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# The Backslider

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The bane of the church in this or any century has always been the backslider. This is the person who came to a knowledge of the truth, turned away from the world and its ways, was added to the body of Christ, the church, submitting to the calling of the gospel. Having done all this, he then “slides back” into the world of sin from which he had escaped and becomes again entangled therein.

That his kind was anticipated can be seen from a glance at the parable of the sower. In it, Jesus said, “Some will fall by the wayside... some into thorny ground... some into good and honest hearts.” He told of those who would spring up quickly, but having no root would wither and perish.

Jesus warned that anyone who put his hand to the plow and then looked back was not worthy of the kingdom. Truth and love go hand in hand, and their companion is fidelity but there seems to be something in some of us that slows us down in our zeal for the Lord, and makes us long once again for the “fleshpots of Egypt”.

Taking safeguards against this should begin as soon as one emerges from the waters of baptism, for it is then that the devil is most interested in our case and most determined to prevent our further loyalty to the Lord. When he finds his efforts unproductive, he will have to slow up a bit. “Resist the devil and he will flee from you”.

For too many, however, the flatberies of Satan are too hard to resist. First, they weaken a little, then more, and finally are out—gone—lost again in the world and its allure.

The warnings against backsliding are numerous in Scripture and the state of the backslider is painted for us in graphic detail as a horrible ex-

ample. To the Galatians, Paul wrote, “I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ”. And again, “but now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?” (Galatians 1:6; 4:9).

Paul had one to defect from his own camp. He wrote sadly, “For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.” The church at Corinth early became riddled with corruption. The writer of Hebrews warned, “Take heed lest there be in

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any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.” And, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” And yet again, “It is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.” (Hebrews 8:4). Thus, it is possible for one to put himself beyond the point of no return. “If any man turn back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.” (Hebrews 10:38).

Peter’s earthy description, of the backslider is calculated to produce revulsion. “For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. It has happened unto them according

to the true proverb, “The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had been washed to wallowing in the mire.” Peter has included in this picture two of the beasts most contemptible to the oriental mind. The point of the proverb is that each had departed from that which was foul; now both had returned to it. They reverted to their old nature.

The warning of Jesus was, “Who-soever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father and with his holy angels.”

What causes backsliding? The answer is rooted in human nature. The call to take

up the cross also calls us to rise above our human natures and take on the nature of Christ. Unlike Moses, who forsook power, prestige and “the pleasures of sin for a season,” in order to suffer with the people of God, we are prone to coddle and satisfy our baser desires. The lust of the flesh inevitably runs counter to the demands of the spirit.

Then, there is the “comfortable pew” syndrome. “For the time will come,” wrote Paul to Timothy, “when they will not endure sound doctrine, but will, of their own lusts, heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and will be turned aside from the truth and unto fables.” This happened in the same century in which it was written and has been going on ever since. The plain preaching of the gospel truth is a bit too hard for some to swallow because of the restriction on hedonism it places on their lives.

As a matter of fact, there are many who would like to live with one foot in the world and the other in the Church, an impossible stance. It’s like the old woman who said she would not mind flying, so long as she could keep one foot on the ground! It just cannot be done. Jesus said, “He that

is not with me is against me: he that gathereth not with me scattereth". We are either in or out, but never a little bit of each.

It should be noted that it is possible to backslide without ever leaving the pew. It is an inside job, taking place in the mind of the individual. He may present a warm body to fill the pew, but is in no way spiritually involved in the worship to God that is going on all around him. He is like "the little man who wasn't there".

If any Christian should find himself separated from God, he should make no mistake about who moved. It wasn't God. Remaining loyal to God and to the cause of Christ is a full-time job, demanding our constant attention. As it is with the price of liberty, the price of salvation is eternal vigilance.

The backslider is in a dangerous position, as one would be in the same room with a ticking time-bomb. The danger increases with each passing day, because he gets nearer and nearer the day of reckoning and has not repented. He should remember the words of John, "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God." (2 John 9). He should heed the warnings in the book of Revelation about the lukewarm church at Laodicea. It was neither hot nor cold, so too nauseous to be retained. The Lord said, "I will spew thee out of my mouth."

The return of the Lord will be sudden, and the swiftness of his judgment devastating. No one knows how much or how little time he has to make amends in his life and to prepare to meet his God. There is also the likelihood of one's own death happening even before the end of the world. In the Judgment, he will have only two alternatives, – acceptance or rejection.

Judgement is coming. While we wait for it, let us be sure we continue faithfully to serve the Lord. With the sudden coming of the Lord, no time will be available to get in step with the Lord.

## Bringing Our Spirituality To Life

Les Cramp

**T**hen he said to me, "*Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'*"

*So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army" – Ezekiel 37:4–10 (NIV).*

I sometimes think of this at our area hymn sings. The first hymn is usually okay. But then as we sing several hymns there seems to me to be an increase in enthusiasm. Even the slow leaders have trouble keeping it slow. "LOL" The congregation kind of picks them up and carries them along. People seem to me to get right into praising God. I have to smile because it is lifting me up also. I think—this is good. Very good!

What picks you up spiritually? Not everyone is lifted up by singing. It is hard for us singers to believe that but it is true. Satan would like us to become a valley of dry bones. He doesn't mind us claiming to be

God's children as long as we don't have any enthusiasm about it.

I remember helping a cow bring a calf into this world. When I should have been ecstatic about the birth of a calf I sat down and cried. You see the calf was dead. A perfectly formed, beautiful little calf. But it had no life. So sad!

Whether it be an animal, a plant, a physical being or even our spiritual life, God must breathe into it for something to come to life. God gives us the opportunity to put ourselves in position for God to do his miracles. By putting ourselves in position for God to bring us to life spiritually we are telling God we want to be revived by him. Attending a hymn sing, for those who love to praise God in song is telling God, "Lord, I want to be revived." I want new life in my relationship with you.

