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The Kingdom in Crisis – 1 KINGS 12

The kingdom of God has always, and will always, have its troubles. Satan sees to it that this is so. Jesus warned us that it would be so (Mt 11:12; 5:10-12; John 15:20). Since this is so, troubles should not trouble us excessively, but we should take steps to limit the damage.

We should learn lessons—both positive lessons from those who have handled problems well, and lessons in what not to do from those who have handled problems poorly. Rehoboam offers us both positive and negative examples.

Counselors Chosen Foolishly

Rehoboam chose his counselors foolishly (8-9). Age is not the main issue here. Rehoboam was not all that young; he was 40 according to chapter 14 verse 21.

The problem is that he was unwilling to heed the advice of a different generation. All too often we seek only the input of those who will share our point of view. If your Thayer Salisbury

marriage is difficult, do not turn to the recently divorced. If you have doubts about the Bible's teaching on a given point, do not turn to those who share your lack of knowledge, who will only be able to give human opinion. Turn to those who actually know the Bible.

Seek to hear a different point of view, not to strengthen what you are already leaning toward. Rehoboam, and his age mates, could not remember a time before his father's kingship. The old men could. Seeking a different point of view may involve thoughtful reading as well as choice among those we converse with.

Choose counselors with different points of view, and choose them prayerfully. After all, we have different points of view, but God can view the situation from every point at once. He is the only one with a full and unrestricted view. So choose counselors who really love him (Prov 13:20; Mt 7:24-28; 1 Cor 15:33).



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Words Chosen Foolishly

Rehoboam also chose his words foolishly (14). There are truths that need to be stated bluntly, forcefully, boldly. There are certain unpalatable truths that people will not hear unless they are so stated. But save your strong words for those matters that deserve such bold statement. There are very few things in life I call "wonderful" or "awesome." I save those words for when they are really needed, times when awe or wonder really are invovled. There are very few things in life that should be stated so forcefully as Rehoboam spoke here.

The older men had advised him that if he would speak "good words" to the people this one day, the people would serve him "for ever" (7). But he, wanting to exalt himself with some really clever words, lost most of the kingdom. He failed to heed the wise advice of Proverbs 15:1 and 25:11.

Waited Three Days

Rehoboam did not do everything wrong. He did get a couple of things right.

He waited three days before answering (5). That is normally a good idea. Even the right answer, if given too quickly, may sometimes seem ill-considered. It is wise to think through how we answer, especially on matters of considerable importance. We should take

NOTICE:

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Left Bad Enough Alone

Rehoboam also acted wisely in that he chose to leave bad enough alone (21-24). He heeded God's advice in regard to one thing, at least.

Sometimes division is unavoidable and must be accepted peaceably. We see that here in 1 Kings 12. We see it again with regard to Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15:36–41.

I used to think that we needed to sort back through everything that went wrong and try to undo it. Now I realize that once the grenade has gone off, there is no point putting the pin back in it. We must just clean up the mess and move on.

I believe that, if we think about it,

we will find that the truths revealed in this historical event apply to nations, communities, businesses, churches, and homes. They apply everywhere that people work together. They apply especially to homes and churches, because that is where Satan most wants to stir up trouble.

The Gospel

I hope that this has been a pretty good article on dealing with conflict in the church. But this publication is called *"The Gospel Herald."* Where is the gospel, where is the cross in this article and in this passage?

It was not totally fair that Rehoboam should have to deal with the tensions that had been brewing in the kingdom of Israel since the days of his grandfather (2 Sam 19:43-20:1)—tensions that actually went clear back to Jacob's polygamy (Gen 37:26; 45:24). He was not willing to suffer a little for the sake of a situation he had not created, and he made matters worse.

It was not fair that Jesus should have to bear the consequences of sin that went clear back to Adam. But he bore it, and he made matters much better.

Which will it be in our lives? Will we, like Jesus, willingly bear the consequences of wrong done by others, and so point to the gospel? Or will we, like Rehoboam, refuse to speak kind words in a situation someone else dumped unfairly on us? The question is not so much, "Where is the gospel in the story of Rehoboam?" It is rather, "Where is the gospel in our lives?"

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What Is Truth?

Wayne Turner



hat did Pilate mean when he asked Jesus, "What Is Truth?" Was it a genuine desire to know what truth is, a cynical response to Jesus, a whimsical musing, or what? Since he did not further engage Jesus in a discussion about truth, it seems that

Pilate was merely dabbling with ideas. Like many people, he may have assumed that he knew truth and was not interested in going further.

The study of knowing is called epistemology, from the Greek, *episteme* (knowledge). While the idea of understanding knowing may seem quite abstract for many of us, it can raise some important questions and lead us to meaningful insights as we try to learn from God and His word. It can help us understand how we see knowledge and our objective of learning truth. We need to answer questions like: what is truth, where does it come from and how can we know it?

Many of us have had the experience of trying to talk with people who have different views of truth. For example, some see truth as relative and subjective. You can identify this when someone says, "That may be right or true for you, but it isn't for me."

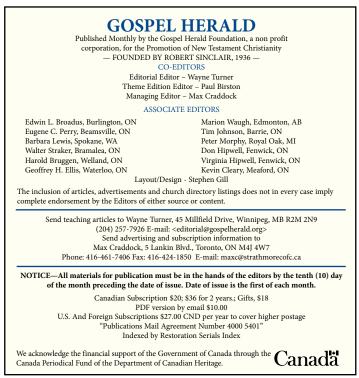
This is why we need to know what the source of truth is, what force or authority it has, whether it is absolute and universally true for all or not. At this point, you may be thinking that the answer, at least in terms of our faith, is God (and His word). But don't we often encounter people who look at the Bible from totally different ways and come to different conclusions and applications?

It might be helpful for us to "borrow" from Norman L. Geisler's book, "Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues & Options." Obviously, the study of ethical systems is different from our question, "What Is Truth?" Yet there are some interesting similarities and therefore insights that can be gained. For Geisler, there are two main categories of ethical systems—those which maintain that there are moral absolutes (binding on all people, everywhere, at all times) and those who do not accept the concept of such absolutes. Among the latter, he describes what he calls "antinomians" (those without moral law). Among the other various moral philosophies he includes "utilitarians" where the end justifies the means, and "situationists" who believe there is only one absolute—love (remember the situation ethics of the 1970's?). And, of course, there are those who believe in absolutes. Geisler notes that one of the dangers of "absolutism" is "legalism" where "there is a law for everything."

