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### WORKING HARD AT Making Bad Relationships Good Ones (OVERCOMING)

"Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. 'But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

#### Romans 12:17-21

Imagine being treated the way Jesus was by evil men. They accused Him of being insane. They mocked Him and spat upon Him. He was beaten with fists and a rod. Those close to Him denied they ever knew Him and another betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver. Yet

### Brian Thompson

He continued to be kind to all of them. He did not try to get even but overcame their evil actions by denying Himself and with outstretched arms on a cross He experienced a terrible death for them.

When we meet around the Lord's Table every Sunday what does Jesus' words, "Do this in remembrance of Me" mean when some brethren have done many evil things to us? How does one overcome one's desire to get even in such situations? How does one calm an agitated heart when it's calling for revenge?

Jesus overcame evil by doing good. I've always struggled with the practicality of this statement. How is doing good to those who have done you evil a benefit? It makes me feel like I'm doing something I don't want to do which, in fact, is true. However, it does take



the focus off of what I want done to what God wants accomplished.

Notice the advantage in doing such in Proverbs 15:1, "A gentle answer (instead of a harsh one) turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." In I John 4:19 the Apostle John says, "We love (like Christ), because He first loved us (His love was unconditional and was constantly demonstrated to all)." Here John tells us that we can accomplish God's will regardless of how difficult we think it is to do when we keep focused on what He constantly does for us.

Brethren who are always unloving to each other are certainly not focused on God's will but only on their own. Now it's okay to admit that we can't love each other the way God expects us to. But because that's true doesn't mean that Christ, who dwells in us, can't express that love through us if we let Him. Saying "No!" to our will and "Yes!" to God's is often an every day challenge but if we're focused on His will more than our own **it can be done.** 

**Tip of the week:** The next time you're having difficulty in maintaining a good relationship with your brethren try extending your arms like Jesus did on the cross until you think more of your aching arms than you do about the problem. It's all a matter of focus (Hebrews 12:1-2).

#### **NOTICE:**

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## **Research Reveals Surprising Keys To Church Growth**

esus had a vision for His church to be established and to grow U throughout the whole world. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus told Simon Peter "I will build My church." Further in Matthew, Jesus directed the apostles, and by extension all of His future followers, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" Matthew 28:19. Our Lord clearly had a vision for His church to be a growing church. Do we have the same vision for His church in Canada and more specifically for the congregations we are each a part of? If we do, we would do well to take note of a recent article on church growth published in the National Post.

In the December 21, 2016 National Post an article was published on church growth. In an attempt to answer the questions "Which churches are growing? Which ones are dying?" the article reported on a Wilfred Laurier University study and you might be surprised at the findings.

# According the the Laurier study, growing churches:

• hold conservative theological positions – believe in Jesus' literal resurrection

• believe God answers prayers with miracles

• have members who read their Bibles daily

• are focused on evangelism

• agree (100% of respondents) it is very important to encourage non-Christians to become Christians

• describe the purpose or mission of the church as "evangelism"

• have a young membership: 2/3rds of members are under 60 years of age

• use innovations such as guitars and drums in services

• emphasize youth programming

Kevin Carson

#### **Conversely, dying churches:**

• have liberal doctrines

• only nominally agree (50% of respondents) it is very important to encourage non-Christians to become Christians

• describe the purpose or mission of the church as "social justice activities"

• have older memberships: 2/3rds of members are over 60 years old

• use an organ and choir in services

As a brotherhood that is committed to the New Testament model of the church, some of the findings such as whether to use a guitar and drums or an organ and choir in worship are not relevant to us. However, if we want our congregations to grow, we would do well to carefully consider the other factors that the study outlined.

In our current culture which promotes the right of individuals to decide for themselves what is right and what is wrong, you'd think that the churches that would be growing would be the ones that teach the most progressive, individually-focused form of Christianity. However, according to the Laurier study, the opposite is true. If a church "waters down" the gospel, de-emphasizing the expectations for Christians to live lives of personal holiness, to be obedient to God's commands, to read and follow the Bible, and instead focuses on easy to follow doctrine such as "love your neighbour" and "God is love," the result is a shrinking, dying church. As counter-intuitive as it may seem, when a church teaches that everyone is not "okay" as long as they have some sort of faith, but in fact that everyone must obey the gospel of Christ in order to be saved, then these churches experience growth.

The conclusion of the National Post writer was that "materialism and secularism's substitute for God, 'social justice,' cannot satisfy people's inherent spiritual hunger." If the church stands for nothing, then it offers nothing to the world. If we want our congregations to grow, we must, unashamedly, teach and live the full and complete message of the cross. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" John 14:6. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome" 1 John 5:3.

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### **Truth and Fake News**

Wayne Turner



The internet has proven to be one of our greatest assets. News and information is instantly available, communication reaches around the world in milliseconds. It is hard to imagine a world that is not electronically connected. But, with the great benefits offered, the internet has shown itself as a source of misinformation and untruth. Email.

websites, and social media, like Facebook, are sometimes sources of "fake (or hoax) news." Wikipedia states that these sites "publish hoaxes, propaganda, and disinformation, using social media to drive web traffic and amplify their effect." Unfortunately, these stories are read and passed on indiscriminately by well-intentioned but misinformed people.