But what about those who don't like to sing? One man told me at the hymn sing that he doesn't really like to sing but seeing brethren from all over the Georgian Bay area just thrills him spiritually. He is giving God the opportunity to revive him spiritually by fellowshiping with the people he loves.

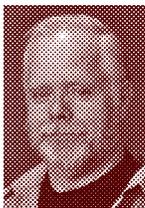
I know a lady who sits down all alone and watches a specific movie because it gives God the opportunity to revive her spiritually. A man loves to hike in nature because it gives God the opportunity to revive him spiritually. King David liked to meditate (think deeply about God) to give God the opportunity to lift him up spiritually.

What do you do to give God the opportunity to re-activate or enhance your relationship with him? It doesn't matter what it is as long as it works for you and God.

Collingwood, Ontario

## Sincere Ignorance

Wayne Turner



The “New Room” in Bristol, England is the oldest Methodist chapel in the world. Built in 1739 by John Wesley, it has since been renovated to include rooms where Wesley and other ministers lived, a library and most recently, a museum has been added to commemorate the work of Wesley and the other founders of Methodism.

Originally, Wesley did not intend to establish a new church. He was an ordained Anglican minister and remained such until his death. He founded a series of religious societies to create a revival within Anglicanism. To foster this, his societies met at other times than those used by the Anglican church for worship so as not to cause a schedule conflict. Seen as fanatical by his critics, his call for repentance among those in the “church” was accepted by many, leading ultimately to the founding of the Methodist church.

In the museum above the “New Room” there is a sign, “John Wesley’s Advice on How to Preach.” Among the very practical points, like suiting the subject of a sermon to the audience, sticking to the text and not rambling, beginning and ending on time (within the hour), avoiding awkwardness, clownishness and screaming while preaching, one finds what may be one of his most important pieces of advice. “Don’t just say ‘I read only the Bible’ in order to preach, read the most useful books, and that regularly and constantly... at least five hours in twenty-four... or return to your trade.” It is evident that Wesley believed that preachers should be as widely read and well-informed as possible.

From time to time, we hear of those who say they will not use or even look at books and other materials that were not written by those from within the brotherhood. We understand and support their desire to consume only the pure milk of God’s word and avoid unbiblical teaching. However, we need to also wonder about the wisdom of this. That someone is somehow part of the brotherhood is not necessarily a guarantee that their teaching is Biblical or accurate, or, conversely, that someone affiliated with a denomination is necessarily unbiblical and false. Originally, the leaders of the Restoration Movement were associated with various denominations. As they grew in knowledge of the scriptures, they came to question what they had once believed and taught, and changed. Today, we can find similar people whose study has moved them from what they previously understood.

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Taking this further, there is almost no book that has not been influenced by the denominational world, even our Bibles. The much loved and widely accepted King James Version was the product of the Anglican Church and was called the Authorized Version because it was authorized to be used in the Anglican churches. Virtually every translation is taken from Greek texts that were the result of work by textual scholars from denominational backgrounds. Similarly, while commentaries and Bible study materials may reflect particular denominational biases, they may also bring out vital Biblical truths. For example, while we might disagree with many of his conclusions, William Barclay’s little book on conversion in the book of Acts concludes that baptism was expected of a new convert—that it was for an adult believer, by immersion, for the forgiveness of sins, reception of the Holy Spirit and admission to the church. Similarly, while a Baptist pastor, Robert Shank wrote two significant books challenging the Calvinistic doctrines of once saved always saved and election. The test should not be based on who wrote the material, but rather whether or not it is the truth.

The Apostle Paul was familiar with both Jewish and pagan sources. When it was relevant and useful, he referred to them. He quoted Athenian philosophers, Cretans, and rabbis.

John Wesley’s thought seems to be that those who preach need to be as widely read as possible, that they should know the scriptures and the world in which they live and teach. Perhaps Wesley’s suggestion of spending five hours per day of such studies may be a little much, but the need is real. Sincerity in the study of God’s word does not justify ignoring larger areas of study. We need to be as well-informed as possible so we can effectively preach to the church and to the world.

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## Perspective

(This article was first published in the Herald in 1978, so I am no longer in “my mid-thirties”. Now in my “mid-seventies” I continue the need to be reminded of the importance of the proper perspective.)

I recently had opportunity to travel to Toronto and after driving down Airport Road, went into the city on the Queen Elizabeth Way and the Gardiner Expressway. As I drove along the Gardiner I passed the Seaway Towers Hotel. There are about nine or ten floors of that hotel that stand above the level of the Expressway.

Passing near the hotel, off in the background I could see the CN Tower. It was interesting to me how the perspective of my view at that time made the Seaway Towers look extremely large and tall, while the CN Tower looked rather short in comparison. I realized this was because I was seeing them both at once and the Seaway Towers was so close to me that my perspective was thrown off. I was reminded of a picture I had seen of a young lady, who shall remain nameless. She had put her hand out toward the camera as a picture was being taken of her. The picture was a close-up of her hand which appeared to be several times larger than her head. This, of course, was not the case, but was again the matter of perspective which caused the hand to appear so much larger than it actually was.

Another lesson I have learned on perspective has come as a result of getting

into my middle thirties. I can remember that when I was a child, it seemed so long from one year to the next. If a man were spoken of as being 40 years old, he seemed to be ancient. Yet, as I have gotten closer to that age myself, I realize how short a time it really is.

Speaking with a psychologist about the passage of time and children adjusting to it, he said that for a child, a week is like a year. To promise a child that in a week or a month something was going to take place will seem like forever to him, while to an older person the time would seem very short. He suggested that a child sees a week as a year, a teen sees a month as a year, but, the adult sees years as a

day! Again, it's a matter of perspective how we adjust and how we accept the passage of time.