Interestingly, in our fellowship today, we can see similar views which seem to correspond to these ethical views. The terms may be different, but the concepts appear to be there. For example, there are some who refer to the scriptures as normative not authoritative. (In essence, in this view, the Bible presents guidelines which are not always binding.) We can also see the utilitarian view where previously held convictions have given way to other ideas/practices for pragmatic rather than Biblical or doctrinal reasons (Instead of saying they had a new understanding of scripture, the elders of one U.S. congregation, in adding instrumental music in congregational worship, announced they had a new paradigm "that worked.") Several years ago, when the discussion of a new hermeneutic came up, there were some who referred to the scriptures as God's "love letter" to the church. And, we are familiar with those who approach scripture as law, and who seem to have rules for everything.

We should note that while there is not a necessary correlation between Geisler's portrayal of ethical

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Trust

Trust is sometimes an elusive emotion. Even on our best days, we sometimes wonder why it is that there is so much evil in the world. How can God be who we believe Him to be when innocent children suffer and die, often as the result of conflict, and perhaps even more so, as a result of illness or abuse from their own family. Seeing these things, one may question the validity of God's promises.

In our day to day life, we sometimes may wonder about trusting. As many of you may know, 2015 did not start well, health wise, for me. After several days in hospital, six in intensive care. I am on the road to

recovery and hope to be back to regular activities by the end of this month. For the most of 2014 it seemed that I went from day to day, never being able to really feel well. Late in the year, brother Paul Birston sent me an encouraging email and attached a list of scripture references reminding me of the fact that God is trustworthy. This was a wonderful reminder of a truth that I knew but sometimes let slip back to the back of my mind...while sometimes mankind does not hold true to his promises, God, Christ and the Holy Spirit always do!

Sadly, this problem of many promises that cannot be trusted, interferes with people's ability to trust God, Christ and the Holy Spirit in the promises they make of daily care and support and future victory over this world. A.W. Tozer expressed

the need for trust well: "What we need very badly these days is a company of Christians who are prepared to trust God as completely now as they know they must do at the last day. For each of us the time is coming when we shall have nothing but God. Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will be swept away, and we shall have only God. To the man of pseudo faith that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain." (Draper's Book of Quotations for the Christian World).

One of the scriptures that Paul listed was Isaiah 40:31. "...but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run

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and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint". (ESV). The entire chapter develops a message of hope for the people of God. They had been taken into Babylonian captivity and held there for 70 years. However there had been the promise that after this period there would be a remnant which would return to their homeland again. While the people had fallen so far in their relationship with God that He allowed them to be taken from the land God had promised to Abraham and his descendants, He remained true to His promise of a return to the land. They found out by experience and we learned through obedient faith, that God is greater than any negative circumstance that may come in our life.

This great chapter begins with a wonderful expression of the longsuffering love of God. "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for

> all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1-2 ESV). Oh the joy of understanding the eternal power of the pardon of our sins by the One against whom those sins are committed.

The nation of God's people Israel, under the first covenant, had sinned regularly against the Creator. Their acts of idolatry, immorality and of injustice to their fellow man were of long standing. Jeremiah wrote, "The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 'Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the



Brown Eggs and Black Angus Beef

They are unsubstantiated. Their origins are vague. Yet they are readily accepted. They may come in the form of old wives tales, urban legends or simply popular opinion. They are those bits of orally transmitted wisdom which frequently begin with, "They say". It can sometimes be difficult to sort out the silly from the useful. Some such nuggets of knowledge are harmless, perhaps even humorous, while others are spiritually dangerous.

On the harmless side of the coin, some popular ideas may affects food choices. For example, there are those who insist on brown-shelled eggs or are willing to pay higher prices to ensure they get Black Angus beef because they believe them to be superior to other eggs and beef. While free range eggs may offer better nutrition than those from hens fed hormone enhanced feed, it is the variety of chicken, not its diet, that determines the colour of the egg shell. Likewise, any of more than a dozen breeds of beef cattle, or mixes of those breeds, is equally capable of producing quality meat. Several factors affect the taste and tenderness of your T-bonemainly diet and the age of the animal it came from. Misconceptions about eggs and beef, except for the effect on ones food budget, are not really important. Commonly accepted beliefs that mis-portray God, however, are not so harmless.

One of the most dangerous popular myths is that all good people go to heaven. Believing this, people feel that as long as they live what society considers a decent life, they can live however they choose without religion or a relationship with God. How often have you heard folks at a funeral speaking of the deceased as being in heaven even though that person had never had a connection with God while living? This thinking is faulty in a number of ways.

For one thing, there is a vast difference between what society judges to be good and God's view of goodness. When a man asked what good thing he needed to do to be assured of eternal life, Jesus informed him that only God is good. (Matthew 19:16–22; Mark 10:17, 18; Luke 18:18, 19) Jesus wanted this young man to understand

