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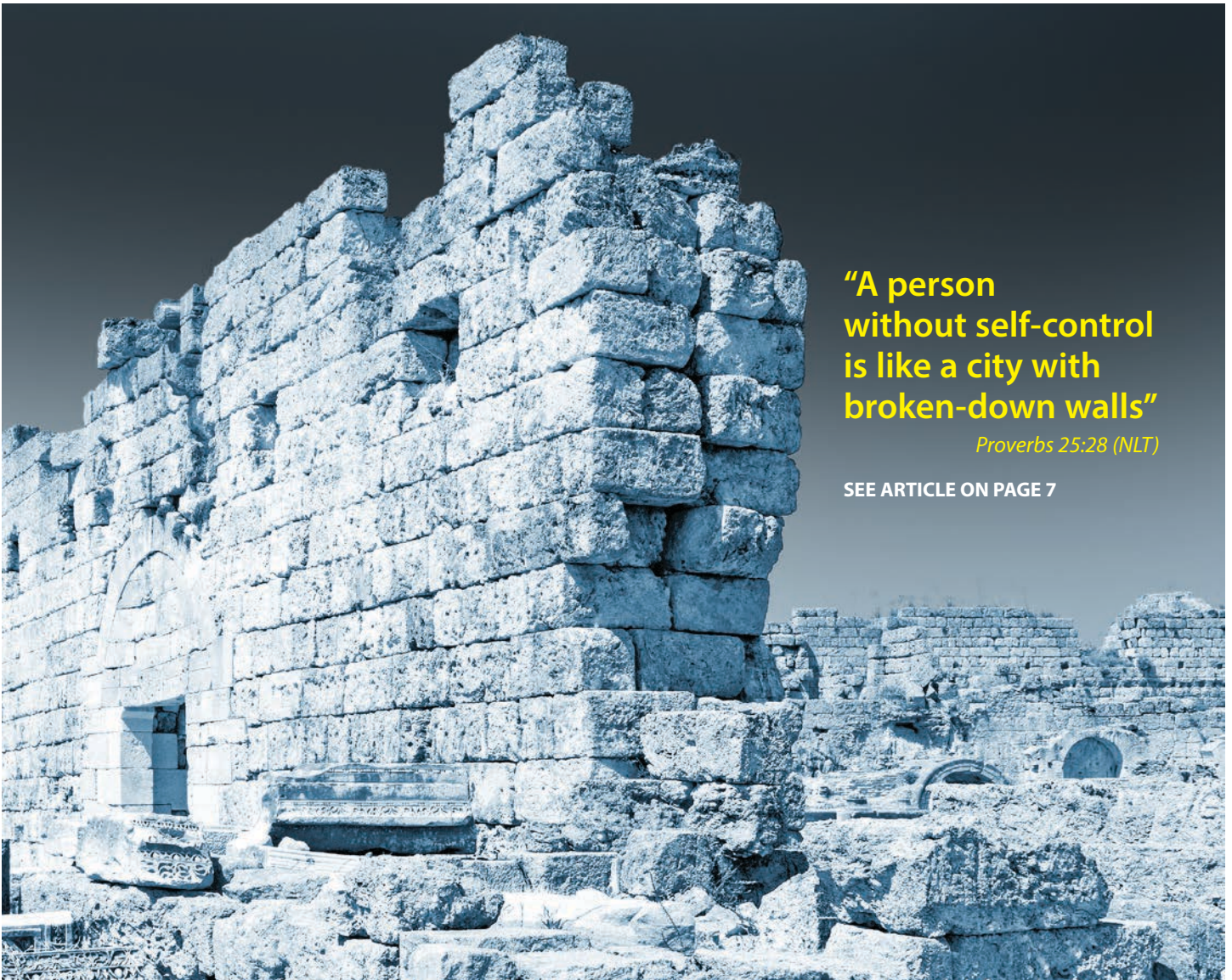
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Steel Axes and the Refugee Problem

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One of the classic anthropological case studies is the story of the introduction of steel axes to the aborigines of Australia. It seems that there was a certain tribe of aborigines that was constantly living on the brink of starvation. Their problem appeared to be a lack of tools. In most villages there was only one stone ax. Before a young man could go out to cut firewood for himself or his family, he had to go and borrow the ax. This, it appeared, wasted a lot of time.

So, some well-meaning outsider brought in a truckload of good sharp steel axes and distributed one to each able-bodied man in the tribe. The expected result was greater prosperity for the tribe. The actual result was a complete breakdown of order. Within a few years the tribe had virtually disintegrated. Lawlessness, disrespect and violence (especially against women) became common – in what had previously been a pretty peaceful tribe.

A study of this case revealed that

the commonly held village ax had been more than a tool for cutting wood. It had also been a means of social control. The stone ax was always in the keeping of one of the village elders. A young man wishing to use it would have to request it. This gave the elder a chance to speak to the young man.

If the one requesting the ax had been observed behaving well, if he treated his parents with respect and was giving proper care to his wife,

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he would be complimented for this and the ax would be handed over readily. But if the one requesting the ax was known to have been lazy, disrespectful or unkind to his wife, the elder might give him a lecture rather than handing over the ax. In passing out axes to everyone, the well-meaning outsiders removed the tribe's best means of mentoring the young men. The result was the

tragic and catastrophic disintegration of a society.

Recent events in Europe

In recent months something similar may have been taking place in Europe, but the problem has been variously diagnosed. Refugees from Syria and conflict zones have poured into Europe. At first they were welcomed. But now a dramatic spike in sexual assaults, much of the increase coming from these refugees, has changed public opinion.

Some have suggested that Muslim extremists are taking advantage of the refugee crisis to infiltrate and destabilize Europe. That could possibly be part of the problem. Certainly a government's first responsibility is to protect its citizens from wrongdoers (Rom 13:3-4). So it is appropriate for governments to make certain that this kind of infiltration does not take place. But I doubt very much that this is the heart of the assault problem in Europe.

From their point of view

Let's try to see the situation through the eyes of a young Syrian who has reached Europe.