One can read from historical records of the emphasis that was put on the physical exercise in the Greek and Roman games. For an individual to be able to excel in the Roman or Greek games was indeed a thing of merit. He would receive much praise from the people of his day and might find a place in history as a result of it. Today we give honor to those who, because of their physical ability, are outstanding in one sport or another. Such a person may get an invitation to visit the Prime Minister or the U.S. President.

It is interesting that often it appears that this reputation and recognition comes and lasts only so long as the individual remains a leader in his or her sport. Almost without exception, those who have been great at one time or another are forgotten in the hustle and bustle of the new season and the new superstar.

I suppose if a questionnaire were to be given out, we would receive a great number of answers to the question of the measurement of success. We live today in a time when people measure success not by the kindness of a person nor the good works he or she may do, but rather the amount of money he or she possesses, the number of acres (or hectares) he or she can call his or her own, or perhaps some position of prominence that they may hold. Practically every culture and every people will have those different qualities upon which they base their ideas of the success of an individual.

It is interesting when one considers the way Jesus viewed what was important in life. We remember the story of Jesus in the fourth chapter of John when He was talking with the woman →

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at the well. You will remember that Jesus' disciples had gone into the city to buy food. After they left, Jesus began His conversation with the woman who came to draw water from the well. When the disciples returned, they encouraged Him to eat. Jesus answered, in verse 32, *"I have food to eat of which you do not know."* The disciples began to wonder then if someone had brought Jesus food or, how had He been able to eat when they know He had no food there when they left Him. Jesus answered the question in their minds in verse 34 when he said, *"My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish his Work."* Jesus saw as His food the doing of God's will. Again, perspective.

The apostle Paul seemed to have on his mind the Greek and Roman games as he wrote to his young son in the faith, Timothy. Paul talks to Timothy about his work as an evangelist and the things that should have real importance in his life. He suggests that as a good minister he should be nourished on the words of Jesus and that he should be faithful to the doctrine of Christ. *"If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe"* – 1 Timothy 4:6-10 (ESV). Again, perspective.

Jesus, talking about success in life, made a statement in the Sermon on the Mount that shows us the fallacy of

placing one's success in the accumulating of wealth and worldly titles. *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* – Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV).

Jesus suggests here that the proper perspective would show that laying up treasure on earth will not bring happiness and success since what can be laid up here can be consumed and can be moth-eaten and can rust. However, if one lays his treasure up in heaven by doing God's will and by serving God faithfully then he is in a position to enjoy that which can never fade – the treasure in heaven.

Perhaps today is the day for you to clarify your perspective. Perhaps today is the day for you to make a choice as to whom you will serve and to what you will give emphasis in your life.

Joshua is a great example to wrap up our thoughts. He clearly had the proper perspective. He saw serving God as being the important thing in life. At the end of his life he speaks to the people of God and gives this important advice, *"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD"* – Joshua 24:14-15 (ESV).

Of course the people made the right response, *"Then the people answered Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God"* – Joshua 24:16-18 (ESV). What a great statement of promise by the people... however you know they often did not live up to their promise.

The bottom line is that everyone has to clarify their perspective and choose today whom they will serve. You and I must order our life that it may be pleasing to God, and as the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, you will be blessed both in this life and in the life to come. May God bless us each one as we commit to serve the LORD 24/7 as long as we shall live on this earth.



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# THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

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## A Rare Commodity

On June 30, 1950, Walt Disney Productions released a seven-minute cartoon entitled *Motor Mania* which featured Goofy as a Jekyll and Hyde type character. As a pedestrian, he was the calm, easy-going, friendly Mr. Walker but behind the wheel of his auto, he became the rude, impatient, angry Mr. Wheeler. It was a somewhat exaggerated, yet humorous look at real life. Things have not changed much in the sixty-nine years since the film was released except that the problem has worsened. In fact, nowadays there are fewer Mr. Walkers as even those on foot are often in a hurry and impatient.

In our society, patience is a rare commodity. People tend to cram their days so full of activities that they are always rushing somewhere to do something which causes them to be impatient and irritable when anything or anyone slows them down even briefly. Road rage and rudeness, the offspring of impatience, are all too common.

This is one of many ways in which Christians are to be different from the world around us. God's children are to be patient. Patience is one facet of the fruit of the Spirit.

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law”** – Galatians 5:22, 23 (ESV).

We often think of patience as being synonymous with waiting, but we can wait without being patient. When forced to wait, our natural impulses may be to become irritated and irritable, angry, lashing out at others or grumpy and complaining.

Patience is more than just waiting. It is active restraint of our emotions and actions. A restraint which is accomplished with the aid of the Holy Spirit. According to my concordance, the Greek word translated as patience in Galatians 5:22 (and numerous other verses throughout the New Testament) is defined as “internal and external control in a difficult circumstance, which control could exhibit itself by delaying an action.”<sup>1</sup> It may also be translated as forbearance or long-suffering.

We cannot be Christ-like without patience! Paul tells us that Jesus' patience is perfect (or unlimited - NIV).

**“But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life”** – 1 Timothy 1:16 (ESV).

Although he does not use the word patience, Peter pointed out an example of Jesus' patience and urged us to do likewise.

**“He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly”** – 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT).

**“Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and He will bless you for it”** – 1 Peter 3:9 (NLT).

This is by no means a new concept. The wise writer of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes had much to say on the subject of patience.

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

**“A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly”** – Proverbs 14:29 (NIV 1984).

**“Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city”** – Proverbs 16:32 (NLT).

**“A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense”** – Proverbs 19:11 (NIV 1984).

**“Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools”** – Ecclesiastes 7:8, 9 (ESV).

Patience is necessary if we are to live in a way which is pleasing to God. Paul pointed out this need in many of his letters.

