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*The fear of the Lord  
is the beginning  
of wisdom, and the  
knowledge of the  
Holy One is insight.*

THIS ISSUE'S THEME: **WISDOM**



# For the LORD Gives Wisdom...

## INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS

Paul Birston

Our God is very generous. He gives us everything we need spiritually and materially to live successfully with Him daily and make wise choices. One of God's most precious gifts is wisdom. Solomon said in Proverbs 2:6, "For the LORD gives wisdom, From His mouth come knowledge and understanding." One of the most accessible ways God gives us His gift of wisdom is through the Book of Proverbs.

The roots of the word wisdom in Scripture, *hokmah*, have to do with skill, the ability to make wise decisions in the midst of life's pressing and unexpected circumstances. The Hebrew for proverb, *mashal*, derives from "rule" as in to have mastery over one's words. A proverb is a masterful simile, a brief wise saying, a short wisdom poem, a byword.

When the Jews in Alexandria translated the Hebrew Scriptures into the Greek Septuagint beginning in the third century BC before Jesus came into the world as the complete embodiment of wisdom Himself, the translators decided to render *mashal* as "parable," the same word we know from the wonderful parables of Jesus.

In five short verses at the beginning of the Proverbs, Solomon gives us 15 purposes that God has for Proverbs in our lives. They help us "to know wisdom and instruction" and "to discern the sayings of understanding" (1:2). Proverbs instructs us in four significant ways that are all important to God: "wise behaviour, righteousness, justice and equity" (1:3). These serve us well in everyday life in the 21st century. Proverbs "give prudence to the naïve" and "knowledge and discretion" to young people (1:4). For those possessing a measure of wisdom already, "A wise man will hear and increase in learning" (1:5). "A man of understand-

ing will acquire wise counsel" through proverbs (1:5). Proverbs are self-guiding in understanding more proverbs, figures of speech, the words of the wise and their riddles (1:6).

Proverbs develop strong moral character in youth who will apply themselves to these truths. This purpose is clearly evident in the 10 parent to child instructions in chapters 1-9. These contain strong visual object lessons to prepare young people for the real pitfalls and temptations they will encounter in life. In counsel-

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ling this is called "stress inoculation." Similar to a vaccine that contains a small amount of the disease forcing us to develop antibodies to fight disease, these vivid illustrations in Proverbs help young people practice in advance for situations where they will have to make important moral choices.

Many proverbs are set in the home. Wisdom is practical. It relates to everyday affairs in families, education, recreation and business relationships. In his helpful article in this edition Thayer shows us the value God places on the qualities of humility and honesty. God's wisdom applies in all social classes from humble farmers to kings. Proverbs work in practice. Try gentle words when you are suddenly caught in the middle of a conflict: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up strife" (15:1).

Though written thousands of years ago, proverbs are universally relevant. They have much to say about contemporary issues such as the use of money and godly sexual relationships within marriage (5:15-23).

Proverbs contrasts the two ways of the righteous and the wicked, wisdom and folly. Wisdom and folly are both personified as women who make their appeals to those who pass by (9:1-18). Peter Morphy vividly illustrates these appeals in his article "Be My Guest."

When it comes to wisdom, God wants us "to get it": "The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding" (4:7). "Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding" (23:23). "He who gets wisdom loves his own soul" (19:8a).

Wisdom comes from God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (9:10). Wisdom, knowledge and understanding are appropriately interrelated (2:6, 9:10 and 14:6). These important attributes are seen in the skills of Bezalel in Exodus 31 and 35 and Daniel in Daniel 1:4.

This trio of precious attributes also appears in the New Testament. Paul prays for Christians in Colossians 1:9, "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the *knowledge* of His will in all *spiritual wisdom and understanding*."

Solomon makes this encouraging connection of wisdom and knowledge with joy in Ecclesiastes 2:26, "For to a person who is good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy!"

God communicates wisdom through Proverbs in several beautiful forms: wisdom poems, instruction sayings, sentence sayings, sayings of the wise and lovely riddle sayings that make us think: "Like apples of gold in settings of silver, is a word fitly spoken" (25:11). The economy of words in Proverbs' Hebrew poetry

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conveys deep meaning in few words. In his helpful book on Proverbs, Dave Bland describes a two-line sentence saying as “a short sentence based on long experience!”

Like the other Bible books, Proverbs has beautiful design in its overall structure. Chapters 1-9 contain 10 instruction sayings and 3 powerful wisdom poem speeches. Chapters 10-22:16 and 25-29 are sentence sayings, chapters 22:17-24:34 are “sayings of the wise” and paired verses (couplets). Finally, chapters 30-31 are longer wisdom poems and numerical proverbs (30).

Chapter 30:10-31 is a beautiful wisdom poem on the excellent wife blessed by her children and praised by her husband and her works “in the gates” of the city, significant fortified places where the community gathers for important interaction and decisions. This wisdom poem summarizes the essence of what wisdom looks like in family and community life. It is an acrostic poem: each verse begins with one of the 22 Hebrew letters in order. This memory device testifies to the value of the poem making it easier to memorize and apply our lives to it.

In 1 Kings 4:32 we learn of Solomon: “He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.” If all 3,000 proverbs were sentence sayings at 30 per chapter the book would be 100 chapters. God has certainly given us of His best. Other people credited with composing and arranging proverbs are “the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah” who transcribed some of Solomon’s proverbs (25:1), Agur (30:1), King Lemuel (31:1) and “the wise” (22:17; 24:23).

All of this wisdom God gives us through Proverbs is more precious than silver and gold (16:16). We cannot overestimate the value of

God’s priceless gift of wisdom because wisdom is an attribute of God, it is a vital dimension of His eternal being. Wisdom was with God at the creation of the universe: “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.... “When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep.... Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him” (8:22, 23, 27, 30).

Today we find the ultimate source of wisdom in our Saviour Jesus, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3) as George points out well in his article on Proverbs and Jesus. Even as a child Jesus grew and increased in wisdom (Luke 2:40, 2:52). Paul reminded Timothy, “that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith

which is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15b). The sacred writings Paul reminds Timothy of are, of course, the Hebrew Scriptures including Proverbs. The wisest choice we can make is to live in Christ and manifest His wisdom in our lives by the power of His Spirit.

So when all is said and done, what do the lives of those who get wisdom look like? Wise people know what is appropriate, what occasions call for, what to say and when (15:1, 23; 25:11). Wise people value the importance of relationships: wisdom is not gained in solitude but in interaction with others (1:20-33). Wise people develop understanding and discernment (12:4-6) recognizing decisions are often complex requiring the utmost thought. Wise people pay attention to the routine affairs of life managing their homes, work and relationships with self-control and for the benefits of others. Wise people observe and learn from God, others and His Creation. They hold fast to lovingkindness and truth, writing them on the

tablet of their hearts (3:3-4). Wise people develop a balanced view of life. They are neither lazy or workaholics, knowing when to work and play, speak and listen, advance and retreat. They seek to discover God’s order of the universe and fit in its ebb and flow. The wise have a God-centred focus on life. Wisdom begins by being in relationship with God, Yahweh, the Creator of the universe. Thank God for His priceless gift of wisdom! Wise people trust Him: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, Do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will direct your paths” (3:5-6).

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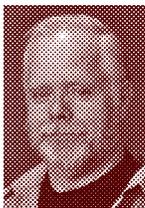
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## Gaining God's Wisdom

Wayne Turner



When we think of wisdom, from a human standpoint, we often think of people like Confucius, Benjamin Franklin, or even humorists like Will Rogers or Mark Twain. Human wisdom often comes through observation which when combined with wit, produces pithy aphorisms—memorable sayings, like Franklin's "a penny saved is a penny earned," "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail" and "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Cultures in some parts of the world especially value wisdom, like the Chinese, some Africans and even North American aboriginals. However, though often practical advice, this wisdom has little effect on our spiritual lives nor our relationship with God.