Karl Vaters, in Pivot, (a blog on the Christianity Today site), distinguishes fake news sites from satire sites like The Onion and Babylon Bee. (We should note that some people have missed the satirical nature of these sites and have naively assumed the content to be true.) Obviously, there is a difference between that which is intentionally humorous and what is patently false but being passed as truth. We must be able to discern the difference.

How do we identify the difference between what is true and what is not? Sometimes people use their own preferences and tastes. If they like something or want it to be true, they believe it. Their choice is subjective, not objective. Contradictory information is doubted and rejected. The Apostle Paul speaks of those wishing to have their ears tickled. In other words, sometimes people are wilfully blind to truth, especially if it is uncomfortable or disagrees with what they already believe.

Beyond the questionable content of fake news are the origins of the misinformation. The website digitaleconomyforum.org states that the "online world is like the Wild West." Anyone with a computer and internet access can create a website and publish anything they want. This site states, "what often drives content to virality is not quality, but the shock and sharability factors." Getting hits is more important than truth. Like tabloid newspapers, the more sensational and outlandish, the more attention. Beyond this, some have malicious goals in distributing false information. There have been claims that there were attempts to influence the recent election in the United States by political activists and even foreign governments. Nasty tools like gossip, slander and innuendo have always been around. However, fake news on the internet extends much further around the world and reaches more people.

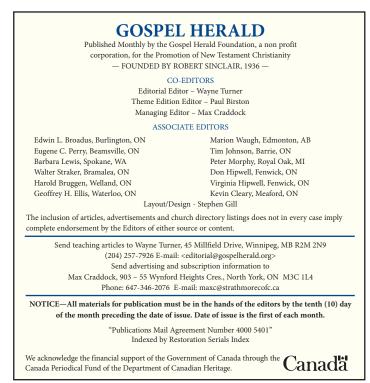
Vaters says "Christians should be the last people on earth who traffic in fake news. Even unintentionally." He states that when Christians get involved in distributing fake news, the "integrity of the church gets undermined" and "eternal lives at stake" as the "gospel message gets called into question." The problem is that people believe and distribute false information without verifying that it is accurate and true.

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians, "But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God." (2 Cor. 4:2 ESV) Vaters states, "We need to be rigorous about our factchecking. In our sermons and our conversations. Online and in person. The integrity of the church depends on it." If people around us cannot trust us to be accurate and truthful with easily verifiable information, how can they trust our message about Christ and the Bible? Vaters' title illustrates the problem: "A Matter of Integrity: Why Christians Must Stop Taking the Fake News Bait." He offers four simple suggestions:

- 1. Find out if it is true.
- 2. If it is not true, do not post it.
- 3. If you are unable to find out if it is true, do not post it.
- 4. If it is true and helpful, post it.

His last point is well made. Christians are told that their speech should be edifying and profitable for the hearer. Would this not include what they write and post on the internet? Paul wrote, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (Colossians 4:6 ESV).

Perhaps the best way to close is with Paul's admonition about where we feed our minds: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8, NIV).



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### How Does Power Rest in the Word of God?

ords are the tools we use to express feelings, desires, wants, hopes, faith. love...LIFE! In our words we are able to express ourselves to those who are close to us and let them know what we need or want. As parents we use words to teach and lead our children to do what we think they ought to do and to express our authority.

The Bible is God's word through which He expresses His desires and wishes for mankind. While the Bible contains the history of God's dealings with man and the

world, the lessons there are for helping us draw near to Him in faithful service. God has powerfully shown Himself to man from the beginning till now. From all these history lessons we understand the need to listen when God speaks.

In the Old Testament God began by talking to Adam and Eve and giving instructions on how they should live. Throughout the Old Testament God spoke His word to man either directly or through men of His choosing. In the 10 commandments. and the laws around them, He expressed His desire for Israel. Power was in those words because if the people believed them and obeyed them God

blessed them with the promises He had given. This was true whether the words were spoken directly to the person or given through a man such as Moses. Joshua or the prophets.

Today God does not speak to men face to face yet needs to convey His desires and wishes to mankind. How He does this is through the written word, the Bible. That does not mean we do not see God in creation and "hear His voice" through observation of His power of creation, healing, changing lives, etc. Yet, we do

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not look for Him to speak to us directly with some new message of salvation for today. Rather the Bible is that message of salvation needed by men today.

In Hebrews1:1, 2 the writer says, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe." While Jesus was here on earth He spoke the words God wanted us to hear and since His leaving God has sent the Holy Spirit to make clear the message of God to man. The work of the Spirit was first to "...teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" - John 14:26 (ESV). While this would not end the work of the Spirit since He is promised to all

who are born of spirit, this guidance in knowing the WORDS OF LIFE and being able to write them down was an important and powerful work He was to do.

The power dwells in the word today because it is the truth. Since it is truth for mankind and his relationship with God it (Bible) gives light for living and the power that comes from believing God has given instruction for His people that can be followed today. Jesus said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

The apostles knew the importance of the words of God and so when there were problems about the care for physical needs continued on next page

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of some in the church they said others should be appointed to look after this. "Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" -Acts 6:3, 4. This was not to say that the physical needs under consideration were not important. However, the work the apostles had to do with ministry of the Word of God was more important for them in fulfilling the work they had been given.

Paul speaks of the power (dynamis) of the gospel for salvation in Romans 1:16. The power of the word seen here as the "act of God which brought salvation" expressed in words. The power is not the words themselves but in the "truth" which words express. In fighting against the power of the evil one in this world it is the "sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17), one must use. Here is the power of the truth of God for mankind.

