Conduct," and speaks of the importance of right relationships with all, but in particular, those who are servant leaders in the Church. Serving as an elder or deacon in the Lord's Church is a wonderful privilege but, at times, a thankless task. Having worked in congregations with and those without elders, I can testify that having godly men who take on the work of elder and serve faith-

fully in it are a great blessing to all in the congregation. Of course, it is a two-way street as members need to cultivate a relationship with the elders. Paul starts out by saying, "But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction" – 1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NASB). Serving as an elder in the Lord's Church, it seems to me, is a great privilege. It has its downside when elders are not respected for their work for the souls of the membership. Paul writes, following up verse 12, "...and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another" – 1 Thessalonians 5:13 (NASB).

Many times, it is human nature to find fault with anyone who is in a position of authority or leadership. I know there are men in these positions who are not as well equipped for the work as they want to be and will be in time. It seems to me that Paul may have realized this as well so encouraged us to help them and encourage them by giving attention to their leadership and helping them grow and not making their work harder by causing trouble but to make it our goal to "live at peace with one another."

Clearly the sacred instruction regarding the esteem and honour to be given to elders who are charged with the spiritual guidance of a church should not be taken lightly. Faithful elders of the church are highly honored in the New Testament, not for themselves alone, but as a mark of respect and appreciation for their work, which is one of the most important on earth.

Finally, consider the last of the "one another" statements in 1 Thessalonians 5, "See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people" – 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (NASB). In this verse Paul reminds us of the fact that it is not just the brothers and sisters in

Christ who deserve the Christian's attention. Our continuing work is to share the gospel with everyone we can reach. A great part of this sharing of the gospel has to be in action, not in word alone. Who knows, maybe the person we will share the gospel with and lead to an eternal relationship with God may be the one who did us evil, but we returned good instead.

Being the kind of person described in the "one another" passages is not always easy to do because there are so many situations that happen in our lives that work to break us down and take our eyes off the goal of faithful service to God. If we are not careful we will lose sight of the fact that Jesus Christ gave His life for all, the good and the evil, who will turn to Him in obedience. My goal in life, and I pray for yours as well, is to live in a way that the people I have opportunity to influence will be directed toward God and His will for us.

While not one of the "one another" passages, I am also reminded of these other words of Paul that, if adopted by each of us, will help us live out the "one another" passages daily. Prayerfully consider these words of Paul and apply them to your daily life. "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" – Romans 12:14-21 (ESV).

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## “If You Could Do It Alone”

(ENCOURAGEMENT FROM HEBREWS)

**I**f you could do it alone, you would have done it already!” So says Harvey Brooker Weight Loss for Men. Mr. Brooker is cashing in on a facet of human nature. Namely, that we all need encouragement, especially when striving for a goal which is not quickly obtained or easily accomplished. The writer of Ecclesiastes said it this way: **“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?**

**Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken**” – We need help. This is so true for our spiritual lives. We cannot do it alone. We were not meant to do it alone. That is why Christ built the church (Matthew 16:18). When one is baptized into Christ, he/she becomes part of Christ’s body – the church (Colossians 1:18) and is to function as part of that body (Romans 12:4, 5; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Ephesians 4:16). They are not an independent unit. It is no wonder then, that the New Testament is filled with passages which tell us to encourage and assist one another.

“The local church was intended by God to be mankind’s supreme encouragement zone. No worldly institution can encourage the heart, mind and soul like Jesus’ church.”<sup>1</sup> (At least that should be the case.)

The letter to the Hebrews is a letter of encouragement. It was writ-

ten to encourage Jewish Christians who were apparently considering giving up their faith and reverting back to Judaism. Intermingled in the lengthy explanation of why such action would be foolish and result in being lost, are some verses instructing us to help and encourage one another.

“See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another

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**daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first**” – Hebrews 3:12-14 (NIV 1984).

“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near” – Hebrews 10:23-25 (NLT).

The Hebrew writer gave us some important reasons for encouraging one another. First and foremost, we need to hold tightly to our faith and not allow sin or discouragement to turn us away from God and cause us to lose out on His promises. We

need not only to encourage each other to remain faithful but we also need to motivate one another to grow in love and acts of service (10:24).