Back home in Syria, before the war turned everything upside down, a young man's life was carefully controlled. He was not expected to exercise much self-control with regard to the opposite sex, or with regard to liquor. Liquor was simply unavailable, totally forbidden, and the whole social structure was designed to punish any young man caught drinking. Women were



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expected to keep themselves out of sight as much as possible, and to cover themselves almost completely when they must go about in public. Within his home village, the average Syrian young man would have been carefully counseled and quickly punished by his elders if he violated any of the social norms.

Now, over the course of just a few months, young men from a situation of such careful control have been dropped down in a situation that is almost the reverse of everything they have known.

Elders are mostly dead or left behind. Even the few elders who may have managed the trip have no authority in this strange new land where youth are encouraged to do as they please, and their elders are told that they must never lift a hand to discipline the youth.

Young women go about on the streets wearing clothing that only a prostitute would have worn in Syria (if even a prostitute would have dared to reveal so much). Liquor is readily available across Europe, and society seems to encourage rather than discourage its use.

I am not excusing the terrible things some of these young men have done. Those guilty of assault should certainly be punished. But it should be borne in mind that being locked up in a warm, comfortable room and fed three meals a day may not seem like punishment to young men who have often been without food or shelter.

The point is that the means of social control has been broken down for these young men. It is going to be very difficult to repair this situation. They need to be punished, but

the punishment needs to come from those who have understood what really went wrong.

And we need to have a new look at our own permissiveness. Is it really fair to expect our youth to exercise so much self-control? Do our societal elders have a responsibility to give more direction to the youth?

Confiscating the steel axes, once they had done their harm, would probably not have reintegrated the aboriginal tribe. Allowing Muslim law for the refugees in Europe is neither possible nor desirable. One might hope, and pray, that Western leaders, and even church leaders, would take a serious look at the results of the breakdown of our traditional social controls. Are we bringing up our youth in the nurture of the Lord, or leaving them too much to their own devices?

– Toledo, Ohio

Key To The Kingdom UPDATE

Entering into 2017, the Key Ministry continues to be encouraging. The command from our Lord is to take the message to the world, sowing the seed of the Word in honest hearts. It is impossible to put numbers on the value of the outreach but we are encouraged by many calling for the Bible course and also the DVD Bible discussions being made available.

We are blessed again on entering the New Year with our television contracts being renewed without any increase in cost. This has been a wonderful blessing in being able to keep the costs as low as possible for the ministry.

There was wonderful news in November when we received the ratings report from Vision. The period reported was from August, 2015 to August 2016. They reported that the number of homes tuned in to the program for the full 30 minutes **averaged 18,200** per Friday. This is a great increase from earlier years for which we praise God and also ask His guidance in preparing lessons and materials for the program that will draw people to faithful response to God.

The Strathmore congregation thanks all of you who have helped with the support of program. This includes those who pray faithfully for the work, those who are serving as teachers of the students requesting the courses and those congregations and individuals who give financially to cover the expenses of the production of Key. Without you, we would not be able to continue this work.

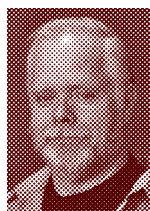
On the back page of this issue see the ad concerning Key To Kingdom Day, this year on May 7, 2017. We are very thankful for those who give from time to time through the year. Key Day has been a special time for our work with congregations and individuals across this great country joining hearts in prayer for and giving a special contribution in support of this work.

If you have questions or comments to share concerning the Key ministry, please contact me or the elders at Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ, 346 Strathmore Blvd, Toronto, ON M3C 1N3 or by email at maxc@strathmorecofc.ca.



Who's in Your Boat?

Wayne Turner



In 1933, Dietrich Bonhoeffer shared a sermon with his Lutheran church in Berlin. At the time, Adolph Hitler had not yet gained power. Rival political extremes were competing for leadership of the country, and violence was a very real possibility. Faced with an uncertain future, and the possibility of war and violence, many people were afraid. Bonhoeffer's sermon, "Overcoming Fear," spoke to very real concerns.

"Fear is the...archenemy itself," he said. "It crouches in people's hearts...(it) secretly gnaws and eats away at all the ties that bind a person to God and to others, and when in a time of need that person reaches for those ties and clings to them, they break and the individual sinks back into himself or herself, helpless and despairing, while hell rejoices. Nothing can make a human being so conscious of the reality of powers opposed to God in our lives as" fear.

To illustrate the nature of fear, Bonhoeffer used the image of a ship tossed about in a terrible storm. The crew, helpless and tired, struggled against the elements. One of them realized that someone else, someone new, had suddenly come on board. "Someone comes close to him and lays cold hands on his arms as he pulls wildly on his oar. He feels his muscles freeze, feels the strength go out of them. Then the unknown one reaches into his heart" evoking painful thoughts and memories. He asks who the stranger is. The reply, "I am fear." Bonhoeffer summarizes, "Fear is in the boat; all arms are frozen and drop their oars; all hope is lost, Fear is in the boat."

Fear paralyzes. It takes people away from God. It destroys lives, marriages, families. It kills hope and undermines faith. But faith is more powerful than fear. Bonhoeffer proclaims, "Christ is in the boat." He uses the account of Jesus and the apostles in the boat in the storm, Jesus speaks and the storm is stilled. Amazingly, "fear shrinks back."

All too often, as humans, our lives are threatened by uncertainty and fear. The storms around

us – social, societal, political, religious, whatever – threaten to take away our faith and hope. We feel helpless, things around are out of control. We forget the power and promises of the One who is in our boat. Rather, we listen to the dark stranger who would touch us and replace our peace with fear.

We cannot avoid the storms. Bonhoeffer reminded his hearers that "when Christ is in the boat, a storm always comes up." Jesus warned that in the world, we would always have troubles. Yet, true peace can only come if we are in Him.

We live in a world full of things that are threatening and disturbing. International and political events seem ominous. Civil unrest brings riots and violence. There are so many ways where the world does not seem as it should be or as we may perceive it has been. But what about the world of the early church? Imagine living under the Caesars? The Herods? The Roman governors in Palestine, Asia, Italy? The world is and always has been an ugly place. Jesus warned his followers not to be alarmed by wars and rumors of wars. He said "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." He has overcome the world. A credit card commercial asks, "What is in your wallet?" The more important question is "Who is in your boat?" – Jesus or fear?

