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The Elijah Complex

Hugh Fulford

Elijah was a great oral (non-writing) prophet of God who lived around 860 B.C. His ministry was carried out during a time of great apostasy from the Lord and His law. 1 Kings 18 tells of the contest (debate) Elijah entered with the prophets of Baal who were leading the people of Israel into idolatry. Elijah challenged the Baal prophets to a showdown on Mount Carmel in which either Baal or the Lord would be shown to be the true God. Long story short, Baal was shown to be nothing, the Lord was shown to be everything, the people fell on their faces and repeatedly declared, “The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!” and the 450 prophets of Baal were summarily executed by Elijah (1 Kings 18:39-40).

The New Testament writer James tells us, “Elijah was a man of like passions with us” [ASV], or “with a nature like ours” [NKJV] (James 5:17). In other words, Elijah was human and subject to all the foibles of humanity, including the tendency to become discouraged. Following the glorious defeat of the prophets of Baal, Elijah became despondent and thought he was the only one who was faithful to the Lord. He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life” (1 Kings 19:14). But God had a word for the discouraged prophet. The LORD said to him, “Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him” (verse 18).

Elijah’s mind-set has been referred to as “the Elijah complex.” It refers to those who think that they are the only ones who are faithfully serving the LORD. The fact is

that today (as in Elijah’s day) there are many good and faithful servants of the LORD. Not everyone has abandoned the Lord’s army for the army of Satan. Not all who wear the name of Christ have become unfaithful. Not all churches of Christ have “thrown in the towel” when it comes to pleading for a restoration and practice of apostolic Christianity in the present age. Not all preachers, elders, and congregations have become liberal. As in Elijah’s day, there still are many “whose knees

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have not bowed to Baal”! There are multiplied thousands who are committed to being the church of the New Testament and fully dedicated to the Lord in both their personal and congregational lives!

At the same time we must realize that the faithful people of God have always been in the minority. Only eight souls were saved from the massive, world-wide flood—Noah, his wife, their three sons, and their wives (Genesis 7:13; 1 Peter 3:20). Just ten righteous souls would have spared the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:32-33; Genesis 19). Of the thousands who left Egyptian bondage under the leadership of Moses, only two above the age of 20—Joshua and Caleb—were eventually permitted to enter the promised land of Canaan (Numbers 32:11-13).

Jesus warned that “wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in through it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way that leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). Christ went on to say, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will

enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). The sad reality is that most people will not have the interest or be willing to take the time to learn the true way of the Lord as set forth in the New Testament. False teachers and false teaching will confuse many and cause them to be lost (Matthew 7:15; Matthew 15:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; Jude 3-4; et al).

One is not guilty of the Elijah complex to point out the preceding matters, and I have to wonder why some elders, preachers, Bible professors, and congregations seemingly never get around to addressing the above matters, the related texts, and how they apply to the contemporary religious scene. Do they not believe that all Scripture is inspired of God and is profitable? With the old apostle, “I marvel” (Galatians 1:6).

The great preacher and Bible scholar, Moses E. Lard, over a century and a half ago, with clear insight as to what was happening among the people of God at that time, said: “He is a poor observer of men and things who does not see slowly growing up among us a class of men who can no longer be satisfied with the ancient gospel and the ancient order of things. These men must have changes; and silently they are preparing the mind of the brotherhood to receive changes. Be not deceived, brethren, the Devil (sic) is not sleeping. If you refuse to see the dangers till ruin is upon you, then it will be too late. The wise seaman catches the first whiff of the distant storm, and adjusts his ship at once. Let us profit by his example.

“Let us agree to commune with the sprinkled sects around us, and soon we shall come to recognize



them as Christians. Let us agree to recognize them as Christians, and immersion with its deep significance is buried in the grave of our folly... Then the door of heresy and schism will stand wide open, and the work of ruin will begin. Let us agree to admit organs, and soon the pious, the meek, the peace-loving, will abandon us, and our churches will become gay worldly things, literal Noah's arks, full of clean and

unclean beasts. To all this let us yet add, by way of dessert, and as a sort of spice to the dish, a few volumes of inner light speculations, and a cargo or two of reverend dandies dubbed pastors, and we may congratulate ourselves on having completed the trip in a wonderfully short time. We can now take rooms in Rome, and chuckle over the fact that we are as orthodox as the rankest heretic in the land.

Though we thus speak, and though we see the future not in the most enchanting light, we yet have hope. Many noble men are left. Many true hearts are still ready to be offered up on the altar of one Book, a pure faith and faultless practice. In God and these we put our trust" (Lard's Quarterly, April 1865).

Gallatin, Tennessee, USA

"I Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You"

MEANING OF GOD'S PROMISE FOR YOUR LIFE

Harold Bruggen

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV).

God commands our confident trust in Him. In a world that encourages us to believe in ourselves and to achieve all we deserve, it's important to understand who and Whose we are. Society sets a bar to earn and accumulate. Accomplishments and accessories are praised above humility and God-ordained purpose.

Often, people have a hard time taking God at His word. If God says it, that settles it, and there's absolutely no reason to doubt it. In place of worldly standards, the Old Testament admonishment of Deuteronomy 31:6 can serve as a benchmark in our everyday lives.

Hebrews 13:5 echoes the same sentiment, putting an extra emphasis on what not to have confidence in: "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you...'" (NIV).

Deuteronomy 31:6 was written to encourage the people of Israel, including Joshua, Solomon and Hezekiah's military officers. Their Old Testament reality presented their lives with unconquerable challenges, and God wanted them to know

explicitly that they could trust Him to lead them to victory.

It was a call to obedience amidst great adversity. Two verses later God repeated, "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged" (Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV). When we promise "always" or "never" we are incapable of upholding it. Therefore, the infamous saying, "never say never!" However, when God promises "always" or "never" He can be fully trusted to honor His word. "God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?" (Numbers 23:19 NIV).

Imagine having to follow Moses. Joshua's call was to lead the Israelites into the promised land Moses had been guiding them towards for forty years. No pressure. Joshua had witnessed the flaws of his mentor. Surely, he harbored doubts of his own. But God assured him in Joshua 1:5 "No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you" (NIV).

The legacy of our Heavenly Father's character resonates in Solomon's reaffirmation as the temple in Jerusalem finally came to fruition: "May the LORD our God be with us

as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us or abandon us" (1 Kings 8:57 NIV). LORD, capitalized, is significant. It means Yahweh, the highest and most emphatic expression of our loving and compassionate Father.

