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and that which  
they understand.  
53 Who has believed what he has  
heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the  
LORD been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young  
plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we  
should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire  
him.

3 He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted  
with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their  
faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed  
him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
and afflicted by God, and afflicted  
for our transgressions.

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## The Prophet Isaiah – PART 2

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# The Servant Songs of Isaiah

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**I**nto the gathering gloom breaks a beam of brilliant light!

Isaiah speaks of Israel's coming defeat by the Assyrians and their removal by exile to Babylon. Yet in the midst of this darkness he envisions Israel's eventual redemption, restoration, and exaltation. The servant of the Lord will accomplish this.

The theme of chapters 40-66 of Isaiah is the Servant of the Lord. Featuring this servant are four "suffering servant songs," in chapters 42, 49, 50, and 52-53. The heart of our hope is found here.

(1) 42:1-9: The servant, the delight of God, upheld by God, who receives God's Spirit, "will bring forth justice to the nations." The Almighty God will "give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the Gentiles."

(2) 49:1-7: The one to whom God said, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor...to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

(3) 50:4-9: God teaches his servant so that he might "know how to sustain with a word him who is weary." God vindicates him against those who strike and abuse him. His adversaries will "wear out like a garment eaten by moths."

(4) 52:13-53:12: "My servant" presents remarkable contrasts: "high and lifted up and exalted," yet his "appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance"; "kings will shut their mouths because of him," yet "he had no form or majesty that we should look at him"; "by oppression and judgment he was taken away," yet "by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous"; and "they made his grave with the wicked," yet "when his soul makes an offering for

sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand."

(The reader is encouraged to pause reading this article and read the four passages identified above.)

Who is this "servant?" This word is used twenty-one times in Isaiah. Eliakim (22:20) and David (37:35) are named as servants. Twice or possibly three times Isaiah identifies himself as servant (20:3; 42:19; 44:26), but Isaiah did not bring Israel back from Israel.

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The people of Israel are identified as God's servant: "Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me" (44:21). In seven other locations in Isaiah, Israel is named as God's servant: 41:8, 9; 43:10; 44:1, 2; 45:4; 48:20. Yet this is the Israel whom God has called "by your name...though you do not know me" (45:4). This is the people who, for their sins, are about to be exiled (43:24, 27), "whose heart is far from me" (29:13), who are compared to Sodom (1:9, 10; 3:9), whose leaders "grind the face of the poor" (3:15), drunkards (5:11), rapacious (5:8-9), rebellious, lying, refusing God's instructions (30:9), and who "go down to Egypt" for their deliverance, not to God (31:1). They had failed to keep the Law (43:2-5). Israel was not qualified to be the saviour of Israel.

Rather, the kingly servant, who is referred to specifically as "servant," while remaining generally unnamed in the text, is nevertheless magnificently portrayed. God's special ser-

vant is so named eight times in the Prophecy: 42:1; 49:3, 5, 6, 7; 50:10; 52:13; 53:11. In one passage, the servant is named: "Israel" (49:3). The servant is the new Israel, embodying his people whom he saves (cf. Matt. 2:15; Hos. 11:1). He leads a new exodus over "a highway for our God" (40:1-5). He is the new David, identifying the people whom he will rule and the lineage in which he will descend (9:7). He will establish the new Jerusalem (62:1-3). He is the source of a new creation, in which the people will live in peace, their enemies destroyed, the desert blooming, the blind, deaf, lame, and mute healed, and sickness gone (34-35; 65:17). His greatness is unsurpassed: "...the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..." (9:6).

Also, he is the suffering servant, through whose agonies the people are restored to their land and to their God. He is one "deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers..." (49:7). He is one who "gives my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting" (50:6). "He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hid their faces he was despised and we esteemed him not" (53:3). "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth...by oppression and judgment he was taken away..." (53:7, 8).

Finally, he is the saviour servant. He is the one who "will open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison where they sit in darkness" (42:7). "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back

the preserved of Israel; I will make you a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach the end of the earth” (49:6). The grand conclusion: “Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors” (53:12).

Clearly, the Servant, while remaining unnamed by Isaiah, is the promised Messiah. When the Persian king, Cyrus (44:28; 45:1, 13), permitted the Israelites to return from exile, only a remnant responded. They were intimidated by their neighbors, their rebuilt temple was a disappointment, greed and self-serving became the order of the day (Ezra-Nehemiah). This was not the wonderful new age promised in Isaiah’s writings. Five and a half centuries will pass before the people would “behold the king in his beauty” (33:17).

The New Testament is Isaiah rewritten. Sixty-one quotations from Isaiah are found in eighty-five locations in twenty of its twenty-seven books. Jesus’ virgin birth fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (Matt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14). His was the voice crying in the wilderness (Matt. 3:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23; Isa. 40:3). He is “the great light in the darkness” seen by those in “Zebulun and Naphtali...Galilee of the Gentiles” (Matt. 4:14, 15; Isa. 9:1). When Jesus taught in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he quoted Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim good news to the poor...to

proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:16-19; Isa 61:1-2). Jewish leaders conspired how they might “destroy” Jesus because he healed on the Sabbath; Matthew, in 12:18-21, quotes Isaiah 42:1-3, “behold, my servant whom I have chosen...” He was “numbered with the transgressors” (Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37; Isa. 53:12). Philip found the Ethiopian reading from Isaiah while riding in his chariot: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter...,” then Philip “opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus” (Acts 8:32, 33, 35; Isa. 53:7, 8). Paul preached Jesus as “the light for the Gentiles” (Acts 13:47; Isa. 49:6). Paul, in his letter to the Romans, quotes Isaiah nineteen times, e.g. “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved” (Rom. 9:27; Isa. 10:22). The Hebrew writer notes that Jesus is “not ashamed to call them brothers (the “sons brought to glory,” v. 10), and quotes Isaiah, “Behold, I and the children God has given me” (Heb. 2:13; Isa. 8:18). Peter identifies Christ as “the precious corner stone”

(1 Pet. 2:6; Isa. 28:16). He states that Christ “committed no sin,” but “by his stripes you are healed” (1 Pet. 2:22, 24; Isa. 53:9, 5). Jesus in his Revelation, in his letter to the church at Philadelphia, describes himself as “the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens,” quoting from Isaiah 22:22.