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What Is Central? (Retirement Thoughts)

(Editors note: As we begin another New Year, I wanted to reprint a revised copy of my article from the November 2009 issue of the Herald. It seems sad to me that many who talk about what they plan to do in their retirement years, in reference to their spiritual activities, often fail to materialise. Wherever you are along the path of life, think about your possibilities and responsibilities to those who follow)

As a person grows older he/she comes to think of life from a different perspective. The choices made in earlier life will have an impact on the choices made when the years accumulate. I was interested in the following survey report: "As Americans age, 60 percent say they expect to enjoy life more. According to a Belden Russonello & Stewart poll of 1,000 people in May 2001, here are the activities they are looking forward to in their golden years:

- spending more time with family and friends: 81 percent
- having more leisure time: 65 percent
- pursuing hobbies: 61 percent
- traveling: 51 percent.

(Lori Joseph and Sam Ward,
USA Today "Snapshots" August 7, 2001).

What do you think of these answers? If you are coming to the age of retirement and were asked this question, what answer would you give? Before you read on, take a moment to consider the survey question and think about your answer.

We know nothing of the backgrounds of the 1,000 surveyed. However, it is interesting that in the results there is nothing said about spiritual matters. While the general nature of the answers given is not wrong, it seems to me that if this question were asked to a group of people

who were strong in their faith we would expect to hear something said about the opportunities for Christian service that come with time made available through retirement.

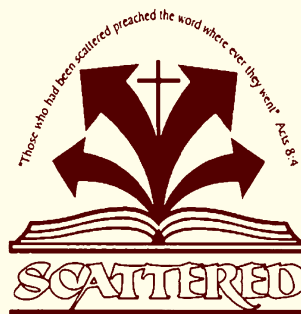
While a key to the future of the church is that each generation must turn over the leadership duties to those following, with the hope that they will be faithful to the word, that does not mean that the church should lose the important strength and encouragement that can be given by those who have served the Lord faithfully and have rejoiced in His strength. Joshua, for example, still had a lot to give when he became older. "Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, 'You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess'" Joshua 13:1 (ESV). Joshua still had a lot to give as he took leadership in seeing to the dividing of the land of Canaan among

the tribes of Israel. He went on to complete this work.

Of course, his co-faithful-spy is also a wonderful example of one going on to serve and lead in later years. He, Caleb, said "And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said" Joshua 14:10-12 (ESV). Caleb went on to take the land "And the land had rest from war" Joshua 14:15. Both Joshua and Caleb are great examples of using the "golden years" to serve the Lord.

Why did these two men remain so strong in their later years? What is it that would make people, in speaking of getting older, list the using of their golden years in serving God? Solomon gives a clear answer to this question in his book of Ecclesiastes. Sometimes

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referred to as the lab notes of one who has made many experiments, making his conclusion based on that evidence, Solomon tried it all. Wealth, power, pleasure, wisdom! While each of these may have something to offer, his final conclusion is, "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'" Ecclesiastes 12:1 (ESV).

So the question, "why did these two men remain so strong in their later years?" Because they understood early in their life what is central. And what is central in youth will usually also be central in old age! Those who are truly seeking first the kingdom (Matthew 6:33) in their younger life will most often do so in later years. If one is blessed with healthy retirement years, think of the force for good they can be as they influence, by example and by

sharing their life experience with those who are younger in the Lord. Thomas Morrell said, "The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example." May those of us who are getting older realize this truth.

In thinking about what is central, even in later years, consider this. Do not allow your involvement in spiritual activities to become borderline. Rather, make the commitment to use some of the time granted, first by God and then by retirement, to reach out with the love of God in serving others. Remember the wonderful blessings that are ahead for faithful Christians and do not lose focus. Peter wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for

you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" 1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV). Even in retirement years, take advantage of any and every opportunity to lead others to the rich blessings to be enjoyed in Christ. Share your joy with the young people who will lead our congregations in the future.

Finally, remember that we are never too old to make new conquests of faith in serving the Lord. Take the example of Caleb to heart and move those mountains and overcome those giants that stand in the way. Do not spend all your time thinking about the past. Good memories are wonderful but do not get stuck there. Sow the seed in new fields and nurture the plants in old fields to bring maturely.

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Broken Walls

"What the world needs now is love, sweet love.

It's the only thing that there's just too little of."

The sentiments expressed by these song lyrics may have been accurate when Hal David penned them in 1965, but they miss the mark on what the world needs today. Ever since Adam and Eve were evicted from the Garden of Eden, mankind has been in need of extra helpings of love, however, it is NOT "the only thing that there's just too little of".

When one looks at the problems that plague our society, we see things such as an epidemic of obesity; rampant sexual immorality (e.g. teenage pregnancies, promiscuity, pornography, adultery, co-habitation without marriage, etc.); large numbers of people deeply in debt; greed (gambling addictions, the drive for more, newer, bigger, better); and anger management problems (road rage, riots). These things all stem from one basic problem – a lack of self-control. We have become a self-indulgent society allowing our natural appetites and self-centered desires to control us instead of vice versa. (These appetites and desires are referred to as "the flesh", "our sinful nature" or "worldly passions" in Scripture.)

This is not a new problem. Paul could have been describing our current culture when he warned

Timothy of people he should avoid. "But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people" – 2 Timothy 3:1-4 (ESV).

Titus, stationed in Crete, worked in a society which had sunken to such a deplorable level that their lack of morals was proverbial (Titus 1:12). In his short letter to the young evangelist, Paul noted the need for self-control five times (1:8; 2:2; 2:5; 2:6; 2:12). It was as serious a problem then as it is now.

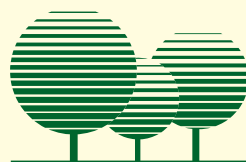
Look at the list of acts of the sinful nature given in Galatians 5:19-21. "When you follow the desires of your

sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God" (NLT). Most, if not all, of these sinful acts grow out of a self-centered heart and are evidence of a lack of self-control. Also note how serious these offenses are. Such a lifestyle will keep one out of heaven.

