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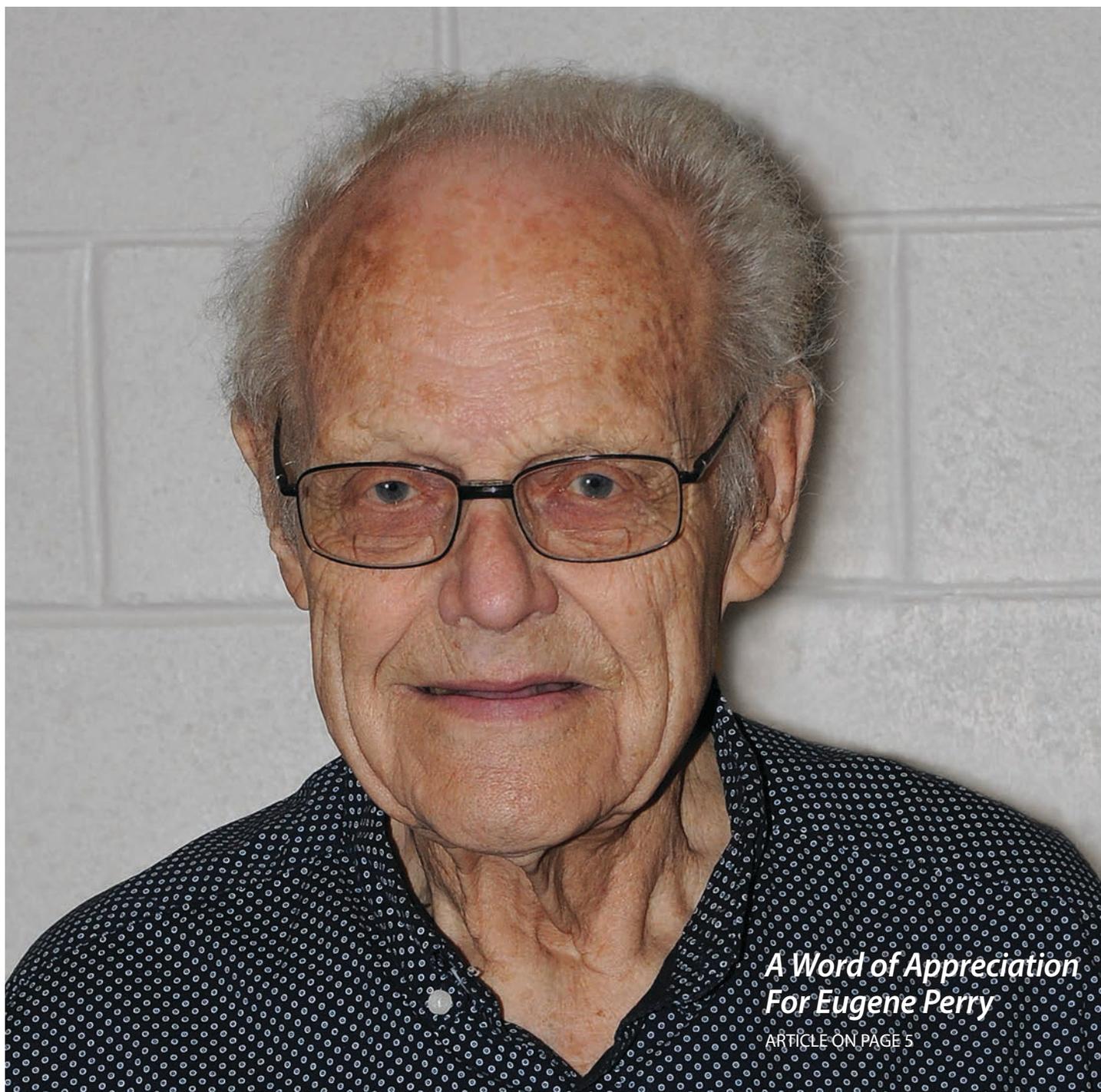
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Idols of Christians

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What?! You mean that Christians are idol worshippers?! Well, yes, as a matter of fact, even in our supposedly highly enlightened and “Christian” world, idolatry of a certain kind is still, unfortunately, a real problem.

In the final verse of his first letter, John, the apostle of love, warned his readers (all of whom were Christians): “*Little children, keep yourselves from idols*” (I John 5:21). This warning would hardly be necessary were idolatry not a real possibility, even for the children of God. Paul reminded the churches of Galatia that idolatry, regardless of what form it might take, was a work of the flesh and would result in people being unable to inherit the kingdom of God, “...*idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God*” – Galatians 5:20-21 (ESV).

While Christians may not be tempted to bow down to idols of gold or silver or wood or stone, they nevertheless can be guilty of a more sophisticated form of idolatry. Consider the following.

Money – To the Christians in Colossae Paul wrote: “Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry” (Colossians 1:2; 3:5). Note that last item – covetousness. Covetousness is the desire to have more and more. It is related to greed. Paul plainly calls it idolatry (cf. Ephesians 5:5). In warning Timothy of the perilous times that would come Paul identified one of the characteristics of

those times as when men would be “*lovers of money*” (2 Timothy 3:1-2). Earlier he had stated: “*But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts such as drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness (have become idolaters, hf), and pierced themselves through with many sorrows*” (I Timothy 6:9-10). Christians have served time in the penitentiary because money became their god.

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Jesus emphatically declared, “*You cannot serve God and mammon (riches)*” (Matthew 6:24), but, oh, how many modern-day Christians try to prove the Savior wrong!

Power – Jesus spoke of how “*the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.*” He went on to say, “*Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant*” (Matthew 16:25-26). While there is a needful place in the home, in the work place, in civil government and in the church for leadership, oversight, and rulers of the right kind, there is never a place for power-hungry men or women who seek to control and dominate the lives of others! In a text mentioned above, Paul identified the perilous times of the last days as being times in which “*men will be lovers of themselves ...boasters... proud... headstrong...*” (2 Timothy 3:2-4) – all traits of those with an unholy desire for power. The apostle John exposed such a person in the early church. “*I wrote to the*

church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us...he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church” (3 John 9-11). Power continues to be an idol of many Christians today, including elders, preachers, and members—all who want to “call the shots” and “rule the roost.”

Pleasure – Returning again to Paul’s description of perilous times, the apostle says that they will be times in which people will be “*lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*” (2 Timothy 3:4). This indicates that one’s own pleasure would become more important than God, and therefore an idol. On the weekends

in America, the high school, college and professional football stadiums are filled, while church attendance suffers. Sundays (the Lord’s Day) are filled with concerts, outings, shopping excursions, eating out and travel, while the worship of God is neglected. Are we not shamelessly a nation of idolaters? For many, recreation, pleasure, and entertainment have become their god. Where is the discernment today of a Moses who chose rather “to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin” (Hebrews 11:24-25)?

