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Participating in the Will of God

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Jesus defined His family as being composed of those who do the will of God (Matthew 12:50). The model prayer in Matthew 6 contains the petition that the kingdom will come with the parallel phrase “your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Saying this prayer, Christians are committing themselves to do the will of God at home, at work, at play or in whatever activity they are engaged. However, understanding “the will of God” seems to be a mystery for many.

This article aims to provide some thoughts toward participating in the will of God.

God Wills That Everyone Be Saved

Now, before you skip over this let me tell you about an article that appeared in Mad Magazine, around 1963–4. It was a satire on Do It Yourself Magazines. They composed a Letter to the Editor that went something like this: “Dear Sirs, I’ve enjoyed reading the articles on taxidermy in your February to May issues and found them very enlightening. However, I have one problem: How

do you make the animal stand still? Signed, Perplexed. Dear Perplex, Please get hold of the January Issue. It contains an important first step!”

This helped me understand why I was being unsuccessful in convincing people to be buried in baptism; they hadn’t died to self yet and I was trying to bury them. The lesson also applied when trying to teach on other subjects. This is especially true when considering participating in the Will of God.

Second Peter 3:9 “The Lord is...not wanting (willing) anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” and 1 Timothy 2:3–4 “God...wants (wills) all men to be saved” The context is the Lord’s patience and the reason for His patience is His will that people be saved through repentance and coming to acknowledge the truth.

Perhaps the most basic expression of salvation is “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). This could be seen as a summary of John 3:3–5, 16—God loved the world; you must be born from above. Of course you know that this “faith” is not like you believe someone could walk across the Niagara Falls gorge on a wire pushing a wheelbarrow. It is that faith which puts you in the wheelbarrow! It is ceasing to trust in yourself, what you can do, and to trust God.

I might be able to convince you to be immersed. But, if you have never made that commitment, it seems to me that you have never died and, therefore, there is no new birth, no real participation in the will of God. In order for the will of God to be fully effective, we must be willing to open our lives to fully trust in God. We must be willing to accept what

Jesus has done and make a total commitment to do it. We must be willing to live according to the will of God in response to what Christ has done—even though we know that our living will be far less than perfect.

Consider that when God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, He prefaced it by reminding them that He had brought them out of Egypt (Exodus 20:1). Paul wrote to the Colossians reminding them that they were once “alienated from God”, that “God made you alive with Christ” and because of what Christ has done, He challenged them “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above” (Colossians 1:21; 2:13; 3:1). That is the beginning of salvation, the beginning of a relationship with God in responding to God’s grace; that’s the “January issue.” If you haven’t made that commitment, then the rest of the article is irrelevant.

God Wills That Believers Be Filled With The Spirit

Ephesians 5:17–18 “...but understand what the Lord’s will is...be filled with the Spirit...” Salvation is a process to “become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13). Christianity is unique; believers have been given the Spirit of God to help them grow (Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13). When Paul admonished the Philippians “to work out your salvation with fear and trembling”, he reminded them “for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose” (Philippians 2:12–13). In this process we “are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

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Paul prays “ that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:16-19).

When we became disciples of Jesus, our old self began to be changed. We received the Holy Spirit to help us become transformed people; we are changed from the inside out. We have more strength and power available to overcome challenges in life. The purpose of this transformation is not simply for our benefit. Believers become the “hands” of Jesus in the world, continuing His mission of proclamation of good news to the poor, bringing healing to the sick, and become agents of justice and peace (Luke 4:18). We help the helpless find help and the hopeless to find hope; we learn to love the unloved, guide the restless to find purpose and in the process become agents of peace and transformation.

The Spirit is like a gardener. The soil itself cannot produce life. For that, it depends on the seed planted into it. The seed, as it germinates and slowly grows, develops new life. As the seed grows it transforms the soil into a living plant. The Spirit nurtures the new “plant”, the believer—providing nutrients until it produces mature fruit. In nature’s normal growing season are times of rapid growth and times which exhibit little or no growth. The periods of storm and drought help strengthen the plants.

The Spirit-filled life is living in the conscious presence of Jesus Christ; it is being guided by Christ. There is no instant spirituality just like there is no instant maturity. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”

(Colossians 3:16). When I became a believer I was given a series of cards with Bible verses on them. I was encouraged to memorize and meditate on them. When those verses filled my thinking, I had peace and strength. Later I became involved with a congregation and obtained a Bible. The more I focused on Christ and His word, the more the thoughts of God filled my mind, the more the word of Christ controlled me, the

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more I yielded to him. We can't be filled with the Spirit apart from the words of life guiding our lives.

There is, however, a battle going on in me. There are two personalities within me: the old self or nature that wants to do its own will, struggling to submit to God’s will. We call that the “sinful nature”. There is also the new re-born self actually longing to know God’s will and desires to live according to the precepts.

An elderly Cherokee described the struggle to his grandson as a battle

that goes on the inside of people. “The battle is between two wolves. One is bad. It is full of envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is good. It is full of joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith”. When the grandson asked, “Which wolf wins?”, the reply was “The one you feed.”

God Wills That Believers Be Sanctified

First Thessalonians 4:3 “It is God’s will that you should be sanctified...” God’s will is that believers are set apart, that is to be pure. Paul explains what that means: **a)** Avoid sexual sin (verse 3). Sex is not evil; extra marital sexual activities are. **b)** Control your body to honour God. “Offer your bodies as living sacrifices” (Romans 12:1). “Dress modestly” (1 Timothy 2:9) avoid dressing that calls for inappropriate attention to yourself. **c)** Avoid taking advantage of others. Paul reminds them that they have the Holy Spirit to help them (verse 8).

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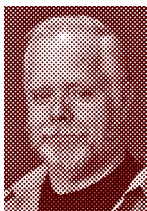
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Tough Talk

Wayne Turner



One of the wonderful things about church happens when Christians become family. People who have no earthly ties, common language, culture, nationality or ancestry develop close, personal relationships. They are eager to get together for worship, meals, coffee or just to talk, (and often not so eager to leave)—brothers and sisters bound together in love.

Yet, there are sometimes occasions when closeness fades and easy conversation gives way to awkward silence. We've all heard that in a social setting, you shouldn't talk about politics or religion. Obviously, at church, we will naturally talk about our faith, the Bible and spiritual things (as well as the customary social banter). So what could possibly bring a chill to our warm, friendly interaction?