Hebrews 10:25 has often been preached to encourage, or perhaps coerce Christians to attend all services of the church. While that is certainly indicated by the verse the reason the admonition was given is often overlooked. We are to meet together so that we can encourage one another to hold tightly without wavering in the hope we affirm and motivate each other to acts of love and good works. In order to do this, we need to spend time with one another. In fact, we need to spend more time together than just a couple hours of corporate worship each week.

While our times of worship should encourage us, we need more than that if we are to accomplish what the Hebrew writer admonished us to do in these few verses. Notice, we are told to encourage one another DAILY (3:13) as long as it is called Today. Right now! Often! Don’t wait until Sunday! Besides, you need to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ in order to encourage them as they most need. How can you truly encourage and strengthen another if you do not know what that person is struggling with? You almost certainly will need to spend time together outside of the church building in order to truly get to know one another. And we need relationships based on trust and love if we are to share our struggles and our triumphs with each other.

Notice, too, that the Hebrews admonition was preventive in nature. We are to encourage everyone to prevent them from turning away from God, not just those who are obviously near the edge. Our aim is to keep one another from getting to the edge rather than waiting until then to try to help. The dictionary definition for encourage is: hearten, →



animate, inspire with hope, embolden; support. We are to do these things regularly and frequently.

We can encourage one another in many ways. The most obvious way is through our words. Proverbs says: **“A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver”** – Proverbs 25:11 (NIV 1984). **“Everyone enjoys a fitting reply; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time!”** – Proverbs 15:23 (NLT).

Paul tells us that all we say should build each other up. **“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them”** – Ephesians 4:29 (NLT).

We can encourage through actions. It may be something as simple as a smile, a hug, holding a hand, or a pat on the shoulder. It may be sitting with someone going through a difficult time or situation. It might be some act of kindness which expresses love and concern. **“The crowning achievement of encouragement is learning to give yourself away in small deeds of kindness.”**<sup>2</sup>

We can encourage one another by our example. This will likely involve sharing our personal struggles and victories. Others who are also struggling will be encouraged by evidence that it is possible to overcome our trials. After reviewing the trials and victories of some of the heroes of faith, the Hebrew writer offered these encouraging words. **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endur-**

**ance the race God has set before us”** – Hebrews 12:1 (NLT).

We can encourage one another by listening. Someone has wisely said, **“A burden shared is a burden lightened.”** **“Of all the skills needed by an encourager, listening is arguably the most essential. It is also the most difficult. That is because listening is more a matter of the heart and mind than of the ears.”**<sup>3</sup>

We can encourage one another by praying for them and with them. One example of Paul praying for his fellow Christians is found in Ephesians 3:14-19. **“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have pow-**

**er, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God”** (NIV 1984).

James tells us that our prayers can help heal us from the sins that beset us. But for this to happen we need to be willing to confess our sins to one another. **“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results”** – James 5:16 (NLT).

**“All of us need encouragement – somebody to believe in us. To reassure and reinforce us. To help us pick up the pieces and go on. To provide us with increased determination in spite of the odds. I do not care how influential or secure or mature a person may appear to be, genuine encouragement never fails to help. Most of us need massive doses of it.”**<sup>4</sup>

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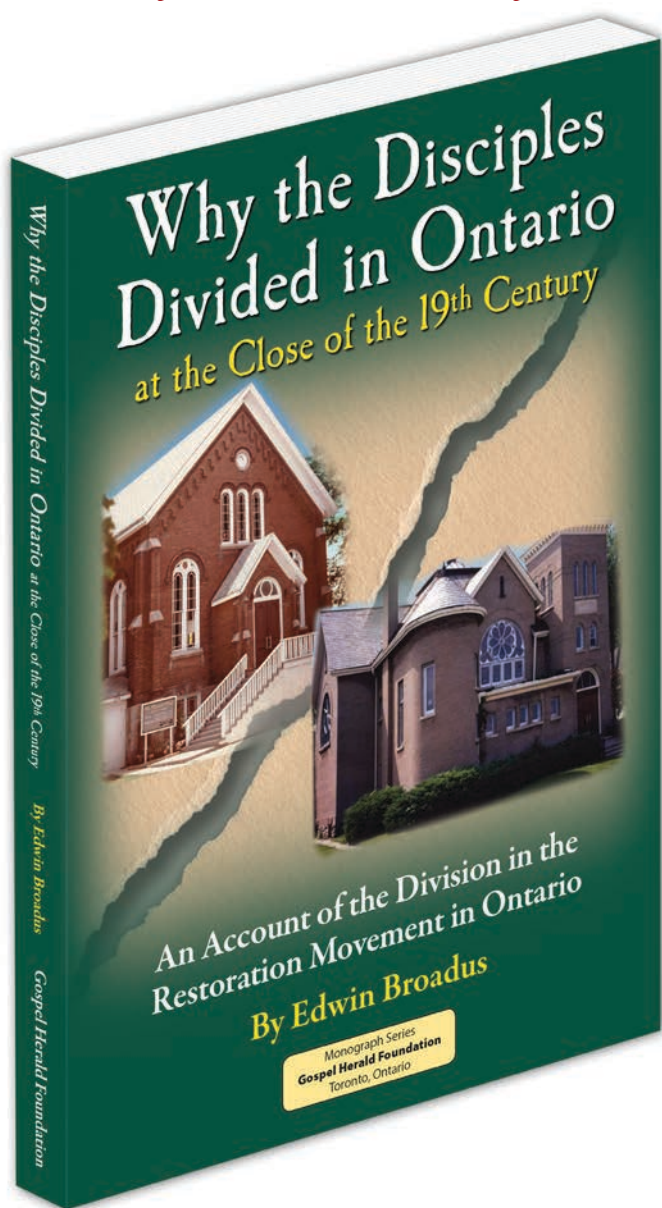
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### NEW YORK