Similarly, supposedly wise sayings erroneously attributed to scripture, like "Cleanliness is next to godliness" and "The Lord helps those who help themselves" are neither Biblical nor do they offer anything for spiritual growth.

We recognize there are other kinds of wisdom, that may be helpful, even assisting human beings to live and survive. "Street smarts" help people face the potential dangers of urban life. You may be able to think of other types of wisdom. Yet, the Bible remains as a unique and important source of spiritual wisdom, wisdom for eternal life.

When we think of wisdom in the Bible, our minds go to Proverbs. Many of us grew up thinking of Proverbs as being part of the poetry books of the Old Testament. We understood that the Old Testament was divided into five (our four) main sections: Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets and Minor Prophets. Somehow, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes did not seem to fit as Poetry. In time, we understood it was more meaningful to see these as "Wisdom Literature." Yet, what exactly is that? In North American culture, we do not think of nor do we value "wisdom." Even among those who especially value scripture, how often do we study the Biblical books of wisdom? Yet, we understand that these books offer insight and understanding for our lives. They give direction and advice for finding life and a relationship with God.

It is important for us to see the value and place of wisdom for Christians. The book of James asks, "Who is wise and understanding among you?" The answer is not that people hang out a sign that says, "I am wise." Rather, James says that wisdom is demonstrated. It is not some esoteric, other-worldly ooze seeping from our mouths. It is what we do, "Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." (3:13) Hu-

man beings tend to try to compete and outdo each other – who is smarter, faster, stronger, etc. It is ironic to think of people trying to show who is wiser! Competition can create anger and division – "bitter envy and selfish ambition" (3:14). James calls such wisdom "earthly, unspiritual, demonic." In contrast, he speaks of the wisdom from above, that which produces positive fruit that leads people to a closer walk with God and a stronger spiritual life. Such wisdom is "pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." (v. 17)

Spiritual, godly wisdom was needed in the church even in the time of the Apostles as it is also needed today. Proverbs as the rest of the Bible shows the importance, the essential need for knowledge, wisdom, insight and understanding. Through His Word, God has given us the way to living intentionally and wisely, and to find the way to Him and eternal life.

Paul Birston has put together this theme issue of the Gospel Herald. As always, he has done a wonderful and thoughtful effort. Paul starts us out with an introduction to the book of Proverbs, especially seen as a gift from God. Peter Morphy shares one of the powerful images of Proverbs, the personification of wisdom and folly and the encouragement for the reader to invite wisdom into their lives. George Mansfield shares a story about how people misuse even Proverbs, failing to understand that Wisdom was created before the world. And Thayer Salisbury considers the things that God likes and hates. All of these articles raise important thoughts that should challenge us to seek wisdom. Thank you, brethren.

The more we study and learn from Proverbs, the more we realize how important and relevant it is. May God bless each of us as we seek His wisdom!

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# Be My Guest

Peter Morphy

Everyone loves to be invited to a great dinner party. Hosting is a lot of work, but the guests surely enjoy the event based on the extravagant effort and substantial expense of others. Anticipating the abundance of food, grand entertainment, many fellow guests and a few close friends at your table makes it memorable for a lifetime. A few (hundred) pictures uploaded to Instagram and Facebook may also help to recall the wonder of it all.

In Proverbs chapter 9 there are two women who each send out an invitation to their own great feast. They both are trying to win the heart of young men who are naive, sometimes identified as simple, immature and a little gullible. Through the book of Proverbs and in this chapter we meet the wise person (9:11-12) who has made good life choices, walked straight, trusted in the Lord and lived with integrity. There is also one who is called “mocker” (9:7-8) who not only rejects godliness and goodness, but opposes and even persecutes those who are walking with wisdom. Somewhere between the wise and the mocker, is the simpleton who has yet to make up his mind about life. While it appears that both dinner parties will be worth attending, there is a price to pay...not going in the door, but on the other side.

Wisdom has built her house. The implication here is that she has established a firm foundation, made with wise plans, been diligent and worked hard. The seven pillars

give us the implication of a large building. The number seven could indicate the dwelling is complete and perfect. Seven may also remind us of the creation of the universe by the Lord in seven days. We know that God is full of wisdom (Psalm 147:5) and wisdom was with the Jehovah before the world (Proverbs 8:22-23; 3:19). Since there are seven days in a week, this wisdom applies to all of our daily activities.

On the other hand, we know nothing of Ms. Folly’s house, except that it is elevated above the common people and she sits at the door of her house and calls out to those who are passing by. Since her house is in this world and it all belongs to the Lord (He alone is the maker and sustainer of all things), her dwelling is only rented or borrowed.

Lady Wisdom has spent a lot of time in preparation (9:2). The idea of her serving meat meant that this was a special occasion. Imagine the time she took to butcher the animals, cook the meat over the fire with spices and oil. She has also mixed the wine so that it tastes just right. She has set out her finest china, silverware and a newly pressed table cloth to make this dinner a blessing to all who would accept the invitation.

Madame Folly did not prepare any food. She has nothing in herself that she can offer to anyone. She does not present wine to her guests, all she has is water...that she stole (9:17). But for the senseless, this stolen water is sweet, not on the taste buds but in the defiant soul.

For some people the cheap imitation of the forbidden is more appealing and satisfying than that which is within the permitted bounty. Why are we so captivated to break the law or cross the line when we have something so right and beautiful in our own possession? Then at the end we become captive to that thing that we so desired. In St. Augustine’s Confessions, he tells of an event as a young lad of 16, when he and friends stole bushels of pears from a farmer in the middle of the night. He not only had better pears to eat at home, but they fed their plunder to the pigs. He confesses that the joy was not in the pears, but in becoming a thief.

If an older (and newer) illustration is needed, speak to the one who has left the wife of his youth



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(who is a good woman) to commit adultery with one who is a stranger and an evil companion. This is a common illustration in Proverbs because Solomon is teaching from first hand experience and begs his students not to fall into the abyss (Proverbs 7:21-23).

There is something about an unruly, rebellious woman that is inexplicably alluring. The prostitute of Proverbs 7, who is seducing the simple, senseless youth, is described as wayward, crafty, unruly, defiant, brazen and seductive. Proverbs 5 reveals, "...the lips of the adulter-

ous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword."

While "the food eaten in secret is delicious" has pleasure, it is only enjoyed while it is hidden. Our church members who are addicted to alcohol, narcotics, prescription drugs, pornography, adultery or abusive behavior are fearful of being exposed. I think about thousands of people who have been uncovered for sexual misconduct because of the "me too" revelations. What daily anxiety

and fear must fill the hearts of those who are guilty who have not been revealed ... yet?

Each of the women send out their invitation to their house for the feast to those who are still trying to find their way. Lady Wisdom implores the simple to leave their immature ways and walk in the way of insight. The food is tasty, nutritious, energizing and fulfilling. All those who choose this feast find life.

Madam Folly calls out to those who are walking in the straight way. They are on the right path and she urges them to leave the way of life and come to her den of death. Those who enter her party do not realize that all those who are in the house are dead. Those who stay in her house will remain in eternal death. While they are still alive in this world there is hope that they can escape this demise, but it won't be easy. The last verse tells us that "her guests are deep in the realm of the dead."

So many who have rejected the opportunity to follow the Lord, have hardened their hearts so that the decision to do right is not easier but more difficult. Those who will not stop their bad habits now, will find it ever more difficult to overcome their addictions in ten years. Hebrews 3:13 instructs us to "...encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

The Lord sets the choice before each of us that He gave to Israel: "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him" (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

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# The Proverbs and Jesus

George Mansfield

**Y**ou will soon clue in to the fact that this is not so much an article as it is a story; a story or happenstance, providence and my ignorance.

