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The Apostle Matthew

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The person most Christians know as the Apostle Matthew is introduced in the Scriptures as a tax collector. One day as Jesus was preaching in Capernaum, Matthew was collecting taxes, when Jesus approached him at his tax booth and said, "Follow Me" (Matthew 9:9). Matthew gets up and follows Jesus and later in Matthew 10:1-3 he is numbered among Jesus' Twelve Apostles. Matthew was also known by the name Levi (Matthew 9:9, Mark 2:14 and Luke 5:27). Mark 2:14 mentions Matthew as the son of Alphaeus but no other information is known about his father or his family. There is also no mention in the Bible of Matthew's early life, or what happened to him after Pentecost (Boles, ix). From the context of the New Testament Matthew lived during the first century and had witnessed the ministry and life of Jesus Christ.

Matthew's occupation as a tax collector was often associated with sinners, Gentiles, and harlots (Matthew 11:19; 18:17; 21:32). Tax collectors in the first century were not merely looked down upon as the IRS is today, but they were considered even worse because they were considered Jewish traitors. Tax collectors were often Jews who worked for the Romans that were occupying Jewish land. (Hodges, 1).

Tax collectors were known not only to collect taxes for Rome, but often took extra taxes and put it into their own pockets. For example, in Luke 3:12-13 when some tax collectors came to John the Baptist to be baptized, he told them to collect no more tax than what they were authorized. Then when Jesus came to Zacchaeus the tax collector's house, in Luke 19:1-9, Zac-

chaeus informed everyone that he would give to the poor and restore fourfold those he defrauded (Luke 19:8). These two examples illustrate the problem with tax collectors in Jesus' day who stole from the people they collected taxes from, which would only have added to the great hatred and animosity the Jewish people had for them.

So when Jesus finds Matthew in Mt. 9:9 Jesus finds one of the lowliest sinners in Capernaum, but Matthew is transformed into one of His loyal followers. After Jesus

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called Matthew to follow Him, Matthew invited Jesus to come to his home for a dinner where other tax collectors and sinners were eating (Matthew 9:10; Luke 5:29). This, no doubt, would have shown Jesus' acceptance of Matthew and Matthew in turn would have introduced Jesus to his lost friends.

Matthew would continue to follow Jesus Christ and later write the Gospel that bears his name. Although Matthew's name does not appear as the author of the Gospel of Matthew there are at least four ancient historians that mention Matthew as the apostle of Jesus who wrote this Gospel: Papias (A.D. 140), Irenaeus (A.D. 180), Pantaenus (A.D. 180) and Origen (A.D. 220) (Fiensy, 138). Matthew's name probably does not appear as the author of his Gospel because those he wrote to would have known and understood that he was the author (ESV Study Bible, 1815).

The Gospel of Matthew is the only book in the New Testament

that is attributed to Matthew. Matthew wrote primarily for Jewish Christians, but every Christian can learn and benefit from this Gospel. The book was written to help the Jewish Christians understand Jesus as the Eternal King and that He has established His spiritual rule over a spiritual kingdom. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' Kingship is alluded to some ten times and the word "kingdom" is found fifty-four times.

The last time Matthew is mentioned in scripture is in Acts 1:13 where he was numbered with the other Apostles waiting the coming of the Holy Spirit and the day of Pentecost. Historians are in dispute about how Matthew died. Some say that Matthew died a natural death (Boles, x). Although there is at least one account that states Matthew carried the Gospel of Christ to Ethiopia and upon his arrival he found favor with King Aeglippus. Then when King Aeglippus died, a heathen king, King Hytacus, took the throne. One day in 66 A.D. while Matthew preached, King Hytacus had Matthew arrested and pinned to the ground with spears and beheaded (Jesus Freaks, 219).

Matthew's name means "gift of God" (Boles, ix). Matthew was truly a gift of God, because God was able to use Matthew to influence the world with the writing of his Gospel and telling about the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ. Matthew's occupation as a tax collector implies that he had training in scribal techniques and was thus able to write, while his identity as a Galilean Jewish Christian suggests his ability to interpret the words and actions of Jesus in light of Old Testament messianic expectations" (ESV Study Bible, 1816).

Matthew teaches a great life lesson in that regardless of one's past and background, God can use them in His Kingdom. Matthew was transformed from a despicable tax collector to a faithful servant of Christ. Matthew showed by following Jesus that he was willing to be used by God to make a spiritual difference in the lives of lost people. This can be seen in Matthew immediately following Christ (Matthew 9:9), inviting Jesus to come to his house to eat with his fellow tax collectors (Matthew 9:10), writing the Gospel account of Jesus, and dying faithfully in Christ, whether that be of natural causes or as a martyr.

All people can be useful to God, if they are willing to follow Christ whole heartily as Matthew did. It takes a humble spirit and being willing to turn away from one's old life of sin. It all begins with a humble heart as we see in Luke 18:13 with the words of another tax collector, who said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Jesus then comments in Luke 18:14, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." It is difficult to admit that one has sinned and lives a life contrary to the will of God, but if one is willing to be humble before God, great blessing will come to them as can be seen in the life of Matthew.

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QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Bill Craddock

(Which rule do you live by – the iron, silver or golden?)

Everyone has rules they pattern their life after. T.B. Larimore (1843–1929) was a great preacher during the second part of the Restoration Movement. One of his sermons dealt with these three rules of life mentioned in our question, "What rule of life do you live by?"

In this lesson he used a very familiar story to illustrate his point. He used the account of the man we call "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:30 – 37). This story involves a man who was robbed, beaten and left half dead. The victim is understood to be a Jew in the story that involved two other Jewish men, a priest and a Levite. These two men came by at different times, saw the desperate plight of their fellow Jew and passed by on the other side of the road, leaving him there unattended. We must remember that Jesus is answering the question of the lawyer who had asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" These two Jews certainly proved that they were not the afflicted man's neighbor.