Sex – Someone said that regardless of what time it is in the rest of the world, it is always “sex o’clock” in America! That, increasingly, seems to be the case. Sex appeal is used in TV commercials and print ads to sell everything from toothpaste to automobiles. Sex is a God-given trait. He made us sexual beings—male and female. There is a difference between the two and I love that difference! But God’s plan is for sexual relationships (male and female) to be fulfilled and →

enjoyed in the marriage relationship (Genesis 2:18-25; Hebrews 13:4). Fornication, adultery, lasciviousness, lewdness, licentiousness, lust, pornography, homosexuality, bestiality and those things that promote and result in such are forthrightly condemned in the word of God (Matthew 5:27-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3-7). Do not overlook the last two verses in this passage; 2 Peter 2:14). When Christian men and women go out in public, including the services of the church, let them be sure that they are dressed in such a way as to not provoke any of these sexual sins.

Self – The cell phone has made us a society of “selfies”! We are increasingly being consumed with self-centeredness, self-promotion, self-absorption and self-adulation. There is nothing wrong with being physically attractive and with

a reasonable degree of effort to maintain one’s physical health and attractiveness. But when such tends toward narcissism then self has become one’s god. Once again, Paul warned that *“men will be lovers of themselves”* (2 Timothy 3:2). He urged Christian women to *“adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works”* (1 Timothy 2:9-10). Peter counseled Christian women: *“Do not let your beauty be that outward adorning of arranging the hair, of wearing gold, or of putting on fine apparel; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God”* (1 Peter 3:3-4). These passages do not mean that it is wrong for a woman to dress at-

tractively and becomingly, but they mean that the emphasis should be on the inner person, not the outward person. And men can be as vain as women in these matters. I cannot but wonder what marvelous changes would take place in some folk’s disposition, temperament, words and actions if they spent half as much time on making the inner person attractive as they do on making the outer person attractive. All Christians must guard against unconsciously making an idol of self.

In a beautiful hymn James Nicholson wrote: “Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul; Break down every idol, cast out every foe: Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow”. May we as the people of God make that our daily prayer and determination.

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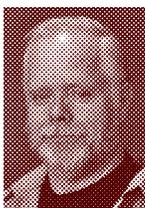
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Statistics and Demographics

Wayne Turner



Someone once wisely observed that statistics can be used to support anything, but most especially statisticians. We often hear numbers thrown around as people try to prove one idea or fact. Sometimes, those of a differing position may cite contradictory information. This is especially so in the political world where the various parties, politicians and interest groups promote and “massage” information. The term “spindoctor” has come to be used of those who interpret and reframe information to suit whatever position they represent. Ultimately, many people, already bored by the use of numbers and statistics, are becoming increasingly skeptical about the seemingly incessant flow of “facts” and what has come to be called “fake news” But, does that mean we should reject information and statistics that come from the public arena – from politicians, those in government or who are in special interest groups? Certainly not. Among all the noise “out there” is some important information that demands our attention.

In July, the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) released an “infographic” which shared some significant information about Canada’s immigrant population (inclusively presented as Immigrant, Refugee, Ethno-cultural, Racialized). The basic point was that for those who come to Canada, there is a seven year “healthy immigrant effect”—statistically, for this time, newcomers experience better mental health than the rest of Canada’s population. After that, it evens out. But our point is not to discuss mental health. To present this information, the infographic overviews the trends in immigration and population.

Nearly 22% of Canada’s population is foreign-born. In 1961, 90% of immigrants were from Europe. By 2016, this had dropped to 11.6%! So, 22.3% of the population identifies as members of a racialized group. There are over 250 ethnic groups represented in Canada, having over 200 different mother tongues. 22% of the population have mother tongues other than Canada’s official languages (English and French). Compare this to the fact that 21.4% of Canadians speak French as their mother tongue. Think about these statistics for a minute.

Most Canadian congregations are English speaking. However, since roughly 21% of Canadians speak French (though admittedly many are bi-lingual) and 22% speak one or more of the other 200 mother tongues, that means 43% do not speak English as their mother tongue. We have often looked

at the religious demographics of Canada, noting it’s increasing secularism (denoted by the survey response “no religion.”) and other world religions, like Islam. But have we thought about the language changes as well.

The Apostle Paul expressed his goal, to “become all things to all men that by all means I may save some.” In the past, the flow of newcomers was such that they were assimilated into Canada’s official “language cultures.” Many congregations benefitted as newcomers, interested in Christianity, began attending church. The flood of newcomers has changed this. Without serious thought and effort, we may find ourselves increasingly cut off from opportunity to share the Gospel.

To begin, consider how your congregation fits into the overall Canadian demographic. Were 22% or more born outside of Canada? What percentage have another language as their mother tongue? (There will be very different responses to these questions between those in large urban centres and smaller, rural communities.) Finding this information helps inform us. What are we doing to reach out to newcomers from other language groups? If we have the resources and people in our congregations, why not have Bible classes in other languages? Language classes that use the Bible to teach, like FriendSpeak, are good beginning points that can open doors. How about personally? Some church members develop relationships with newcomers by volunteering with local organizations that help immigrants and refugees. What about learning to speak other languages? Do we expect newcomers to become like us to hear about Jesus? In other words, what are we doing to create newcomer friendly congregations? Have you ever greeted a visitor in their own language?

While statistics often seem boring and irrelevant, some are important and vital. If we want to share Christ with the world, we need to include the world that has come to our doors.

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A Word of Appreciation For Eugene Perry

Max Craddock

Founded in 1936 by Robert Sinclair for “The Promotion of New Testament Christianity” the Gospel Herald has been a blessing to Christians for eighty-three years. Long edited by Robert Sinclair and then by J.C. Bailey it changed Editorship in November 1953. Roy D. Merritt and Eugene C. Perry, both well known and respected leaders in the Lord’s Church became the editors. The Herald moved to Beamsville where Eugene would look after the production and mailing of the paper for many years while Roy served as the Editorial Editor of the paper. The paper was assembled and prepared for mailing each month in the Perry home. Much of this work was done by the Perry children and Evelyn, a family project if you will. A bookstore, formerly owned by Ralph and Eugene, took up residence in Eugene’s house and provided a needed service for many years.

Not long after coming to Canada, I was introduced to the Gospel Herald

by Charlie Cook of the Sanford congregation.

I do not remember the first time I met Eugene but do remember his welcome and best wishes for a useful ministry in Canada. At that point, I was unaware of the impact that Eugene would have on my life and work here. I do not remember the date that my first article appeared in the Herald, but it has been followed with many more over the years. Eugene has always been an encouragement to me in my efforts for the Herald and I am sure others would say the same.

Cledith, my wife, and I cherish the memories of working with Eugene at Great Lakes Christian College where he served as a math teacher and principal for many years. Working with him in this setting gave us a greater appreciation of his life commitment to the service of God.

A few years ago, Eugene stepped down from the Managing Editor role with the Herald and I was invited to

take this work. Perhaps had I known how much work was involved I would have chosen another path. However, with his help and encouragement I have been privileged to serve in this role for a number of years, thanks to his advice and encouragement.

The writing of “Points by Perry” and his service on the Herald’s Board of Directors has also been very helpful and encouraging. However, with his recent 97th birthday, he has decided to step down from the Board and from writing “Points”. I will ever be thankful for all the support Eugene has given me in the fifty-eight years I have known him as my brother in Christ, mentor and treasured friend.

Join with me in thanking God for Eugene and his years of service to the Church of our Lord and his commitment to the Lord’s service. I pray that he will enjoy his “retirement from the Herald” along with good health for the years to come.