**Niagara Falls:** LaSalle: The LaSalle congregation recently received thank you letters from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, INC for our donation of \$400.00 toward recent disaster efforts, and also a letter from Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries for our donation of \$1,626.00. We rejoice with the Angels in heaven over Laura Lehning's decision to be united to Christ in baptism. Sunday, October 28 Laura confessed Jesus and was added to the body of Christ. Praise God!

### ONTARIO

**Fenwick:** Over sixty children were received at our first attempt at Trunk or Treat on October 31. Besides candy, they all received an invitation to attend our Young Disciples Club. Brother Dr. Ed Gray led a workshop about dealing with stress on November 9 and 10. Forty five attended the first night and thirty seven the second. Five were from the community. He also preached on Sunday, November 11.

**Mississauga:** The Mississauga congregation began meeting in Mississauga on November 16, 2008. This is our 10th year of meeting as a church in Mississauga. To celebrate this milestone, on December 2, after our service, we are having

a fellowship meal to reflect on our efforts over this time period. Everyone is welcome to join us for our service and stay for the fellowship meal.

**Stoney Creek:** Mary Wiebe, youngest daughter of Paul and Melanie Wiebe, was baptized at Stoney Creek November 4. Mary is a first-year student at McMaster University. The Stoney Creek church is still looking for a full-time minister. Meanwhile some of the preaching is done by local members and some by various visiting speakers. The church continues to provide meals twice a month at Micah House in Hamilton, where refugees are housed. Midweek Bible studies meet in two places – at the church building in Stoney Creek and at Keith and Jane Wallace's apartment in Burlington.

**Toronto: Bayview Ave:** On Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21, we at Bayview celebrated our 75th Anniversary, combined with our annual spiritual renewal weekend. It was an honour to have as our speakers, David Knutson, who has preached here one or two Sundays a month for close to 20 years, and Geoff Ellis, who brought us God's Word on the fifth Sunday for 10 years. They both "did credit" to our theme, "Keeping the Faith". Michael Hilborn introduced the weekend with a brief summary of Bayview's history. This was supplemented by Geoff Ellis, who put our history into the context of the restoration movements springing from New Testament times. Geoff then dealt with "The Battle for Truth", examining John's gospel and his three letters. Next David provided valuable insights

into interpreting God's Word. We had thirty seven at Bayview on Saturday, including Yvon Beau-doin whom we support in Quebec. On Sunday Geoff delved into Revelation, with his study of "The Church: God's Kingdom Come to Earth", followed by David's sermon on what the New Testament church looks like today. Sixty-three were present for worship on October 21. We were pleased to have visitors share in the outstanding lessons, the food and the fellowship. Visitors came from the following congregations: Bramalea, Meaford, Newmarket, Strathmore, Waterloo and Winnipeg. Paul Birston from Great Lakes Bible College was present both days, helping with photos and taping. We were blessed by the celebration of Bayview's 75 years, looking forward to the future of keeping the faith.

**Waterloo:** One of our youth groups "God Squad" began October 21 and will meet monthly on the first and third Sundays of the month. This group is for 10-13-year olds. We will meet at the building from 6-7:30 p.m for group activities and projects.