I was approached at the door of my dwelling some years ago and asked if I would like to learn about some interesting things in the Bible. I agreed to meet with two of them another day. Upon arrival neither of the folks who knocked on my door were present and those who were there did not offer any explanation as to the switch. I thought that was odd, until one of them said that they knew I was a church minister and that they might have to get the “big guns.” So, now I was in the presence of the learned scribes and should have felt like a lion in a den of Daniels. But I didn’t. After all they had not given me any assignment, so I couldn’t prepare; therefore, no need to worry.

The lead gentleman said, “We want to show you something that is found in the book of Proverbs that you might not know the meaning of.” I told him, since it was in the poetry section of God’s Word he might be right. We opened our Bibles to the eighth chapter of Proverbs and he had me read verse 22. It says, “*The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.*”

As I read I wondered why we began reading in the middle of a chapter of Hebrew poetry. What followed was even more weird. I said, “*Did I read the correct verse?*” (It was slightly different in his copy of the Bible). He assured me I had done well and then asks, “*Did you know that Jesus was a created being?*” I had

dealt with people from this mind set many times in the past but had never heard them argue the creation of Jesus from Proverbs!

I asked if he was sincere about Jesus being a created being in view of the plethora of evidence to the contrary. He said that this was plainly God creating Jesus, at a very early stage, but he was not God, he was a created human being. My eyes caught the next verse, “*From everlasting I was established.*” Then I looked down and saw the NASB caption at the beginning of chapter 9, then back at the beginning of chapter 8, then chapter 3, then before chapter 1:20 and again at the beginning of chapter 2. Here I was learning good things in my “den of Daniels.” He was right, I did not have a grasp on the poetic teaching but neither did he know that Wisdom, not Jesus, was in fact the topic under discussion in this wisdom literature. Here was wisdom personified. This tool uses some fact or truth and points to it under the names or titles of human beings. Hence, personification.

In Proverbs 8:1 we learn that wisdom is being personified as a woman. Hear this:

Does not wisdom call out?

- 1 Does not understanding raise her voice?
- 2 At the top of the prominent places along the way, at the intersection of the paths, she has taken her stand;
- 3 Beside the gates opening into the city, at the entrance of the doorways she cries out.

This man and his assistant, the “big guns,” called me out of my

home to uphold a teaching they knew very well, if only they could find a Bible verse that said it!? This certainly was not it! Their copy of the New Testament begins the Gospel of John by calling Jesus “a god.”

## Examples of Personification

“*Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy*” (Psalm 98:8).

“*When the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled*” (Psalm 77:16).

“*Then the moon will be abashed, and the sun ashamed*” (Isaiah 24:23).

“*What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground*” (Genesis 4:10).

## But Back to a Distorted Truth

This is a prime example of someone believing something and going to the Bible to prove it. It is not limited to those who claim the faith of these teachers who missed by a mile the proper use of the poetic section of the Old Testament.

John’s account of the Gospel does not allow any such thing as a created-early-yet-created Jesus! Please read John 1:1-4, then resume with 1:14-18. Read John 3:13; 6:33, 38, 62; 8:23; 16:28. This Jesus is the one who existed in heaven before the world was made but came down to earth as a servant to die for all of us. See this in Philipians 2:5-11.

A buddy of John, named Peter, wrote the same way when guided by God. Read I Peter 1:20.



## Learn these lessons:

- 1) Never attempt to apply the same hermeneutical principles to history, gospels and poetry. It won't work because they are as different as Acts and Revelation.
- 2) Do not be guilty of falling into a faith system that does not carefully check the context of any given line of text. A very easily seen example is Matthew 24. Jesus is speaking to the Jews about their future and the end of their city and their "world."
- 3) Do not extrapolate the words in any setting till they are stretched out of shape and no longer serve the purpose they did when spoken or written.

Preachers break this rule often in seeking to make application in their lessons.

In case you were wondering, as I did, Jesus is closely associated with the wisdom of God, but that is not to say Proverbs 8 is predicting anything about him. See what Luke and Paul affirm:

Luke 2:42 – *"And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him"*

Colossians 2:2-3 – *"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the trea-*

*tures of wisdom and knowledge."*

## Parting words for us all

Perhaps like myself you learned that the Bible was not only divided into small sections called books or letters, but had larger sections reflecting the kind of literature described and/or the times and situation in which they were written. This comes out like this: Law, History, Poetry, Prophecy in the Old Covenant Scriptures, and Gospels, History, Letters and Prophecy in the New Testament. Know the rules governing each and do not crunch them all together.

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# Divine Likes and Dislikes OR What God Hates

Proverbs 6:16-19 — PART 1

*Thayer Salisbury*

**T**he world does not like us to hate, but one really has not defined his character without some degree of hatred. It simply is not possible to truly love anything without hating the antithesis of the item loved.

He who loves knowledge will naturally hate ignorance. She who loves beauty despises ugliness. To love cleanliness is to declare war on filth.

This is true even of God. There are, necessarily, things that he hates (Pr 6:16). And these things that he hates are generally the opposites of the things he calls “blessed” (Mt 5:1-12).

## Haughtiness

The first thing listed as something God hates is “haughty eyes.” I trust we all know that the poetic intent here is not an attack on eyes, but on attitude. We might say “those who ‘look down’ on others.” God hates haughtiness. He abhors arrogance. He despises pride. Or, to put the matter positively, He loves humility.

This attitude of God toward haughtiness and humility is a major theme of Scripture. It is all through the Old Testament (Pr 15:25; 16:18-19; 21:4; Isa 2:11-12; Jer 13:15-16, 17). It is found equally in the New Testament (Mt 5:3; Lk 18:14; James 4:6; 1 Pt 5:5). God’s dislike for haughtiness, his love of humility, is taught by examples as well as in statements (see Philip 2:5-8).

God’s hatred of haughtiness is necessary, not arbitrary. In many cases pride can indeed be called “The great sin” (a term C.S. Lewis used in *Mere Christianity*). Pride is among the chief causes of misery in this world. It is our pride that causes us to rebel against God, violate his commands, and so harm one another. It is not that God is proud and therefore feels a need to put us in our place. It is rather that

pride is the anti-God state of mind and must be cured if we are ever to know him.

## Pride, Good and Bad

But before going further, let us note that there are uses of the word “pride” that are not sinful.

We should “take pride in our work” if by that we mean being careful and diligent (Col 3:23f). We will naturally have a sense of satisfaction in seeing those we have helped honoring the Lord, and we may well say that we are “proud” of them (2 Cor 7:4).

But there is a pride that is arrogance, a tendency to look down on others, even to look down on God. Proud people put their judgment ahead of what others think, even ahead of what God has commanded. When we do this, God has no choice but to oppose us.

Our Lord’s attitude must become our attitude (Philip 2:5-8). But someone may well ask, “How do we avoid pride when it may be obvious that we are better at certain things than others?”

First, by reminding ourselves of the opportunities we have been given (1 Cor 4:7). We are not self-made. Pride over our talent is no more logical than claiming to be great because the sunset is pretty tonight. We did not make the sunset, and we did not make ourselves. It is fine to admire the beauty of the sunset, but madness to claim credit for it. It is fine to know that one has talent, but madness to claim that we created that talent.

Second, we avoid arrogance in our accomplishments by reminding ourselves that making use of our opportunities is simply our duty (Lk 17:10).

Third, we avoid arrogance in our accomplishments by reminding

ourselves that we have not done all that we could have and should have done with what has been given to us. We have all failed, more than once or twice. Remember that, and the pride problem becomes more manageable. In fact the question might become, “how can we avoid humiliation when we think how often and how deeply we have offended, or when we meditate on what our redemption has cost?”