Along comes one of the Samaritans, a people hated by the Jews, and seeing the man's condition he had compassion on him. He attends to the man's wounds, places him on his beast of burden and takes him to an inn and takes care of him. Upon leaving the next day he pays the innkeeper to attend to

the man promising to make further payment if necessary.

In this story we find the answer to our question of what rule do you live your life by? Brother Larimore said that the iron rule says, "Might makes right." That was the rule the robbers lived by. They were more in number than the victim and stronger than he, therefore, they could take his belongings.

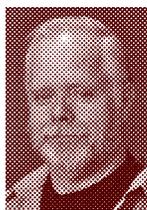
Larimore said that the silver rule says, "Do no harm to others, but look out primarily for your own interests and the plight of others is not your concern." That was the rule the priest and Levite lived by. I personally believe this is the rule that most people in America live by today and is the reason that the opinions of many minority groups are having such a great influence on our lives. If we are not willing to take a stand for right, we should be quiet when things go against us.

We are familiar with the golden rule which says, "Treat others as you want to be treated." That is the Biblical rule. That is the rule the Samaritan lived by when he helped the victim of the robbery. This is the rule that we as Christians must live by. Satan is going to win as long as Christians live by the silver rule. We will never grow as a church as long as we are not willing to be involved with others who are not Christians. If I were not saved, I would want someone to care enough about me to tell me the truth. We must be involved in living and sharing the Good News.

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Authenticity

Wayne Turner



In early April, Thom Rainer sent out an email with the subject line, “Only 42% of Millennial churchgoers believe church members are authentic and caring.” Then he writes, “This is a major problem for churches.” Then, after inviting his readers to reread that statement, Rainer explains, in bold, that “More than half of the Millennials who **ALREADY ATTEND CHURCH** think their churches are not authentic and caring!” Then he asks, “Can you imagine what those who **DON’T** attend think???”

Thom Rainer is an evangelical researcher and writer. Like George Barna, in the United States, and Reginald Bibby, in Canada, Rainer specializes in studying how churches function within their cultures, and the dynamics that affect their success or failure. Social dynamics are not necessarily rules that determine how a religious group functions, but they do provide helpful observations and insights into the role churches have internally and in their cultures.

First, what does he mean by millennials? We are familiar with many of the designations for different generations. Those born after World War II are known as “boomers” because they were part of the post-war “baby boom.” These were followed by the “busters.” In that vein, millennials were born in the years between 1980 and 2000. They now range in age between 19 and 39, and are what most of us see as “young adults.” They have become the “larger and more influential generation in American culture.” Thom and his son, Jess, a Millennial himself, have co-authored a book about Millennials based on 1200 interviews.

So, Rainer’s statement about authenticity is critically important for us to understand. He states that Millennials “do not think in the old worship

war paradigm.” They want worship to have “rich content, authenticity and ... quality worship.” Authenticity stands out. He says, “They can sense when congregants and worship leaders are going through the motions. And they will reject such perfunctory attitudes altogether.” Quality expresses this in that it demonstrates personal and spiritual preparation.

We have all heard the expression of worship being in “spirit and in truth.” Though often repeated, we wonder if this statement has been fully understood. Some have approached worship in ways that seem more formula and ritual than demonstrating real reverence for God and awe as we come before Him. It has often been said that God is the audience of worship. Yet, we often hear people say, “I did not get anything out of the worship.” We need to remember who worship is for. Granted, Paul tells us that we should edify one another in our assemblies. Isn’t that shaped by how we approach and worship God?

Authentic worship is real. It isn’t the repetitive, “going through the motions” that some seem content with. Perhaps one of the most impactful effects of authentic worship is what Paul suggests—that a visitor be struck by the way Christians worship, and be encouraged to worship as well. Worship is not just ritual or routine. It is coming into the presence of our holy and powerful God. Without authenticity how can it be worship?

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Holiness Hindered

One of the really exciting races at the Olympics or other track and field meets is the relay. A team of runners races around the course, each person running a section of the course. I remember in my high school days we had an excellent track team... I was not a part of it because the coach said "you run too long in the same place". Anyway, I did have the job of announcer at the track meets at our school and it was exciting to see those who "did not run too long in the same place" show their best in these events.

A relay race is often won or lost in the passing of the baton. A dropped baton would mean a loss. In a foot race this is sad but not life destroying; however, in matters of the soul it is eternally destroying. If our teachers "drop the baton" the results can affect us eternally. In Malachi 2:1-2, Malachi speaks to the priests of God, pointing out some major concerns. "And now, O priests, this command is for you. If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart".

The priests need to repent of their failure and by changing their manner, preserve the covenant of God. Levi, Jacob's third son, is the first High Priest of Israel's priestly families - 1 Chronicles 6.

The "covenant with Levi" (v.4) may refer to God's choice of the Levites - Numbers 3:12 or perhaps to the "covenant of salt" God made with the Levites to provide food for them, Numbers 18:19.

In Numbers 25, the Midianites seduce the Israelites into worshipping

the Baal of Peor. Phinehas was able to turn the people around and stop the wrath of God from Israel, so God blessed Phinehas with a lasting priesthood because, "...he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel" - Numbers 25:13."

However, the promise to Phinehas is in jeopardy because of the priests' disloyalty to God and His requirements for them in leading the people in worship. The first part of Malachi's message focuses on the priests' abuses in their sacrificial duties by not following the directions given them from God. "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?' By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that the LORD's table may be despised. When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. But you profane it when you say

that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. But you say, 'What a weariness this is, and you snort at it', says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. "And now, O priests, this command is for you. If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it" - Malachi 1:6-2:3 (ESV).