– Your brother in Christ, Max

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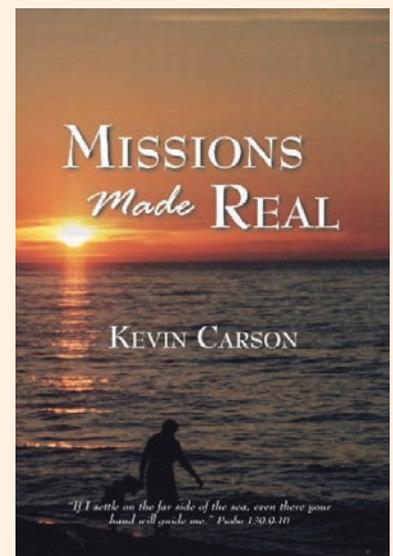
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Do Not Worry

In His sermon on the mount Jesus exhorted His disciples to live lives that would bring glory to Him and hope to them. *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”* – Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV). How many times have you read these words of Jesus? Likely many times if you are a regular Bible reader and attend Bible study and worship services. So what is important to us today from these words.

Simply stated Jesus encouraged them/us to “Lay up treasure in heav-

en (by helping others)”. To keep your eye good (guard what you allow to influence your inner man)” and to “Make God your Master (and you will not be able to serve another Master).” The question that may trouble us is, “If I do what Jesus says, what about my future here on earth? If I lay up treasure in heaven instead of on earth, how will I provide for my future and that of my family? Where will my/our physical necessities like food and clothing come from? How can I keep from worrying about such things? Jesus is emphatic that His

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disciples not worry about the basics of life—food, drink, or clothing.

We must begin the study of this passage by making sure that we understand what Jesus is forbidding and what he is demanding. The King James Version translates Jesus’ commandment: “Take no thought for the morrow.” Strange to say, the KJV was the first translation to translate it in that way. Wycliffe had it: “Be not busy to your life.” Tyndale, Crammer and the Geneva Version all had: “Be not careful for your life.” They used the word careful in the literal sense of *full of care*.

It is not ordinary, prudent foresight that Jesus forbids. It is worry! Neither is Jesus advocating a thoughtless attitude to life. His purpose is to forbid a worried fear, taking all the joy out of life. Based on the example of Martha Jesus desires that we not become totally overcome with the less important things in life. Note Luke 10:38–42.

Of course, Jesus is not suggesting that we should take a lack of interest

and irresponsible attitude to life, refusing to consider the need for preparation for the future. He does present an interesting question, “Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?” Basically, He is questioning our priorities. Even though we may be fooled into thinking so, physical essentials of life should not be our first priority. After all, whatever we may be able to accumulate in this life will be here long after we are gone. As I often comment, I have never seen a U-Haul trailer connected to a funeral Hearse.

We all need to get our priorities straight. Of course, we need “things” in this life to give comfort and safety to our daily lives. Shelter, food, clothing all come to mind. Here in Canada with our cold winters I am sure that most of us are happy about a good roof over our heads and a warm comfortable house to live in and suitable clothing to meet the daily needs. However, there is surely the need for us to recognize that these physical blessings, though needed and necessary, can put the most important thing, our relationship with God, into the background.

Our life is often consumed by material needs (desires) which fight daily against our commitment and devotion to the real values of life. It is interesting that Jesus encourages us with a reminder of God and His care for His creation. He talks about the birds. Living in the country it is joyful to go out into the yard and hear and, sometimes, see the birds that while they do not labour, are cared for by God. When Jesus points out this fact, He asks a question that should remind us of God’s love and care for us. He asks, “Are you not much more valuable than they?” What a wonderful reminder for us. Of course, this does not mean that we have a guarantee of health and wealth nor can we expect there will never be trials or sufferings of a physical nature for us to overcome. The Sermon on the Mount promises that Christians may suffer sometimes because of the negatives of this world.

One of the most troubling problems that is often seen even in those who have become a child of God through obedience to the gospel is worry. For sure, worry has led many to an untimely death. A friend of mine has a thought about worry. He suggested that “worry was like a rocking chair, while it may keep you busy, it will not get you anywhere”. While not adding to one’s life, it appears true that it

can lead one to an early grave. I cannot think of any good contribution worry makes to anyone’s life. There is no doubt that Jesus wants us to understand that worry will not help but may hurt the worrier. If there is something that we worry about that we can fix, then fix it. If not, leave it in the hands of a loving, caring Father and move on in faith that God knows us and cares for us, 24/7.

Perhaps the most encouraging part of our text for this article is these words of promise and comfort, “*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you*” – Matthew 6:33 (ESV). Clearly a priority of our life should/MUST be to seek the kingdom...to be a truly faithful servant in that kingdom as we commit to the daily walk with the Lord. I love the writing of the beloved apostle John. A simple statement by him should challenge and encourage us daily. John wrote, “*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin*” – 1 John 1:5–7 (ESV). What a blessed privilege is ours to enjoy the daily presence of our Lord in our life.

When honouring the kingdom of God, serving Him to the highest of our ability is our priority in life, we may have to fight a fierce battle against the number one enemy of God, Satan, but we have the promise that we do not have to fight the battle alone. It is true that we do not know what will happen to us day by day but we do know Him who watches over us and strengthens us for the battle day by day. As the saying goes, while Christians may not know what the future holds, we live in confidence in the One who holds the future.

Worldly happiness is fleeting at best. Happiness in the Lord is not for this life only but holds promise of a wonderful heaven above where we can be with the Lord forever. It is true it seems to me to say, “Seek God’s will first, and you will be happy!” Happy on this earth with what could be called “joy beyond our greatest hope” in heaven to come. We get there by living a life that honours God and His will. I am going to do my best to live in a way that pleases my God. I hope you will join me in this walk.

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Chiggers

As a child growing up in southern Ohio, one of the annoyances of summer was chiggers. Unlike stinging sweat bees or blood sucking mosquitos, chiggers are nearly microscopic—a mere four tenths of a millimetre across—which allows them to go unnoticed until it is too late. These miniscule mites literally eat at you. In the larval stage they feed on living skin cells. The enzyme used to accomplish this causes an irritation which results in a very itchy welt. As typical children, despite parental warnings and calamine lotion, those itchy bumps were often scratched to the point that the small irritations became sores which made the situation worse and took longer to heal.

In our daily lives as adults there will be little things that “bug” us. People will do things that annoy us and say things that offend us. How we deal with the “chiggers” of life reveals much about our character. “A measure of a person is the size of what it takes to annoy that person.”¹ Being easily offended seems to be a popular pastime these days. Far too many things have been stopped, removed or changed because someone “took offense” to it. Such behaviour is symptomatic of the “It’s all about me” mentality which is prevalent in our society. To be easily offended or annoyed is in reality a form of selfishness. In essence, this is showing an attitude of “my feelings and my opinions are more important than

anyone else’s are and everyone else needs to appease me.”

As disciples of Christ, we must not allow ourselves to be caught up in this evil worldly mind-set. (Romans 12:2) Little annoyances can lead to our spiritual destruction if we “scratch them into major sore spots”. If we are not vigilant, Satan will use them to shift our focus away from Christ and onto self which will allow them to grow from small annoyances into full-blown sins such as, angry outbursts, hatred, bitterness, quarreling, discord, impatience, revenge, and disdain for others. God’s children are not to behave in such ways.