If we do not control our sinful nature, it will not only control us, but enslave us. "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another" – Titus 3:3 (NIV 1984). "Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living" – Romans 6:16 (NLT). "He is a Governor that governs his Passions, and he is a Servant that serves them."¹

Even those desires which have a God-designed role in our lives can

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become sinful masters if we do not confine them to their proper limits. "Everything is permissible for me" – but not everything is beneficial. 'Everything is permissible for me' – but I will not be mastered by anything. 'Food for the stomach and the stomach for food' – but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body" – 1 Corinthians 6:12, 13 (NIV 1984).

In ancient times strong walls were a city's main protection. Without such walls, the city was defenseless and disgraced. That is why Nehemiah was so concerned about Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1:3). People who did not maintain their protective walls were considered as shamefully foolish. Proverbs makes this comparison. "A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls" – Proverbs 25:28 (NLT). Both are defenseless and disgraced.

Without self-control we are defenseless against Satan's attacks. "And 'don't sin by letting anger control you.' Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil" – Ephesians 4:26, 27 (NLT). "Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward,

you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control" – 1 Corinthians 7:5 (NLT). "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God"

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– 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 (NIV 1984). Peter says, "The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray" – 1 Peter 4:7 (NIV 1984).

A lack of self-control may also leave one in disgrace. Even though our society lauds self-indulgence, the result of such behaviour is often looked on with disdain. Certainly God does not approve and it is His approval which should most concern us. Peter tells us that we are to "make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you

possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" – 2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV 1984).

Don't live with broken walls. Charles Swindoll recommends, "When you set forth your goals and desires in life, say no to the things that will only stroke your ego, and yes to the things that will deepen your commitment to Christ."²

The irony of self-control is that it really is not SELF control. Look back at Galatians 5, verses 22 and 23. Self-control is part of the fruit of the Spirit. We do not have to develop it all on our own. The Holy Spirit will help us. We just need to allow Him to do so. "Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace" – Romans 8:5, 6 (NLT).

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and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good" – Titus 2:11-14 (NIV 1984).

1 Benjamin Franklin in *Poor Richard's Almanack*, 1750

2 *Wisdom for the Way*; by Charles Swindoll; J. Countryman, 2001; page 246.



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NEW YORK

Niagara Falls (LaSalle): We rejoice with the angels in heaven over Brenda Nelson's decision to be united with Christ in baptism on Sunday, November 27. Our Ladies Bible Class made fruit baskets for our shut-ins during the holiday season. Beginning January 2017, we have moved our Potluck Dinners from once a month to once a quarter. We want to encourage everyone to have guests in their homes for fellowship and a meal on the months we do not have a potluck scheduled. The intent is to give everyone an opportunity to enjoy intimate fellowship with one another in each other's homes. It will also give the church excellent opportunities to invite friends to worship and for a meal in their homes.

ONTARIO

Fenwick: We again entered the Fenwick Santa Claus Parade. Besides giving out some candy to the children along the route, approximately 250 'House to House, Heart to Heart' flyers and 400 invitations to our Christmas Candlelight Celebration were handed out.

Thessalon: (Correction to News in November issue) In the November, 2016 issue, there was a report of the baptism of three people at Thessalon, Abbie Vine and Jack and Isaiah King. The last name of Jack and Isaiah is not King but McIntee. We are sorry for this error and join in the rejoicing of these three precious souls being added to the Church.

Tintern: Last month we celebrated with the angels; Jeffrey James, son of Wayne and Deena James, put on Christ in baptism on Sunday, November 20 with his whole family there to witness. Our Teen and Pre-teen classes organized a Celebration of the Season on December 18. We are grateful for

their work this year and for all our guests that night. Cheryl Scott, director of Village of Hope in Vineland, shared a presentation during our adult class on Sunday, November 27. We will be providing some financial support for a local family through Village of Hope this year. To learn more about Village of Hope go to <http://www.thevillageofhope.ca>. We are looking forward this month, with the Beamsville congregation, to the one year anniversary party for the arrival of our Syrian friends, the Faham Katan Family. They are hosting a gathering for both churches on Sunday, January 15, during which they will share their gratitude through words and some Syrian dishes. We thank God for their safety and the friendship between us that is growing. Please continue to pray for peace in Syria. On Sunday January 22, Dylan Pyeatt and Coleman Yoakum will be presenting a mission report on their work with Micah 6 in Pontiac, MI. To learn more about the exciting opportunities at Micah 6 go to their website: <http://www.micah6community.com>. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 29, following worship to talk about and pray for the ministry initiatives we will be participating in during the coming year. The Tintern congregation is delighted to announce that Matt Burrows will be joining our ministry staff in 2017. He will be working with us this summer before completing his degree in Music and Youth and Family Ministry from Rochester College in December. In 2018 Matt will join our ministry staff full time. For more information on what's happening at Tintern go see our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TinternChurchOfChrist or our website: www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca.

Toronto (Bayview Ave): Five of our women attended Barrie's Ladies' Day on Saturday, October 22. Leslie Cober and Shannon Jackson were the speakers on the topic, "Footprints of Jesus". Also, a number attended Strathmore's Annual Ladies' Retreat on November 12. Debra Hibbard spoke on "Beauty that God Approves". We enjoyed the lessons, the fellowship and the singing. As the largest contingent of guests present from one congregation, each Bayview woman received gifts to acknowledge her support for the program. Meanwhile, the

men met back at our building for their monthly prayer breakfast. November 20 marked our quarterly congregational meeting to obtain ministry team reports and make decisions for the next quarter. We are thankful to all who selflessly contribute their talents and their efforts to glorify God.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): A Semi-Retirement/Welcome Dinner was enjoyed by the congregation on November 26. This was in appreciation of the work of Max and Cledith for their 29 years of ministry and to welcome Bob, Deb and Chase Hibbard in anticipation of their ministry here. (In his semi-retirement Max continues his work with the Key To The Kingdom Ministry). On December 4 the congregation rejoiced at the baptism of Leonard, Josh and Lenice Razon on December 3. They are the children of Leo and May. Leo serves as a deacon at Strathmore. What a great joy to see the family united in Christ. The regular annual New Year's Eve Fellowship was changed to 6 - 10 pm to allow a good time together and to look forward to the new year ahead plus allowing people to get home for a night's rest before worship the next morning. January will see the beginning of a First Principles Class, focusing on fundamental Biblical doctrines. Bob will be teaching the class on Friday evenings from 7 to 8 pm. While the class is designed to be of particular benefit to new converts, anyone interested in building a stronger foundation of faith in the fundamental teachings of Bible are encouraged to attend.