God hates haughtiness; he punishes pride; he abhors arrogance. By the rule of contraries, let us humble ourselves that he may exalt us (1 Peter 5:6).

## Lying

The second in the list of things God hates is a lying tongue. Again, we know that it is not the tongue itself that is the problem, but the person who misuses his tongue.

Honesty is a huge problem today. Most people try to avoid the most direct lies—big lies are, after all, more detectable. But shading the truth or intentionally leaving a false impression, these have become the norm rather than the rule. But lying is a big deal with God. It made this short-list of things he hates.

For Christians, dishonesty is particularly inappropriate (Eph 4:25; Col 3:9). Destruction is promised to those who lie. This is promised in the Psalms (Ps 5:6), in the Proverbs (19:9) and in the New Testament (Rev 21:8).

But, of course, most of us already knew all of that. So why do we have such trouble telling the truth?

We lie primarily because we fail to keep in mind certain simple truths.

## Nature of God

We lie because we forget the nature of the God whose image we reflect. He is truth; that is his very

nature. He has nothing to hide and no weaknesses to cover. He is not in competition with anyone, but exhibits perfect harmony within himself (Isa 65:16; Jn 1:14, 17; 14:6; 16:13). Read those passages carefully and you will discover that this is true of Father, Son and Spirit. They together are a trinity of truthfulness.

Of course we cannot reflect God's image perfectly; but if we could learn to be satisfied with his perfection, which he wants to share with us, we would not feel such a need to cover our personal imperfections with misrepresentations.

### Blessings in Christ

We lie because we forget the blessings we have in Christ. We lie because we are trying to gain something. But the person who has learned to be content with what God has provided is thus delivered from many temptations to lie (Phil 4:11-13; Heb 13:5-6).

### Our Relationship with One Another

We lie because we forget the true nature of our relationship with one another. "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another"

(Eph 4:25). How healthy is a body where different parts of the body send false signals? We are members of the same body, not members of a club (1 Cor 12). We must speak the truth to one another or risk destroying the body, the body of Christ, the body for which he gave his life.

Within the body, one of the things that continues to surprise me is the tendency of the least honest and hardworking to be most interested in other people's business. The not very honest put church leaders on the spot hoping for one of two reactions—either a lie (which helps them feel justified in lying), or a juicy tidbit they can use against others.

The solution is fairly simple (although not easy to apply). We just need to learn to say, "Besides being none of your business, that information is not mine to give." As a bank teller holds money that is not his own, so Christian leaders often hold information that is not their own. Those who try to fish it out of us need to be rebuked.

We lie because we forget the nature of eternity. One can get away with lying to strangers you will never see again. But over time, in long standing relationships, lies tend to

## Guidelines for News Pages

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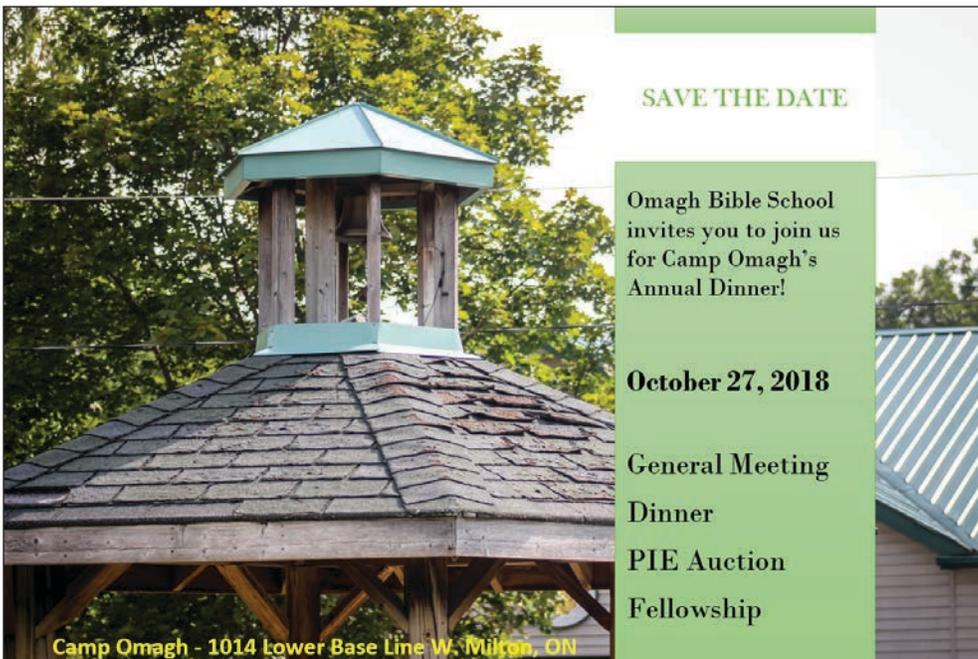
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come out. If God did let liars into heaven, how would they fare? How would peace and harmony be maintained forever where truthfulness was not standard procedure? There will be no liars in heaven (Rev 21:8) because there simply could not be. Heaven would be transformed into hell if liars were allowed there.

Truth matters to God. He is a God of truth. He wants us to be lovers of truth, and haters of falsehood. He wants our eternal home to be a place of peace and harmony; and it cannot be if we are not people of truth.

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# THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

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## exempli gratia

**W**e hear a lot of talk these days about role models. While that term came into vogue only recently, the concept is certainly not new. In fact, the New Testament has quite a bit to say on the subject. Our English translations will use words such as example, pattern, and imitate. The Greek words so translated mean just that: a pattern, a model, a visual form to be copied or a pattern of behaviour to be emulated. In other words, a role model. Christians are instructed to both be role models and to follow godly role models.

We are to be examples to the world around us. **“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”** –Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV).

“Our Lord is still searching for people who will make a difference. Christians dare not be mediocre. We dare not dissolve into the background or blend into the neutral scenery of the world. If our message is

a mirror image of the message of the world, the world yawns and goes on its way, saying, ‘What else is new? I’ve heard all that since I was born.’ But if the Christian lifestyle and motivation and answers are different, the world cannot help but sit up and take notice.”<sup>1</sup>

**“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”** – John 13:35 (ESV).

**“Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse**

you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world” – 1 Peter 2:12 (NLT).

**“The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day”** – Proverbs 4:18 (NLT).

We are also to be examples for fellow Christians. Paul urged the young preachers, Timothy and Titus, to be role models for their respective congregations. **“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity”** – 1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV).

**“In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching”** – Titus 2:6, 7 (NLT).

Peter told fellow elders that they were not to be dictators but rather they were to lead by example. **“Don’t lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example”** – 1 Peter 5:3 (NLT).

The Hebrew writer said, **“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith”** – Hebrews 13:7 (ESV).

Paul offered himself as a role model. **“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from**



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me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you” – Philippians 4:9 (NIV 1984). “So I urge you to imitate me” – 1 Corinthians 4:16 (NLT). “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow” – 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 (NIV 1984).

Preachers, elders and leaders are not the only ones who are to be role models. If we examine Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians, we see that they were commended for imitating Paul and the Lord which had, in turn, made them examples to others. “So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia” – 1 Thessalonians 1:6, 7 (NLT). It was also noted that they had been imitators of the churches in Judea. “For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews” – 1 Thessalonians 2:14 (ESV).

Paul encouraged the Philippians to follow his example but he also instructed them to take note of others who were also living according to Jesus’ teaching. “Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us” – Philippians 3:17 (ESV). The Hebrew writer had this wish, “We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised” – Hebrews 6:12 (NIV 1984).

Of course, first and foremost, our role model should be Christ. “Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did” – 1 John 2:6 (NLT). Paul recognized this and noted that he should be emulated only as he followed Christ. “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” – 1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV). He instructed the Ephesians to, “Imitate God,

therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children” – Ephesians 5:1 (NLT).

