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Genesis: Touches of Grace in Tales of Judgment

(Part Two, The Flood and the Fire)

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In continuing to trace the evidence of God's grace in the judgment passages of Genesis, we come to the most comprehensive tale of judgment in the Bible—the destruction of the world by water recorded in Genesis 6-9.

The story opens with an indication of just how evil has grown. We are told, "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen 6:5, ESV). The earth which God had created as a pleasant home for mankind had instead been corrupted and filled with violence by those who were supposed to care for it (6:11-12; cf. 1:28-30 & 2:15).

In response to this violence and sin, God determined to punish mankind. But even before this intention is announced, we are told, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord" (6:8). The ESV, like most modern translations, uses the less specific "favour" rather than the word grace. The KJV, perhaps influenced by the Septuagint (LXX), used grace. "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

We are not told how, we are not told why, we are not told what, if anything, God saw in Noah. But we are told, before the flood of destruction ever began, that Noah was under God's favour.

This favour, or grace, is more than a vague and substanceless good will which might or might not result in any perceivable benefit. Even before the

flood begins, God has promised, "I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife and your sons' wives with you" (Gen 6:18, ESV).

I have sometimes heard it claimed that it was Noah's sacrifice, offered after the flood (8:20-22), which moved God to make a covenant with Noah; but this is not so. The sacrifice brought forth the statement of the promise, but the intention to covenant with Noah was there in the heart of God before the sacrifice, in fact before the flood itself. Even while planning this mighty destruction, God's heart was seeking a people he might bless, a people he may save.

The flood story is certainly intended to produce godly fear. It

is intended to remind us that we ignore God's plans and abuse his promises to our own hurt. Yet, in the midst of this great tale of judgment there is a strong note of hope and of grace. God has never, and will never, forget his gracious intention to save a people from the results of sin. The number saved may be small, but the chosen seed will never be wiped out.

In the midst of the evil pervading our world, it is easy to fear that God may forget us. But God did not "forget" Noah and those with him in the ark, even in the midst of the flood that wiped away the incredible evil and violence of that time.

Grace in the Destruction of Sodom

For our last example of grace in the midst of judgment, let us consider the destruction of Sodom. This story, perhaps more than any of the others, seems to have been recorded more for the sake of the touches of grace than for the fires of destruction.

We first hear of the destruction of Sodom as we overhear a conversation between the Lord and Abraham (Gen 18:16-33). This conversation takes place because God is unwilling that his action at Sodom be misunderstood by Abraham. God, having chosen Abraham that he may instruct his family concerning justice, is unwilling that he be misunderstood (18:16-19). It will not do to have Abraham thinking that God is unjust, if Abraham is going to train others to do what is just.



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So God opens the subject. As he earlier invited Adam, Eve, and Cain to confess their wrong, he now effectively invites Abraham to examine the justice of the situation with him. He allows Abraham to plead with him at length. He does not silence him with fear. He does not refuse to consider Abraham's plea.

In recording this exchange for posterity, two things are communicated rather clearly.

First, those who thoughtfully read this passage are impressed by the fact of the Lord's willingness to listen. Surely the Lord knows what the outcome will be, but he takes the time to listen to Abraham. He is the "judge of the all the earth" (18:25); but he is more than that. He is a patient God, a loving God, a gracious God, a God who has time for his children.

Second, as in the story of the flood, God's chosen will not be forgotten when Sodom is destroyed. God can see the few in the midst of the crowd. There is no danger that a few rebels will escape punishment by hiding among the righteous. There is no danger that a few righteous will be forgotten because they happen to live in an era and place of extreme wickedness. The Lord is thinking of the righteous well before he begins the destruction of the wicked.

The dialogue with Abraham takes place before the angels of destruction even reach Sodom. Once they are in Sodom another conversation takes place. In their dialogue with Lot it is seen that the angels who

have come to destroy Sodom are angels of deliverance for Lot. As determined as they are to destroy Sodom they are equally set on saving Lot's family.

The angels delivered Lot from the mob outside his house (19:10). They gave Lot an opportunity to save his sons-in-law, though the sons-in-law were unwilling (12-14). The angels "urged" Lot to take his wife and daughters and flee (15). But he lingered (16).

God did not give up on Lot. The angels did not walk away from lingering Lot saying, "Okay, then, be destroyed you fool." Instead, motivated by mercy, they take the family by the hand and lead them out of the city (16).

Even then Lot's family does not appreciate what has been done for them. They are not satisfied with the opportunity to flee to the hills. Instead they ask for an easier alternative, and it is granted (17-22).

Let me pause here for a confession. As a child, I thought that we humans had to plead with God. I thought that God was reluctant to save us. I thought that we had to struggle to get his attention in the hope that he would then take action on our behalf.

The notable point in this story (and in many Bible stories) is that the opposite is the case. Here are God's messengers urging people to accept salvation, but the people linger, the people delay, the very people who are to receive mercy seem unappreciative of it. According to the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, God is eager to save and humans are reluctant to accept salvation.

The Bible knows us better than we know ourselves. It is not as if we have to plead with God to grant salvation. It is rather that he pleads with us to accept it.

Conclusion

Genesis, as we all know, is about the beginning. The beginning of the world is covered rather quickly. Most of the book is about the beginning of God's gracious effort to save an unwilling and foolish people.

We see God's grace at work in Genesis, and throughout the Old Testament. We see him offering garments to Adam and Eve. We see him protecting Cain from those who might kill him. We see him warning Noah, and leading Lot out of Sodom. We see him offering salvation to sinful and stubborn humans throughout the Bible. We see his grace where the word is not used. We see his grace even in passages about punishment and destruction.

May we learn to see it in our lives as well. It is there, even when he punishes. "For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives" (Hebrews 12:6, ESV).