Jesus of Nazareth is the Servant of Isaiah!

The Servant’s achievement is the new Israel, the “called out” by Jesus, the saved of the earth: “The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God!” (62:2, 3).

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## Does Size Matter?

Wayne Turner

In February, Andy Stanley, megachurch pastor, in a February 28 sermon trying to challenge church parents to be active in their children's spiritual development by having them involved in well-organized and well-attended youth programs, said something that caused a major reaction. He told parents that if they say that they prefer a smaller church where they are comfortable and can know everybody, "You are so stinking selfish. You care nothing about the next generation... You don't care about your kids [or] anybody's else's kids... You are a selfish adult. Get over it."

You might filter those thoughts through the fact that Stanley heads up North Point Ministries in the Atlanta area which has six campuses and over 30,000 in attendance on Sundays. There would be thousands of children in his system. Just the size of the children and youth programs would strongly reinforce the teaching and provide strong peer support. But was his statement intended to put down small churches and small youth groups?

In retrospect, Stanley later apologized for those words. On Twitter, he wrote, "The negative reaction to the clip from last weekend's message is entirely justified. Heck, even I was offended by what I said! I apologize." In an interview published in Christianity Today he said, "As much as I wish folks would listen to the entire message, it really doesn't diminish the absurdity of what I said." As explanation for the statement, he said his comment was not directed at people involved in ministry, but rather at "adult church attenders who are content to attend a church that is comfortable for them in spite of what it may mean for their children and the next generation."

We can begin to understand what Stanley intended. He wanted to shake up those whose comfort and complacency was at the possible expense of their children's souls. A faith of convenience is difficult to pass on. Apology accepted. But, is there a necessary link between the size of a church and the strength of its faith, life and teaching or its influence? Such a suggestion would be a disservice to the many very committed Christians who worship and work effectively in small congregations. It is somewhat ironic that many of those in small churches see big churches as places where some people go to be invisible, anonymous and inactive. This is supported by recent research published out of Duke University from a study headed by David Eagle that showed that people in larger churches were less involved and attended less frequently than those in smaller churches.

The dynamics of interpersonal relationships differs widely between smaller and larger churches. Many of us have heard people from larger churches lament that they do not know very many people nor do they have any access to church leaders, let alone the main minister himself, other than possibly shaking his hand briefly as they leave. Similarly, children and youth may be diverted away to age specific gatherings and not able to sit and worship with their parents and other family members. Smaller churches allow personal contact between leaders and members, young and old. They are truly multigenerational and allow close relationships across the whole range of the congregation. Everyone knows almost everyone else, leaders are accessible and able to be a personal influence. After all, the church is about being a body, community, family. It is characterized by its relationships and love, not programs. There is a possible danger that a small congregation might seem closed and cliquish to outsiders. We need to be open and welcoming.

The personal differences of preference for small or large congregations will always exist. Like the soup commercial that argues whether it should be eaten with a fork or a spoon, it really doesn't matter. The Lord's work can be carried out in any situation and under all circumstances. Christ should be preached and served, as Paul put it, "in season and out of season." Whether we are involved with a small congregation, a large one, or one in-between, we need to ensure that we are faithfully serving Christ and following His word.

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# Isaiah and the Messiah

Richard Kruse

**L**uke (4:16-21) records that Jesus began his public ministry by announcing Isaiah 61:1-2 was fulfilled in him. A few years later an Ethiopian government official was reading from Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12. He asked Philip, the evangelist: "Was the prophet talking about himself or about someone else?" Philip answered by telling him about Jesus the Messiah.

Notice the following descriptions of the Messiah from the New Testament and see if Isaiah's picture of the Suffering Servant of God is reflected in the life and death of Jesus.

## ISAIAH 52:13-15

**\* 13 "See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted."**

**"Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:47,52).**

*"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32).*

**\* 14 "Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness."**

*"Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him" (Matthew 26:67).*

*"The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him" (Luke 22:63).*

*"Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head..." (John 19:1-2).*

**\* 15 "so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand."**

*"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, ... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance" (1 Peter 1:1-2).*

## ISAIAH 53:1-12

**\* 1 "Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"**

*"Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:*

*"Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (John 12:37-38).*

*"At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children'" (Matthew 11:25).*

**\* 2 "He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him."**

*"He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him" (John 1:10).*

**\* 3 "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."**

*"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him" (John 1:11).*

*"And they took offense at him" (Mark 6:3).*

*"People brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed" (Mark 1:32).*

*"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death" (Matthew 26:38).*

**\* 4 "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted."**

*"Jesus wept" (John 11:35).*



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*"This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases'"* (Matthew 8:17).

**\* 5 "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."**

*"One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear"* (John 19:34).

*"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed"* (1 Peter 2:24).

**\* 6 "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."**

*"For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).

*"I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name"* (1 John 2:12).

*"And they sang a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation'"* (Revelation 5:9).

**\*7 "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."**

*"When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ... But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge - to the great amazement of the governor"* (Matthew 27:12,14).

*"The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life - only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father"* (John 10:17-18).

*"All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast - all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world"* (Revelation 13:8).

**\* 8 "By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken."**

*"Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him'"* (John 19:4).

*"He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one"* (John 11:51-52).

**\* 9 "He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth."**

*"Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed"* (Luke 23:32).

*"As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea ... he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him"* (Matthew 27:57-58).

*"He (Messiah) appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin"* (1 John 3:5).

**\* 10 "Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord**

**makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand."**

*"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour"* (John 12:27).

*"Jesus commanded Peter, 'Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?'"* (John 18:11).

*"And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground"* (Luke 22:44).

*"Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ... 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'"* (Matthew 27:46).

*"Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds'"* (John 12:23-24).