In chapter 2:6, 7, he stresses their responsibilities as teachers. It is clear that the teaching that is supposed to come from God through human teachers must be done by teachers (leaders) who are "sound" and not diluted or compromised in any way. In his day, as well as ours, instruction and knowledge must remain in the teacher's mouth and lips, giving the clear message of God to the hearers.

Further Malachi says to them, "But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts" - Malachi 2:8 (ESV). For the priests, a sad day. They had forgotten the importance of their role in the life of God's people and had "turned aside" from righteousness. Sad for them and also sad for the people of God. Though given warning and instruction about the purity of their message and work they had forgotten the instruction of Moses, "And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that

his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel” – Deuteronomy 17:19-20 (ESV).

These were sad days for the people as the warning of Moses seems to have fallen on deaf ears. Three charges were made against these priests. First, they were guilty of turning from the way; second, as a result of their actions, they caused others to stumble; and third, they were guilty of violating the covenant with Levi. (Malachi 2:8) The priests have perverted the covenant and thereby have hurt the nation.

Yet, there is hope for the people of God. He will provide what is needed for them in time. Notice “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the

covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap.”

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD” - Malachi 3:1-3 (ESV). Again, in this scripture we see the love and grace of our God in His provision for us.

Sadly, today people are continuing to look for teachers who say what they want to hear rather than what God has said. Paul warned of the fact that what was is still around. “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths” - 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (ESV). We must never

forget the will of man is to have his own way. Because of this we must daily commit ourselves to study and apply the word of God to our lifestyle. Christianity is not a one day a week religion but must be practiced 24/7.

The warning is clear, “But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed” – 2 Peter 2:1-2 (ESV).

If we Christians drop the baton of commitment to God and do not respect and teach the truth of God, we will be guilty of the same problem that troubled the people of God in Malachi’s day. May we always seek to know and teach the truth that saves souls. Having done that, we will be blessed daily by God.

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Running Ahead

Works of fiction often point out truths about human nature. Here is one example. When one of the novel's characters asked the leading lady for advice, the following exchange took place as part of their discussion.

"Pray before you act."

"Can't say I'm surprised you said that, but ever notice that fellas move a lot faster than God lots of the time?"¹

Man does, indeed, often move faster than God and it almost always gets him into trouble. Take a look at some Bible examples.

When God called Abram to leave Ur and go to a new land, He made this promise: "I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others" – Genesis 12:2 (NLT). After some years as a nomad with no sign that this promise would be fulfilled, Abram voiced his concern to God who reassured him that He had not forgotten and would indeed, bless him through a physical offspring, not an adopted servant.

"But Abram replied, 'O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir.' Then the Lord said to him, 'No, your

servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir'" – Genesis 15:2-4 (NLT).

Despite this reaffirmation of His promise, in the next chapter we see man moving faster than God. Apparently Sarai either doubted that God would fulfill His promise through her or doubted His ability to grant a child to a seventy-five year old woman and so she undertook to find her own solution to the problem by suggesting that Abram sleep with her maidservant. Note that Abram agreed to Sarai's plan, so perhaps, he too, felt the promised son would come through someone other than his wife. In fact, later Abram asked God to make Ishmael his heir. It

seems that at ninety-nine years of age and his wife at eighty-nine he felt God was no longer able to fulfill His promise through Sarai. God informed him that he would indeed have a son with Sarai the following year (Genesis 17:18). Both Abram and Sarai (now renamed Abraham and Sarah) found it humorous that God would promise a child to a couple of their age. (Genesis 17:17 & 18:12)

We know from reading the story in Scripture that by moving faster than God, Abraham and Sarah brought problems on themselves and their household and we know from current events that conflict between descendants of Ishmael and Isaac still exists all these millennia later. Surely they had no idea of the far reaching repercussions of their failure to wait for God to do things in His way in His time.

Another example of jumping the gun is King Saul. "Saul waited there seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him earlier, but Samuel still didn't come. Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away. So he demanded, 'Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!' And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself. Just as Saul was finishing with the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. Saul went out to meet and welcome him, but Samuel said, 'What is this you have done?'" – 1 Samuel 13:8-11a (NLT).

Saul explained his reasoning, but it didn't change the fact that he had gotten in a hurry and disobeyed. His impatience cost him the kingdom. "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if



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you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time” – 1 Samuel 13:13 (NIV 1984).

On the other side of the coin, we have David, who could have tried to hurry things up but didn't. Anointed king by Samuel as a young man, it would be several years before he would actually become king. For many of the intervening years he lived as a fugitive trying to keep away from King Saul and the army. On at least two occasions, David had opportunity to kill Saul which would have cleared the way for his own kingship. The men with David urged him to do just that on the first such incident (1 Samuel 24:4-7) and his nephew Abishai offered to do it for him on the second encounter (1 Samuel 26:7-11). Both times David refused.

Even after Saul's death, David did not immediately assume the kingship. His fellow tribesmen in Judah made him king but it would be another seven and one half years before he would become ruler of all Israel (2 Samuel 5:5). David wisely waited for God's timing and was rewarded with the promise of an everlasting dynasty (2 Samuel 7:11b-16).

Whenever we “move faster than God” we indicate a lack of faith either in God's promises or in His ability to fulfill them or a lack of willingness to relinquish control into His hands and simply obey His commands whether or not we see the purpose behind them.