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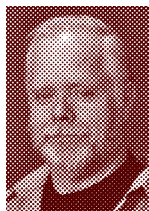
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Healthy Preaching

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What heresies are affecting the Evangelical churches today? In “New Poll Finds Evangelicals Favorite Heresies” (October 2014 issue of Christianity Today), Kevin P. Emmert summarizes in a recent survey by LifeWay Research that was conducted for Ligonier Ministries. While there was agreement by many of those surveyed on some traditionally evangelical ideas, there were also some surprising results, which in the words of Stephen Nichols, a representative for Ligonier, “reveals a significant level of theological confusion.” The majority of respondents believed Jesus rose from the dead, that salvation is in him alone, and the Bible is the Word of God. At the same time, there were those who believed that God was “more divine” than Jesus and that He was the “first creature created by God” an idea resembling the ancient teachings of Arius of Libya. And even 6 percent said that the Book of Mormon is a revelation from God, and another 18 percent thought it might be! The article left room for doubt about the conclusions from the survey in suggesting that “in some cases the problem seems to be uncertainty rather than heresy.”

One of the common images of religious history is of someone being labelled as heretical—the ancient church councils, the Inquisition, the Protestant Reformation. Like many of our English words, heresy comes from Greek. Originally, it denoted the idea of making a choice. Easton’s Dictionary identifies the development of the word—from 1) a choice to 2) the opinion chosen to 3) the sect holding the opinion. In Acts, where Luke speaks of the Jewish sects (Pharisees, etc.), he uses the Greek word from which the word heresy comes which is variously translated as party or sect. In writing to Titus, Paul uses the word in reference to those whose opinions are divisive (3:10, 11). Even when the word heresy (haireisis) was not expressly used, the New Testament writers left little doubt that false teachings were troubling the church in the apostolic age and would continue to do so. Paul warned of those who preached “another gospel” and John of those who would deny that Jesus had come in the flesh. The centuries that followed saw many issues and controversies that threatened unity. In the second century, Irenaeus wrote “Against Heresies.” In the fourth century, the Council of Nicaea attempted to confront the heresy that resulted from the teaching of

Arius by creating a confession that defined orthodoxy and anathematized heretics.

In the New Testament, perhaps the best description of the effect of human opinions and choices is Paul’s reference to “infants, tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming” (Ephesians 4:14). People get off track through ignorance, carelessness or the result of the intentional actions of those who want to prey off the immature and weak.

The writer of Hebrews responded to what he perceived as an indifference (“you have become dull of hearing”) by chiding his readers that as long as they had been Christians, they should have matured in their faith and knowledge to the point that they were teachers. However, given their lack of spiritual growth, they needed to be retaught the basics. They could not handle the solid food, the meat, intended for the mature. They needed to go back to the milk intended for babies.

The image of the immature, untaught believer as a baby, while not flattering, is certainly accurate. A baby is totally dependent and vulnerable, unable to discern the difference between that which is healthy and what is toxic. Similarly, an immature Christian has difficulty recognizing the difference between good and evil, healthy and spiritually deadly. Like an immature

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Love One Another

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There are many verses in the Bible illustrating the terrible examples of jealousy, hatred and anger. I will however, mention four:

1. Cain killed his brother Abel.
2. King David arranged the death of Uriah by sending him to the front lines, knowing he would be killed.
3. The Prodigal son.
4. The angry mob that killed Jesus.

Anger, hatred and jealousy have survived for centuries in the world. The tragic situation in the Middle East is an example. There is, however, no place for it in the church.

One of the main and important themes in the New Testament speaking to Christians, particularly in the book of John, is "Love one another":

John 14:15—If you love me, you will obey my commands.

John 15:10-12—My command is this, "love each other as I have loved you".

John 13:34-35—"All men will know

that you are my disciple if you love one another."

We in the church may find it easy to like someone and bond with those who share similar interests. But more challenging is to associate with those who differ from us in their lifestyle. Jesus, however, set the example by spending time with people we would not ordinarily associate with.

The love we have for each other does not go unnoticed by our younger members. They also make note of the brethren who do not show love to each other. I have heard many reasons and excuses as the reason for leaving the church. The one reason that still bothers me to this day is when I hear "I left because I felt unloved". We need to love all our brethren, before we can love non-believers. Based on what I read in God's word, my opinion is that it is impossible to have a relationship with our Heavenly Father if we do not have a relationship with our brethren.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesian church while he was in prison. His faith was strengthened with the knowledge that his brothers and sisters loved each other. His message applies to us (imperfect as we are) today. Ephesians 1:15-16 says "For this reason ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers". It is interesting to note that Paul never asked for prayers that would release him from prison. He was more concerned about his brethren's faith and love for each other. Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourself." When you attend the assembly of Christians, please remember that the hug you give someone may be the only hug they receive that week!

I encourage you to read 1 John 4 in its entirety. Love one another—who said so? God!

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Sufficient Grace

“God doesn’t give you any more than you can handle.” It’s a common expression. Chances are you have either said it yourself or nodded in sympathy when someone else did, perhaps both. This sentiment is generally accepted as valid, but is it?

The origin of this concept is rather obscure. Some presume it comes from the Bible but are unable to provide textual backing for their assumption. It is possible that the expression evolved from 1 Corinthians 10:13—“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it” (NIV 1984). God does not leave his people to Satan’s whims. However, the common use of the statement, “God doesn’t give you any more than you can handle”, is in reference to coping with the problems and tragedies of life—those things Scripture calls trials—not to temptations. While the Greek word used in this verse may also be translated as “trial” (e.g. James 1:12), the context of the Corinthians passage indicates that verse 13 is referring to temptation.

Believing that God gauges our trials to our ability to cope may offer some encouragement but it also holds some danger. A person’s faith may be weakened should he discover that his burdens are too heavy to bear. Jesus warned that the worries of this life would choke the faith of some. (Matthew 13:22)

Some have been so crushed by problems that in desperation they seek escape through chemical means or even suicide. On the opposite side

of the coin, once one has weathered the storm, there is the danger that he may believe he did so through his own strength rather than recognizing God’s aid.