**“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love”** – Ephesians 4:1-3 (NLT).

“Patience conveys the quality of being able to handle one another's faults and failures and refusing to avenge wrongs. No one is ever going to be perfect here on earth, so believers must be patient with each other despite their faults. Making allowance for each other's faults is the action side of patience, emphasizing the willingness to forgive. To show patience requires love\*, which ought to be the guiding principle for all of a believer's actions, even when natural differences and clashes occur.”<sup>2</sup> \*(See 1 Corinthians 13:4)

We must never forget that we are not perfect and can sometimes be

1 *The Strongest NIV Exhaustive Concordance*; Edward W. Goodrick & John R. Kohlenberger III; Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI; 1999; p. 1568.

2 *Life Application Concise New Testament Commentary*; WORDsearch7, software; commentary on Ephesians 4:1-3.



hard to get along with. The Golden Rule reminds us that we are to treat others in the same way we want them to treat us. (Matthew 7:12)

**“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful”** – Colossians 3:12-15 (NLT).

It is easy to be patient with those who don’t irritate or inconvenience us, but we are told to be patient with everyone. After pointing out what was needed for various individuals

in the congregation, Paul admonished the Thessalonians to be patient with them all.

**“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone”** – 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 15 (ESV).

Paul also told Timothy that he needed patience as he worked teaching and correcting.

**“Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching”** – 2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT).

In this day and age, when people take great offense at the relatively minor things, patience is, indeed, a rare commodity. Nevertheless, it is fruit of the Spirit which should be

obvious in the Christian’s life. If it isn’t, then diligence needs to be given to cultivating it.

“We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins” – Colossians 1:9b-14 (NLT).

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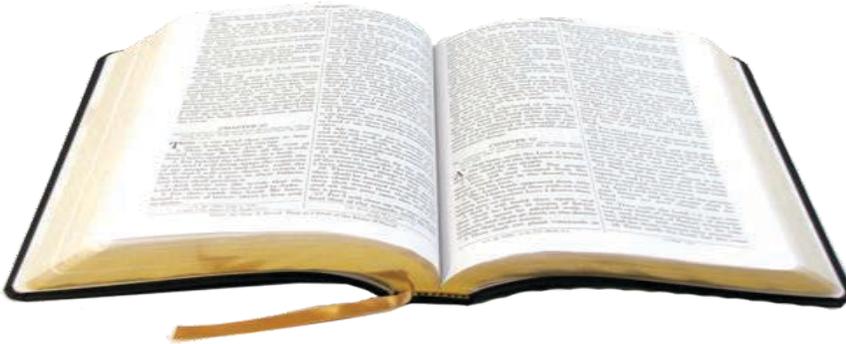
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# Hanging Out Our Dirty Laundry For All The World To See

“HUGH’S NEWS & VIEWS”

*Hugh Fulford*

Without question, when Christians have personal disputes and differences with each other Jesus taught that those disagreements should be settled privately and brought to the attention of the church only when all one-on-one and other conciliatory efforts had failed (Matthew 18:15–18). Unfortunately, this divine counsel is not always followed, often to the embarrassment and detriment of the church of God.

But equally unfortunate is the fact that this divine counsel is frequently misapplied and used to criticize those who engage in the open rebuke of public sin and public false teaching. For example, a false teacher peddles his doctrine openly in the pulpit, the college classroom, a Bible lectureship, or a brotherhood journal and his hand is called. Someone pipes up and asks, “Did you go to him privately and discuss what he taught with him?” No, and such is not necessary. His false teaching has been advanced openly, and the refutation of that false teaching must also be done openly. Matthew 18:15-18 is not addressing this kind of situation; it is dealing with personal differences between individual members of the church.

The approach that Aquila and Priscilla took with Apollos is very much in order under similar circumstances today (Acts 18:24-26). At the same time Paul was quite bold in publicly calling for the marking and avoidance of those who “taught contrary to the doctrine” of the Lord (Romans 16:17-18). He instructed Timothy with reference to sinning elders to “rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear” (I Timothy 5:20). The principle of public rebuke, of

course, is applicable beyond that of sinning church elders.

Faithful men of God today who love the Lord and the church and who are courageous enough to do what the Bible teaches regarding the rebuke of public sin and false teaching are sometimes criticized for what they do. We are told that we ought not to “hang out our dirty laundry for all the world to see.” I both understand and appreciate

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that sentiment, and I regret that the Lord’s church has “dirty laundry,” but being composed, as it is, of human beings, “dirty laundry” is a reality and it is naïve to think otherwise. “Sweeping it under the rug” (to change the figure of speech) will not make it go away. It must be dealt with lovingly but forthrightly and without compromise of the truth. We are to “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15), and as someone has observed, that sets forth both the content (the truth) and the at-

titude (love) with which we are to do the work of the Lord. Jude 3 still makes it incumbent upon faithful servants of God to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

To be critical of “hanging out our dirty laundry for all the world to see” is an indictment of the wisdom of God Himself. The Bible is God’s divinely inspired word (II Timothy 3:16-17). But it is a very public

book and continues, year after year, to be the world’s “best seller.” It is read by both saints and sinners, though both parties fail (often miserably) to do what it says. But the point is that God, on the pages of His inspired word, “hung out the dirty laundry” of His people “for all the world to see”! Perhaps He should have been more discreet in this matter!

The Old Testament is filled with the “dirty laundry” of God’s people: Adam and Eve, Cain, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Nadab and Abihu, king David, Uzzah, et. al., as well as the entire nations of Israel and Judah.