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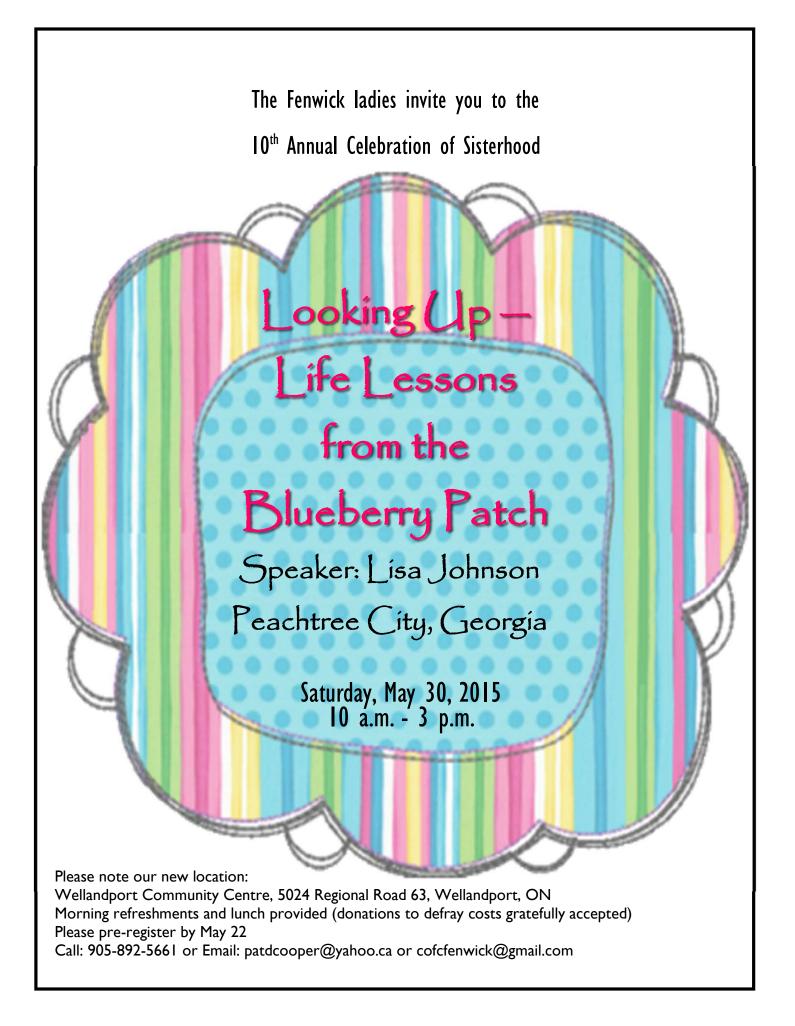
that goodness comes not from the things we do but rather from being devoted to the One who is good. True goodness—the goodness that pleases God, is the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is evident through our good deeds. "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10 NIV 1984).

Those who believe all good people go to heaven, like the rich young ruler, hold the mistaken idea that we earn our entrance into heaven. "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (Ephesians 2:8–10 NLT). We do good works because we belong to Christ. We are not accepted by Christ because we do good deeds. "But-'When God our Saviour revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.' This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good" (Titus 3:4-8a NLT).

Perhaps the biggest flaw in the good people go to heaven belief is a misconception about heaven. Heaven is not a retirement village for former earthlings. Heaven is not a recycling plant where people are turned into angels. Heaven is God's home. Just as we choose whom to allow into our homes, no one may enter heaven without God's permission. There are no aliens or foreigners in heaven only citizens. "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20 NIV 1984).

God's children are welcome in heaven. "For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory" (Romans 8:16, 17a NLT). "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2, 3 ESV).

BUT GOD DOES NOT OPEN HIS DOOR TO STRANGERS! "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! *continued on page 9*



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temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD'" (Jeremiah 7:1–4 ESV). Based on verse four in this reading the people trusted in the fact that they had the temple, where they understood God was present with them, while their actions denied its very implication – that they were God's people and reflected this relationship in their daily life.

Thankfully, all in not lost for these people. As noted above, the message of Isaiah 40 is one of comfort. Isaiah writes, "A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it: surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:6-8 ESV). While there are a great many things-and people-in whom we can have no trust. God is not one of them. His word will stand forever.

God has always made no secret of

His love and desire to bless His people. He promised to bless and He will fulfill that promise as long as His people—those under the first covenant and those of us under the new covenant honour Him. This truth of God's determined care is reflected many, many times in the **Bible.** Consider 2 Chronicles 6:36-39 (ESV), "If they sin against you-for there is no one who does not sin-and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near, yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,' if they repent with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their captivity to which they were

carried captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you." This is good news. No, this is GREAT NEWS! This news brings peace and joy and hope to all who love and honour God for who He is.

Even on our worst day, God can be trusted to not leave us alone unless we choose to leave Him.

Again, look at these words from Isaiah 40: "Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before

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him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:9–11 ESV).

The result of this good news is captured in the exciting images of the concluding verses of chapter 40. "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:28-31 ESV). What a wonderful picture of deliverance and strength for the people of God.

The good news for that day in Isaiah 40 was that the Jews who had been taken into captivity by Babylon were

> to receive their release and be allowed to return to their promised home land. And, as the story unfolds, we see that they did not have to return empty handed (Nehemiah 2:1–8 for example). In this instance, like in all instances, God is true to His word.

> The good news of Isaiah's day pales when compared to the good news of today. Our day has seen the defeat of sin and of Satan by Jesus Christ and the realization of deliverance today and eternal rest to come. Isaiah foretold this in chapter 61 in reference to the redeeming work of God through Jesus the Christ our Lord and Saviour. "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor: he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to

those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified" (Isaiah 61:1–3 ESV). (Note Luke 4:18–21).

So, what can we say in view of all this? The promises of God are trustworthy. Even on our worst day, God can be trusted to not leave us alone unless we choose to leave Him. The only thing standing between me and God's strength to sustain me is me and my willingness to trust that Paul was inspired when he wrote, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness. or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35-39 ESV). In some of my darkest days I am thankful for the reminder of my beloved apostle Paul and my beloved brother in Christ, Paul Birston, that as long as I lean on Him and trust Him, God will take me safely across every dip and through every danger that I face in this life.

Let me end by sharing these two thoughts, the first from Oswald Chambers; "It is not our trust that keeps us, but the God in whom we trust who keeps us." The second from A. W. Thorold; "The highest pinnacle of the spiritual life is not happy joy in unbroken sunshine, but absolute and undoubting trust in the love of God." (Draper's Book of Quotations for the Christian World.) Through a Woman's Eyes... continued from page 6

Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws' (Matthew 7:21-23 NLT). "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' (Luke 13:24-27 NIV 1984).

Our society preaches (but doesn't truly practice) tolerance and inclusion and therefore finds the idea of restricted entrance into heaven repulsive. But heaven most assuredly is exclusive. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6 ESV). "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14 NLT).