Peter, Paul and James all tell us that life’s trials develop our spiritual muscle, strengthen our faith and tone our Christian character. “These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honour on

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the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world” (1 Peter 1:7 NLT). “We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation” (Romans 5:3, 4 NLT). “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything” (James 1:2-4 NIV 1984). This growth takes place when we rely on God, not our own strength, to see us through our struggles. If God allows us to face only what we are capable of handling on our own, our faith would not grow from those experiences as there would be no

need for us to rely on His amazing grace. (Philippians 4:13).

The apostle Paul faced some overwhelming difficulties in his life. He lists some of them in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27. In chapter 12, he describes a problem he refers to as “a thorn in the flesh”. Paul does not indicate the specific nature of this problem, but it was such a severe trial to him that he begged God to free him from its torment “Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me” (verse 8, NIV 1984). He recognized that the thorn came from Satan. It was not something God had given him. “There was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me” (verse 7b, NIV 1984). And he also realized that it had some benefit for him—“To keep me from becoming conceited” (verse 7a, NIV 1984). Still, it was more than he could handle and so he pleaded for its removal. God’s response to Paul’s pleas was, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (verse 9).

God’s grace was, indeed, sufficient for Paul. Not only was he able to endure his thorn in the flesh but he was also able to say, “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:9b, 10 ESV). If we could handle our troubles and trials on our own, we would not need to lean on God. Like Paul, it is our weakness—our inability to “handle” what life throws at us—which allows God’s strength and grace to be displayed in our lives. In this way God is glorified.

In regard to temptations, God does promise us a load limit and an escape route. (1 Corinthians 10:13). But as for our problems and struggles, He promises His presence (Hebrews 13:5, 6). He promises His assistance. (Isaiah 41:10) and He promises His all sufficient grace (2 Corinthians 12:9)!



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We May Never Know Why God Loves Us So Much!

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Few Bible verses are as well known and as often quoted as John 3:16. Its preaching has drawn untold numbers to faith in Christ, and it continues to encourage believers everywhere. It's such a simple verse, but folded within that simplicity are at least five profound truths everyone needs to know. To start with, it reminds us of the possibility of eternally perishing. Second, it proclaims the awesome news that eternal life is possible. Third, it encourages us to realize God has given us all one Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Fourth, John 3:16 shows us that belief is the door to grasping hold of salvation. Finally, it says something beautiful beyond human comprehension about the love of God. Let's consider these five truths of John 3:16 in a little more detail.

We find the first of these five truths in the phrase "should not perish." John 3:16 reminds the human race

we're all heading for eternal ruin unless something can be done about it, and that (praise God) He has done something about it. Should we find it objectionable such a beautiful verse reminds us of the possibilities of death and condemnation? Do we consider doctors evil for diagnosing diseases and suggesting treatments? If a potential evil looms before us and we can do something to avoid it, we consider those who so inform us as friends. We ought to hear John 3:16 the same way.

God is Judge and will punish unforgiven sin with eternal damnation (Ecclesiastes 3:17; Matthew 25:46; Romans 2:3-5, 14:10). All people old enough to choose right and wrong become sinners, doomed to perish eternally in the Second Death unless forgiven (Romans 3:23, 6:23; Revelation 20:14-15). God doesn't want anyone to suffer damnation (1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9). Therefore, in the hope we will avoid it, He has been kind enough to remind us of the possibility of perishing eternally. His reminder points us toward forgiveness. Thank God for such a reminder!

The second great truth in John 3:16 is the promise of eternal life. From the very beginning God sought eternal relationships with humans. He put the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, which would have imparted eternal life right then and there if Adam and Eve had eaten of it instead of the forbidden Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 2:9, 15-16, 3:22-24). Sin led to physical death (Romans 5:12). Every human, except those alive at Christ's return (1 Thessalonians 4:17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52), will have to die, even those who die too young and innocent to sin (Hebrews 9:27). Every human who has ever lived, from those who died in the womb to those who lived 900 years or more, will stand in Judgment to answer for their deeds (Revelation 1:7; Acts 10:42). All who stand guilty of sin on that day will suffer the Second Death of an eternity in hell. However, John 3:16 says, "Should not perish, but have eternal life." If we will walk in the direction this great verse points, God promises to solve our problem of mortality and its accompanying fear of hell.

Just think what this means! Imagine every good thing about life. Think also of all the evils of this life—including death. In time to come all those evils will be gone, and the good things believers love will be ours endlessly—except better!

The third of our five truths has to do with the One and Only one who can make all the good things John 3:16 teaches us about come to pass. God gave authority over every blessing to His one-of-a-kind Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:3). John 3:16 says, "He gave his only Son." "Only," or as the King James Version says, "only begotten," comes from a Greek word that means "one of a kind." There's no one else like Jesus! He's the only being in existence who is fully God (John 1:1) and fully human (1 Timothy 2:5). Therefore he's the only being in existence worthy and capable of saving us. Jesus died sacrificially to secure cleansing from sin so



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that those so cleansed will be made to stand before the Lord in Judgment as if they'd never sinned (Psalm 103:12; Acts 10:43; Romans 6:1-11; 1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 7:25-27, 9:28). That's what salvation means, and why John 3:16 is such a beautiful verse to proclaim so great a Savior. Accept him. He's the only one (Acts 4:12). Thank God for Jesus!

It's a source of joy to know God made all blessings in Christ easy to obtain. If you knew nothing of the gospel, what would you consider a fair price for the gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life? Could you set a price too high? If you were honest about the value of such gifts, you'd set the price higher than you could ever hope to pay!

None of us could ever pay a price worthy of the salvation Christ offers. Christ paid the price none of us could pay—that's why the Bible consistently says salvation is by grace rather than works—and having paid it, simply requires us to have faith in him. That's a price any of us can pay if we're willing. But our verse says, "Whoever believes in him," and we know faith is more than mere belief.

James 2:19-22 says, "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works" (ESV). Focus on that last phrase, "faith was completed by his works." James 2 doesn't teach anything that contradicts Ephesians 2:8-10. It doesn't say we can earn salvation, but rather explains what saving faith is. A saving faith is a complete faith, due to its having been taken to its full conclusion. True faith believes and so trusts enough to

act accordingly. If I believe in Jesus, I'll make a sincere effort to follow him. If I believe, I'll obey commands to repent of sins (Luke 13:3), be baptized (immersed) into Christ for forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), and continue to live a faithful life (Hebrews 10:38-39).