Children do not normally need to be told to copy their parents. They do so naturally whether the parents want them to or not. But it is different with our Heavenly Father and His Son. They are not physically present in our lives in the same way human parents are with their children. We know them through the Scriptures. We need to make a deliberate effort to get to know them and to imitate them. Just as written instructions accompanied by illustrations or demonstrations can help us to better understand how to do something than can the instructions alone, so too, seeing Christlikeness demonstrated in the lives of fellow Christians can help us in our walk with the Lord.

We may readily recognize the importance of good role models in other areas of life, but are we aware of their value in our Christian walk? Scripture shows us that we need spiritual role models. We need to “keep our eyes on those who walk according to the example ” so that we can also follow that example. We need to “imitate God”. Seeing others who are doing so will help us to do that. We need to do this not only for our own sake but also for those who are copying us. We may not wish to be a role model but as Christians we are, like it or not, and one may never know who has chosen you as a role model.

1 *Wisdom for the Way*, by Charles R. Swindoll; J. Countryman (Thomas Nelson, Inc.), Nashville, TN, 2001.

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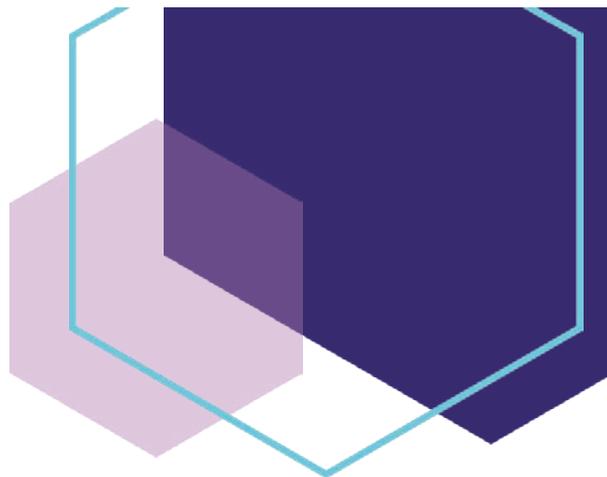
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# Deadly Spiritual Deceptions

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## “Go to the Church of Your Choice”

**W**e do not hear the phrase as much as we used to, but many people still believe that one church is as good as another and you ought to “go to the church of your choice.” While following this advice might make an improvement in some people, it is far from perfect advice. In fact, it could be harmful, even deadly. This is true for several reasons.

### Encourages Human-centeredness

This advice encourages a human-centered attitude, often a self-centered attitude. Saying, “Go to the church of your choice” implies that we are to choose, that our preferences are what matters. This places us at the center.

We need to realize that churchgoing is not inherently either good or bad. Some churchgoing might be bad for us, as well as displeasing to God. Our motives make a difference. To participate in a worship assembly with the desire to please ourselves is an insult to God. Even the fasting of the people in Zechariah’s day was fasting for themselves, for their own reasons, not fasting to honor God (Zech 7:4-5).

Some churchgoing can lead to arrogance. It certainly did for the Pharisee mentioned in Luke 18. His prayer makes it clear that what he considered worship of God was really worship of himself. It damaged, rather than helped, his relationship with God (Lk 18:9-14)

In many cases people told to attend the church of their choice will seek out a church that reinforces their preconceived notions. The bigoted will seek an assembly that condones prejudice. The immoral will find a church that winks at immorality. We need churches that challenge us to mend our faults, not churches that will countenance them.

We also must realize that our actions in the worship assembly make a difference. Not all forms of worship are acceptable to God. He has made this plain repeatedly. Yet the “go to the church of your choice” advice makes it sound as if we are free to choose how to worship and God is obligated to accept whatever we might choose to offer him.

Such self-centeredness in churchgoing is likely worse than no churchgoing at all. Where man, not Christ, is placed at the center,

worship leads us into greater condemnation (Phil 3:18-19).

### Contradicts Christ

The “go to the church of your choice” advice contradicts the desire of Christ for one body of believers. It assumes that it is acceptable for there to be different denominations and acceptable for us to perpetuate that situation. This attitude is not in keeping with Christ’s prayer of John 17. “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:20-21, ESV).

This prayer is not a prayer for an invisible and theoretic unity while agreeing to disagree (as some claim). Jesus prays for a real oneness of belief and purpose, such as the Son has with the Father. He also prays for a visible unity, one that the world will be able to see and notice. Those who foster the “church of your choice” care for neither. They accept visible division that confuses the world. They embrace doctrinal disagreement. These attitudes are not in keeping with what Jesus prayed.

### A Place Rather Than a Living Body

The “go to the church” advice seems to view the church as a place to go, rather than as a living body of which we should be active members. It seems out of step with all of the New Testament metaphors for the church.

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the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-15, ESV).

So I suggest that we not think in terms of going to the church of our choice, but in terms of being a living and active member in Christ’s church.

### Guiding Principles

So, in making a church choice, let me suggest three guiding principles.

1. Make the choice based on Bible-grounded facts, not personal fancies.

Ask, “Is scripture given as the reason for what is taught and practiced in this church, or is tradition and personal preference the basis?” Ask, “Does this church subscribe to a creed, perhaps one of which they are slightly ashamed?” There are many churches these days that have man-made creeds that are the ultimate rule of the church. But in many cases they keep these in the background, especially when talking with potential members. They seem to sense that something is amiss with their own official doctrine, yet they are not willing to challenge it in the light of scripture. The scriptures should be our guide. Let

us examine our church in light of the scriptures (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 3:16-17).

2. Make the choice based on the Christ-centeredness of the church (1 Cor 2:2).

The name is not everything, of course, but the name is something of an indicator. Is the church name one that is acceptable according to scripture? Does it honor Christ? But of course, even a church with a right name might major in minors, and fail to honor Christ in practice. Some will go for weeks without exalting the work of Christ. If this is the case, beware! Even if you are in a church that is pretty good on this point, still beware. Drifting from Christ can occur, it fact it is pretty common (see Col 2:8; Heb 2:1).

3. Make the choice based on opportunities to honor God, not on services provided to you.

Remember the words of Jesus, *It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many* (Matthew 20:26-28, ESV).

I am so thankful that when my parents arrived in Ohio in 1950, they did not look for a church with lots of programs for them, but helped start a church that was committed to Christ in a town where there was none. Thus, I grew up thinking of the church as a body in which we served and sought to honor Christ, not as an organization that served us. It is, after all, more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). I was far more blessed than some of my friends who grew up in larger churches. They had youth ministers to serve them. We did not even

have a salaried preacher. I was taught to serve, while others learned to expect to be served.

I wish that more people would be in worship on Sunday mornings, but I am not going to tell them to “go to the church of their choice.” We must reject the notion that all churches are created equal, and the idea that our personal preferences should govern our choice of churches. The Bible makes it perfectly clear that not all worship is acceptable to God, and that not all religious teaching is true. Let us not seek the church of our choice, but seek to be active in a church that truly and honestly honors Christ.

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### NEW YORK

**LaSalle (Niagara Falls, NY):** We enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, February 17 at the church building. We made a pot of "STONE" soup, played some games and then shared a simple meal of "Stone" soup together. Participants were asked to bring ONE VEGETABLE item to add to our soup pot (i.e. one potato, one carrot, one small can of beans, one stalk of celery, one onion, etc.). We put the soup together, played some games and had fellowship while the soup cooked. A fun night was had by all. Please continue to pray for us as we continue our preacher search process.

### ONTARIO

**Fenwick:** The Young Disciples Club met in January and after reciting their memory work and hearing a lesson on kindness they went bowling and out for a meal. The men at Fenwick cooked for the ladies on February 10 to give them a Valentine treat. Twenty-seven attended the meal. We look forward to Men's Day on April 14. Leslie Williams is speaking on the topic of "True Worship". See our ad in this issue for more information.