People tend to believe a loving God would not deny good people admittance into heaven, but God's love is shown through Christ's death. This gives everyone the opportunity to become a child of God. "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8 NLT). We deny ourselves admission to heaven when we reject Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live selfcontrolled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:11–14 NIV 1984).

Be cautious of getting on board the popular opinion bandwagon. It is likely headed in the wrong direction.

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Barrie: Our second attempt at "Georgian Night" was quite successful. Each Friday night for a month (late Jan./early Feb.) we invited students from Georgian College to come to the church building for a hot meal and games. We had 32 visits from students and work with them continues. Our second "Friends Day," held on Sunday, March 1, was well attended with seven people from the community joining us. David Knutson was our speaker. We're gearing up for Young Adult Weekend, scheduled for May 1-3 with Shawn LeBlanc as speaker. Two loved seniors, David Johnson and Calvin Nelson, celebrated their 89th birthdays.

Beamsville: The Giving Knitters have heard about three more schools that are in great need of hats and mitts. We have given most of our knitted items away. If there is anyone who would like to help out in this worthwhile effort by buying and donating some items now that they are often on sale, you may bring them by the building. We will distribute them, along with any that we have completed. The Giving Knitters meet on a monthly basis. If you are interested contact Barb Smith. The congregation hosted a supper honouring our senior members on Saturday, March 7.

Bramalea: Rosina Bemah, wife of Adu Kwasi, was baptized into Christ on Saturday, February 14. Lionel Idan, who has been attending services for several months, placed membership on February 22. Sadiki Thornhill, aged 16, second son of Shawin and Abiola, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, March 1. Veronica Gallant, who became a Christian in Mexico, has placed membership with Bramalea. Congratulations are extended to Angelo Aiello who successfully completed all of Sunset School of Preaching's online Bible study course requirements for the book of Ephesians. Angelo is enrolled in Sunset's Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies. A

well-attended Sunday school Teacher Training workshop was held Saturday, February 28, for the congregation's current and prospective teachers. It was organized by David McPherson and Janet Banks; speakers were Patrick Hunter-Buffington and Mark Knutson.

Fenwick: The Fenwick congregation is celebrating 120 years and kicked the year off with a Heritage Meal using recipes from the past, followed by a Valentine's party with a homemade card competition, and then a crokinole party with truly Canadian snacks. This month, we are looking forward to the second annual men's day on April 18 with Dr. Glenn K. Pennington. We were saddened by the passing of our sister, Donna (Hurst) Stuart on March 3. Donna grew up in the Port Colborne congregation, worshipped at Welland prior to the sale of that building and then she and her husband, Ken, worshipped with us at Fenwick.

Ice Lake: The congregation continues to work on outreach to local communities, including sending baskets to several families that have lost parents and a family facing cancer. On March 27, a hymn sing and soup evening was planned for the congregation & community. We welcome Bud & Marg Dearing to the Ice Lake family. Marg has already initiated a knitting group to create blankets for local fire victims. One blanket is completed to date. Worship services have begun at the Manitoulin lodge the first Sunday of each month. The annual Ladies Day will be held May 2 at the building. We mourn the passing of Leona Baker.

Port Colborne: Harold is continuing his series of sermons from the Book of Acts on Sunday mornings and we are beginning a series of lessons discussing the Sermon on the Mount on Tuesday evenings. We mourn the passing of Brenda (Hurst) Weasner on February 23.

Stoney Creek: The Stoney Creek church began Sunday evening services early in the year, since several of our members have work schedules that keep them from attending the morning service. These evening meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. At the present time the church also has two weeknight Bible studies in the homes of members - one in East Hamilton and the other in Burlington. Some recent special gatherings included our Annual Meeting February 8, with reports on the past year's work as well as presentation and acceptance of the church budget for the current year. Another special gathering was a pot luck dinner and wedding shower March 1 for Pam Foulger, one of our members, and Jean Paul Joly. Mention should also be made of a short term mission trip one of our teenagers, Emma Wiebe, to the Dominican Republic in March, and the return of her grandparents, Ben and Patti Wiebe, from Puna, India, March 16 after a two-month stay to work with a seminary there. The Stoney Creek church also hosted the annual World Day of Prayer for our community March 6. Fran Groves organized it this year.

Tintern: Tintern had its annual Celebration of Spring on Sunday March 29. Plans are underway for our Bible Day Camp. The theme this year is Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid. Bible Day Camp is June 29 to July 3. The Hands & Heart group have completed their sewing projects. They made pillow case dresses which they have generously donated to the group going to Nicaragua in August. Pictures of the finished product are on the Tintern Facebook page. Aaron Maleare, Don Rose and Linda Smith are taking a group of eight teens to Mission Para Cristo in Nicaragua this August. They are collecting gently used items that they will be selling at the Mom to Mom sale on April 11 at Great Lakes Christian High School. If you have items that you would like to donate, please call the building 905-563-6311. Catherine and Roger Perry went to assist in a well drilling mission in the Guatemala highlands during the week of March 14-21.

Toronto (Bayview): Plans are being made by Bonnie Porter and Althea Branker for the Women's Spiritual Renewal retreat, hosted by Bayview, on May 22 and May 23, 2015, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls. The theme is "Anchor for the Soul", based on Hebrews 6:19, and featuring Carol Pinczuk as the guest speaker. We are looking forward to Carol's presentation and other program highlights including devotionals, fellowship and sightseeing. April 30 is the registration and payment deadline. Bayview's Annual Meeting was held on February 22 and dealt with a review of 2014 and some plans for 2015.

Windsor (Westside): There is a company that deals in healthy foods. We are going to partner with them as one of 10 local charities they are working with to help provide free healthy meals for children.



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton northside: Welcome to Miranda Crone who has identified with the Lord's body. Fishers of Men seminar was led by Jay and Linda Manimtim. Skills that everyone can develop for spreading the Word were learned through 3 lessons: Preparing and Planning, Engaging and Delivering. A Filipino Bible study was held at the Manimtim home. There was a pot luck and then "Sermon on the Mount" study was held in Tagalog language.