**Windsor - (West Side):** On Wednesday, October 31 we had a fun night at our Trunk N Treat meeting different families and we appreciate being a part of the neighborhood that God has called us to. Next year we would like as many of our members as possible to join in committing to read the Bible through in one year. To help organize our reading we will be able to download on our cell phones the Reads-cripture app and we will be using the section we are reading together that week for the Sermon.





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### ALBERTA

**Edmonton Northside:** Alberta Fall Fellowship was held with Greg Parks of Richardson, Texas as guest speaker. Theme was: "A Place of Refuge: Grief Ministry in the Local Church". We rejoice with Al Gagne who was baptized. Darin and Ruth Harder have placed membership.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford: (Central Valley):** The ladies had a 'mini ladies retreat' in September at the home-stead of Judy Marg Weir, in Lone Butte, from a Monday till late on Wednesday. I (Jen Weir) drove our van load up, and we were joined one day by Lillian Perry. She and her husband, Sheldon, moved to 100 Mile House about three years ago, "which puts them in our range". (Note: added by editor) As the Ladies class is made up mostly of elderly ladies, we are studying the interesting subject of "Growing Old Gracefully." The Weirs have tentative plans to make a trip to deliver some \$400.00 worth of Children's Bibles to Tsey Key and Ft. Ware. The parents felt their children were growing out of the Kiddee books and would benefit more from these special Children's Bibles. Some of the parents prefer them, as well, the Weirs have learned, and are asking for more, so they are eager to deliver them, though weather in BC at this time of year is very uncertain.

**Delta:** One of our long time members at the Delta church has been the subject of our most recent distress and reason for prayer. Mae Garland had two consecutive falls that sent her to the hospital, and the latest news is that she may not be able to move back into her living facility. Mae has been one of the "roots" in helping to grow the Delta church since its beginning and her absence is greatly felt.

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** November 24 was chosen to be our "Family" day for October. Open for Family skating from one to three p.m., participants were also able to find a bite to eat if lunch at home was too late. Our preacher says that a number of people have asked to receive the Oakridge Sunday bulletins and new readers are welcome. However, if you have expressed a desire to be taken off of our list, please let us know.

**Salmon Arm:** Maurice Taylor fell from weakness. His knee gave out and it is sprained so that he

cannot stand on it. As he will be unable to transfer for some time, he probably will be in the hospital until he is able to use it again. We are grateful for all the help we receive until he is able to care for himself again. We are filling 24 boxes of Christmas goodies this year at a cost of roughly \$450.00. It will take the same amount to mail them to several different countries, so we are appealing to people to remember to help with this additional burden if you are able.

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg:** Tyler Gauthier and Mario Castro were baptized. Our annual craft and bake sale was held.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Northwest Regina:** We held a Sacred Marriage Seminar on November 10.

**Weyburn:** We packed 25 boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Boxes. A come and go tea was held to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Lois & Roland Olson.

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*Some of our kids in front of the orphanage building*

## Back From Our Three Week Mission Trip to Haiti

*Jean Volcy*

### Greetings everyone!

As some of you are aware while I had already used all my vacation for the year, I was able to negotiate some time off work in order to go to Haiti. I had 3 weeks and a couple of days, so I strategically booked the trip so that it included 4 Sundays (Friday Oct 19 – Sunday: November 11) in order to maximize the potential for outreach. In Haiti, people are more likely to respond to an invitation to church services on Sundays than any other day. Our street corner gospel meetings are also better attended on Sundays.

Our plan was to bring some encouragement to the brethren down there (one brother who was

very active there had passed away suddenly), and we wanted to help prepare some of the younger folks for ministry as well. I'm happy to report that we had some success on both ends. Here are some highlights:

**1. Words of encouragement** – I taught and preached from passages such as: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, where Paul reminds us that as Christians we must not grieve as those who have no hope. And “to encourage each other with these words.” Romans 8:1, that says “there’s no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...” and that we are in Christ Jesus, those of us who have been baptized (Galatians 3:27).

**2. Visiting the weak** – Marie and I visited some of the folks who were growing a bit colder in their faith and encouraged them to come back.

**3. Fellowship Meal** – While we were there, we reinstated the monthly potluck. We covered the cost for the meal this time and the brethren will continue as they used to. They had stopped doing it but it was always a great time of fellowship and it will be very beneficial to the congregation.