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind

and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” – Ephesians 4:31-5:2 (NIV 1984).

We must always be mindful of Whose we are and what He expects of us and must not allow petty personal annoyances to distract us from living in a way that pleases Him.

“Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony” – Colossians 3:12-14 (NLT).

It is especially sad when petty problems divide congregations. How can we claim to be followers of Christ if we are easily annoyed or offended by our brothers and sisters?

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” – John 13:34, 35 (ESV).

“You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart” – 1 Peter 1:22 (NLT).

The love Christ expects of us is one which is not easily annoyed or offended.



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“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV 1984).

We like to blame others for the way we behave claiming that what they said or did caused our reaction; however, while we cannot control the behaviour of others, we can and must control our own. When we allow small irritations to become big problems we display a lack of self-control. “We get annoyed only if and when we choose to be annoyed.”²

“Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools” – Ecclesiastes 7:9 (NIV 1984).

“The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult” – Proverbs 12:16 (ESV).

“Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city” – Proverbs 16:32 (ESV).

“Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends” – Proverbs 17:9 (ESV).

“Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense” – Proverbs 19:11 (ESV).

“A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls” – Proverbs 25:28 (ESV).

Not only is self-control lacking but all of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23) will have difficulty developing in an environment where minor issues are allowed to grow and fester. Rather than getting upset

over the little things, consider that they are merely a training ground for the more difficult trials which come our way. “If we cannot overcome in these little, petty annoyances of life, how will we be overcomers in the trials that can vex the soul? If pain, suffering, annoyance, hurt feelings and the like cause a person to crumble or to ‘lose their cool’, the real tests of a Christian’s character will be totally overwhelming.”³

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation” – Romans 5:3, 4 (NLT).

“So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you

have to endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world” – 1 Peter 1:6, 7 (NLT).

Don’t allow little things to “bug” you. Don’t scratch your chigger bumps into big sores. Keep your focus on Jesus.

1 *“Gnats and Other Annoyances”*, a sermon by Gerry Pratt as listed on sermoncentral.com, February 7, 2002.

2 Ibid

3 Ibid

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What is the most important day of the month?

A Sermon (Study) Outline by Mark Tonkery

Text: 2 Corinthians 6:2

Introduction

A. What is this? (Holding a calendar). Why do we have Calendars? To help keep track of days, weeks, and the year. So, this month is December; what is the most important day of this month?

B. Maybe you said Christmas? New Years Eve? Pearl Harbor day? Maybe you were born this month and you might say your birthday? Maybe some of us would even say it is every Sunday!

C. Let's think about some of these answers to the question: What is the most important day of the month?

Body

I. First what if your answer was Christmas?

A. Christmas –

1. People, especially children probably feel Christmas is one of the most important days of the year; not just this month. When one thinks about families doing special things together, time off from school, special treats to eat, and let us not forget about the presents. For many Christmas is a special day.

2. Others point out that Christmas is special because of Christ's birth.

a. Luke says Jesus was born during the time of Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1) who was emperor from 30 B.C. until A.D. 14. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King (Matthew 2:1), and because Herod died in the early spring of 4 A.D., Jesus must have been born before 4 B.C. (Although there are some discrepancies in calculating the time of his birth).

b. We can search the scriptures

and see that the specific day of Christ's birth is not mentioned.

c. Historian Everett Harrison observes that "Scripture says nothing about the time of year. The first known observance of December 25th was the 4th century with the Roman Catholic Church. Nowhere in scripture are we given a command or example to celebrate Christ's birth as a religious holiday. But the birth of Christ is essential to our faith in Christ.

d. Christ's birth is a wonderful thing. A Host of Angels sang (Luke 2:13). Shepherds worshiped and told about him (Luke 2:20) and wise men brought gifts and were overjoyed about it and this was maybe two years after Christ's birth (Matthew 2:10).

e. But I submit to you that as important as Christ's birth is this is not the most important day of the month!

II. Second, what if your answer was some other holiday? Or maybe your birthday?

A. There are many important and special holidays listed on the calendar in December.

a. Pearl Harbor Day, December 7.

b. For the Jews there is Hanukkah which is mentioned in scripture as the Feast of Lights, remembering when the temple was rededicated between the New and Old Testament.

c. Or maybe your birthday! What a special day! We would not have you if you did not have a birthday!

d. While we should never attach religious significance to any day that God has not authorized (cf. Galatians 4:8–11), there is nothing wrong with observing festive times of year for other reasons as long as we keep the Lord first.

1. Romans 14:5–7 – *"One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord."*



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The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself."

2. Colossians 2:16, *"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath."*

e. Although there may be some very special holidays for you and me in the month of December, whatever holiday is mentioned in December is not the most important day of the month.

III. Third some of you may have said Sunday?

Is Sunday the most important day of the month?

1. Notice what the early church fathers said about the Lord's Day:

a. Ignatius of Antioch lived between 37 A.D. and 108 A.D. he said, "Let every friend of Christ keep the Lord's Day as a festival, the resurrection day, the queen and chief of all days (of the week)."

b. Pliny, a secular writer about 112 A.D. made a report to the emperor Trajan in which he unconsciously bore witness to certain vital aspects of Christianity. He said about their assemblies, "They attended the regular worship services in spite of every hindrance. Christians met in the darkness of pre-dawn assemblies; and no impediment whatever was allowed to interfere."

c. Justin Martyr lived between 100 and 165 A.D. He said, "And on the day called Sunday, all who live

in the cities and the country gather together to one place...because it is the first day on which God... made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior arose."

B. Sunday for the Christian is a very essential day of worshipping God.

1. A day where we as Christian come together to partake of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7).

2. A day to be taught the word of God, to fellowship with other Christians, in the breaking of bread and offering of prayers (Acts 2:41-42).

3. The day we are to give of our means (money) for the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:2).

4. The day we remember that Christ arose from the grave and conquered death (John 19:1; Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1; 19; Acts 2:1; 20:7;

1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10).

C. How important is Sunday? A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

1. This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But

I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

2. "Church going", worship and Bible study help us grow in our faith; we would be spiritually dead without it. We may not remember what was taught a year ago or last week but we go and get fed spiritually, and uplifted. We need that lesson that day, and the Christian remembers Christ and worships God.

a. Hebrews 10:24-25, still reminds Christians, *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not*

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neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

3. Sunday for the Christian is a very essential day, but there is still a day that is on this calendar that is more important. In fact, without this day Sundays mean very little to an individual.

IV. What day is the most important day of the month? It is today!

A. 2 Corinthians 6:2 states, “...*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*” Today is the most important day on the calendar, because it may be the only day we have to respond to the invitation of Christ. This is why Christ came into the world and died for us and arose from the grave (Romans 5:8).

1. Hebrews 4:7 – repeats this thought by reminding us that God offers an opportunity to enter his spiritual rest Heaven—but we must respond today! We are not promised tomorrow, and yesterday is already past.

2. There is no more important day than today, it may be the only day we have.

3. Many people put off obeying the Gospel of Christ, thinking that there will be a better time, when they know more, or when they are done sinning. But they could easily miss their opportunity altogether. There is no time like the present to become a Christian. Don't let anything hold you back from coming to Christ.