*"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day"* (John 6:40).

*"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother"* (Matthew 12:50).

*"I (the Messiah) am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades"* (Revelation 1:18).

**\* 11 "After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities."**

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28).

*"Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit"* (John 19:30).

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*“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness” (2 Peter 1:3).*

*“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 17:3).*

*“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One” (1 John 2:1).*

**\* 12 “Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”**

*“He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work” (1 John 3:8).*

*“It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’ and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment” (Luke 22:37).*

*“They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left and the scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘He was counted with the lawless ones’” (Mark 15:27).*

*“They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers” (Revelation 17:14).*

*“Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing’ (Luke 23:34).*

*“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One” (1 John 2:1).*

Even though there are many more references to the life of Jesus the Messiah that could be given, we limited this study to the Gospels and two of the Apostles’ writings. The beginning and conclusion of Jesus’ earthly ministry are “bookended” by the prophet Isaiah. You can clearly see that Jesus the Messiah is reflected in the word picture that the prophet Isaiah painted about 700 years before Jesus was born.

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## The King and Isaiah

Isaiah is considered by many to be the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, mainly because of his prolific writing. His book stands out as the second longest in Scripture and is rife with Messianic prophecies. While the majority of his writing is either pronouncements of impending judgement or promises of restoration, Isaiah does give us a couple of brief narratives. One of those deals with events in the life of King Hezekiah. (chapters 36 & 37) These stories may also be found in 2 Kings 18 and 19 and 2 Chronicles 32.

There are several lessons we can learn from Hezekiah's conflict with the Assyrians. Isaiah plays a part in this international drama, but the main characters are Hezekiah and Sennacherib, the king of Assyria.

Hezekiah ruled during a very turbulent time in Judah's history. His father, Ahaz, had left the country in a state of idolatry, with the temple polluted and closed, and as a vassal to Assyria. Many areas around them, including Israel, had already fallen to the Assyrians. Unlike his father, Hezekiah chose to serve the Lord. 2 Kings 18:5 says, **"Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him."** Very early in his reign, he opened and repaired the Temple and re-established worship to the Lord, inviting Israelites from all around to join in celebrating the Passover.

On the political front, Hezekiah used Sennacherib's ascension to the throne as an opportunity to break free of his vassal status. This brought the Assyrian army into Judah and payment of tribute did not deter them. (2 Kings 18) It is here that Isaiah picks up the story.

Sennacherib took considerable territory from Hezekiah and then moved into Lachish. While there, he sent his field commander and a large army with a message for Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to intimidate and dishearten them. Sennacherib left Lachish and his army pulled back from Jerusalem, but he hadn't given up. He sent a letter to Hezekiah with the same threats that had been uttered by his field commander.

Hezekiah had already done all that was humanly possible to protect Jerusalem from the Assyrians. He had dug a tunnel to bring water from the Gihon spring into the city (2 Kings 20:20) and blocked water sources outside the city so invaders would not have an easy access to water. He had fortified the city walls and made a large number of weapons. (2 Chronicles 32:2-5) But human efforts would not be enough.

Hezekiah knew that even with all his preparations, the Assyrian army was too large and too powerful for him to withstand for very long. He realized that he and the people needed God's help if they were to survive, and so he went to the temple and laid his problem before the Lord. **"When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the Lord"** (Isaiah 37:1). He also sent some officials to Isaiah to ask him to pray for the people. (verses 2-4) Again, when he received the letter, he took it to the temple and **"spread it out before the LORD"** (verse 14. Isaiah records Hezekiah's prayer in verses 15-20)

Whatever our struggles or problems in life may be, we need to follow Hezekiah's example. We should make appropriate preparations. **"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be**

**self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written 'Be holy, because I am holy'"** (1 Peter 1:13-16). However, no matter how well prepared we are, we always need to seek the Lord's help. **"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you"** (1 Peter 5:7).

Sennacherib, on the other hand, gives us good examples of what not to do. Read his threats in chapters 36:4-20 and 37:10-13. These messages are arrogant and boastful. He brags about the strength of his army and all his conquests and those of his predecessors. **"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble'."** (1 Peter 5:5) **"This is what the LORD says: 'Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,' declares the LORD"** (Jeremiah 9:23, 24).

Sennacherib assumed Hezekiah would be relying on Egypt for help. From a worldly perspective, the smart thing to do when threatened by a powerful enemy was to engage another powerful country as an ally. In Hezekiah's case, that would have been Egypt. Hezekiah knew that Egypt was unreliable and that he could have no more powerful ally than God. He was not using worldly wisdom. **"Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a 'fool' so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight"** (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

Being an idol worshipper, Sennacherib had some serious misconceptions about the God on whom Hezekiah relied. He saw high places

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# Eternity in the Heart

Don England

If you have ever sat beside one of our great oceans and watched the endless pounding of the waves against the shore, it is likely you have had thoughts of time and eternity. Indeed, it is also likely that if you have ever contemplated your own mortality, you have had similar thoughts. And who has not, for it seems to be an intrinsic part of the human psyche to muse over such things. Perhaps this is what the wise “Preacher” had in mind when he penned the following words:

*“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from the beginning to the end”* (Eccles. 3:11 NIV).

Biblical writers use the word “heart” to signify the mind. We know this from the use of the word in Genesis 6:5-6 where we are told that “The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.” So it is in the mind or the thinking of man where the Lord has lodged the inclinations and mulling’s of eternity, and it is unlikely that any person who has exercised his mind has escaped these ponderings.

Time and eternity are two of science’s most challenging concepts. In fact, prior to 1962, scientists were in complete agreement that time and the universe were co-eternal, a conclusion with which Scripture did not agree. Subsequent to the work of scientists at Bell Telephone Laboratories, there is now near universal agreement that both time and the universe are not

eternal but had their beginning with what is called the Big Bang.