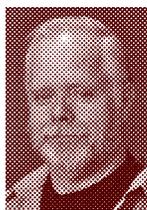
Genesis 28:15 reads, "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." The NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible notes of Jacob's dream, "We should not imagine that the angels Jacob saw were marching in procession down and up the stairway as often pictured in art. Rather he saw messengers (angels) going off on missions and retiring from delivering their messages."

Hebrews 13:5 applies the same concept conditionally, both spiritual and physically. The transition from traditional Jewish faith to following Christ led New Testament writers to remind believers that efforts to earn their salvation were not Biblical. Ridding their lives of rules in exchange for a new way of life demanded they put their trust and obedient faith in Christ alone. If you have obeyed the gospel of Jesus scripturally, you have God with you at all times through the promised Holy Spirit. Is God with you? If not, why not?

Port Colborne, ON

We Remember

Wayne Turner



September 11 marked the 18th anniversary of the “9/11” terrorist attacks. It was a staggering assault which shocked the world. It still seems unthinkable that four commercial aircraft were used as weapons to cause such a massive amount of death and destruction. For those of us who were alive at the time, it still seems recent and real. But those people who are now turning 18 have no memory of it, except as something in the past. They were just born.

Events like 9/11 are part of our “cultural memory.” They are embedded in our long-term memory even though we may not have personally experienced them. You can probably think of many examples, such as the assassinations of Lincoln and JFK, the attack on Pearl Harbor, D-Day, the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the moon landing—to name a few. We may not remember the actual date, but we cannot forget the event, and may even participate in observances that help perpetuate those memories.

Sometimes, memories are encouraged by sayings like “Remember the ...” or “Lest we forget.” The events were so significant and worldchanging they need to be remembered. The sayings evoke memories which stir feelings. Sometimes, the sayings become battle cries. Whatever, they serve as catalysts for the future.

For Christians, our faith is based on powerful memories. Much of scripture represents the memories of those who participated or observed—which also helps to validate our convictions that these were real events. (Like John recalling what he had seen, heard and touched.) More than that, our worship centres on memory. We remember what God has done,

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who He is, His power and love, our hope—so many memories.

Jesus created memories for the Apostles as He lived with them and taught them, and as they were present for the events of His life. They were His witnesses, telling others about Him, helping them to develop memories of Him. Imagine the memory they had of the Last Supper. As they passed the memory on by sharing the memorial meal with others, Christ was made more real and personal. Can we imagine sitting with one of the Apostles as they spoke of sharing that last meal with Christ—perhaps of the words, sights, sounds and smells—even of their puzzlement at how a familiar Jewish custom was framed in new words and images to become a new memory to be observed and passed on? “Do this in remembrance of me.”

Over time, memories can fade and lose their significance through carelessness and routine. People often speak jokingly about those who forget anniversaries and birthdays. As generations come and go, 9/11 may fade into history. However, we should never allow the story of Jesus and the cross, remembered in the Lord’s Supper, to ever become common and casual.

We remember.

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Christian Life Never a Life of Total Ease

The Christian life is never a life of total ease. We know that the Christian will always be opposed by evil, and Satan and his servants will do all they can to overcome the Christian's best efforts. We are always being encouraged by advertisers and even some of our friends to conform to the ways of the world and to lessen our standards in every area of life.

It should not be any surprise to us that these pressures come. We are warned several times in the scriptures that such will be the case. However, we are also reminded that the good shepherd will walk with us and protect us. (Psalm 23; John 10:11) God in His greatness is able to make things work out in our lives to be blessings. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" – Romans 8:28 (ESV). James tells us, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to them that love him." (James 1:12)

It is sad that because of the hardship which often comes to the Christian some are not willing to endure. (Even though we are promised that we will be given strength to overcome.) Some, because they are faint-hearted, others because they love this present world, drift away because of neglect of duty. They forget the price that was paid for their redemption and they count it as unimportant. The desires of the flesh and their fulfillment take first place over pleasing God. Their unwillingness to

endure costs them heaven! Sad beyond words!

Many, indeed, are called but few are chosen. Many begin who do not endure. May we set our minds to do God's will and never, NEVER, let anything or anyone turn us from Him who loves us and died for us on the cross.

Let us not be guilty of underestimating the strength of the opposition. Satan is smart enough and strong enough to lead us away from our first love. God has provided us the protection-we need if we will put on the armor He provides "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we

do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm" – Ephesians 6:10-13 (ESV).

To win the Christian crown one must keep on keeping on. "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls" – Hebrews 10:39 (ESV). →

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“Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act” – Psalm 37:3-5 (ESV).

The Christian is one who has come to believe—and as he experiences more—believes even more in the truth of the statement we just noted from Psalm 37. The Christian has come to the point where he builds his hopes on things that are changeless and eternal. He believes that God is indeed his Heavenly Father and on His being and character one builds for the future.

The Christian has learned that things which are seen are not lasting. They have a LOOK of being stable; however, these things will all pass away. The things for which men strive and fight are only temporary. In Matthew 24:35 Jesus reminds us that “Heaven and earth will pass away.” Material things will end but the years of God will go on forever. And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end” – Hebrews 1:10-12 (ESV).

As the song writer has reminded us, “The earth will pass and with it common trifles, but God and I will go unendingly.”

The value of this trust in God is seen in such people as Joseph, the son of Jacob. While young he was sold into slavery. When he tried to do the right things he got put down and got into trouble with his brothers and some other men. However, because he believed in God, his Heavenly Father, he remained faithful and became the saviour for many from death. God can and will use those men and women who trust in Him and believe in His promises. (Many others could be noted from the Bible who showed the value of trusting in God and doing His will. Perhaps you can relate to Joseph as well as any and his

life is a great lesson for us all).

Trust God because He is the fount of every blessing. (James 1:17; Matthew 7:11)—because of His infinite power which He will use for us. “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of

God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen” – Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV). Because He is alive and because He is faithful, we can trust Him and serve Him and He will give strength for the day!

May God bless you and your efforts to be the kind of person He needs you to be. By trusting Him and living for Him you will save yourself and will also be a blessing to all you meet in your life.