While these examples are individuals, we can be just as foolish collectively. Entire congregations sometimes can be guilty of moving faster than God. For example, if evangelistic efforts are not producing the expected results, a church may decide to try to be more attractive by softening their stance on sin so as not to offend anyone or focusing on social issues rather than the lost condition of the world and the necessity of coming to Christ in order to escape hell's fire. Perhaps they “spice up” the worship service to make it more entertaining in order to draw more in. These practices may bring greater numbers into the building, but they do not bring souls to Christ. You cannot nourish starving souls by offering them cotton candy instead of the Bread of Life!

Remember Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3:6, **“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow”** – (NIV 1984). Our job is to plant and to water. Growth comes from God and in God's timing. Only pure seed, the unadulterated Gospel of Christ, will produce true Christians. Let us strive to be less concerned with how full our buildings are and more concerned with being sure we are sowing the true and complete Word of God and wait patiently for Him to bring that seed to maturity. Let's not move faster than God.

“Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son” – 2 John 9 (NIV 1984).

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Kevin Cleary

Spring is in the air, we will soon be planting gardens and maybe some have started seeds already. Even those with the least green thumb imaginable know that there are a few things that plants need to survive. No one puts plants in the closet or on top of a heat register. Why? Well we know they need light and that too much heat will wilt and kill a plant. Despite the fact that we know how to treat a house plant so that we don't kill it, sometimes we don't seem to care that much for ourselves. We put ourselves in places and engage in activities that are highly likely to result in our Spiritual demise. I hope you will take a few minutes and consider with me what a house plant needs to survive and commit to treating yourself at least as well.

First, as we've been saying, a plant needs a good healthy environment. Jesus told a parable about a sower (Matthew 13:3-8). Can you remember what the various conditions were? Take a moment and list them if you would. Now what we learn is that our environment can have a drastic impact on our Spiritual Health and well being. Thankfully, unlike a plant who must grow where it is planted, we are able to change our environment. Paul warns us to be careful about who we have close relationships with. "Do not be deceived; bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33). Paul is not suggesting for a moment that you must somehow avoid every person who doesn't think and act just like you. That said, you do have a choice about who and what you allow to have places of influence in your life. While we are on this topic let me offer a little warning. I have found many people get themselves into real trouble along

these lines by thinking one little dangerous thought. "It can't happen to me." Someone else may be negatively influence by this but not me I'm too smart, I'm too spiritually minded. I'm too wise. The wise man warns us that "Pride goes before a fall and a haughty spirit it before destruction" (Proverbs 16:18). The fact is that none of us are strong enough, wise enough or smart enough to ignore the warning of scripture. You wouldn't put a house plant in a spot that could kill

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it. Aren't you more important than a plant?

As I write this, I can look out the window and see trucks carrying dirt and fertilizer and mulch. The local grocery store has a driveway filled with this stuff. Why? Because people are getting ready to prepare their gardens with the nutrients that plants will need to thrive and produce fruit. Like a plant if we are going to grow and thrive and produce fruit, we are going to need nutrition. Peter tells us to "crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation" (I Peter 1:22). What we take in spiritually makes a big difference, sometimes even an eternal difference. Paul the Apostle had a real problem expressed in a number of places but especially II Corinthians 11:15 where he talks about super apostles and how the Corinthians would listen to them over him. What was happening is that Paul was sharing some hard truths with the Corinthians and they didn't want to hear it. But there were some teachers among them, so called "super apostles", who were happy to tell the Cor-

inthians just what they wanted to hear. Who would you listen to if you were in Corinth? If I'm honest I want to say Paul, but no doubt I'd be tempted to ignore him in favor of the easy message of the lying super apostles. Humans have a real struggle with something called "confirmation bias" which just means we like to be told we are right. This is truly dangerous when we come to God's word which is often challenging and revealing. We will nearly always choose the source that's easier and more fun and especially more comfortable.

This problem takes on a whole new dimension in the age of social media and algorithms designed to keep us watching by feeding us a steady stream of everything we want to hear and nothing we don't want to. Doing this is the spiritual equivalent of planting in sand. It's easy but the plant is sure to die. Be careful about what you read and where you find insight and encouragement. I'm not saying you can't ever read a book that has one wrong point in it but learn to always read critically. Make sure you are getting a regular diet of Bible reading and study. Make sure the books you read and the teaching you heed is true and faithful.

Then comes what may be the hardest part about caring for plants or tending a garden. You put in a lot of work up front but then nothing happens. Plants take time to grow some years (in my garden peppers just don't bother). People are the same, I don't know how many times people will share with me a positive healthy change that they have made in their life. Before long however, they are right back to old habits. Why? Well often because they weren't willing to wait for the changes they had made to

produce the desired consequences. The author of Hebrews makes this point in chapter five, “By this time you ought to be teachers but you need someone to teach you the elementary principles” (Hebrews 5:11-14). In this case he is scolding the readers but the principle is valid—there is some time required before you see fruit. True Growth is not an overnight development... there are no magic beans. We have to realize that we are in it for the long haul.

So, what are we going to do? Let’s put the habits in place that will yield the crops we want. Some preachers are especially guilty of failing to do this. I’ve talked to frustrated preachers who will say something like, “Well I preached a series on this, then we had an event and did some activities. I’ve done everything right, but they are not doing the right thing.” Growth takes time. If we are careful about the above points growth will come but understand that changing character is the work of years not days.

Repentance and baptism are first steps. Coming out of the water is akin to a new sprout that has so much potential. We all want growth, we all want to develop as servants so that we can be better than we were before. We want to be wiser and godlier, to be more like Christ and closer to him and more effective in his service. Getting to that point though is never an accident. With plants we know that we need to pay attention to their environment. What is around them? We pay attention to their food so that they have the resources to grow. We know it takes time. God loves us. Do we love ourselves enough to treat ourselves at least as well as we would a plant? As we see new growth all around us let it remind us of the growth that God wants to develop in our lives and in our congregation.