Several years ago my wife and I assisted with a summer Christian youth camp in Wisconsin. There I met a young girl wearing a T-shirt that, on the front, declared “I believe in the Big Bang.” I carefully maneuvered so I could read what was on the back of the shirt. It read, “God said Bang and there it was.” With that explanation I am perfectly happy, and science is unlikely to improve upon it as well.

One must be careful when attempting to harmonize Scripture with the latest pronouncement of science. This is true because scientists always have the option of changing their minds based on the discovery of new data. On the other hand, Scripture does not change. However, in respect to the question of time and eternity, science and Scripture now agree that both had a beginning. Scripture is uncompromising in its claim that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

It is most interesting, as well as significant, that the inspired writers of Scripture give us insights into what transpired in Heaven before God said, “Let there be light.” For example, we are told that before creation our God and Father was busy laying plans for the establishment of His Eternal Kingdom (Matthew 25:34), a plan which Christ came to carry out by the sacrifice of Himself when the time was right (Gal. 4:4).

We are also told that Christ was with God in the beginning (John 1:2) and

that God loved Christ even before he created the world (John 17:24). Christ was the spoken Word of God which became the agency of creation of all things (John 1:3). He pre-existed “... all things, and in Him all things hold together” – then and now! (Col. 1:17). Before the creation of the world, God’s plan of salvation, which would involve the sacrifice of His Son, was already in place (1 Peter 1:19-20).

Paul is particularly expressive of Heaven’s activities prior to the beginning of time. He states that God “... chose us, in him (Christ) before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ...” (Eph. 1:4-5, NIV). Again, in 2 Timothy 1:9b-10: “This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the *beginning of time* (my emphasis) but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

So the next time you find yourself, like the Preacher of Ecclesiastes, pondering eternity in your heart, remember that in *eternity past* God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and perhaps the angels, were busy formulating a plan for your creation, your re-creation in Christ Jesus and your abode with them for *eternity future* (John 14:1-4). Praise be to God our Father and His Son Christ Jesus!

Searcy, Arkansas

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as legitimate sites for worship and recognized that they had been in use for many years. He did not know God’s commands in regard to worship and therefore felt that the LORD would not be pleased with Hezekiah’s removal of those high places. In our daily lives we may encounter those who think it odd that we differ in many ways from most others churches. Likely they do

not know the Scriptures or see the necessity of adhering to them. “**There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death**” (Proverbs 14:12).

Surely Sennacherib sealed his fate when he taunted the God of heaven, equating Him with the pagan idols. (Isaiah 36:18-20) We, too, may be ridiculed for believing in one true God and refusing to accept all religions as

equally valid. “**I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God**” (Isaiah 45:5).

“**For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope**” (Romans 15:4). Let us learn from Isaiah’s story of Hezekiah and Sennacherib.



## Forgetting God

**D**euteronomy chapter eight begins, “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not” – Deuteronomy 8:1, 2 (ESV). As the people looked forward to entering the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their offspring, Moses speaks to them to remind them of the need to remember God. In his sermon to them on this occasion, he challenges them to remember God.

Clearly it was a land that provided everything they could hope for. It was not like what they had experienced in Egypt which was desert like, but a land with all the right conditions for their every need, personally and for their livestock as well. He says, “For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper” - Deuteronomy 8:7-9 (ESV). “A good land” with an overflowing water supply; an abundance of food; lacking nothing; including a rich supply of minerals. Their following of God and doing His will should have been what I would call a “no brainer”.

(Something, especially a choice or decision, that is so obvious or easy as to require little or no thought).

How can one guard against the possibility of forgetting God? Look again at the passage quoted above, “And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you.” What would you consider to be one of the very first things needed by a person if he/she is to become a truly mature Christian? I suppose there might be several answers to this question but to me if not first on the list, very high on the list would be “humility”. Truly there are many today who believe they know more or better than God what mankind needs and, looking at the so called “Christian worship” that is being practiced, they know better than God what He wants as worship. If the Bible is true and the story there is of a loving God who lives today, sustains life and has made true promises to His people, their praise and service as He desires to be praised and served is due Him. As surely as “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” – Proverbs 16:18 (ESV), a humble spirit will do everything possible to honour and praise God in obedience.

As Christians we are reminded by Peter of our responsibility to serve God, and while he does not mention humility, it surely is a part of the foundation on which the Christian builds his/her life. “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” – 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV).

It seems unbelievable that one could forget God. However, we know all too well that many who do or have claimed to remember Him fail to show it in their daily life. Moses knew of this problem and gave some insight as to the reasons this could happen to the people of his time, and interestingly, the same dangers are around today. Carefully consider his words to the people and think about how much they express a serious danger for today as well. “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...” – Deuteronomy 8:11-14 (ESV). If people in Moses’ day were in danger of forgetting what God had done for them, how much more is it a danger for those of us living in North America today. Almost nothing seems to be impossible for man to accomplish through science and technology.

We must be wise enough to guard against those attitudes and practices guaranteed to take one away from properly respecting God. Moses reminds them that one thing that could lead to problems for them in the future was to fail to obey the commands of God...daily. As they came under other influences in the land it would be possible for them to neglect and to totally ignore the commandments of God since they were so different from those of the people around them. Make no mistake, when God’s commands and His will is neglected and ignored, spiritual death will follow. However, as one “walks in the light with Jesus” (1 John 1:7), his/her mind will be upon the Lord and His will for one’s life remembering that God is deserving of our love and commitment.

# NEWS

## - EAST -

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**Bramalea:** Glen Robins, Bramalea's guest speaker on February 21, gave an excellent lesson on "Salt and Light". The congregation held its annual general meeting on Sunday, March 6. A summer intern is being sought. The congregation plans to support a Haitian orphan each month through Jean Volcy's program. Bramalea's young people are donating to this project, too. Tribute was paid to Bob Hunter who resigned as one of Bramalea's elders at the end of 2015. Bob served faithfully for the congregation for 27 years. Japan: Joel Osborne, Hiro Akahoshi and Takumi Ogawa returned to Mito on February 17 to continue their work with the Mito church and Cambodia. Donations for Joel and Kristin Osborne and Hiro and Megumi Akahoshi can be forwarded to Bramalea church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton Ontario L6T 3Y2. Joel's email is joelsensei5@gmail.com; Hiro's is hxa04c@acu.edu; and the Bramalea church mail@bramaleacofc.ca.