There are things that many people are uncomfortable discussing. In fact, there are some things that people will almost do anything to avoid talking about. For example, we really do not like talking about death or serious illness. Granted, when these subjects come up, some people become like those driving by a serious accident. There is always a morbid fascination and temptation to gawk. Similarly, when death or illness come up as a topic of conversation, there are always those who may inappropriately pry for uncomfortable details, subjecting those involved to be forced to relive very unpleasant experiences. But there are other things that are even more difficult to discuss within our church family.

Zach Perkins, in an article in Relevant Magazine, entitles it, "Five Uncomfortable Issues the Church Needs to Start Talking About." Take a moment before you continue reading to see if you can guess what they might be. His five are addiction, sexuality, sincere doubt, mental illness and loneliness. By listing these, Perkins is not just referring to any of them as a topic for general discussion. Rather, he is thinking of these as personal issues that people around us are struggling with but cannot find anyone willing to seriously talk with them. Well intentioned church members may offer platitudes or token advice. They may try to "fix" the other person. But, otherwise, they don't want to get involved.

An article by Larry M. Lake entitled "Comfort Foods" (www.slate.com) illustrates this. Lake begins with the story of how their friends responded when his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. Through the process of surgery and months of radiation, friends surrounded them with love, and brought "lovingly prepared" meals

for months. As well, the moral and emotional support abounded. A decade later, their daughter was diagnosed with bipolar disorder after months of drug and alcohol abuse. Beyond the medical and psychiatric issues, the daughter was also caught up with the legal system after being found with drugs. The subtitle of the article speaks most clearly, "No one brings you dinner when your daughter is an addict." It wasn't until their daughter, a passenger in the vehicle, was seriously injured in a traffic accident that cards and food again started to come.

The point is not to accuse or blame. It is to acknowledge that most church members are not prepared to discuss these issues with people living with them, in an open, sensitive and compassionate way. How often do we hear someone say, "You shouldn't feel that way" or "Just pull up your socks" (or other garments) or "Stop whining/complaining?" Shouldn't a person's church family be a source of help and encouragement when they are struggling, rather than a source of silence, discomfort or pain? Can you imagine Jesus not being willing to talk with anyone about anything?

We may be reluctant or afraid to become involved with people facing these issues because we feel inadequate and unprepared. In part, this may be because we have never had opportunity to discuss these issues ourselves, especially in terms of how Christians can empathetically respond. You may be thinking that you do not know anyone facing any of these issues. Consider that, according to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), "in any given year, one in five Canadians experiences a mental health or addiction problem." This

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The Challenge of Patience

Colossians 3:12-17

The beginning of a new year seems like a good time to think about patience. This is the fourth part of the Fruit of the Spirit. The idea of patience is one of imperturbability or calmness in the face of stress. Not losing control and speaking or acting in an ungodly manner in the face of these stresses, even if they are not deserved.

For some, patience seems to be an elusive thing even though it is commanded of the Christian. (Colossians 3:12-17). In Ephesians 4:1, 2, Paul further indicates the need for patience in the life of the Christian. Paul wants his readers to understand the life changing effects of belonging to Jesus Christ as he urges Christians “to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called” (Ephesians 4:1 ESV). To “urge” or “exhort” originally meant to call to one’s side. This kind of exhortation is not so much a command to go do something, but an appeal to join forces with the speaker in doing something. Paul is here inviting, imploring and begging his readers to join in walking worthy...which includes developing patience. While “perfect patience” may be a stretch for us, it should be our goal.

I have heard people excuse themselves for not developing and growing in patience. However, according to the God’s direction, “can’t” is

not an option. If we would draw near to God in service, patience is required. A fitting question, “what is patience?” “Patience” implies suffering, enduring or waiting, as a determination of the will and not simply under necessity. As such it is an essential Christian virtue, the exercise of which there are many exhortations. We need to “wait patiently” for God, to endure uncomplainingly the various forms of sufferings, wrongs and evils that we meet with, and to bear patiently injustices which we cannot remedy and provocations we cannot remove...It is in reliance on God and acceptance of His will, with trust in His goodness, wisdom and faithfulness, that we are enabled to endure and to hope steadfastly. (W. L. Walker - The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)

Sadly, the failure to grow in patience causes many occasions which allow Satan to take control of us and lead us into sinful thoughts, words and actions. I encourage you to do a prayerful, thoughtful and honest inventory of yourself and see the things that happen because you have not grown in patience. Sometimes we are prone to accept as “just normal human reactions” things that take place in our life from day to day.

In Toronto, one of the things that trips a lot of us is driving on our

city streets and freeways. “People are so stupid” or some suchlike statement allows us to accept as okay our yelling, fist shaking and loud complaining about “where did those people get their licence anyway, from a box of cereal?” Of course, in our world we often see this grow into a more outward expression of anger, ending in some road rage incident.

We express our impatience at our children who are learning, but not as quickly as we think they should, about any number of tasks that take them longer to complete “than it should”. Also, our relationship is often strained with our spouse since their way of doing things or of thinking about something is wrong... because it disagrees with ours.

On the job, whether we be the boss or the underling, a lack of patience often ends in words or actions that are motivated by evil rather than godliness.

Since practicing patience makes (or should make) Christians feel better about oneself and in closer relationship with God, growing in patience should be our desire. However, besides this, why might we want patience?

One good reason is suggested by the writer of Hebrews. “But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised”

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God is good and loving. He naturally wants His children to experience joyful pleasures and personal fulfilment. Sex, sensory pleasures and personal relationships are good gifts from God. The world pictures Christianity as an enemy of pleasure when, in fact, Christianity should present every good enjoyable thing as originating from God who lavishes gifts on the world. Of course, since Eden, everything good has been subjected to abuse. Love becomes lust, eating becomes gluttony, respect becomes pride and in the process they lose sight of the source of pleasure. Both the faith that is a joyless tight-lipped exercise of spiritual discipline and the tyranny of addiction miss the mark.

Unfortunately, though many become better for their faith, there are others who are made worse. Perhaps they try too hard, too soon, for them to develop into well-bal-

anced believers. We know many gracious kind-hearted, loving Christians. We have also been around those who strive hard to obey the Bible but are proud, mean and judgemental; they appear to be more self-righteous than righteous. They are like a novice cook I knew who worked hard at baking to win ribbons at the county fair. She made great effort to meticulously follow the recipes. Even though she might succeed from time-to-time, she didn't enjoy the experience and made her family suffer while she baked. There is often a large gap between the theory of life as it should and the reality of the lives of Christians.