While the Bible is the word of God for man's wellbeing it is not powerful at all unless man approaches it in faith. The word can do nothing for a man if he does not believe. The Hebrew writer warns against falling short of the rest promised by God. He says, "Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened" – Hebrews 4:1, 2. The power of the word to bring one to a oneness with God will only work for the person who believes, and because he believes, will respond to God in obedience to His direction as given in the word and will not "alter or improve" it by making it more acceptable to mankind's ideas of what "should" please God. The Old Testament is filled with examples of people who tried to get God to accept partial obedience.

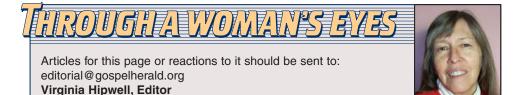
Therefore, one needs to hear and heed the words of James in chapter 1, verse 22, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Understand then, the power of the word of God is experienced when it is BELIEVED and OBEYED.

# Full-Time Evangelist/Minister – Edmonton church of Christ, AB

Our congregation is seeking a full-time evangelist for a flexible start date of July 2017. The successful candidate will support the spiritual growth of the church through Biblically sound teaching and preaching, demonstrating and encouraging personal evangelism efforts, and exhibiting loving relationships within his family, the church and the community. The ideal applicant will have excellent communication skills, a bachelor's degree and at least two years of experience in ministry.

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### MULTI-UNIVERSITY TEAM FOR Let's Start Talking in Lima, Peru

(Editor's note: This article was written by my great niece, Gabrielle Hill, about her experience on a Let's Start Talking mission trip to Peru last summer. Gabrielle is 20 years old and a student at the University of Toledo in Ohio.)

arly last year I was blessed to find the short-term mission ✓ organization called Let's Start Talking. The organization sends small teams of workers to Churches of Christ all around the world to lead people in conversational English lessons. They have crafted fantastic workbooks with a natural progression from the historical account of Jesus Christ in the book of Luke, through the Acts of the Apostles, the Old Testament and the Good News of the Gospel. The dedicated staff at Let's Start Talking works with the teams to connect them to a location in the world that suits them and to ensure that everyone on the team is as prepared as possible to take the trip. Typically, people form teams from their college or congregation, but this year they took a leap

Starting in April we all met over video chat, and began going through team workbooks to prepare ourselves for the trip and to get to know each other and learn to work as a team. On July 21st, we all made our way down to Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas for a day of intensive training and team building. The next morning we made our way to the airport and by midnight that night we were in Lima.

Immediately upon arriving in Lima, we were met with the biggest challenge of adapting to our surroundings. The area we were in was not quite what we expected, nor was our living situation, because we were working in a poorer district of Lima. Additionally. the afternoon after our arrival when we met the people we would be hosting lessons for, we found that the level of English-speaking was lower than expected as well, so we would be faced with more of a language barrier than we had expected. However, everyone was so eager to have our team there to work with them, we were greatly encouraged.

The work went as planned. The team did our best to adapt as quickly as possible to our surroundings, and we found strength in each other and the Lord to overcome the challenges we faced. Most of us had readers who came consistently, especially myself, as I had seven people who made it to all of their appointments with me. It was fantastic to see the Word of God going through their minds, as they considered both the English they were learning and the stories they were reading. Although none of my readers came to obey the Gospel during my time there, and most of them were already Catholic, I did see several people revive some thoughts and emotions from previous knowledge of the Bible. Other workers had similar experiences with their readers. One man who read with my friend Ciana came back to the Church. He had been saved after a Let's Start Talking team worked with him several years ago but had recently fallen away. Additionally, there was a group of children that had been coming, and the family grew very curious about the church, and I believe even came to the worship service.

My time in Lima, Peru was brief, but impacts my life in a more staggering way than any other experience I have had. There were so many unexpected difficulties about the trip, and most of them were centered on my own vanity and selfishness. During the first couple of days I found it *continued on page 8* 

of faith and formed a team of workers from multiple colleges and universities around the country. Because no one in my congregation or university was prepared to take a trip last year, I was grafted into a multi-university team that was heading to Lima, Peru for two weeks toward the end of the summer.



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difficult to persevere, because all of my instincts were pushing me to shut down and guit. However, I kept going because I knew that so many people had supported me and prayed for me to take this trip. Even more than that, I knew that I had come to Peru to be the feet of Jesus, and He had made every path lead directly to where I was in that very moment. I trusted that He wouldn't have brought me here if He wasn't going to lead me through. During my down time between readers, I took solace in my Bible and the Journal I had brought with me in which to document my trip. I found that it didn't matter what my surroundings were when I was reading my Bible, writing down thoughts or simply praying. God brought me through every doubt and anxiety, and I never truly felt alone. It is an incredible thing to feel God's presence at every moment of the day, and soon my motto was simply, "God is Faithful."

The days were long, but the weeks flew by. It felt like a whirlwind, and it was difficult to say goodbye so soon after I had said hello to the incredible people I had met there. I found out what true hospitality is, because the people from the congregation worked tirelessly to ensure that we had everything we needed and were safe. It didn't matter that we had never met them before, they gave of themselves to us. Their example gave me a definitive picture in my mind of how I want to be, working for the Lord by serving others in love. When we got in our taxi to head to the airport, we exchanged hugs and smiles with the people who had treated us with the highest level of love, and it was difficult to see them fade as we drove away. I hope I never forget the amount of love that encircled us and it was clear that Christ was at the heart of it all.