**Tintern:** On December 13, 2015 Tintern held a congregational meeting to approve the 2016 Budget. Tintern's Elders were affirmed for 2016. December 20th was

Tintern's annual Christmas Celebration. There were many visitors in the auditorium. Thanks to Don Rose for organizing the skit that EPIC (one of our youth groups) performed. Thanks also to Corrie Rose for organizing a children's choir this year. Also, a special thank you to two young Tintern members (Erica and Sadie Tallman) who wrote and performed their own short skit. There are several pictures on our Facebook page as well. Tintern was able to help Village of Hope's Annual Christmas Dinner hosted by Village of Hope ([www.thevillageofhope.ca](http://www.thevillageofhope.ca)) from Vineland. The event was held at Great Lakes Christian High School on Tuesday December 23. Our Syrian sponsored family arrived January 23. They stayed for one night in Toronto and then on the 24<sup>th</sup> were moved into their new home. We have encountered so many generous people on this journey, many who immigrated to Canada many years ago as refugees themselves. God has been so clearly at work in all we have been doing! Continue to pray about this effort. Thanks be to God for all He is doing through us. On February 2 there was a Welcome to Canada party for our family. Lots of food was shared with all the guests. The family shares some of their experiences in Aleppo, Syria and Lebanon before moving to Canada. Our Annual General Meeting was held January 31. Right before the meeting there was a soup and sandwich fundraiser for TRUTH's (our mission team) mission trip to Micah 6 in Pontiac, Michigan. A group will be going to work with Dylan Pyeatt and Micah 6 at the end

of May. The men's Bible Study "Wings & the Word" continue to meet every other Monday night at Neighbourhood Pizza in Beamsville. The women will complete a Beth Moore study at the end of March called "Breath - The life of God in Us". It's a 6 week study on the Holy Spirit.

**Toronto (Bayview Ave):** Bayview had its annual meeting on February 20, and decisions were made for the year ahead, after considering 2015. The budget for 2016 was reviewed, and reports were heard from the church's Ministry Teams. Prior to the meeting the Fellowship Team distributed and collected completed surveys to gauge interest in the activities being considered for 2016. Suggestions were also solicited. Members at Bayview have been invited to contribute shoes in age appropriate sizes for the children at Notre Maison in Haiti, and that collection is currently taking place. David Knutson just completed his sermon series based on Hebrews, and Jean Volcy has started the study of Isaiah in Bible class. Chad Comfort, after completion of the study of Luke on Wednesday evening, has begun leading a study of Acts. We are grateful to these leaders for their dedication in sharing God's Word with us.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.):** Bob Hibbard Jr is working part time with Max in preparation for the upcoming semi-retirement of Max in July after 29 years with Strathmore. At that time, Bob will become the regular minister for the congregation. Max will continue to work with Strathmore in the Key To The Kingdom

Ministry and will plan to be with the congregation on weekends when in the city to do the Key production. The congregation was happy to welcome Estelle Parker to Strathmore and also Cesar Rodrigues who is from Brazil. His wife had been in Toronto for four months doing ESL. She returned to Brazil, but she and their son, Jonas, are to return to Toronto in August and she plans to be in school for the next two years.

**Owen Sound:** Rejoice with us as Jeanne Grandsen and Linda Spence were baptized into Christ.



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

### ALBERTA

**Edmonton Northside:** Our annual Beat the Blues Banquet was a success. We enjoyed a delicious supper, great entertainment and fellowship. Clea Beachell was baptized and added to the Lord's family. Several men have been added to the leadership. Kirby Salter is our new elder. We have 8 new deacons: David Friesen, Chris Goossen, Emerson Guimaraes, Roland Latifi, Jay Manintim, Sean McCartan, Clackson Yambie and Ifedayo Zacchaeus.

**Edmonton Southside:** February 26-28 was our annual winter retreat. Theme for the weekend was Growing to Maturity based on Hebrews 6:1-2. Ken Fox of Arizona was guest speaker. The lessons were: They Walked 62 Miles to Hear This, Jesus Said You're What?, 18 Ways to Be Like Jesus, How to Think Like Jesus, How to Talk Like Jesus, How to Grow Like Jesus, and Charge. Ken's wife, Jane presented 2 lessons to the Ladies.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** "Five visitors were among the 23 gathered in our worship here the last Sunday in February. When tables were set up afterwards for our once-a-month potluck, it really fills up our rental room, but is a wonderful time of continued fellowship which everyone really enjoys. Today is a beautiful day which starts peaking our desire to start traveling the BC ministry circuit as the roads into most of BC are becoming safer to travel again. With high

passes in most of the directions we go, we keep close tabs on the road reports. Our first trip was a late start to Kelowna on March 12 in order to bring a lesson to the small home congregation the following day. While in Kelowna we had hoped to go to Oroville which hadn't had what once was a yearly gospel meeting. Although we were not able to visit this first service after several years' absence, we are delighted that the Christians there have the courage to pick up again, as this will encourage not only themselves and others, but let the community know that they are still there. Speakers for the day were Murray Ververda, from Vernon, B. C., and Steve Crews from Cashmere, WA. (Report from Jen Weir)

**Burnaby:** The congregation, as well as all who know them, is in shock and mourning over the loss of four-month-old Avery May Johnson, who was found lifeless in her crib during an afternoon nap on Feb. 23. She was the baby daughter of Tim and Elizabeth Johnson, and leaves two little brothers, Nigel and Levi. Her mother is the daughter of Marilyn Jacobs, who brought her from India as a baby to raise her in Canada, and her grandparents are Allen and Betty Jacobs, well known for their

many years as missionaries to India. A Memorial service for Gertrude (Trudy) (Orr) Barnes, who died on Feb. 26 at the age of 97, was held here on March 12. Her friends from childhood, Ron Beckett, preached the sermon, and Larry Hoff, gave the story of her life. Her faithfulness, wisdom and hospitality will be missed by the many who have known her since her association with the 12th Ave. church, Oakridge, and finally, Burnaby since its inception some 45 years ago.