Sanctification is not to be gained in isolation but in and through relationships. There were times when I could hardly stand being with my wife; there were more times when she had very good reasons to dislike me. Yet, we have remained married for over 55 years because we made a commitment "till death do us part".

Because of the commitment to each other we have learned to overlook weaknesses, rejoiced in strengths and helped each other grow spiritually. Congregations are blessed when members have similar attitudes one toward another.

We avoid making mistakes by experience; we gain experience by making mistakes. By grace we have been and will be saved; yet, grace should be a reason to be pure not an excuse to sin. "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; (the January Issue) how can we live in it any longer" (Romans 6:1-2). Sometimes in striving for perfection we lead lives that are not authentic; we boast of our successes while failing to acknowledge our failures. The sanctified life is a spirit-lead life, a balanced life, a life making an effort to live in harmony with the will of God.

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isn't necessarily to say that one in five in the congregation where you worship has one of these problems. We should recognize that these statistics can be affected by social, financial and demographic factors. However, of the list of five, depending on the size of the congregation, there will be some possibly even several, facing at least one of these.

Perhaps the most telling statistics from the CAMH indicate the attitudes of Canadians toward those with some form of mental illness. Only 50% of Canadians would tell family or co-workers if they had a family member with a mental illness. Forty-two percent are not sure if they would socialize with a friend who has a mental illness. And 46% think the term mental illness is an excuse for bad behaviour!

People around us are hurting. Many are facing very difficult challenges in their lives. They need to know that there are people who are open and non-judgemental who will stand beside them, support them, talk with them—who will listen to their struggles with health issues, faith, family, personal problems. These may be tough things to talk about for us, but talking with someone facing one of these issues can be a life and soul saver. We need to open the discussion of these problems, to remove the stigma, so we can help those who are suffering in silence.

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Remember Whose You Are

Beth Hibbard

(A special thank-you to Beth Hibbard, Hamilton, ON for this month's article. VH)

One Sunday morning following the worship service, a preacher came up to a woman who had worked as a secretary in a law office for 25 years. She was retiring and the preacher wanted to congratulate her on her 25 years of service. They talked for a few minutes and then he said to her, you must have had times when standing up as a Christian was difficult for you. She replied, I didn't have any trouble at all, no one knew I was a Christian. She forgot whose she was.

Whenever my husband Bob or any of his siblings left the house to go somewhere when they were growing up, his Dad would say to them "remember who you are". When they became Christians, he would say, "Remember whose you are".

What did he mean "remember whose you are"? When we are immersed into Christ, we make a decision to become His child and to live faithfully for the remainder of our lives. This is whose we are, we are His. "...you are not your own, for you were bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 6: 19-20 NKJV).

Christians in public life are to "let their light shine before men". (Matthew 5:16 NKJV) We are not to hide it. Do people in public life know "whose you are"?

We all live and interact with those in public life (neighbours, co-workers, friends, and acquaintances), and we likely spend more

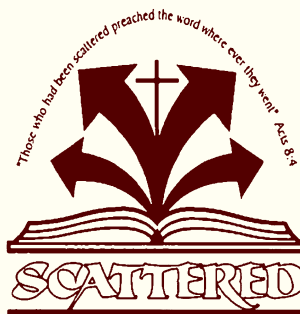
time with them than we do with those in our personal and spiritual families. How many of them know we are Christians? Remembering whose you are involves being distinctively different in regard to the things that interest and concern us most. What do we talk about with those outside of Christ: politics, sports or books we read? Or do we talk about spiritual matters using every opportunity to allow people to see "whose you are"? How do we act when we are around people who do not know the Lord? Every day at work Bob's father, Aubrey, used part of his lunch hour to read his Bible and pray. Many of his co-workers were aware of this, and he was able to share his faith with them. "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the

hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15 NIV).

Remembering whose you are means we recognize that we are a peculiar people. "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9 NIV).

In 1 Peter 2:9, the word peculiar means that we are distinctive. Various versions of the Bible describe it like this: "God's special possession" (NIV), "a people for God's own possession" (NASV) "His own special people" (NKJV). In Deuteronomy 14:2 (NIV), the same distinction is given to the Children of Israel "for you are a people holy to the LORD your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the LORD has chosen you to be his treasured possession". From the beginning, God's children have been treated as His special and treasured possession. Acts 20:28 speaks of "the church of God which he purchased with his own blood" (NKJV). The price that was paid

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Tim Johnson

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From jail in Rome, Paul told the Philippian Christians to “conduct

yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” By our own merits, no one is worthy of the gospel. We're saved by grace. But it is imperative to appreciate the honour of our calling, and live appropriately. He urged the Ephesian church to do the same thing: “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called” (Eph.4:1). The more we appreciate our calling, the more we'll live a worthy life. In honouring Jesus, John described our special position in Rev. 5:9–10, “...for You were slain, and did purchase for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. And You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.” Having been given such

royal privileges, how can we live our lives in a way that's worthy?

Standing Together in Unity

Back in Philippians 1, Paul said he wanted to hear that they were “standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” The Philippian church faced opposition, but they needed to staunchly face it with courage, helping each other to stand unafraid. Further, they were to “strive together for the faith of the gospel, with one mind.” The Greek says *with one soul*. Their heart and soul was to be given to the work of faith so that they could strive (strain) together to accomplish it. We aren't to passively regard the work of the church like spectators at a hockey game, coffee cups and donuts in hand. To be worthy of the gospel we're to get

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off the bench and throw ourselves into the great work Jesus has laid out for us, and do it with a spirit of unity.

Remove Self-Centred Ways

In the great description of the incarnation of Jesus into the world, Phil.2:5-11 emphasizes His humility and sacrifice as He "...emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant...He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." If He didn't insist on staying in heaven, we shouldn't insist that we have our way either. We're to actually treat each other "as more important than yourself" (v3-4). Instead of competing with each other, we are to cooperate and get along. Instead of insisting that your way is best all the time, or that somebody else's opinion is not as good as yours, we humble ourselves and let others have their way. The world always wants to have its say,

to get its way and to force people to give it praise and attention. If we're going to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, selfishness has to go.

No More Arguing and Grumbling

When Princess Anne arrived, everyone appreciated her gracefulness and kindness. She didn't come to argue with her military unit about their work, nor did she complain about the lousy weather and poor accommodations at the base. She even dressed like a soldier, leaving the jewels and gowns back home. What do people see in a congregation when it grumbles and complains? People go away thinking, "they act just as bad as everybody else." Paul directed, "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and per-

verse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world." A church that works hard to honor each member, respect each

opinion as worthy of consideration and refuses to sink into complaints and arguments is worthy of the gospel that saved them.