Edmonton southside: March 13–15 a winter seminar was held. The theme was "Be Strong". The lessons were: Be

Strong...in the Lord, in the Truth, Concerning Salvation, in Your Identity, in Hope and Be Strong and Do Not Fear. Guest speaker was Mark Johnson of Washington, USA.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): The good news is that the Weirs

"home-away-from-home" camper was finally restored, and in use again when they made a trip to answer the call of the church in North Bend, B. C. on Mar. 8. The mild weather in Western Canada (as opposed to the unrelenting snow and ice farther east) made traveling a pleasure in both February and March. To speak and encourage the house church in Kelowna, a 320 kilometer drive from Abbotsford, was their first destination after Christmas. We continue to have a full house for our worship service here every Sunday.

Burnaby: As a part of a special learning experience trip, a group of Pepperdine students visited our services on March 1, adding a strong element of praise to our song service. A new Women's Bible study was started in Surrey last month using Beth Moore's book "Children of the Day". It will run for nine weeks with study assignments, homework discussions and a DVD presentation at each meeting.

Delta: Our Bible class on Sunday mornings has found a great deal of encouragement and purpose in studying another Max Lucado book, "before the amen—The Power of A Simple Prayer". Ron Bailey urged the reading of "Jonah" before his sermon presentation on Feb. 15. Requesting advance preparation can be an asset in understanding the pulpit message, and is being used more often.

Oakridge (Vancouver): Eleven-yearold Christopher Sanchez is still living, having made slight improvement over his original coma that caused the doctors to suggest the termination of his life at one time. Milton Diaz was able to return to his preaching duties three weeks after receiving emergency surgery to remove his gall bladder.

Salmon Arm: A total of \$31,000 was raised in Salmon Arm for distribution to



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Surrey: Another baptism in January was inadvertently omitted. Andre Carter was baptized into the fellowship of the Lord's church after a Sunday service. A Bible study for ladies from 10:30 to 12 is meeting on Saturdays.

Vernon: There was a good turnout on February 21 for a special "Relationships Workshop", including 12 visitors from the neighborhood. (One couple is still attending our Sunday service.) Special notebooks were ordered in advance and Murray Ververda's lectures covered about four hours.

MANITOBA

Carman: Spring Lectureship held April 3–5 was themed "King of Kings". Featured speaker was Leslie Williams.

Winnipeg: We rejoice with Chantille Darrow as she confessed her faith in

Christ and was baptized. A new adult Bible class is starting. The theme is "God planned for us to fulfill his purpose in the community." The first session will be "We are compelled to love God's family." The theme for the praver sister brunch and reveal was "Life is Fragile - Handle with Prayer." The tree of knowledge continues to grow. Those who have added to it are Bella Daoust, Heather Woods, Ashley Woods, Levi Tyndall, Mackenzie Arbuckle, Nora Tyndall, Taylor Tyndall, and William Lindhorst.

SASKATCHEWAN

Gravelbourg: "Purposeful Parenting" Workshop with Dr. Sam & Erika Berg was held March 14 and 15.

Weyburn: The Thursday Ladies Class is studying from the book "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John Mac Arthur. Toys are being collected to give to the Gentle Road church to be distributed to children in Regina.



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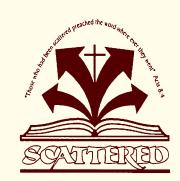


KENYA: H. M. Motttsinger wrote: "For 13 days, I experienced no bombs, wrecks or illnesses. No police on guard, few pot holes, and the mosquitoes subdued. I was there to introduce the New Life Behaviour Institute courses to the Nairobi Great Commission School. (These courses are designed to rehabilitate prisoners and their families while both incarcerated and after release as they are introduced to God and His design for their lives.) The NGCS has 18 extension schools: 16 in other parts of Kenya, and one each in Uganda and Tanzania. Two of their teachers are college graduates, and two others are already certified instructors for the NLBI courses, and therefore prepared to start classes immediately. The Kenvan government requires that all schools teach a course on "Christian Theology", even providing a syllabus for teachers to use. Teachers are not paid for this additional load to their regular classes, but we are hoping NLBI courses may be used in conjunction with this work."

ZAMBIA: Mottsinger was impressed by the amazing amount of work a native named Barry Phiri had been able to accomplish in starting a cornfield project to feed starving children in this country in four months' time. Nourished only by rain and without any chemical additives, the corn is flourishing and will be ready for harvest in a few more months. While he waits for nature to do its work, Phiri has conducted 89 NLBI classes in 17 different locations, baptized 159, and coordinated volunteers who have had classes for another 4,221 people.

GHANA: From World Bible School comes word that while this country had always been high on their list, they did not anticipate what has happened: WBS lessons will be taught in new public schools. It is called the "Ghana Bible Reading Project", and a container of courses was ready for shipment in February. Ron Pottberg is in Ghana to coordinate with co-workers and Robin Cannon will follow up on the Bible Reading Project ground logistics.

UKRAINE: To their dismay, the Rogers found conditions in Kiev much the same as when they first arrived in Donetsk 14 years ago: filth everywhere, many living in poverty without proper food, clothing or adequate places to live. Adding to this misery were the many refugees fleeing from the eastern towns as they were taken over by the advancing Russian troops. "The next day Sasha drove us, Natasha and Ludmilla out to a refugee center that was about 2 hours from Kiev. Natasha was giving out many pairs of good winter boots to the refugees there...We were heartbroken at what we saw. There are about 215 refugees here just all living on top of each other. One toilet and one spray hose for a shower for about every 30 or more people." The Rogers had located



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one nice office in which to start classes for the school, and had one teacher, Tim Burrow, coming for the first term, which they had hoped to start in mid-Feb. The difficult job of finding dorm rooms for the students was partially solved when they discovered an apartment large enough to house 8-10 men in a hostel type situation. They were able to buy some furnishings from the people moving out. As all roads have been closed, and everyone must have a special permit to enter or leave Donetsk, they had given up hope of being able to salvage some of their furnishings from there. (Ed. Note: Since there was so much to be done, late word of whether or not they were able to open the school as planned had not been learned at press time.)