Meaford, Ontario



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: The ladies retreat was well attended and said to be the best ever. Linda Manimtim of Winnipeg was guest speaker and the theme was “The Fishbowl Life – Faith and Freedom in a Frustrating World.” The Alberta Spring Fellowship was held over Easter Weekend. Guest speakers were Scott Laird of Great Falls, Montana and Michael Christensen of Cody, Wyoming. The YAMS volunteered at the Food Bank. Carol Clarke was baptized and added to the Lord’s family.

Red Deer: The men’s day theme was Understanding God’s Will (Seeking & Probing His Purpose & Plan for Our Lives). Speakers were Sherman McLaren (Red Deer), Larry Boswell (Lloydminster), Kelly Carter (Calgary), Emanuel Burnstad (Edmonton) and Jamie Lobert (Medicine Hat).

MANITOBA

Carman: Our Ladies’ Retreat was held May 24–26. Linda Manimtim was guest speaker.

Winnipeg: Grow 2019 (Spiritual Growth, Renewal and Outreach Weekend) May 3–5. The theme was “In Spirit and Truth: The Nature of Biblical Worship”. Mike Mazzalongo was guest speaker and Keith Lancaster led the

Praise and Harmony Workshop. Prayer Sister Brunch was held April 13. The theme was “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet.” After a potluck brunch we shared our favorite scriptures. Ryan Harrison recommitted himself to Jesus Christ. Amanda Quesnel was baptized. The worship ministry is taking its next step and is looking to put ushers in place during the worship services.

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina: Let’s Start Talking/Friend Speak Event was held May 24–26 in Regina to celebrate 25 years of LST and Friend Speak in Canada.

Guidelines for News Pages

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

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

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

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

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The **Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society** is dedicated to the collection and preservation of materials concerning the history of the restoration movement in Canada. Our archive is comprised of materials collected over the years by those who have understood the significance of such materials in the ongoing quest to promote the ideals of the restoration movement.

Most of these are printed materials which are of immense value in preserving our past. Students, scholars, preachers, descendants of notable early Restorationists – everyone is likely to find items of huge interest in this sizable collection.

The archive has been housed in Meaford, Ontario for a number of years, at no expense to the Society. However, we must now vacate the premises that have been so generously made available to us until now, and so we have negotiated with Great Lakes Christian High School for the use of the top floor of McPhee Hall, one of the very old buildings on the campus, making it much more accessible to the brotherhood. This floor has been largely unused in recent years and is in need of considerable refurbishing before it can be used as an archive, which of course needs a very specific climate control. We understand from quotes that we have received that it will take roughly \$30,000.00 to refurbish this space and orchestrate the move of the archive from Meaford to Beamsville.

Obviously, this is a substantial amount of money for a small Society to raise. We are asking you to prayerfully consider our appeal for a **one-time** generous gift to transform the archive into an accessible repository of items from our **past**, that can be of great value in the **present** as we prepare for the **future**.

Donations may be sent to our financial officer in the following ways:

1. A cheque, payable to
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Please visit our web site – <http://ccchs.ca/index.htm>, for more detailed information, including a page on the archive (<http://ccchs.ca/Archive.htm>).

MISSION NEWS

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News from Ruth Zimmerman



The school year is continuing well at the Melanesian Bible College. It has definitely been a noisy year so far with power tools running full time as work continues on the new

classrooms. We are now two 'blocks' (terms) down with one more to go. This week is the annual break between block one and block two, and classes resume on Monday.

In the nearly six weeks since the last report, I've made good progress with the M.B.C. library and printing. The card catalogue, for the origi-



The new M.B.C. binder catalogue



Our new Tok Pisin songbook

nal library books, is now complete and available to the students (close to five and a half years of work!!).

The binding of the first one hundred copies of the new Tok Pisin songbook (all new songs) is also complete and they are now available. I have started printing the next lot of the original songbook, as there are now only a few copies left. I have also got a good start on processing new library books. One box down, thirty-something to go... Ten weeks into the school year and I'm starting to feel a bit like I live in the library.

We once again ran a literacy teachers' training session from Monday to Wednesday this week. Thank you for your prayers. This is the second such session to be held at M.B.C., the first taking place in April, 2018. This year's session went well, despite my being on the second round of treatment for malaria. We



2019 Literacy Teachers Training Session in the M.B.C. Chapel

had sixteen in attendance, representing eleven congregations in five provinces (Morobe, Chimbu, Madang, West New Britain, and Bougainville). The aim is to introduce the easy-to-use, scripturally based materials we use at M.B.C. to anyone considering running literacy programs in their congregations or communities. It gives them a chance to examine the materials and curriculum without purchasing ahead of time. Those wanting to use the course can then order the teachers' pack and student packs, which are supplied by a Baptist missionary in Wau.

I was pleased to have nine M.B.C. students attend this year. The other seven attendees were from the M.B.C., Tent City, Situm, Wagan, and Noa congregations, in or near Lae.

Thank you for your prayers for Rose Yadasuk, my young roommate whom I have brought to you in prayer many times before. The past few years haven't been easy for her: from 2013 to 2018 she battled to finish high school, enduring first T.B. and then appendicitis; after she recovered, she wasn't accepted back into high school and did distance education for a year with a poorly run school; she was finally accepted back into grade 11 two years ago, to be part of one of eight classes, each of which had eighty students, frequently absent teachers, and administration that managed to lose all of the students' marks. She graduated the day after I returned from leave in November, but wasn't accepted to continue into university or college. She has applied to do matriculation with the hopes of being able to reapply next year. When I last wrote to you, she was looking for work in order to start saving money towards school tuition. She was also helping

her family raise chickens to sell to help cover her brother's school fee



2019 M.B.C. ladies' class, during my last week teaching Old Testament Survey



Finishing touches on the new classroom building



(he's in grade 9) as well as her own. As they were preparing to sell the chickens, the family was held up at gunpoint one night, and all of the chickens were stolen. Rose was finally hired in March to work at a local grocery store. She completed the week-long training session on March 16th, and was to work her first official shift the following day, when the store had a fire that night!!! Thankfully, the damage was minimal and they were able to reopen a week later. Please continue to hold her in prayer as she adjusts to working life as it is in P.N.G.