Personal Responsibility

Paul couldn't be with the Philippians to help them with their troubles and accomplish their work. So he told them to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" (2:12). They needed to take responsibility for themselves to do the things they needed to remain faithful, and to be worthy of the gospel. Nobody can take responsibility for your spiritual life, or the work you need to do for Jesus Christ and His church. You have to do it yourself. And we're to do it with fear and trembling, for God is involved. It makes no difference if the Christians around you don't seem exciting, interesting or creative. Don't blame them for your own troubles. The health of your soul is in your own hands. The world wants to blame others for their unhappiness. Only you can help yourself. A worthy life takes responsibility for that.

God has given us a royal life. Don't squander it. Live in a manner that is worthy.

Barrie, Ontario

The **Sundridge**, ON

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NEW YORK

Sardinia: Some of our congregation have been “helpers” at the local Trading Post Food Pantry in Springville. The last Friday we helped distribute food to more than 115 families.

ONTARIO

Barrie: Ruth Fanjoy, a Grove Park Home resident, was baptized November 14. Years ago she accepted an invitation and rides on Sundays from George McKinnon, now deceased. She always remembered George’s kindness and finally asked to be baptized into Christ. Never think good deeds done in kindness have no lasting effect. Fall semester at Georgian College has brought us some guests on Sundays; we’re trying to work with several of them. The college is just blocks from the church building. One student is a member of the church from Cameroon, Africa. Known as “Quinta,” she has become very close to everyone in the congregation. Our November gospel meeting brought us at least ten guests

from the community. Our speaker, Darrin Douglas (Niagara Falls), did great work among us.

Beamsville: The Giving Knitters are a group of women based out of the Beamsville Church of Christ building. We donate items that we have knitted or crocheted to The Women’s Shelter, Second Stage Housing, Out of the Cold, Albright Nursing Home and school children in poorer areas of Niagara. We are always in need of yarn and additional members. If you are able to help us out in either way, please get in contact with Barbara Smith at 905-562-3865.

Bramalea: The congregation rejoiced on Sunday, December 8, in the baptism of Victoria Asiamah-Yeboah by Walter Straker. On December 8 a dinner honouring 19 of the congregation’s seniors was prepared and hosted by the grades 1-6 Sunday school classes. Lilian Garcia’s father, Saturnino Barrion, passed away in the Philippines. Many bags of clothing were collected for brethren and friends in the Philippines and forwarded to Strathmore church of Christ to be sent on. Antoinette Vieira’s mother, Lois Veronica Barret, died on November 19, the day before her she was to celebrate her 78th birthday. Life Groups meet regularly and are well attended.

Fenwick: A float was decorated and entered in Fenwick’s Christmas parade on December 14. Once again the ladies prepared Christmas goodie baskets which

were delivered by the men on December 17. Six ladies travelled to Cambridge to help prepare Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes for shipment overseas. A Dynamic Deacons Seminar with Aubrey Johnson is scheduled for April 11-12. Watch the Gospel Herald for upcoming ads and information.

Owen Sound: We have been truly blessed to provide 14 Buckets for Haiti with members from the community also helping donate to this great cause. A number of our members provide food for the needy as well as serve them through two community efforts. One is called Safe & Sound which provides lunch Monday through Friday while the other is called OSHaRE which stands for Owen Sound Hunger and Relief Effort which serves supper also from Monday through Friday. These opportunities have put us in touch with many good-hearted, caring people as we serve the hungry in our community. Greg Toohey gave us a report of the Stratford work as well as preached for us on Nov.17.

Port Colborne: Harold Bruggen, our regular minister, was out of commission during the month of November due to hip replacement surgery. We had Don Hipwell, Don Rose and Nathaniel Metherel visiting with us as fill-in preachers. During 2013 Harold has been delivering a series of lessons from the Letter to the Hebrews, upon return in December he delivered seasonal lessons. We will pick up where we left off in Hebrews in January.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): On October 26 and 27, the Pinehill church of Christ held a weekend meeting with Dr. Garry Bailey of Abilene Christian University. The topic was “Enduring Love”, presented in four sessions. Every session was well attended with several folks from the community. Some of our visitors are still attending worship services and are interested in continuing. The church here is busy with other activities such as a coat drive for those in need of winter coats. We are providing a chili supper for all who come. The church provides meals at the local soup kitchen once a month. The Pinehill church also holds a worship service at a nearby nursing home one Sunday a month. Along with our feed the children program and their connection with the Philippines we are sending a special collection to help with their needs.

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton northside: The sisters gathered to make 86 meals for the frozen food ministry. A special collection was taken for the Philippine disaster survivors. Teens and young at heart met to make and decorate Gingerbread Houses. Welcome to Christian Basar who identified with our congregation.

South Edmonton: We give glory and praise to God for the things He has done among us in South Edmonton. It has been a wonderful six months for the church in South Edmonton. Six new people placed membership with the congregation from different countries. Also, five new people were baptized into Christ. Our attendance has grown to an average of 100 on Sunday mornings. We had three days of Fall Gospel meeting, with Nathan Wolfe, Ohio, USA. The meeting was well attended by members and fellow Christians from congregations in Alberta. In November, Brother Shawn Leblanc, New Brunswick, visited our congregation. We provide Shawn with financial support. The church had a night of fellowship, games, physical and spiritual food with three men presenting lessons on the Love of God. We have been studying Bible Characters during the week and Revelation on Sunday morning.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Sometimes people who become Christians are eager to start to work for Christ as soon as they have an opportunity. When the Weirs visited Danyelle Edgars in November they learned that she had worked the previous year gathering ideas, materials, and projects in order to offer a VBS to the children in the small community of Elkford, BC. So when summer came, she contacted as many as she could and invited them to come to her house for a week. And they came - from small too big - for a total of 25. Norm and Jen were also amazed at

all she has taught her own children, and learned about the Bible herself since she was baptized at Oakridge three years ago while stopping over in Vancouver on a trip to Central America. Friends, children and grandchildren gathered around Jen Weir's mother, Anje Blaak, on Dec. 12 to give her a good send-off as she started her march toward a 100th birthday. She is in a Washington nursing home near the Canadian border.