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Through His faithful prophets, God had some exceedingly strong words for His people, often charging them with spiritual harlotry (the KJV uses the less polite term “whoredom”) (see Jeremiah 3:8-9; Ezekiel 16:17, 33; Hosea 1:2; Hosea 4:17; et al). And all of that is but the “hem of the garment” as the sins of God’s Old Testament people are concerned! Yet God has preserved all of it in the Bible for the whole world to read and know about! How utterly unkind and unthoughtful of Him to do such a thing!

In the New Testament we have preserved “for all the world to see” the sins of Judas Iscariot, the apostle Peter, Ananias and Sapphira, the church at Corinth, the churches of Galatia, and the churches of Asia (Revelation 2-3). Paul publicly withstood Peter to his face because of the potential danger of Peter’s actions to the cause of Christ (Galatians 2:11-21). Paul “called out” Hymenaeus and Alexander because of their shipwrecked faith and the danger they posed to others (1 Timothy 2:19-20). He “called out” Hymenaeus and Philetus because of their false teaching concerning the resurrection, resulting in the overthrow of

the faith of others (2 Timothy 2:17-18). He exposed Demas, formerly a faithful preacher, for his love for the present world (2 Timothy 4:10). Paul was constantly warning of false teachers and of the danger of departing from the faith (Acts 20:28-32; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; I Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; II Timothy 4:1-5). He instructed Titus, a preacher of the gospel, how to deal with those “*whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain*” (Titus 1:10-11). He told Titus to “rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith” (Titus 1:13).

Some no doubt would say that Paul was a negative old sorehead who never saw anything good or positive in God’s people. But how wrong they would be in their evaluation of that noble first-century servant of Christ! And to think! God preserved all of this in the New Testament for the people of all ages (His people and the people of the world) to read and see! God, you should have destroyed all of those documents and not preserved them so that outsiders

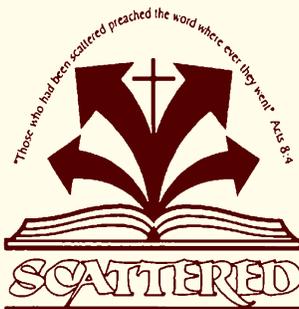
and unbelievers down the stream of time would not be able to see how bad your people behaved and therefore would want nothing to do with You and the church!

The truth is, God has never attempted to whitewash the sins of either the world or the sins of His people. He is completely honest, totally unbiased, absolutely holy, and ever ready to forgive those who will repent of their evil and turn to Him in humble, loving submission to His will. Let us love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37-38). Let us love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39-40). Let us love our brothers and sisters in Christ (John 13:35; 1 John 4:7-8). But let us never use “love” as an excuse to be so “positive” that we will not expose sin and error (both privately and publicly) when the situation demands such!

The church today has its false teachers, doctrinal apostates, and immoral reprobates in local congregations, in our colleges (administration and faculty), on brotherhood lectureship programs, in brotherhood papers, on brotherhood websites, and elsewhere. Concerning them, the Lord’s faithful people are admonished: “*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them*” (Ephesians 5:11).

Precious Lord have mercy on us and forgive us of our ignorance (even when we do not realize that we are ignorant), our presumption, our superior attitude, our sanctimonious spirit, and the substitution of our human wisdom for Your divine wisdom! Help us to be not wise in our own eyes. Help us to be kind and loving, yet strong and brave against all who oppose You, whether in or out of the church (I Corinthians 16:13-14).

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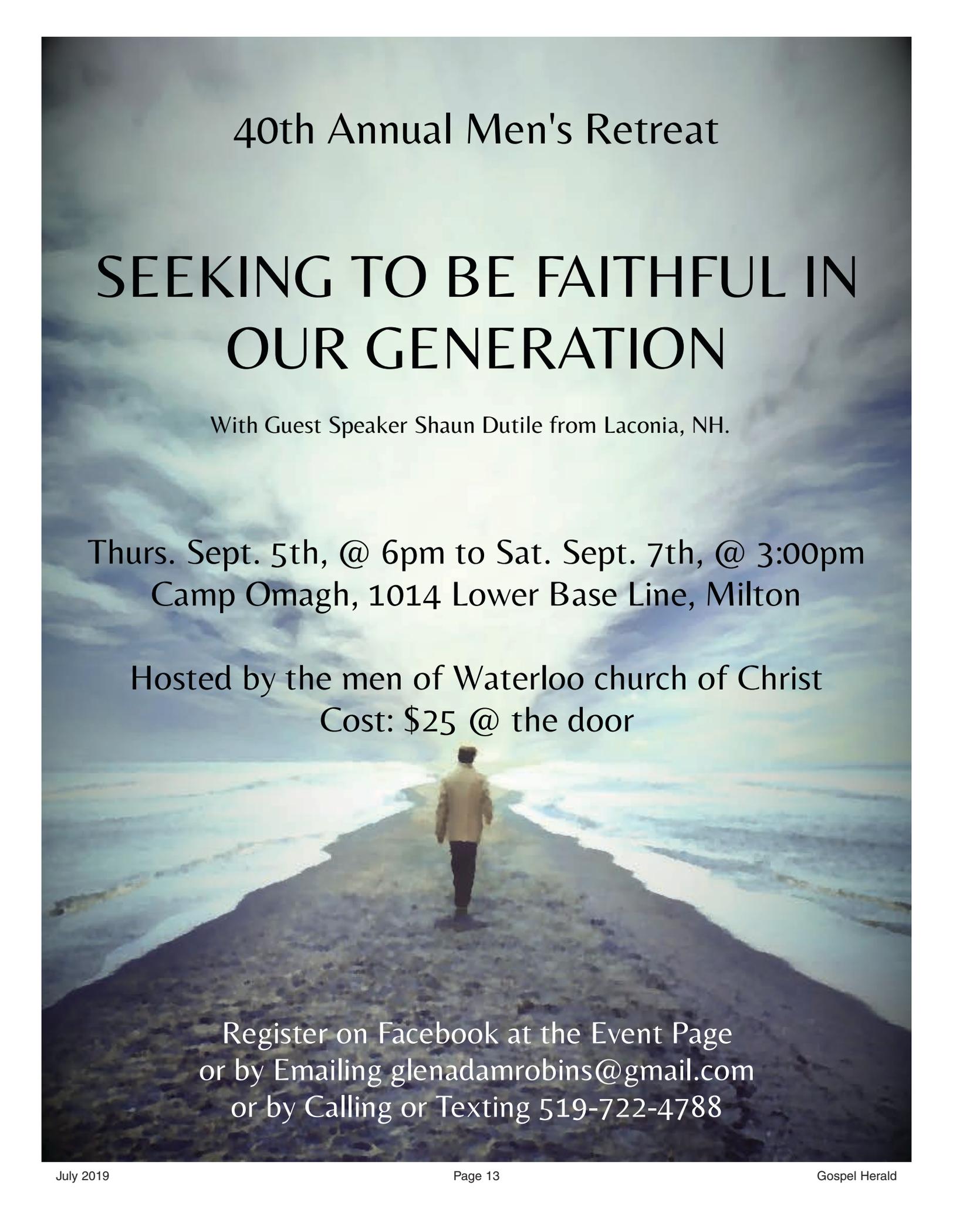
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### ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: We rejoice with Joseph Moes in his baptism. Great Lakes Christian College High School Chorus performed for us. Our teens held a devo, visited West Edmonton Mall and went on a hike with the chorus while they visited with us. We honored our Grads and then held a barbecue on June 23. The ladies will be studying through Psalms over the summer together. This summer we are taking the church "Inside Out". We will look at how Jesus' mission was to those on the outside. Our Sunday sermons will be focused on how Jesus connected personally with those most would avoid. We want to become more like Jesus so on Wednesday evenings we are getting out and serving those in the community.