Windsor - West Side: Some 500 women in Windsor Essex County receive help at the Women's Shelter along with their children. We are collecting good women's winter hats, scarves & gloves to help these women out. On December 18 we had our annual Christmas get-together. It was a dessert only fellowship this year. December saw the passing of our sister Amelia Guitar as she went home to be with the Lord. We are often saddened at the ending of life here but those of us who knew her well knew how deep of a faith she had in Jesus. Her life had its share of difficulties but she continued to believe in the hope of Jesus. We are grateful today to be able to say with confidence that she is resting in the arms of Jesus.



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton, Northside: The teen group made gingerbread houses and distributed them as gifts to those around the neighborhood. As of January 1, Emanuel Burnstad will be employed here full time as an evangelist.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): We regret that we have lost two members in addition to those who have gone on before. We are missing Brother De La Rambeljay who moved to Surrey, and one of our ladies who has turned away from the Lord's church to live in the world. It was necessary for Jen Weir to spend a week across the border when her daughter, Lori, (who is a member of this congregation) had to have emergency gall bladder surgery. She and Norm drove to 100 Mile House the following Saturday evening in order for Norm to preach on Sunday and visit with those bereaved by his brother's death.

Oakridge (Vancouver): As in past years, the Churchill Secondary school in our area has "borrowed" our building to give required exams to their children on December 9. The teacher arrives at 7:30 a.m. and is in the fellowship hall until 8 p.m., with the kitchen, also in use. Our Brother Steven Winters made an unexpected trip to Memphis in December for the funeral of his paternal grandmother who passed from this life on December 6. In spite of the fact that Gareth Tang is still recovering from a blow to the head suffered in an accident a year ago, he left for Singapore on December 4, to be gone from 10 weeks to two years, depending on the outcome of his examinations to be accepted by the Singaporean Army. Before he left, the 12:30 class had special prayers for his safe journey

and return soon, as Gareth has been an outstanding member of the congregation in showing that he loved serving the Lord and encouraging others. We welcomed Bernie Aquino to Oakridge as he and Imelda were finally reunited after the long wait for his permission to enter Canada.

Salmon Arm: We are happy to announce the safe arrival of a son to Tony and Melissa Parmenter, to add to their bevy of daughters! His name is Hayden Adam. Since our small group meetings are at the Taylor's, Marie made a trip home from Vernon where Maurice had been forced a stay in the hospital for several days due to water retention. Taking advantage of the unexpected interruption, they met a family while Maurice was there with whom they exchanged personal information and have heard from since their return home. Our study is on "Disciples Making Disciples", to encourage all to do as Jesus did in teaching his disciples how to teach others. Cliff and Lori Plummer, who seemed like the answer to our prayers when they moved here with their five children a few years ago, continue to miss the Christians here. (They were forced to move to Michigan because Canada refused to give their older children work permits and two were not old enough to live on their own.) The Plummers hope to be able to visit us this coming summer.

Surrey: We are mourning the loss of David Hovind to cancer on December 3. Memorial services were held in the Langley Seniors Centre the afternoon of December 11, with Ron Beckett presiding. The Hovinds are long-time members of the Surrey congregation and known throughout the lower Mainland.

He leaves his wife, Mary Anne, two daughters, Shelley – husband, Darryl and their two sons – and Anne Marie. Two of our ladies hosted a fellowship evening on November 19. Games and goodies were provided in order to help our integrated members get better acquainted and appreciate one another. Our increased attendance of about 100 has become pretty steady over the past several months.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: The Mexico winter mission trip was December 18-28. We built a classroom and renovated another classroom in a school. We had a Christmas baking exchange. Feminine hygiene products were also brought to donate to a women's shelter. Young Adult Bible Class has begun with a Bible study series on suffering. Poinsettia were delivered to Hospice and Palliative Care. Volunteers included drivers and teens from the congregation. Henry and Monique Vasquez placed membership with the congregation. We rejoice with Donna Mayoh and Andrew Johnson who were baptized. On January 1 after morning worship assembly, we held a potluck and played table games. We ended the afternoon with a devotional and hymn sing. We held an evening of caroling with the residents at Oakview Place.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: We are sending a gift of money to Charles and Bonnie Muller who are participating in a mission trip to India in February. We collected 159 pairs of mittens in total for the Gentle Road church of Christ work in north central Regina. We sang at Parkway Lodge on December 17.

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HAITI: The devastating earthquake that disturbed Haiti's water sources has caused an outbreak of cholera among survivors as the contaminated water is a chief cause of the fatal disease that is also highly infectious. The only hope for stopping its spread is education of the people to refrain from using the water and to distribute water filters to them as soon as possible. Healing Hands International sent 1000 along with other relief supplies to several points in Haiti, including the Haiti Christian Development Project, the International School of Theology and Hope for Haiti's Children. Along with their distribution of the filters, the Development Project and Hope for Children are providing training sessions on how to use the filters to purify the water. Haiti is not the only nation affected by the disease recently. A couple in South Carolina were devastated to learn that a baby boy they had been preparing to receive for 10 months had died of a cholera outbreak in Ethiopia. During an earlier trip they had seen the child at the age of 3 & 1/2 months, and started their adoption process.