**4. Re-started a Saturday Kids Club** – Every Saturday the club will welcome kids from the church as well as kids from the community to study the Bible, to play and to enjoy some refreshments. This





*The new small building with 6 classrooms*



*One classroom with Marie standing at the door*

will open doors for evangelism to not only the kids but to their parents as well.

**5. Youth Ministry** – I spent a great deal of the time with the youth. Some of our young people are very zealous and willing to take the word out. They need help on how to effectively share their faith and win their friends over for the Lord without much frustration. There are various false doctrines in the area and our folks need to know how to answer them according to the scripture. So, I spent some time teaching them and answering questions on scriptural conversion; baptism, why the church of Christ doesn't do infant baptism (or presenting to the temple); why we don't speak in tongues, etc.). I also organized Bible classes where several of the young men had the opportunity to present a lesson and to receive some feedback. One particular young brother comes from a surrounding town. He is a bit more advanced than the rest and he plans to go help them out in the and evening on Tuesdays, Thursdays and worship with them 2 Sundays a month (So, 10 times a month). It was great to see their potential.

**6. The greatest highlight** – One baptism – While I was there, I had the opportunity to study with

a young lady and she decided to put on Christ. She is now our newest sister.

**7. Completion of 6 classrooms** – As you're already aware, after the 2010 Earthquake, Haiti's situation worsened, and even more so for the more vulnerable, the children. So, we opened up a small orphanage, which we call "Notre Maison" (English, "Our Home"). "Notre Maison" opened its doors in December, 2015. But there was one problem. While the children are of different ages, none of them had ever been in school and so they don't fit into any regular class. No regular school wanted them, so we were forced to hire teachers to teach them. But we didn't have any classrooms, so we needed to build some. We were happy to be there for the completion of these six classrooms.

When these classrooms are not in use by our students, for example in the evening, we plan to use them to help the community, and so potentially open doors for evangelism. Please pray that God will grant us life and

wisdom and keep us useful in His vineyard.

PS: The work on these classrooms started last Spring when Trevor, Isaac and I went to Haiti. (So special thanks to Trevor and Isaac).

Thank you for your continued support.

In His Service,  
Jean-Luc



*Our newest sister*



# Why I Preach – PART 2 Romans 10:14-15

Mark Tonkery

*(Continued from November, 2018 issue)*

**I** preach to build God's kingdom. In Matthew 13:31-33 Jesus teaches a parable about the kingdom where He explains that the kingdom is like the mustard seed, once it is planted it will grow and grow. As we read the New Testament the Kingdom did start small then grew larger. In Acts 2 we see where the Kingdom of Christ began when 3000 were baptized and added to the church, then 5,000. Acts just states multitudes. Jesus stated in Acts 1:8 that the Apostles were to begin in Jerusalem, Judea, spread to Samaria and then to the whole world.

The church is designed to grow and be built up, but just not in numbers of converts. The church is to be built up in a number of other things as well, such as: Act 14:22, "strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." The Church is to be encouraged to continue in the faith. 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." The church is encouraged to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And Ephesians 4:15, states, "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ," We are to grow up in every way, so we behave and act like Jesus Christ. I preach to help the church, God's Kingdom to be built up and to grow numerically and spiritually!

I preach to change lives. An native American had attended services one Sunday morning. The sermon, which contained very little in

the way of spiritual food had been rather loud in spots. The native American, a Christian, was not impressed. When asked how he liked the sermon, he said, "High wind, big thunder, no rain."

Sometimes that is all many people think about preaching. It is a bunch of hot air. Preaching is to be so much more than hot air when done correctly it is to help change the lives of those who listen and obey. Notice 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." The scriptures will teach us, correct us, train us and they will change our lives if we let it!