4. Today is the best time to find peace in God. Tomorrow may be too late.

b. Why is today so important? It is important because there may never be a tomorrow to respond to Christ's invitation.

1. James 4:13–15 – Life is short; we are just a vapor. We never know when our last day will be.

2. It was the championship game. The atmosphere was electrifying as the two teams were playing the hotly contested basketball regional championship game in the O.C. Lewis gymnasium in Anderson, Indiana. The noise in that crowded place was deafening. Nothing seemed more important that night. People were hyper when cheering their own teams to victory. Finally, after the long game was about to end, with just three minutes to go, the visiting team lead by only two points. The referees suddenly called a foul against the visiting team. It was a chance for the home team to even the score. Excitement rose. The Anderson boy stepped to the foul line for his free throw. But, before he could do it, suddenly a referee slumped and fell. Players rushed over and stood. In seconds, a doctor was at his side. Then, there was the solemn announcement. He was dead! How could this be? But it was true. In the face of such tragedy, they couldn't go on with the game. The electrified gym became as though it were a mausoleum. (Story told by Larry West).

3. Every once in a while there is something that hits us in such

a way we are reminded the game we're playing is short. It shocks us to the core of our beings.

4. Matthew 25:1–13 tells us that God set a great day for mankind to give account of their lives; are you ready!

5. He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained (Acts 17:31). It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). It's coming! Are you ready!

6. In Acts 2:37–41, when the good about Jesus was preached, those who gladly received the word, repented of their sins and were immersed into Christ right then; no waiting, or delaying. They knew that Jesus was the Christ, their sins had crucified Him, they needed to repent, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

7. There was urgency in making things right with the Lord.

8. That is why today is the most important day on the calendar! Tomorrow May Be Too Late!

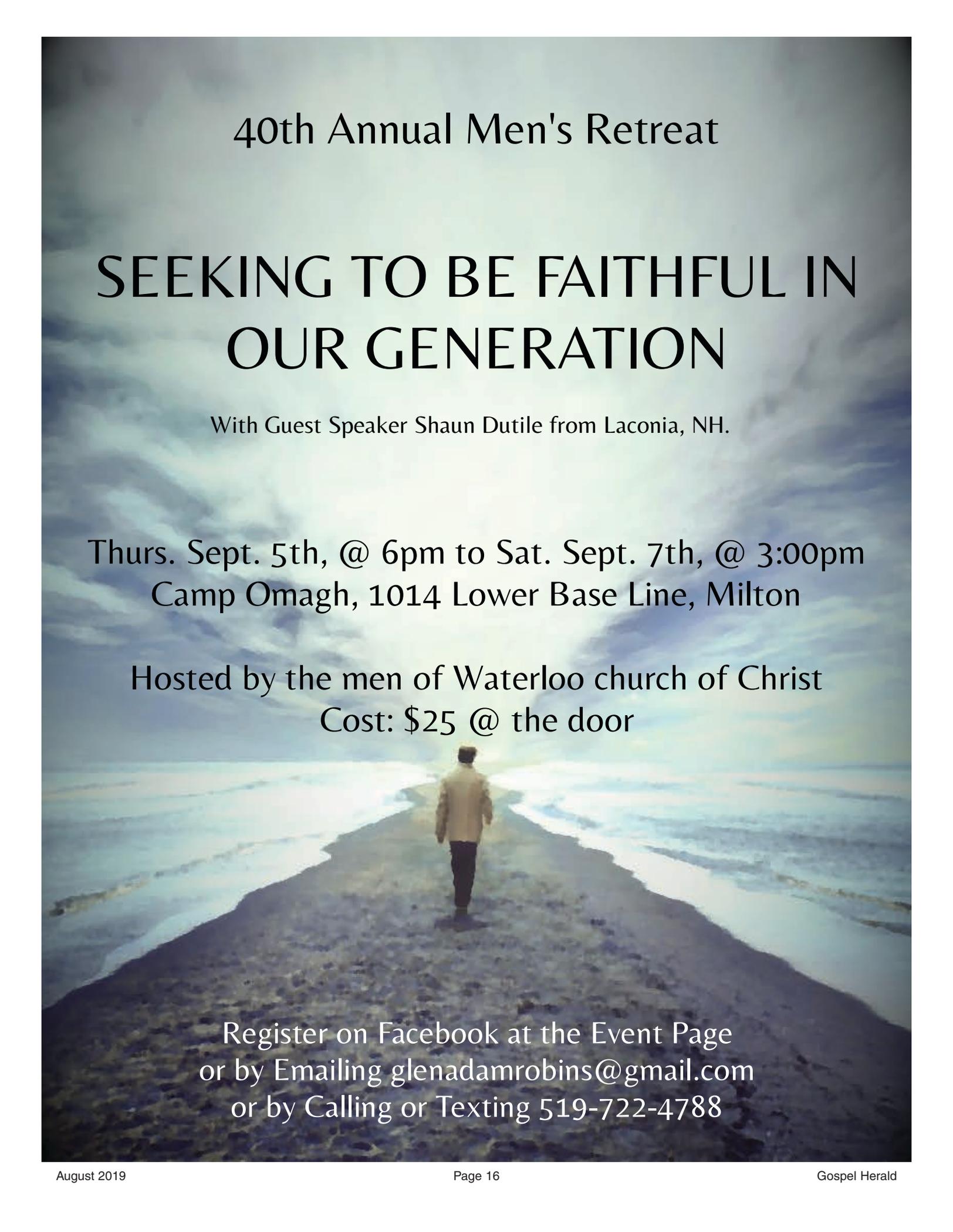
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NEW YORK

LaSalle – Niagara Falls: On Sunday, May 19, Conner Orton (son of Joel and Erin, and brother of Casey) made the confession that Jesus is the Son of God and was baptized into the body of Christ. We praise God for touching this young man's heart and redeeming him of all sin. Praise God! Sunday, June 2, Zachary Hansen made the great confession that Jesus is the Son of God and was baptized for the remission of sins! Zach was added to the body of Christ in the grave of baptism. We welcome Zach, our new brother to the body of Christ along with Lisa, his wife. We celebrated Richard & Frances Fees' Golden (50th) Wedding anniversary on July 6, 2019.

Sardinia: The Sardinia congregation hosted the area hymn sing on Sunday, June 30. Forty nine people were in attendance, representing seven different congregations.

ONTARIO

Fenwick: Fenwick's annual Men's Day and Ladies' Day have both come and gone. Steven Turner of Dover, Ohio led the men through a study of the first 12 chapters of Genesis on April 13. Forty six men attended representing 15 congregations. Steven also spoke Sunday morning (April 14) at Fenwick. On May 25, Deb Hibbard from Toronto spoke to the ladies on How Big is Your God? Fifty eight were in attendance representing fifteen congregations and four non-church of Christ ladies. On April 19, thirteen from Fenwick attended the annual Training for Service held at Great Lakes Christian High School. Randy

Morrith spoke at Fenwick on May 5 and June 2. Brian Boden spoke on June 9. Some Fenwick church members participated in Pelham's spring road clean-up on April 27. Harold and Eva MacDonald held their annual church BBQ on June 9. We also participated in Elisha House's baby bottle campaign which ran from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Next up was our giveaway on the church lawn on June 22. Donations from that event also went to Elisha House in Welland. Elisha House is a pregnancy and family counseling center. \$220.00 was forwarded to that facility that day. As well, seven members at Fenwick participated in their baby bottle campaign.