CUBA: A man who was known and loved in Cuba for many years, Larry Brannan, who worked with Healing Hands International through the Huntsville, AL, church as deacon of Cuban Missions, has been sorely missed since his death in 2013. He was very active in the expansion of the church, traveling all over the island to encourage preachers, families and churches. He helped establish an annual Cuban Preachers Conference, the Preaching School in Havana, a Ladies Conference for Christian Women, and a program to feed the elderly. As a board member for HHI, he was extremely helpful in their involvement as they shipped medical equipment, medicine, and three ambulances urgently needed to Cuba over two decades. Being a CPA, he worked on the Audit and Finance committee for the board of HHI, also serving as the Chief Financial Officer for an international corporation until his death. He was also known in Haiti where a water well has been dedicated in his name. Knowing her interest in the consequences of the well drilling on these islands, a comprehensive report on the number drilled was presented to his wife, Donna, by a HHI board member.

M.A.G.I. IN JULY: Healing Hands International is giving special attention this year to the "Making a Godly Impact" box program because of the urgency of many of the situations children are finding themselves in. With specially designed boxes that will be shipped to Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Zambia, the Texas border and Mexico, they are asking churches to request them and fill them early, as some of the places they will be sent must be in their offices by October 1. (This is especially true for Honduras.) An itemized packing list that may be helpful includes Items for Hygiene: regular-size soap bar, toothbrush, unboxed toothpaste and band aids, combs for boys, brushes for girls; clothing: flipflops, underwear, t-shirts, shorts for either, and girls' dresses; Educational: pencils, coloured pencils, small pencil sharpeners, erasers, colored markers, small boxes of crayons, spiral notebooks, coloring books, small puzzles; Toys: small stuffed animals, yo-yos, marbles, small cars, trucks, planes, jump rope, small action figures, dolls or balls; Accessories: hats, caps, sunglasses, girls' hair accessories, flashlights w/batteries, wrapped hard candies, personal note to child, photo of self or group packing the box. DO NOTS: shampoo, conditioners, medicines, toy guns, knives, playing cards, mouthwash, nail polish remover, fragile items or food.

I Love the Lord Because...

Brian Thompson

- He hears my voice and my supplications. He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live (Psalm 116:1-2)
- He is my strength, my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. He is my shield, the horn of my salvation and my stronghold. I called upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies (Psalm 18:1-3; 59:16-17)
- His dwelling place is glorious (Psalm 26:8-12)
- He preserves the faithful and fully recompenses the proud doer. Such assurance enables me to have hope and to be strong and courageous while experiencing any suffering or difficulty (Psalm 31:23-24)
- His words make me wiser than my enemies, provides me with more insight than all my teachers, gives me more understanding than the aged and His words have restrained my feet from pursuing every evil way (Psalm 119:97-104)
- His word provides me with great peace and nothing will cause me to stumble (Psalm 119:165)
- He loves me as does His Son (John 14:21; I John 4:19)
- All things work together for good for me when I love God as one called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)

For Christmas 2014, 25,900 boxes reached Zimbabwe, Botswana, Honduras, Mexico, and the Texas border. As 43 mailboxes have been closed in Zimbabwe, those with World Bible School students need to check with WBS before attempting to reach them and distribution of MAGI boxes may be curtailed. (Ed. Note: In round figures, July is only two months away!)

JAPAN: Joel Osborne: Thanks to all who "came through" recently with additional support. Joel recently made a video of his work in Mito, Japan. To view it, go to http:// youtu.be/Revs8rwP8XY. For information about his work and finances, please go to

• He has promised me eternal life and, despite the trial I have to persevere, I am guaranteed eternity with Him as an heir of His kingdom (James 1:12; 2:5)

Why do you love the Lord? Throughout the pages of the Bible one reads many times about the sufferings experienced by God's people. They suffered through 430 years of bondage, suffered as prophets of God, suffered through famines or captivity, our Lord suffered the most both internally and externally, the Apostles suffered harsh treatment constantly as did the early church. And today we're reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in II Timothy 3:12, "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." According to Peter, suffering plays a big part in our Christian life and we shouldn't be surprised when it comes our way. It is for our testing!! Rejoice when you suffer for what is right as you are blessed of God (I Peter 4:12-19). When suffering, I hope the words of the following poem will lift your spirits as they have mine.

An Irish Prayer May God give you ... For every storm, a rainbow For every tear, a smile For every care a promise And a blessing in each trial For every problem life sends A faithful friend to share For every sigh, a sweet song And an answer for each prayer

Owen Sound, Ontario

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joelsensei5@gmail.com - or check out his report: "Being His Hands" about the Mito work. Hiro Akahoshi: Hiro visited Canada in 2014 with Joel and plans to work with the mission work in Cambodia. For information about his work, go to hxa04c@acu. edu. Jonathan Straker: Go to strakerhouse in missions for pictures of their community involvement projects. Also, For an updated video of Japan as it approaches the 4-year anniversary of the 2011 tsunami, check http://youtu.be/dN0vfSfk7CQ. For information about Strakers' work—or to donate to them—contact jonathan@strakerhouse. com, or check out strakerhouse in missions.

"Making the Most of Life"

I can throw a single ray of light across the darkened pathway of another; if I can aid some soul to clearer sight of life and duty, and thus bless my brother; if I can wipe from any human cheek a tear, I shall not have lived my life in vain while here.

If I can guide some erring one to truth, inspire within his heart a sense of duty; if I can plant within my soul of rosy youth a sense of right, a love of truth and beauty; if I can teach one man that God and heaven are near, I shall not then have lived in vain while here.

If from my mind I banish doubt and fear, and keep my life attuned to love and kindness; if I can scatter light and hope and cheer, and help remove the curse of mental blindness; if I can make more joy, more hope, less pain, I shall not have lived and loved in vain.

If by life's roadside I can plant a tree, beneath whose shade some wearied head may rest, though I may never share its beauty, I shall yet be truly blest—though no one knows my name, nor drops a flower upon my grave, I shall not have lived in vain while here.

- Author Unknown

Maybe

Maybe... we were supposed to meet the wrong people before meeting the right one so that, when we finally meet the right person, we will know how to be grateful for that gift.