Burnaby: To encourage our children to become daily Bible readers, a free site is now offering a Bible for kids called the "YOU Version". Most of our Bible school students participated in a play called "Waiting for the Coming King" presented during the study period on Dec. 22. That evening was devoted to a hymn sing that we have each December to which all the congregations are invited. Our youth observed the season by wearing the best or worst Christmas sweaters to be found for their party, which included building gingerbread creations and games, with prizes in order for the sweaters displaying the "most colours", "deemed loudest" and "most amazing".

Delta: Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers were at Delta specifically to hear Erol Dogan's report on the Israeli work and the Dogans in turn were there the following Sunday for Don's presentation on the Ukrainian Bible Institute work. The Delta congregation was greatly encouraged that both reports happened as they did and that they, as a congregation, could share in being a part of those works with the level of support that we provide.

Nanaimo: Erol Dogan was with us on Dec. 22 to share his report on the work being done in Israel.

Oakridge (Vancouver): The son of a family who were members at Oakridge

for many years, Gregory Taylor, died early the morning of Nov. 6 after a vain attempt the last three years to overcome esophageal cancer. His parents were Gordon Taylor and Joyce Berry. Greg leaves his wife Leanne, two children, Erin Lee, age 16, and Nathan Gregory, age 8, four sisters and three brothers, all of whom were taught in Oakridge Bible classes VBS sessions, etc. as they grew up. He was preceded in death by the youngest sister, Sandra. "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; struck down, but not destroyed" 2 Corinthians 4:8, 9. This passage was penned by the apostle Paul as he was describing his life as a gospel preacher. Our preacher felt that these words also described the present condition of the people in Tacloban and its vicinity in the Philippines due to the path of Typhoon Haiyan on the heels of three earthquakes and a Tsunami. The devastation was tremendous in several of the central islands in this country of 7,107 islands. Most of the B.C. congregations have sent relief donations to help with immediate needs, and also to recover and rebuild.

Salmon Arm: A "Friends at Christmas" dinner started off the month of December for us. The Zambia Mission Fund has been helping children in Kalomo, Zambia, since 1999. Within a 90 km radius of the city there are about 15,000 children who have suffered the loss of one or both parents. The infant formula program provides formula for infants in full-time care, and to "foster" families who are caring for orphaned infants.

Surrey: Simon Hui, who lived in the Vancouver area for several years, but returned to his country to do mission work, was welcomed "home" when he visited with us for a special worship

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The Saskatoon Church of Christ

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ZIMBABWE: Over 20 evangelists were successfully led by John and Beth Reese from August 7–20 2013 in a renewal of a “God Bless Africa” campaign in Harare that had repeatedly been canceled due to political developments. Several from South Africa also helped four WBS couples with the six seminars that registered 352 current or new WBS students and baptized 38. The campaigners taught 41 classes and preached 17 sermons in the 12-day period. A notice about the seminar accidentally reached a new WBS student in Malawi. He so wanted to go to it that he rode a bus for 19 hours from his village of Nsanje, arriving in Harare at midnight. Staying at the bus center until 6 a.m., he was brought to the home of Alice Mhlanga, the Service Center coordinator, where 11 other foreign campaigners were housed. He was baptized that day, and sent on his long journey home determined to teach his village about Jesus. A report was sent to all the teachers identified by the attending WBS students. (Teachers were asked to check the full report posted at Resources on the www.worldbibleschool.net in case the students did not have the correct information.) This campaign followed a large effort by WBS from 2007 through 2009 to enroll older high school students. One headmaster said that since it had been introduced into his school, he had seen improved attitudes on the part of his students, and believed it was making an impact on their lives.

INDONESIA: In spite of opposition from individuals, Indonesia, with the largest Muslim population in the world, allows religious freedom. Soon after asking WBS for lessons, Daniel Setiabudi, who lives in Bekasi, attended a seminar in Jakarta and wanted to know more. Duane Morgan continued to teach not only Daniel, but his wife, Naomi, and daughter. All were baptized and worshipped with a local congregation, offering their home for a Sunday evening service. Now Daniel is the regular World Radio speaker from Jakarta each week. When other speakers

visit, he translates their sermons into the Indonesian language at the station, which can be heard over the internet in the U.S. Daniel has 300 WBS students with lessons translated into the Indonesian language. An organization called “Kids of Indonesia” (KOI) assists needy families with food, childcare and medical help. Daniel and Naomi care for the children of one working mother and assist in the daily food distribution for hungry children in nearby villages. Weekly church meetings are held in the KOI’s building, where World English Institute Bible material is also used to teach English. (From Nov. issue of “Action!”)

THAILAND: Jan Reagan, the Thai wife of Robert Reagan in Chiang Mai, has begun translating WBS lessons into that language so that many more people can be reached in that country by reading it in their own language. Ninety-five percent of the population of Thailand is Buddhist, and the English language is still not widely spoken. However, Thai people continue to enroll to get the WBS lessons. Interns with the Chiang Mai group last summer used hand-outs to encourage students to practice English as they learned about the Bible, which is also being done in other countries who have some English speakers, mostly found on university campuses.

MYANMAR-THAILAND BORDER: Last March, a large refugee camp located on the border in a beautiful valley suffered a terrible fire that killed 37 people and destroyed over 200 houses built with bamboo leaf roofs and huddled together for hundreds of people without citizenship in either country. As Chiang Mai is in the upper northwest area of Thailand, missionaries there heard what had happened and wanted to do what they could to help those who had lost what little they owned. Robert Reagan of the Chiang Mai team carried food, clothing and medical supplies to the camp. A grateful young woman there asked him if he would come back for a week each month to teach the people in this camp who cannot go anywhere else. They must have proper permission to leave at all. Without it, they can be jailed. Instead of being bitter and angry about their plight, Robert found the people gracious and welcoming, and has found it a privilege to teach these people. “I thought I was going to teach, serve and be a blessing in Jesus’ name, but God has

used these people to bless my life more than I ever imagined, Reagan said. (From Chiang Mai Newsletter)

JAPAN (Mito): Joel Osborne. Joel’s funding has dropped off significantly, so please keep him in your prayers and consider helping him. For information about his activities, contact him at joelsensei5@gmail.com. Canadian donations can be sent to Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton ON L6S 1T1. USA donations may be sent to S&R Ministries, PO Box 563, Edmond, Oklahoma, USA 73083. Sasha Ingle, Mito intern, has been in the USA for a much-needed two-month furlough. (Ishinomaki) Jonathan and Michiko Straker. Reimi Isaka was baptized into Christ by Jonathan Straker on November 17 at the edge of the ocean in Ishinomaki, Japan. A video may be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGEgCH-XdLk>. See Jonathan’s blog, StrakerHouse.com, for their activities in Ishinomaki. They are praying that \$100,000 can be raised for the family’s 2014 support and working fund. Donations may be earmarked “Straker Japan Support” and made payable to: (in Canada) – Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton ON L6S 1T1, phone #905-792-2297; or (in the USA) – Highway 36 Church of Christ, 10576 State Highway 36 South, Abilene TX 79602-9200, phone #325-529-1818.