In 2 Timothy 4:2 Paul instructs, "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

This is life-changing preaching. Correctly teaching the Bible, hearing what God says, and obeying His word will change a person's life. Look at the life of Paul. We are introduced to him as a persecutor of the church, but he is converted and becomes a great missionary for Christ. Paul's life was changed and transformed by the teaching and message of Christ. Paul reminds us of how life-changing the message of Christ is in 2 Corinthians 5:11, where he states, "Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others...." Then in Romans 1:16 he states, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it

is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

What if we do not take the Gospel of Jesus seriously? What if we do not preach the message of God as taught in Scripture? The story is told of three people who went to church one day. The first was a business man who had failed and was contemplating suicide. The second was a prodigal youth, deep

in sin, who was planning a robbery. The third was a young woman who was tempted to depart from the path of virtue. The service started. The congregation sang a song about building the walls of Zion. The minister spoke an eloquent prayer to the Lord and then preached on the theme, "Is Mars Inhabited?" Afterward, the businessman committed suicide, the boy stole and landed in jail, and the young woman began a life of moral shame. What might have happened if only the gospel of Christ had been preached? What might have changed if the Bible was preached? 1 Corinthians 9:16 proclaims, "...Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" I make it my goal to always preach to proclaim the gospel of Christ, so it will change people's lives for eternity!

Finally, I can say as Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 2:1-2, "And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I have not come with lofty speech or great wisdom. I have come to preach and teach about God and His plan of salvation for all people.

Although it is important to know why I preach and why preaching is so essential to the work of the church, it is just as important for each one of us to ask ourselves some similar questions like – Why do I go to worship on Sunday or Bible study mid-week? Why do I teach a Bible class? Why do I serve as an elder or deacon? Why do I help with the children or fix food for those who may be homebound or those who have had a loved one to pass away? Why do we do what we do as Christians? Are our answers rooted in the word of God? Are we obeying what God has spoken?

Questions worthy of our prayerful consideration. May God bless you in your seeking the answers.

Parkersburg, West Virginia

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### A One Quarter Bible Class Guide on the Book of Colossians

Written by: Thayer Salisbury, Toledo, Ohio

Paul wrote the Church in Colossae to strengthen their resolve to stand against false teachers who might trouble them. Paul wanted them to understand the superiority of Jesus Christ over all human ideas, traditions and philosophies. He reminds them of the Preeminence of Christ, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" – Colossians 1:15-16 (ESV). Paul encourages the brethren to focus on heavenly rather than the earthly, which is a real danger as we live here on earth. Written from prison, this letter should have been an encouragement for Godly living to them and to us in the 21st Century.

We pray this resource can be used by congregations and individuals for congregational and individual study

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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 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 seven homes (phone for location and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch, Kirby Salter; Evangelists: Bruce Boland 905-380-8479, 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 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/rdccoc

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

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley):** Sun. 10:30, 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:** Tslolum Building, Lewis Park, Courtenay; Worship 10 am; Ev. Bill Pakoz, 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 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.c79@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 Krosgaard 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: conor.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 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)

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

**MANSON:** Box 2, Manson, MB, R0M 1J0; Meeting Sunday Mornings – 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB; Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 306-435-2512; email: kennyg1@myaccess.ca

**WINNIPEG (Central):** Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Shawn LeBlanc ev. (shawn@winnipegchurch.ca) Jay Manimintim youth min (jay@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: 61 Bel-Air Avenue Rothesay, N. B. E2E 0L5 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: niafallscfc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscfc.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 Convo Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 9:45 & 11 am; Tuesday 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, 7

Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcocentennialroad@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@bramaleaocfc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 1:30 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); www.bramaleaocfc.ca

**BRANTFORD:** 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, Mid-week, call for times; contact Curtis Thompson, 519-504-6185; email: Godlovesfaithfully@hotmail.com Mike Gray 905-387-5680, email: thegrays1@shaw.ca office (519) 759-6630

**CHESELY & 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: cchurchofchrist@bmts.com; Phone 705-444-0010; Minister: Les Cramp, Phone 519-538-5184; Cell 519-375-0559; Sunday Study 10:00 a.m. & Worship 11 a.m.; Study 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: cofcfnwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

**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.grimsbyocfc.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: rjwss@cogeco.ca

**HAMILTON (Stoney Creek):** 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1 905-664-1130 (off); Sun. 10, 11; (summer worship 10) Contact Ben Wiebe; Website: www.patchworkinthecheek.com

**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 mile South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0; Sunday: classes 10 am, Worship 11 am; midweek – call for information: David Cariaga 905 872-2098

**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, Please find us at <http://swkitchenerchurchofchrist.org/> or Facebook.com/swkccc.