Maybe... when the door of happiness closes, another opens; but, often times, we look so long at the closed door that we don't even see the new one which has been opened for us.

Maybe... it is true that we don't know what we have until we lose it, but it is also true that we don't know what we have been missing until it arrives.

Maybe... the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Maybe... the brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; after all, you can't go on successfully in life until you let go of your past mistakes, failures and heartaches.

Maybe... you should dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go, be what you want to be, because you have only one life and

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one chance to do all the things you dream of, and want to do.

Maybe... there are moments in life when you miss someone—a parent, a spouse, a friend, a child—so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real, so that once they are around you appreciate them more.

Maybe... the best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

Maybe... you should always try to put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that something could hurt you, it probably will hurt the other person, too.

Maybe... you should do something nice for someone every single day, even if it is simply to leave them alone.

Maybe... giving someone all your love is never an assurance that they will love you back. Don't expect love in return; just wait for it to grow in their heart; but, if it doesn't, be content that it grew in yours.

Maybe... happiness waits for all those who cry, all those who hurt,

all those who have searched, and all those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of all the people who have touched their lives.

Maybe... you shouldn't go for looks; they can deceive; don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.

Maybe... you should hope for enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy.

Maybe... you should try to live your life to the fullest because when you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling but when you die, you can be the one who is smiling and everyone around you crying.

– from Avril Keoughan

Avril served for more than two decades at the Church of Christ Mission Clinic in Kumasi, Ghana. She taught health care clinics in rural communities throughout the country. She passed away as the result of an accident in 2011 in Ghana.

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

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systems and different approaches to understanding scripture and truth, there are some human tendencies that seem to be present in both. The recent "What color is this dress?" viral video (where some people saw the same dress as blue and black while others said it was white and gold) remind us that people can legitimately and sincerely see things differently.

However, we also should recall that the Restoration Movement came about as the result of a reaction to a badly divided religious world. At the heart of the movement was the conviction that human innovations, doctrines and practices were the cause of much of the division. The motivating belief was that God's word was the absolute truth with the appeal to all for a return to its principles, standards and practices.

In his "Declaration and Address" Thomas Campbell wrote, "With you all we desire to unite in the bonds of an entire Christian unity – Christ alone being the *head*, the center, his word the rule; an explicit belief of, and manifest conformity to it, in all things – *the terms*. More than this, you will not require of us; and less we cannot require of you..."

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God, Are You Really There? Dr. Don England, Gospel Light Publishing Co., Delight, AK, 163 pages, 2015

God, Are You Really There? is Ga question that each person must answer for him or herself. In this excellent, easy to read book, Dr. Don England challenges readers to examine their faith and come to a rational reasoned faith rather than live with a blind or irrational faith.

Dr. England reflects on the reality of God from two disciplines which are well known and understood in his life. As a dedicated scientist he examines faith in God in light of what mankind has learned, and continues to learn, from scientific experiment and discovery. Science is not the enemy of spiritual truth but through its discoveries truth about the Bible and God has been strengthened. Dr. England commented on the place of science in the journey of faith: "Science and its resulting technology have highlighted rather than excluded the need for belief in God and the moral standards of Scripture."

A key to our belief in God is acceptance of the Bible as the Word of God. A deep spiritual commitment to God is the second area of discussion in which Dr. England is a learned and experienced individual. As a result of his own faith journey he shows why faith in the Bible and the God of the Bible is reasonable. He points out that the Bible is the revealing of God's plan for redemption through Jesus the Christ, His Son. Of course, you cannot live and honour God through his faith. All of us inherit faith in different aspects of our life as we mature. Some of these may be sufficient for us throughout our life. However, faith in God that really works, giving peace and hope, can only come through our personal searching and experience. Testing is good in our journey to a rational and reasoned faith.

The bottom line is that a rational and reasoned faith in God that you can make you own is possible. If you are struggling with this important issue of faith, you will find this book to be very helpful in a process of logical reasoning. I pray that as a result of your study you will come to enjoy "a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you" 1 Peter 1:3–4 (ESV).

(Don England is an Emeritus **Professor of Chemistry at Harding** University, Searcy, Arkansas, where he taught organic and biochemistry for forty-five years. He earned a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Mississippi. He was three time recognized as Distinguished Professor at Harding. Throughout his career Dr. England has had a heart for young people. While at the University of Mississippi, he served as Director of the University Christian Student Center. During his tenure as teacher at Harding he nurtured the faith of hundreds of students in faith development and retention. He currently serves as an elder at the College Church of Christ where he has taught the same Bible class for over thirty years. He and his wife, Lynn, have two children and three grandchildren.)

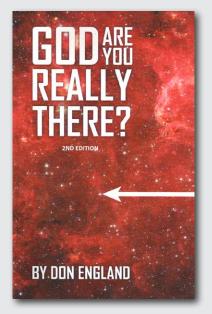
Reviewed by Max Craddock



Weasner, Brenda (Hurst)

This past month we lost a wonderful woman who was part of our congregation at Port Colborne. Our sister in Christ, Brenda (nee Hurst) Weasner, lost her battle with cancer on February 23, 2015 at the age of 59 years. Brenda was the daughter of Betty and the late Blaine Hurst. Brenda is survived by her loving Mother Betty, and Brothers Rick and Bill Hurst. Rick is the song leader for the congregation. We had a celebration of Brenda's life following her funeral, officiated by the writer, on Wednesday, February 25, at the church building.