Pictures & Reports

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

– The editors

Stoney Creek: One of our members intentionally takes a cab each Sunday rather than accept a ride from any number of people who would be glad to provide it because she wants to use this opportunity to witness to taxi drivers, many of whom are Muslim. They have come to know her as the "church lady." A few months ago one of the drivers was badly beaten by someone who did not want to pay his fare, and this lady visited him and his wife at the hospital, taking a gift from fellow Christians who wanted to help. She has developed a friendship with the family and has broken down the barrier that so often exists between Muslims and Christians. The driver is still recovering from his injuries, and the church is helping the family during the Christmas season.

Toronto (Bayview): On November 24, Bayview's Fellowship Ministry hosted our ethnic luncheon after Sunday service. Sixty-five members and visitors attended this popular event. Personal experiences were shared about life in Uganda, Haiti, Trinidad, Germany and Quebec, Canada. The highlight of the program was a play put on by the children's class about Zacchaeus' meeting with Jesus. Anita Daulatram and Pernel Allen spearheaded this enjoyable production. Six of our members have left to spend one to two weeks with Jean and Marie Volcy, working on a much-needed orphanage in Haiti. We are looking forward to news upon their return.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): The congregation wished a loving farewell to Renee Bryan, from Trinidad, who was with us for a year while attending school here. She has gone to Denmark for another year of schooling. Clothing and other needed items have been collected and sent to help our brethren in the Philippines. Also money from Strathmore and from other congregations that has been sent to us, has been sent through the church in Tacloban City to help those needing it. A group of 15, led by Jean and Marie Volcy, spent a couple of weeks in Haiti in December, erecting the building for the orphanage. Members from seven Canadian congregations were involved. Watch for a full report on this work in the February issue.

Waterloo: We have put together some teams of people willing to be a part of our Visiting Angels who visit our shut-ins to share a worship time with them on Sundays. Brian Ellis is organizing a team for "The Coldest Night of The Year" event which is happening Saturday, February 22. We will be walking 5km to raise money and awareness for the homeless in Kitchener-Waterloo. All proceeds support the Ray of Hope homeless shelter.

Windsor (West Side): On Wednesdays we have been watching videos in the NOOMA series. These short videos are good to make sense out of life with God and help us focus on God's priorities.

service and dinner on Dec. 11. Erol Dogan was our guest speaker on Dec. 15.

Vernon: A new website has been designed and put into service updating news of our congregation, and you are invited to see it at <http://vernonchurchofchrist.com/>. We don't officially end our holiday celebrations until we have our annual Holiday dinner, which will be on Jan. 12 this year.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: The youth movie and discussion was the TV movie "The Bible". The boys club filled some Operation Christmas Child boxes. The November 3 mission lunch sent proceeds to The Gentle Road Church of Christ in Regina. A kids rally was held November 15 and 16 and was a huge success. The men watched the movie "Fireproof" and then discussed it at the Men's breakfast. We rejoice with Cristin Dick, Rachille Abaga, Elisha Abaga, and Jarius Abaga who were baptized recently. A skype meeting with Andrea Muirhead was held for teens interested in mission work and a mission trip in the summer of 2014. Andrea is the team leader of "Young Friends" and "Let's Start Talking Canada".

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: We collected 114 pairs of mittens and other warm clothing to send to Gentle Road Church of Christ in Regina. Blessing Bags were also made. They are filled with toiletries. We filled 32 Operation Christmas Child boxes. We had an evening of caroling where 3 groups of singers went to visit and sing to the seniors in our congregation. A special collection was taken to send to Salvador in the Philippines. Allan Close was the keynote speaker at Lectureship in October. The keynote addresses and class sessions centered on the theme of "Finding God". Two hundred thirty five people representing 24 congregations in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, North Dakota, Montana, Iowa and Tennessee registered for the weekend.

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(Hebrews 10:32-36 ESV). Staying true to our need to persevere in godly living that is, in this context, to have patience in the Christian walk, gives us confidence in looking forward to the final reward for that faithfulness. (Note also Hebrews 6:11, 12; Matthew 25:34; Luke 21:19)

Surely we desire that God be patient with us as we struggle against the god of this world. We know that the patience of God has a breaking point. This is seen very clearly in the sin of Moses in striking the rock two times and taking some glory for himself at Meribah, Numbers 20:7-12. This prevented Moses from entering and enjoying the promised land. Sadly he was not patient with the people and reacted with anger. Sad indeed.

We all know people, maybe yourself, who are "short-tempered" and "blow up" in anger. What a

sad example this is to those who know we claim to be Christian. A poor example to say the least. We also know and have seen examples of when patience is absent, friendships and family are destroyed. Sometimes congregations of the Church are split because of it.

Sometimes even physical harm may result when the impatience leads to thrown punches, etc. Often children are embarrassed by out of control parents at sporting events as well as being made to feel they are a failure because they did not quickly enough meet their parent's expectations of stardom.

If you are an impatient person, let me suggest the following that may help you grow and develop stronger in the practice of patience. First, spend time with patient people—1 Corinthians 15:33 reminds us of the danger of evil companions, so in reverse, reminding us of the value

of good ones. Take strength in the fact that God loves you and will help you grow in this fruit of the spirit. Don't fail to grow because it does not happen overnight or at the first effort. Make the honest effort and He will be with you to help you grow in this virtue. Finally, keep your eyes on Jesus who displayed the perfect example of patience. Learn from how He handled stressful situations and was a blessing to those who saw Him, not a stumbling stone.

If you are a parent, in closing I challenge you to ask yourself, "If my child (children) follow my example, will they learn patience?" It is a question that can be expanded to include every Christian who influences anyone...which is all of us. Since the best sermons are those that are seen, not just preached, with the help of God, may each of us grow and flourish in this fruit, patience.