Yes, the fourth great truth from John 3:16 is that belief is the door to grasping hold of salvation. Though mere belief never saved anybody, true belief saves everyone who develops it, for true believers will obediently take the steps of faith that follow it. Belief is the door to grasping the salvation God freely offers us all.

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Finally, we cannot overlook what may be the most profound thought in John 3:16, "For God so loved." It might be easy to take the love of God for granted. Easy, but foolish! Among the highest and noblest of thoughts is to think on the love of God. We all ought to meditate upon it, pray for grace to understand it, and strive to imitate and demonstrate it in our relationships.

Why should God care if sinners perish? Sinners are fools, careless, or rebels. Whichever the case, punishment is justly deserved. God warned Adam

and Eve, the Patriarchs and Prophets warned the ancients and Scripture has warned earth's population ever since. Sin is not God's fault and it's not His problem. But, He chose to take it on as His problem. And why? Because he loved! In fact, he "so" loved, and there's no love greater than that!

We may never know why God loves us so much, but thanks to passages like John 3:16, we certainly know he does. Let's sincerely thank him for loving us so. Let's devote ourselves to believing in Jesus, and to taking the steps of obedient faith toward which belief in him propels us. Eternal life awaits all who keep faith with him, and there can be no better hope than that. We may never know why, but thank God he loves us so much!

John 3:16 is indeed one of the most well known Bible verses—rightly so. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (ESV). That beautiful statement encapsulates the whole message of Scripture and speaks to the hearts of every person alive. Every Christian ought to meditate on the words of this beloved passage, and let them inspire us to share the good news with our neighbors. They so desperately need to be reacquainted with John 3:16. Will you help them?

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ONTARIO

Beamsville: We congratulate Heather House, who was baptized Wednesday, November 5, 2014. Heather is a part of a small group that meets at Crystal Cook's home and has been attending our congregation for several years. We are happy to welcome Beverley Foreman and her son Jeff as members of our congregation. The Tintern congregation is looking to partner with the Beamsville congregation for a joint effort Drama Ministry.

Bramalea: Bramalea sent seven boxes of gifts to the Tintern congregation to be shipped to the Neskantaga Indian Reservation - one from each Life Group. Enid Cornwall, aged 87, went to her heavenly reward at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, December 7. She came to Bramalea in 1988 and was a blessing to the congregation for over 25 years. Her funeral was held Saturday, December 13, at the Bramalea church. A new women's prayer ministry, entitled: "Building Relationships through Prayer" began Sunday, December 7. The aim of this event is to pray more—and in so doing reach out to God and to our sisters in Christ. We welcome Barbara Yeboah and her infant son, Darius, to the Bramalea congregation.

Fenwick: We rejoice with the addition of a brother in Christ. After studying with Wendy Burgess and her son-in-law, Mike Stephens, David Durham was baptized by Mike on November 30. Again, the Fenwick congregation participated in the village's Christmas parade on December 13. Pens and New Testaments were distributed to adults and candy to the children along the parade route. Following the parade, Harold and Eva MacDonald held

their annual open house and Christmas celebration. The seniors met in the morning of December 16 for fellowship and a time of devotion. In the evening the ladies packed Christmas baskets for some needing cheering at this time of year. The men delivered the baskets.



Port Colborne: We have taken on a single father family with three small children affiliated with Port Cares. We will provide clothing and gifts and a Christmas meal for the family. We are also helping support the breakfast program with the school system here in Port Colborne. May God help us as we strive to represent Him in our community.

Tintern: Once again, TRUTH has put together a team of teens to participate in a mission trip to Misión Para Cristo in Nicaragua. The mission trip will take place in August 2015. There are many ways to help. The team requests your prayers. If you would like to make a financial donation you can do so by cheque (mailed to Tintern) or through the Canada Help donation website. Six cartons full of shoe boxes of Christmas gifts was mailed to the First Nations community of Neskantaga (in northern Ontario). Tintern appreciates the various congregations that help to make this possible. If you would like more information or an opportunity to get involved, please contact the church building (905-563-6311 or email tinternchurchofchrist@gmail.com). We welcome more congregation's participation.

Toronto (Bayview): On November 23, Bayview rejoiced to witness Brendon Samis' baptism by Jean Volcy after our Sunday service. In addition, we were thrilled to witness Anna Liu's decision to put on Christ with her baptism, performed by Kaso Ramcharitar, on November 30. We pray that God will guide them both, as they embark on their journeys of faith as New Testament Christians. Thirty of our members and friends enjoyed a time of fellowship, as we participated on November 30 in our annual ethnic lunch. Treats from many countries were provided and sampled at this event.

Windsor (Westside): We want to thank Kaitlyn Parker for setting up and designing the Prayer Corner in the back of the auditorium. The design of this corner is to help us as a family pray intimately with and for one another. Slips of paper are available to make specific prayer requests. People can look at the slips of paper and engage in intercessory prayer for those named. "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16)

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ALBERTA

Edmonton northside: The young couples group met at the Manimtim home. There was a farewell supper for the Flood family as they are returning to Australia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): One of the last survivors of the church in Chilliwack enjoyed a full day of fellowship with her sisters in Christ in Abbotsford on Nov. 16, then went on to meet her maker as the day closed. Dorothy Hodgins, 86, experienced an aneurism as she walked to supper Sunday evening, and died in the hospital a few hours later. Norm Weir was in charge of her memorial service on Nov. 22. The Weirs "home-away-from-home" was robbed and vandalized shortly after their return trip in November, with extensive damage that required weeks in the garage hospital. Thinking it was insured under one provision or another, they were dismayed to learn none of them provided for this kind of damage. As it was also used for the children's Bible class on Sundays, as well as for their travel ministry, it has been sorely missed.