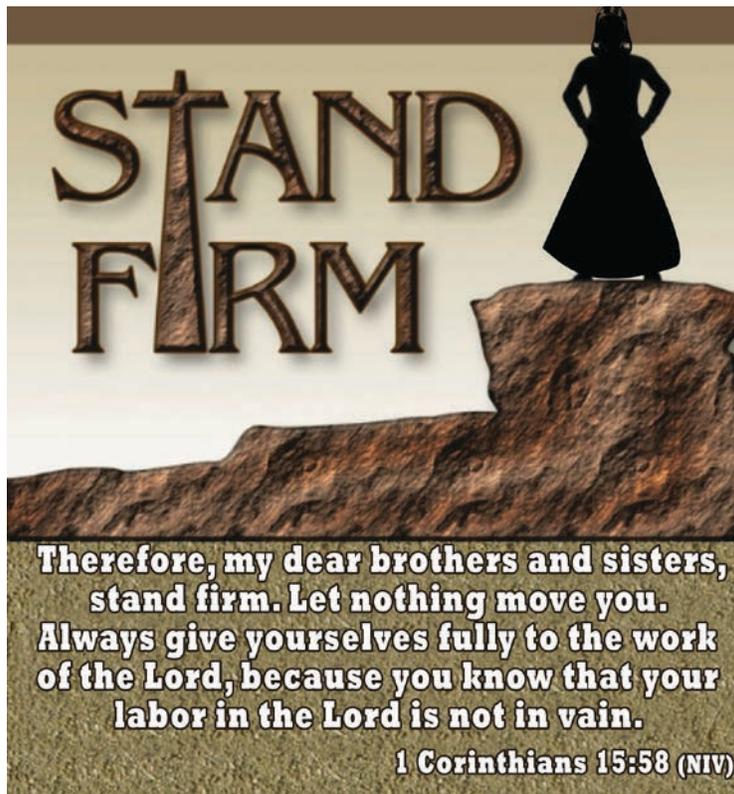
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THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

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Bananas

The popular children's program, Sesame Street, often used catchy little songs to teach a lesson. I am proof that this is a successful method as I have remembered one of those songs for possibly thirty years. That song is about bananas and the chorus goes like this: "Just count one banana, two banana; one for me and one for you banana.

Count three or four or even more banana, 'cause banana can't grow alone."

If you have ever seen bananas growing (or a picture of them), you know that the song is correct. God placed bananas in bunches. They do not grow alone. God also placed Christians in bunches because we can't grow alone either.

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ... And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God

and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" – Acts 2:42; 44-47 (ESV).

Those first Christians spent time together. They shared with one another. They helped one another. They needed one another. We still need one another.

In 1 Corinthians 12, a passage which paints some rather comical pictures, Paul tried to impress on the Corinthian Christians that all members are needed and important to the whole. There, as in some other letters, he compared the church to the human body. Just as all parts of the body are necessary for the body to function properly, so also are all members needed for the church to function and grow.

"But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less

honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.**

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" – verses 18-27 (NIV 1984).

"Not only should each individual part realize its own importance, but all the other parts should realize their interdependence as well. One part of the body can never say it doesn't need another part. Those in the church who have the more spectacular gifts should not look down on or dismiss those with other gifts because, in reality, all are needed."¹

Just as God designed each part of the body so that it would benefit the whole being, He also gave each of us gifts which enable us to enrich and strengthen the body of Christ.

"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ" –

Ephesians 4:11, 12 (NLT).

But it isn't just the leaders mentioned in these verses who are to build up the church as we can see from verse 16.

“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

The rest of the chapter describes ways we should be treating one another so that the body will be healthy and full of love. If we understand that all are needed and each one is important, there should be no comparing of talents, no jealousy, and no elevating of one above another. All should be working together for the common good.

Peter said, **“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen”** – 1 Peter 4:10, 11 (NLT).

We need to be doing all we can to help and encourage one another—and that takes more than just spending an hour together on Sunday morning. Remember the passage from Acts

2? Those early Christians worshipped together. They shared meals in one another's homes. They studied together. They prayed together. And they did this, not just once a week but “day by day”. The following verses also point out our need for frequent fellowship and exhortation.

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” – Hebrews 3:13 (ESV).

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not 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” – Hebrews 10:24, 25 (ESV).

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT).

There are many believers who are very good at helping

others when there is a special need, such as a sickness or death, but we should always be concerned about the spiritual health of our brothers and sisters.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” – Philippians 2:4 (ESV).

Read through Paul's letters and see how often he mentioned praying for his brethren. We should be doing likewise. Prayer is just one of many ways in which we can encourage each other and build each other up. They all require time and energy, but mostly, they require love and devotion.

“Well, I think banana is like you and me—needing each one in our church family.

Let us take a lesson from banana tree, “cause banana can't grow alone.”

(my adaptation of the last verse of “One Banana”)

¹ *Life Application Concise New Testament Commentary; WORDsearch7 software; comments on 1 Corinthians 12:21.*

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1:15 pm Worship in Song & Prayer

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Sunday, October 27th 9:45 am – 12:00 Noon

9:45 am Coffee

10:00 am Greece: Daniel, Victory, The Golden Age & Empires

11:00 am “The Stones Will Cry Out”: Jerusalem

With Paul Birston. Paul serves on the faculty of Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo. He is passionate about travel to the lands of the Scriptures and teaching Biblical Archaeology and Geography which are so helpful in understanding Scripture and God's awesome works for us.

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NEW YORK

LaSalle – Niagara Falls, NY: We spent our lesson time on Sunday September 29 talking about serving children. Additionally, we had a special contribution that day that was for the Potter Children’s Home.

ONTARIO

Newmarket: This summer we walked through the waters of baptism with Amanda, Setareh, and Hadi. Our annual Summer Camp (VBS) was once again a huge success. As September rolled around we once again started making sandwiches for 2 local schools. Please visit our website www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca. In August we grieved at the sudden passing of Ruth McLeod (Clint). Ruth was a member for 50+ years. Her gifts of serving, ensuring the table was set every Sunday, and her desire to be the first to hold the new babies in the congregation will be missed.