The new classrooms, offices and staff-room are getting ever closer to being complete. Work on tiling, railings, painting, furnishings, and windows continues. The opening has been set for Monday, June 10th, and we look forward to a delegation of six from the Highland congregation in Memphis, who will be arriving on June 7th. Please continue to pray for the work happening here. Our current M.B.C. students are looking forward to next year and the greatly improved classrooms, as are the teachers. As always, thank you again for your ongoing financial support and prayers towards this project. May God be glorified.

Prayer Points:

1. The upcoming 3rd term of M.B.C. classes, starting Monday.
2. The classroom project for M.B.C. and plans for the opening in June.
3. Rose, readjusting to working life and preparing to start matriculation.
4. Miring's family, mourning the tragic loss of a niece from asthma.
5. The family of brother Zonzo Hingy, who passed away in February, age 72. Zonzo worked with many of the early church of Christ missionaries in the 1970s and 80s. Also the families of brother Murray from the Kakoro congregation, and brother Kendon from the Irupi congregation.
6. My literacy students – Delma, Marianne, Priska, Opa, and Vero – making great strides, and again for Marianne as she continues to learn Tok Pisin.
7. Myself, as I am once again dealing with malaria and a chest infection.

With love in Him,
Ruth

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OBITUARIES

Hilda Skinner

September 27, 1924 –
February 28, 2019

After a lengthy battle with complications from diabetes, Hilda passed away in her home. She was in her 95th year. She was born in Toronto to George and Alice Hook. Hilda is predeceased by her husband Jewel Skinner, brother Bill and sister Agnes. She leaves behind a sister Margaret Sullivan, two sons, Tim (Jeanne), and Ken (Claudette), and daughter Marilyn. Hilda has five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Hilda worshipped with the Hilltop Drive Church of Christ in Huntsville, Ontario. She was well loved by her family and friends, and will be greatly missed by all. She has gone to be with the Lord. And upon her request cremation has taken place. A celebration of life service will be held in the spring.

Marilyn Skinner

Joyce Smith

The Fenwick congregation has lost another dear sister. Joyce Smith passed away on Sunday, March 24 at the Haldiman War Memorial Hospital in Dunnville with her family at

her side. Joyce had fought cancer for a number of years but was always a pleasant, cheerful person. She was in her 85th year.

Joyce was the beloved wife of Harold Smith. She was the loving mother of Brenda (Ernie) Bell, Danny (Julie) Cavers, Karen (Wade) Dowling, Linda (Karl) Zavitz, Ross (Christine) Cavers, Roy (Sandra) Cavers, Bill Haalstra, Bonnie Haalstra, Patty (Dan) Pronovost, Laura Smith and Scott Smith. She was the caring grandmother of 29 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Joyce was the cherished sister to Beulah Dougher and late husband William. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Joyce was predeceased by her parents William and Pearl Gilmore, sister Margery Kniffen and husband Lloyd, George Haalstra and Clarence Cavers.

After meeting her husband Harold, they attended Tintern church of Christ. When Harold began to have some health issues, they found it easier for him to worship with the smaller congregation at Fenwick. We, as a church, fell in love with them. Joyce was truly a wonderful person. She enjoyed potlucks, playing games, working jigsaw puzzles, listening to older Western music and just visiting with friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Don Hipwell

FROM THE BULLETINS...

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

(Via: Church of Christ Articles, written by: Dan Jenkins, Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ, West Palm Beach, FL USA)

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

The book of Psalms is remarkable in so many ways. Many of the psalms come from the heart of a shepherd boy of Bethlehem and give us great insight into the very soul of a man after God's own heart.

One of the psalms repeats a phrase over and over. The psalmist says: "Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." (Psalm 107:1, 8, 15, 21 & 31) This phrase makes a natural division of five situations in this psalm where men should be filled with thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for Redemption. The first section (verse 1-7), describes the times when God brought Israel from adversity and returned them to the land He promised Abraham's descendants. While it is true the sin of God's people often was the reason they were scattered, the psalm shows just how merciful God is toward His children. Those who were redeemed from the nations could so readily sing this psalm of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for Souls Which Have Been Refreshed. In this section (verses 8-14), the psalmist looks at the souls which have been brought low by the adversity around them. Their hearts are filled with darkness which is the result of ignoring God. They are bound up in



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affliction. Yet, when they cried out to God, He heard them. Their souls were filled with the blessing He gave to them. Their lives turned into Joy because His mercy gave them what had been missing. The psalmist said, "Give thanks to the LORD for His goodness."

Thanksgiving for Deliverance to Those Who Were at the Gates of Death. This third section (verses 15-20), parallels thoughts found in the previous section of those who were surrounded by distress. They were so **burdened** they could not even eat, yet when they cried out to the Lord, He heard them and saved them out of all their afflictions. "Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness."

Thanksgiving From Those Who Were Tossed in the Seas. The psalmist turns his attention to those who sailed the seas and found themselves surrounded by tempestuous waves. As the waves lifted them to the heavens and then dropped them in the depths of the troughs, hope could so easily be lost. At their wit's end, they cried out to God, and He heard them, calmed the storms and brought them to safe havens.