### MANITOBA

Winnipeg: A potluck farewell was held for Ekow, Sandra and Georgia Essel as they move to Ontario. We held our annual general meeting. Robert Cairns was baptized and added to the Lord's family. Great Lakes Christian College High School Chorus performed here June 16. We honored our graduates on June 23. Several men have applied for the minister position here.

### SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus performed a 45 minute program for us. We will have a small float in the parade again this year. We will be handing out bottles of water and information about our VBS. Empty bottles and cans are being collected to supply good prizes for campers who do memory work in the scriptures at the Junior Camp at Clearview.

## QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Bill Craddock

Ecclesiastes 7:3 (ESV)

***"Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad".***

Please explain.

The questioner has paraphrased this verse a little.

***"Sorrow is better than laughter, for by a sad countenance the heart is made better"*** (NKJV).

***"Sorrow is better than laughter, for when a face is sad a heart may be happy"*** (NASB).

To understand what Solomon is talking about we must remember the overall point of this book. He is looking for happiness and is having a hard time finding it. He keeps running into the fact that things of this world are not lasting, especially man himself. It does not matter what man achieves or possesses it is only temporary. We need to go back to chapter 6 to get the background for his statements in chapter 7.

***"All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the soul is not satisfied. For what more has the wise man than the fool? What does the poor man have, who knows how to walk before the living"*** – Ecclesiastes 6:7-8.

His frustration really boils over in verse 12 (ESV), ***"For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?"***

In chapter 7 he begins to compare reality with just looking for a good time. In verse 1 he says

that one of the most important things you have is a good name. The day of your death is better than the day you were born. We know this is true because for the Christian on the day of death we are set free from our physical body and can go be with the Lord. In verse 2 he says the house of mourning is better than the house of feasting. Again, he is speaking of the attitude of man. Those who spend all their time just feasting and having a good time are wasting their life. He is finding out over and over that this is not the real meaning of life and how to find happiness. Then in verse 3 he brings a true fact to light. We will learn more from times of sadness than we will from just going through life looking for a good time. There is nothing wrong with enjoying life, but you do not learn what is important in life by those things alone As he repeats in verse 4, the fool is always looking for a good time. It takes some adversity for us to appreciate what we have. James tells the Christian to be thankful for those times of temptation and trials.

We must also remember that Solomon is building this book to a grand climax. He spends the entire book in search of happiness and fulfillment. He is not finding it. He comes to chapter 12 and there encourages the young to remember God in their youth. He then shows the decline of the physical body in old age finally returning to the dust (vs. 2-7). He then finds the answer to his question about the purpose of man, ***"Fear God and keep His commandments for this is man's all"*** (v. 13 New King James Version). Sorrow is a great teacher if we are willing to learn.

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# Studying With The Right Attitude

FROM: CHRISTIAN WORKER, APRIL 2016

Johnie Scaggs, Jr.

**T**he need to study the Word of God cannot be emphasized enough. I believe one of the greatest challenges Gospel preachers have in their ministry is to help members recognize their need to study, as Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15. As a workman for God, we should be ashamed not to know how to handle the Word of God. The only cure for this is to study His Word. Let me suggest three things one needs to remember when studying the Word of God.

## THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

As we look deep into the Word of God, we should understand the need for having a proper attitude toward it. As we study the Bible, we must understand it is not just an inspirational book; it is a book inspired by God Himself: *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”* (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). As we read and study the Bible, we should have a clear understanding that the words we are reading came from the very mind of God. Remember the words of Jesus to His disciples, *“... But whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost”* (Mark 13:11). The words they were given are the very words they wrote down, and these are the words we read when we study the Word of God. If one does not love and appreciate the Word of God, then he or she will never be able to study it properly. It will never mean anything more than just a commentary on life to be taken with a grain of salt.