Toronto (Bayview Ave): Ten women from Bayview attended Bramalea's Women's Fellowship Day on June 1. The decision was made to cancel our Ladies' Class on Saturday, June 8, so as many as possible could participate. The theme was "Fill My Cup", based on Romans 15:13. Those who attended found the fellowship uplifting and enjoyed Bramalea's creative program. Bayview has scheduled our quarterly congregational meeting for Sunday, June 9, after service. We were blessed to have Max Craddock present lessons at our Bible class and worship service on Sunday, June 30. After service about twenty enjoyed our 5th Sunday potluck at the building. The fellowship was excellent and provided an early start to Canada Day celebrations. At our June congregational meeting it was confirmed that Paul Birston will be the speaker at our Spiritual Renewal Weekend, October 26 and 27. Paul will be providing the archaeological evidence that God is real and that the Bible is His word. We're looking forward to sharing this message with friends and members of our community.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Bob and Deb Hibbard travelled to the Philippines where Bob has been delivering a number of lessons on the subject of Biblical Authority. His

topics have emphasized the need for a Biblical basis for our teaching and practice in our work as the Lord's Church. Santiago Molina also has been out of Canada, to Honduras, on a mission trip. His work "back home" has produced good fruit in the past and we pray the same thing will be true this trip. Moises Velasco is also working in the Philippines on his annual teaching trip there. Filming of Key To The Kingdom continues through the summer with visits to Ontario congregations to film in their building, thus advertise the Church in their area. On July 20 filming was done at Stratford and Waterloo. Congregations who would like have Key filmed in their building should contact Max at 416-706-5633. On Saturday, July 6 the congregation at Strathmore held an "Open House" at the building which is across the street from the Coxwell Subway station, a very busy station. Beginning at 10 a.m. till 3 p.m., a large number of the congregation handed out information and invited people to come in for a cold drink and treats. This provided opportunity for discussion with many of these folks. While some did not enter the building, they did take the information handouts. An outstanding thing about the day was the cross-section of members who took part in this outreach. From very young people who spoke to individuals heading to the subway across the street from the building, to some of the older members were busy all day in greeting and welcoming people who stopped by. This helped make the day a success. There were a number, I believe fourteen, who left their name and address to receive further information from Strathmore. In preparation for the Open House, special "Outreach Training" was done. The training focused on transitioning from the following engaging question: "What is man's greatest problem?" to a conversation about the gospel. Pray with us for fruit to grow from this wonderful day of outreach to our city.

Explaining Faith in the Simplest Terms Possible

Kevin Cleary

Why Do you Believe? Has anyone ever asked you that question? Have you ever asked yourself? A fear often described by Christians is that of having to explain their beliefs in the face of a challenge. I suspect this accounts to some degree for the lack of evangelistic effort we see today among many groups of believers. I also suspect that many Christians don't give this question a whole lot of thought. If they did, first they would be better equipped to answer it and second they would discover that they have many good reasons for Faith in God and His Divine Son Jesus. I hope in this article to offer some of the reasons it's reasonable to have Faith. I will be as simple and straightforward as possible because I want these points to be easy to remember and share. So, in the simplest terms possible here are some of the things I would say if asked why I believe in God, Jesus or the Bible.

Why Do You Believe in God?

Because something exists. There are many things that are unknown to humanity but we all know that something can't and doesn't come from nothing. There must be an initial something that's all powerful and highly intelligent. I would go further and say there is a someone who cares for humans as the world is so perfectly suited to us, consider that pineapples are a thing.

Because there is amazing beauty and complexity in creation and it's the kind of complexity that can't occur naturally. Don't let anyone give you the snowflake nonsense. Snowflakes, while complex, are

generated by natural laws. There are however plenty of examples of things that show specified complexity (like what you have in a book). DNA is a perfect example. Paul reminds us *"since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse"* - Romans 1:19-20.

Why Do You Believe in Jesus the divine Son of God?

Because Jesus is extremely well attested to historically, His existence is an essentially historically established fact. I won't list all the details here for sake of brevity but Gary Habermas in his book *"The Histori-*

cal Jesus" lists all of the facts about Jesus that can be established purely from secular history and it amounts to His whole life and teaching that you can read about in the gospels.

Beyond that we must consider the behaviour of His disciples, Those who knew Him best behaved exactly as you would expect if He was the Son of God.

Because the of the power and value of His teaching, how do you figure out if someone is credible? You listen to them. If I were to ask what you think of an author or speaker that you were not familiar with what would you do? You'd go and read some things or listen to a lecture or talk by the individual in question. I would suggest you do the same with Jesus. I would also suggest you ask your friend, neighbour or family member to do so also.

Just like you would do with any teacher or author, just read what Jesus said and see how compelling it is. Many people better than you or I have been convinced through their own examination of Jesus' life and teaching.

Why Do you Believe in the Bible?

Partially because of the point we have just been making, but I would hasten to add, because of Divine foreknowledge. That is, the ability of scripture to predict future events with incredible detail and accuracy. This is most easily demonstrated by Daniel 8. Daniel is easy to remember because everyone knows about the Lions' Den. I hope after reading this you will remember the prediction of chapter eight. While the Persian Empire was securely the world's leading



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empire Daniel predicted that Greece would follow as the next world superpower. This vision led to the true prediction, *“As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king”*

Because of its practical impact, David Berlinski said in an interview once, “The Bible claimed that it contained directions from God for the good of mankind that we would only ignore to our detriment and the 20th century proved it.” Every social ill and damaged life that I am aware of, every broken marriage and failed leader could have been avoided and/or could be remedied by the application of Biblical truth.

Because of its reliability when tested, again and again people have tried in various ways to discredit the Bible. None have succeeded because truth is its own best defence. Repeatedly scripture has proven to be historically accurate. Add to this its internal coherence of narrative and theme and it's easy to conclude that “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 complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16).

If you take nothing else from this I want you to take confidence and to remember that it makes far more sense to have faith. Frank Turek starts his popular book by saying “I Don't have enough Faith to be an Atheist.” That also happens to be the title of said book. I have not fully elaborated all of the ideas presented above. In fact I have tried to be as simple and brief as possible so that anyone who reads this, Christian or not, will have the best chance of understanding and remembering these few simple reasons that can help to explain “Why I Believe and why you should too”.

Meaford, Ontario

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Bill Craddock

Why is it said that faith, courage and confidence are three virtues every Christian's life MUST have?

Let us begin by saying that these three virtues are necessary in every life that has any hope of making heaven their eternal home. It is impossible for us to faithfully serve God without these virtues. Hebrews 11:6 reads, ***“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*** If you do not believe that God is who He claims to be then you will not serve Him.

In 2 Peter 1:5 the apostle writes, ***“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue...”*** The word virtue as used here carries with it the idea of courage. If you do not have the courage to stand against the wiles of the devil your faith will soon fade away. Faith without courage is hopeless.

Without confidence we will not try to accomplish the will of the Lord. But with our faith and courage we are sure that we will be successful in serving the Lord. In 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 Paul writes, ***“Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”***

We will never really know if we possess these virtues until we are put to the test. These virtues or the lack of them will be evident to the people around us.