**Delta:** Larry Hoff, who was appointed as one of our first elders in 1999, has resigned. His many years of service and encouragement are deeply appreciated. Erol Dogan was our guest speaker on Feb. 21, covering the book of Ecclesiastes with the use of Power Point. His attention-getting title was "Steak and Wine", and led into the message of how futile life without God is. An example used was a look on the life of Elvis Presley who seemingly had it all, yet died unsatisfied, as he seemed to have lived only from an earthly perspective. He perhaps had never read Isaiah 40: 28-31 which asks if mankind has not heard that "the Lord is an everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth who will not grow

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tired or weary." People continue to search for the meaning of life, but if it is begun with the wrong assumption, it invariably leads to the wrong conclusion: "there is no God, no life after death". So they look to the 16 vanities listed in Ecclesiastes – pleasure, knowledge, popularity, etc., ignoring the fact that God says that to "Fear God and keep His commandments is the whole duty of man." Erol pointed out that "Looking at the hope and future God gives us as seen in Isaiah 25, gives us what we need to make it through our existence here." He plans to give lessons on Jerusalem later this year.

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** Joe McKissick, former member who spent most of his years in Canada starting a congregation in Coquitlam, B.C., was honoured on his 90th birthday at his home in Abilene, TX, with a book of memories from those who remembered and worked with him in the Vancouver area. In order to be able to attend the Great Lakes Bible Course by Jim Holsten on "Strategies for Evangelism in Canada", a minimum number of participants must be registered by April 15. Subjects for the May

23-27 lectureship will include "Building Healthy Churches", "Revitalizing Existing Churches", "Planning New Churches" and "Practical Congregational Strategies for Reaching Your Community". The course may be taken for credit if desired. Congratulations to Milton Diaz who has finished a First Aid Life-Saving Course recognized by British Columbia and the Yukon Council that does not expire until March 21 of 2019.

**Nanaimo:** Our preacher, Derek King, and his family have moved to Arkansas in order for him to pursue further Bible studies at Harding University. Our men are taking turns preaching with the exception for one Sunday a month when Erol Dogan will be with us to speak. His sermon on Feb. 29 covered the topic of "Theology Vs Meology" as in 1 Cor.11, and was presented with Power Point.

**Surrey:** We are in the process of appointing deacons and compiling a new directory. Staffed by planners and volunteer help, a "Bible-Fun Day" was held on March 19 for all children under the age of 15. It included a "New Life" presentation, songs, crafts and lunch served in-between three hours of action.

## MANITOBA

**Carman:** Our annual lectureship was March 25–27. Blair Roberts presented lessons on "At Many Times and In Various Ways".

**Winnipeg:** We rejoice with Sabrina Johnson in her decision to confess her faith in Christ and be baptized. We also rejoice with Leanne Johnson who was baptized into Christ. The Youth and College Group held a movie and discussion night. The movie was God's Not Dead 2. A presentation was done on our Mexico Mission Experience 2015 and to learn about the plans for 2016.

## SASKATCHEWAN

**Moosomin:** March 11–12 a curling bonspiel fund raiser was held for Clearview Christian Camp.

**Saskatoon:** March 18–20 we hosted Alive & Free a weekend with Rick Atchley from the Hills Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas.

**Weyburn:** Caleb Vance has agreed to work with us this summer.

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# MISSION NEWS

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**VANUATU:** (Vanuatu is a Pacific island nation located in the South Pacific Ocean. The archipelago, which is of volcanic origin, is some 1,750 kilometres east of northern Australia, 500 kilometres northeast of New Caledonia, east of New Guinea, southeast of the Solomon Islands, and west of Fiji – Wikipedia).

(Ed.note: Tobey Huff and his 2-3 native workers are losing no time in getting the additional buildings for a Bible Institute for the South Pacific to be ready for opening classes this year in spite of a drought that has caused their gardens to wither away and high humidity with a variance between day and night temperatures of only two degrees.) “The Bible School classroom is finished. I painted the floor in the library and the desks are in place in the classroom. It took over a week of cutting out and welding the frames, after that building and putting the parts together and painting. I made the teacher lecture stand and painted it red to keep the students awake. The white board I had to make with white laminate glued to a piece of Masonite board and glued to the wall with a frame of mahogany to keep it in place. You have to do what needs to be done when nothing is available here.



Each desk will seat two students with flip up lids so they can keep items in the desks. Again like the library the desk tops are discarded tops I picked up when building cabinets in Joplin and shipped them to Fiji in our personal container in 2007. Although some had gotten wet in Fiji when the container flooded, I had a whole lot and was able to salvage enough for our needs.

“Goman is working on the kitchen and toilet



for the students and we expected to have it done by mid-February. Government schools started classes February 8 and I hope to get everything into place to get CIBS started by the second term. It just takes time, time and time and a half. “With the dearth of rain I have been watering but not too much avail. The beans have dried up and the tomatoes do not have a variance of 5 degree C so they are not producing fruit. (I know how they feel as with no variance of temps AM to PM just surviving is the means to the end.) I did, however, this afternoon pick the pineapple that was growing in the back yard. We also had the big stock of banana ripen this month. The problem is they ALL ripened at once under the verandah, so lots of banana bread in the future. We have lots of pawpaws growing again after the cyclone.