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- Must present professional appearance and attitude at all times, and maintain a high standard of service
- Assist with craft program
- Responsible for kitchen and dining hall cleanup

indicates our worth to God and our lives should reflect how grateful we are that God values us enough that He sacrificed His Son for us.

Remembering whose you are will fuel a desire to study God's word, pray and to meet with the Saints. In her book *Keeping Your Balance*, Nancy Eichman discusses how we spend our time and she states that if we lived to be 75 years old, this is how our time would be divided: 23 years sleeping or 31% of our time, 19 years working or 25% of our time, 9 years involved in amusements or 12% of our time, 6 years education or 8% of our time, 6 years eating or 8% of our time, 6 years traveling or 8% of our time, 5.5 years dressing and personal care or 7.3% of our time. And are you ready for this? 1/2 year 0.7% of our time to God is spent in worshipping, praying, and reading God's word.¹

Most of us eat three times a day. We spend 8% of our lives eating. If we eat as often as we read the Bible and pray I am sure many of us would starve. God's will for his people in the Old Testament is that His law for them would be the focus of their lives. "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 11:18-19 NIV). The Psalmist said in Psalm 119: 11 "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You". If this was God's will for His people then, how much more important is it for us to immerse ourselves in His "perfect law of liberty"? James 1:25 (NKJV).

Remembering whose you are is being made into God's image and reflecting Him in our lives (Genesis 1:26). Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote

a short story called the Great Stone Face. The Great Stone Face was a work of nature formed on the perpendicular side of a mountain. When viewed from a distance, it resembled the features of a human face. Ernest, a young boy, and his mother were sitting on their porch looking at the Great Stone Face. She told him about a prophecy that someday we may see a man with exactly the same face as the Great Stone Face. Every day he would go and sit and look at the Great Stone Face. He spent years gazing at it and wondering if he would ever see the man who looked exactly like the Great Stone Face. Ernest grew into a man and the years passed without him ever seeing the man who looked like the Great Stone Face. Eventually the townspeople began to realize that Ernest looked like the Great Stone Face. He had spent so much time looking at the Great Stone Face that he had grown into its likeness.

When we talk about the Lord being reflected in us, we are not talking about physical qualities, we are talking about spiritual qualities. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV).

Remembering whose you are is recognizing that we are a peculiar people. It is knowing Christ through His word, talking with Him through prayer, and regularly worshipping with the Saints. We are a mirror of Him, and He is reflected in us as we are being transformed into His image. As Christians in public life people will see Christ living in us and know "whose you are".

¹Eichman, chapter 6, page 52 as cited from *Escaping the Time Crunch* by Mark Littleton, Moody Press, Chicago, 1990, p.105.

Hamilton, Ontario

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.

Harris, Hubert Walter

Hubert passed away peacefully at the Scarborough (ON) Retirement Residence in his 84th year on November 6, 2013. He was born on March 20, 1930, in Grand Bank, Newfoundland.

He was predeceased by his wife of 41 years, Anita Blanche Harris. Survived by his daughters, Lynne Harris, Margaret (Bob) Sandiford, Judith (Dan) Yaksich and his son, John Harris. He leaves seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was also predeceased by his sister, Marie Bennett of Corner Brook, NL. Survived by his sisters, Olive Pope and Georgie (Clarence) Brooks of Grand Bank, brother-in-law, Tom Bennett of Corner Brook NL; his sister Jane (Jack) Maloney of Toronto; and his sister-in-law, Jean Simpson of Summerside, PE.

Hubert and his wife were both long

serving members of the Strathmore Blvd. congregation in Toronto. He was a Deacon for many years and their home was a place of fellowship and learning for the young people. He was a gifted craftsman in woodworking and shared that knowledge with anyone who was interested. Many of the furniture items in their home were made by him. He was known for his ability to make a jig to fit on his equipment to allow him to do special cuts, like drill a square hole, without having to buy some commercial product to do the job. He was an enjoyable person to visit with and hear stories of his life and family. He was a long-time employee of McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Visitation with the family and friends and a memorial service was held on November 14. We pray God's blessing on the family and friends as they mourn his passing.

– Max Craddock

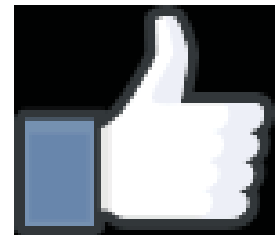
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November 18, 1921 –

October 30, 2013

Arnold passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on October 30 at the age of 91. Arnold was born to Martin and Malvina Knutson in the Stockholm area of Saskatchewan. As a young child he moved to the homestead south of Glentworth, SK. Arnold was the third of seven children: Magnar, Erling, Clifford, Martin, Mabel and Kenneth, and is survived by his sister Mabel and brother Kenneth, his five children: Alfred (Helen), Vernon (Colleen), Madeline (Ron Cutting), Russell (Glenda), Carmen (Ann); 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Arnold was predeceased by Edna, his wife of 67 years, in 2012, and daughter-in-law Victoria Knutson.

Arnold grew up on the homestead and became a skilled outdoors-man and a proficient skier, able to travel for miles over otherwise impassable snow. He loved hunting and observing wildlife and placed a high priority in helping his parents on the homestead



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Evangelist
Manitoba/Sask/ON

and contributing to the family using these skills. Arnold loved farming and raising cattle. He had a passionate dislike for weedy fields or scrawny cows.

In 1944 he married his sweetheart and moved to the farm south of Glentworth where they spent their lives together until illness dictated Edna move to a nursing home. Arnold was an avid sportsman and active member of the Glentworth Seniors' Club, competing in the Senior Olympics, in horseshoes and pool. He also won trophies in bowling and in pistol shooting at the Assiniboia Gun Club. Arnold was a faithful Christian and long time member of the Church of Christ.

– Kevin Knutson

Pich, Karen Yvonne

Karen Yvonne Pich went to the beauty and safety of her eternal heavenly home August 16, 2013. After many months and years of physical problems, she is now resting in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whole, well and happy.

Karen was born in Shaunavon, SK in 1944, to Carl and Averil Jacobson. They were homesteaders in that part of the country and her childhood was what would be a dream to many today...going to a one room country school in the winter with horse and sleigh (her mom was even her elementary school teacher for several years), horseback riding, going to rodeo's, camping in the summer, community and church picnics.