Toronto (Bayview Ave): On September 1, after service, Bayview celebrated the birthday of Freddy Akwenyu, who has been visiting her daughter, Esther. Freddy returned home to Uganda September 3. It was

a pleasure having her at Bayview during her time in Toronto. Bayview is looking forward to our Spiritual Renewal Weekend with Paul Birston on Saturday, October 26, and Sunday, October 27. Paul, who is on the faculty at Great Lakes Bible College, will be sharing his learning from his travels to Israel, Greece and Turkey. The archeology of the region has provided proof that God is real and the Bible is His word. More information about the times for the sessions is provided in this month’s Gospel Herald. As well, a contact number is available for those interested in attending.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): In the closing weeks of August, we had a family visiting us from the community for Sunday evening services and they expressed inter-

est in studying the plan of salvation and the role of water baptism as it is written in the New Testament. After some studies, we are pleased to report that the eldest son, Kenny Simbananiye, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, August 25, and then the following Sunday (September 1), his younger sister, Baraka, was also baptized into the Lord. We pray that God will bless both of these young people as they are beginning their journey in serving the Lord God. On Saturday, September 14, Strathmore hosted our 9th Annual Ladies Day. Our own sister Cheryl Brown, was the featured speaker, and spoke on the theme of Defeating Unexpected Giants. It was a wonderful day of godly instruction, encouragement, and fellowship. We had a total of 98 participants representing a number of congregations from around southern Ontario, including one from New York. With the success of the July Open House at the Strathmore building, we are hosting another one on Saturday, October 5 beginning at 10 am. The decision was made to change the name of the event to “Open Doors Day” to avoid any confusion with real estate open houses. We engaged in additional congregational outreach training for two weeks on Sundays to sharpen us up for conversing with visitors and moving the conversation to a Gospel focus. Prayers are appreciated for these efforts in reaching out to our surrounding community.

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ALBERTA

Edmonton (Northside): Leslie Klingbeil will soon be retiring from the church office after many years of service. Lanel Canbangan is the new church administrator beginning November 1. Reverence Matukala has moved back to Ottawa to continue her schooling. Peter Grainge passed away September 2. There was an African/Caribbean planning meeting September 15.

Edmonton (Southside): Our Annual Gospel Meeting was held September 27-29. The theme was Jesus is the Answer. Guest speaker was Mark Johnson of Littleton, Colorado. Abandoning Your Life for the Abundant Life. John 10:10 was the theme for our Ladies Day. Guest speaker was Athlene Ashton from Northside Church of Christ, Calgary.

MANITOBA

Manitoba Winnipeg: Philomena and Oshoka celebrate the birth of their son Oshorekhua Omeriza Monofi. We held a one-day teen/parent rally. The Ladies Day Theme was "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made." The men's weekend was Mountain Men Leadership to equip and encourage current and future leaders. The guest speaker was Dr. Carlos Gupton.

SASKATCHEWAN

Estevan: The 100th anniversary celebration of the Estevan church of Christ was held September 20-22.

Weyburn: Robert and Marilyn held a come and go tea to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Guidelines for News Pages

The News Pages give fellow Christians a glimpse into other congregations and their good works along with the spreading of the Good News in their little corner of God's kingdom. When you help and encourage God's servants, you become a fellow worker with them in spreading the truth. The brotherhood faces a challenging moment. Twisted doctrines fly from congregation to congregation. Denominational and postmodern influences flow freely.

We, as a board of directors and editors of the Gospel Herald, seek to serve a brotherhood that sets Scripture as its infallible and only guide, that finds in the New Testament its pattern for work and worship and that depends upon the power of God's Spirit to function in the world in following our Saviour. We also seek to highlight those congregations and saints who follow those convictions. It is a difficult task, one for which we are all too aware of our inadequacies.

Here are some guidelines we would like you to refer to when presenting news for the news pages.

- 1) Significant Birthdays 80 +
- 2) Significant Anniversaries 50 +
- 3) Baptisms
- 4) Deaths
- 5) Good news/Outreach that the congregation wants to share with others
- 6) Good works to share with others
- 7) Gospel Meetings
- 8) Special days (homecomings, friend days, etc.)
- 9) Results of your good works, gospel meetings, etc.

Pictures & Reports

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

— The editors

Dear brothers and sisters...

Please excuse, this is a "group email" but it is the easiest way for me to share this with you and others who have a heart for the lost.

In August I had the opportunity to travel to Austria and to volunteer as a short-term missionary with Gerhard, the long-term missionary who lives in Vienna. He is a third generation Christian and originally from Vienna, Austria. He studied at Sunset in Lubbock, Texas and is very sound doctrinally. His American wife teaches at an international school in Vienna and they live on her salary, which allows Gerhard to dedicate 100% of his time to the mission effort. He takes no salary, but puts 100% of donations and support into the mission work.

What did I do during the two weeks?

I taught Bible class or preached a sermon for the English speaking Nigerian congregation in Vienna, the Farsi speaking congregation in Vienna, the Farsi speaking congregation in Salzburg and the Farsi speaking congregation in Klagenfurt. On two consecutive Thursdays I led a Bible study in a coffee shop in Traiskirchen. This town is 30 minutes outside of Vienna and it has the largest refugee facility in the country. A few hundred refugees live in an old Army Cadet College. Both members of the church and new guests (who are mostly newly arrived refugees) attend this study each week. Because the Austrian government moves refugees around the country to facilities that have vacant rooms in them, many of the newly baptized and those who are studying but not baptized yet, have been moved away from Traiskirchen and Vienna into isolated small towns. I travelled out to three such towns on four different occasions to have small group Bible studies and fellowship in an effort to encourage these new Christians and



non-Christians. At every gathering each person had their own Bible, either a physical copy or an electronic one on their phone, and they turned to every verse in the lesson, read it for themselves, and followed along. Gerhard has worked hard at this with them. He does not use PowerPoint, does not put the verses up on a screen during worship. He wants everyone turning to every verse, reading and thinking for themselves. I was very impressed by this and the depth of their thinking and questions. For example, one member asked, "Why did God send an angel to rescue Peter from prison but he left John the Baptist to die in prison?" Or, "Jesus said not to cast our pearls before swine, but he also said to pray for our enemies. How do I do both?"

What are the main needs?

Money for train and bus tickets so that people can attend worship. Some Christians are travelling up to three hours, one way, to come to a congregation in Traiskirchen, Vienna, Salzburg or Klagenfurt. When they do make it, Gerhard reimburses them for the cost of their train and bus travel. As newly arrived refugees, they are not allowed to work. They must live in government refugee facilities where they get their lodging and food provided for them, as well as 50 Euro a month for all their other needs and expenses, so they cannot afford transportation to and from church. This can cost as much as \$3200 (USD) in one week for all those who come to all of the congregations. Beginning in the near future, Gerhard is helping the Christians who live in isolated refugee facilities to organize their own worship every second week, so that they only have to travel twice a month to worship with one of the established congregations rather than every week. There are some obstacles. In some of the facilities you are not allowed to hold a worship service, so they will have to go outside of the refugee facility to a public park (or somewhere inside in the winter) to have a worship service. Also, many of the members are new Christians, so Gerhard has to help them to know how to conduct worship. He is preparing

study material that he can share with them every second week via cell phone so they will have a lesson to study or listen to as many are not ready to teach yet. This will help to cut down the transportation costs per person, but as more are baptized, the costs will continue to rise.