**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@brucelecom.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.northbaycoc.ca)

**OMAGH:** 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9E 0E4; 10, 11; website: [www.omaghchurch.org](http://www.omaghchurch.org), Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0

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

**OTTAWA (Riverview Park):** 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, Website: [www.ottawachurchofchrist.com](http://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](http://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](http://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

**REXDALE:** Thistle Town Community Service Centre 925 Albion Rd, Etobicoke, ON Bible Class: 10:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM Minister:Derrick Grant Contact: 416-893-2241 email: derrick.grant101@gmail.com

**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](http://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 Rd E N7V 2G7 Bible Study Sunday 9:30 am Worship 11:45 am Bible Study Wednesday 7 pm mailto: sarniachurchofchrist1@gmail.com phone (519) 339-1161

**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; <http://pinehillcoc.ca>

**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

**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

**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10-11, Wed. 7 pm; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec. Bill Bunting, interim ev; Box 708, P0R 1L0; 705-254-9012(Bill); 705-842-3340(O/F); email: rick.klazinga@gmail.com

**TILLSONBURG:** Mailing address: Box 331, N4G 4H8; Call for Service Time and Place: 519-875-2021; 519-688-8121

**TINTERN:** 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Worship at 9:45 a.m. with classes to follow; Sunday p.m. call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev.; Cindy Whitfield, Children's Minister; Matthew Burrows, ev.; (905) 563 6311 (off.) tinternchurchofchrist@gmail.com.

**TORONTO (Bayview Ave.):** 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Hilborn, mhilborn@rogers.com; 609-319 Merton St. Toronto, ON M4S 1A5 (416) 489-7405 (office)

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

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

**TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):** 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Peter Dwomoh 416-462-3616; Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Marvin Johnson 416-752-0325, Moises Velasco 905-591-0361, Jean Volcy 905-237-3312; Bob Hibbard, ev. 416-461-7406, bobh@strathmorecofc.ca; Max Craddock, ev. (Key To The Kingdom); 647-346-2076, e-mail maxc@strathmorecofc.ca; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev. 416-751-6879, websites: [www.strathmorecofc.ca](http://www.strathmorecofc.ca); [www.keytothekingdom.ca](http://www.keytothekingdom.ca)

**VANDELEUR:** Now meeting in the home of Morgan and Diann Petch, 43 Brackenbury Street, Markdale. Phone 519-986-2449; Sunday 10 and worship at 11; Gordon Dennis, PO Box 274 Mount Forest, ON N0G 2L0, 519-323-2424; Email: gordot@wightman.ca

**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

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

#### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

**MONTREAL:** (English/French/Ashante): 5611 RUE ANGRÉS COTE-ST-PAUL (MONTREAL) QUEBEC H4E 4A7 Sunday 10, 11, 6,30; Wednesday 7:00 (English) Ph 514-564-6780; Fax 514-564-6781, Email: churchofchristofmontreal@videotron.com, Website: [www.greatertremontrealchurchofchrist.com](http://www.greatertremontrealchurchofchrist.com)

**MONTREAL:** (South-West • English/French/Spanish): Ville Emard Church of Christ, 6259 Monk Blvd., Montreal, QC, H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the Monk subway station, 10 minutes from Downtown); (514) 765-8919. Simultaneous electronic translation: Sunday 10, 11, Wed. 7; Website: [www.vecc.org](http://www.vecc.org); Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 602-5105; e-mail: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

**PLESSISVILLE:** Centre Communautaire, 1745 Ave. Fournier; Sun. 6.00 & 7.00 pm Ev.Yvon Beaudoin,(418)728 5240; e-mail: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca ; Mailing Address: c/o André Coté, 2069 Ave. St-Louis, Plessisville, QC G6L 2N8

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

#### PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**BENGOUGH:** E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Doug Coroluck, Box 224 S0C 0K0; (306) 268-2062.

**ESTEVAN:** 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res. E-mail: estevan.cofc@sasktel.net website: [www.estevanchurchofchrist.org](http://www.estevanchurchofchrist.org)

**GRAVELBOURG:** 300-2nd Ave. E., Box 507, S0H 1X0; Sun. 10:30; (306) 648-3435 Darrell Buchanan, ev

**KENOSE VILLAGE:** Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: PO Box 184, Kenose Village, SK S0C 2S0; Sunday 10:00; Office (306) 577-2477 Mid-week: or Paul Moore (306) 575-0218 info@moosemountainchurch.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

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

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

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

**SWIFT CURRENT:** Church of Christ, Box 1103, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 11; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-741-9925; (call for location of meetings)

**WEYBURN:** 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 6:30 p.m.; John Smith, ev. 306-842-6424 (off)

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