Now that I have been home from my trip for quite some time, I can still feel the deep longing in my heart to be back there. I read something when I returned that said, "You will never be completely at home again, because part of your heart will always be elsewhere. That is the price you pay for the richness of loving and knowing people in more than one place." This could not be more accurate, as I have been paying the price of love since I returned. I am so fortunate to have social media and messaging, and I am still able to contact the people I read with and those I met in the congregation. It has been a spectacular blessing.

But more importantly, I am so blessed to understand so deeply that God is faithful, and there is no need for social media or messaging to be connected to Him. I know in my heart that He is close to me always, because I have felt it in the deepest way I can imagine. I will never forget how faithful God was to me in Peru, and how faithful He will always be.

- Gabrielle Hill, Sylvania, Ohio

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#### Gospel Herald

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#### Applications requested by March 1

#### Qualifications

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- Supports the mission, vision, and values of Great Lakes Bible College
- A passion for building faith in young people through post-secondary education
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- Previous fundraising, recruiting or ministry experience is an asset
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#### **NEW YORK**

**Niagara Falls:** Tim Nelsen was visiting with us Sunday, January 1. Tim taught the adult Bible class and preached the morning sermon. We are helping support Tim Nelsen and his family while Tim is in preaching school. He was home visiting for the holidays.

#### **ONTARIO**

**Toronto (Bayview Ave.):** Bayview closed off 2016 with a number of activities. On December 4 we celebrated with our annual ethnic lunch. Food from Honduras, Guyana, Germany, China, St Vincent, Trinidad, Uganda, the USA and Canada was enjoyed by all who attended. On December 10 the women had a devotional during their class time, while the men attended their prayer breakfast. Both groups joined together afterwards for a lunch at the building. Collection of food items for needy families at Chester Public School took place in December under the direction of Maggie Hilborn and Christine Koelher. And donations were collected from the women's class for the Daily Bread Food Bank. We are pleased to report that Theresa Brenner and her daughter, Chantal, joined Jean and Marie Volcy for a week of work at Notre Maison in Haiti. O'neill Wiggan was welcomed back to Bayview from Colorado for the holidays.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): We rejoiced with the angels at the baptism of Matthew Brown on December 25. It is a wonderful joy to see a family united "in Christ" as they grow together in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Matthew is the son of Edward and Cheryl Brown. Ed is a deacon at Strathmore. May God bless you, Matthew, and your family in the years ahead. The Jean and Marie Volcy were accompanied by five others to Haiti to work at the orphanage in December. They had a successful trip and were able to complete the work they had planned plus some other as well. Things continue to go well with the congregation and the orphanage there. The Strathmore theme for 2017 is based on Luke 1 and the account of the announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to give birth to the Christ. Her response "I am the Lord's Servant" Luke 1:38 NIV was chosen as the theme. We pray it

#### **Guidelines for News Pages**

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

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

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

1) Significant Birthdays 80 +

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

will be the theme for every member at Strathmore and all our brethren around the world.

**Windsor (West Side):** We have finished a Wednesday evening Bible Study on Divine Encounters/Human



Transformation. This has been a series where we looked at the promise given by Jesus to be present in baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Assembly. As we enter these practices with this understanding we can ask the question: what is God doing in these? We have decided to help support the Women's Shelter on Bridge Ave in 2017. We plan to collect certain items each month and donate the collection to them.



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

#### ALBERTA

**Edmonton (Northside):** Arber Latifi was baptized and added to the Lord's family. Peter and Linda Ross, Kevin and Catharine Carson, and Rob Burnstad wish to be identified with our church family. January 29 we held a congregational potluck to honor our seniors.

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Abbotsford (Central Valley): A real winter finally invaded Western Canada's Pacific shores with a punch so hard practically everything, including some church services, New Year's Eve activities and many special Christmas and New Year's day activities were brought to an abrupt halt in much of the Vancouver area. After the snow fell, it quickly turned to ice, and had the assistance of very cold winds from the north to keep it from melting off the highways and streets.

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** Milton Diaz gave special appreciation to Oakridge members who made it to service on December 18 when Vancouver experienced the first big snowfall in several years. Conditions the following two Lord's days were even worse, but we were not forced to miss a service although attendance was low. Our men were encouraged to make a new year's resolution to attend our first monthly men's meeting of the New Year on Jan. 10. Brother Milton wrote that the prayers of each one was important in the decisions the church must make from time to time as they lead the

work at Oakridge in the absence of an eldership.

**Surrey:** Thirty people were able to make it through the accumulated snow for our New Year's Eve party, enjoying an abundance of food along with the special games planned for the evening. The only service that was dismissed during our surprise snowfall was the evening service on Christmas day. There was a near record attendance the following week with 104 present for the morning worship.

#### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg:** Bawo (Beryl) Nene moved here from Sarnia. Arlan & Meriwin Matundan were baptized and added to the Lord's family. Mountains of Fun on the Prairies Ski Retreat was held. Bruce Boland of Niagara Falls spoke on the topic of 'Heart Condition'.