Gerhard and I came up with an idea to help. We hope to find congregations or groups of five Christians who would like to sponsor the transportation cost for one Christian in Austria. If each Christian could give \$25 per month, the group of 5 could provide \$125 to cover all the transportation costs to and from church for one Christian. (Train and bus tickets are not cheap in Austria.)

Gerhard would pick the members to support. He would only pick those who are already demonstrating commitment and active participation in the church. Then, the group of 5 Christians would transfer \$125 each month, using PayPal, directly to the PayPal account of the Christian in Austria. This will eliminate administration, delays, etc. The Group of 5 and the Christian in Austria could get to know each other through email, Facebook, WhatsApp, etc. Gerhard would monitor each Christian in Austria who is part

of the program, and would change people out if they stop attending, etc.

If you think your congregation (or 5 people in your church) might like to sponsor one refugee Christian in Austria, please contact me and we can work out the details. I've included a photo of Ali, a refugee from Iran who is attending the church of Christ in Salzburg, Austria. He travels 3 hours, one way, to come to church. He is separated from his wife and 1 year old son, who are refugees in Sweden. They hope to be together in one country in the future. He is an example of a Christian who would be helped through this program. I am hoping that as a brotherhood, Christians in Canada could sponsor a total of 10 to 15 Christians in Austria.

Lastly, here is the link to Gerhard's website:
<http://www.cocrefuge.network>

Please share this email with any members of the church that you think might be interested. You can direct any questions to me.

God bless,
Kevin Carson, Member of the
Edmonton Church of Christ.

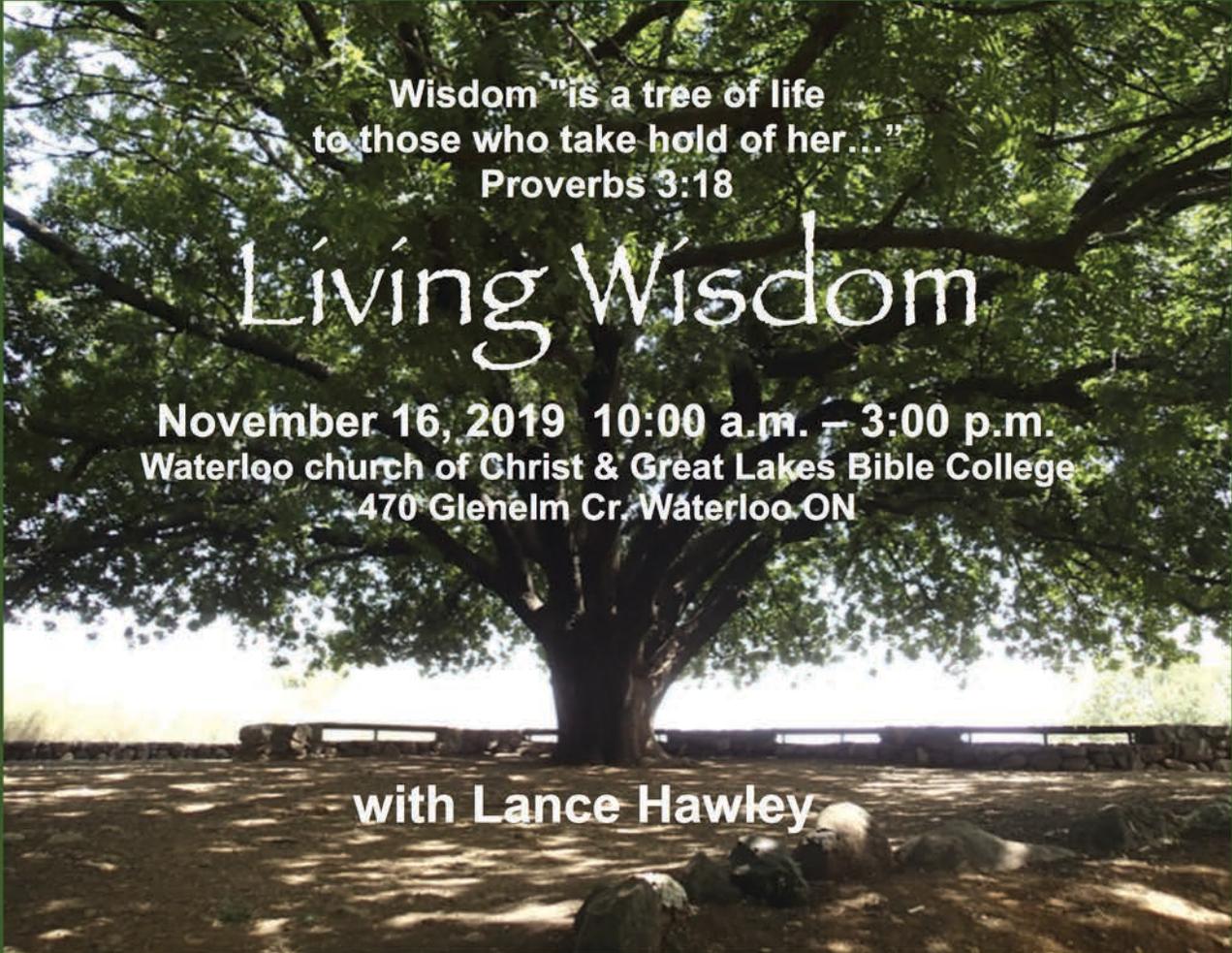
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Lance Hawley served in church planting in Madison, Wisconsin, for 10 years. Lance is Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew at Harding School of Theology. His research focuses on Job and Hebrew poetry.

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Claims of Jesus

Donald Perry (First Published in the Herald in 1985)

Jesus went about doing good and teaching those who were attracted to Him. Those who heard Him began to realize that He was different, for He taught as one having authority. When they saw the miracles which He performed they really began to wonder about Him. Who was this man who could cast out demons, heal the diseased, quiet the storm and even raise the dead?

A great number of people had come to conclude that Jesus was from God. Nicodemus, a Pharisee who came to Jesus at night, confessed, "Rabbi we know you are a teacher who has come from God for no one can perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him" (John 3:2). After being with Jesus and getting to know Him intimately, Peter boldly said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). In many situations, Jesus worked quietly and let the miracles He did in his Father's name speak for Him (John 10:25). But in other situations, He made some very definite claims for Himself.

"Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God," was the charge of the high priest at the trial of Jesus. He replied, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of pow-

er and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Matthew 26:64) When Pilate asked Jesus if He were a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth" (John 18:37). Jesus made these extraordinary claims and did not deny charges of blasphemy even in the face of death.