Burnaby: Celine Canlas celebrated her birthday by making a lifelong commitment to Christ as she was baptized into his name on Nov. 16. Our young mothers added a used-book swap to their Christmas baking exchange in December. The youth group was kept busy last month with several activities requiring their help. Youth had two service opportunities when they helped decorate the home of Phil and Wendy Allen, who are unable to do it for themselves, and later distributed the Christmas hampers prepared by the church for needy families. They also encouraged their parents to participate in a Family Christmas party which included crafts and gingerbread houses. On Dec. 21, the congregation was invited to not only enjoy, but take part in a play by the Bible school

classes called "Tree-mendous Love...From the Manger to the Cross", the story of the night that Jesus was born, with audience participation in hymns and carols. Jay Don Rogers shared his latest news about the fate of Christians and the UBI school in Ukraine the first Sunday in December.

Delta: The church had an exciting welcome for Jonathan Waddell and the former Daniella Bryant on Dec. 28 to celebrate their marriage in Cancun, Mexico, during the holidays. Daniella is from Sweetwater, TX. (Deep in the Heart of). The newlyweds will be living in Dallas where Jonathan has been teaching Chemistry and Marine Biology at a Christian high school this fall.

Oakridge (Vancouver): We received word of the death of Peter Kirmis, a former deacon of this congregation, in November. He leaves his wife, Vicky, and two daughters, Karla and Hagin, in Power River, where they have lived since leaving the Vancouver area. We also lost an assistant to a missionary in Apulo, El Salvador, when German Pineda went on to meet His Lord. He was the son of Brother Antonio Pineda, who said "My right hand is gone," when he told Miguel of his son's passing. German was the driver, as well as many other things which enabled his father to preach the Word of God from his wheelchair. From Milton Diaz, who noted: "Thanksgiving is more than just a holiday for believers—it's a way of life." Mila Lalantacon has asked for special prayers for her husband and children that they may pass physicals required before they can enter Canada.

Salmon Arm: Gary Noble invited all of the children who had attended our VBS to his home the afternoon of Dec. 23 to hear his presentation of the nativity story. Salmon Arm contributed 1,489 boxes to the Christmas Child effort this year, which was a 20% increase over last year. Alice Tumlinson arrived home with her daughter, Ann, on Dec. 5 from a three-week trip to Mexico for cancer treatment. Alice has endured cancer for some time, and was graded as stage four. Results of her trip are very encouraging. Her letter, written from Mexico, might be of interest to others. "My days are filled with one treatment after another, all designed to kill cancer cells. The doctors and nurses are just great. One woman who is going home is so delighted that some of her tumors are gone and those left are considerably smaller. She, like all of us, took home lots of paraphernalia to continue the process. I can't say enough good things about Dr. Tony Jimanez, who

is the head of the clinic. Ann organizes all of my treatments and gets me on a path of getting everything done with time to walk along the ocean (just across the street). Thank you for all of your prayers and texts expressing concern. I feel so blessed to have such wonderful friends who are concerned and praying for me. Keep up the prayers." (Alice is the wife of Sam Tumlinson, former preacher for this congregation who has remained in the area, and hosts a three-day retreat for BC preachers each year.)

Surrey: Megan Bravo put her hand in the hand of her Lord as she was baptized on Nov. 21 following the Friday evening Young Peoples' Bible study. A Ladies Day for Surrey is being planned for this month. Rob Beckett has started a new study with one of the correspondents with Joann Simonson. Her latest records for 2014 showed 217 students in 24 different countries! A few of the comments she receives: INDIA (teenage girl) – "I need to learn more about LORD JESUS... I am really interested to study more about the BIBLE... I think this course will satisfy all my thirst about the GOD and BIBLE. CANADA – "Thank you for all the verses you sent me. I read them over and over. I'm beginning to see the light. What a wonderful way to get to know the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, all in one Person." Also: "I was a long-time backslider, who had been raised by Christian parents. Summer of 2013 I felt a sudden strong desire to return to church AND to read through the Bible for my first time! Now I'm eager to not only continue READING it, but also to STUDY God's word. I look forward to starting your on-line/correspondence study course. Thank you for providing this."

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: The winter trip for True North Helping Hand was from December 27 to January 3. The Tree of Knowledge continues to grow. Congratulations to the following children who have completed memory work: Ashley Woods, Heather Woods, Ireayomide Luro, Mackenzie Arbuckle, Sam Schmidt, Taylor Arbuckle, Levi Tyndall, Nora Tyndall and Jenson Lock. The youth helped deliver poinsettia with the Hospice and Palliative Care Manitoba Poinsettia Delivery Program. Rusty and Laura Campbell and their family are missionaries in Ecuador. They gave a presentation of their work on December 7. (They are being supported by the Manson, MB congregation).

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MISSION NEWS

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INDIA: More than 1,000 leper colonies are scattered throughout the country. One of these is located six miles from the city of Tinupati. It consists of 210 families who were without the proper facilities for obtaining water from their well. An Indian preacher who came to have a gospel meeting noted the problem and got in touch with Healing Hands International. The well had been of little value because the long handle on the manual pump could not be manipulated by people without fingers, hands or feet to move it. Youth groups in Alabama called "Teens In Action" offered the money realized from "Walk 4 Action" events for an electric pump, which was soon installed. The village has been given new life, as the families are now able to obtain all they need from the well. Along with the preacher who called attention to this problem, they sent their thanks to HHI and the "Teens In Action." (Many other leper colonies also face conditions with which they are unable to cope on their own.)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO: More than 10 years since the Congo's long war was officially ended, the rate at which people continue to die remains very high despite the efforts of the world's largest peacekeeping force. The most important causes are hunger and malnutrition, with nearly half of the victims being children younger than the age of five. In Kenya, the Nairobi Great Commission School which trains preachers, is also teaching them agricultural skills to be used alongside their evangelistic ministries. Healing Hands International supports Ebenezer Udofia to act as the Director of African Agriculture. He and a NGCS student conducted the first workshop in the Congo at Ladju, a village in the eastern part of the country. Training included compost making, the construction of raised beds, drip irrigation systems, transplanting, mulching and basic garden management skills. Meals were provided, certificates issued, and drip irrigation kits given to each participant, for which each seemed very grateful. After all training sessions, students receive follow-up visits to evaluate how well the workshop presentations are

being implemented. On December 2, HHI encouraged people to observe a "Giving Tuesday" to follow the holiday spending of the previous weekend. Their goal was to raise \$50,000 to be spent for irrigation kits for African countries in desperate need of being able to raise their own food. HHI is also urging churches in the U.S. to host community garden workshops at their meeting places, and then to sponsor a workshop abroad. (Ed. Note: Any church, school or other organization interested in hosting a community garden either locally or internationally is requested to contact HHI's Director of Agriculture, Carl Burkybile, at 217-898-0425.)