- Harold Bruggen



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

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

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: stalbertcofc@hotmail.com, webpage: www.stalbertchurchofchrist.org

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 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: Tslolum Building, Lewis Park, Courtenay; Worship 10 am; Ev. Bill Pakosz, ph. 250-923-6176; Website: www.churchofchristcourtenay.org, Email: Churchofchristcourtenay@shaw.ca Mailing address: 2239 Oyster Garden Rd, Campbell River. BC V9H 1E7

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

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

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

KELOWNA: Spring Valley Church of Christ, 847 Wayne Road, Kelowna, V1X 1A4. 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, wjpeckett@shaw.ca

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, VOK 1C1 Bordy 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: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings 250-833-0927; Mailing address: Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, and Gordon Parmenter, elders; Contact: Cliff Plummer ev.; website: sa4CHRIST.com

SOUTH BURNABY Church of Christ

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

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

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

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

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):

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

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7 PM; Box 955, ROG 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, ROM 1J0; Meeting Sunday Mornings – 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB: Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes,306-435-2512: email: kennyg1@myaccess.ca

WINNIPEG (Central): Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9;

website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Stephane Maillet, ev., (506) 204-8365 (Office) (506) 872-3179 (H) (506) 988-0098 (C) Emails: stephanemaillet@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca FB page: https://www.facebook.com/ Added/Members/0fChurchOfChrist

SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, MB, E2M 185; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, MB, E2J 250, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 832-5230 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

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, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscofc.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Midweek, check for day and place; ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Elders: Kevin Irvine, Jack Bearden; (902) 678-8881

SHUBENACADIE (Mill Village): 3557 Indian Road Mill Village NS BON 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: ajaxcoccentennialroad@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; 705-230-0513 (off.); Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sunday 9 am Contemporary Worship, 10:00 am Bible Classes, 11 am Worship, 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@bramaleacofc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 2:00 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev, (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev, (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacofc.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 Tues 2 p.m.; Please join us for worship, Bible study or fellowship at any time.

CORNWALL: 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am, Service 11am; Mid-week study Wed 7 pm; Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary, ph: 613-933-1825; Joel Bojarski: chairman; Mark Duperron: treasurer, ph: 613-932-3701; Fax: 613-933-2464; Maii: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: abojarski/index.html

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

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 10 am; Bible classes 11 am; Sun evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev (h) 289-566-8963; website: www.grimsbycofc.org

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, POJ 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

HAMILTON: Fennell Ave. Church of Christ, 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00; Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.); 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; Wednesday 7:00–8:00 pm, meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. For information please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

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

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr., P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner, 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237. ICE LAKE: (Manitoulin Island): (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: RR# 1, Site2, Box 3, 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0: Sunday: classes 10 am, worship 11 am; Ray Fisher ev. 705-210-0267 email: rcfisherofmen@gmail.com midweek - call for information: 705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019 Website: icelakechurchofchrist.com

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Phone 807-468-7523 Earle Rattai, ev., 807-548-2245; email: erattai@sympatico.ca

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

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

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Contact: M. Pennington, 519-872-7629; Email: pmpennington40@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– 12:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon 1:30 p.m. 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 (10th Line & Tacc Drive): Worship: 10:30 - 11:45 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca 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; POJ 1PO; (705) 647-5488, Email: ccstone65@hotmail.com

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Mailing address: Upper Canada Mall, Box 21581, Newmarket, L3Y 8J1; 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 L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Jim Holston, ev., 905-875-2939; Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3. Campbellville, ON LOP 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, 2pm; 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: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Peter McPherson (705) 742-5349

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 LOC 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

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 Boad E., N7V 2G7 Bible study, Sunday 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7 pm. Worship Sunday 10:30 am. Email: info@sarniachurchofchrist.org Website: http://www.sarniachurchofchrist.org, phone (519) 339-1161 (off.) or (226) 886-3333

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village, 58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON NOA 1PO; Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@xplornet.com

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

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Brent Olson, minister, Robert Priestnall, sec.; email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.patchworkinthecreek.com

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

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

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 124 N.; Sunday School 10:00; Worship 11:00; Wed 7:30; (705) 384-5214

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec, Randy Morritt, ev; Box 708, POR 1L0; 705-508-2049 (h): 705-842-3340 (O/F): email: randy.lois@eastlink.ca

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON LOR 2C0; Worship at 9: 45a.m. with classes to follow; Sunday pm call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev., Aaron Maleare ev.; Vanessa Maleare, children's minister, (905) 563 6311 (off.)

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Hilborn, mhilborn@rogers.com 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (office)

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

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

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station) 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Peter Dwomoh 416-462-3616; Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Marvin Johnson 416-752-0325, Moises Velasco 905-591-0361, Jean Volcy 905-237-3312; Max Craddock, ev. 416-461- 7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev. 416-751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., PO Box 1196, 450 Countess Street S, Durham ON NOG 1R0; Phone 519-369-1731; Gordon Dennis, Box 274; Mount Forest, NOG 2L0; (519) 323-2424

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

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 785 Sandison Ave., Windsor, N9E 4T3; (519) 250-4407; Email: westsidechurch@live.com

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL: (English/French/Ashante): 785 Brault Ave, Verdun, QC, H4H 2B3, Sunday 10, 11, 6:30; Wednesday 7:00 (English) Ph 514-564-6780; Fax 514-564-6781, Email: churchofchristofgm@videotron.com, Website: churchofchristgreatermontreal@hotmail.ca

MONTREAL: (South-West • English/French/Spanish): Ville Emard Church of Christ, 6259 Monk Blvd., Montreal, QC, H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the Monk subway station, 10 minutes from Downtown); (514) 765-8919. Simultaneous electronic transla-tion: Sunday 10, 11, Wed. 7; Website: www.vecoc. org; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 602-5105; e-mail: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire. André Côté CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E., Box 507, S0H 1X0; Sun. 10:30; (306) 648-3435

KENOSEE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ.

Mailing address: PO Box 184, Kenosee Village SK S0C 2S0; Sunday 10:00; Office (306) 577-2477 Mid-week: call Paul Moore (306) 575-0218 info@moosemountainchurch.com

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8:45 AM	Welcome	
9:00 AM	Lesson 1 & 2: Preparing & Planning How should each and every member prepare to contribute to the spreading of the good news and the edification of the church? How can teachers and preachers structure effective lessons? Men, participate in a forum on sermon preparation. Women, learn about different Bible school methods and systems.	
12:00 PM	Lunch (Provided)	
1:30 PM	<u>Lesson 3: Engaging</u> Connecting with the audience is key to making a lasting impression. Learn ways to engage listeners and support speakers.	
3:30 PM	Snack (Provided)	
4:00 PM	Lesson 4: Delivering Learn presentation skills and strategies for sermons and Bible studies.	
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