#### SASKATCHEWAN

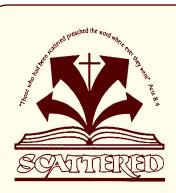
**Weyburn:** Fifth Sunday Community Singing was held January 29. Sister Triangle Ladies Retreat is "Encouraging One Another in Love" is to be held February 24-26 at Temple Gardens Hotel and Mineral Spa in Moose Jaw. Souris Elementary



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

School has asked for monetary help for their nutritional program. To raise money, the youth group have divided into 3 teams (Evan's, Chris' John's). For every \$50. raised the 'winner' will get a pie in the face. The grade 3 and younger will get to pie Elias for every \$25. raised. The elders will match the money raised. The church sent a contribution to help support Bonnie and Charlie Muller who are going on a mission trip to India.



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PARTNERS IN PROGRESS: From the December publication in Maumelle, Arkansas, comes the amazing report of a Refugee Ministry Workshop sponsored by PIP in Athens, Greece, which was attended by 82 European church leaders from 20 nations. Five days were spent listening to and seeing what brethren in Athens were doing to help refugees physically and taught mentally. How Athenian Christians were going about it was explained, with many of the those present afterward saying that seeing the work firsthand, they would now have the courage to work with the Islamic refugees and be able to put what they had learned into practice. One of the most important tenets was to convince attendees that there was nothing to fear from these people because they were simply seeking friends and kindness. Most have no intention of living permanently in the country to which they have had to flee for refuge, but desire only to go back to their own country when the fighting is over. Greek preacher Dino Roussos, who organized the program for the church leaders, made them see how close cooperation coupled with humanitarian relief and evangelism brought amazing results. As PIP leaders realized how valuable this workshop would be, yet knowing many would be unable to afford to come, PIP arranged to cover a hotel, food and other conference expenses for two leaders from any congregations willing to send them. They were overwhelmed by responses. In addition to devoting time to the refugee crisis, the following is a list of itemized work accomplished by PIPs with the support of Christians in 2016: PATIENTS treated on the Ship of Life in Cambodia: 40,000. This included several hundred pairs of glasses fitted and 281 "Infant

and Mother" Packets given. WATER: 355,951 liters of pure water was delivered to over 8,000 people. THREE NEW PURIFICATION PLANTS were installed in places where people were drinking from ponds. TWO TONS OF RICE was delivered to hungry villagers. CLOTHING: 500 dresses and 200 pairs of short pants made from pillow cases by American women were given to children. BIBLE TRAINING SEMINARS: for 112 Christians in the Delta region of Myanmar (Burma) added 28 new Christians to the Kingdom. EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN SEVEN COUNTRIES, including Nepal. (Information from the WindSong church of Christ in North Little Rock. Arkansas)

**SHEPHERD'S HILL INTERNA-**TIONAL (Oklahoma City, OK.): "One of the key tenets of Christ's authenticity, according to Matt. 11:5, was that "the poor have the gospel preached to them"-listed along with all the miracles Jesus did! At the center of this organization's activity in the Philippines is Arapal, a piece of rocky land of about 25 acres where the soil is only <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" to 1" deep, but home to one of the very few organic farms in the 7100 islands that comprise this nation. It is where the breeding and care of goats and pigs was introduced several years ago. The farmers who live here were taught how to start their own livelihood farms. This is a cycle that includes planting, tending, fodder, feeding, watering, doctoring and nurturing the pigs, goats, and chickens in order to produce a harvest of live offspring to help others get a start. The Philippine government is now donating processing equipment to Arapal, and regularly sends "inspectors" to be shown how the "pros" do it here! There are nine young ministers in this area, along with two senior evangelists who use organic livelihood programs to reach the local population, many of whom are the poorest of the poor, but giving them hope for sustenance through these programs. President Dennis Matthews is still asking for donations of a goat, pig or chickens from Christians in North America to

keep the work growing and expanding to more of the Filipino islands. The address is Box 11000, Oklahoma City, Ok 73136 or www.shepherdshill. org to donate or get more information about how you can help. (Ed. Note: One Christmas one of my daughters and I bought each other a goat instead of the usual exchange of gifts. Through Shepherd's Hill, the animals are not as expensive as some other organizations are asking for those they offer in Christmas books.)

#### **BODY & SOUL MINISTRIES:**

This organization which was started and expanded by native Canadian Dr. John Bailey after his retirement from Dental practice in the Dallas Metroplex ten years ago, now has headquarters in Maumelle, AR, but works with medical people all over the world. Titled "A Snapshot of the Life-Changing Work You Are Doing Around the Globe", Dr. Bailey's report for 2016 includes a total of 747 cataract surgeries in Indonesia shared with the Caris Foundation on just two trips. Two surgeons from Medan helped him complete 509 eyes in three cities in northern Sumatra in March. Later the team did 238 more on the island of Nias. Also in Indonesia, BandS supports a feeding program for families living in garbage dumps. Named for his deceased grandson, Dr. Bailey had a home built in Jakarta called "Connor's House" which cares for some single mothers and their newborn babies, along with children and others needing help. BandS latest accomplishment (that was put on hold by government interference several times) has now been in operation for over two years. It is the Anh Ngu 586 English Center in Can Tho City, Vietnam, which has 200 students and a waiting list. As poor children cannot afford to take supplemental English necessary to pass their tests in order to move on to higher levels in their education, it is important that they take advantage of this opportunity. The need is so great that BandS has now completed the construction of a second school about 45 miles away from Can Tho City, and have a staff in place to open it early this year.