A separate study of each claim which Jesus made for Himself would emphasize the meaning which Jesus can have for us. Each claim that Jesus makes presents a facet through which we see the glorious personage of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God.

The Son

Jesus claimed to have come from the Father. He claimed that the Father sent Him. He was doing the work of the Father and saying what the Father told Him to say. He was going back to be with His Father. He and His Father were one, He said. The significance of this claim challenges us. It challenges our understanding. It challenges our faith. It challenges us to humble obedience.

The Jews understood that when He said that He was doing the works of His Father and was indeed calling God His Father, that He was making Himself equal with God (John 5). It was on this charge that they put Him to death. Jesus died on the

cross still calling God His Father. "Father, forgive them." "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." But for us to try to fully understand how Jesus could be the Son of God is folly. The church in the centuries following Christ divided over efforts to explain the nature of Jesus as the Son of God. The real challenge to us is to take the word of Jesus in faith. If Jesus as the Son of God can be Immanuel (God with us), that is enough. A son in the family could fully represent the father. Jesus claimed then that His teaching was from the Father, that He had authority to



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forgive sins, that judgement was given to Him, that He could give life and that He was the resurrection.

Man has sought to reach out beyond the confines of this life on earth. He has sought to know what is beyond “the cold and barren peaks” of birth and death. Immanuel Kant, the watershed German philosopher, stated that the great questions for man through the ages have been of God, man and sin. Jesus came to reveal God to man. He claimed to know man (John 2:24). He came to deal with sin and to present man righteous before God. Man seeks to know the great mysteries of life, death and eternity. God answers man in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father. Man needs to humbly accept the Son as his Lord and Saviour.

The Light

On a number of occasions, Jesus claimed to be the light of the world. He claimed that the world was in darkness and that men were stumbling in the darkness. Light shows flaws. Light shows us how things should be. Light provides a bigger perspective. Light helps us to get things together. Light gives direction so we know where to go and how to get there. Man is so dependent on the light from the sun for physical life on this planet that life is unimaginable without it. Even at night we make use of the stored energy which has come from the sun. In cold weather it is energy from the sun that keeps us warm as we use fuels and hydroelectric energy. The high standard of living man has come to enjoy is for the most part due to his

learning to harness the energy from the sun.

We could compare this dependence on the energy of the light from the sun to our need for spiritual light from God through his Son. Jesus claimed that He came so that man might have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). This high standard of life in the spiritual sense is possible to those who will come to the light. Jesus knew that men would not come to the light because they love darkness since their deeds are evil (John 3:19). For those

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willing to trust Jesus as the Light there is life eternal, a life beyond our imagination or anticipation.

An Example

After we have been told and taught, we need someone to show us how. God knows how we ought to live; Jesus shows us how we ought to live. Being “God among men,” He becomes to us an example. The “stars” of sports, movies and music are not enough for us. They have the same limitations and aberrations that we have. Jesus claimed to be the Way the truth and the life (John 14:6). After He humbly washed His disciples’ feet He said, “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done” (John 13:15). When He was trying to teach His disciples to avoid personal ambition, He was able to put His example before them: “Even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and give himself a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28).

Jesus invites men to follow Him. What an invitation! What a challenge! This is where a real commitment is possible.

Forgiveness

Jesus told a number of people that their sins were forgiven. The Jews had a problem with this. They considered sin to be against God, and that God alone could forgive sins. Yet, Jesus claimed to forgive sins. When a man was brought to Jesus on a bed, Jesus first told him that “his sins were forgiven”. When Jesus perceived that some present questioned His authority to forgive sins, He said to the paralytic, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home” (Mark 2:11).

When the people could see that the man was healed physically, some could believe that they could also be healed spiritually by Jesus. Believing in Him, they could know that He had authority on earth to forgive sins. Sin is still real though many may deny God and His law. Jesus sent His apostles to preach a message of forgiveness of sins and wholeness of life to those who would repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). When He is accepted as Lord, He becomes the Saviour.

Conclusion

Space fails to write of Jesus as the great Shepherd, the water of life, the bread of life, the resurrection, the truth and the vine. He can become everything to those who will put their trust in Him. Praise God for his most excellent way: Not a philosophy of life, but a life: God who became flesh and dwelt among us!

The Wonder of Writing

Geoffrey H. Ellis (First Published in 1985, in the Gospel Herald)

First, the wonder of writing is the marvel of language. Scientific studies in linguistics have determined that man has a built-in aptitude for both sounds production and grammatical construction. For example, studies have shown that children of all races and language groups in learning to speak go through set stages. In the first six months, all children make the same sounds and listen to themselves while experimenting with over one hundred distinct sounds. Next comes a jargon period in which even the deaf child is active. During the second year specific words are learned under parental and other's tutoring, and the child attempts to pair words. In the third and fourth years phrases are attempted; children are learning by rules. By the fifth year there is a start at understanding clauses. The child has a sense of categories of parts of speech and he won't mix categories. Primates who have been trained in rudimentary sign language have no such inherent grammatical sense.

Prior to the 60s, the behaviorists were saying that language learning is controlled response to stimulus, reinforcement, deprivation—the usual elements in the explanation of behaviorism. In the 60s, Noam Chomsky and others in the young science of cognitive psychology were demonstrating that linguistic ability is an inward functioning of the mind, not the predictable results of stimuli in the environment. It would appear that the human mind is programmed, hard lined in computer terms, for language creation and use. These insights were shared with me by Andrew Fleming, a

graduate student in linguistics.

In 1982, University of Hawaii linguist, Derek Bickerton, published his work *Roots of Language*. He concluded that the roughly 350 creole languages in the world share almost identical grammatical structures. Creole, or pidgin, languages which sprang up as Colonialism spread from 1500 to 1900, are make-shift tongues which tack together words from the various languages being used in order that workers with diverse

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languages might communicate. "Because the structures of creoles were formed from scratch, instead of evolving from existing tongues, they show grammar and syntax developing naturally." Bickerton concludes that this may be evidence of a bioprogram that shapes man's gift for words (Newsweek, March 22, 1982)

Christians can identify such as evidence of design pointing to the creative activity of God. The linkage of language with intelligence is the important factor here. Man has the power of reasoning logic, of creative thought, of esthetic appreciation, of moral evaluation. All of these he is able to communicate through the marvel of language.