Thanksgiving From Those Who Assemble to Worship in the Company of the Elders. The mercy of God is shown in the fruitful seasons where He waters the wilderness and feeds His people. Their crops increase and their herds multiply. He exalts the poor. "Oh, that men would give thanks for all He does."

Thanksgiving from Our Hearts. The imagery in this psalm is different from what is around us, but the lesson is so obvious. God helps us to give thanksgiving for all He does.

Common Sense is a Flower That Doesn't Grow in Every Garden

Les Cramp

Back in the winter a lady likely gave a lot of people a laugh. She was standing by her car in very poor visibility caused by blowing snow and a television reporter asked her about the weather. She very quickly replied that no one should be out today. He called to her attention that she was out. To which she replied. "I had to run a couple of errands. I'm heading home now." By the grin on the reporter's face "errands" means the same thing to him as it means to me. Something that could have waited to be done in safer weather. Anyway, I shouldn't be judgmental.

A policeman who officiated at a six-car pile-up on the same day made the following statement, "Common sense is a flower that

doesn't grow in every garden." So why should a subject like this appear in a church bulletin? Sometimes we get all caught up in what we think just has to be done and we don't use the common sense God gave us. It comes back to putting God first. What would God want me to do in a situation like this?

A beloved teacher of mine once said during a casual conversation, "The best time anyone ever spends is the time spent asking God what he wants us to do right now." Well someone says God isn't going to shout down and tell us what to do. I agree, he isn't. But we limit God. If we ask God for directions first of all he knows we are including him in what we are grappling with. That is in itself an honor to God. It is also a benefit to us, because if nothing else, it slows us down. Invoking the involvement of God and Holy Spirit makes us think. If evil is involved in what we are thinking it, changes our thoughts because we are hesitant to present evil to God. If carelessness is involved, we may also be hesitant to present carelessness to God.

I said earlier, we limit God. God has a million ways in every scenario to be involved in our decisions if we ask him to be. We may limit God because of our limited thinking but God is not limited. He doesn't have to shout down and give us directions. He can use tools that we don't even know exist to help us if he knows we want it. We wait for him to give us an answer when many times he already has and we didn't realize it.

This brings us to the next point. God is willing and able to help us but he does not force himself upon us. Did you ever offer to help someone and they

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Ralph Perry

refused your offer? What is your response? “Well, I’m going to help you whether you want it or not!” Not likely! It is more likely, “Okay I offered”, and then you go on your way. God lets us know he is willing to help. He lets us know he is able to help. He lets us know the medium to use to invoke his assistance. He gives examples of how he has helped in the past. But with all that, God doesn’t force himself upon us.

Where does common sense come in? To me it is just common sense to involve God and not make unwise, self-devised decisions because we think something just has to be done. We all need to plant another flower in our gardens. Perhaps three or four plants in fact. Maybe Common Sense is one of those flowers that will just take over the garden. Wouldn’t that be neat?

Collingwood, Ontario

Pictures & Reports

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

– The editors

Why I Believe the Bible

*(Written by H. Nelson Bailey
from his book Poems of Worth, page 8)*

You may search the libraries from beginning to end,
No other Book like this has ever been penned.
Man’s writings have come and then they have gone,
But in sales today the Bible is still number one.

It was penned by some forty odd men, you know,
Over a period of sixteen hundred years or so.
On the earth there is no other book of its kind,
Forty authors and yet no contradictions you find.

Man has written on every subject from A to Zee,
A few years later another writes, and they do not agree.
It has stood the test of time, and it will remain
Unequaled until the time Christ comes again.

Man has tried to disprove the story of creation,
Yet has never proven false one word that is written.
Everything in this world that man can see
Only proves a creator must surely be.

When we look at the prophecies within its pages,
Given by God’s prophets, whether scribes or sages.
The evidence proves, without contradiction,
That the words were all penned by inspiration.

They spoke of the nations that would come and go.
History has proven every word to be true.
Study Revelation with wisdom, one can surely know,
That this old world has not much longer to go.

The prophets had all spoken of the coming of Christ
And on every detail concerning His life.
Not only of His life but of His death, they spoke too.
Every word of their prophecy proved to be true.

The Book within itself has perfect harmony
Between old and new testament, as one can see.
When reading the new, this is what one finds,
Prophecies from the old over seventeen hundred times.

You, too, can have the confidence this book has given
In building that road from earth to heaven.
There is only one answer to every nation,
The Bible was given by inspiration.

The writers confirmed, it was not their words,
Nor was it their thoughts, but the words of God.
Within itself, every word said has proven
That the author of this book was the God of Heaven.

The Grace of God

(Via: The Voice of Truth International, pages 28-30, shared by Ralph Perry)

(By: Leon Barnes, former preacher for the Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas, USA)

Titus 2:11-15 (NKJV) “(11) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (12) teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, (13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (14) who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. (15) Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.”

One of my favorite songs is, His Grace Reaches Me. It is so easy to think God’s grace is great enough to help other people around me who haven’t done as many things wrong as I have, but not me! Our own failures often seem so great that we can’t imagine God being willing to forgive sins like ours.

That is the major reason the message of grace must be held before us over and over again. We live in a world where so many feel absolutely hopeless. To them the idea of being saved and starting over again is just another fairy tale. Let us learn the message of grace God wanted us all to know.

Grace Is For All

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.” Not all will be saved. Jesus said, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are

few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV). Grace has appeared to all. It has even made salvation possible for all. But not all will take advantage of God’s marvelous offer to be saved. Grace appears to all, because Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every person (Hebrews 29). When Paul wrote to Timothy, he spoke of himself as the chief of sinners. He said he had been a blasphemer, a persecutor, and injurious to the cause of Christ. But God, in order to show the abundance of His grace, saved Paul so that all could learn that their sins, too, could be forgiven by God’s overwhelming grace.