I go through at least 6 shirt changes a day and I have severe heat rash on my back along with hive breakouts when I come in at night after working and especially early morning before I get up. They go away after I spray them with window cleaner (the ammonia knocks the itch down) and I get busy (a cup of coffee helps also!) Swelling in Kathy’s ankle has not gone down completely since she twisted it nine weeks ago and it is still painful to walk on. We are hoping she can see a specialist coming in February as she is bringing an ultrasound machine with

her. Please pray for healing!! Kathy and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary on January 17. The present she asked for was a new larger toilet seat which I was more than happy to give her. Love that practical woman!! The ONLY runway in Port Vila has been having problems with the surface. It was supposed to be resurfaced over 10 years ago but government bickering kept it from being done. As the blacktop

has been falling apart, it came to a head last week with Air New Zealand, Qantas, Solomon Airlines and Virgin Blue refusing to land here until the runway is fixed. Air Niugini and Fiji Airways are still considering. The local airline, Air Vanuatu, is still flying though. These are all jet airplanes that can suck up pieces of pavement, but we do still have island prop planes that can land. A decision was to be made on Feb 8 when the new government convened - if they got an agreement. Everyone is affected by this. Tourism is the main money earner and there will be no tourists flying in until the runway is resurfaced. Cruise ship visitors are still coming but they don’t stay in resorts or eat here. Our mail comes by plane from Australia, so no mail until further notice, even DHL or courier service. The mommas who sell cooked and raw food to resorts out here by the village no longer have a money source and with the new school term starting, school fees are due the first day. The resorts who have rebuilt after cyclone Pam will not be able to reopen as planned. This pretty much traps us on Vanuatu with very, very limited seating leaving our island to the outside world. And that’s how it is in “paradise”??” Onward and upward!”

[Grace & Peace, Tobey and Kathy Huff]  
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# Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society Presentations

Pine Orchard Church of Christ / August 15, 2015

The meeting of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society was held on Saturday August 15, 2015, at the Pine Orchard church building. Highlighting the event, were presentations by Elgin Whitfield and Margaret Hibbard.

Elgin presented a brief history of the Pine Orchard Church of Christ. The beginning of, the restoration movement in Pine orchard stretches back 111 years to 1904, when a small group of Christians who had been worshipping in Stouffville began to meet in their own homes.

The Stouffville congregation of the Lords' church had its' beginnings in 1852 primarily through the efforts of C. J. Lister, a very capable evangelist who was responsible for the origin of many churches in Ontario. With the conversion of John Yake and William Caistor, a place of worship was built that was still in use until 1934 when the Stouffville congregation ceased to meet. Among the early families were the Yakes, the Lehmans, the Howitts, the Rusnells, and the Keffers. Visiting speakers from the Bathurst Street congregation where George Barclay, W. McForrester, James Stewart and William Smart. From 1907 to 1920 Charles Petch was their evangelist, followed by Alex Stewart and H. McKerlie who were visiting preachers.

What can be identified as progressive and conservative thinking during this time in the Canadian Restoration Movement, influenced the direction of many congregations. The respective "camps" of thinking were represented in religious periodicals of the time. The

Bible Index edited by James and Robert Beatty was the voice of the conservative branch of the brethren which opposed among other things located preachers and the use of instrumental music in worship. The Pine Orchard congregation was influenced by the conservative side of the restoration movement. The determination to protect the "purity of the gospel" is reflected in the "Deed" of 1915 for the purchase of the property for the building where the Pine Orchard congregation meets today. The conditions covered in the deed, written over 100 years ago, continue to be reflected in at least one aspect: for more than 100 years Pine Orchard has been a "mutual ministry" congregation.

Margaret Hibbard's presentation was a picture of one of the most influential and impacting families in the history of the Restoration

Movement in Canada: the family of William John Cann. Margaret was able to connect us with some links to this family that some in attendance were also able to identify with.

William John Cann was born in Hampton, Ontario, on February 21, 1859. His marriage to Cordelia Reynolds produced five daughters whose lives and their descendants were the focus of Margaret's presentation. She noted that the five sisters and their spouses made up the nucleus of the church in Thessalon. As to the influence with the first two generations of William John Canns' family, there were at least nineteen preachers. Daughter Edith married Tom Bailey, who also preached. From Tom and Ediths' family came 14 preachers among whom was J. C. Bailey who is well known for his evangelistic work in Canada and India. Others in the family became elders and served as missionaries. Material for Margaret's presentation came from a wide variety of family publications and diaries including books by J.C. Bailey and his wife Myrtle, and his brother Cecil.

## Historian of the Year

Ed Broadus was named Historian of the year in appreciation of his contributions to the study of Canadian restoration history and in recognition of two books which cover an important period in our history: "How the Disciples Came Together in Early Ontario" which was published in 2009. The second book is entitled: "How the Disciples Grew in Ontario (1841 - 1867)", which was published in 2014.

Bob Hibbard Sr.



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- June 26<sup>th</sup>** - **Beamsville Church of Christ**  
4900 John Street, Beamsville

# Questions People Ask

Bill Craddock

## “Does one need a marriage licence?”

(This question was received on the church website email while I was at West Broward in Florida)

Where in the scriptures does it say one needs to sign a paper in order to show that you got married? I have been married for a very long time, so I do believe that one should get married if one wants to follow the Lord’s teaching. My young daughter does not, even though she was raised in the church of Christ. She claims that nowhere in the Bible is it stated that one needs to sign a marriage certificate in order to prove you are married. In other words, she claims that it will be enough that she makes an agreement with God and it will be between God and her. I know this is wrong. Where can I look in the Bible to show her clearly that this is not the right way in God’s eyes?

The thinking of this young lady is becoming more and more prevalent in our society. People are living together first and getting married later, if ever. This parent is looking for a scripture that says, “*You must have a marriage certificate to be married in the eyes of God.*” Truth of the matter is there is no such statement in those exact words in the Bible. However, there is teaching in the Bible that points out the necessity of

doing the very thing the parent is talking about.

It was necessary for the Lord to provide a way for men and women to be married else everyone would be committing adultery. As Jesus said in Matthew 19:4–6, “**Have you not read that he who made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.**”

What is the process for a man and a woman to be joined together in the sight of God? **By obeying the civil laws of the nation in which they live (Romans 13:1– 7). “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God,**

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and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves” (Romans 13:1, 2). For a couple to be recognized by the laws of the U.S., they must purchase a marriage license at the Probate Court, confirm their intent to the husband and wife before an authorized official, that conformation is recorded at the court house which means they are recognized as husband and wife by civil authorities and also in the sight of God. (In Ontario the couple needs a marriage licence or, if a first marriage, a banns form available from a church when they publicly announce their commitment during a service. The church publishes this declaration, called “the publication of banns”). As Paul states in verse 2, to resist civil law is to resist God.