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### **Three Ways to Make Your Prayer Life More Biblical**

(Wes McAdams in the Meaford, ON bulletin)

raying is really nothing more than talking to God. Sometimes a prayer, in a moment of desperation, might be as simple as, "Oh God, help me!" Unfortunately, some Christians are so afraid of praying incorrectly, they don't pray at all; a child need not feel that way with his father. But on the other hand, many of us have fallen into a routine. We say basically the same things when we pray and we haven't stopped to examine our prayers in light of Scripture. So here are three simple ways to make your prayer life more biblical.

#### 1. Know What It Really Means to Pray "in Jesus' Name"

Nearly every prayer I've ever heard - or said - has ended the same way, "in Jesus' name, amen." I grew up thinking of these words like a postage stamp on the end of my prayers; the only way to make sure a prayer got to God was to attach these words on the end. In fact. I've heard Christians ask. "If I pray, while laying in bed at night, and drift off to sleep before saying, 'in Jesus' name Amen' will God answer my prayer?" Understanding what it means to pray in Jesus' name would deeply enhance many Christians' prayer lives.

To do something in someone's name is to do it by their authority. The Christians in Colossae were told, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17). That didn't mean they were to say, "In Jesus' name..." after everything they said or did. It meant they were to live, speak and act under the authority of Jesus and for His glory.

One simple way to understand the phrase, "in the name of" is to think of a policeman shouting at a fleeing criminal, "Stop in the name of the law." He is saying the law gives him the authority to command the criminal to stop.

Concerning prayer, Jesus told His apostles, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, He will give it to you" (John 16:23). This wasn't about giving the apostles a formula for their prayers. It was Jesus granting them special access to God and to the blessings of God. It was like Jesus saying, "When you are My follower, you have VIP access to God."

Christians are given this special access to God. By Jesus' authority – or "in His name" – we can approach God's throne of grace with confidence (Hebrews 4:16). It is as if, when we bow in prayer, the hosts of heaven ask, "What gives you the right to approach God?" And we answer, "I'm with Jesus. He cleansed me and invited me here." And the hosts of heaven say, "Then approach with confidence!"

If you want your prayers to be more biblical then you have to realize what a special privilege it is to pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### 2. Pray for Deeper Spiritual Understanding

If our prayers in the public worship assembly are any indication, we pray far more about physical matters than spiritual matters. Don't misunderstand, it isn't wrong to pray for physical concerns. It isn't wrong to pray for Sister So-and-so and her health. It isn't wrong to pray for rain. It isn't wrong to pray about the safety of our troops. But are we really praying like the apostle Paul?

Paul's prayer for the Christians in Ephesus was that they, "have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19). Be honest with yourself, when was the last time you prayed to have the strength to comprehend the love of Christ?

Paul's prayer in Ephesians isn't an isolated example. This is the kind of thing for which Paul prayed night and day for all the churches. For the church in Colossae, Paul prayed for them to "be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10).

If you want your prayers to be more biblical, you will pray for understanding and comprehension of spiritual truths. Pray like the Psalmist, "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law" (Psalm 119:18).

#### 3. Pray for Others

We often pray for the people in our family, in our congregation *continued on next page*  *Three Ways to Make Your Prayer Life More Biblical... continued from page 14* 

and from our country, but we often forget a multitude of people for whom we ought to be praying. Here are some of the people for whom we are told to pray:

• "those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28)

• "for all people" (1 Timothy 2:1)

• "for kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Timothy 2:2)

• for evangelists and missionaries "that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored" (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

If you want your prayers to be more biblical, you will pray for those you know, as well as those you don't know. You will pray for those you adore, as well as those you fear. You will pray for those who love you, as well as those who hate you.

#### Conclusion

Personally, I want to be more like Epaphras. Paul told the Colossians that Epaphras was "always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God" (Colossians 4:12). The word translated "struggling" is the Greek word "agonizomai," from which we get the word "agonize." This word meant to fight, labor fervently or strive.

Epaphras was truly a prayer warrior, who prayed that the church would stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. That's the kind of prayer life I want to have. How about you?

### QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Bill Craddock

(Is it possible that we as the church are more interested in people's physical welfare than their spiritual welfare? Do we show this by our prayers?)

In Don Humphrey's book, "Hearts on Fire – A Strategy for Dynamic Evangelism," I read about a young man that really brought me up short. Please read and see what you think.

A young man entering medical school in Africa had achieved a lifetime dream. As a young lad, Apollo watched with growing horror as three out of every four babies born in his village died before they turned four years old. Just by growing to adulthood, Apollo had already beaten the odds. When he enrolled in medical school, he joined another elite corps, since only one in a million black Africans ever have the opportunity to become a medical doctor.

### **Support Needed**

Naeem Sabir in Pakistan... preaches to a congregation of 180 and teaches a Bible school with sixteen students. The congregation and the Sahiwal Bible School are in Sahiwal, Punjab Province, Pakistan.

A "blasphemy law" prohibits the evangelization of Muslims. Sabir and other Brotherhood preachers build the church through family, existing Christians, Hindus, Buddhists and any other non-Muslims.