Grace Teaches Us to Change When We Are Saved

Don’t mistake the idea of being saved by grace as a cheap grace which makes no demands on the one who is saved. All sinners can be forgiven, but they cannot remain saved if they do not change their lives. Grace teaches us to “deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.” Being saved by grace demands that we stop living by senseless desires. We can change with God’s help, and He demands that we do it. Grace teaches us to not only stop doing the wrong, but to begin living a different way. We are to live “soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age.”

Grace Gives Us Something to Anticipate

God wants the knowledge that Jesus is coming again to be a matter of joy and anticipation for Christians, instead of something to frighten them into submission. He speaks of Christ’s coming as

“the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” We have such a hard time looking at our own lives through the eyes of grace. We are too afraid that when He comes, He will look at us through the eyes of judgment and say we aren’t good enough for heaven. If only we could grasp the point that we never will be good enough, even if we lived a million years and worked at improving every day. It will still be the grace of God with the cleansing blood of Jesus which makes the difference for us when He comes. Wouldn’t it be marvelous if we could live so close to the Lord every day that we could think of His coming again and cry out with John, “Even so, Come Lord Jesus”? He wants us to anticipate His coming with joy!

Grace Means We Are Special

Christ gave Himself to purchase us. He redeemed us in that He bought us back from the horrible slavery of sin. Now our choice is to live as free people for Him, or to pick up Satan’s chains all over again and live for him as voluntary slaves. Christ bought us to purify us for Himself as “His own special people.” All the world belongs to God, but Christians belong to Him in a special way. We are His special possession. But note what sets us apart from the world: we are to be “zealous for good works.” What a marvelous thought to see ourselves as the special possession of God! Nothing is a more beautiful message than the message of grace by which we can all be saved. But never mistake grace for a religion which makes no demands on those who are saved. Sometimes we have just misunderstood what grace really means about salvation.

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 Northwest of city, 13015 – 116 Avenue NW; Ofc 780-455-1049; Mail: 11532 – 130 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5M 1A4; Sun 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed 7 pm Bible study CARE groups at the building and in seven homes (phone for location and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch, Kirby Salter; Evangelists: Bruce Boland 905-380-8479, Emanuel Burnstad 587-599-9445; Email: church5@telus.net; Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org

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

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

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

RED DEER: Davenport Church of Christ, 68 Donlevy Avenue, Red Deer, T4R 2Y8, tel. 403-347-3986; (fax) 403-347-332, Edward Klym, Minister/Evangelist; Sunday morning worship: 10:00 am, Sunday School: 11:00 am; Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00 pm Email: davenportchurchofchrist@gmail.com Website: www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/rdccoc

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road Campbell River, BC V9W 1P4; Contact: Office (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besijim2@hotmail.com

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

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

CROFTON: 1288 Smith Rd. Box 45, V0R 1R0; Phone for time; (250) 246-3659

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

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

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjp.c79@telus.net

NORTH BEND Church of Christ: North Bend Community Hall, 48846 Highline Road, North Bend; Sun. 10:30 am; Mailing address: 47220 Green Ranch Road, North Bend, BC, V0K 1C1 Borden 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.schurch.ca

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

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

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

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ): Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 1600 Charlton Rd. Victoria, B.C. V9E 2C8; Meeting address: Westshore Chamber of Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., Langford – BC.; Worship service 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Contacts: Dick Morton 250-479-8480, L/S Walters 250-478-7275, Don Knox 250-382-0824; e-mail: southislandschurch@gmail.com

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

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

WINNIPEG (Central): Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m. Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462 (Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; Website: www.winnipegchurch.ca Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204)261-9861 Jay Manimtim, ev. (jay@winnipegchurch.ca)

WINNIPEG (Portage Ave): Portage Avenue Church of Christ: 4000 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB (Chapel at "Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home"); Mailing address is 629 Muriel Street, Winnipeg, MB R2Y 0Y1 Worship time at 10:00 a.m., Bible study immediately after; Contacts are Scott Johnson 204-295-9712, Shawn Leblanc 204-887-6407, Gerald Knutson 204-471-2935

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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

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

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of Fred and Linda Nelson at 10:00 AM. Call 506 847 1780 for directions Mailing address: 61 Bel-Air Avenue Rothesay, N. B. E2E 0L5 Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

NEW YORK STATE

NIAGARA FALLS: 2011 Tennessee Ave., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305; Off (716)285-6534, Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 AM, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscfc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscfc.com

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

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 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 Bearder; (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 Chubby, Minister, Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcoccentennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubby@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11 a.m.; (off) 613-546-5409, KingstonChurchofChrist@yahoo.com

KITCHENER (Southwest): Sunday 10:30 AM, Please find us at <http://swkitchenerchurchofchrist.org/> or Facebook.com/swkccoc.

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

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St. W. N4L 1G3; Sunday School 9:45-10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday night: home locations will be posted on the web page each month; Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com website: <http://www.meafordcofc.ca/> Check website for monthly changes

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5 Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga ON L5M 0H3; Worship: 10:30 - 11:30 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact Marc Mattadeen; Email: reed5000@gmail.com Phone: 647-473-6972; Bill Currie: 905-826-4816 Email: wjcurrie65@gmail.com Web address www.mississaugacofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:00; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON; P0J 1P0; (705) 647-5488, Email: cstone65@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd E N7V 2G7 Bible Study Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:45, Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 pm Mail to: sarniachurchofchrist1@gmail.com Phone (519) 339-1161

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

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

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

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

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

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