Karen cultivated other interests as time went on. She was a hairdresser and also taught hairdressing in a couple of city's where she lived. Being an artist at heart, she took classes and became very accomplished, selling a few pieces from time to time but took more pleasure in giving them to friends and family as gifts. One of her favorite pastimes was to take her easel and paints into nature and paint the scenes before her.

Baptized in 1970, Karen went through some difficult times in her personal life, and then seriously turned

her heart back to the Lord in 1994. She was a faithful, loving and serving member of the Spring Valley church of Christ in Kelowna, BC, where she continues to be deeply missed.

A memorial was held on August 23 in Kelowna, with her brother-in-law, Charles McKnight officiating, assisted by Norm Weir. Many loving and heartfelt tributes were offered by her grandsons, nieces, Christian brothers and sisters and from members of her artists club.

She leaves behind her husband, Dave, sons, Corey and Trevor, six grandchildren, her sister, Lynne (Charles) McKnight, brother, Doug (Sharon) Jacobson, many nephews and nieces and of course, her close Christian family of the Spring Valley church.

– Norm Weir

Somerville, Grahame

May 24, 1958 – Sept 3, 2013

True to his Scottish roots, it seemed fitting that the lone (bag) piper played the national anthem of Scotland as his family was seated. Because he was a born again child of God, it also seemed fitting that the sun was shining brilliantly in Prince George September 11, 2013, the day the life of Grahame Somerville was being celebrated, with Norm Weir officiating.

Grahame was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1958. After the passing of his parents at the young age of 14, his older sister, Betty, who already lived in Ontario, traveled to Scotland to pick him up and sponsored his immigration to Canada. He grew up the remaining of his childhood years in the home of his sister and brother-in-law, with their children becoming like his siblings.

Grahame married the love of his life, Toni, in 1982, was born again into the family of God in 1984, and rounding out that decade became a Canadian citizen in 1987.

Grahame took his faith and commitment to his Lord very seriously. No matter if he had to work all night on his job as a highway maintenance

supervisor in the most horrific winter conditions, he was at worship service every Sunday morning, leading singing. A serious accident at work in 1991 left his health compromised...deteriorating and always in pain, but he loved his job and kept working. During his last extended stay in the hospital, his wife always wrote a verse on the dry eraser board, which hung on the wall in his room. First thing the nurses did when they came in was to look at it. One day it read, "for I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). One nurse asked what it meant. Grahame asked then that Toni leave that particular verse up, and just add another to change every day.

Grahame and Toni both possessed an extraordinary sense of humor, which along with their faith in the Lord, helped them through very difficult emotional times that come with ill health. As she was sitting with him on the last few days of his earthly sojourn, Toni asked Grahame how he felt deep inside. He said, "I'm not depressed or worried. I know where I am going. And I'm going to see what ol Ernie is up to". Ernie, from the same small congregation, had passed away the previous November.

Grahame is survived by this wife, Toni, two children, Echo and James, grandson Shylden, sister Betty Jack, nieces, Stella (Andy), Carol and Aileen, nephew John Jack, brother-in-law, Doug (Doris), sisters-in-law, Pat (Pierre), Barb (Rob) and many relatives in Scotland.

– Norm Weir

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CAMROSE: 4901 42 Street T4V 1A2; Sunday AM Bible study 10 am; Sunday AM worship service 11 am; Thursday Bible Study 7 PM; Phone: (780) 672-1220 (Office); Evangelist: David Friesen; Email: info@camrosechurchofchrist.org Website: www.camrosechurchofchrist.org

EDMONTON Church of Christ: meeting place in NW of city; 13015 – 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9 Office 780.455.1049; Fax 780.454.9545; Sun. 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study CAREgroups at the building and in various homes (phone for locations and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelist: Larry Boswell, 780.270.6007 Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church5@telus.net

SOUTH EDMONTON: Southwood Community Centre 1880 – 37 street NW, Edmonton, AB; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 42126 Edmonton, AB T6K 4C4; Minister: Roy Graneau; Contact: 780-902-1329

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

RED DEER: 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2Y8; Sun. Worship and study 10–12 am, (evening • call for information); (403) 347-3986; email: davenportchurchofchrist@gmail.com Website: www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilcey Road Campbell River, BC V9W 1P4; Contact: Office (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besijm2@hotmail.com

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; PO Box 327; Sun. 10:30, 11; Mid-week call - John Forman 604-792-7806; Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

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

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

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

KELOWNA: Spring Valley Church of Christ, 847 Wayne Road, Kelowna, V1X 1A4. Sun. 10:30; Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739, email: McKnight8739@shaw.ca

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

NORTH BEND Church of Christ: North Bend Community Hall, 48846 Highline Road, North Bend; Sun. 10:30 am; Mailing address: 47220 Green Ranch Road, North Bend, BC, V0K 1C1 Boryd Krosgaard 604-867-9420

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

WINNIPEG (Central): Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Cleaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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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 2S0, 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: niarafallscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscofc.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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SHUBENACADIE: 3557 Indian Road, Mill Village, NS B0N 2H0; Sunday Worship Times: Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Bible class and Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Tuesday night Bible study at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible study class at noon on Thursdays. 902-758-4252 (to leave a message at the church building), 902-758-2633 J. Mackey, natbrown@ns.sympatico.ca

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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@bramaleacofo.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, 6:00; Bible class 11:15; Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacofo.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: theygrays1@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: 519-363-6952

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 am & 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

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KITCHENER (Southwest): Sunday 10:30 AM, Williamsburg Community Centre, 1187 Fischer Hallman Road, Building 600, Suite 620, Kitchener, Ontario. Church phone: (519) 496-2286
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LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Contact: M. Pennington, 519-872-7629; Email: pmpennington40@gmail.com; P. Fewster, 519-672-2426; Email: peter.fewster@gmail.com

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cfc@brucetelecom.com website: http://www.meafordcfc.ca/ Check website for monthly changes

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga (10th Line & Tacc Drive);
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 Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM; Bible Study: 10:45 AM
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 Email: sabastin_daniel@yahoo.com
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NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Mailing address: Upper Canada Mall, Box 21581, Newmarket, L3Y 8J1; Sunday worship 10 am, Bible classes 11:15 am; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca

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

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Jim Holston, ev., 905-875-2939; Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0

OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3
 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursday 7:00 pm; 905-434-1258 (Church)
 Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879
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OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 11:30 am, Worship 10 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
 Robert MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, Ottawa church of Christ facebook

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

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 2pm; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca website: www.owensoundcfc.com

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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 Haldimand Road 53, Sun 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1P0; Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@explornet.com

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