## YOU NEED AN OPEN HEART

Also, when we study, we should do so with an open heart. Luke wrote concerning the Bereans, *“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”* (Acts 17:11). “Readiness of mind” means with a willing mind or that of an open heart. They were willing to make changes if God called upon them to do so. An open heart has always been needed and it is one of the more difficult

things to convince people to do. In the parable of the sower of Luke 8, four different kinds of hearts are described. The last one is said to be a good and honest heart. *“But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience”* (Luke 8:15). This is the kind of heart we need, a heart that will be open to hearing the Word of God and then making proper application.

## YOU NEED TO MAKE PROPER APPLICATION

Of what value is the Word of God if it is not placed in one’s life properly? Jesus spoke about the attitude of the Pharisees and Sadducees and said *“All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not”* (Matthew 23:3). James said, *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves”* (James 1:22). James says when you are a hearer only you deceive yourself. That is, you are lying to yourself in telling your mind that you don’t need to make any application to yourself concerning the things you have heard as it relates to the Word of God.

How often do we read a passage and then say something to the effect; that’s me? What we need to say is, “He is talking about me and I need to apply this to my life”. For example, Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13 about how love acts. Next time you read these verses, take and place your name in the place of love and when you finish reading it in this manner, ask yourself is this true about me? It might open your heart to see that a proper application has not been made in your life. God is not speaking to everyone else; He is speaking to me and I need to apply His words to my life daily.

## CONCLUSION

There is no greater book than the Bible. We must read it daily, study it daily, open up our heart to it and make proper application of it. If we will, God will bless us abundantly. And because we will be blessed, we will be a blessing to others as they see us walking with God.

# The Power of a Friendly Visit

Mark T. Tonkery

There is power in a friendly visit. I heard a true story about a group of ladies who went to the home of a delinquent lady member and announced that they had come to stay until she decided to come back to services. I do not know how long they stayed, but the visit was a success. The delinquent member came back into fellowship with the congregation.

I heard another story of a delinquent church member who was visited each day by different members of the church until the unfaithful one was restored and active in the faith again.

Never underestimate the power of just showing that we care with a friendly visit. James 1:27 teaches us, "External religious worship [religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world" (Amplified Version).

When Christians visit the homebound, the delinquent, the sick and others who need to be contacted several things take place:

First, we are keeping the holy commands of God as instructed in James 1:27. Second, those we visit will know that we and the church really care for them. Third, we will provide a blessing to those we visit as well as for us. I have often received more joy from visiting people than what I tried to provide for them. Fourth, it will build spirituality. Anytime when you focus on doing things for God you only come closer to Him and encourage others' faith as well. Last, it will give encouragement. It is so easy to get discouraged, but when two people come together in mutual love for the Lord it will only encourage those involved.

Flavil Yeakley stated this when he talks about the power of a visit, "When a person has no meaningful personal contact with the congregation in the process of his conversion, he is likely to feel no meaningful sense of identification with his congregation after conversion and therefore likely to drop out."

Like moths, people gravitate to light and warmth." We can be that light and warmth to someone who is experiencing darkness and the coldness of the world. We can be that person who helps other members stay faithful to the Lord and help them get to Heaven.

Parkersburg, West Virginia

*Editors comment: So many times, we as Christians feel we are not able to help so we simply ignore it when people stop attending the worship and fellowship of the church. Mark reminds us that we can do something. Of course, the right spirit has to be displayed by the visitor to help encourage and perhaps bring home the wanderer. Of course, our attitude must be one of love not condemnation. I have often heard the suggestion, "I don't care what you know until I know how much you care". Consider what Mark has written and step up to honour God by seeking His wandering children in love. mec*

## "Funny" Filth

Roy D. Merritt

(From Gospel Herald Archives. If the message was needed when first published in the 80s, it is surely needed today with the changes in attitude toward "filthy speech" that exists in our world today.)

**"And they loved it."**

This is how an entertainment critic summed up the reaction of a Hamilton crowd to a program of what some have termed "toilet rock." The critic described how several hundred people had "waited anxiously for an evening filled with gross, obscene, and just plain filthy humor.

We do not mention this incident because it is tremendously significant in itself. After all, several hundred people who could be attracted and amused with gross obscenities is not a large number in any city. Rather we have singled it out as an example of the new permissiveness and tastelessness which is beginning to pervade the whole entertainment scene.

Look at the newspaper ads for current movies in any Canadian city. Most of them promise shocking sensuality and many openly suggest that the movie is obscene.

It has become obvious that the public taste is becoming so jaded in its experience with explicit sexual scenes that more and more daring approaches are attempted. Adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, incest and such like are considered subjects that will fill the theatres.

Lest you shrug off the importance of the new permissiveness in show business and movies, be reminded that, later on, some of these movies will be shown on television. They will be only slightly censored, if at all, and in some cases will be carried at a time when teenagers will represent a large part of the viewing audience.

If you have not noticed a steady slackening of the taboos against foul and suggestive language within the last year or so, you either have to not been listening or, have not been perceptive. We try to police our television set both for our own moral health and that of our 12-year-old son. Despite vigilance every once in awhile we hear oaths and obscenities that cause us to turn the dial quickly. Often, we push it to the "Off" position. →

The trend in entertainment is linked very closely to the decline of morals in our society at large. Profane and smutty language is used in the majority of homes. Children often develop a lurid vocabulary of expletives at a tender age. Women no longer feel a need to set an example of purity and good taste in speech or conduct. The reviewer of the entertainment act referred to in our opening paragraph observed that much of the audience was composed of young women who “loved” the filth. It is easily understood why scandal and infidelity pervade the fabric of our society from the humblest labourer to the highest of the elite.