ETHIOPIA: Seven hundred preachers, church leaders and members came from all over southern Ethiopia Nov. 5 for the sixth National Preachers Conference. It was conducted in Shinshicho, which is located in the heartland of the church, and many not included in that number came during the day. People who had been trained together but had not seen each other in years had an exciting time of renewal. Five ladies worked from before daylight until late at night to prepare Ethiopian "enjas" (flat sour dough bread) on griddles atop campfires for lunch and supper. A steer was killed each day to supply the meat needed for "wot", (stew) made in very large cooking pots. A hand-washing station had been set up on a long make-shift topless "table", with a tree being the support for one leg. Tents for sleeping covered the compound with the five-day assembly being grateful that there was no rain. Theme of the conference was "Retain the Standard of Sound Words", from 2 Tim.2:12, and all of the presentations centered on God's call to follow His Way. Speakers from the U. S. included preacher Jimmy Hurd of the Cordova church in Rancho Cordova, CA., John Ed Clark, elder at the Woodward Park church in Fresno, CA, (which sponsors the Ethiopian work), and Habtu Zemach, a deacon in Falls Church, Virginia. The church in Addis Ababa furnished two of the Ethiopian speakers. Another was the Director of the Ethiopian Schools of Preaching, Moges Wolde, who also served as the translator for a number of former deaf school students present. The next conference will be in Nekemte in November, 2017.

KENYA: Like most of the other countries in this present world scene, Kenya's correctional institutions are overflowing. Occasional religious services offered by Catholics, Muslims or a protestant sect, make very little impression. Directors frequently voice the question, "How can

convicts be taught to change their ways? Most continue on a path of civil disobedience and lawlessness as soon as they are released, soon spending more time incarcerated." In Kenya last spring 88 prison chaplains and 100 prisoners were brought together and taught how to use a series of lessons called "New Life Behaviour" which has been found to be very effective when used in prisons in any country. It was the brainchild of Dr. Henry Motsinger to be tested in Texas prisons. Besides acceptance in several other states, he has been asked to introduce the thought-provoking lessons in a number of different countries, including Russia. In June the first set of three was started in the largest prison compound in Kenya, and is expected to be concluded this month (January). The first lesson points out that "I Am A Person of Great Value", a concept that is entirely new to most habitual criminals, who consider themselves basically worthless. The second explores the question "Who Am I that God Should Be Concerned about Me?", and the third asks the criminal to wonder "Why Did I Do That?" Lessons 4, 5, and 6 continue to offer the student new ways of thinking: "Handling Anger", "Now How Can I Start A New Life?" and "Human Needs and Values". Bible studies follow as prisoners are encouraged to find a new life in Christ. Although a lack of baptisteries in most prisons may postpone an inmate's desire to become a Christian, there has been a noticeable change in the behavior of those completing the courses, with fewer disruptions of rules and respect shown fellow-inmates. As much as possible, follow-up is made when anyone is released, and given guidance toward finding a new way of life.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Sister Triangle Ladies Retreat will be held February 27 – March 1, 2015 at the Temple Gardens Mineral Spa in Moose Jaw, SK. The theme is "Time Well Spent" with Janelle Ross as guest speaker.

Weyburn: Thirty five boxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child. November 23 there was a Christmas themed craft time for the kids. Christmas Carolling was held December 3. December 14 there was a ladies baking exchange. Kevin Vance spoke November 23 and received the mittens and winter clothing collected for the work at the Gentle Road church in Regina. A picture church family directory is being made.

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Forgive and Forget

Harold Bruggen

The phrase “forgive and forget” has been in the English language for a long time. Someone once commented to me concerning forgiving and forgetting, “I don’t know which is harder to do!” As difficult as they are for us humans to do—do them we must if we are to have the forgiveness of our Father in heaven (Matt. 6:15).

Forgiveness in the original language of the Bible has the connotation of “to send away.” For example in Micah 7:19 we read that God will “cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” When God forgives us, He sends our sins (and the guilt of them) so far away, they can never be reached again. Truly God is the epitome of “forgive and forget.”

But I wish to examine the phrase “forgive and forget” from another

angle. I noticed that inside the words “forgive” and “forget” are the words “give” and “get.” In other words, to truly get the benefits that forgiveness can bring, we must first give something.

For those of us desiring the forgiveness of another, we need to give that person a truly repentant attitude and lifestyle (Matt. 3:8). Then and only then will we get reconciliation with our brother or sister in Christ.

For those of us needing to forgive another, we need to give an attitude of compassion and willingness to work out and forget our differences toward the one who has wronged us (Matt. 5:23-24). Only then will we get harmony with our brother or sister in Christ. As a wise person once noted, we may not be able to

totally forget that we were wronged, but we can act like it never happened.

The Christians at Corinth were to forgive a brother who obviously had repented. Paul writes to them “now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.” (2Co 2:7-8 NIV). The wayward brother was giving to them, and now they were to give, as well. They were to confirm their love once again for him by forgiving and comforting him. All involved would benefit from this.

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Port Colborne, Ontario

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JOEL OSBORNE: MITO, JAPAN

MISSION OVERVIEW



Joel, pictured above, with six young Japanese Christians with whom he's had the honour to introduce to Jesus and walk those first steps of discipleship. Please continue to pray for them and for others they will lead to Christ.