**Toronto (Bayview Ave):** We are sorry that Ernie Huddleston's last Sunday at Bayview was February 11. Ernie has worshipped with us for two years while working in Toronto. He will return to Tennessee to enjoy "retirement" and more time with his family. We have been blessed by his presence and by his leadership in worship services. Bayview was also blessed to witness Italo Bute's commitment to the Lord through baptism on January 21. Jean Volcy

baptized Italo in the Strathmore baptistery, with many members of Bayview present. Our prayers are with our new brother as he begins his Christian walk.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.):** With the coming of the New Year the men have begun having a meeting the first Saturday of each month. They meet for breakfast at the building and follow the meal with a time of Bible study and fellowship, a very enjoyable and beneficial time for the men in their growth in Christ. Albert Etienne is leading a series of studies on the theme, "Made Whole In Christ". This study is being conducted on the last Saturday of each month and is for both men and women.

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**Waterloo:** Cherish your Spouse! Date Night, Hawaiian Style was on Saturday evening February 17. We had Twenty-three couples who enjoyed Date Night, Hawaiian Style. This was a time of fun for all married couples young and old. Live music was provided by Brad Boland, Karaoke and the Newlywed Game was also enjoyed!

## 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.

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### ALBERTA

**Edmonton Northside:** Alex Harera, Jolie Harera and Daryl & Sue Flowers have been baptized. David Limb has identified with our congregation. Welcome. Two teens went to the Wolf Point Teen Rally in Wolf Point, Montana. Beat the Blues Banquet was held. There was a delicious meal and then some in the congregation gave a selection of entertainment for our enjoyment.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** From Jen Weir comes a description of the advantages of the new space rented for the meetings of the Central Valley church. "It is on the campus of Columbia Bible College, near the Clearbrook block of stores. Norm and I met with the president of the College, as he wanted to know (and rightfully so) more about us, and to be sure that we were not some sort of a cult. Then we moved the belongings of the church out of the Big Brothers room to the church storage room, separating other items to go to the college, since there we can have our roller cart to carry the song books, communion items, coffee pot, etc. A bit of history: We rented a space from this college many years ago, in the late 90's, early 2000's. This is where we had several large VBS activities with folks from Alabama, and/or the 'Sojourners' to team up with us. Since then, quite a few new buildings have been added to the college, and we are in one that houses the student cafeteria, offices etc. It is a large room with lots of windows, is wheelchair-accessible, and has space for our pot-lucks since it has lots of chairs and tables (we were using our own at Big

Brothers). The address of the meeting place *only* is: 2940 Clearbrook Rd. However, the best entrance to our rental room is off of George Ferguson Way, as the College is on the corner of Clearbrook and George Ferguson Way. *Our office and mailing address remain the same: Norm's office being at #4, 3292 Elmwood Dr., Abbotsford, BC V2S 6B2.* The congregation is feeling the loss of four men this past year, three by death and one because of his wife's death which necessitated a move away for him. However, we were blessed by the baptism of our granddaughter, Courtney Velthuizen, on last September by Grandfather Norm. Grandmother Jen explained that she had always been a note-taker, having scribbled even before she could read or write. Her current journal cites her confession on page 50, but no, like most writers, you are not allowed to read it unless it is eventually published!"

**Delta:** Our other elder, Ron Bailey, carried on an explanation of the new theme for the 2018 Delta church, "*LISTEN, GOD IS SPEAKING*", on the following Sunday after its introduction by Larry Hoff, with Jim Hawkins completing further explanation of its value as the congregation sees the possibility of personal growth through sharing with each other what God has shared with us individually. We have always believed that when a congregation spends a year using a focus it becomes powerful for both single and collective growth. One member commented, "For me--because of my many years as a believer--it has developed into what I call the spirit speaking to me: an inner voice based on God's word, steering me to do what's right. I believe God's Spirit dwells within me, reminding, guiding and speaking to the way I'm trying to live my life."

**Oakridge:** A member of the Oakridge church for 47 years, our Joyce Hooper has gone to live with her maker. She died in the hospital on Jan. 17 and a memorial service was held at Oakridge in late February. (A Celebration of Life will be held at the Hooper's cottage in Point Roberts some time during the summer.) She rarely missed a service or activity, and her absence will be as felt as others of our pioneers who have left us one by one. She leaves a daughter, Maureen Hooper, in Richmond and a son, Pat, who lives in Osoyoos and spent the holidays with his mother and sister this year, three grandsons, and one great-grandson, plus three granddaughters-in law. The Milton Diaz family was able to visit relatives in San Salvador in January to mid February with Stephen Winters filling the pulpit the first Sunday Milton was away. He was already teaching the morning Bible class for adults in a three-month series. David Jacobs gave the lesson on the second Lord's Day. Ferly Abella, our regular bulletin

editor, had to ask for help for a few months as she awaited an operation, but is now back home and doing well enough to soon be back on the job. Tim Johnson has been seeing that the weekly bulletin for the church continued to be out on schedule. We are grateful to these three men who are always ready to fill in when needed.

**Salmon Arm:** Several visitors have been attending our small group meetings, with some coming to our Sunday morning service as well. As the townspeople become more and more aware of our presence, we are hopeful there will be many more to our Sunday morning services.

**Surrey:** The eldest daughter of John and Kylla Piercy, Jaimie, was baptized on Jan.14 as the congregation rejoiced with her family that she has begun her walk with God. With the coming of the New Year, we have found it necessary to update our directories as we have continued to grow in 2017. Our two missionaries in the Philippines, Joey and Reynaldo, have started a special project to provide backpacks for school children in their vicinity. Our elders felt that this worthy cause called for a special collection to help them out last month.

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg:** Over the past month there have been several baptisms: Kay Anderson, Pam Pimlott, Rafael Vesques, Zodwa Masenda and Manuel Tiechenou were welcomed to the Lord's family.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Weyburn:** Teen night was held at the Olson's where they made pottery, played games and went skating. May 28 – June 1 a Great Lakes Bible College class will be held here. "Paul's Early Letters" taught by Nathan Brown will be taught for credit or audit.

## LaSalle Church of Christ

Established Niagara Falls, New York congregation, without elders, is seeking full time pulpit minister. We are an older congregation of 50+ members striving to serve the Lord and our community. The congregation prefers a married man with a minimum of 8 years' experience and a four year Bible degree who will help us focus on:

- ◆ ministry, evangelism and multi-media outreach
- ◆ understanding and application of Biblical principles
- ◆ developing spiritual gifts for personal and church growth
- ◆ relating to all ages

Please send resume, video/audio CD, or link along with a personal philosophy of ministry no later than June 1, 2018 to LaSalle church of Christ, Minister Search Committee, c/o Dailey, 4704 Stacey Dr., Lewiston NY 14092

# **TRUE WORSHIP**

John 4:23-24 - Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

**Men's Day –**

**Saturday, April 14**

**Speaker: Leslie Williams**

Hosted by the Fenwick Church of Christ  
at Wellandport Community Centre,  
5024 Regional Road 63, Wellandport, ON

Registration & refreshments - 9:30

Session 1 - 10:00    Session 2 - 11:00

Lunch (provided) - 12:00

Session 3 - 1:00    Session 4 - 2:00

Preregistration is helpful for lunch preparation.

To register, call 905-386-6916 or E-mail [dandelionacres@gmail.com](mailto:dandelionacres@gmail.com)  
by April 7

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**UKRAINE (Donetsk):** After numerous attempts to obtain the release of Igor Kasolovsky since he was taken prisoner over two years ago accused of treason, he is finally out of jail and on his way to Kiev. The charge was based on a claim that he was a spy, partially because he had made several trips to the U.S. for Eastern European Missions. All efforts to release him had failed in spite of promises from time to time. A few months ago, he had been sentenced to another year of detainment, so his recent release came unexpectedly and suddenly. For some reason, a decision was made to release a large number of prisoners at one time and Igor was among them. He was able to go home, but left for Kiev as soon as he had been given some medical treatment, while Christians all over the world rejoiced over this unexpected answer to their prayers. He and his wife are the parents of a grown mentally and physically retarded son who is entirely dependent upon his parents, his father in particular.