The Old Testament abounds with examples of people who had these

virtues. Abraham is a prime example. He had waited until the age of one hundred to receive his son of promise. Now God tells him to offer this son as a sacrifice on an altar (Genesis 22:1-14). He had faith in God that He meant what He said and set about to fulfill that command. He truly believed he would have to kill his son that day, but he thought that God would raise him up from the dead (Hebrews 11:17-19). How would we have reacted under those conditions?

Shadrach, Meshach and Abedego would not bow down and worship the golden idol of the king (Daniel 3:1-25). All who would not bow down would be cast into the fiery furnace. They had faith that God would protect them no matter what the king would do. They had the courage to answer the king and face what might come from their disobedience to the king. They had confidence in God to the point that even if they had to die in the fire that it was alright with them because God would care for their spiritual being. We know that they were cast into the furnace and God protected them to the point that they did not even have the smell of fire on their clothes. Their faith, courage and confidence carried them through to victory over the devil.

In the New Testament we have examples of these virtues. The apostle Paul wrote, ***“For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day”*** (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul believed in the one to whom he had committed his life. Paul had courage to live for the Lord no matter what would come to him. Paul had confidence that God could save his soul and that was the most important thing to him. We all will have our Christianity put to the test. With these three virtues we will win.

North Canton, Ohio

OBITUARIES

David Johnson

After 93 years of service to Jesus Christ, David Johnson passed away peacefully on May 16, 2019. He was a man who took great interest in the advancements of man in this world, and thus looked forward with fascination to the wonders of the next life with God. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn, one sister, Beatrice, and two brothers, Russell and Herman.

David was born in Orkney, SK, while his father and mother—George and Eva Johnson—were working for a farmer. The family moved to Winnipeg where David spent his formative years. Moving again, the family settled in Sarnia, ON, where David met Evelyn Whitfield who lived two doors down the street. Romance soon blossomed, making it difficult for David to complete his Bible education at Harding College in Searcy, AR, with Evelyn still in Sarnia. He returned, and marriage soon followed.

David realized his heart was given to the ministry. Giving up a promising career at Imperial Oil in Sarnia, the newlyweds traveled to Richmond, BC, in 1947 for his first full-time position for the city's Church of Christ (Blundell Street). Both of their sons, Tim and Mark, were born there. In 1956 he moved to Jordan, ON, to work with the congregation there, and seven years later to Hamilton to minister with the Fenwick Avenue congregation. Opportunity arose to become the administrator of Grove Park Home in Barrie, ON, which he accepted in 1973. Serving in

this role for 25 years, he oversaw the expansion and development of the Home into a much larger and more effective institution. Meanwhile, he served as an elder for the Barrie congregation, a role he considered the most special of all. He took great interest in Great Lakes Christian High School and the Bible College in Waterloo, and he served regularly at Camp Omagh. He was a member of Barrie's Rotary Club, receiving the Paul Harris award for community service.

Six grandsons blessed his life with great joy, and he took them on fun adventures whenever they came to visit. Ten great-grandchildren crowned his final years.

But beyond David's many achievements, he was a man who believed in the truth and determined to serve Jesus Christ with humility and wisdom. He is remembered by many for his kind ways.

His funeral was conducted by Max Craddock, for whom the family

is grateful. Eulogies were given by David's nephew and church elder Russ Cosby, three grandchildren, Mark and Tim, and Lynn Belsey. We are thankful for those who came to the service and for all the comforting messages from kind people across the country.

David is missed, but he awaits our future companionship.

— Tim Johnson

Irene Lillian Lamontagne (nee Kemko)

It is with great sadness that we have to report yet another death in the Fenwick church family. Irene Lillian Lamontagne (nee Kemko) passed away at Northland Pointe retirement home in Port Colborne on Sunday, June 23. Irene was 74 years old. She leaves behind her husband of 55 years, Joseph Rosaire Andre Lamontagne. Irene had three children: Carolin, Robert (deceased), and Paul. She will be missed by grandchildren, Paul and Brandon, and two great grandchildren.

Joseph and Irene became aware of the church and their need to be baptized by watching a television program featuring Brother Billy Lambert. Joe called to be baptized and Irene followed shortly afterward. They remained faithful in their attendance. Unfortunately, health issues arose with Irene resulting in hospitalization and then placement at the Northland Pointe retirement home followed. Irene, in spite of her failing health, was always 'fine'. She enjoyed being with people and will be missed at Fenwick.

— Virginia Hipwell

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Barbara Lewis

After the long good-bye, it is with heavy hearts that we inform you that our dear 96 year old Mother, Barbara Jean Lewis (ne Brown) went to be with her Lord on July 1, 2019. Our Father, Ray spent part of the afternoon sitting by her bedside in his wheelchair holding her hand. He told us last year that he prayed that he would live longer than Mom in order to “take care of her”... and he did so until the end. They were married over 71 years.

For the Canadian side of the family it is fitting that she passed on Canada Day – a day that brings families and friends together to celebrate life, country and all that is good. Barbara’s family and friends remained close in her heart until the very end. She ensured that the miles that physically separated her from those she loved did not stand in the way of regular communication through old fashioned note cards and letters, to emails, phone calls and monthly newsletters written for her church family in B.C.

Even though it is hard to say good-bye, we know that it is a blessing that our Mom is no longer in pain. She passed peacefully in her sleep at home and is now with her daughter Leslie who passed away close to 25 years ago.

There will be a celebration of life service for Barbara at English Funeral Chapels in Post Falls, Idaho on Friday, July 12 at 11:00. Mother always gave to others...so if you wish to make a small donation to a charity of your choice in her memory that would be lovely.

With love to each and every one of you, information provided by: Barbara’s children...Linna, Kent, Lauren (Laurie) and Lorinda.

P.S. Cards of condolence can be sent to Ray Lewis 4920 N. Penn Ave., Spokane, WA 99206

(Editors Note: We at the Gospel Herald have been richly blessed with information on the activities of

the church in British Columbia, provided by Barbara the last many years. Also, her monthly articles on mission work being done around the world has kept our readers up to date with many of the good works our brethren are accomplishing in service to God.

We join with her husband, Ray, her children and the many around the world who knew and loved Barbara for her love for the Lord. We pray for Ray as he continues alone without his wife of 71+ years. May the love of your family and that of your brothers and sisters in Christ give you strength as you face the days ahead.

The Best Use of Our Time

*(Via; Church of Christ Articles By: Dan Jenkins,
Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ, West Palm Beach, FL., USA)*

[Dan Jenkins encourages anyone who reads his articles to utilize Scripture to see if the things he teaches are according to the truth taught by the apostles and prophets.]

How we use those precious minutes God gives us each day can determine our eternal destiny. Even David failed to use time wisely on at least one occasion. The Bible describes that time, *“It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go to battle... but David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king’s house and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and...”* (2 Samuel 11:1,2)—He missed the opportunity to destroy the enemies of Israel, and this missed opportunity ruined the rest of his life.

Now think about us as we apply the words of Paul, *“Redeeming the time”* (Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 4:5). Are we unconsciously missing opportunities to use our time better? Consider these suggestions:

Every day at school, work, home or in our daily walk we encounter people. Do we miss opportunities to let them know of a far better life they could have? Let me ask you, do you have any church advertising with you right now?