Joel began with the Sendai Mission team, arriving in Japan on July 8, 2002. Now, over 12 years later, the mission has blossomed and he continues to serve by God's grace and by others' faithfulness in prayerful and financial partnership to bring the gospel of Christ to Asia, and to see God's inbreaking Kingdom continue to grow.

AREAS OF MINISTRY (BOTH ONGOING & IN 2014)

* **Preaching & Teaching** – several times a year, and this year's sermons have mainly focused on discipleship and worship. I also do a lot of translating sermons into English, both for Atsushi and for other Japanese guest speakers. I also preach quarterly for Hachinohe Church. Additionally, I am doing bible studies with 4 young Christians.

* **Mentoring/Discipling** – this includes training and coaching others for worship, ministry and leadership, as well as general spiritual formation. We have many young & new followers. One of the biggest ways currently is helping Hiro Akahoshi, who is doing theological/ministry studies and serving as an apprentice at Mito church.

* **Cambodia Mission** – we take both Christians and seekers to serve in Cambodia 3 times a year. Since 2008, at least 12 young Christians can say that their involvement in this introduced them to Christ and helped them come to faith. The church in Japan is also maturing as it supports and sends. We have opened a school in partnership with a church in Singapore, called Banyan Community School, for poorer children. The school has over 250 students, and I serve as President of the school.

* **Campus Ministry** – I'm on the campus at Ibaraki Christian University two days a week, doing outreach and counseling with students, bible studies

(currently with 3 students), and using fun activities as a way to build community and introduce the churches. Hiro and I connect with over 30 students regularly each week.

* **Quarterly Tohoku Trips** – this includes preaching/serving at Hachinohe Church, and continuing visitation, studies and relationships with people in Sendai & Ishinomaki post-relief work.

* **In 2014** – hosted nationwide annual day of worship event, led 5 IC students to the Philippines for a week to serve with MARCH for Christ relief, spoke at IC Jr/Sr High chapels, and was guest speaker @ a local elementary school.

Lives are being changed. People are surrendering their lives to Jesus: **in 4 years, more than 10 people** have seen life transformation as they become **disciples of Jesus**. **Young people** in Japan are searching for more, and finding it in Jesus. **The homeless in Mito, and the poorer children in Cambodia** are being fed, receiving education and love, and coming to know Jesus. Please **choose** to be a part of this by joining me in the Lord's mission in Japan as a financial & prayer partner. **For more information, contact me at joelsensei5@gmail.com.**

OBITUARIES

Dale, Eileen Estelle (Snure)

Eileen Estelle Snure was born on January 8th, 1927, to Lloyd and Jean Snure of Hamilton.

Eileen was baptized by her father at Omagh in the summer of 1939. Eileen was actively involved in church activities at the Sanford Ave. Church of Christ in Hamilton where she remained a member until leaving for college.

At age 17, acting became a love of Eileen's and she became a member of Hamilton's Players Guild. For the next five years she starred in a number of shows and learned that her real gift was in directing.

In the late 1940s, Eileen's younger brother, George Snure, began attending Harding College in Searcy Arkansas. He encouraged his sister to attend. Eileen made her first trip to Arkansas by train in 1948. At Harding she earned her B.A. degree in English and Speech Arts. She became Harding's drama coach, directing four plays a year during her five years at Harding.

While at Harding, Eileen began dating a Canadian student (Toronto), Walter Allan Thomas Dale (1917-1966), who was a widower. His 6 years old daughter, Carol Anne Dale attended Harding's elementary school, while her Dad attended college. On one occasion, Eileen travelled from Canada to the U.S. with the Dales, and soon Carol "was in love" with this lady. Walter and Eileen's relationship grew close.

In the summer of 1953, Eileen secured employment with Stratford Ontario's Parks Department. This was the 2nd year of the Shakespeare Festival. However, Eileen decided not to move to Stratford that summer, which must have been a difficult decision, as she loved the stage and the art of acting.

On April 16th, 1954, Eileen and Walter were married at the Sanford Ave. meeting house. Walter was teaching at Great Lakes Christian College in 1953-54 and preaching for the Niagara and Manning St. congregation in St. Catharines. In the fall of 1954 he enrolled in McMaster University to complete his degree.

Upon Walter's graduation from McMaster in 1957, the Dale's moved

to Meaford, Ontario, where Walter became the evangelist for the Meaford church of Christ. During this time the third of three sons were born to the Dales, Paul, Peter, and Jim.

In the summer of 1959, the Dales moved to Beamsville, Ontario, where Walter taught full-time at Great Lakes Christian College. Eileen soon was teaching at the school, including directing plays, teaching speech and encouraging students to participate in music/speech festivals.

The Dale's lived in Beamsville from 1959 to 1972. Walter and Eileen were actively involved in assisting Ontario churches of Christ, such as Smithville, Vandaleur, Hamilton, and including planting the church at Niagara Falls.

In 1972, the Dales left Great Lakes Christian College and moved to Ottawa where Walter became the full-time evangelist for the church. While in Ottawa, Eileen secured a full-time teaching position with the Ottawa Board of Education.

In 1979, Walter was drawn back to GLCC where he became principal of the high school, and once again, Eileen was teaching—accounting, typing, and speech arts directing all speech and drama activities. During this period the Dales were active members of the Grimsby church of Christ where Walter preached quite regularly.

In 1982, Canada's Atlantic region drew the Dales to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they worked for several years with Canadian church of Christ evangelists, Walter and Elaine Hart and Ron and Rita Pauls. Eileen served as secretary in the education department of Dalhousie University.

Walter was nearing his 70s, when in 1986, the Dales moved from Halifax to work with the church at Bramalea, Ontario. Unfortunately in the fall of 1987, Walter was diag-

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nosed with a brain tumour and died on January 15th, 1988. Eileen and Walter had been married nearly 33 years.

Eileen remained in their Brampton apartment and continued to work with an insurance company. She continued to be an active member of the Bramalea church of Christ, and it was here she became known as "The Candy Lady." Each Sunday she would hand out candy to the children, a job she continued to do until she entered hospital in October 2014.