ETHIOPIA: Our new mission administrator, Mulugeta Adera, has already proven that he is not only a "Personnel Director" but an "Efficiency Expert" by doing a next-to-impossible job. He convinced the Oromia Education Bureau in Addis Ababa to donate 195 Grades 1-4 lesson books for the Nekemte School for the Deaf. The value of these books came to more than \$1,000, but that is not the important thing. It is very difficult to purchase school books in Ethiopia, and even more so for a private school like our

Christian deaf schools to get them from a government agency. Brother Adera's accomplishment demonstrates his ability and persistence. He also looks for good teachers and ways to do every job better with less. Mulugeta came to the church through his study of the World Bible School lessons and the encouragement of his WBS teacher in America. He is a graduate of the Addis Ababa University.

KENYA, UGANDA: (Ed. Note: This story is about a family that every evangelistic Christian wishes he could develop.) Lloyd and Barbara Deal, along with two sons and a daughter-in-law, made their first trip to East Africa 30 years ago to help establish a middle-class congregation in Kenya. Upon their arrival in Nairobi, they all taught house-to-house, including their 16-year-old son, Roger. Lloyd wrote that God blessed their work abundantly, and they were soon asked to come back. This was the start of more than 20 trips to East Africa, to which they added Uganda. Each time they went, they took more willing workers with them, eventually taking a total of more

than 350 Christians from all over the U. S. at one time or another. Then 10 years ago, Roger's son, who was also 16, went with Lloyd. He taught in schools and villages of grass huts. Then this year three generations – father, son and grandson – made the trip and taught in a dozen locations, from Mombasa on the east coast of Kenya to Arua in the far northwest corner of Uganda. In 12 different locations, they presented their message to high schools, congregations and gatherings of church leaders. Five thousand pieces of literature were distributed and many new students were enrolled in WBS. "As a serendipity, eight were baptized," Lloyd wrote, "How exciting it was to see what God could do with an old man, a son and a grandson!" (Reported by Lloyd Deal in Action)

THE PHILIPPINES: A team of Christians organized a mobile outreach school of evangelism and shepherding (shortened to "MOSES"). This was nearly 20 years ago, but the outreach project is still hosted each month by a different congregation which was started on Negros Island. Without a school building

or located teachers, there is a Christ-centered curriculum that is taught by Christian teachers who are examples and mentors. Three were former presidents of Bible colleges and the writer, Richard Emperado, was a teacher at a Bible college as well as Dean of students. In 1997, there were only 31 churches of Christ in the 75 provincial capitals. Since that time, 30 more have been planted, and plans are to add seven more by 2020. WBS flyers are used as their major tool in talking with people about God and the Bible, as well as from house to house evangelism. Bob Buchanan connects WBS students with American teachers. He has also compiled many of the courses and made them available online for MOSES students. MOSES workers are also follow-up teachers. (Report from Richard Emperado in Negros, Philippines)

Support Needed

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

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

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

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

Tragedy in Orlando: Was it God's Will?

Harold Bruggen

On June 12, 2016, a mass shooting terrorist attack and hate crime occurred inside Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, United States. Fifty people died, including the gunman, who was killed by Orlando police after a three-hour standoff. An additional 53 people were injured. It was the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman and the deadliest incident of violence against LGBT people in U.S. history, and the deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. since the September 11 attacks in 2001. While the majority of responses to the massacre have expressed horror and sympathy for the victims and their families, a small minority of people have offered surprisingly callous responses. The Westboro Baptist Church (an Old School (or, Primitive) Baptist Church), of Topeka, Kansas infamous for its spreading of hate through protests, announced on social media that "God sent the shooter to Pulse in Orlando!". Westboro's response offers an extreme, and I believe offensive, reaction to the tragedy in Orlando. It also raises a dilemma – how should we as Christians respond to events like the shooting in Orlando?

The Bible clearly and repeatedly condemns same-sex sexual relationships as a deviation from God's intentions from creation for sexuality (cf. Matthew 19:1-9; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Bible passages that condemn homosexuality tend to become a focal point in our changing society, but that narrow focus misses larger contexts in the Bible.

For example, the Bible describes God creating humanity in His image in a way that penetrates all people with an inherent value that God commands us to respect, being created

in God's own image (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:1-7; Matthew 5:43-48). God invested such value in humanity because He loves us (1 John 4:7-10), which motivated Him to send Jesus to redeem us from the sinful choices we all make (John 3:16-17; Romans 3:9-18; 5:6-11). The reality of our sinful choices adds another important layer to our thinking – all people have participated in sin (Romans 3:9-18, 23) and all sins carry the same consequence (Romans 6:23); the Bible does not organize sins into the hierarchies of greater and lesser sins like we tend to do (cf. Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Those larger contexts in the Bible should motivate us to love all people and feel genuine grief over the horrors our sins cause, horrors like the shooting in Orlando. But our love and sympathy for all people should compel us to find ways of interacting with our world in ways that helps them encounter God's love and His will for their lives.

Russell Moore, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, wrote in response to the Orlando shooting that "We don't have to agree on the meaning of marriage and sexuality to love one another and to see the murderous sin of terrorism."¹ Moore, I believe, is right.

Let's not allow ourselves to become so focused on one category of sin that we miss the larger context of human rebellion in which we all participate and for which God's love motivated Him to send Jesus. We can, therefore, grieve over those involved in the Florida shooting because all souls are precious and because the tragedy reminds us of humanity's rebellion against God. But our grief does not cripple us because we understand God's love for humanity motivated Him to send Jesus to rescue us from our rebelliousness. Let us therefore find ways of honestly sympathizing with our world while also helping them learn to see the truth and hope that God's love through Jesus Christ offers to all of us.

– Welland, Ontario



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Questions People Ask

Bill Craddock

In Hebrews 5:7 the writer says of Christ, “who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplication, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear” – NKJV

**Does this mean that
Jesus was “afraid?”**

In the Hebrew passage, commentators have long been divided over the meaning of this text. Does this passage suggest the Christ was delivered from a fearfulness that he entertained in view of the coming crucifixion where he would be paying the entire price for the sins of the world? Or were his prayers heard because of his “pious reverence” for his heavenly Father, as he courageously faced the death ordeal ahead?