How often do we get so busy that we are blind to obvious opportunities to impact our visitors? What do you do as soon as services end? The tendency of so many is to engage those friends sitting around them

in conversations and “opportunity” walks right by without any welcoming greeting. Remember to redeem the time.

Think about how little investment of time it would take to use that list of visitors sent to you each week. Think of the accumulative effect it would have if dozens of cards came to them. Remember to redeem the time.

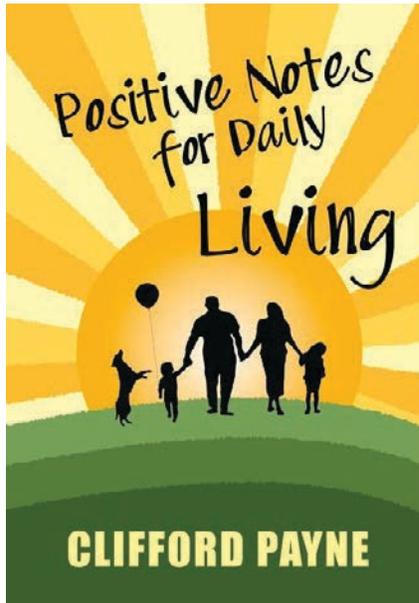
We also can so easily miss how special it is to encourage each other in worship. Our Lord clearly states to us that each of us is to speak to all others in psalms and hymns. There is the power of united prayer together. When two or three pray together, it makes a difference. It is so uplifting to worship and visit with each other. Think of the impact if we did this more than one hour each week. Remember to redeem the time.

In the verse preceding the instruction to “redeem the time,” Paul told the Ephesians to “walk circumspectly.” That is, to inspect all the things that are around us. The ESV translates it, *“Look carefully then how you walk, not unwise but as wise making the best use of the time”* (Ephesians 5:15–16) That just about sums it up. To redeem the time is not to focus on the misuse of the past but to focus the present. Think carefully. Is there a way to make better use of your time? Is one hour a week making the best use of the many hours He gives to us?

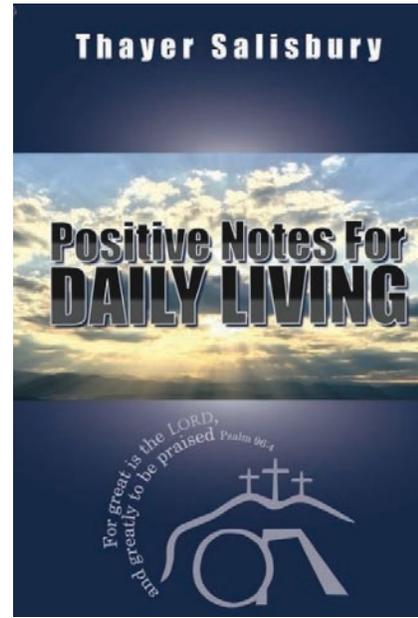
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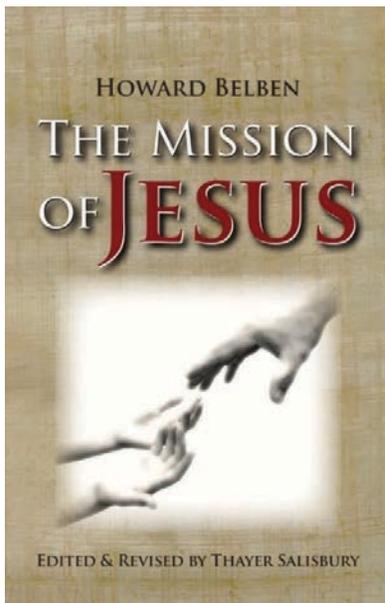
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EDMONTON Church of Christ: meeting place in Northwest of city, 13015 – 116 Avenue NW; Ofc 780-455-1049; Mail: 11532 – 130 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5M 1A4; Sun 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed 7 pm Bible study CARE groups at the building 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

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

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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/rddcc

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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

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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

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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@bramaleaocfc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursdays 1:30 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); www.bramaleaocfc.ca

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Ice Lake (Manitoulin Island): (1 mile South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario POP 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 10, 11 a.m. (Off) 613-546-5409 http://kingstonchurchofchrist.ca

KITCHENER (Southwest): Sunday 10:30 AM, Meeting in Homes; Mail to: Southwest Kitchener church of Christ, 1187 Fischer Hallman Rd, PO Box 48035 Williamsburg RO, Kitchener, Ontario N2E 4H0; email: swkccoc@gmail.com

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-cof@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 Marc Mattadeen; Email: reed5000@gmail.com Phone: 647-473-6972; Bill Currie: 905-826-4816 Email: wjcurrie65@gmail.com Web address www.mississaugaocof.ca Email: mail@mississaugaocof.ca

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr., L3Y 2N4; Sunday worship 10 am, Bible classes 11:15 am; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from QEW and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Sunday School 11:30 AM Wed. 7:30 Adult & Children's classes; Darrin Douglas, (minister) 905-356-3412, darrin@niagaracoc.com; Bruce Boland (youth/involvement minister) 905-356-3412, bruce@niagaracoc.com; website: www.niagaracoc.com

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

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9E 0E4; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org. Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON 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 Ottawa church of Christ facebook

OTTAWA (West): The Olde Forge Community Resource Centre, 2730 Carling Avenue, Ottawa; Mailing Address: West Ottawa Church of Christ, c/o Bill Schlarb, 361 Viewmont Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2E 7R9; Sunday morning: 10 am. Bible study, 11 am; Worship service Contacts: Bill Schlarb, 613-224-8507; Bruce Veinot, 613-592-0291 email: westottawacofc@gmail.com, website: www.westottawacofc.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6 pm; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca website: www.owensoundcofc.com

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing address: c/o Bob and Carol Myers, 2567 Dummer-Asphodel, Norwood, ON K0L 2V0. Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Bob Myers (705) 760-2661

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Worship 10 am, Sunday School 11am. EXCEPT for July/August there will be no Sunday School. 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

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 10:45, Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 pm Mail to: sarniachurchofchrist1@gmail.com Phone (519) 339-1161

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N41 (705)-949-4988; Sunday 9:40 AM,10:40 AM; call for Sunday PM time; Contacts: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789, C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153; secretary.pinehillcochrist@gmail.com

SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village 58 Erie St. N., Selkirk, On. N0A 1P0 Sun 10 & 11am. Wed.7:00pm.

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

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) 380-9007 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 Whitefield, 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 Devon Bennett, Minister, 905-686-2486, Cell: 416-970-3835; Fax: 905-428-1579; email: devonben@gmail.com

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

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Peter Dwornoh 416-462-3616; Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Marvin Johnson 647-350-3755 x 269, 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; www.keytothekingdom.ca

VANDELEUR: Now meeting in the home of Morgan and Diann Patch, 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

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MONTREAL: (English/French/Ashante): 5611 RUE ANGERS 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: churchofchristofgm@videotron.com, Website: www.greatermontrealchurchofchrist.com

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

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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

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

KENOSEE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: PO Box 184, Kenosee 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: lesliejwilliams@gmail.com

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

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