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# OBITUARIES

## Tait, Marilee Ann

Marilee Tait passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family at the Residential Hospice of Grey-Bruce on Monday morning, February 29, 2016. She was in her 64<sup>th</sup> year.

She was the loving mother of Brad Tait, Justin Tait and Jennifer Donnelly. She is lovingly remembered by her six grandsons, Adrian, Eric and Ricky Tait and Lucien, Logan and Patrick Donnelly. Marilee is survived by her mother, Hazel Daley of Jarvis and her sister, Teresa (Bill) Green of Stoney Creek and by her brother, Dwight (Bev) Daley of Simcoe. She was predeceased by her father, Carl Oscar Daley and her younger brother, Denis Daley and is fondly remembered by several nieces and nephews, friends and her church family.

Marilee was born in Hagersville on October 11, 1952. She was the third of four children born to Carl & Hazel Daley. As a child she first lived along a creek in Selkirk, Ontario, and enjoyed playing with her siblings in the creek and find fossils when the creek was dry. At four years old her family moved to a house near

Rainham Centre, Ontario and at the age of five attended a one room school for grades one to three. She completed the rest of her elementary education at the Rainham Central School in Fisherville. After completing high school at Cayuga Secondary School Marilee found employment at a law firm in Caledonia, Ontario.

During the summer of 1972 Marilee married and moved to Deep River then not long after to Ottawa where she found employment at a very busy and prestigious law firm through which she met a number of politicians who were clients of the firm. In the years that followed she moved to such places as Kingston, Harrowsmith (where her children were born), Trenton and then back to Kingston. Future employment found her working for the County of Frontenac in the Gypsy Moth Spray Program and then later as the Deputy Clerk for the Clerk's Department of the County. When this last position was dissolved she was thrilled when the Office of the Honourable Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons contacted her about employment as they needed someone to manage his constituency office in Kingston and help with his re-election campaigns. This position enabled her to meet several past and present Prime

Ministers, Minister's of Federal Government departments, Members of Parliament and visiting dignitaries such as the Queen and Princess Diana and others from other countries. She was invited to attend the Prime Minister's annual Garden Party at the Prime Minister's residence at 24 Sussex Drive, Ottawa. The Right Honourable Jean Chretien was Prime Minister at the time.

Family times enjoyed together were canoeing, sitting by the home pool, country skiing trips and camping.

After her marriage of 30 years ended in 2003 she moved to Owen Sound in 2004 to be near her son Brad. There she was hired to work at the Grey-Bruce Community Legal Clinic as an Administrative Assistant until her health prevented her from continuing.

Her children say that she had two lifelong passions. One was to have a fulfilling career centred around helping people. The second was spending time with family. She loved doing just that with her grandchildren.

Marilee was baptized into Christ in Selkirk in 1962. She and her siblings had been raised by Godly parents. Marilee was a faithful and active member of the Owen Sound church of Christ since 2011. She loved Bible study, was active in the church's benevolence efforts throughout the community and was such an encourager to the church. God, indeed, had sent her to us and her coming was such a blessing. She will be greatly missed and we look forward to our reunion with her as promised by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The funeral was conducted by the writer; opening prayer was done by Bernard Hartung and the hymns were led by Al Muzzell.

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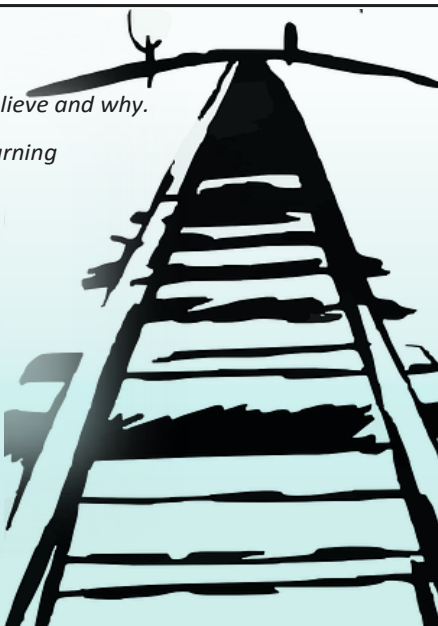
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## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**Ajax Church of Christ:** 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, Ontario L1S-4L4, 2nd floor, Duffins Room Sunday School 10:00 am-10:45 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday night Bible class in >

different brethren homes; Steve Chubry, Minister, Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcofc@centennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

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

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; 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@bramaleaocfc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 2:00 pm; Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleaocfc.ca

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

**CHESLY & 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; Mail: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: abojarski@cogeco.ca; website: www.home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/index.html

**FENWICK:** 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 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, P0J 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinning 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 Sandasse, 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





Clearview Christian Camp  
Kenosee Lake, Saskatchewan

# CAMP MAKEOVER WEEK

## JUNE 12-18, 2016

### The Plan

Several areas of the camp facilities are "tired"! Maintenance needs a "catch up" week. The Camp Board is inviting singles, couples, families, anyone from nine to ninety to contribute TIME and TALENTS (big or small) by joining us for part or all of the week. If you are unable to join us, you are, of course, welcome to contribute TREASURE!

### Provided

Meals!	Camper sites!	Camper cabins!	Morning Chapel Time!
Evening Lessons with Dan Wieb!		Music!	Singing

### Recreation Options

Golf!	Pontoon Boat Rides!	Hiking!	Horseback Riding!
Waterslides!	Hayride!	Quad Bike Riding!	Visiting! Games! Etc.

Come and join in the fun! If you are breathing and have a pulse, (and assuming that you love God and appreciate Clearview Christian Camp), we can find a way for you to contribute.

For information and reservations contact:

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