The wonder of writing, secondly, is that its development parallels God's progressive revelation of himself in the literary masterpiece of all time, the Bible. Written records go back more than 5,000 years. The earliest forms of writing were stylized pictures repre-

sented basic objects or ideas. The Egyptian hieroglyphic script was developed around 3,000 BC. In Mesopotamia, picture writing was upgraded to the cuneiform script, which involved wedge-shaped markings pressed into clay. The major step forward which provided a single symbol to represent each consonant, ie. alphabet writing, was first used in the area of and in languages closely akin to Hebrew usage somewhat before 1500, the beginning time of the actual writing of the Old Testament Scriptures. (Cf. Deuteronomy 31:24).

In addition to carvings in stone and markings in clay, paper (from papyrus) was developed for every day writing and vellum (ie. polished leather) for valuable records. Aramaic, closely related to Hebrew, was the official language of the Persian Empire (c; 550 BC), and was the common language in Palestine in the time of Christ. Portions of Aramaic are found in both the Old and the New Testaments. By the first century, Greek, in a 'common form', had spread throughout the civilized world. Unsurpassed in its expressiveness and exacting construction, it became the language of the New Testament writings.

Thus, through language God "spoke to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways and in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son." (Hebrews 1:1) And through writing he has preserved this information for God-seekers in every generation. The story of the scribes of the Old Testament, their training, discipline and precision, and the story of the later monastic copiers



of the Scriptures, their diligence, fortitude, and devotion, capture men at their reverent best. The development of printing, with the Bible the first work to be produced, is a story of the changing shape of modern society. Northrop Frye's work, *The Great Code: the Bible and Literature* (1982 testifies to the continuing cultural importance of the Bible as the single most important influence in Western art and literature.

The impact of writing upon our lives cannot be minimized. This is still true even though, with the advent of TV, whole segments of society are reverting to a pictographic mentality, where symbolism, emotionalism, and illiteracy abound. Ignatius Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*, Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*, Karl Marx's *Das Capital*, Adolph Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, illustrate the explosive power of recorded Ideas and testify to the wonder of writing.

For a people such as the fellowship of brethren of churches of Christ in Canada, no matter how small we may be or how mute we may feel, to have the privilege of the pages of a Christian journal such as the Gospel Herald, wherein ideas can be communicated to each other 'from sea to sea' is indeed a precious benefit. How precious this benefit is to us will be determined by how carefully men and women enter the disciplines of writing and how thoroughly the readers examine the thoughts' presented. On the occasion of the 50th year of the Gospel Herald, may we show our gratitude to God for the gifts of language, spoken and written, by dedicating ourselves to a more serious use of this publication to the glory of God and the encouragement of men.

Obedience, a Key to Abundant Living

Tim Johnson (First published in 1984)

Abraham probably had a lot going for him for many years in his hometown. Ur of the Chaldees was a wealthy place. Abraham came from a well-established family, was married to a local girl, no doubt owned a home, and probably had a good job in this ancient seaport. "Leave it all." God told him one day. Leave all that security and become a wanderer in a country he didn't even know about yet?

Abraham could have refused, disobeyed God and continued with the good life at Ur. But Genesis tells us that this man had more respect and faith in God than that. "So, Abram went, as Jehovah had spoken unto him" (Gen. 12:4). Hebrews tells us he began a life of wandering, taking directions from God where to go. From a settled life in Ur they now lived in tents. Those of us who like to go camping know that tenting is okay for a while, but rain and many other conditions can make the experience miserable! I'm sure they adjusted to it and lived comfortably, but it was a great change from home! Abraham and Sarah stand as great examples of obedience.

"Because thou hast obeyed my voice"

Why did he obey the Lord and thus experience such a great change in life-style? Wouldn't it be easier just to forget about the Lord's instructions? Abraham didn't think so, and he made the right decision. He knew something about obedience that made his decision a lot easier. He was aware that obedience to God, while it is not always easy at first, puts one in harmony with the Lord of this Universe, and life becomes enriched because of it. He subjected himself to God in humility and immediately began to feel the rewards of obedience.

Rewards? That's right. Too many

people think of obedience as something we do "because we have to." It's boring and a terrible drag, etc. Abraham saw the REWARD! Right off the bat, God promised him personal greatness, blessings of all sorts, tremendous descendants and later he promised land in abundance! On top of all that, Hebrews reveals Abraham was aware of the heavenly realm, which had obviously been promised him too, (Hebrews 11:16).

Later on, as his faith was tested and Abraham obeyed again, the greatest promise of all was made to this great man: the Messiah would bless all the world, and He would come through Abraham's seed (Genesis. 22:18). Why so many promises and blessings to this one man? God tells us: 'because thou have obeyed my voice.' His faith proved to be rock-solid by his obedience.

Obedience Enriches!

All personal benefits of obeying God come to us because of another man who accomplished the greatest act of obedience possible. His name was Jesus. He left heaven in obedience to God. Then suffering the cross at the hands of the very people He had created, His obedience to God was taken to the extreme. Jesus "learned obedience by the things which he suffered" (Heb. 5:8). Through that obedience he paid sin's price for every human. Then he proceeded to conquer our other great enemy, death. Obedience, accomplished all of this, and was rewarded as well: "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2). God rewards obedience!

It's because of Christ's obedience to the 'Father that our obedience can be an enriching experience and set us on a course that leads to abundant living. For example, our

obedience to the gospel brings us forgiveness and “connects” us to the source of real life: God himself. All the benefits of that “connection” flow to us from the throne of grace. Without obedience to the gospel, we’re living in death.

God Blesses Those Who Obey!

Listen to God, “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land...” (Is. 1:19-20). Israel reaped material wealth because of obedience, and the poorhouse when she disobeyed. This was the message of the prophets to a disobedient people: repent and be obedient, and God will bless you again. Perhaps not with material wealth for obedience today, but blessings flow, nonetheless.

Consider: (1) God will exalt us in due time: 1 Pet. 5:54; (2) Avoids bad mistakes and sorrow in life: Prov. 5:11-14; (3) Harmony with God because we are at peace with Him: Romans 5:1; (4) Causes brethren to rejoice over you: Romans 16:19

Obedience Is Fundamental

Obedience has a lot to do with the heart. There are a lot of reasons why we sometimes fail to obey.

Some people have their minds filled with the ways of the world. The television and broadcasting Industry works hard to make the world’s ways look appealing. Sometimes we choose the world before we choose to obey God.

Then there is ignorance. Some people just don’t know about God and His ways, about God’s offer through Jesus. How can such people obey what they don’t know!