It is not in the least disrespectful to acknowledge that the Lord Jesus, as a human being who was tempted in all points of human vulnerability, should have entertained an occasional moment of anxiety. How could he know our fears if he had not experienced fear himself? This does not nullify his confidence in the Father, but appears to be a part of his identification with man in order to function on our behalf as our high priest (Hebrews 2:17-18). It brings out the “humanity” of our Lord in the fact he fears the coming pain, shame and humiliation he would soon endure. No “man” could face such an ordeal as our Lord faced and not have some degree of fear.

Others allege that Jesus’ “fear” (trembling anxiety) was not the topic, but the “fear” mentioned was the sense of “reverential awe.” The Greek word used here could

be used in both cases. Here is an important point to remember in Bible interpretation. Occasionally there are texts “elastic” enough in terminology so as to contain possible alternative interpretations, neither of which would be adverse to other parts of the Scriptures. When such is the case, with great care, the student can draw his own conclusion. Yet he must respectfully acknowledge that there are other possibilities. One is not required to draw a hard-line interpretation on every passage of the Bible. Dogmatism, in such instances, does not reflect careful research and balanced judgment. Hebrews 5:7 can show both that Jesus was “afraid” and was also showing “reverential awe” in obedience to God.

East Canton, Ohio

Then they met Jesus

Les Cramp

There is an old saying, “A Leopard doesn’t change its spots.” It is often quoted in reference to people being unable to change for the better. The inference is that people, like the leopard’s spots, don’t change. That is not true!

In Acts 22:19, 20 the Apostle Paul says: “‘Lord,’ I replied, ‘these men know that I went from one synagogue to another to imprison and beat those who believe in you. And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.’”

Paul was fiercely dedicated to stamping out Christianity even to the point of being accomplice to a murder. But, he changed. The same Saul who was so intent on eradicating Christianity later put

his own life in jeopardy to teach and preach it.

What brings about a change in people? Well in Paul’s life it was meeting Jesus. On one of his trips to persecute Christians he was abruptly interrupted by a direct encounter with Jesus. We read about that in Acts chapter 9:1-6, “Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ ‘Who are you, Lord?’ Saul asked. ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied. ‘Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’”

In this encounter with Jesus Paul realized he was wrong. He understood that he needed to change and he did. When men come to recognize and respect the authority of Christ and He brings them face to face with the reality that they need to change, they will.

This tells us two things. First we can change. Some feel they are too set in their ways to do things any differently. Wrong! When we accept Christ and He shows us the need to change, we can.

The second thing – don’t rule out anyone as a candidate for change. We tend to look at some people and say, “Oh they could never change.” Again, wrong! If we can get them to recognize Christ and they see things that they need to change, they can and will.

– Collingwood, Ontario

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Ready To Vanish Away

(Thought For Today – Alan Smith)

An older lady was in the hospital reading her Bible when her doctor came in for his visit. She asked him how she was doing. He told her to read Hebrews 13:8, which says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever”, meaning she was about the same. However, she reversed the numbers and read Hebrews 8:13, “Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away,” which concerned her very much!

While the Hebrew writer wrote that verse about the “old covenant” (the Law of Moses), the words could just as accurately have been written to describe each and every one of us, for we are all growing old, and it won’t be very long before we will vanish away (from this world). God’s Word describes our life on this earth as “a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14).

We don’t like to think of life in that way. We live in an age that likes to make things that last. We have our plastic and non-breakable jars and cups. We buy a car battery and are given a guarantee that it will last as long as we own our car. And we would like a guarantee that our bodies could last forever. But it’s just not the case. James tells us that we don’t know what will happen tomorrow (James 4:14). The graveyard is full of people that had plans for tomorrow.

Notice some of the metaphors used in the Bible for the span of a person’s life. And, as you would imagine, every time the Bible talks about the length of your life, it uses a metaphor that is a fleeting metaphor. We’re compared to vapor, to shadows, to clouds, to flowers, to fog, to grass that grows one day and is dead the next.

That can be a frightening thought, or it can be comforting. For someone whose life is wrapped up in material things, death means losing everything they consider to be of value. But, for someone who has laid up treasures in heaven, death is an opportunity to shed the trials and tribulations of this world and enjoy an eternity in the presence of our Father and his family.

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

You are ready to “vanish away”. The question is, are you “ready” to vanish away?

Helen Street Church of Christ
Fayetteville, North Carolina

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

BOOK REVIEWS

Protecting Our “Blind Side”, a Discussion of Contemporary Concerns in churches of Christ by Earl D. Edwards, 298 pages, self published, 2007, \$13.95 USD. (Reviewed by Eugene C. Perry, Beamsville, ON)

The author has earned a number of degrees and in addition to preaching the Gospel since 1952 and has taught in the School of Biblical Studies at Freed Hardeman University since 1982.

A brief look at church history or even a few years of experience and observation reveal the ebb and flow from one extreme to another that has occurred in Christendom and even in the churches of Christ. Men have made changes to suit themselves or to “tickle” the ears. Others, alarmed at such, have led efforts at reformation/restoration. Usually the fluctuations are clearly between what man wants and what God has revealed, - a story of departures followed by efforts to return, repeated, again and again. Oftentimes the issues are a recycling from the past. We seem not to learn from history.

This book contains manuscripts of lectures presented at lectureships, published articles and sermon outlines. Some chapters are overlapping; most deal with timely questions and concerns.

A wide variety of topics include: the Meaning of Grace, the Holy Spirit, the doctrine of hell in the Bible, divorce and remarriage, music in worship, clapping in worship, the silence of the Scriptures, the role of women, the Community Church Movement, demon possession in the Bible and more.

Brother Edwards is very thorough and includes documentation for most topics. This is a thought provoking book and recommended for those involved in or, perhaps alarmed over recent trends in the churches.

OBITUARIES

Cann, Joyce Elizabeth (Pryor)

A funeral service was held September 9 at the Meaford Church of Christ for Joyce, the youngest daughter of the late Bill and Beth Pryor. Married 59 years to her very best friend Lloyd Cann. Together they raised two children Martin (Colleen) of Beamsville, and Sharon/Sal (Rayburn) Lansdell of Tillsonburg.

Visits would always include viewing pictures of their grandchildren, Jill, Bradley, Paul, Devon, Nathan, Bryce and Alysha, along with pictures of their six great grandchildren.