Naeem asks for prayers and support in that order... For information, contact him by email: sahiwalbiblecollege43@yahoo.com

In Canada, Earle Rattai of Kenora, ON, has been in touch with some US congregations who supported Naeem and speak highly of his work. Contact him for information – erattai@sympatico.ca

However, Apollo was converted while he was in medical school. Not long after his conversion he announced he was giving up his medical studies. His friends and professors were astounded. <u>But to</u> Apollo it was simple. His mother, father, brothers, sisters and all of his friends would die eternally without Jesus Christ. Saving their souls was more important than saving their bodies. This dedicated man has established 17 congregations in Africa. (p. 21)

What do you think of this young man's reasoning? Did he do the right thing? Some would reason, "Look at all the lives he could have extended if he had become a medical doctor." Yes, that is true, but look at all the souls that will be with God and all the redeemed throughout eternity because of his decision.

We all know that the spiritual welfare of an individual is more important than their physical welfare. **Do we really know that?** What about our

prayer life? What do we pray about? When we pray for individuals, what do we pray about? How many people are on our prayer list because of physical problems? (Nothing wrong with that as we should pray for those suffering physical infirmities)

How many people are on our prayer list because of their spiritual infirmities? Are we asking God to help us reach some lost soul and lead them to the truth? Do we tell our friends and loved ones who are lost that we are praying for them? We tell those who are physically ill that we are praying for them.

As to whether Apollo made the right decision depends on how we answer these questions. Think about it. Which is more important to us - physical or spiritual welfare?

- North Canton, Ohio

### **Life-Saving Station**

(Provided by George Mansfield, Grimsby, Ontario)

n a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a little life-saving station. The building was primitive, and there was just one boat, but the members of the life-saving station were committed and kept a constant watch over the sea. When a ship went down, they unselfishly went out day or night to save the lost. Because so many lives were saved by that station, it became famous.

Consequently, many people wanted to be associated with the station to give their time, talent and money to support its important work. New boats were bought, new crews were recruited, a formal training session was offered. As the members in the life-saving station grew, some of the members became unhappy that the building was so primitive and that the equipment was so outdated. They wanted a better place to welcome the survivors pulled from the sea, so they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged and newly decorated building.

Now the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members. They met regularly and when they did it was apparent that they loved one another. They greeted each other, hugged each other and shared with one another the events that had been going on in their lives. But few members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions; so they hired lifeboat crews to do it for them.

About this time, a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought into the life-saving station boatloads of cold, wet, dirty, sick and half-drowned people. Some of them had black skin, and some had yellow skin. Some could speak English well, and others could hardly speak it at all. Some were first-class cabin passengers of the ship, and some were the deck hands.

The beautiful meeting place became a place of chaos. The plush carpets got dirty. Some of the exquisite furniture got scratched, so the property committee immediately had a shower built outside the house where the victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting there was a rift in the membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities, for they were unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal fellowship of the members. Other members insisted that lifesaving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives of all those various kinds of people who would be shipwrecked, they could begin their own life saving station down the coast. And do you know what? That is what they did.

As the years passed, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a place to meet regularly for fellowship, committee meetings and for special training sessions about their mission, but few went out to the drowning people. The drowning people were no longer welcome in that new life-saving station, so another life-saving station was founded farther down the coast. History continued to repeat itself. And if you visit that seacoast today, you will find a number of adequate meeting places with ample parking and plush carpeting. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

This is not my work, I am just submitting it because of its hauntingly relevant message.

Thomas Wedel published this in Ecumencial Review, Oct. 1953 and Knofel Stanton, put this paraphrase in the Christian Standard in 1989.

### Quotes About Worry

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."

– Corrie ten Boom, Clippings from My Notebook

"If a problem is fixable, if a situation is such that you can do something about it, then there is no need to worry. If it's not fixable, then there is no help in worrying. There is no benefit in worrying whatsoever." – *Dalai Lama XIV* 

"Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength-carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength." – *Corrie ten Boom* 

"According to Vedanta, there are only two symptoms of enlightenment, just two indications that a transformation is taking place within you toward a higher consciousness. The first symptom is that you stop worrying. Things don't bother you anymore. You become light-hearted and full of joy. The second symptom is that you encounter more and more meaningful coincidences in your life, more and more synchronicities. And this accelerates to the point where you actually experience the miraculous. quoted by Carol Lynn Pearson in Consider the Butterfly)"

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"How would your life be different if...You stopped worrying about things you can't control and started focusing on the things you can? Let today be the day... You free yourself from fruitless worry, seize the day and take effective action on things you can change." – *Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free* 

#### "It's not time to worry yet" – Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

"Never let the future disturb you. You will meet it, if you have to, with the same weapons of reason which today arm you against the present." – *Marcus Aurelius, Meditations* 

"If we are worried about the future, then we must look today at the upbringing of children." – Gordon B. Hinckley, Standing for Something: 10 Neglected Virtues That Will Heal Our Hearts and Homes

"Whatever is going to happen will happen, whether we worry or not." – *Ana Monnar* 

"If you spent your life concentrating on what everyone else thought of you, would you forget who you really were?" – *Jodi Picoult, Nineteen Minutes* 

"Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight." *– Benjamin Franklin* 

"A medicine cat has no time for doubt. Put your energy into today and stop worrying about the past." – *Erin Hunter, Rising Storm*  "If you have fear of some pain or suffering, you should examine whether there is anything you can do about it. If you can, there is no need to worry about it; if you cannot do anything, then there is also no need to worry." – *Dalai Lama XIV* 