But a man’s heart is at the core of the obedience question. Do we really believe that God’s ways are best and therefore we obey? Or, down deep, do we feel our own ways are better, therefore we obey God in a half-hearted way or not at all. The man who is obedient to God and is enriched by that obedience is a man who really believes God’s wisdom is best, and is willing to obey God even when he doesn’t fully understand that wisdom at times. Abraham didn’t fully understand WHY God wanted him to sacrifice Isaac, but he trusted God and always obeyed! James put it this way: “God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. Be subject therefore unto God” (James 4:6,7).

Obedience to God is not something we do just because “we have to.” It’s a response that comes out of a heart that submits to God and is confident that God’s ways are indeed wise. Obedience has the ability to enrich our lives and reward us. Our God is an enriching and rewarding Father!

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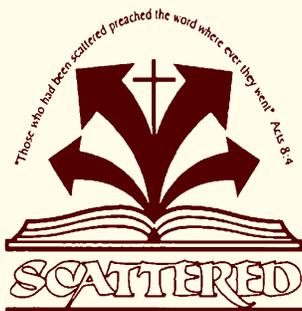
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Brother Lamontagne passed away at the Welland General Hospital on August 27 after a short battle with cancer. Joseph’s wife of 55 years, Irene, passed away just two months previous (June 23) to his death. Joseph is survived by son, Paul, of Port Colborne and daughter, Carolin, of Woodstock. He is also survived by a brother, Harvey, in Montreal, a sister, Helen, in Welland, and a brother, Yvon and sister-in-law, Margaret in Hamilton. He also leaves behind his grandsons, Paul and Brandon and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by an infant son, Robert.

Joseph was born on October 5, 1940 in Welland. As a young man he served in the United States military. He returned to Welland and worked at Atlas Steel. He was also trained as a brick layer.

Although raised in the Roman Catholic faith, he questioned some of their practices. He became a devoted reader of Scripture and a true Bible student. He came to know about the church of Christ by watching a TV program featuring Billy Lambert. Following his baptism, he worshipped at Fenwick and enjoyed discussing Bible questions with Ray Lock and Ralph Perry.

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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/rddcc

ST. ALBERT: Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. at the St. Albert Seniors Center at 7 Tache St., St. Albert; Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 at – call for address, Mailing Address: 20 Desmarais Cres., St. Albert, AB T8N 5X7; (780) 690-9947, E-mail: 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; besijim2@hotmail.com

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

CRESTON: Call for service times and place: David & Diane Phipps: 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.cc79@telus.net

NORTH BEND Church of Christ: North Bend Community Hall, 48846 Highline Road, North Bend; Sun. 10:30 am; Mailing address: 47220 Green Ranch Road, North Bend, BC, V0K 1C1 Boryd 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; 250-833-9927; Doug Kendig, and Gordon Parmenter, elders; website: sa4CHRIST.com

SOUTH BURNABY Church of Christ (Metro Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., Burnaby BC V5E 3A5; Sunday worship: 10 a.m.; Bible classes for all ages: 10:45; Midweek groups meet in homes. Kirk Ruch, ev.; K.M.Ruch@SBChurch.ca; Conor Wilkerson, youth; Office: our.office@SBChurch.ca; (604) 522-7721; Website: www.sbuchurch.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 Verberda, 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: southislandchurch@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: kennyl1@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 Jay Manintim, ev. (jay@winnipegchurch.ca)

WINNIPEG (Portage Ave): Portage Avenue church of Christ: 4000 Portage Ave. Winnipeg, MB (Chapel at "Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home"); Mailing address, 629 Muriel St., Winnipeg, MB R2Y 0Y1 Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Bible study followers; Bible study Wednesday evenings; locations and times may vary, call beforehand for place and time. Contacts: Scott Johnson 204-295-9712, Shawn Leblanc 204-887-6407 Gerald Knutson 204-471-2935

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

FREDERICTON: Meeting in the home of Kingsley and Roselyn Aygare; Sunday at 10:00 AM. Call 506.425.9277 for directions

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) Email: stephanemillett@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: niagalfallscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagalfallscofc.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 Convoys 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; Contact Jack Beardner; (902) 538-3329 or Care of Ray Fisher, PO Box 171, Canning, NS, B0b 1H0

MILL VILLAGE: 3557 Indian Road Shubenacadie, NS B0N 2H0; Sunday Worship Times: Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Bible class and Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Tuesday night Bible study at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible study class at noon on Thursdays. 902-758-4252 (to leave a message at the church building), 902-758-2633 J. Mackey, natbrown@ns.sympatico.ca

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Ajax Church of Christ: 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, Ontario L1S-4L4, 2nd floor, Duffins Room Sunday School 10:00 am-10:45 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday night Bible class in different brethren homes; Steve Chubry, Minister, Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcentennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

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

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Bible Classes: 9:30 am, Worship: 10:30 am, Small groups meeting throughout the week; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 1:30 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); www.bramaleacocf.ca

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, Mid-week, call for times; Contact Curtis Thompson, 519-504-6185; Email: Godlovesfaithfully@hotmail.com Mike Gray 905-387-5680, email: elainemikegray@rogers.com; Office (519) 759-6630

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

COLLINGWOOD: 494 10th Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 2H1; Email: 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 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am; Service 11 am; Mid-week study Wed 6 pm (call first or check website); Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary; Ph: 613-933-1825 (H) or (Church) 613-933-8445; Joel Bojarski: chairman, Ph: 613-363-5635 (C); Mark Duperron: treasurer, Ph: 613-931-9638 (H); Mail: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: albojarski@hotmail.com website: www.churchofchristcornwall.ca

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave. Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00 pm; Wed. 7:00 pm; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; Email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

GRIMSBY: 164 Mountain St, Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7 Sun. Worship: 10:00 am, Bible Class: 11:00 am Wed: Bible Class: 7:00 pm Minister: George Mansfield; Phone 905-945-9066

GUELPH: Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. 7:00 Ev. 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, P0J 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@paralink.net

HAMILTON: 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am; Service 11 am; Mid-week study Wed 6:30 pm (call first or check website); Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary; Ph: 613-933-1825 (H) or (Church) 613-933-8445; Joel Bojarski: chairman, Ph: 613-363-5635 (C); Mark Duperron: treasurer, Ph: 613-931-9638 (H); Mail: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: albojarski@hotmail.com website: www.churchofchristcornwall.ca

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 Winston 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 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 pm. Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cof@brucelec.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.mississaugaocf.ca Email: mail@mississaugaocf.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; P0J 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

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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; Thursdays 7:00 pm; Church Phone. 905-434-1258 (Please leave a message) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879

OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev. 613-737-0701, Website: www.ottawachurchofchrist.com Ottawa church of Christ facebook

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

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

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

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; 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

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