Joyce's interest in the community, ranged from collecting in the neighbourhood for charities, to singing with a local ladies group "The Goldenaires".

From the front of the auditorium on any given Sunday, you just knew Joyce loved to sing praises to God, not only with her strong alto voice, but with her visible expressions. Our hearts go out to the family and the congregation at the sudden passing of a wife, mother, grandmother and sister in Christ.

Kevin Cleary / Peter McDonald

Hotchkiss, Verna Eileen (Webster) – 1932 to 2016

Verna Webster was born on October 9, 1932 to Curtis and Hazel Webster in Sarnia, Ontario. She grew up with a brother and 2 sisters. She dealt with adversity early in her life, facing a crippling accident at age 13, pinned between two cars by a drunk driver. She was not supposed to walk again but did so anyway. Her best friend, Edith Waldeck, took her to a young people's activ-

ity at her church and there Verna met her future husband. David Hotchkiss had come with a group from Sault Ste Marie, Ontario to help build the upper portion of their church building on top of the foundation already in use. Years later their daughter Margaret was married in that same building.

Verna made her commitment to her Lord as a young bride and kept that commitment all her life. The family moved around to where there was construction work, so they lived in many places – Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, Guelph, Kitchener, Huntsville/Dwight area, Moorefield, Manitoulin Island, Timmins, North Bay and then to Rich Valley, Alberta north of Edmonton. They retired from there to Thessalon in northern Ontario. Every place they lived, they were active in the local church family. Verna was known for her hospitality and for taking strays into her fold. There were many who called her Mom just by virtue of her lovingly taking them into her family circle.

In her last years Verna developed Parkinsons Disease and later dementia. Even towards the end she was asking about various people and concerned about their well-being, when she was barely aware of her own needs.

On November 12, 2016, forty family members gathered in Thessalon to celebrate David and Verna's 65th wedding anniversary. As she was being dressed for the occasion she said "I'm getting dressed up for David". We were all convinced that she was holding on for that occasion, to see all her family again. On November 24, 2016, there was a private dinner for four to celebrate the actual day. Just a short time later on December 5, 2016 she had slipped away to her final rest.

Verna is survived by her husband David Hotchkiss, her children Margaret (Vern) Hibbard, Bernice Raben, Linda (Bob) Haskayne, Gary (Geraldine) Hotchkiss, Nancy (Chris) Moore, Keith Hotchkiss, Tom (Susan) Hotchkiss and daughter-in-law Sherri-May Timm, 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Also survived by sister Reta Tokely, sisters-in-law Nancy Webster, Ruth Peckham, Elizabeth Lock, Mary (Harold) Long, Martha (Dirk) Brobbel and brother-in-law Timothy (Beth) Hotchkiss. Pre-deceased by father George Curtis Webster, mother Hazel Mary (Baker) Webster, brothers Gerald and Keith Webster and sister June Bateman, and in 2003 by her youngest son Paul Wayne Hotchkiss.

Forty-four direct family members were able to come from far and wide to remember Verna at her memorial service. One grandson came from Alberta to represent Paul's family. His mother and sisters had come four weeks earlier for the Anniversary celebration. Other extended family members also made the effort to come as well.

The last scripture read to Verna was the Worthy Woman from Proverbs 31. That scripture became the focus of the family tribute to her. Several of her children spoke of their memories of family life and the qualities that made her so special. One grandson and one great-grandson also spoke of memories from their generation. David requested that the congregation sing Safe In The Arms Of Jesus. We also sang her favorite song, I Come To The Garden Alone and To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way. Minister Bill Bunting gave the family a few words of spiritual encouragement and support.

Submitted by: Margaret Hibbard

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

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 7G2; 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/rddcc

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) 960-9947, 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; besijim@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTH BEND Church of Christ: North Bend Community Hall, 48846 Highline Road, North Bend; Sun. 10:30 am; Mailing address: 47220 Green Ranch Road, North Bend, BC, V0K 1C1 Borden 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; Connor 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 Verwerda, 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; 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: kennyg1t@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 Cellaire, 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: niatafallscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscofc.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 9:45 & 11 am; Tuesday 7 pm David Cariaga, ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Cell (902) 410-8496 Wayne Taylor, 9sec. (902) 876-7402

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

MILL VILLAGE: 3557 Indian Road Shubenacadie, NS 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: ajaxcoccenennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

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

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Bible Classes: 9:30 am, Worship: 10:30 am, Small groups meeting throughout the week; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

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

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

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

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

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

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, 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; meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30–7:30 For information re. place of meeting, please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

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

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

ICE LAKE: (Manitoulin Island) 1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON; Mailing address: RR# 1, Site2, Box 3, 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0; Sunday: classes 10 am, Worship 11 am; midweek - call for information: 705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Phone 807-466-1449
Earle Rattai, ev. 807-548-2245;
email: erratai@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: 186 Gammage Street, London ON
N5Y 2B3; (519) 672-2426; 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
Sunday night: home locations will be posted on the
web page each month; Wednesday 7:00 p.m.;
Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750;
e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com
website: http://www.meafordcofc.ca/
Check website for monthly changess

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address:
Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264;
128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 2Z5;
Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School,
3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga ON L5M 0H3;
Worship: 10:30-11:45 AM;
Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM;
Contact name: Tony Lourenco
(905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca;
Bill Currie, 905-826-4816,
Email: vjcurrie65@gmail.com
Web address www.mississaugaocfc.ca
Email: mail@mississaugaocfc.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., L3Y 2N4;
Sunday worship 10 am,
Bible classes 11:15 am; Wednesday, please call
for time and location; Nathan Pickard,
ev.; 905-895-6502 (off);
email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com
www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca

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

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

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; Mailing service Contacts: Bill Schlarb,
613-224-8507; Bruce Veinot, 613-592-0291
email: westottawacofc@gmail.com,
website: www.westottawacofc.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8;
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6 pm; 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: c/o Bob and Carol Myers,
2567 Dummer-Asphodel, Norwood, ON K0L 2V0.
Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm,
Bob Myers (705) 760-2661

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

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., Port Colborne, ON
L4K 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
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