**KIEV:** Facebook readers learned that Jay Don and Mary Lou had had to suffer an extra day on their trip back to Ukraine because the plane on their flight from Boston lost an engine and had to turn back. They were thankful that a good pilot was able to take care of his passengers safely. Start over. No, the flight was not from Boston, because a flight from Atlanta was to take them to Amsterdam. And from Amsterdam, they would fly to Kiev. But it was not to be that evening. Shortly after take-off, dinner had been served

to part of the 347 passengers on the plane when there was a loud noise, the plane shook violently, then silence. Finally the pilot told them there was engine trouble and he was aborting the flight to return to Boston, about 40 minutes away. After another pause, he told them an engine had been lost. Suddenly all noise ceased as people discovered how long 40 minutes could be. Jay Don sent an email to one of his relatives to tell him to contact all their relatives to pray. There was no mistaking the airport, which was surrounded by seven fire engines and other well-lighted equipment. When the plane landed, all 347 passengers were hustled off in record time. It was snowing and very cold. Finally, the Rogers could stand it no longer, and left their six large suitcases and several smaller bags to go inside. It was approximately 10 p.m. An announcement informed them that they were trying to get another plane from JFK and would be leaving in an hour. An hour later, the same announcement, almost immediately canceled, to say they were sending the passengers to a hotel for the night. A single bus that carried 20 passengers started round trips. Because of the amount of luggage they had, no one wanted to be in line behind the Rogers. When they finally arrived at the hotel, the long line was the same problem, but finally they got to bed about 4 a.m. Hearing that the airline was giving out food vouchers the next morning, they went on back to the airport several hours ahead of flight time to claim them and have – was it supper, breakfast or dinner?

**ISRAEL:** Erol Dogan was invited as a guest speaker and panelist to be involved in the larger discussion to take place afterward on Friday afternoon, Jan. 26, during the 2018 Mini-Conference at Missions Fest Vancouver from 1:00–5:00pm at the

Vancouver Convention Centre East. Title of the subject given the speakers was “Pursuing a True Peace: Muslims, Christians, and Jews”. Since all have been impacted by events in the Middle East to some degree. He was very disappointed when a back issue flared up that forced him to have to cancel his participation. However, he was able to visit the displays for a while the following day and speak to the various ministries that were represented which focus on the Middle East – Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank (Bethlehem). He told them that since so many people in the world are affected, we long and pray for peace, yet while political peace may be a work in progress, true peace can be found in Jesus right now. He wanted to show participants that they can effectively love Jews and Muslims with Christ’s love at this time in history. Erol also had extensive conversations with the agents that manned the booths who for the most part are “evangelical”. He discussed and challenged them with the work that we have been doing in Jerusalem, Galilee and Bethlehem. He told them bluntly that it is quite the shame that many think it’s an either/or situation when it comes to the topic of Israel and the Arabs. “The consensus is that if you do work among the Palestinians then you must hate Israel and the Jews. On the other hand, if you do work in Israel, then you support Zionist ideology and the persecution of the Palestinians and the genocide, ethnic cleansing and apartheid that these ‘Arab ministries’ accuse Israel of doing”. We have proved this is not the case. “From our point of view, the NT church that we represent is neither Jew nor Gentile, but one new man in Christ. It has been a powerful lesson for us in the past decade that we DO not engage in political discussions within the body, nor allow them to become



an issue because it is incredibly divisive and has caused people on both sides to stumble. Our little fellowship is comprised of Arabs, Jews, Armenians and internationals like Debra (Erol's wife) and myself. By preaching peace with God and a social justice entirely based on what God accomplished on the cross, we move beyond the secular state of mind that is hostile to God and is unable to make peace with one another the way the gospel can". He gave them Galatians 3:26-29 (NIV). "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." He also showed how Gentiles and Jews can be a mutual blessing to each other. His sessions the previous day would have endeavored to give "An Understanding of the Jewish Theological and Experiential Position" and "The Biblical Basis and Foundation of the Jewish Worldview." Also, a short history of Jewish/Christian Engagement. Session 2 would have been "A Prophetic Fulfilment of Old and New Testament Scripture and What Its Impact on Israel and Muslims in the Middle East Was". Then he hoped to challenge his hearers by asking, "What are we doing now?" and giving testimony from Jewish and Muslim background believers during small group discussions.

**JAPAN:** "Although the entire gospel of John is so rich, early on in 2017 as we sought God's guidance for a vision to enter a new fiscal year (in Japan, that begins April 1), we were led to John 15. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (v.5). This was the

theme verse for our church family for 2017, and our goals were to: a) be connected to the vine, b) be the branches, and c) bear much fruit. Our sermons and studies devoted time to this, and our prayer life and ministry were aimed to incarnate it. How did we see this being incarnated by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit? Here are a few of the ways: \* there was a greater hunger in the church family to be connected to the Vine (Jesus) in study of the Word, as well as responsive offerings of worship. \* Two-thirds of our church family were actively involved as 'branches' in ministries in the Mito church of Christ in the spring of 2017:\* We had an average of 15 seekers and first-time guests to worship each week, 26 students in the kids' karate class taught by Atsushi (23 of whom were from the community), and close to 50 people from the community in our EBC (English Bible classes).\* We had an average of 25 students per day at the campus ministry office (it was busy!), and 19 of them in Bible studies with our interns (Yes, it too, was busy!!) \* But as we continued to be fed by the scripture, and formed in the likeness of Jesus our Lord, we found a greater passion for God's will and purpose for our lives and for our friends and this world. We craved your prayer support, your encouragement, and your ongoing support in this Kingdom work.

"We often receive more requests than we can honour, but we were pleased to have three interns this summer serving with the Mito church. Ashley Kenemore, a nursing major from Harding University, and Parker Goad, a game design and computer programming major from Oklahoma Christian University, served for six weeks. Yu Tsuneki, who is Atsushi & Mari's daughter, now studying Education at Abilene Christian University, stayed with the

congregation for the entire summer. (This was the first time we had tried having an intern from each school and it worked really well. We were pleased with our interns and the hearts they displayed, and with their ability to work together. Church members hosted them to stay a week at a time in their homes. In addition to projects at the church itself, they were in studies with 19 students at Ibaraki Christian College, and other Bible classes at Mito church. They went through Foster's book on Spiritual Disciplines together and were involved in spiritual journaling and prayer walks in the city. As our three interns learned, grew and served in our midst, we were increasingly thankful for them."

"The Ontario sponsoring church was changed at the beginning of 2018 from the Bramelea church to the Tintern congregation. Bramelea had been our sponsor since the start of this work in the year 2,000, for which we have been very grateful, and especially to Walter and Shirley Straker who used their influence on behalf of Joel Osborne for 17 years," Joel wrote. He and partner Hiro Akahoshi now look forward to working with the Tintern Christians as they assume a deeper role in their work. All Canadian contributions to the support of these men should be addressed to the Tintern church of Christ, Attn: Tintern Asia Mission (Joel Osborne/Hiro Akahoshi), 4359 Spring Cree Rd, Vineland, ON Canada L0R . American contributions to S&R Ministries, Inc, Attn: Joel Osborne/Hiro Akahoshi - Japan/Cambodia Mission, PO Box 563, Edmond, OK 73083 For questions or more information, please contact Joel Osborne - joelsensei5@gmail.com Hiroaki Akahoshi - hxa04@acu.edu We can also communicate via Facetime.

# DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

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## PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

**CAMROSE:** 4901 42 Street T4V 1A2; Sunday AM Bible study 10 am; Sunday AM worship service 11 am; Thursday Bible Study 7 PM; Phone: (780) 672-1220 (Office); Evangelist: David Friesen; Email: info@camrosechurchofchrist.org Website: www.camrosechurchofchrist.org

**EDMONTON Church of Christ:** meeting place in NW of city; 13015 – 116 Avenue NW; Ofc 780.455.1049; Fax 780.454.9545; Mail: 11532 – 130 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5M 1A4 Sun 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed 7 pm Bible Study CARE groups at the building and in various homes (phone for location and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch, Kirby Salter; Evangelist: Emanuel Burnstad 780.678.5395; Email: church5@telus.net; Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org

**SOUTH EDMONTON:** Southwood Community Centre 1880 – 37 street NW, Edmonton, AB; Mailing Address: P. O. Box 42126 Edmonton, AB T6K 4C4; Evangelist: Roy Graneau; 780-902-1329 Sun. 10:00 adult & children's Bible class, 11:00 worship; Midweek CARE Groups in homes (phone evangelist for details); Web: southedmontonchurchofchrist.org Email: southedmontonchurchofchrist@gmail.com

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

**MEDICINE HAT:** Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7G2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

**RED DEER:** Davenport Church of Christ, 68 Donlevy Avenue, Red Deer, T4R 2Y8, tel. 403-347-3986; (fax) 403.347.332, Edward Klym, Minister/Evangelist; Sunday morning worship: 10:00 am, Sunday School: 11:00 am; Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00 pm Email: davenportchurchofchrist@gmail.com Website: www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/rdocc

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

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley):** Sun. 10, 11; Thur. 7 PM, Meeting at: Suite 200 - 2445 West Railway Street, Abbotsford, BC; Mailing address: #4 – 3292 Elmwood Dr.; V2S 6B2 Norm Weir, ev. 604-850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 604-850-9001; email: normjen@shaw.ca

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hilecy Road Campbell River, BC V9W 1P4; Contact: Office (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besijm2@hotmail.com

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

**CRESTON:** Call for service times and place: David & Diane Phyers: 250-428-5937

**CROFTON:** 1288 Smith Rd. Box 45, VOR 1R0; Phone for time; (250) 246-3659.

**DELTA:** Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7; contact Larry Hoff (604) 943-1468; Ron Bailey (604) 943-7517

**KELOWNA:** Spring Valley Church of Christ, #106 - 1580 Springfield Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 5V4 Sun. 10:30, Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739, email: McKnight8739@shaw.ca

**NANAIMO:** 1720 Meredit Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjp.cc79@telus.net

**NORTH BEND Church of Christ:** North Bend Community Hall, 48846 Highline Road, North Bend; Sun. 10:30 am; Mailing address: 47220 Green Ranch Road, North Bend, BC, V0K 1C1 Borden Krogsgaard 604-867-9420

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

**PRINCE RUPERT Church of Christ:** 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sunday Bible classes 11:00 am, worship 10:00 am; Thurs. 7 pm; Contact: Meynard Carlow (250) 624-4449 (off) or (250) 624-3347

**SALMON ARM:** 490- 5th Ave, S.W. V1E 1V4; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-833-0927; Doug Kendig, and Gordon Parmenter, elders; website: sa4CHRIST.com

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

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

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

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

**VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):** Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC, V9B 6J9; Meeting address: Westshore Chamber of Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., Langford, BC.; Worship service 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Contacts: Dick Morton 250-479-8480, L/S Walters 250-478-7275, Don Knox 250-382-0824; e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

**BRANDON:** 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10:30; Midweek; call for location (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

**CARMAN:** Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7 PM.; Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 204-745-3226; Randy Foss, ev. 745 6969 (office)

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

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

**WINNIPEG (Central):** Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaide, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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

**SAINT JOHN:** Meeting in the home of Fred and Linda Nelson at 10:00 AM. Call 506 847 1780 for directions Mailing address: 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: niagalcofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscocf.com

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

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

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

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

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

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

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

**BRAMALEA:** 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleaocfc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 2:00 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleaocfc.ca

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

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

**COLLINGWOOD:** 494 10th Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 2H1; Email: cchurchofchrist@bmts.com; Phone 705-444-0010; Minister: Les Cramp, Phone 519-538-5184; Cell 519-375-0559; Sunday Study 10:00 a.m. & Worship 11 a.m.; Study Thursday 2 p.m.; Please join us for worship, Bible study or fellowship at any time.

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

**FENWICK:** 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfeenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

**GRIMSBY:** 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 10 am; Bible classes 11 am; Sun evening 7 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev. (c) 905-401-3482; website: www.grimsbycofc.org

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

**HAILEYBURY:** Meeting in homes, usually Sundays at 4 PM but call to confirm place and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment, Mailing address: Box 702, P.O. 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

**HAMILTON:** Fennell Ave. Church of Christ, 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00; Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.); Randy Morrilt, ev. email@churchofchristhamilton.com Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174; Website: www.churchofchristhamilton.com

**NORTH HAMILTON:** Sun. Bible Study, 9:30–10:30; Worship: 10:30–11:30; meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30–7:30 For information re. place of meeting, please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

**HUNTSVILLE:** Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:00, c/o Dave Preston, (705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5, Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts: Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292

**HUNTSVILLE:** 36 Hilltop Dr., P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner, 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.



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

**KENORA:** 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Phone 807-466-1449 Earle Rattai, ev. 807-548-2245; email: erattai@sympatico.ca

**KINGSTON:** 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday worship 11 AM; (off) 613-546-5409

**KITCHENER (Southwest):** Sunday 10:30 AM, Williamsburg Community Centre, 1187 Fischer Hallman Road, Building 600, Suite 620, Kitchener, Ontario. Church phone: (519) 496-2286 Mail to: Southwest Kitchener church of Christ, 1187 Fischer Hallman Rd, PO Box 48035 Williamsburg RO, Kitchener, Ontario N2E 4H0.

**LONDON:** 186 Gammage Street, London ON N5Y 2B3; (519) 672-2426; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Contact: M. Pennington, 519-872-7629; Email: mpennington40@gmail.com; P. Fewster, 519-672-2426; Email: peter.fewster@gmail.com

**MEAFORD:** 113 Nelson St. W. N4L 1G3; Sunday School 9:45-10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday night: home locations will be posted on the web page each month; Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cocf@brucecable.com website: http://www.meafordcocf.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: 10:30-11:45 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Tony Lourenco; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: vjcurrie65@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; 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: westottawacocf@gmail.com, website: www.westottawacocf.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.owensoundcocf.com

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

**PINE ORCHARD:** 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sunday School 10 am except July/August, Worship 11 am; Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. S12125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0; phone: (705) 357-1224 Email: jayaksich@yahoo.ca

**PORT COLBORNE:** 700 Steele St., Port Colborne, ON L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 732-2465

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

**ST. CATHARINES:** 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; 935-9581 (off.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; Email: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; Website: www.stcatharinescocf.ca

**ST. THOMAS:** 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Wednesday 7 pm; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123

**SARNIA:** 796 Errol Rd E N7V 2G7 Bible Study Sunday 9:30 am Worship 11:45 am Bible Study Wednesday 7 pm mailto: sarniachurchofchrist1@gmail.com phone (519) 339-1161

**SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill):** 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988; Sunday 9:40 AM, 10:40 AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7 PM; Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789), C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153

**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

**STONEY CREEK:** 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 10, 11; (summer worship10) Contact: Ben Wiebe: website: www.patchworkinthecreek.com

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

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

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

**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; 10:00-11, Wed. 7 pm; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec, Bill Bunting, interim ev; Box 708, POR 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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: leslielijawilliams@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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