God’s Word makes it very plain that Christians are to avoid all filthy speech and thought. It is doubtful if our wickedest city could compare to Corinth whose very name was a symbol of obscenity. To the Corinthian church, a small island of relative purity in a sea of sensuality, Paul set forth the need for removing evil influences. He spoke of removing filth from the lives of his readers, *“Let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God”* – 2 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV). As our culture continues to “Corinthianize”, this passage speaks to our needs as well.

The Apostle elsewhere warned the Christians in Ephesus, *“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear”* – Ephesians 4:29 (ESV). Open obscenity, filthy talk, and coarse behavior are likely to grow increasingly worse. Christians need to be sure that they use their influence and their efforts on the side of purity. Now is a splendid time for saints to talk and live like sanctified lights in the world.

“Funny filth” is not funny!

## OBITUARIES

### Ford, James Edwin (Jim)

Jim passed from this life at Meaford Long Term Care Friday, June 14 in his 103rd year.

Jim was predeceased by his wife, Pauline (nee McNally in 1999) and siblings Fred, Edith, Frank, Melbourne and Elsie. He is survived by Art & Ruby (their children James, Trevor and Craig), Carolyn and Bill Pearson (their children David and Jennifer Moreau) and Donna and Mike Pennington (their children Angela Smith, David and Scott). He also leaves 22 great-grandchildren. Also mourning his passing are two siblings Cecil Ford and Anne Yeadell and several nieces and nephews.

He was born in St. Vincent township to the late William and Annie (Free) Ford. Jim spent his life in the Meaford area (feeling some sympathy for those of us who moved elsewhere). He farmed on the 11th line until moving into town in 1974. He worked as a carpenter doing odd jobs for many in the area. Numerous families have children’s table and chair sets made by Jim that have lasted to serve multiple generations.

Jim was an active member of the Meaford Church of Christ throughout his lifetime and served as one of its elders for many years. He was as also involved in various community activities that included service on the St. Vincent Township Council. Jim and Pauline served meals to many guests in their home. Family and friends were always important.

The family is very appreciative to the staff of Meaford Long Term Care for the special care they gave, especially as the end approached.

Art Ford

## 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

## 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.

# 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.

**The Gospel Herald Publication exists to serve the non-instrumental Churches of Christ. The church directory is included as a service to the congregations. It should be understood that inclusion of a congregation in the church directory does not necessarily imply complete endorsement, by the editors, of all practices of those listed.**

## 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 Donley Avenue, Red Deer, T4R 2Y8, tel. 403-347-3986; (fax) 403.347.332, Edward Klym, Minister/Evangelist; Sunday morning worship: 10:00 am, Sunday School: 11:00 am; Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00 pm; Email: davenportchurchofchrist@gmail.com; Website: www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com; Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/rddcc

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

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hilchey Road Campbell River, BC V9W 1P4; Contact: Office (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besjim2@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

**NANAIMO:** 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjp.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 Boryd Krosgaard 604-867-9420

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

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

**SALMON ARM:** 490- 5th Ave, S.W. V1E 1V4; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-833-0927; 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 1600 Charlton Rd. Victoria, B.C. V9E 2C8; Meeting address: Westshore Chamber of Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., Langford, BC.; Worship service 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Contacts: Dick Morton 250-479-8480, L/S Walters 250-478-7275, Don Knox 250-382-0824; e-mail: southislandchurch@gmail.com

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

**MANSON:** Box 2, Manson, MB, R0M 1J0; Meeting Sunday Mornings – 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB; Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 306-435-2512; email: kennyl1@myaccess.ca

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

**WINNIPEG (Portage Ave):** Portage Avenue church of Christ: 4000 Portage 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) Email: stephanemillett@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca; FB page: https://www.facebook.com/AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

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

## NEW YORK STATE

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 2011 Tennessee Ave., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305; Off (716)285-6534, Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 AM, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: 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 Convoys Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 9:45 & 11 am; Tuesday 7 pm David Cariaga, ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Cell (902) 410-8496 Wayne Taylor, 9sec. (902) 876-7402

**KENTVILLE:** 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; 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 Chubry, Minister, Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcocentennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

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

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

**BRAMALEA:** 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursdays 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

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

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

**CORNWALL:** 105 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, LOS 1C0; (905) 892-5661; Email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

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

**GUELPH:** Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. 7:00 Ev. Jason Rollins (519) 760-4694 Call for meeting locations. www.GuelphChurchOfChrist.com

**HAILEYBURY:** Meeting in homes, usually Sundays at 4 PM but call to confirm place and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment, Mailing address: Box 702, P0J 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parcolink.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: rjwss@cogeco.ca

**HAMILTON (Stoney Creek):** 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1 905-664-1130 (off); Sun, 10, 11; (summer worship 10:00) Contact Ben Wiebe; Website: www.patchworkinthecheek.com

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

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

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

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

**KINGSTON:** 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday 10, 11 a.m. (Off) 613-546-5409 http://kingstonchurchofchrist.ca

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

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

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

**MISSISSAUGA:** Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5 Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga ON L5M 0H3; Worship: 10:30 – 11:30 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact Marc Mattadeen; Email: reed5000@gmail.com Phone: 647-473-6972; Bill Currie: 905-826.4816 Email: wjcurrie65@gmail.com Web address www.mississaugaocofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugaocofc.ca

**NEW LISKEARD:** 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:00; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON; P0J 1P0; (705) 647-5488, Email: ccstone65@hotmail.com

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

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

**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; Thursdays 4:00 pm; Church Phone. 905-434-1258 (Please leave a message) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879

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

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

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

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

**PINE ORCHARD:** 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Worship 10 am, Sunday School 11am. EXCEPT for July/August there will be no Sunday School. Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. S12125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0; Phone: (705) 357-1224; Email: jayaksich@yahoo.ca

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

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

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

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

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**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

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