"Never worry alone. When anxiety grabs my mind, it is self-perpetuating. Worrisome thoughts reproduce faster than rabbits, so one of the most powerful ways to stop the spiral of worry is simply to disclose my worry to a friend... The simple act of reassurance from another human being [becomes] a tool of the Spirit to cast out fear – because peace and fear are both contagious." – John Ortberg Jr., The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You

"If there is no solution to the problem then don't waste time worrying about it. If there is a solution to the problem, then don't waste time worrying about it." – *Dalai Lama XIV* 

"Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy." – *Leo Buscaglia* 

"Drag your thoughts away from your troubles...by the ears, by the heels, or any other way you can manage it." – *Mark Twain* 

"Temperamentally anxious people can have a hard time staying motivated, period, because their intense focus on their worries distracts them from their goals." – *Winifred Gallagher, Rapt: Attention and the Focused Life*  "I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them have never happened." – *Mark Twain* 

"Worry is most often a prideful way of thinking that you have more control over life and its circumstances than you actually do." – *June Hunt The* 

# The most important reason to not worry of all:

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV).

# DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. Listings are \$9.00 per year. The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

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EDMONTON Church of Christ: meeting place in NW of city; 13015 – 116 Avenue NW; Ofc 780.455.1049; Fax 780.454.9545; Sun 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed 7 pm Bible Study CARE groups at the building and in various homes (phone for location and other times): Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch, Kirby Salter; Evangelists: Larry Boswell 780.270.6007 and Emanuel Burnstad 780.678.5395; Email: church5@telus.net; Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org

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#### **PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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

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

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

#### NORTH BEND Church of Christ:

North Bend Community Hall, 48846 Highline Road, North Bend: Sun. 10:30 am: Mailing address: 47220 Green Ranch Road, North Bend, BC, 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 Value 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 B7A 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/ AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2SO, 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. 9:45 & 11 am; Tuesday 7 pm David Cariaga, ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Cell (902) 410-8496 Wayne Taylor, 9sec. (902) 876-7402

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

MILL VILLAGE: 3557 Indian Road Shubenacadie, 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; Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

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

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@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 Thursday 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, 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 7 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev (c) 905-401-3482; 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 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; meetings at YMCA building 79 James St. S. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30-7:30 For information re. place of meeting, please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

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

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

ICE LAKE: (Manitoulin Island) (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: RR# 1, Site2, Box 3, 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0; Sunday: classes 10 am, Worship 11 am; midweek - call for information: 705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019

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

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LONDON: 186 Gammage Street, London ON N5Y 2B3; (519) 672-2426; 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 Sunday night: home locations will be posted on the web page each month; Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com website: http://www.meafordcofc.ca/ Check website for monthly changess

#### MISSISSAUGA: Mail address:

Mississauga Churchof Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 525; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga ON L5M 0H3; Worship: 10:30-11:45 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjcurrie65@gmail.com Web address www.mississaugacofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sunday School 10 am except July/August, Worship 11 am; Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. S12125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON 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 Road 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 Erie St. N., Selkirk, On. NOA 1P0 Sun 10 & 11am. Wed.7:00pm.

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

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Brent Olson, minister, Robert Priestnall, sec.; email: sccoc@cogeco.net 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: #10500 Hwy. 124 N. Sunday School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Wed. 7:00 Robert Gieg (705) 380-0907 Email- rbgieg@gmail.com Don Preston (705) 384-7058

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TILLSONBURG: Mailing address: Box 331. N4G 4H8; Call for Service Time and Place: 519-875-2021; 519-688-8121

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

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

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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; Bob Hibbard, ev. 416-461-7406, bobh@strathmorecofc.ca; Max Craddock, ev. (Key To The Kingdom); 647-346-2076, e-mail maxc@strathmorecofc.ca; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, 416-751-6879, websites: www.strathmorecofc.ca; www.kevtothekingdom.ca

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

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

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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

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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: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca; Roger Paradis, ev. 418-831-8690; email: rparadis1518@videotron.ca

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BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Doug Coroluick, 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

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KENOSEE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ.

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

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

MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjcoc@sasktel.net Website: http://mjchurchofchrist.blogspot.com; Call for times of worship, Darrell Buchanan, ev

REGINA (Northwest): 4400 4th Avenue Regina S4T 0H8 (in the Orr Centre) Sunday: 9:45am Classes: 11:15am Contact: Dr. Leslie Williams E-mail: lesliejawilliams@gmail.com

SASKATOON: Sunday, Worship 10 AM, Wed,7 PM; Phone for summer schedule; Office: 343-7922; Lead Minister: Mike Parker; Senior Minister: Bob Parker; Location & Mail:134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; Bob Parker: stoonchurch@live.com Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

SWIFT CURRENT: Church of Christ, Box 1103, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 11; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-741-9925; (call for location of meetings)

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### Speaker: Emanuel Burnstad, Edmonton Church of Christ

Eman is a 22-year-old minister working with the Edmonton Church of Christ. He completed a three-and-a-half-year internship in his home town of Camrose, Alberta where he also graduated from Sunset International Bible Institute. Since arriving in Edmonton at the beginning of 2016, he has been blessed to work with the youth and has helped create a new youth program: 3D Youth. Eman is passionate about congregational health, Christian unity, and connecting with people.