By the early 1990s, Eileen had moved to Waterloo, where her youngest son Jim and his wife, Amy were active members of the Waterloo church of Christ. Eileen continued to commute to Toronto to her insurance job for several years from Waterloo. Dave McWalter, a member of the Waterloo church also commuted from Waterloo to Mississauga. Soon they rode together. David up until the time of Eileen's hospitalization picked Eileen up for services every Sunday and Wednesday evening.

One of Mom's regular activities for some ten years was working with Geoff Ellis on Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society filing. It was something she looked forward to. In 2010 she received recognition for her service, being named "Historian of the Year" by the society.

As Eileen's life drew to a close on November 20, 2014, her faith never wavered. She informed her family that she was ready to go "home."

A memorial service was conducted at the Waterloo Church of Christ, Dec. 20, with contributions lovingly given by her sons and daughter and a number of her grandchildren.

An interment service will follow in the spring in Beamsville at the Mt. Osborne Cemetery.

Paul Linn Dale

Stevens, Edith Mary

A large crowd gathered together in Sarnia to remember and celebrate the life of a wonderful daughter of God. Edith Stevens passed away on August 10, 2014, being 86 years old and leaving all who remember her with memories of a life that was lived with 'the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.' (1 Peter 3:4)

Edith Stevens (nee Spiby) was born in Sarnia on August 8, 1928, and was a life-long citizen of the city. She would marry Harry Stevens on October 25, 1952, and enjoy 57 years of marriage until Harry was called home to be with God in 2010. Edith has three children who mourn her passing, a daughter, Helen (Wayne) Parker and two sons, Jim (Kathy) and Lyle. She also has four grandchildren, Heather, Kaitlyn, Jeff and Lisa as well as great-grandchildren.

We remember a special person to many of us who was always so kind and hospitable and believed strongly in the call of Jesus to 'love our neighbour as ourselves' and many could attest to this. She was a long-time member of the Sarnia Church of Christ and remained faithful to the Lord until the very end.

We mourn her passing here on earth but we celebrate in the knowledge that her spirit now rests in God's care and she will enjoy an eternity in the presence of the Lord.

Dave Hibbard led the congregation in singing some of Edith's favorite songs and special family memories were shared by grandchildren Jeff and Heather as well as son-in-law Wayne and daughter Helen.

– Drew Chapados

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child, the immature believer tends to make decisions based on emotion rather than reason, impulse rather than understanding, the desire for immediate gratification rather than that which leads to righteousness and eternal life.

Paul's remedy for spiritual confusion and uncertainty was to "speak the truth in love" as we grow up in Christ. Solid food is the meat of God's word. The solution to misguided choices and opinions and the divisions they create lies in healthy teaching. Emmert cites John Stackhouse of Regent College in Vancouver, "We (evangelicals – WT) continue to hold adult education in low regard. A sermon on Sunday morning and a conversational Bible study during the week won't get the job done of informing and transforming people's minds along the lines of orthodox Christian belief."

We should see Paul's warning and admonition in 2 Timothy 4:2-5 as our mandate to preach and teach God's word so that the church today will be healthy, mature and well-defended against any human opinions or unsound ideas that would threaten the unity and health of the body.

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

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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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

EDMONTON Church of Christ: meeting place in 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; Evangelist: Roy Graneau; 780-902-1329 Sun. 10:00 adult & children's Bible class, 11:00 worship; Midweek CARE Groups in homes (phone evangelist for details); Web: southedmontonchurchofchrist.org Email: southedmonton.churchofchrist@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

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

CRESTON: Call for service times and place: David & Diane Phypers: 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 Bordy Krosggaard 604-867-9420

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7 PM; Box 955, 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; Sat. & 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 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 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: niagaliscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscocf.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Ajax Church of Christ: 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, Ontario L1S-4L4, 2nd floor, Duffins Room Sunday School 10:00 am-10:45 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday night Bible class in different brethren homes; Steve Chubry, Minister, Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcoccentennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; 705-230-0513 (off.); Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sunday 9 am Contemporary Worship, 10:00 am Bible Classes, 11 am Worship, Small groups meeting throughout the week; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@belnet.ca website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 2:00 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacocf.ca

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

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

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

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

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

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

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

HAMILTON: Fennell Ave. Church of Christ, 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00; Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.); email:churchofchristhamilton.com Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174; Website: www.churchofchristhamilton.com

NORTH HAMILTON: Sun. Bible Study, 9:30-10:30; Worship: 10:30-11:30; Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm, meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. For information please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

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

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

ICE LAKE: (Manitoulin Island): (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: RR# 1, Site2, Box 3, 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0; Sunday: classes 10 am, worship 11 am; Ray Fisher ev. 705-210-0267 email: rcfisherofmen@gmail.com midweek - call for information: 705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019 Website: icelakechurchofchrist.com

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

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

KITCHENER (Southwest): Sunday 10:30 AM, Williamsburg Community Centre, 1187 Fischer Hallman Road, Building 600, Suite 620, Kitchener, Ontario. Church phone: (519) 496-2286 Mail to: Southwest Kitchener church of Christ, 1187 Fischer Hallman Rd, PO Box 48035 Williamsburg RO, Kitchener, Ontario N2E 4H0.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Contact: M. Pennington, 519-872-7629; Email: mpennington40@gmail.com; P. Fewster, 519-672-2426; Email: peter.fewster@gmail.com

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sunday School 9:45-10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00-12:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon 1:30 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com website: http://www.meafordcofc.ca/ Check website for monthly changes

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga (10th Line & Tacc Drive); Worship: 10:30 - 11:45 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@colego.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca Web address www.mississaugacofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Mailing address: Upper Canada Mall, Box 21581, Newmarket, L3Y 8J1; Sunday worship 10 am, Bible classes 11:15 am; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca

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

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

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Jim Holston, ev., 905-875-2939; Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON 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; Church Phone. 905-434-1258 (Please leave a message) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879

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

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

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

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing Address: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Peter McPherson (705) 742-5349

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sunday School 10 am except July/August, Worship 11 am; Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. S12125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0; phone: (705) 357-1224 Email: jayaksich@yahoo.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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